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GSU blazes through round one of SoCon playoffs

• Eagles destroy McNeese State 42-17



John Bryson

GSU crushes McNeese State: Georgia Southern Eagles destroyed McNeese State this past Saturday in Paulson Stadium 42-17 in the first round of SoCon playoffs. Check out GSU football this Saturday at 1 p.m. against Hofstra. Below, the Southern Pride marching band performs at pregame.



John Bryson

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

Aided by Adrian Peterson's return to the starting lineup and a strong defensive effort in the second half, the GSU football overcame a three point half-time deficit to defeat 14th seeded McNeese State 42-17 in the first round of the I-AA playoffs.

Peterson, who missed the season's final two games with a hyper-extended left elbow, made his first game action in over a month memorable as the junior rushed for 203 yards and a touchdown on just 19 carries. The 200 yard rushing game, just his first in 2000 but the twelfth in his career, also marked the 40th straight game, including playoffs, Peterson has rushed for more than 100 yards.

"I'm glad that I'm back out there," said the '99 Walter Payton Award winner. "I was ready to roll."

"I've learned, over the past two games that just his presence on field changes up the defense so much," said quarterback J.R. Revere of his fullback. "[With Peterson playing] linebackers have to respect the dive and that leaves a lot more room out on the perimeter."

Revere also played well, getting the Eagles on the scoreboard first with his 63-yard jaunt in the first quarter. The junior finished with 133 yards on 15 carries while passing for 110 yards and a touchdown on 6-of-13 passing. Revere's 48-yard scoring strike to wide receiver Chris Johnson early in the second quarter gave GSU a brief 14-10 lead over a Cowboy team that wouldn't go away in the first half.

In fact, the McNeese State offense came out firing in the game's first two quarters with Cowboy quarterback Slade Nagle passing going 13-of-17

for 186 yards and a touchdown in the first half to help stake McNeese State to a 17-14 half-time lead. McNeese State controlled the ball for 20:27 in the first half thanks to Cowboy running back Aaron Pierce, who ran 21 times for 91 yards, including a one-yard score.

In all, the Cowboys rolled up 302 yards of total offense in the first half against GSU, the most since Oregon State torched the Eagle defense for 417 yards in GSU's 48-41 loss in Corvallis last season. Also, McNeese State's 17-14 halftime lead represented the first time GSU had trailed at the half in a first round playoff game since 1989, a game where GSU turned an eight point deficit to Villanova into a 16 point victory.

GSU turned the game around early in the third quarter with two big runs by slotback Andre Weathers, the first a five yard gain on a fourth-and-four and then a 23-yard touchdown run that put GSU up for good 21-17. The fourth down conversion, from GSU's 43 yard line, was a call both GSU head coach Paul Johnson and McNeese State coach Tommy Tate agreed was the turning point of the game.

"Their fourth down call in the third quarter did surprise me somewhat," said Tate, who led the Cowboys to the playoffs in his first season at the helm of McNeese State. "It was a big call on their part, but it could have been a big call for us too. My first thought was that they were doing us a favor, because if we could have made that stop, then we've got the ball in good field position and we may have been able to take it in for the score. But they executed and got the first down by a couple of yards. It was a big boost to their momentum."

"We went into halftime with our heads hanging, and I felt like we needed something to happen

in the third quarter to get back some momentum," said Coach Johnson of his decision to go for it on fourth down. "If we don't make it then everybody can second guess me, but I think that's what won us the ball game. We went in and scored on that drive and we got all the momentum back. You could feel that on the sidelines."

With the offense getting back in order, the GSU defense picked up, pitching a shutout in the second half and limiting the Cowboys to just 102 second half yards. After his great first half, Nagle passed for just 53 yards in the final two quarters and ended up with only 239 yards passing for the game on 20-of-32 passing. Pierce was also shut down in the second half, gaining 44 yards to finish with 135 on 30 carries.

"Our defense made some stops on third and fourth down in the second half, and that was big for us," Coach Johnson said. "It wasn't that we were executing badly in the first half; our offense just couldn't get the ball."

"We came out in the second half and basically shut them down," said senior corner back Lavar Rainey. "They didn't score any points and I'm really proud of that."

GSU's turnaround coincided with an offensive resurgence in the second half with Peterson and a determined offensive line leading the way. After a first half that saw him carry the ball only six times for 43 yards, the All-American ran 13 times for 160 yards in the second half behind seniors Mike Anderson and Dietrich Everitt, sophomores Charles Clarke and James McCoy and true freshman Paul Collins.

"I thought J.R. and Adrian played well," said Coach Johnson. "And I'll tell you something, I get on our offensive line a lot and I did at halftime. But our offensive line played hard. They are not the most talented players, but they sure played hard today."

Georgia Southern mourns the loss of two professors

By John Bryson
News Editor

GSU's Communication Arts and Writing and Linguistics Departments are in a state of shock and are mourning the loss of two



Special Photo

TWO GSU PROFESSORS PASS AWAY: Dr. Patricia "Patti" Pace, 48, pictured above, passed away on Nov. 17. Pace was the Director of Theater and Performance/Works at GSU. Dr. Becky Burkhalter, 44 passed away on Nov. 23. Burkhalter was a professor of writing and linguistics.

professors who died within one week of each other.

Dr. Patricia "Patti" Pace, 48, and Dr. Becky Burkhalter, 44, passed away on Nov. 17 and Nov. 23 respectively.

Dr. Pace was a resident of Statesboro and, at the time of her death, was the Director of Theater and Performance/Works at GSU and had been a member of the faculty since her arrival in 1985. According to the Communication Arts department, Pace had recently been awarded an outstanding recognition from GSU for her initial post-tenure review. She was currently on a research sabbatical at the time of her death, working on a book-length project.

Pace received her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Sonoma State University in California and went on to complete her Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University.

Dr. Hal Fulmer, chair of the Comm. Arts department at GSU, laments her loss.

"[Patti] was a significant voice in our department and a major rea-

son for the continued success of our programs," Fulmer said. "She was an excellent teacher and a nationally-recognized scholar."

Fulmer went on to say that it will be impossible for his department to replace Dr. Pace.

"She was a wonderful colleague and we will miss her and her friendship each day," Fulmer said. "We may replace her position, but we will never be able to replace Patti."

A memorial service was held for Dr. Pace last week in the McCroan Auditorium. Contributions to honor the life and work of Dr. Pace may be made to the "Friends of the Theatre" account with the GSU Foundation. Those interested should contact Dr. Fulmer for more information.

Dr. Becky Burkhalter, a resident of Claxton, was a professor of writing and linguistics at GSU before her death. She was currently working full-time and had several classes on her fall schedule.

Dr. Larry Burton, chair of the Writing and Linguistics department



David Koepke

IN MEMORIAL: Flowers were placed at the memorial in honor of Dr. Pace.

at GSU, spoke for his department about Dr. Burkhalter.

"This is a tremendous loss to our department," Burton said. "Not only because she taught off and on for twenty years, but because this department became her home."

Burton further said that just recently in a meeting with him, Dr. Burkhalter felt she had finally found what she wanted to do.

"Just about two weeks ago she said it took forty years to figure out what she wanted to do," Burton said. "She had found the job that matched her talents. We've lost a dedicated and conscientious teacher."

The Writing and Linguistics department plans to include a memorial tribute in their upcoming newsletter about Dr. Burkhalter. In addition, a possible memorial service is being planned by Laura Milner, an instructor in the department, according to Dr. Burton.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU November 30

• GSU will sponsor a candlelight service and film to honor World AIDS Day. The service will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Russell Union Rotunda and a film will follow at 6 p.m. in room 1042 of Henderson Library.

December 1

• In honor of World AIDS Day several presentations will take place in the Russell Union. The Reality of Date Rape will be from 10–11 a.m. in room 2070, HIV and the Gay community will be from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. in room 2070 and HIV and African American Males will be from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. room 2041. There will also be literature displays and tables in the Russell Union Commons Area from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

December 2

• The GSU planetarium will present a star show of the constellations, planets, meteors and other sky objects visible during the holiday season. A partial solar eclipse will occur on Christmas Day and instruction will be given on how to safely view it. The Statesboro Astronomy club will meet before the presentation. For more info, contact the Physics Dept. at 681-5292.

• NAACP Conference about Confederate Flag issues in Russell Union room 2080 at 6 p.m.

December 12

• The Association of Georgia Southern

Women will celebrate the annual Cookie Exchange at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Lou Robins. Call her at 587-2182 or Linda Rhodes at 681-5373 for more info.

Ongoing

• **Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all math, 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 Black Student Alliance** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jerald Carter at 681-5458.

• **The Black Student Leader's Roundtable** will meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2047. Open to all interested.

• **The NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2048.

• **BSU** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall and Watson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact the BSU at 681-2241.

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

• **The Young Democrats of Georgia** Southern will hold meetings every Thursday night

at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union. Call Zach Rushing at 871-7701 for more information, or email him at zachrushing@mail.com for more details.

• **The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 12 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 1103.

• **The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 2117.

• **The GLBT Resource Center** is offering a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff. Meetings will be on Thursday nights from 5–6:30 p.m. in Russell Union room 2072. Contact the GLBT Resource Center at 681-5409 for more information.

• **Wesley** meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. across from the Hanner Fieldhouse. Come join for fellowship and lots of fun.

• **The Circle** is a new prayer ministry uniting all Christians on campus under the common thread of prayer. It meets every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Union. See Union schedule for room number.

• **The Golden Key National Honor Society.** It's not too late to join. Call Lauren Ferguson at 1-800-377-2401 for more info.

GSU Public Safety November 15

• Dorothy I. Staten, 39, 109 Marsham drive, was charged with theft by taking.

• A fight was reported outside Landrum Center.

November 16

• A person reported that someone had keyed her car in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

• A resident of Johnson Hall reported a case of harassment.

• A resident of Brannen Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls.

November 17

• Kathryn Santee reported her purse was taken from the Johnson Hall lab.

• Horace Hayes reported two radios were taken from the Russell Union.

November 18

• Kareem Janta Ware, 20, 819 Robin Hood Trail, was charged with DUI (.136) and driving without headlights.

• Susan Meredith Howell, 18, Johnson Hall, was charged with DUI (.114) and failure to obey a traffic device.

November 19

• Martez Ricardo Craft, 21, 48 Willow Bend Apartments, was charged with DUI (.124).

• Anthony Carter reported someone broke the right side window on his vehicle and took his stereo, amplifier and speakers in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

• Joshua Macenczak reported someone attempted to remove the CD player from his vehicle in the Dorman Hall parking lot. The dash was damaged and the face plate to the CD player was taken.

• Brandi Wynn reported someone scratched the left rear of her vehicle in the Cone Hall parking lot.

• A fight was reported in the Cone Hall parking lot.

• Kirk Farkas reported his wallet was taken from the Henderson Library.

November 21

• A person reported someone entered

POLICE BEAT

her vehicle in the Henderson Library parking lot and took her camera.

• A person reported his ATM card was taken from his wallet at the Landrum Center.

• A person reported a Compaq CPU was missing from the Rosenwald Building.

November 23

• A person reported someone had sprayed graffiti on the third floor wall of the Foy Building.

November 26

• Terry Lee Michael Owens, 21, 19 West Jones Ave., was charged with DUI (.204) and failure to yield.

• Ronald Estes Duobberly, Jr., 36, 116 Forest Way, was charged with driving on a suspended license.

November 27

• A person reported a Gateway laptop was taken from his room in Watson Hall.

Statesboro Police Department November 18

• John Wissehr, 20, Campus Courtyard 90, reported burglary.

November 20

• James Edward Wilson, 22, 337 Johnson St., was arrested for burglary, armed robbery, possession of a firearm during commission of a crime, obstruction of an officer, possession of an item with an altered serial number, possession of marijuana and theft of a bicycle.

November 21

• Wendell Antonio Lanier, 20, 104 Harwood St., was arrested for driving on a revoked license.

November 22

• Joshua O'Neal Harrison, 23, Georgia Villas 25, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

• Anne M. Coursey, 19, Martinez, was arrested for DUI and no proof of insurance.

• Matthew Lee Crook, 19, 3024 Veazey Hall, was arrested for DUI and

defective equipment.

• Eric Dante Edwards, 22, Augusta, was arrested for DUI.

• Todd West, 23, 331A North Main St., reported criminal trespass.

November 23

• Robert Maye, 18, 431 Fair Rd. Apt. 7, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

November 24

• Jason Eugene Crowder, 19, 2608 Riverbend Rd., was arrested for criminal trespass.

November 25

• Gavin Les McMillan, Jr., 19, 3 Groover Lane Apt. F., was arrested for DMS warrant and no insurance.

• Taylor Otto, 20, Campus Courtyard 105, reported someone entering an auto.

November 26

• Shannon Blocker, 21, Hagin, was arrested for speeding and DUI.

• Natalie Bacon, 23, 30 University Pointe, reported lost or stolen property.

November 28

• Brian Forrest Dodge, 18, 212 Princeton Way, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Ken Thompson, 21, 211 Bulloch St., was arrested for DMS warrant.

• Amanda Neal, 18, Statesboro Place 603, reported an affray.

Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition 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 Leigh-Anne Burgess, assistant news editor.

Experts say peanuts and pecans promote better health

The Associated Press

ALBANY - The turkeys, cakes and pies served during the holidays can bring guilt and larger waistlines. That often leads to New Year's vows to diet and exercise.

But all holiday foods needn't evoke images of clogged arteries, heart attacks and unbridled adiposity.

Recent scientific studies show that at least two holiday foods, peanuts and pecans, can make people healthier when eaten in moderation.

"They can feel less guilty when they're eating peanuts and pecans because they're getting many good nutrients ... but they still have to watch their total calorie intake," said Ron Eitenmiller, a University of Georgia food scientist in Athens.

Nutritionists have known for years that peanuts and pecans were high in Vitamin E and folic acid. Now, Georgia researchers have discovered that these commodities are also high in plant sterols - fat-like substances that cause the body to absorb less harmful cholesterol. They also contain monounsaturated fatty acids,

which can reduce the risk of heart disease.

"Plant sterols are considered to be a significant functional food component," Eitenmiller said. "They aren't nutrients or vitamins, but they are really potent, effective food constituents."

"Plant sterols are now considered by the medical community and the Food and Drug Administration as another approach to lowering serum cholesterol," he said. "The sterols inhibit the absorption of cholesterol."

Eitenmiller and Phillip Koehler, another Athens food scientist, recently completed a study on Vitamin E and foliates in Georgia peanuts and pecans. They did the work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Nutrient Composition Laboratory near Washington, which publishes the nutrient values of various foods.

The Athens researchers have developed a more accurate method for analyzing folic acid in foods. Their method has been adopted by the FDA and it is being accepted worldwide, Eitenmiller said.

Using their method, they discovered that peanuts have even higher levels of Vitamin E and folic acid than previously thought.

"All peanut products are good sources of folates," Eitenmiller said. "Folate is an unstable vitamin that is relatively short supply in our diets."

The key is moderation. An ounce of peanuts packs 166 calories and 14.1 grams of fat, while an ounce of pecans has 187 calories and 18.3 grams of fat.

Fat concerns caused peanut consumption to drop from a high of 1.65 billion pounds in 1989-90 to a low of 1.4 billion pounds in 1994-95. It's been increasing gradually ever since, reaching nearly 1.55 billion pounds this year.

"One of the basic reasons peanut consumption went down was people's perception that peanuts are bad for you because of the fat," Eitenmiller said. "But the fat itself is very highly polyunsaturated. It's a good mix of fatty acids that are considered to be optimal for good human health. So even the fat content is another advantage of eating nuts."

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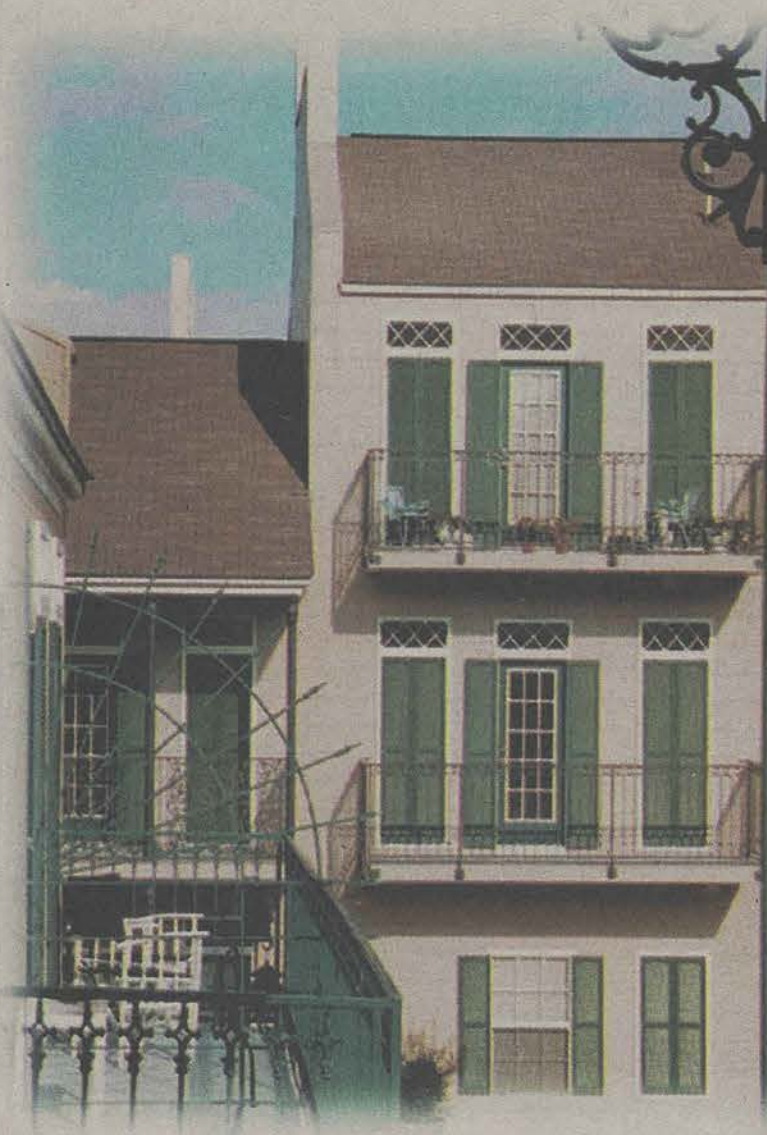
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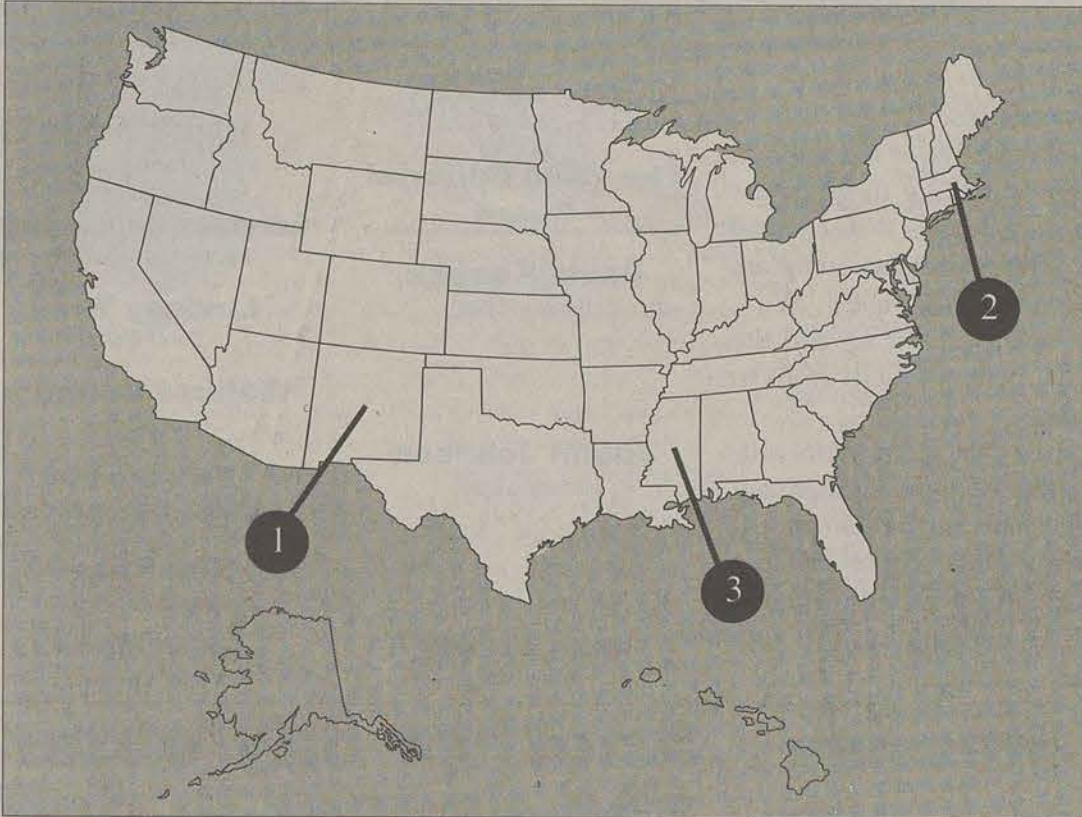
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1 New Mexico

Exotic scorpion trade on the rise in New Mexico

SANTA FE—Exotic scorpions are some of the hottest selling pets in New Mexico, according to local pet store owners. But the arachnid's rise in popularity, however, has some calling for regulation of its trade.

"What we've found with scorpions is they're really a novelty-type pet," said Rick Beaman, manager of Wet Pets in Santa Fe. "They're low maintenance and feed on small insects."

Some states, such as Florida, require permits for scorpions. But New Mexico doesn't keep track of the importation and sale of exotic scorpions, including the venomous African emperor scorpion, which at 6 inches long is one of the world's largest.

Richard Fagerlund, an

entomologist at the University of New Mexico, said that needs to change. The state should prohibit the commercial trade in scorpions to protect both the animals and the public, he said.

Fagerlund also said simply identifying a creature as an "emperor scorpion" is meaningless and could result in dangerous scorpions being sold to the public inadvertently.

"People who sell these things should have to know what the scientific name of the animal is," he said.

Larry Bell, director of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, said there is a state law that specifies no one may import any live animal into the state without a permit.

However, Bell said the department doesn't impose the permit requirement on arachnids.

"We don't have the manpower to do that," he said. "These kind of insects, scorpions and crustaceans don't pose any disease threat, and if released, their chance of survival is zero," Bell said.

Bell said he does not see the need for stricter regulations for scorpions but conceded that could change if they become more desirable in the pet trade.

Currently, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires permits to import the species.

"We keep track of them when they come into the country and when they go out of the country," said Elizabeth Sloan, spokeswoman for Fish and Wildlife in Albuquerque. "But while they're here, there's nobody minding the store but the pet-store owner."

Jim Berry, editor of the Journal of Arachnology, said he doesn't object to people keeping captive-raised scorpions, but he strongly opposes trafficking animals caught from the wild.

"Anytime you start importing anything, or dealing with anything exotic, you're just asking for trouble; there's no question about that," he said.

David Busse, a sales associate with Pete's Pets in Santa Fe, said he sees no need for the state to regulate the scorpion trade. And

he's not concerned that captive, exotic scorpions could escape and establish themselves in New Mexico.

"If you want to worry about finding something in your sleeping bag, I'd worry far more about the local species of centipede. They're far more venomous," he said.

2 Massachusetts

Man hands lottery winnings over to homeless family

BOSTON—Christmas came a month early to a homeless family of four, thanks to a businessman who gave away his \$4,000 in lottery winnings.

"There's always somebody that needs things more than we do," the wife of the 49-year-old man, who asked to remain anonymous, told the Boston Herald. "He's got a great job and we have a great home, so we're lucky we can do this. You only need so much to live and the rest you can give away."

The family was chosen by the Salem-based North Shore Mentoring Program, a group similar to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Director Judy Crater said she "nearly fell over" when the man gave her the scratch ticket.

"All he said to me was, 'You can tell her happy Thanksgiving,'" she said.

Crater said the family is a single mother with three kids who are currently staying with friends.

"She cried," Crater said of the woman, who makes \$7.50 an hour working in a school cafeteria. "She said, 'This gives me something to give thanks for.' And she said she was going to be saving (the money) until they got into housing because they have no furniture and she wants to buy beds for the kids."

3 Mississippi

After Thanksgiving shopping turned ugly

JACKSON—Competition for the Christmas season's coveted scooters turned ugly at a Super Wal-Mart in south Jackson as the post-Thanksgiving shopping frenzy began.

Two women scuffled Friday when they reached for the last \$39.95 scooter at the same time. "One lady was knocked breathless," co-manager James Hilburn said. "It's a pretty hot item with the kids and everything."

The shoppers were not identified and charges were not filed. Police spokesman Robert Graham said the women were choking each other in a struggle for the scooter.

Graham said a security guard was "inadvertently" hit in the nose during the shoppers' battle for the coveted scooter. "It was a mad house," he said. Crowds at the 24-hour store swelled throughout the day. Fire officials stopped people from entering the store when it reached capacity before noon.

With turkey and football games a dim memory, shoppers in Mississippi woke up early and hit the malls and discount stores, seeking bargains.

Shoppers at the Northpark Mall in Jackson were undaunted by early store openings or driving rain.

Nearly every space in the mall parking lot was full by 8 a.m., and traffic was a tangle for blocks in every direction.

Tiffany Woods of Pearl got up before dawn and headed to the mall, boyfriend in tow, where they joined a line outside JC Penney's department store just before 7 a.m. The attraction was VCRs for \$59.95 each.

"Those went really quick," said Woods, who shops after Thanksgiving every year. "I usually come here at 6, but the store didn't open until 7."

The average consumer will spend \$1,684 on Christmas this year, up 8 percent from 1999, industry watchers say.

Billy Richardson of Madison ran out of arms to hold packages well before 8 a.m. He waited between Eddie Bauer and

Victoria's Secret for his wife, Jennifer.

Despite being several months pregnant, Jennifer Richardson had her eye on several day-after-Thanksgiving bargains, and the ladies room.

"I'm pregnant so I have to go to the bathroom all the time," she said. "He carries the bags."

In Gautier at the Singing River Mall, the hunt for deals started earlier, a line formed outside McRae's department store at 4 a.m.

Bernard and Debbie Fulkerson of Pascagoula came to buy toys for their grandchildren.

"I've already tried the Internet to get some of the toys and they aren't available," Debbie Fulkerson said. Tekno Puppies and Game Boys were the big draws at Kay-Bee Toys, where store manager Billie McCurdy was limiting the number of shoppers in her store at one time to 100. "We usually start off at 6 a.m., but this year it was bumped back an hour to 5 a.m.," McCurdy said. "This is always the busiest day of the year for us."

At the Coffee Beanery in Turtle Creek Mall near Hattiesburg, owner Frank Richardson was serving hot coffee to early bird shoppers. "We got up at 3 a.m. and opened up at 4 a.m. for the stores," he said. "They have a pretty good line down at Kay-Bee Toys and we took the employees coffee earlier. I expect we'll have a pretty good day."

In Jackson, Victoria's Secret store clerk Pamela Parker said nightgowns and lingerie were flying off the racks. She offered perfume samples at the doors as women inside crowded dressing rooms.

"We passed our regular daily sales level inside of an hour," said Parker.



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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH GSU FANS?

Even for a holiday weekend the University of Georgia Bulldogs sold out for their game against Georgia Tech. Here in Statesboro, however, we have a team that has had a more successful year and is currently in the playoffs.

What was our student attendance like? It was pathetic.

Our Opinion

A handful of them showed up late and left early. McNeese fans that had to travel thirteen hours by car showed up in larger numbers, and stayed longer.

Why is it Southern students are not willing to support their team? The George-Anne understands that it was Thanksgiving and many students went home, but why didn't they make the trip back to support their brethren in

what was an exciting playoff opener for GSU?

Many students complain about the size of the stadium (saying it is too small), but are unwilling to go to the games to show the school and the Boosters that we need and will use a larger stadium. Other students complain about the lack of games that are broadcast on TV. Well, the same principle applies, if attendance is up and the stadium is at capacity, then TV networks will want to come in and broadcast the game.

The George-Anne also realizes that many more students will be in attendance at this weekend's game, but only a handful will have been here last weekend. It appears as though the students of GSU will always put convenience before school spirit. It fits right in with the apathetic label they get from the community. Enough said.

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GSU sophomore kicker prepared for pressure



RANDY DOBSON

Although he is only a sophomore, Scott Shelton (#40) is accustomed to pressure. In just his first year as starting place

kicker for Georgia Southern University, he is also in his second year as the Eagles' starting punter, having handled plenty of pressure against teams like UGA, Oregon State, App. State, and Furman, just to name a few.

Now, being a former high school kicker, I have wanted to interview Scott for quite some time, and finally had the chance to sit down and speak to him this past Monday night. And do you know what I found out? Shelton prepares a whole lot more than I did!

In high school I was told to keep my head down and follow through. After my conversation with Shelton one thing became glaringly apparent to me: This guy prepares *way* too much for a kicker...just kidding.

Seriously, though, we did have a pretty good dialogue, which I will share with you now:

RD: Is there a difference in your approach to your job, this year from last?

SS: Not really. I mean, there is always a little bit of pressure, in

either kicking or punting. You have to use different muscles in your leg and body, and there is pressure, no matter if you punt or kick.

RD: OK. How about between the regular season and the playoffs?

SS: Again, there isn't a real big difference in approach. I try to make sure my accuracy, leg swing and form are all in line, and I try not to kick a lot. My leg needs to be as strong now as it was in the beginning of the season, so I try to find a happy medium.

RD: As far as your mindset, how do you prepare, especially knowing that this is the "do or die" time of year, the playoffs?

SS: Focus is the main thing. Focus what needs to be done. For instance, when we try "sting punt", which is where I try to stop it inside the five, but hope for inside the ten, I try to get a good hang-time so the gunners can get down there. I have to keep my head down as much as possible, plus concentrate on the positioning of my head, shoulders, hips and eyes for alignment. There's also the way I hold the ball, at chest level, and try to bring my knee to my chest, instead of to my shoulder, like on a regular punt, things like that. The wind is more of a factor on punts, too, especially when dropping the ball, where it affects the nose.

RD: (Sarcastically) What about this "laces out" crap we always hear

about? (Scott laughs at this.)

SS: Actually, I don't care about the laces being one way or another. Chris (Johnson #7), my holder, does a great job of getting control of the ball and getting it down. And Travis Burkett (#78, senior), my long snapper, and Brad Bird (#52, Junior) both do a great job as well. I can't stress how important their jobs are. They have to put the ball in an exact placement, and still concentrate on blocking two or three guys coming up their lane.

RD: Scott, I'll be honest, after the first half of last week's game versus McNeese State, I was more than a little worried. We looked flat. Did Coach (Paul) Johnson go nuts during halftime?

SS: No. He didn't have to. Besides, coach (Johnson) isn't a yelling, screaming, cussing type of coach. More or less, he will get in your face, give you a stern look, and the tell you what you're doing wrong and what he expects you to do to correct it. He doesn't have to remind us where we go to school to get his point across.

RD: Are we ready, or will we be, for Hofstra?

SS: No question we will be ready.

RD: Are you as confident now, with all that has happened, as you were (individually and as a team) last year? *Note* There was absolute conviction when he answered

this.

SS: Absolutely. There should be no question about our football team.

RD: Scott, I must tell you, if we play as well as we did in the second half last week, I don't think there's a team in the country that can beat us at home.

SS: If we play like we can, as well as we can, we'll be tough to beat anywhere.

RD: So, you think we are on track for another one?

SS: I'm not biting. *Laughter* **RD:** One last question: Who do you like to go to the championship game?

SS: In our bracket, us. No question. In the upper bracket, I like Western Kentucky. I think they're the sleeper no one's talking about up there.

And, for the record, Shelton's Picks are as follows: Montana over Richmond, Western Kentucky over App. State, GSU beating Hofstra, and Lehigh over Delaware...so, I guess he did bite. I am sooo good! HA!

Many thanks to Scott Shelton for taking the time to meet with me for this piece. Good luck to you, and all the Eagles!

Randy Dobson is a senior at GSU and wants to know where the hell all of you were during last week's game! Think you'll be there this week? Hope so; it is the playoffs you know!

Another day older and deeper in debt



MARNITE ZACHERY

Today is my birthday. I am not campaigning for presents, though they are always welcome, but instead I am experiencing several epiphanies. The first being that getting older is not necessarily synonymous with being wise. Of course, I was subconsciously aware of this fact. There are millions of people who will simply never have a clue no matter how old they get. My epiphany begins with the realization that I am a procrastinator. There I said it. As I write this column at the last minute I am operating on a grand total of one hour of sleep. Now you may feel sorry for me but, like my dearest friends, you may not after hearing my explanation.

At about six a.m. this morning I completed a research paper that I have known about all semester. My alarm went off at seven a.m. and I prepared for my six classes, an appointment with my professor, and my favorite, writing my column here at the George-Anne. Even more interesting is the fact that I will be doing the very same thing tonight for yet another paper that I have known about all semester. I am older, yet I am still doing the same "last minute paper thing" that I did two years ago. When will I "wise-up"? Perhaps when I graduate.

Epiphany #2: The "real world" seems to have gotten a tad bit closer to me than it was when I was eighteen. At eighteen "marriage" was a dirty word, graduation was just that "thing" that was so far away, and my only job was going to class. Living on campus, I often left the lights on all day, ran the water constantly and wasted the prepaid meals that mom had paid for at the beginning of the

year. Financial aid checks meant non-stop shopping sprees, especially since those nice cashiers always wanted to give me a credit card even though I had no job. I still have no "real" job—only very real credit card bills. The cashiers never told me about this part. Today, graduation in May is fast approaching, wedding invitations arrive as often as phone bills, and leaving the lights on when the house is empty are grounds for at the very least, an extensive reprimand.

Epiphany #3: Democracy does not always benefit the people. Growing up, we were forced to say "The Pledge of Allegiance" daily. Like zombies, every morning we stood up with one hand up and one across our chest. If you had asked us what the words we were saying meant you would have likely gotten a blank stare. All we knew was that it had something to do with our freedom. Funny how the girl who refused to say it always got sent to the principals office. Guess she didn't want to be "free" like the rest of us. Unfortunately, many of us are still zombies waving flags, and fighting for our freedom, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness while millions of people are hungry and homeless. We practice liberty for some and justice for the privileged yet we preach one nation under God. America keeps getting older but when will it get wiser?

With four hours of my birthday left I plan to use my time effectively and efficiently. I will finally respond to the Volunteer Services emails that I have been getting and sign up to do something, anything to help someone else. I'm going to finish my paper and I refuse to stay up past three. Some things I know I cannot change but I'm going to gradually give the rest of that stuff a try—tomorrow.

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Playstation 2 all sold out, proceed to yo-yo department

By Dave Barry

On behalf of parents everywhere, I just want to say: Thanks a lot, Sony!

We're all grateful to Sony because of the swell job it has done of promoting the Sony PlayStation 2, which is the most important advance in entertainment technology since Tickle Me Elmo. This thing is amazing! It can play video games! It can play movies! It can make jerky! It can perform laser eyeball surgery in your family room!

Sony spent millions of dollars hyping the PlayStation 2, thus creating a huge demand. Every child in America MUST get one of these things for Christmas or Chanukah or Kwanzaa or Atheist Children Get Presents Day. Children who DON'T get one will be bitterly disappointed.

To meet the demand it created, Sony set up the PlayStation 2 manufacturing facility, which is located in a one-car garage in suburban Tokyo. There, the PlayStation 2 work force, which consists of 92-year-old Mr. Wokohito Mumuwama and his 89-year-old wife, Blanche, have been making PlayStation 2 units as fast as they can, considering the fact that they must assemble all 123,972 parts by hand, and their candles keep blowing out. Nevertheless the Mumuwamas have been cranking out these babies at the rate of nearly one per month, for a total of 11 so far, of which eight failed quality-control tests because of defects such as spiders, denture adhesive on the microchips, etc.

So the bottom line is that only three

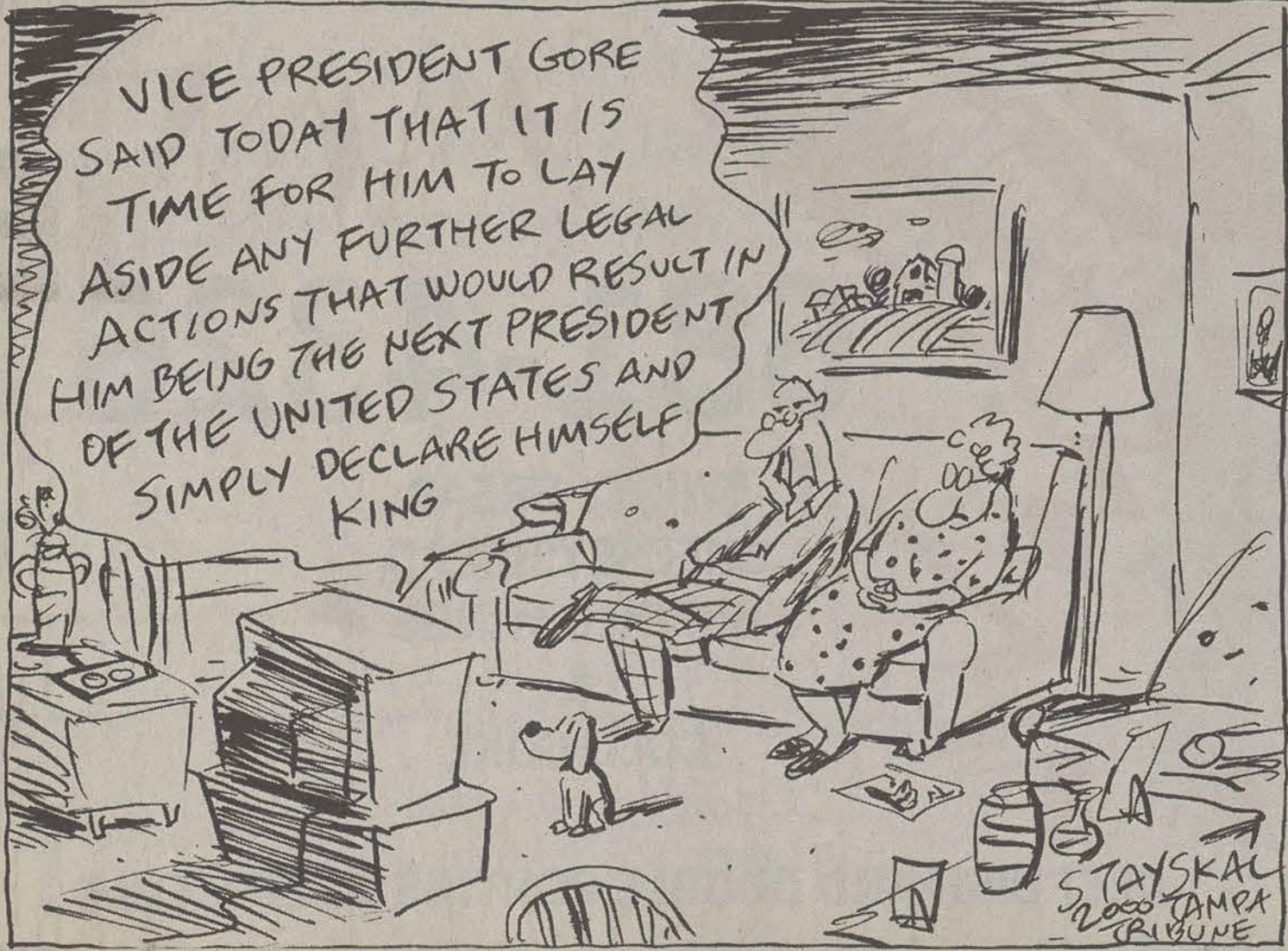
functioning PlayStation 2 units have actually been made, and two of these were stolen during shipment. As a result, 37 million parents were competing for the one remaining unit, which was purchased by 24-year-old video-game enthusiast Trevor Beanhonker, who got it, in a heartwarming holiday story, by strapping explosives to his chest.

The rest of us are out of luck. We will have to explain to our children, in our most soothing Mr. Rogers voices, that Santa did not bring them a PlayStation 2 this year, but that does NOT mean they have been bad! It just means that Santa hates them.

So again I say: Thanks, Sony! Way to plan! Maybe you could use the same kind of marketing expertise to open a

chain of restaurants. Each one could have 50 tables, 15 waiters, five chefs, an extensive menu, and one lone packet of saltines.

But enough bitterness. As the old farm saying goes, there is no point in spilling milk on a barn door that has already hatched. So what if we can't buy our kids a PlayStation 2 this year! Who says they need it anyway? What's wrong with the toys we got when I was a boy? Some of them were pretty darned "high tech," too! For example, there was a toy called the "Wheel-O," which was this wheel that you rolled around and around in this metal frame, which the wheel stuck to because of...magnetism! Wow! I bet our kids would think THAT was pretty "cool," huh?



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A letter from your SGA President



FRANCYS
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Greetings,
As we approach the 1st month of the year 2000, I write in amazement at how fast this year

seems to have passed. This has been an incredible year to say the least. It is with great expectation that we all look to a new year with more possibilities and even more challenges. Your SGA has refocused its attention to the concerns of the students and it is with this objective we plan to chart our course. As stated in the Strategic Plan, "Georgia Southern will be recognized as one of the best public comprehensive universities in the country in the next ten years" and your SGA believes that students are an important part of a successful formula.

I would first like to extend thanks to Mr. Aaron Nicely for his service to the student body and the work that was accomplished during his administration. His hard work and dedication will long be remembered. One of my favorite personalities, Bill Cosby, once said, "I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody" and I appreciate the essence of his statement. I hope to continue providing updates through this column about the progress of the SGA.

Currently, the senate is considering the objectives for the spring semester which include integrating the students into the University's Strategic Plan, enhancing our communication to the student body, establishing a comprehensive community service plan, providing greater fi-

nancial and development support to our student organizations and increasing support for all athletic teams. Your SGA is also working hard to raise funds to support the State Charitable Contributions Program (United Way) and ask that all student organizations stop by the Office with a donation. We invite you to drop by the SGA with any ideas, concerns or problems that you may have. Remember, we are here to serve you.

One of the main questions I hear asked concerns major projects such as parking decks, online registration, etc. Of course we all know that none of these things can be appropriated in one year's time but you can be assured that we are laying a foundation by which the following administrations can build.

In conclusion, I look at GSU not as an institution, but as one big family. Sure, we may not all know one another, but there is a bond that links us all together. It is my hope that we, your SGA, never again let our differences divide us. In the month of November we lost three members of our family: Daniel Elder, Patricia Pace and Becky Burkhalter. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the families and friends of each of them. Each of them had goals and dreams and it is very hard to understand why they were taken from us. However, it is up to each of us to make sure that we understand now more than ever the importance of today. I challenge each of you to truly live every day to its very fullest. Savor life, and let those around you know how much they mean to you. Happy Holidays from your SGA.

Sincerely,
Francys Johnson
President
GSU Student Government Association

Letter to the Editor:

I read the letter to the editor from Monday, November 13, 2000, and I must say that I am sorry that many students have to suffer when using the computer labs here on campus. However, I do not feel too bad. A majority of the problems in computer labs are caused by disrespectful students who abuse what is offered to them. I do not know how many times I have heard people say, "Well, I pay for the Technology Fee, I can do what I want." Well, let me tell you something. There are more respectful students who also pay that same Technology Fee who do not abuse the labs and have to suffer the wrath of your ignorance.

Rules are implemented for reasons. The number one rule that is broken is people bringing food and drink into the labs. This rule was made in case accidents occur. Well, this rule has to be enforced even more for other reasons. There are

people, especially in Winburn, who seem to like to have food fights or something in the lab. There have been numerous occasions that I have found potato chips thrown all over the lab, candy bars smashed under keyboards and potato chips dumped into a printer. I guess the keyboards move around too much because I have found them held in place with gum. One day, my boss has even found a banana smashed into a disk drive. And people wonder why the hardware is often messed up. There are also times that people do not pay attention to their disks. The metal slides are messed up and get stuck in the drives messing them up, but accidents happen... Then there are people who pay too much attention to their stuff and when it messes up they decide to steal what ever they need from the labs. This is just ridiculous!

Speaking of hardware, let's talk about Landrum and its keyboards. Sure, those are not the best desks in the world. The keyboard holder

was terribly designed, and it knocks the keys off the keyboard way too easily. Needless to say it was a poor choice to buy those desks. However, this is not the reason half the keys are missing. The decent people who use the computers in Landrum are normally A: aware of the problem and are careful when putting the keyboard back under the desk or B: puts the keys back if they do pop off. It is sad that a majority of the students here at Georgia Southern are not very decent!

Now, the paper issue. I have to apologize for the times we are out of paper. I order the paper early, but it does not seem to always get to me on time. I don't know maybe it is my fault, but if it is I am sorry and I will work at getting it here faster. I do need to comment on the abuse of paper by students, though. Every week I bring about 2.5 cases of paper to the Union alone. That is an insane amount of paper for one week. That is about 12,000 plus sheets. People just do not

care. They will print a book and then throw it away. They are also the first to complain when the paper is out. We are really lucky the school does not charge us for paper. Most schools do. So, I think if people were more responsible with the paper we will not run out when people really need it.

Again, I am sorry if you are one of the decent responsible students who use the labs and are affected by the other irresponsible, abusive, and indecent students. Also, let me also throw this in. The loud obnoxious people who tend stand around in the labs yelling or showing everyone porn just need to go! There are people trying to study who do not need you to disturb them. After all is that not the reason we came to Georgia Southern University for?

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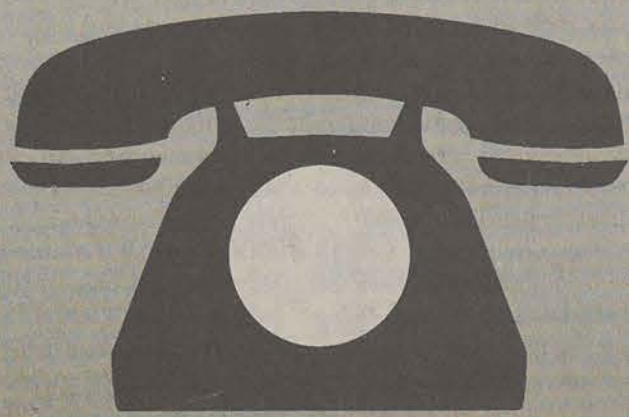
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2000 playoffs underway with no big surprises

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

This past weekend's I-AA playoff games went about as expected with five of the eight home teams winning while two of the "upsets" were expected. Top seeds Montana, Delaware, Georgia Southern, and Western Kentucky all won fairly easily while Richmond pulled off a last second win over Youngstown State at home. Three lower seeded teams came through with wins on the road but two of them were not all that surprising with undefeated Lehigh taking out Western Illinois and an improving Appalachian State team downing a struggling Troy State team.

Predictions: Last Week: 6-2 Overall: 43-15

#1 Montana 45 #16 Eastern Illinois 13

Last Week: Top-ranked Montana improved to 11-1 with the help of wide receiver Jimmy Farris' six catches for 178 yards and two scores and a fumble recovery for another touchdown in their first round rout of Eastern Illinois (8-4). Grizzly quarterback Drew Miller, who missed three games earlier this season due to injury, left the game late in the first half but after already tossing for 239 yards and staking the Big Sky champions to a 24-7 lead. Miller's backup, John Edwards led Montana to three scoring drives in the second half while completing 7-of-9 passes for 102 yards. Running back Yohance Humphrey led all Montana backs with 90 yards rushing.

#8 Richmond 10 #9 Youngstown State 3

Last Week: In wet and cold conditions Richmond (10-2) scored 10 points in the game's final two minutes to upend defending national runner-up Youngstown State (9-3) at home. After the Spider's Doug Kirchner kicked

a 24-yard field goal to tie the score at 3-3, Richmond cornerback Jason Hill intercepted a Jeff Ryan pass and returned it 44 yards for the game-winning score. The game was determined by defense as Richmond held the Penguins to just 94 yards rushing and 95 passing yards and only eight first downs in the win. The teams played to a scoreless first half as Youngstown State had a chance to go ahead but two field goals (37, 41) from freshman Jake Stewart were missed. Stewart did hit a 24-yarder early in the third quarter to give the Penguins their only score. Richmond backup quarterback D'Arcy Wills led all rushers with 77 yards on 14 carries.

This Week: After their emotional win against Youngstown, Richmond gets to travel to Missoula, Montana to take on top-ranked Montana. If Miller (2,439 yards, 14 TD, 6 INT, in the regular season) can't go for Montana, his backup John Edwards has proven to be a reliable replacement. In the three games that the former BYU quarterback missed earlier this year, Edwards stepped in and led the Grizzlies to a 3-0 record. If Miller is out, look for running back Yohance Humphrey (883 yards, 9 TD) to get more touches. Richmond will need to control the ball and not have any turnovers if they intend on upsetting a powerful Montana squad. Spider running back Tyrone Turner (843 yards, 9 TD) is the focal point of the ground-oriented Richmond attack.

Prediction: Montana 34 Richmond 10

#5 Western Kentucky 27 #12 Florida A&M 0

Last Week: Western Kentucky (11-1) posted their fourth shutout of the season in holding the high-powered Florida A&M (9-3) offensive attack to 135 yards and 10 first downs. The Hilltoppers limited Rattler quarterback Quinn Gray to 15-of-38 passing and intercepted him four times while holding All-American wide receiver

Jacquy Nunnally to five catches for a total of nine yards. Western Kentucky held the ball for 42:28 and backup running back Donte Pimpton ran for a season-high 96 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Hilltoppers to the win in pouring rain.

#13 Appalachian State 33 #4 Troy State 30



Luke Renfroe

AN EXPECTED WIN: The Eagles defeated #14 McNeese State in the first round of playoff games in Statesboro on Saturday. The team will take on Hofstra this Saturday at 1:00 pm in Paulson Stadium.

Last Week: Appalachian State (9-3) got 237 yards and two touchdowns on 27-of-41 passing from Joe Burchette in helping them avenge an earlier loss to Troy State (9-3) earlier this season. The Mountaineers ran 89 plays compared to just 58 for the Trojans while controlling the ball for more than 38 minutes in the win. App. State's defense showed up in the first three quarters, limiting Troy State to just 94 yards of offense in helping the Mountaineers to a 26-9 lead heading into the fourth quarter. But Troy State rallied in the

game's final 15 minutes, gaining 163 yards and scoring 21 points but it wasn't enough for the comeback.

This Week: Western Kentucky will host 13th seeded Appalachian State this weekend in a game that will pit two different offensive styles. The Hilltoppers will try to control the ball and keep it on the ground with their option attack and hope that their defense, led by Buck Buchanan Award finalist Melvin Wisam (147 tackles, 6 sacks) and safety Bobby Sippio (9 INT, 22 pass breakups) can slow down the Mountaineer passing attack. Since Karim Razzak went down to injury, App. State has turned the tailback position over to Jerry Beard (638 yards, 6 TD) full-time and he has produced. But the Mountaineers will need Burchette (1,730 yards, 13 TD, 6 INT) to beat the Hilltoppers because Western Kentucky has given up less than three yards per rush this season.

Prediction: Appalachian State 17 Western Kentucky 12

#2 Delaware 49 #15 Portland State 14

Last Week: Delaware (11-1) ripped Portland State (8-4) for 620 yards, including 357 on the ground in their first-round win. Six different Blue Hen players scored touchdowns, including four running backs, as Craig Cummings led the balanced attack with 84 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Receiver Jamin Elliot had five catches for 146 yards and a touchdown while quarterback Matt Nagy passed for 263 yards in the win. The Delaware defense held

Charles Dunn, the nation's third-leading rusher, to 53 yards on 14 carries.

#10 Lehigh 37 #7 Western Illinois 7

Last Week: Lehigh (12-0), the only undefeated team in this year's playoffs, took out their frustrations of not getting a home game in their trouncing of Gateway Conference champion Western Illinois (9-3). The Patriot League champs were led by quarterback Brant Hall's three touchdown passes while running back Phil Pleasant ran for 69 yards and two scores for the Mountain Hawks. The game was never close as Lehigh jumped out to a 30-7 halftime lead on their way to rolling up 524 yards of total offense to the Leathernecks 194.

This Week: Second ranked Delaware hosts Lehigh this weekend in a game that on paper looks like a mismatch. The Blue Hens, with their unique wing-t offense has been arguably I-AA's best team this season and are a fluke overtime loss to New Hampshire from being undefeated. Matt Nagy (2,718 yards, 25 TD, 12 INT) directs the explosive offense while running backs Jimmy O'Neal (661 yards, 3 TD) and Butter Pressey (539 yards, 6 TD) lead a balanced running attack. Lehigh's Brant Hall (1,946 yards, 18 TD, 3 INT) has been steady all season and leads an efficient offense along with tailback Phil Pleasant (770 yards, 9 TD). Delaware will look to throw the ball against a Lehigh defense that gives up less than three yards per rush but gives up 213 yards passing per outing, 84th in I-AA.

Prediction: Delaware 34 Lehigh 13

#11 Hofstra 31 #6 Furman 24

Last Week: Hofstra's Rocky Butler threw for 262 yards and a touchdown and ran for two other scores in helping the Pride (9-3) down Furman (9-3) at Paladin Stadium. Furman had one last chance to tie the game and take it into overtime but Justin Hill's fourth-and-eight passing attempt from the Hofstra twenty-yard line sailed out of bounds.

Hofstra running back Trevor Demmie rushed for 130 yards to help offset Furman's Louis Ivory's 172 yards and two touchdowns. Hofstra outgained the Paladins 442-400 in the contest.

#3 Georgia Southern 42 #14 McNeese State 17

Last Week: Adrian Peterson returned from a two-game absence and posted his highest rushing total of the year in GSU's first-round victory at Paulson Stadium. Peterson's 203 yards and a touchdown, his first 200+ yard game of the year but twelfth of his career, helped pace an Eagle offensive attack that rolled up 479 yards rushing, 589 total. Quarterback J.R. Revere helped set the pace as well, gaining 133 yards and scoring GSU's first touchdown while passing for 110 yards and a score. McNeese State played GSU well in the first half, posting 302 yards of offense while taking a 17-14 lead. But the Cowboys were shut out in the second half while gaining just 102 yards.

This Week: Hofstra will go on the road for the second straight week when they travel to Statesboro to take on Georgia Southern. Hofstra has performed well on the road this year, posting wins at top-seeded Montana and UMASS. Butler has been the key to the Pride offense this season, passing for 2,341 yards and 22 touchdowns while rushing for 439 yards. Freshman tailback Trevor Dimmie (1,319 yards, 6 TD) led all I-AA first-year players in rushing this season. Georgia Southern will look to again get Peterson off and running as the Eagles are 12-0 in games that Peterson breaks the 200 yard mark. Revere will also be an important man to watch as he and deep-threat receiver Chris Johnson will look to keep defenses honest.

Prediction: Georgia Southern 34 Hofstra 24

Eagle baseball signs six players for 2001-02 season

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern head baseball coach Rodney Hennon announced Monday that six high school student-athletes have signed national letters-of-intent during the early signing period to attend GSU and play baseball in 2001-02.

"I feel as if we have signed a quality recruiting class," Hennon said. "We have addressed some immediate needs by adding depth to our pitching staff and in the outfield."

The class consists of three pitchers, two outfielders, and an infielder. Kevin Culpepper and Vinnie DeChristefaro are both lefthanded pitchers and are joined by righthander Brian Harrison. Adam DeLoach will provide the Eagles with needed depth in the infield while Stan Lyons and Brandon Williams will vie for time

in the outfield.

Kevin Culpepper, Toccoa, Ga. was 6-1 for Stephens County High School in 2000. The 6'5 lefty surrendered 18 hits while striking out 67 in 41 innings last year. Culpepper also played summer baseball for the Atlanta Mustangs.

Vinnie DeChristefaro, Richmond Hills, Ga. another big lefthander who stands 6'3, finished the 2000 season with a 5-2 record and a 2.81 ERA for Richmond Hills High School. He surrendered 29 hits and 26 walks while striking out 99 batters in 51.5 innings last year.

Brian Harrison, Dalton Ga. who stands 6'2, completed the 2000 season with a 10-0 record while also recording eight saves for Dalton High School. He surrendered 56 hits and 20 walks while striking out 140

batters and compiling a 1.13 ERA in 86-2 innings, earning him the Region 7-AAA Player-of-the-Year award.

Adam DeLoach, Statesboro, Ga. who played both shortstop and third base for Statesboro High School, batted a .433 and collected 29 RBI in 2000. He was the 1999 and 2000 Gold Glove Award winner for Statesboro.

Stan Lyons, Lawrenceville, Ga. batted .380, collecting 27 hits, including six home runs, for Collins Hill High School in 2000. He stole 12 bases while tallying six home runs and 25 RBI.

Brandon Williams, Vidalia, Ga. hit .338 as a junior, tallied 23 hits with seven doubles, two triples, and one home run last season. He totaled 20 RBI for Vidalia High School.

Eagles fall to High Point in last seconds of game

G-A News Service

Julius Jenkins connected on a pair of free throws with seven seconds left to give Georgia Southern a one-point lead over High Point with just seven seconds remaining, only to have the Panthers' Doug Alves connect on a last-second jumper to give the hosts a 67-66 non-conference victory over the Eagles Saturday afternoon at the Millis Center.

The game-winning shot ruined a torrid rally by the Eagles, who used a 15-1 run in the final 3:48 of the contest to wipe away a 13-point deficit. Todd Shipley's three-pointer with 3:45 left started the run for Georgia Southern, which included a jumper by Jenkins and four consecutive layups, three from Sean Peterson and the last by Frank Bennett.

Jimmy Bennett's free throw ended a string of five straight turnovers by the Panthers, who then fouled Jenkins driving the lane with :07 remaining in the contest. Jenkins swished both attempts, giving the Eagles the one-point advantage and setting up Alves' heroics.

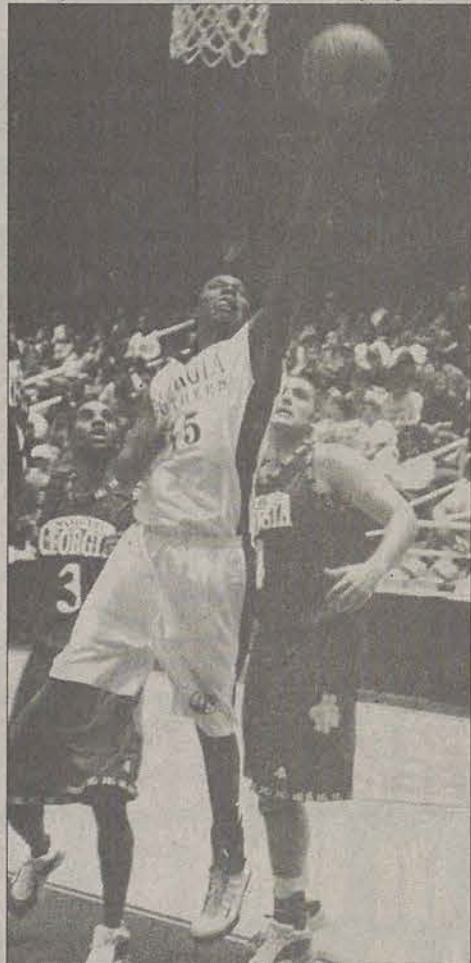
Jenkins led the Eagles (1-2) with a game-high 24 points, while Wayne Wooley, making his first career start, pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds. Georgia Southern shot just 41.7 percent from the field and made only 4-of-22 (18.2 percent) three-point attempts.

Alves and Bennett each had 13 to lead the Panthers (2-2). Mantas Ignatavicius added 12 and Valdas Kaukenas chipped in 10.

The contest began a stretch for Georgia Southern in which it plays seven of its

next nine games away from Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles head to Evans-

ville (Ind.) to take on the Aces, a member of the Missouri Valley Conference, Wednesday night at 8:35 p.m. eastern.



Jill Burnham

LAST SECOND FALL: The men's basketball team scored in the last seven seconds to come up one point ahead of High Point, only to have the Panthers score in the last second, the Eagles fell 67-66.

Eagles fall to Univ. of Arkansas in a close meet

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern swimming and diving team swam well against the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas on November 18. Despite finishing first in the 400 individual medley, 200 butterfly, 200 backstroke, and 200 freestyle relay, the Eagles lost the meet by a score of 157-84.

Freshman Lauren Bird brought home a first-place victory in the 400-yard individual medley (4:39.96). Her teammate, freshman Erin Downs, finished first in the 200-yard butterfly (2:11.89). Junior Melanie Deal rounded out the individual event wins in the 200-yard backstroke (2:14.51). All three finished with season best times in their respective events.

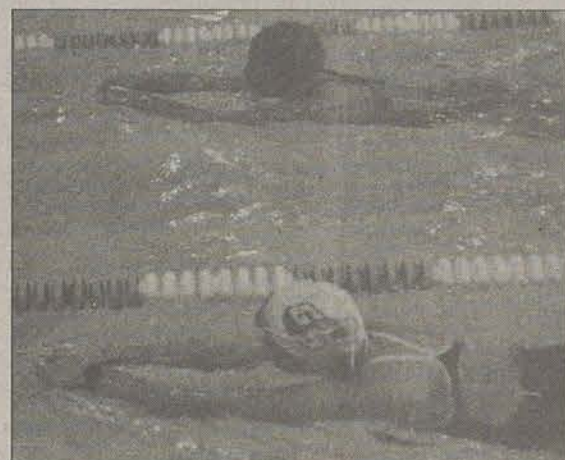
"The ladies swam really well this weekend against some nationally-ranked swimmers," said head coach Tracy Ljone. "We brought home many season best times and the meet

was much closer than last year."

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Liz Moran, Emily Geiger, Lauren Bird and Brooke Frederick claimed the

gold with a season best time of (1:44.47).

Georgia Southern will face North Florida in Jacksonville, Fla. on December 8 at 12 noon.



Jill Burnham

A CLOSE MATCH: The swimming and diving team competed in a close meet against the Univ. of Arkansas on Nov. 18th. The team took home first place wins despite their loss by a score of 157-84.

Lady Eagles fall to Vanderbilt, Georgia, defeat Tennessee St.

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team gained a split of two games played in Nashville, Tenn. during the past week, falling to #25 Vanderbilt 88-70 on Wednesday and then defeating Tennessee State 76-63 on Friday.

The Lady Eagles jumped out to an early 9-2 lead in their game against the Commodores before Vanderbilt used a 15-2 run to seize control of the game. Vandy eventually claimed a 36-20 half-time lead.

After the Commodores increased their lead to 20 early in the second half, Georgia Southern fought back to cut the deficit to 43-33 with 11:35 remaining. However, Vanderbilt size, with the starters averaging almost four inches taller over the Lady Eagles starters, proved to be too much as the Commodores claimed the 18-point victory.

Sharon Mitchell led the Lady Eagles with 16 points while Danna Simpson poured in 14.

Friday's contest proved to be more successful as Georgia

Southern jumped out to an early 11-0 lead. The Lady Eagles eventually saw their lead cut to 15-14 before once again making a run. GSU led 36-28 at the half.

The Lady Tigers attempted a comeback in the second half, cutting the deficit to 43-40 before Georgia Southern used a 10-0 run to seal the victory.

Lauren Langley came off the bench to lead the Lady Eagles with 15 points while freshman Jessica Everett added 12 off the bench. Amy Krach recorded the first double-double of her career, finishing with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Eagles traveled to Georgia for a Monday competition. Deanna "Tweety" Nolan had 19 points off the bench in leading the Georgia women's basketball team to an 85-57 win over Georgia Southern on Monday in front of 2,242 at Stegeman Coliseum.

Nolan connected on 9-of-14 shots from the floor to pace the Lady Bulldogs (3-2), who shot a season-best 56.3 percent (36-of-64). Nolan also matched her career high with seven assists.

"I thought the offense moved the ball well tonight and took good shots," Georgia coach Andy Landers said. "We shot the ball better than we've shot it all year, and I think that goes back to the ball movement and the fact that we shared the ball and took good shots."

Georgia Southern (2-2), which got 13 points from Sharon Mitchell, shot 35.4 percent (23-of-65) from the floor. Georgia's lead throughout the second half was double digits, including a high of 32 points at 77-45 with 4:19 remaining.

"We play teams like Georgia for a reason," Georgia Southern coach Rusty Cram said. "It exposes our weaknesses and we can go back and examine them. We hung in there with them for awhile in the first half, but they used a 10-minute stretch to really open up the game. We were outmanned and outmatched. They had more height inside and they put the ball in the basket."

Georgia Southern next travels to Ft. Worth, Texas to face Texas Christian on Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Five GSU players make all-conference first and second teams

G-A News Service

Furman University claimed three major awards on Tuesday, Nov. 21, as the Southern Conference announced its all-conference football team as selected by the league's nine head coaches.

The Paladins had the SoCon's Offensive Player of the Year in running back Louis Ivory, the league's Player of the Year in linebacker Will Bouton, and the recipient of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy in offensive tackle Josh Moore. Among the other awards handed out by the SoCon on Tuesday, Wofford's Mike Ayers was named the league's Coach of the Year and Western Carolina wide receiver Lamont Seward was the SoCon Freshman of the Year.

Three players were unanimous

selections to the team. Ivory and Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson were each named on all possible ballots, and Georgia Southern defensive lineman Freddy Pesqueira also received all possible votes.

Appalachian State led the way with seven selections on the first team offense and defense followed by Furman with five. Chattanooga and Georgia Southern each had three players selected.

Ivory, a junior, led the nation in rushing this season with 2,079 yards. He set a SoCon record with 301 yards rushing against Georgia Southern on Nov. 4 and also became the first league rusher to surpass the 2,000-yard mark in 11 regular season games.

Bouton recorded 120 tackles for the Paladins this year as a junior. He

also was among the conference leaders with 14 tackles for loss. He had two sacks on the season.

Ayers led Wofford to a 7-4 record this year and a fourth place finish in the SoCon. The seven wins is the most by the Terriers since moving to Division I in 1995.

Seward had a remarkable freshman season, finishing the year with 48 receptions for an even 1,000 yards and seven touchdowns. He earned a record five SoCon Freshman of the Week awards during the regular season.

Moore, the recipient of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, helped open the holes for Louis Ivory along the Furman front. Furman has the nation's fifth-best rushing attack in the country, averaging 307.5 yards per game.



Adrian Peterson



Freddy Pesqueira



Nate Gates



Lavar Rainey



Jason Neese

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

TE - Daniel Wilcox, Appalachian State (6-2, 218, Sr.)
WR - Troy Albea, Appalachian State (6-0, 200, Sr.)
WR - Richmond Flowers, Chattanooga (6-0, 200, Sr.)
T - Josh Moore, Furman (6-5, 309, Sr.)
T - Billy Young, Appalachian State (6-5, 300, Sr.)
G - Marty Priore, Furman (6-1, 284, Jr.)
G - Eric Nash, Wofford (6-3, 270, Jr.)
C - Chris Stewart, Furman (5-11, 275, Jr.)
QB - Chris Sanders, Chattanooga (6-1, 215, Sr.)
RB - Louis Ivory, Furman (5-8, 197, Jr.)*
RB - Adrian Peterson, Georgia Southern (5-10, 212, Jr.)*
RS - Teray Frost, VMI (6-2, 195, Sr.)
PK - Matt Vick, Chattanooga (5-11, 185, Sr.)

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

TE - Trent Sansbury, Furman (6-2, 237, Jr.)
WR - Cecil Moore, East Tennessee State (6-2, 205, So.)
WR - Michael Banks, Western Carolina (5-10, 172, So.)
T - Donnie Littlejohn, Furman (6-3, 269, Jr.)
T - Gantt Neill, Chattanooga (6-3, 277, Jr.)
G - Victor Hooks, East Tennessee State (6-1, 302, Sr.)
G - Omar Nesbit, The Citadel (6-1, 285, Jr.)
C - Tyler Elkins, Appalachian State (6-2, 260, Jr.)
QB - Todd Wells, East Tennessee State (5-10, 198, Sr.)
RB - Fred Boateng, Western Carolina (6-1, 215, Fr.)
RB - Maurice Murphy, The Citadel (5-10, 220, Jr.)
RS - Richard Holland, VMI (6-0, 175, Sr.)
RS - Jimmy Watkins, Appalachian State (5-11, 195, Jr.)
PK - Josh Jones, Western Carolina (5-10, 161, Sr.)

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Jimmy Freeman, Appalachian State (6-0, 238, Sr.)
DL - Nathan Fuqua, Wofford (6-1, 260, So.)
DL - Andre Miller, Western Carolina (6-3, 261, Sr.)
DL - Freddy Pesqueira, Georgia Southern (6-1, 241, So.)*
LB - Will Bouton, Furman (6-2, 225, Jr.)
LB - Joe Best, Appalachian State (5-10, 237, Sr.)
LB - Rahim El Amin, East Tennessee State (6-2, 207, Sr.)
LB - Denny Haywood, The Citadel (6-2, 235, Sr.)
DB - Denario Smalls, East Tennessee State (5-8, 177, Sr.)
DB - Richard Holland, VMI (6-0, 175, Sr.)
DB - Nate Gates, Georgia Southern (6-0, 184, Sr.)
DB - Corey Hall, Appalachian State (6-4, 196, Sr.)
P - Nathan McKinney, Appalachian State (6-0, 220, So.)

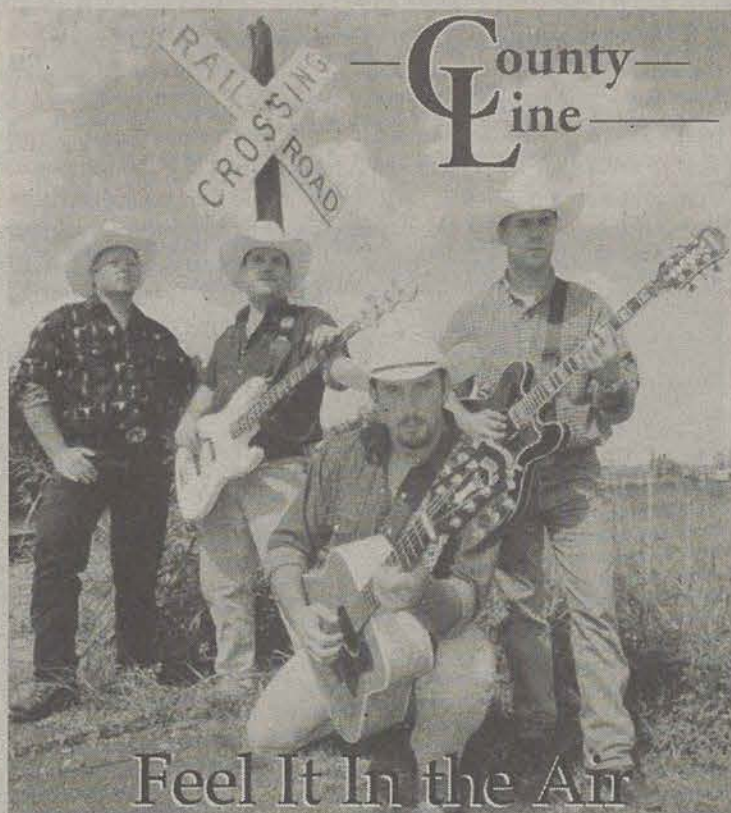
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

DL - Brian Bodor, Wofford (6-0, 255, Sr.)
DL - Josh Jeffries, Appalachian State (6-2, 250, So.)
DL - Ryan Spencer, Furman (6-3, 297, Jr.)
DL - LeBryan Sperling, Furman (6-3, 273, So.)
LB - Cory Bolden, East Tennessee State (6-2, 210, Sr.)
LB - Jason Neese, Georgia Southern (6-0, 218, Jr.)
LB - Travis Stephens, The Citadel (6-0, 225, Jr.)
DB - Ocasio Coefield, East Tennessee State (6-3, 220, Jr.)
DB - Lorenzo Ferguson, Western Carolina (6-0, 204, Sr.)
DB - Justin Fryer, Western Carolina (6-2, 184, So.)
DB - Lavar Rainey, Georgia Southern (5-10, 183, Sr.)
P - Jimmy Miner, Wofford (6-3, 187, Fr.)

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Internet plays bigger role in job searches of Iowa college seniors

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IOWA CITY, Iowa—The days of knocking on doors and hustling with phone calls may still be here when it comes to finding a job, but the Internet increasingly is helping introduce college graduates to potential employers.

Universities across the nation are responding with job placement programs that include online resumes and online contacts with job recruiters.

The University of Iowa is in its second year of offering such a service. Using software developed just four years ago by some Harvard University students who eventually created the firm Experience, the UI's e-Recruiting service is linking UI graduates with jobs.

The service is being used by seniors in the colleges of business and liberal arts, engineering, education and law.

"Our No. 1 goal in doing this is to help students be able to reach their goals," said Cathy Colony Bunnell, UI director of engineering educational placement.

"The key thing for those of us in Career Services is to make it as easy as possible for employers to recruit our students. We help to build that connection between them."

The technology is new, so it has taken a while to get the system running. It also has taken a while for the system, and employers have been slower than students adapting to the new tools.

"We had a few glitches in the system itself," said Deanna Hurst, director of UI business and liberal arts placement.

But now about 2,200 students are on the system.

Each college's placement office offers the services, which include online resumes that students can fill out and the links to applications for

and information about, available positions ranging from internships to full-time positions.

The UI paid Experience, which is an original software package and pays a fee of about maintenance and technical support.

Senior Adam Neubauer, 22, of Des Moines summer internship related to his film production and theater majors. He worked at KDSM Fox 17 Kids' Club in Des Moines.

However, he does not see himself using the online system to stay in Iowa.

"I'm working in Iowa now to gain experience to get here than in Los Angeles," Neubauer said.

"The selling point of Iowa is that it's a great place to have a family, raise children, and enjoy life," he said. "However, if the cost of tuition keeps increasing at the rate it is currently, not a single graduate would consider it feasible to raise a family here."

State officials have said they want to keep graduates of Iowa's public universities in the state.

UI job placement officials say they deal with that concern gingerly. "Our goal is to link employers and students up," Hurst said. If that means linking to a job out of state, students may use the system to make that happen.

Hurst said, however, that she would like to expand the service eventually to make it available to all UI alumni, especially those who move away initially but want to return home after working elsewhere a few years.

Employers will need to play a key role in that kind of expansion, Hurst said, because the jobs they offer will have to be available to people shopping for job changes.

Development of that aspect of the service will take some time, she said.

"My goal is pretty widespread. I don't expect to get there overnight."

Gore faces uphill legal battle in court

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FORTLAUDERDALE, Fla.—When attorneys for Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore go to court Monday morning to contest Sunday's vote count, they will face a tough legal fight. But given the twists and turns of the hand tallies in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties, they have a better than even hope of success, experts say.

"It's certainly an uphill battle," said Robert Jarvis, constitutional law professor at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Fla. However, he added, "I think the Gore people have a better than average chance."

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris' refusal Sunday evening to accept a partial hand count from Palm Beach County will likely bolster the Democrats' position that legally cast ballots aren't being counted and so the election is flawed.

Democratic lawyers plan to go to Tallahassee Monday to file suit in Leon County Circuit Court, arguing that improprieties in the hand recounts gave the election to the wrong man, Republican George W. Bush.

One of Gore's lead attorneys, David Boies, said the Democrats will challenge the hand tally in three counties: Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Nassau. Because it is a multi-county case, Florida law requires the challengers to go to state court in Tallahassee. If the challenge had involved only one county, lawyers would have had to file suit there, state law says.

The Florida law governing contested

elections says an election may be overturned for obvious shenanigans such as vote fraud or corruption. It also provides an open-ended "catch-all" section whereby a losing candidate simply has to prove he should have won. That's the area upon which the Democrats will base their challenge, experts say.

"They'll have a more broad-based attack and look at all three counties," said John Hill, a law professor at St. Thomas University in Miami. "They're obviously going to contest it claiming there should have been a counting of the undervote, the dimpled ballots."

In Miami-Dade, Gore's lawyers will claim the canvassing board was intimidated into halting the hand count by a near riot of angry Republicans. In Palm Beach, lawyers will argue that in rejecting the partial count, Harris is excluding legitimate ballots that could have changed the election's outcome. In Nassau County, a reconstituted canvassing board improperly awarded 52 previously rejected overseas ballots to Bush, the attorneys will claim.

The Democrats aren't expected to contest the vote from Broward County, where the hand tally went relatively smoothly and picked up a healthy 567 votes for Gore.

The main focus of the Democrats' three-pronged attack will be Miami-Dade County, where the canvassing board let 10,700 votes go uncounted.

"This was something that could have

changed the outcome," said David Ryden, an attorney and associate professor of political science at Hope College in Holland, Mich. "That's the logical focus for them in terms of contesting: It isn't accurate, it isn't complete, it isn't final and it isn't fair. They were forced to forgo the recount process."

Ryden said the Democrats will likely seek the simplest remedy: Continuing the hand recount in Miami-Dade.

GOP attorneys are expected to counter that the uncounted ballots in the disputed counties were properly rejected by machine, are simply not valid and have no bearing on the election.

"They're going to say they are not legally cast votes," said Johnny Burris, another Nova Southeastern University Law professor.

The Democrats, Hill said, could then mount an argument that they need the completed hand recount in Miami-Dade as evidence to prove their case in court: that the ballots left uncounted were legitimate, and would have gone to Gore.

In the strictest legal sense, the Tallahassee circuit judge who gets the case must determine whether Miami-Dade's canvassing board abused its authority by halting the hand count.

"Ultimately, what the court has to decide is whether it was within the sole discretion of the canvassing board to stop the recount after they had already started," Hill said.

Jarvis predicts the Democrats won't

present any evidence or witness testimony before the court, but rather ask that it take "judicial notice" or use its own common knowledge of the situation, to assist in reaching a decision.

Jarvis also strongly believes the judge will quickly reject the Democrats' lawsuit and send it straight to the 1st District Court of Appeal, also in Tallahassee. That court, in turn, will boot the case immediately to the state Supreme Court, he said.

"I would expect that by the end of this week, this case would be before the Florida Supreme Court," he said.

Jarvis said the Democrats' arguments are buttressed by the confusion over whether to count dimpled ballot marks in Palm Beach and the mob scene that preceded the Miami-Dade decision to stop the count.

"If Palm Beach and Miami-Dade had done what Broward did, then I think (the Democrats) would be in tough shape," he said.

The higher courts may order the hand count to continue, Jarvis said, simply to maintain the status quo while they ponder their rulings. "Courts are very sensitive to maintaining the status quo," he said.

But divining how a court will rule, especially in this wild and woolly election, has the legal experts shaking their heads.

"I've stopped guessing," Burris said.

"We're on the cutting edge here," Hill said. "Nobody's ever looked at this stuff before."

IIT to examine technology of voting process and how to improve it

TMS Campus

There's got to be a better way to hold elections than the routine that led the nation into the extended mess in Florida, and educators at the Illinois Institute of Technology intend to find it.

IIT students will explore existing technology and issue a report in the spring about how American elections could be improved so that few ballots would be spoiled, and voters could exercise their franchise with a minimum of confusion.

"This current mess stems from poor ballot design and poor technology," said Henry H. Perritt Jr., dean of the Chicago-Kent College of Law and vice-president of IIT's

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DEAN HENRY PERRITT, ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

downtown campus. "I doubt that before this election people knew that it was common to throw out tens of thousands of spoiled ballots. Voters should be receptive to adopting new technology that will improve things."

IIT has a history of making public service projects into learning experiences for its students in law, engineering and other fields.

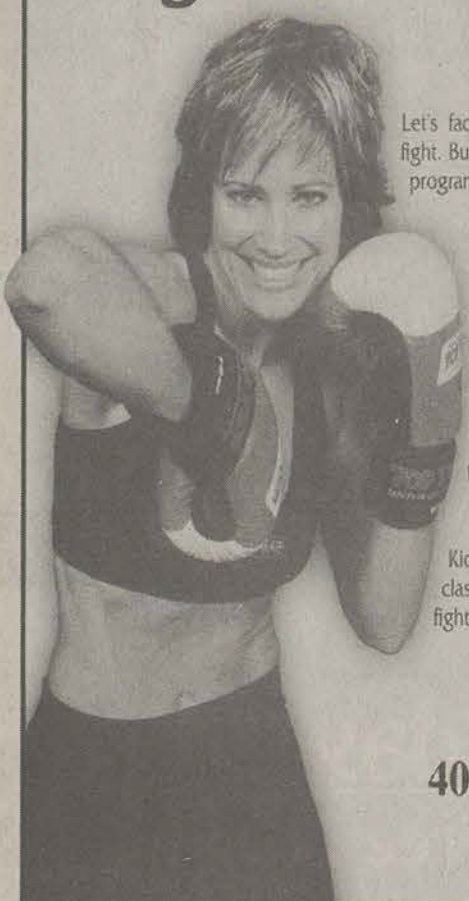
The school has worked with Balkan nations to set up Internet sites

so that human rights abuses in the former Yugoslavia could be reported and so that independent journalists there could get their stories onto the Internet.

After having worked to help citizens in other countries establish more open governments by using modern technology, Perritt said that it will be "exciting to work on a project that can help reinforce democracy in our own nation."

Once the IIT students begin to gather information about voting technology, it's likely they will establish a Web site to inform the public about their findings and to invite new ideas and information, Perritt said.

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Teens turn to ecstasy as pot use declines

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Marijuana use decreased over the last three years among American teenagers, however, an increased use of the club-drug ecstasy shows drug use as a whole is not declining, according to a new study by the Partnership for a Drug Free America.

The study, released Monday, Nov. 27, polled 7,290 teenagers between the ages 12 and 18 and in grades 7 through 12. The margin of error is plus or minus 1.5 percent.

In 2000, about 40 percent of teens reported trying marijuana at least once, down from 44 percent in 1997. The study also found a drop in the number of teens who had used marijuana within the last month, down from 24 percent in 1997 to 21 percent in 2000.

"The shifts we're seeing with marijuana - which by and large represents the bulk of illicit drug use among kids - suggest good things for the future," PDFA president Richard D. Bonnette said in a statement. "With this particular drug, we appear to be turning a very important corner. But as we turn one corner, troubling developments are coming at us from other directions - specifically with Ecstasy. While the overall usage numbers are much lower for this drug, the spike we're seeing demands our attention."

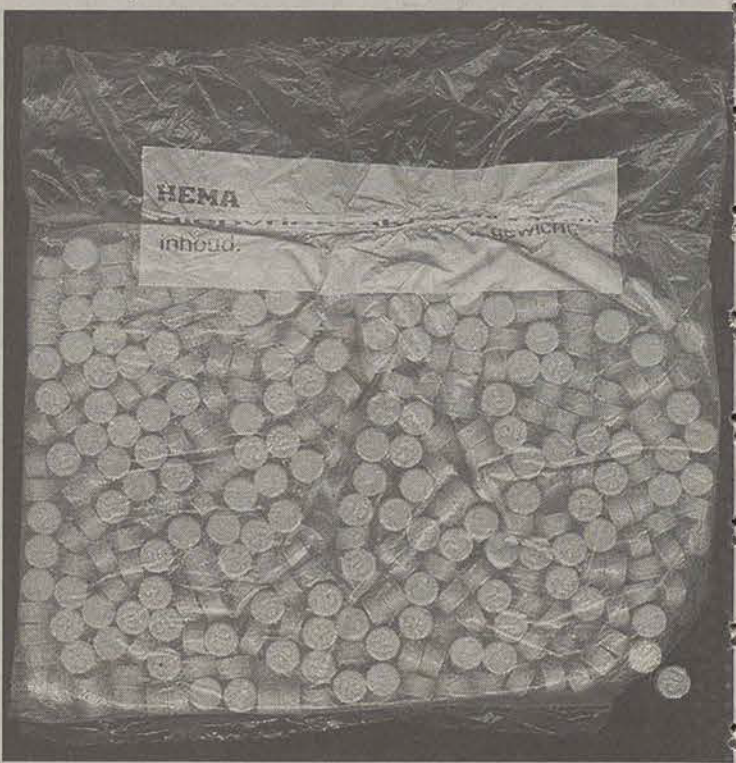
The drop in marijuana use occurred mostly between 1997 and 1999, as figures between 1999 and 2000 stabilized. Use of ecstasy, however, increased during the same time frame.

About 10 percent of teens reported using ecstasy in 2000, twice the number who reported

using the club-drug in 1995. While the number doubled over the last five years, the most significant increase took place over the last year, as use among teens increased from seven percent in 1999 to 10

percent in 2000.

The study also found small, but statistically significant increases in teen methamphetamine and inhalants use. Use of cocaine, crack, heroin and LSD remained stable.



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Jim Carrey is 'the Grinch' in 2000 12th Annual World AIDS Day is Friday

By Dana MacKay
Assistant Lifestyles Editor

My family may be a little different than most when it comes to holiday traditions. We don't all sit down together on Christmas Eve and read the Christmas story from the Bible or read "Twas the Night Before Christmas." We don't gather around the television and watch "Miracle on 34th Street" or "It's a Wonderful Life." No, we at the MacKay household have a different loyalty—one to Dr. Suess. My brother and I grew up on Dr. Suess, so it seems only natural to watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" every year. So you can only imagine how excited I was to learn that Ron Howard was coming out with a PG version of The Grinch and that Jim Carrey would be the man in the suit.

My family and I made a trek to the theaters this year for our annual watching of the movie and I must say I completely enjoyed the movie.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the story, the Grinch lives on Mt. Crummett overlooking Whoville, which of course, is where all the Whos live. The Grinch, having a heart two times too small and having a severe loathing of Christmas, sneaks into Whoville and steals all the presents and decorations, attempting to put an end to Christmas once and for all.

The original animated movie is only about 40 minutes long, so the writers for the film got creative in order to make this one a full length, 105-minute story. For the first



Special Photo

'THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS': Jim Carrey stars in the newest version of this children's Christmas classic.

hour, you will be wondering where the familiar story that you know went. Instead, you get a background story of why the Grinch is so Grinchy and who the Whos really are.

In the original story, Boris Karloff is the narrator, filling in all the story's gaps. In the newest creation, Sir Anthony Hopkins has the honor of narrating, but not near as much, as we are aided in understanding the story through following Cindy Lou-Who all around Whoville.

There were several things I thought were unnecessary. One of which was the Grinch's love interest. Christine Baranski (from the TV show "Cybill") plays Martha May Who-vier, a not so subtle play on homemaker guru, Martha Stewart.

I can think of no one who could have played the Grinch better than Jim Carrey. But on occasion, Carrey threw in a little too much of himself and it

looked quite overdone. I recognized several attempts to bring in his wacky character from Ace Ventura: Pet Detective.

Being quite familiar with the book and the movie, my concern was what the Whos would look like. To be honest, they looked like rats. With turned up noses and buck teeth, all they lack are whiskers. I have read different reports but generally the consensus is that it took make-up artists 4 hours to do the make-up on Carrey. I read also that on the busiest days, a total of 45 makeup artists were used.

All in all, yes, the 2000 version has the original story in it, but it is hidden in all the details added by Ron Howard. However, the movie is funny, entertaining, and makes you once again think for a split second that Christmas isn't all about presents after all. It may very well be a new addition in my family's Christmas traditions.

G-A News Service

The twelfth observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated on this Friday, December 1, 2000. Locally, the events for World AIDS Day will take place at GSU, Ogeechee Technical College, and West Grady Street. There will also be an observance at First African Baptist Church in Claxton. The events will be coordinated by Amethyst Project, Inc., Ogeechee Technical College, GSU's Office of Multicultural Affairs, GSU's S.T.A.N.D. (Students Together And Not Divided), the GSU Health Education Office, and the GSU Triangle Club. Planned activities include panel discussions, education sessions, student information fairs, and candlelight services.

This year's World AIDS Day theme is "AIDS: All Men — Make a Difference." The purpose of this theme is to recognize the millions of people worldwide who are affected directly and indirectly by HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day this year aims to increase understanding of the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS epidemic globally and that the epidemic continues despite new trends in treatment. Worldwide implementation of the theme promotes action and sound policies to prevent HIV transmission and minimizes the epidemic's impact on teenagers and young adults.

Many countries around the world are observing this day to draw attention to the AIDS epidemic. In the United States, activities for World AIDS Day around the country are coordinated by the American Associa-

tion from AIDS. Here in Statesboro, the memorial service will be observed by a candlelight service at GSU on Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. The service will be held at the Russell Union Rotunda. At 6 p.m. on the

same night, the film "Alive and Kickin'" will show in Room 1042 of the Henderson Library.

On Friday, December 1, 2000, there will be a total of three presentations. The first is entitled "The Reality of Date Rape" and will run from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Russell Union Room 2070. "HIV and the Gay Community" will show from 11 a.m. to noon in the same room. "HIV and African American Males" will show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 2041 of the Russell Union. There will also be a table at the Rotunda with information concerning HIV and HIV prevention from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also, a candlelight service will be held on West Grady Street here



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tion for World Health, in conjunction with the joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the Pan American Health Organization and the US Department of Health and Human Services.

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is Statesboro and at Ogeechee Technical College. Both services will be held at 5:30 p.m. A candlelight service will also take place at First African Baptist Church in Claxton, GA on December 1 at 5:30 p.m.

For additional information on these World AIDS Day activities, contact Russell Oglesby at Amethyst Project, Inc. at 764-6923, the Health Education Office at GSU at 871-1732, or Jane Rocker or Dorothy Brown at Ogeechee Technical College at 681-5500.

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X-Men toys among "Warped Toy" List

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn.—Dolls that encourage children to punch them, twist their necks and break their arms top Rev. Christopher Rose's annual list of "warped toys." For 14 years, Rose, a minister at Grace Episcopal Church in Hartford, has released the pre-holiday list of the top 10 toys he considers inappropriate for children. This year, toys modeled on the movie "X-Men" and on the World Wrestling Federation headed Rose's list.

Warped Toy No. 1 was the Wolverine "X-Men" doll called "Mutant Power Basher."

"Children are encouraged to hurt the toy," said Rose, who demonstrated by making a fist and slamming it into the stomach of a 20-inch-tall doll, which "responded" with "uhhh, my stomach." "The child is a participant now," Rose said. Recommended for children 5 and up, the electronic doll manufactured by Toy Biz has claws that flip out at the push of a button. It is supposed to be modeled after a hero in "X-Men."

Coming in second was Back Talkin' Crushers, a smaller muscle-bound pro-wrestling doll from the WWF. The doll, made by Jakks Pacific, responds when children twist its neck, arms or legs. Responses include: "Hey, let go of my neck!" "You ain't gonna break my leg" and "Oww, you're breaking my arm."

"If we had a rating system as we do with movies, these toys wouldn't be in toy stores," Rose said.

To Rose, the interactive toys are even more disturbing than the movies and video games that have provoked so much parental concern lately.



sional. The child is an observer," he said. "Encouraging the child to participate is much more psychologically powerful."

No. 3 on Rose's list Friday was a Fisher-Price toy, recommended for 2-year-olds, called Bump n' Crash, a car that screeches when rammed into furniture. "The sole purpose is to crash it. For a 2-year-old I found that really over the top," Rose said.

No. 4 on the list was Death Row Marv (McFarlane Toys). When a child throws the "switch," the toy convulses, and says, "Is that the best you can do, pansy?" and its eyes light up. The box says the toy is recommended for children 13 and up.

No. 5 was X Men, Logan vs. Rogue (Toy Biz). A male toy carries a knife that

fits into the chest of a female doll.

Rounding out the top 10 were Al Simons/Clown (McFarlane Toys), a gory doll with bum marks; Texas Chain Saw Massacre (McFarlane Toys), a bloody doll that carries a bucket for body parts; Incredible Edibles (Toymax), a kit for making "body parts" to eat; Buried Alive WWF (Jakks Pacific), a doll that includes a casket with a removable lid; and Max Steel Psycho figure (Mattel), a doll with a head that explodes.

Rose said he purchased all the toys on his list locally at well-known chain stores such as Toy Works, KB Toys, ToysRUs, Ames, Wal-Mart, Media Play and Kmart. Rose gave credit to Target for not carrying any of the toys that made the list.

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Christian Music: Artists go pop as "Jesus Rock doesn't sell"

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Sing about Jesus at your own risk. That's the conclusion of some rock bands that perform Christian music and then seek crossover success.

They say they face constant questions about their faith, a tough road to mainstream acceptance and charges of selling out if they ever hit it big.

Just ask members of Sixpence None The Richer, who started on Christian music label but broke into pop stardom with 1999's decidedly secular "Kiss Me."

The group, whose name comes from a C.S. Lewis essay on religion, has faced the question that plagues many mainstream performers who sing about spirituality: "So are you a Christian band or not?"

The answer: No. Well, sort of.

"We don't consider ourselves a

Christian band," said Jay Swartzendruber, publicist for the five-person band. "But we do see life through that Christian lens."

Cue confusion among fans and the media.

On the Web site for the hard-rock band Creed, band members devote much of the "frequently asked questions" section to addressing whether they're a Christian band.

Lyrics on the group's 1997 debut album, "My Own Prison," contain frequent references to God and faith. But they insist they aren't a Christian band and have so tired of the question they decline most interview requests (including one for this article).

"People want to put that label on them," said Creed manager Jeff Hanson. "Creed's not running away from that, but they are doing their own thing. There are so many bad

role models, I think Christians are probably happy to get what they can."

So why is it such a big deal whether musicians call themselves Christians in a country where most people say they identify with the faith?

"That's a good question," said Frank Breeden, president of the Nashville-based Gospel Music Association. "America no longer acts like a Christian nation. Today's approach toward religion is very postmodern. Most Americans do believe in God but don't want to endorse one religion. They prefer the cafeteria plan: Christianity is one of many faiths."

In other words, Jesus Rock doesn't sell.

"When people are confronted with that, it puts them face-to-face with a lot of issues that are hard to deal with: hell, eternity, fall from grace.

In this society we don't talk about that kind of stuff," said Jerry Williams, programming director at WVFJ-FM, Atlanta's largest Christian radio station.

But when Christian musicians score a crossover hit that doesn't mention God, the genre's faithful level charges of selling out.

"There's people who say they want to have their cake and eat it, too, walking the line and having it both ways," Hanson said.

Dabney Gordon, 14, listens almost exclusively to Christian pop even though most of her friends at a Christian private school prefer Eminem or Britney Spears. She complained that bands have to choose between morality and commercial success, and often they pick rock stardom.

"I don't think it's pleasing to

God," she said of bands that downplay their Christian roots. "It's a little disappointing to me. But our world always wants to talk about sex and things like that. That's what people are interested in, so that's what they buy."

Swartzendruber said the Christian music industry itself is to blame for the difficulty Christian bands have reaching the mainstream. Managers want every song to be "a three-minute sermonette," he said, and artists are allowed little creativity.

Like many Christian bands, Sixpence was put on a church tour, but band members complained of pressure to give religious speeches after they played.

Those expectations put up a wall between secular and religious acts and drove Sixpence from its first label.

"We're not preachers," Swartzendruber said. "But there are some very narrow-minded believers who think the message, not the music, is the only thing that's important. It's an inbred community, a small fishbowl."

WVFJ's Williams agreed, but said it's changing.

"There are people who want to count the Jesus-per-minute references, but I don't think that's the majority anymore," he said.

"Just because a band isn't as overtly spiritual on some albums, it doesn't mean they're turning their backs on their faith. Christian bands used to be called on the carpet if they got away from the message. Now some people are disappointed if the big hit doesn't mention Jesus, but they're more accepting. It just takes time."

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Man arrested for fabricating Levi's jeans

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Federal agents have arrested a man accused of altering jeans to make them look old and selling them as vintage Levi's.

Avihail Kocklani, an Israeli citizen living in Tarzana, is accused of selling the jeans at Melrose Avenue shops for huge profits, Assistant U.S. Attorney Pamela Johnston said Tuesday.

Kocklani, who is being held without bail pending a Dec. 6 hearing in federal magistrate court, faces charges of trafficking in counterfeit

goods.

Johnston said Kocklani would buy relatively new pairs of jeans, then alter or replace the stitching, riveting, tags and leather patches. He would then sell them for \$200 to \$400.

"Five-year-old 501 Levi's are worth about \$10," Johnston said. "Some of the jeans from the 1960s look a lot like them, but there are little differences that make them worth a lot of money."

A criminal affidavit said federal agents made undercover buys at four

Melrose stores owned by ZHK Inc., for which Kocklani serves as corporate director and managing agent.

Investigators said they found a washer, dryer, riveting machine and sewing machines they believe were used to alter the jeans.

Levi Strauss and Co. sued Kocklani and others in 1998, alleging federal trademark infringement.

A judge ruled in Levi Strauss' favor and ordered the defendants to pay \$1 million and stop infringing on the company's trademark, Johnston said. The money was never paid, she said.

'Badlands' pays tribute to the darker side of Springsteen's shining musical career

By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

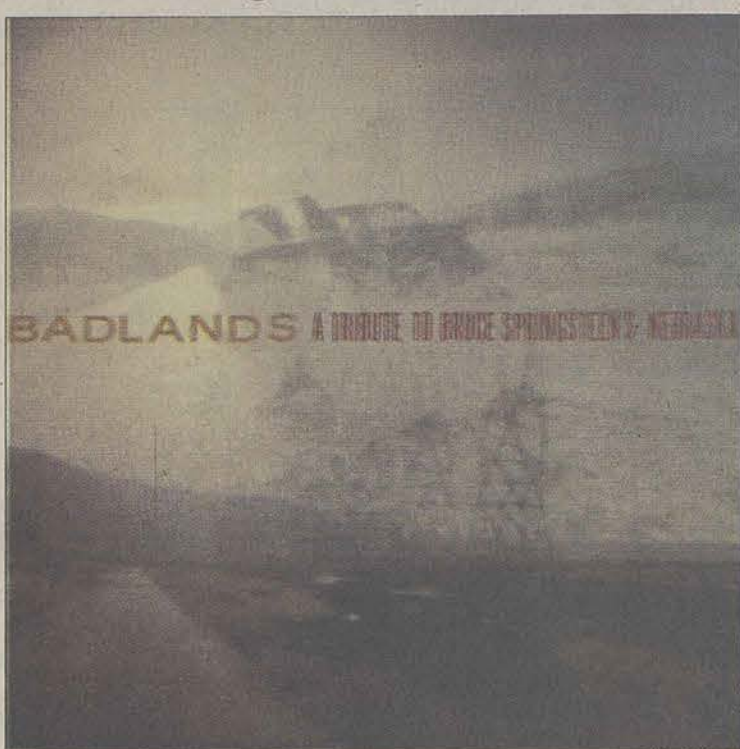
Since his colossal success that supercharged the 1980's rock scene, Bruce Springsteen has continued to confuse and challenge critics and fans alike. It seems as though every time the "Boss" releases an album of timeless pop anthems, he follows it up with an equally immortal, less accessible dark folk/rock record. Before "Born in the USA," "Dancing in the Dark," and "Glory Days" clogged the airwaves, Springsteen had already released an album of equal magnitude, using a small fraction of the electricity.

But when you can write songs like Mr. New Jersey himself, electricity is something you don't need to worry about. On his 1982 record, entitled "Nebraska," Springsteen showed that his roots ripped through the rich soils of artists like Woody Guthrie and Bob Dylan. Some of his most powerful songs to date fall on this record, as they rolled from pen to paper, and then from his tongue and guitar onto a four-track tape machine in his New Jersey bedroom.

While albums like "Born in the USA" and "Greatest Hits" have sold many more copies than "Nebraska" ever will, an essential part to understanding Springsteen's musical genius lies in his ability to write haunting short stories and transmit them through a dusky folk echo. The characters in Springsteen's songs come to life as if they were your closest companions, and the pain in their hearts cuts through the listeners' as Springsteen describes their forgotten lives and shattered dreams with painful honesty.

Though Bruce Springsteen's pop material has been massively influential to many artists, his spooky, barren folk qualities have dug deep into the musical landscape of not only new artists, but artists that once upon a time inspired the young, wide-eyed New Jersey teen.

On the 2000 release, "Badlands: A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen's Nebraska," artists from various decades and genres have gathered to give praise to perhaps the most bold, chilling folk/rock album of the last few decades. The passion with



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TRIBUTE TO A HIDDEN GEM: The recently released "Badlands" is a powerful tribute to Bruce Springsteen's "Nebraska." Artists include Ani DiFranco, Deana Carter, Son Volt, Ben Harper, and Johnny Cash.

which the songs are presented from the various musicians reveal that they too were touched deeply by the tracks when they were recorded nearly 20 years ago.

The songs on "Badlands" appear in the same order as on the original, beginning with Chrissie Hynde and Adam Seymour's version of the moving title track—a guilty, yet shameless murder ballad that opens the record like an ice cold bucket of water to the face. From the opening lines of "Nebraska," it is clear that Springsteen plans to take the listener down disturbing roads of heartache, unleashing agonizing stories of good people turned bad.

The middle of "Badlands" is held together brilliantly by three consecutive renditions by some of the most talented females in music today. The fifth track, entitled "Highway Patrolman" and performed by Dar Williams, is the most moving track on the record as it deals with a local law officer's inability to crack down on the most dangerous criminal in his county—his brother. The officer's loving memories of his brother haunt him as he attempts time after time to lock up the criminal in him. Springsteen writes, "Nothing feels better than blood on blood... I catch him when he's straight like any brother would/A man turns his back on his family, well he just ain't no good."

The trio is rounded out by country star Deana Carter's version of "State Trooper" and Ani DiFranco's take on "Used Cars," two songs with similar eeriness and muffled echoing vocals that creep out of the speakers like the ghosts of the characters they portray.

The most intriguing aspect about the tribute is that the songs have been altered enough to make them distinct of the band that is performing them, but the artists have also been careful to ensure that the stark mood Springsteen intended is held in place. Alternative/country leaders Son Volt play Springsteen's "Open All Night" in a style that makes the tune sound like it was written for the band. Ben Harper

and the Innocent Criminals follow up with "My Father's House," sprinkling it with their own classic style of rock, blues, and reggae.

The only turn-off on the disc is Hank Williams III's annoying two-step version of Springsteen's popular "Atlantic City." While it is true that Hank III took the song and made it his own, he also lost a lot of what made the song good, and what made the album good as well. Hank's voice is an echo of his grandfather's, and the high-pitched twang simply doesn't sit well in a Springsteen ballad.

Bonus tracks include Raul Malo's (the Mavericks) slowed down rendition of "Downbound Train," a song that original appeared on "Born in the USA." Johnny Cash also does a mediocre version of "I'm On Fire," a song often considered one of the most scorching, honest love songs in history.

The tenth track on "Badlands" and the closing tune on "Nebraska" is Aimee Mann and Michael Penn's remake of "Reason to Believe." "Reason to Believe" is easily one of the best closing songs to ever wrap up a record because it is Springsteen's way of saying that even though the characters on the album have gone through terrible self-destruction, they somehow find a way to keep on fighting through life. He sings, "Tell me, Lord, how can it be that at the end of every hard-earned day people find some reason to believe?"

While it isn't rare to find an album paying tribute to the songs of an artist's career, fans would be extremely hard-pressed to locate a disc devoted to a specific record by an artist, especially one that sold less copies than many of that artist's more mainstream recordings. But Bruce Springsteen's "Nebraska" is one of those recordings that even though its success cannot be seen in record sales, the passion for the songs exhibited by other highly respected musicians offers more praise than any monetary amount could ever express. "Nebraska" is truly a hidden gem in the discography of an immensely popular artist, and with the recent release of "Badlands," it is finally being shown the adulation it deserves.



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