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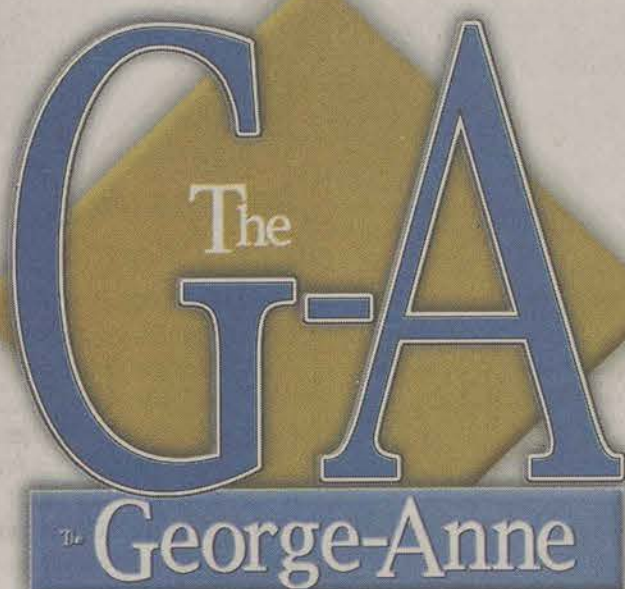


SPORTS

Peterson's campaign for Heisman trophy underway

An Atlanta radio station is raising money to erect a billboard promoting GSU's Peterson for the Heisman.

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LIFE

Eight-year-old boy fights for life after shark attack in Florida

A boy in Pensacola is receiving support from neighboring communities after a shark attacked him last week off the coast of Florida.



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SOAR, GSU's freshman orientation program, still going strong

By Shana Bridges
Staff Writer

Every summer, the Fielding D. Russell Student Union is filled with the commotion of anxious new students and their parents as they arrive to attend their SOAR session.

SOAR stands for Southern's Orientation, Advisement and Registration, and the program has become a yearly tradition at GSU. For many students, SOAR is the first opportunity to see the campus first-hand, rather than through the flattering pictures in recruitment pamphlets.

For incoming freshmen and transfer students, SOAR is inevitable. Freshman orientation consists of a two-day program, and transfer orientation is an abbreviated version of this same program.

During these sessions, students are equipped with the information they will need to adapt to college life. New students are informed about everything from meal plans to registration. However, this information is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to true college survival.

Though experience is undoubtedly the best teacher, SOAR is a valuable part of getting new students started off with the appropriate mindset for the challenges of college life.

If SOAR is a tour of information, SOAR leaders are the tour guides. Although many students apply to be SOAR leaders, those who are chosen exhibit qualities that are necessary for this de-

manding but highly regarded position.

These students go through numerous interviews before being selected, and after the SOAR team is finally assembled, the new orientation leaders must take a semester-long class to become more familiar with the campus and the history of Georgia Southern.

Finally, prior to orientation, the SOAR leaders undergo two weeks of intense training. There is no question that the leaders are prepared for the nine sessions of orientation they will facilitate during the summer. SOAR leaders are vital to the orientation program because they can share their first hand experiences with the new students since they have literally "been there, done that, got the T-shirt."

On the first day of orientation, the new freshmen have three small groups with their SOAR leaders, who share information about the campus, the residence halls, student organizations, and other GSU features.

Contrary to popular belief, not all students have ultimately decided that GSU is the school for them. The SOAR leaders have to "sell" the school by making the students feel comfortable enough to settle on GSU as their university of choice.

SOAR offers a schedule of events that caters to students and parents alike. And, in the true college spirit, students are encouraged to attend some of these programs individually.

In addition to small groups,

SOAR leaders inform incoming students through their campus issues skit, dealing with topics that students will face throughout the course of their college career. Topics such as diversity, alcohol and drug abuse, and sexual assault are covered in the skit. Afterwards, the students are invited to attend "First Night Out" at the RAC, where they play games and mingle with new friends.

Day two consists of three breakout sessions that include information on topics like parking and transportation, careers and majors, and financial aid. After lunch the students attend a short presentation about the new WINGS (Web Interactive Network for Georgia Southern) registration program.

The students are divided up by majors and led to advisement, and then on to registration. The two-day orientation program is extensive and tiring, but is also necessary for new students.

SOAR in its present form has only been around since the late 1980s. Audrey Campbell, who worked in the counseling center at the time, was the original coordinator of the SOAR program.

Orientation programs existed prior to SOAR, like the Greeting Team and SQUAWK (Students' Questions Understood and Answered with Knowledge).

According to Dr. Jack Nolen, former Vice President of Student Affairs, orientation was originally longer and was held in the residence halls just before classes



Jill Burnham

SOARING FOR FRESHMEN: The SOAR program is in full flight this summer, working hard to make incoming freshmen comfortable with the university, its policies, campus, and current students. The two-day program is coordinated by SOAR leaders who hold orientation sessions the first day and help with student registration the second day.

started. However, this was before the population boom that came with Erk Russell's football championship reign, so orientation leaders were able to include all incoming students in one session.

It wasn't until GSU's student body expanded so drastically that orientation was held during the summer. When the program became larger, it was moved to Hanner Fieldhouse, and then on to the Union in order to accommodate the continuously growing population of Georgia Southern.

Throughout the years, the orientation programs have improved tremendously, and the continued success is apparent. SOAR has become something like a well-oiled

machine, orientating up to 3,000 students every summer. Georgia Southern students, faculty and staff all work together to make orientation a positive experience for the incoming freshmen and transfers.

During the SOAR programs, the student union is transformed into a central location for all offices on campus. Students coming to orientation can buy their parking permits for the fall semester, find out who their new roommate will be, and take care of any holds on their transcripts, all under one roof.

SOAR affects everyone that experiences it first-hand, because it is the students' first impression of Georgia Southern.

According to David Duvall, present Coordinator of New Stu-

dent and Parent Programs, "Our goal is to help students get a better understanding of the university, its staff and its students as well. We would like for students to feel at home when they leave SOAR, so when they return in the fall, they feel very comfortable being here at Georgia Southern University."

For all involved in SOAR, a positive first impression is critical. As students and parents leave the campus with the Marvin Pittman Administration Building growing smaller in their rearview mirror and tons of new information swimming in their brains, it is the hope of the University that they will be excited about coming back to this place that they will call home for the next few years.

Registrar, admissions dealing with move

By Doug Kidd
Senior Writer

The old Political Science Building might not have a new name, but GSU Registrar Mike Deal doesn't mind taking visitors on a tour of the temporary building that his department and the admissions office now share.

Despite moving desks, computers, and thousands of files across campus three weeks ago, Deal and his coworkers are upbeat about their new home on Forest Drive.

The registrar's and admissions offices have not experienced the trouble they thought they would find when they moved from the Rosenwald Building. In fact, they've enjoyed it.

"We moved in very quickly and have gotten back to work," said Deal, noting that it took six days to fully

move into the former Political Science building. "The move caused some delays but as soon as we got the phones going and the computers working, we were back to normal."

Assistant Registrar Anne Montalvo agreed. "We had a few small problems, but all in all it went very smoothly. I give a lot of credit to personnel for their planning."

The registrar's and admissions departments were sent searching for a new building when the first phase of renovation of the Rosenwald Building started this summer. According to Deal, the only choices were to move to Forest Drive or to stay in Rosenwald.

"Moving [to the former Political Science Building] wasn't the preferable thing but it was better than staying in Rosenwald and working through the

construction," said Deal.

Both the registrar's and admissions offices will be in the temporary building for the entirety of the Rosenwald renovation. Construction—to all three floors of the South wing—is expected to last for three years.

Deal explained that construction was starting on the third floor and that they were "pretty much gutting it and redoing it one floor per year."

The University has only secured state funds for enough work for one floor, Deal said. GSU will have to wait for their allotment of money each subsequent year to finish the project.

"Of course, construction doesn't go as planned, so it could be longer," Deal said.

Meanwhile, both departments are getting used to their new home.

"Here, we're all in one place," said publications specialist Caroline Collins of the temporary building. "At Rosenwald, [the registrar's office] was split up between three floors. I think at times that confused students."

The new setup has been to the employees' liking. Whereas most people didn't have an office of their own in Rosenwald, most of the registrar's staff now do.

"We would prefer to be in a more permanent building but we actually have more space here than in Rosenwald," Deal said. "The additional space has made it an easier transition than we thought it would be. We were cramped over there."

The extra room and offices has made the job of the admissions and registrars staff easier and more confidential. Deal cited graduation counselors as an example. Before the move to the temporary building, counse-

lors had to discuss students' records in the middle of a crowded room.

Now—with their own offices—it's much more easier for counselors to talk in private with students. "I think it's much better than our previous setup," Deal said.

One obstacle that hasn't been cleared by the registrar's staff is the issue of parking. At Rosenwald, plenty of parking spaces were available for both the registrar's and admissions departments.

With the move to Forest Drive, parking is scarce.

"Parking is our biggest negative," Deal said, noting that while about 15 political science employees are leaving the temporary building, more than 60 are replacing them, and it doesn't appear to be getting better.

While they've enjoyed the luxury of using Olliff Hall's residential parking this summer, the registrar's and admissions offices know that setup won't last.

The parking lot across from the Forest Drive Building is scheduled to be resurfaced this fall, leaving parking officials scrambling to find replacements.

Bob Chambers, director of Parking and Transportation, said that his department is working on different scenarios dealing with commuter, residential and faculty and staff parking.

"We don't have it all sorted out yet, but it will be settled before fall," Chambers said.

With faculty parking being limited with the resurfacing, Deal knows the problem is not fading.

"It's probably going to get worse before it gets it better."

Rape continues to raise concern in GSU and Statesboro community

G-A News Service

Statesboro police officers responded to a rape July 6 at approximately 6 a.m. on Robin Hood trail.

The victim stated that an unknown black male woke her up and threatened her with a firearm, then raped her.

The offender is also described as having a husky voice.

No further description is available at this time.

The victim was transported to East Georgia Re-

gional Medical Center by EMS.

She was treated for minor injuries sustained during the assault, then later released.

The case is currently under investigation by the Statesboro Police Department Criminal Investigations Division.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact the Statesboro Police Department at 764-9911 or the Criminal Investigations Division at 489-8217.



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TEMPORARY HOME: The old Political Science Building on Forest Drive is now the temporary home of the Registrar and the Admissions Office while the Rosenwald Building on Sweetheart Circle is being remodeled.

A REFRESHING TRADITION...



LaVene Bell

WATERMELON CUTTING TIME: Every summer, Dr. Bruce Grube and other administrators gather near Lakeside for the slicing of watermelons. This summer, the watermelons cooled off participants during the scorchingly hot morning.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety

June 27

•Michael Charles Knight, 33, Leesburg, Fla., was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

•A laptop computer was reported missing from the Hanner Fieldhouse.

June 28

•Michael Beau McGee, 20, Swainsboro, was charged with DUI and tail lights required.

July 3

•A cell phone was reported missing from the RAC building.

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July 4

•Terry L. Roberts, 41, Statesboro, was charged with DUI (.21 gm %) and no tail lights.

July 6

•Phillip C. Griffith, 20, 1707 Chandler Road, was arrested and charged with DUI (.09 gm %), failure to obey traffic device, and no proof of insurance.

July 8

•Triston P. McDonald, 19, Statesboro, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Eric T. Hudson, 22, Hephzibah, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Statesboro Police Department

July 4

•Joseph Geiger, no age available, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Reginald Ellison, no age available, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Sarah Akines 19, of Lawrenceville, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Leslie Ann Morgan, 18, of Metter, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Antonio Terrell Linder, 23, of Solomon Circle, was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and furnishing alcohol to persons under 21.

•Jefferey Clifton McDaniel, 18, of Ellabell, was arrested for DUI and following too closely.

July 5

•Danielle Celeste Edwards, 21, of Harvey Drive, was arrested for shoplifting.

July 7

•Sara Martin, 22, of Eagle Branch, was arrested for furnishing alcohol to persons under 21.

•Chris Brazwell, 17, of Sylvania, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Robert Gunter, 19, of Zettwell Road, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Jason Morgan, 17, of Newington, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Blake Blocker, 18, of Glenville, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Julie Brant, 19, of the Garden District, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Katie Northup, 19, of Clubview Drive, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

•Ryan Everett, 19, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Eddie Lorenza Wertz, 24, of North Jackson Road, was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and furnishing alcohol to persons under 21.

July 8

•Robert Young, 21, of North Easy Street, was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

•Shawn Williams, 23, of North Easy Street, was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

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

—All Police Beat information is compiled by Jake Hallman, news editor.

GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF

Savannah gaining respect as publishing stronghold

Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Savannah landed on the literary map with "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Now a cluster of small publishing houses here say the city is gaining respect for putting out titles itself.

The Savannah College of Art and Design started its own press, Design Press Books, four years ago. Publishers now seek out its wares, a mix of art books, cook books, and original children's books.

Savannah also boasts the 31-year-old Beehive Press, with books on Georgia history, and 19-year-old Frederic C. Beil Publisher Inc., which offers novels and books on aviation, medicine and Savannah history.

The success of Savannah publishers reflects a nationwide trend: Independent presses are thriving all across the country.

The nation's 53,479 independent publishers earned an estimated \$14.3 billion in sales in 1999 — the last year for which figures are available — according to a report by a New York City-based trade group. By comparison, the American Association of Publishers pegged sales for all publishers in 1999 at \$24.4 billion.

And not only are many small presses flourishing; their numbers are up. They're growing at the rate of 7,000 new publishers a year, according to Publishers

Weekly.

The big publishers are "focused on the bottom line," looking for a blockbuster novelist, "the next Stephen King," said Carolyn Sakowski, president of John F. Blair Publishing in Winston-Salem, N.C.

"We don't have a corporate board of directors in Hong Kong or Brussels. We can be more open to new authors in new areas," said Ken W. Boyd, president of the Publishing Association of the South and Cherokee Publishing Co. in Marietta.

Some aspiring Savannah writers aren't satisfied to sit and wait for an acceptance letter from a publisher. Local residents of every stripe — real estate brokers, a Tybee Island plumber, a grandmother from The Landings — have written books, then paid to print and market them.

In addition, nearly every cultural institution in town has started publishing or packaging its own books.

The Telfair Museum of Art has published five books on Savannah art and culture in the last 10 years. The Oglethorpe Press, created four years ago by bookseller Esther Shaver and Downtown Neighborhood Association President Stephanie Jackel, republishes books on Savannah history that were out of print and just released a new book on Colonial Cemetery.

The Ships of the Sea Mari-

time Museum has published four books in the last four years, including one produced this year with the Beehive Press — a pictorial history of Civil War ships. And the Georgia Historical Society publishes about one book a year.

Even the city of Savannah's Leisure Services Department has gotten into the act. Under its "Weave A Dream" program, the department gave retired minister Charles Hoskins \$5,000 to publish his book on Savannah's African-American heritage, "Yet with a Steady Beat."

Publishing "enriches our lives here," said Telfair Museum Executive Director Diane Lesko. "It enriches the experience of the tourist. If a book reflects an interest in Savannah, it cannot but help this wonderful city."

The main thing holding Savannah back, publishers say, is Yankee prejudice against Southern writing and scholarship.

"The really hard part is the selling of the book," Beehive founder Mills Lane observed. A big problem: "condescension against Southerners." Lane noted an ignored book of 18th century illustrations depicting the New World.

"If it had been published by the Oxford University Press, it would have gotten a lot of attention. But it didn't get much attention," he said.

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Dyed squirrels roam Gonzaga University

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Squirrels that scamper across the Gonzaga University campus have an even wilder look about them these days.

With their fur dyed black, red and green and sometimes reckless behavior, the arboreal rodents could be compared to some freshmen who live in DeSmet Hall.

But their punk hairdos, and a stuffed bobcat that roams the campus on a motorized cart, are all in the name of science.

Hugh Lefcort's summer biology project is the reason for the squirrels' unusual colors. They're being dyed so Lefcort and his student researchers can tell them apart at a distance.

The squirrels' reckless behavior is at the heart of Lefcort's project.

The associate professor in biology is studying whether squirrels that have parasites are less cautious than their healthy counterparts. Parasites often cause reckless behavior in other animals, such as snails and tadpoles, he says.

Some parasites don't like to wait for animals to die, "because it can take a long period of time," Lefcort says. "So what the parasites do is, they actually have ways to make the first infected animal careless, like a rabid dog is careless."

Like many universities in the northwest, Gonzaga's vibrant 110-acre campus is overrun with cuddly rodents in the summer months. Because most of the squirrels already carry parasites, such as tapeworms and fleas, Lefcort traps them and injects them with anti-parasite drugs.

Golf ball-sized lumps of peanut butter, molasses and oats are used to lure the squirrels into traps.

Lefcort leaves his name and phone number posted on the metal mesh traps and often has to reassure concerned residents that he's not harming the squirrels.

The 40-minute process doesn't seem to bother the rodents, says Lefcort, who sometimes watches the traps from nearby bushes.

"They keep coming back, so it must be worth it," he said. "They know (we) just let them go."

Trapping the squirrels is so easy, it's actually become something of a problem for the study, Lefcort says. They just can't seem to keep their paws off the free

food and the same squirrels keep coming back to the traps.

A female squirrel marked with red stripes is the most gluttonous of the bunch. She's been trapped at least four times. Because she's already been vaccinated,

the researchers immediately release her.

Lefcort color codes the squirrels with streaks of black and red stripes or dots of green and releases them.

He and his students wait to see if the treated squirrels are more alert than their neighbors to the threat of predators.

A stuffed bobcat mounted on a remote control car is used to simulate danger. Lefcort

measures how quickly the squirrels bolt from the stalking bobcat.

The squirrels see the bobcat as an enemy because house cats prowl Gonzaga's urban campus at night, Lefcort said.

"The squirrels take it pretty seriously," he says. "They're not scared of humans but they are scared of cats. I mean, those house cats, they don't kid around."

Lefcort said he got the idea for the bobcat on wheels as a graduate student, after reading a paper about a similar study. He bought the stuffed cat for \$230 on an Internet auction site.

A \$29,600 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust pays for the summer project, as well as a larger separate study on the affects of heavy metals on snails.

Results from the squirrel study are still being analyzed, but Lefcort plans to submit his findings to national science journals.

"Students love it," he said. "It's a summer side project, but it's also serious work."

ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 New Mexico Middle school student twists ankle, gets \$15,000 in settlement

SANTA FE — A Santa Fe middle school student who twisted his ankle in a gopher hole on the school's playground has been awarded \$15,000 in a settlement with Santa Fe Public Schools.

Ruben Leyba was 13 in 1997 when he hurt his ankle at De Vargas Middle School while playing football against Moriarty on the De Vargas field.

"This is a weird one," said Kevin Sovereign of the Carl Warren Co., the claims adjuster for the New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority, which paid the money.

Sovereign said the boy's family had several thousand dollars in medical bills, including those for surgery to remove a cyst on his ankle.

Though Sovereign said some of the bills were questionable, a settlement was the best route for the school district.

"Santa Fe juries are very generous," Sovereign said. "We don't like to go to trial in Santa Fe just for that reason."

Leyba will receive about a third of the money after attorney's fees and other expenses are paid, Sovereign said.

Santa Fe Public Schools has had trouble in recent years with gophers and prairie dogs burrowing in school playing fields.

This summer, the district paid a contractor \$20,000 to relocate prairie dogs and plug their burrows at several schools, including De Vargas.

2 Connecticut Man turns manure into money

LITCHFIELD — Russell Wheeler has found a way to turn manure into money. Wheeler has started a business in which he takes the waste from horse and exotic animal farms, mixes it with leaves, grass and wood chips gathered in his landscaping business and creates designer composts for gardeners.

Wheeler, 30, says the ingredients for his product are easy to come by, because tough environmental regulations have made it difficult for zoos and other to get rid of the waste they generate.

Abetted by a boom in exotic-animal collecting in Litchfield County and a state Department of Environmental Protection that is increasingly vigilant about preventing toxic runoff into rural wetlands and streams, Wheeler says he's almost literally up to his ears in dung.

Other regulations were preventing local landfills from accepting "natural waste," removing a dumping site for the tons of leaves, grass and wood chips that Wheeler's screws remove from his clients' properties.

"The point is that we're not just marketing an effective fertilizer for people's gardens," he said. "As a society, we're going to have to get waste products out of the landfills and the waste stream and put them to good use."

After enrolling in the University of Maine's "Compost School" course to learn mixing techniques, Wheeler converted his back lot into a massive compost operation and began marketing



both a wholesale and retail version of what he's now calling "Comp-Soil."

As word got around that Wheeler was collecting manure for his operation, exotic animal farmers and even out-of-state zoos began calling. Wheeler discovered that besides locally available zebra, giraffe and llama manure, there is a brisk national market in everything from elephant to rhinoceros dung.

"People would hear that I just got in a load of zebra or elephant manure and call and ask for a ton," Wheeler said. "Well, you just can't supply that much at any one time. It doesn't come in that large an amount, and it has to be composted properly."

Wheeler's compost operation behind his landscaping sheds is a maze of leaf piles, recently trucked-in manure and wood chips. A proper "active" mix of ingredients includes nitrogen-producing substances such as grass and manure layered in with carbon-producing straw, leaves and wood

chips. Frequently turned over and exposed to air and water, the "nitrogen-carbon" blend naturally ferments at between 130 and 160 degrees Fahrenheit to produce a rich compost.

Wheeler has no difficulty marketing his wholesale products and is experimenting with packaging and branding strategies to develop his retail business beyond the handful of hardware stores and gardening shops that carry his "Comp-Soil" and "Compilizer" mixes.

His new "Safari Mix" of African manures will be sold in burlap bags that can be reused by purchasers as satchels. Most blends sell for \$8 to \$14 a pound.

There's no limit, Wheeler feels, to the manure products he can offer.

Pointing to a pile from a hog farm, he said, "I'm going to compost that pile up good and take several loads around to Harley Davidson motorcycle shows."

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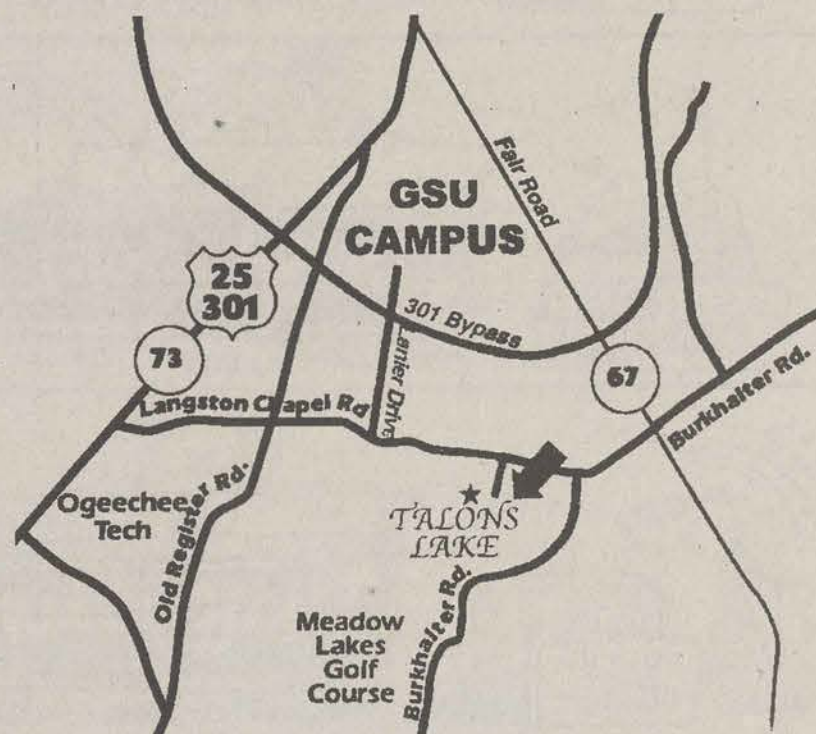
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CHANGES IN GSU AND STATESBORO COMMUNITIES ARE A GREAT THING

Great changes have been made in the GSU and the Statesboro communities this summer. The Henderson Library has multi-million dollar plans underway to renovate and add to its building, the new Science and Nursing Building is

students has been built right off of Highway 67 near Meadow Lakes Golf Course.

In town, Wendy's has been leveled and a new one is the process of being built so that it faces Fair Road and has a new entrance. New roadways are finally being built throughout the city to adjust to the growing population in Statesboro. A new gas station and Wachovia ATM are being built across from The Garden District and land all along the 301 Bypass is on the market for the sole purpose of commercial use. A car wash is currently being built on Chandler Road next to Parker's.

With all the growth and expansion that has been, and is currently underway in Statesboro and Georgia Southern, it clearly shows that this community is making a name for itself and that it is drawing interest from the outside as well as from the surrounding communities. The George-Anne proudly says "Yee Haw" to all the progress that is adding to the convenience and prosperity of the GSU and Statesboro Community. Some say that the growth will take away from the small-town charm of Statesboro, but we feel that it can also be a very positive attribute to this town and will help to make Statesboro and GSU even brighter on the map.

Our Opinion

already in the construction process, and the addition to the Continuing Education building is nearly completed.

The Rosenwald Building, which houses the Registrar's Office and Admissions, is in the process of remodeling. The old Political Science Building even got a facelift of sorts when the Registrar's Office and Admissions were relocated there.

On campus Sterling Pines University Apartments, The Woodlands, and land is currently being cleared for the building of a new apartment complex adjacent to Paulson Stadium. Talon's Lake, a housing community solely for

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The Op-ed is dead

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College columnists are bad about this. The doors to the campus papers aren't exactly being beaten down by

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people wanting to be writers, so the competition factor is pretty much non-existent. Sure, there are the other staffers, but most of them don't see themselves competing with their buddy at the computer next to them. So what happens? They write about "whatever."

Let me explain a couple of things before I go any further. A columnist should address an issue. These issues should be ones that have an impact on their readership. They should have an impact on the community and they should offer up suggestions on how to change things.

So what do college columnists do for the most part? They talk about what they had for lunch last week and how it ruined the month. They make unwarranted personal attacks on people of little or no importance. They put little inside jokes to their friends that most of the students can't get.

This is destructive not only to the guilty columnist, but for the paper and the other columnists as well.

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most media give you credit for. You do take note of the world around you and after a while you start to notice that the op-ed page isn't really offering you anything at all.

Granted, not all columnists should write in a hard, in-your-face style. Humor columnists are a vital part of the op-ed page. A true humor columnist will hide viable messages in their jokes and the reader may not get it upon reading it, but trust me, it's there.

Columnists often make the mistake of assuming that they have an audience. Yes, like I said, the paper will come out tomorrow and their work, with a little picture of them, will be there, but after a while, the self-indulgent crap starts to be either completely ignored by the

reader, or becomes a sad joke. The lazy columnists, however, don't see this at all. People like it because it's in the

paper," they'll say.

Yeah, and they'll watch grass grow because it's in the front yard.

Why do you think that most newspapers run syndicated columns? These nationally recognized writers know what makes a good column. They treat the reader like they have a functional brain and they present them with issues that affect them. Jack Anderson, Molly Ivans, and Richard Manning all write about relevant topics. I challenge you to find them writing about anything but.

So why are so many college columnists so oblivious to this?

Probably because fluff is easy and anything else would be more like actual work.

Or maybe that's all they know.

Either way, they don't need to be called columnists.

Chris Brenneman is an award-winning columnist and can be reached at <http://stouthouse.8m.com>

Encounters with the supernatural

The damndest thing happened to me a couple of days ago.

I was the only awake person in my house—my roommate was away watching "The Usual Suspects" with a couple of friends,

and the girlfriend was snoozing away since she's got to be at work at 10 in the morning.

The roommate's girlfriend called. She just moved to Athens, around four hours away, and she wanted to say goodnight to him. We talked for a while, and she mentioned that she'd been checking out our house webcam, the "Stoutcam," to keep tabs on us.

I step into the living room and look at the cam on the laptop we have set up for the live feed. It shows

someone sitting in the big, blue chair.

"Odd," I think. "It's been running well, considering it's Win98..."

Then I notice the ever-present background fuzz is moving. I wave my hand in front of the camera.

It's working. I look back behind me at the chair. No one's there.

At least, not in person. On the Stoutcam, there most certainly is someone there. I'm still on the phone with the roommate's lady, and screaming "Oh, shit, Oh, shit, Oh, shit..." as I attempt to explain the situation to her.

Using what little sense of rationality I have left, I run to my big, bad desktop system in the back of the house to check the site. Sure enough, the chair is now empty. I run back and check the laptop feed. It's still empty.

The whole time, no one has actually been in the chair, except on the Stoutcam.

And it's running live with no hardware or software glitches. There's simply someone with longish dark hair sitting with their back to me in the blue chair in the picture, but not in front of me.

My roommate gets home a little while

later, and, still fairly trembling, I relate the story to him.

"Yeah, same thing happened to me this morning," he said. He'd waved at the camera at 1 p.m. (to say "Hi" to his girlfriend), and he'd noticed the same person sitting in the chair. He, being of more sound mind than I, noted that they were wearing a blue shirt with small white dots.

He wasn't worried by this. He figured it was just a trick of the light. I'm not so sure, since I damn sure can't see the person now.

Creepy. Very, very creepy. I don't know who originally owned the chair in question, since my Mom got it for me a couple of years ago from a local junk shop.

In addition, the good Mr. Brenneman called me the next day. Out of the blue, he asked which one of us, me or the roommate, was sitting in the blue chair the day before.

"Um, neither of us were home... Let me tell you a story."

We ran the lovely LaVene, she of the psychic powers, through the house yesterday. She didn't see anything, but

reported a male presence.

I didn't believe her, so I called the undead gent out using various degrees of profanity. Y'see, I still wasn't completely convinced.

"Jake, I feel something," she said after my tirade.

"Really?" I crossed the room toward her.

"Oh, my God. It's following you!"

Great. Just great. Now I can't go to the bathroom without being scared. I'm worried to be alone in the house, since LaVene told me it might do something when I was all alone, thanks to my earlier calling it "a wussy little ghost."

Wonderful.

I haven't felt any drafts or malevolent presences in the house. Hell, my roommate doesn't believe in that sort of thing, and I've got Jesus to keep me safe. Still, I'm wondering why the cat will spend long periods seemingly staring at nothing at all.

Jake Hallman isn't an award-winning columnist... yet. He can be reached at <http://stouthouse.8m.com>.

Coming face to face with reality

I try to be a happy person, but at times it is hard when reality is staring me in the face.

The sole purpose of my parents bringing me to this country is that I could literally be whoever the heck I want to be, because they felt that in a nation such as Pakistan my options could be somewhat limited due to the simple fact that I am a female, even though Pakistan has had a female prime minister despite the fact that it is a conservative Muslim nation.

Just like all good parents they want nothing but the best for me

and believe that I can do anything I want. When I was younger they got me into playing tennis, and I competed on the junior circuit.

I had a few scholarship offers when I was a sophomore in high school, but I decided to quit altogether, just because it was "too hard" to go out and practice every day when everyone else was talking on the phone, going to the movies and just doing whatever they wanted. So I just became like them.

I finished high school and came to college. Somewhere along the way I had already lost the spirit and the determination to be the best person I can be and to push myself to the limit. I became too wrapped up in living "for the moment," not realizing that it will determine all the next moments in my life.

I made a fatal mistake of directing all my energy towards things that were out of my control or making me lose control and focus of what was important. I let temptation stray me

from the path to success, yet I wasn't bothered enough by it to make a change. I felt as if I was fine and life was good.

I have always been a caring person who tries to treat people the way I would like for them to treat me, but yet you can't change anyone. I feel like I wasted a lot of energy over people, places and situations that would not lead me anywhere in life, even though I refused to see the truth.

Cutting this B.S. out of my life would have made everything a lot clearer, but who cares about the truth when lies are more convenient?

The point to this sob story is that it is not easy to change my attitude, especially when I have been going along and accepting my own shortcomings. I shouldn't even be writing this, because I should already be the type of "woman" I see myself as, instead of realizing now who I am and what I want to be.

I should have already spent enough time with myself to learn what I needed to change. Instead I had to wait so long

that others have to worry about me and teach me in ways I might not always appreciate.

I have heard before that your twenties make you the person you are, yet that should not have been my excuse to grow as a human being. There are so many people who grow up, knowing exactly who they are and what they want out of life before they are even out of their teens. My sister is a good example of that.

Though she is younger than me, it is evident to everyone that she has learned the basics of life before I even accepted them.

I have always put off doing things assuming I will have time later, not realizing that life is short and I don't have time to waste running around care-free. I realize my life is precious and it is truly a blessing that I was born as a human being, a decent human being... so why not act like it?

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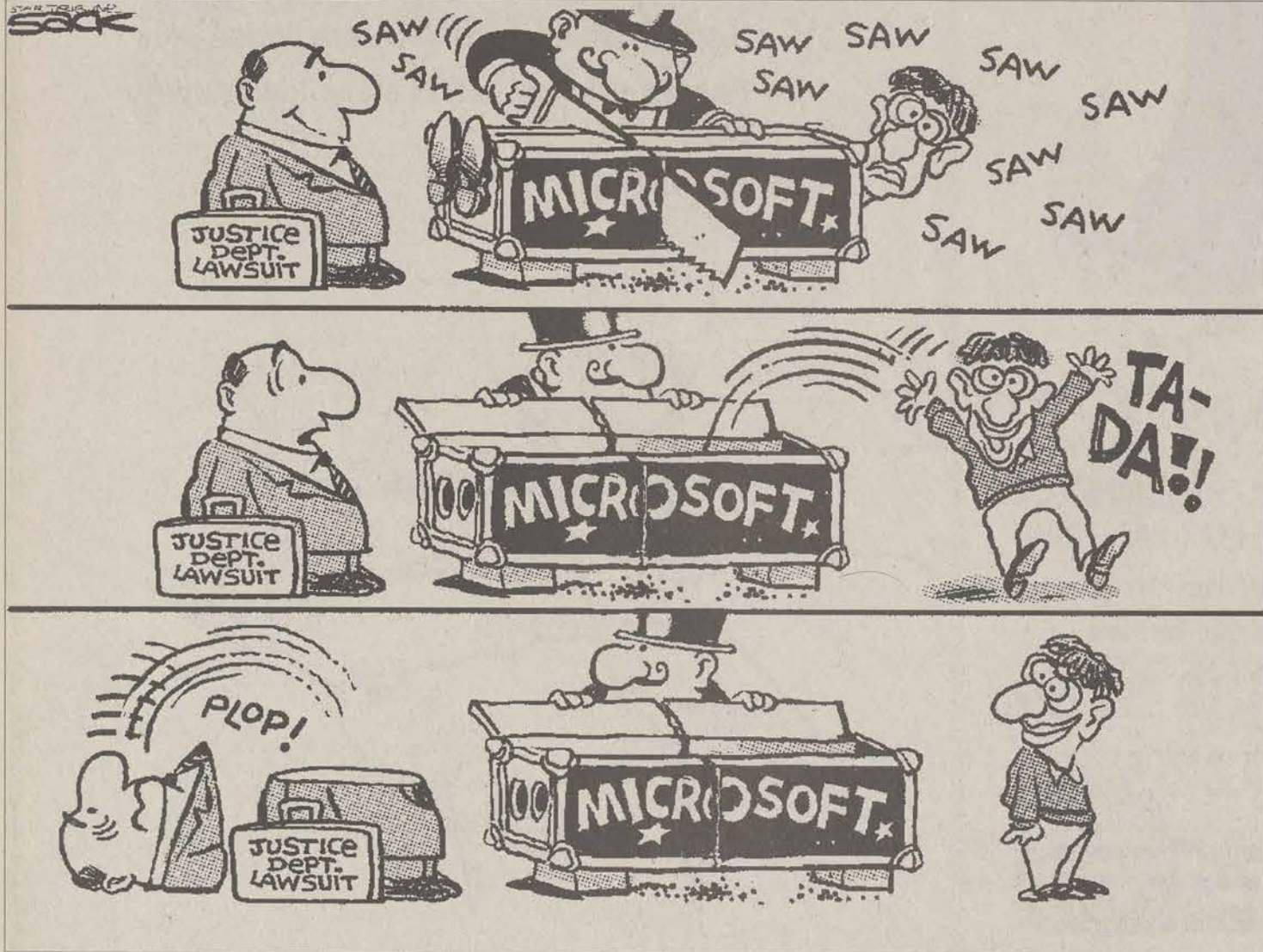
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GSU hosts several summer camps

By Teresa D. Southern
Staff Writer

If finding something to do around GSU is difficult for college students, imagine being younger during a sweltering Statesboro summer.

GSU is holding a number of summer activities to keep the boredom away for those too young for the university, including hosting several summer camps.

These camps range in specialties from cheerleading to archaeology camps. Judy Hendrix, an administrative specialist in the GSU continuing education department, organizes cheerleading, marching auxiliary and dance camps. The camps are organized by program specialists out of the five colleges on campus.

"By the end of the summer about 700

kids will have been involved in these camps alone," Hendrix said.

Participants in these camps live in university housing and take full advantage of the campus, using the RAC and eating in cafeterias. The students pay about 30 dollars a day for 2-4 days of instruction.

The Center for Wildlife Education and the Lamar Q. Ball, Jr. Raptor Center holds camps also, mostly day camps for ages 8-18 and some one day camps such as a volunteer training camp for individuals who would like to volunteer at the Center throughout the year.

Another Raptor Center camp is for young naturalists from eight to twelve years old. In this camp children learn activities like birding and gardening for wildlife. Other day camps are held for

elementary students which include wildlife scavenger hunts and water olympics.

Another camp being held by Continuing Education is an archaeology summer day camp for children 12-15. Students enrolled in this camp work at a real archeological site, dig in units, unearth artifacts under the tutelage of archaeologists and learn about the cultures of those who lived in this area. This camp is 75 dollars per session and is being held this week through July 13. Another session will be held July 16-20.

Funds from all these camps benefit Auxiliary Services and the respective centers that host them.

For more information about these camps and others contact the Department of Continuing Education at 681-5555, or the Raptor Center at 681-0831.

U. of Texas pulls comic strip making light of Bush daughter's drinking

TMS Campus

In keeping with their promise to only report on Jenna Bush as a regular student, the University of Texas student newspaper decided to pull a comic strip that depicted a conversation between President Bush and daughter Jenna.

The June 13 Doonesbury comic contained a scene from the White House where President Bush reprimands Jenna for her recent alcohol arrests.

"You're the President's daughter! You know you're in the limelight! And that means no drinking!" the strip depicts the President as say-

ing to Jenna.

"Oh, please, daddy! When you were my age, you drank like a fish! And you had a famous political father, too!" Jenna responds in the cartoon.

Jenna Bush, who just finished her sophomore year at the Austin campus, has had a few recent scrapes with the law, including two alcohol-related arrests and an instance when Jenna called a police department that had arrested her boyfriend for underage drinking. The Daily Texan has declined to cover any of those incidents.

The student newspaper's

policy is to cover all students equally, famous, infamous or otherwise, said The Daily Texan editor Marshall Maher.

"We decided ... if we didn't think a minor alcohol infraction was a story for any other student, then we didn't think it was a story just because it was Jenna Bush," Maher told The Austin Chronicle.

The Texan would change it's policy, however, if Jenna was arrested a third time for an alcohol infraction, making her eligible for jail time under a law her father signed as governor of Texas, Maher said.

One week after suspension, Napster sits idle as fans move on

TMS Campus

Proponents of file sharing and MP3s are once again buzzing about Napster. Only this time, one week after the company indefinitely postponed file trading on its networks, the talk sounds more like a funeral march than a rallying cry.

The temporary shutdown began after Napster required all of its users to upgrade to a new version of the Napster software. The new software would ensure that users could trade only songs approved for exchange on Napster's servers, while older versions of the software, which employed no such restrictions, would no longer communicate properly with the server.

But when the new software failed July 2 to communicate properly with the network's database, Napster suspended all trading until the matter could be resolved.

That was only a week ago, but members of one MP3-themed Internet Relay Chat (IRC) discussion group are already calling it curtains for the company, claiming that company sold out its biggest supporters for "a deal with the devil," as one user described

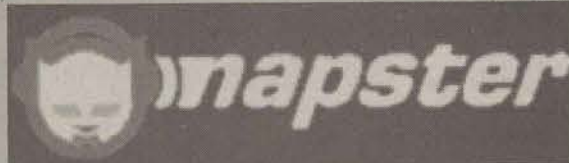
the company's attempts at forming a pay service.

"The y moan and groan and make us all download new software, and then the software doesn't even work," wrote one poster. "Is anyone still waiting for them to get their [explicative] together again?"

Another poster said that Napster, which is working with several major labels in hopes of forming the aforementioned pay service, doesn't stand a chance as free services, such as Aimster, Bearshare and IRC itself, continue to offer collections that exceed those on Napster.

"Napster was ALL about finding cool live stuff and rare tracks, not whatever garbage some record company is trying to cram down my throat!" read the post.

In a message to users on its Web site, Napster made assurances that



SUDDENLY UNPOPULAR: With Napster blocking all file transfers, users are abandoning the once-popular software.

file sharing will resume "as soon as possible," but that "we can't yet give a precise time."

"There are now over 800,000 musical works for which Napster has received notice from record companies and publishing companies [to remove from the service]," continued the message. "The database of these works had to be rebuilt to support the new file identification technology, and when you're dealing with such large numbers, things are bound to be complicated."

Still, while the company scrambles to squash the bugs, some former fans have moved on for good.

"I trashed my Napster app today, and I don't plan on downloading it again," one poster wrote.

Two arrested for burglarizing Williams Center

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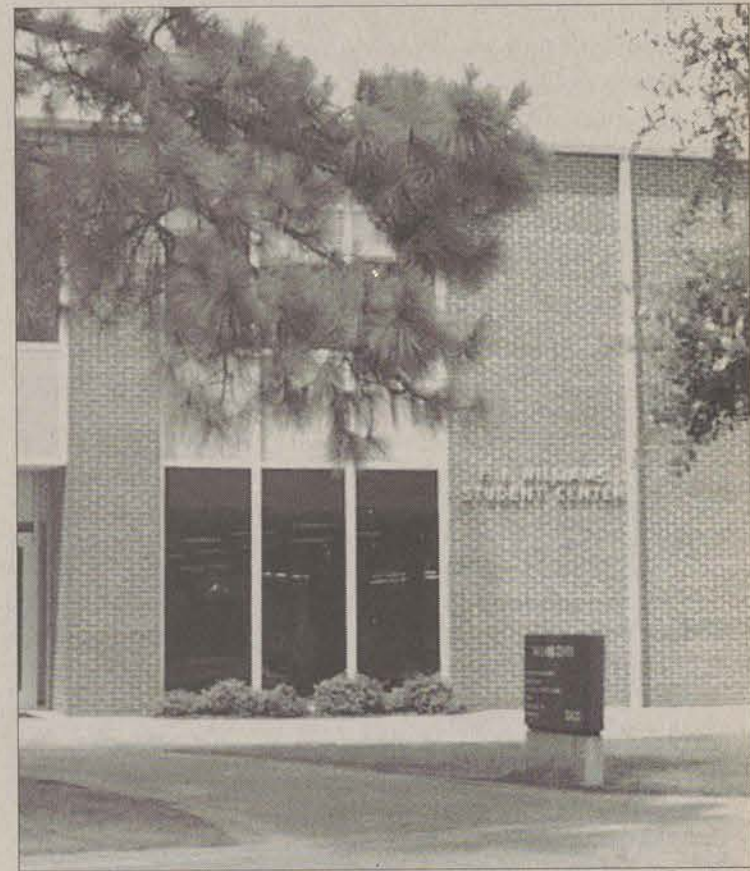
Two brothers, one a GSU student, were arrested Friday, June 29, at approximately 2:15 a.m. for allegedly burglarizing the Williams Center on the GSU campus.

David Nathaniel Koepke, 23, of Stadium Place, and Christopher Joseph Koepke, 20, of Jacksonville, Florida, were arrested that night and charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools after a traffic stop by University Police.

Investigation revealed that the two individuals allegedly burglarized an office in the Williams Center.

Recovered were a number of computers, a laptop computer, and computer parts.

The investigation is being conducted by the Criminal Investigation Department of the University Police Department. No further investigation is available at this time.



Jill Burnham

BUILDING BURGLARIZED: GSU's Williams Center was allegedly burglarized by two individuals early on June 29. The two, one of which is a GSU student, were arrested after a traffic stop by University Police.

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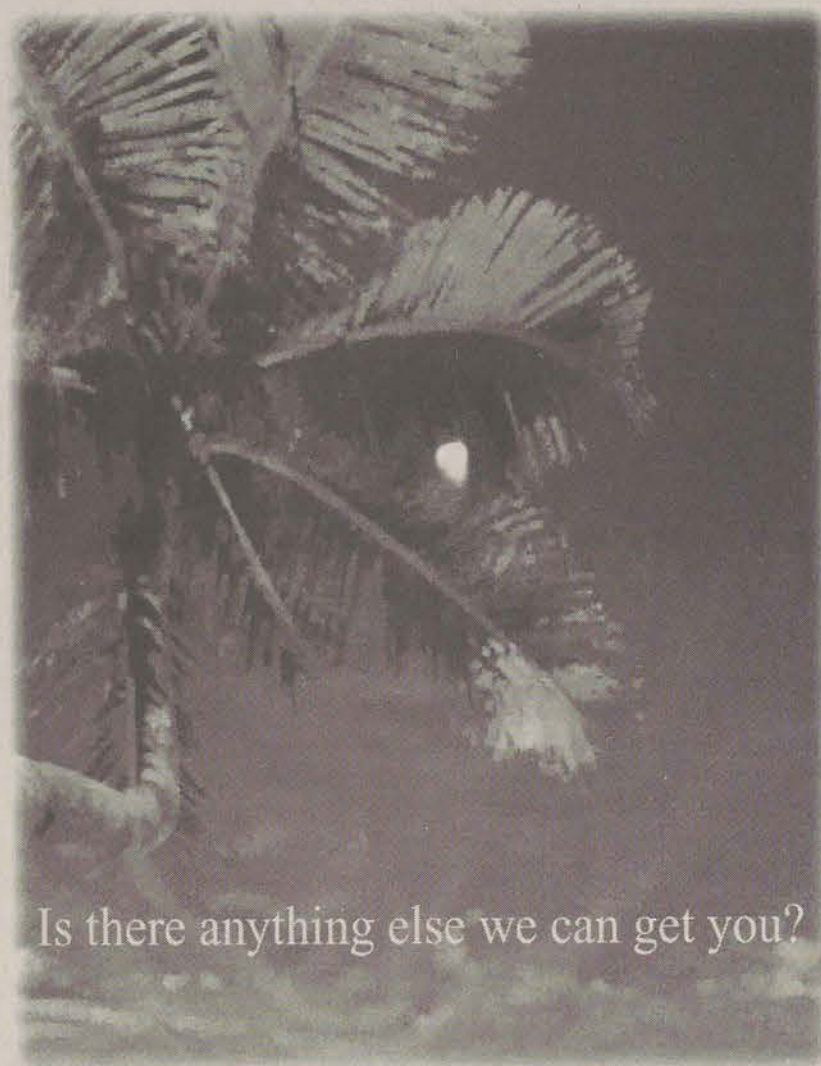
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Peterson supporters shooting for the Heisman

•2001 GSU Football scheduling explained, Southern Conference TV schedule announced

Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

Forget the Payton Award, supporters of Adrian Peterson are shooting for the Heisman.

An Atlanta radio station has started a campaign to land GSU's all-time leading rusher college football's top prize. Last month, 790AM The Zone began taking donations for a "Peterson for Heisman" fund.

"We were discussing the legitimacy of a Division I-AA player competing for the Heisman, and a lot of Georgia Southern fans chimed in about Adrian Peterson," said Drew Wadell, producer of 790's morning sports talk show to the *Savannah Morning News* last week.

"We know a small school like Georgia Southern doesn't have much money to promote Peterson. We just thought we'd give them a hand."

So far the radio station has received more than half of the estimated \$5,000-\$10,000 needed to erect a billboard somewhere between midtown and south Atlanta.

"It's a great feeling to be spoken of as a Heisman candidate. It's a great honor," said Peterson, who has rushed for 7,366 yards and 93 touchdowns in his career.

Last season, the GSU sports information department sent

out compact discs to Heisman voters and established a website, www.ApforHeisman.com. Plans for 2001 are expected to be similar, although they have yet to be released.

Scheduling explained

No game against a I-A opponent?

A lot of Georgia Southern fans were a little disappointed when the 2001 schedule was released and no I-A opponent was listed, but it wasn't from a lack of effort from Athletic Director Sam Baker.

"We tried to schedule a I-A game but a lot of people

"IN ALL HONESTY, WE COULD HAVE PLAYED NEBRASKA THIS YEAR BUT I JUST THINK THAT'S ASKING A LOT OF ANYBODY," BAKER SAID. "THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE BIG 12 THAT DON'T EVEN WANT TO PLAY NEBRASKA."

don't want to play Georgia Southern because of our reputation," said Baker. "It makes it difficult to get a lot of I-A teams to play us."

Last year Baker and head coach Paul Johnson went looking for an opponent for the season-opening, September 1 game. They didn't have much luck, except from a perennial power.

"In all honesty, we could have played Nebraska this year but I just think that's asking a lot of anybody," Baker said. "There are people in the Big 12 that don't even want to play Nebraska."

Instead, Troy State will travel to Lincoln to take on the Huskers while GSU hosts Savannah State, a game that Baker said suits the Eagles just fine.

"We haven't played Savannah State since 1993, and it is a good local program. They should bring some fans and it should get a good bit of media attention in this area."

Baker is proud of the Eagles' second opponent, I-AA

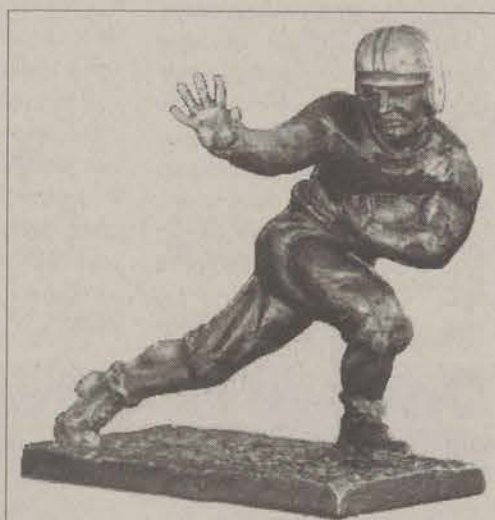
power Delaware. "I'd like to get some more games like Delaware," Baker said, noting that although GSU likes to play regional teams, games against the Atlantic-10 interest him.

Peterson, Pesqueira headline Pre-season All-America Team

Adrian

Peterson and Freddy Pesqueira were selected to The Sports Network's 2001 Division I-AA Preseason All-America team, leading a long list of Southern Conference players. Peterson, an All-American in each of his first three seasons, highlights the team along with fellow Southern Conference running back Louis Ivory.

Ivory, last season's Walter Payton Award winner (which signifies I-AA's top player), and Peterson (the 1999 winner) will once again be the odds-on favorites for the prize. No player has ever won two Payton awards in their career. Defensive tackle Freddy Pesqueira made the team after being one of the Eagles most reliable tacklers in his first two seasons, finishing second on the team in 1999 and 2000. The junior from Acworth is considered one of the frontrunners for the Buck Buchanan Award, given to I-AA's top defensive player.



Special Photo

PETERSON FOR THE HEISMAN?: Some supporters, including an Atlanta radio station, have started a campaign to help promote Adrian Peterson for the Heisman Trophy.

GSU Football Television Schedule

Game	Date	Channel
GSU-VMI	Sept. 29	Comcast Sports Southwest
GSU-App State	Oct. 13	Fox Sports Net South
GSU-East Tenn State	Oct. 27	Comcast Sports Southwest
GSU-Furman	Nov. 3	Fox Sports Net South

Walker recently named Coastal Plain League Player-of-Week



File Photo

GOING FOR IT: Walker makes a name for himself playing on a summer league team.

G-A News Service

Georgia Southern left fielder Chris Walker was named the Coastal Plain League Player-of-the-Week on June 13 after hitting .406 and accounting for 14 runs, 10 scored and four driven in, while recording four doubles in the first eight games of league action.

Walker is now hitting .273 for the Asheboro Copperheads, who stand 8-6 in the CPL, and is a perfect 14-of-14 in the stolen base department. He hit .303 for Georgia Southern during the 2001 season, finishing the year ranked ninth in the nation with 41 stolen bases.

Walker isn't the only Eagle to

excel during the first couple of weeks with his summer league team. Rising sophomore Brian Rogers, who also plays for the Copperheads, currently has a 0-1 record and a 5.40 ERA.

Eagle righthander Brett Lewis, who led GSU with nine victories in 2001, is 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in one start for the Orleans Cardinals of the Cape Cod League. Lewis surrendered six hits and one walk while striking out six in six innings of work.

Meanwhile, Georgia Southern shortstop and Jemel Spearman and right fielder Matt Herring are 1-2 in batting for the Front Royal Cardinals of the Valley League.

Spearman is hitting .380, sixth best in the league, while Herring is hitting .327, placing him 11th in the league stats. Spearman is also 7-of-7 in stolen bases for the Cardinals, third best in the league rankings.

Catcher A.J. Zickgraf is currently hitting .222 for the Newport Gulls of the New England Collegiate Baseball League while fellow catcher Grant Burrus is batting .385 in five games for the Cortland Apples of the Northeastern Collegiate Baseball League. Second baseman Chad Hall and outfielder Sean O'Donnell are also playing for Cortland, batting .200 and .143, respectively.

BEHIND THE SCENES: Roger Inman's king of the football field

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer
Roger Inman's day starts just a little after the sun comes up and some days it doesn't end until the sun's long been set. And the hard work Inman puts in makes him, in some circles, a bigger star in the Southern Conference than Adrian Peterson, J.R. Revere or Paul Johnson.

Inman, Director of Stadium Operations at Georgia Southern's Paulson Stadium, has produced one of the best playing surfaces in all the country and opposing teams let him know about it.

Inman gets the most notoriety because of Paulson Stadium, said GSU Athletic Director Sam Baker. "All those that play on it say that it's the nicest football stadium you can play in or on."

GSU head coach Paul Johnson has seen a lot of stadiums in his career, which included ten years in I-A, first at Hawaii and then the Naval Academy. "I've always said that the field at Paulson Stadium is one of the best in the country, not just I-AA," Johnson said.

Inman has been accountable for the Paulson Stadium grounds since 1991 when responsibility was taken away from the GSU physical plant. Ever since, Glenn Bryant Field at Paulson Stadium has been the focus of his concentration. "We have one of the top playing surfaces in the country because we take pride in grooming it as elite as it can be groomed," Inman said.

Inman credits the stadium's contractor for the excellent surface. Built in 1983, Glenn Bryant Field was covered with prescription athletic turf with special Tift Bermuda on a clay, sand and gravel base over a drainage system Inman calls "fantastic."

Starting at 7 a.m., Inman cuts and grooms the field everyday. Besides Bryant Field and the Paulson Stadium grounds, Inman is in charge of 11 and-a-half acres of practice fields and

a soccer field.

Inman is the only full-time employee. His only other source of manpower comes from a five-to-seven student crew that Inman hand-picks.

"I do my best to get students that live close to Statesboro so they won't be running home," said Inman. "And when they do they're not that far away." With only student workers (each working a couple of hours per day), Inman has been very lucky to keep the field nice. "I've found that student labor, when properly motivated, can be extremely good help," Inman said.

Baker said that the students' work ethic is a reflection on Inman. "They take great pride in it because Roger takes great pride; they know Roger cares. He has a great can-do spirit and he's not afraid to take on a task."

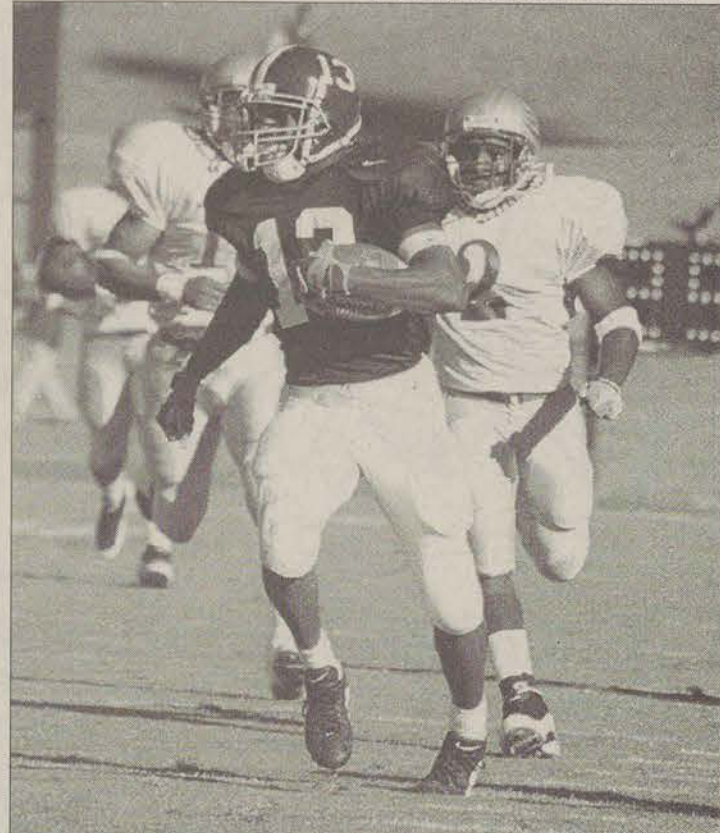
Inman's job has brought him praise not only from those in the program but outside it, as well.

Coach Johnson said he receives compliments from most teams

around the league for the shape of the field.

Baker said that when William & Mary came to Statesboro in 1997 the Tribe head coach said "he would take the field and package it up and take it back to Williamsburg if he could because it was the finest field that he had a team on." Inman tells of the 1991 National Championship game when Marshall players came out of the locker room and said to then-coach Jim Donnan, "Coach I thought you said we were playing on real grass." With all the green grass in the December cold, Inman couldn't have been happier. "It doesn't get any greater than when you can show off the field," he said. Inman cites 1989's Hugo Bowl as the field's finest moment. "At kickoff we had anywhere over a three hour period of eight inches of rain and ESPN's comments were 'the field never puddled,'" Inman said.

"The drainage was not a problem. It's as good a draining field as there is in the United



File Photo

GROOMING THE FIELD: Inman is the Director of Stadium Operations at Paulson Stadium. His efforts have made GSU's

Justin Miles named men's head tennis coach

G-A News Service

Justin Miles has been named head men's tennis coach at Georgia Southern University according to an announcement from athletics director Sam Baker Monday.

Miles, 25, replaces Andrew King, who resigned in May to pursue other business interests.

Prior to his appointment at GSU, Miles served as assistant men's and women's tennis coach at Morehead State (Ky.) University for two seasons. In addition to helping guide the Eagles' tennis efforts on the

court, he was also responsible for the program's conditioning, weight training, team travel, recruiting and academic monitoring of students.

Miles also spent one season as an undergraduate coach at alma mater Eastern Illinois University during the 1998-99 season after competing a two-year playing career which included selection to the institution's all-academic squad. Before moving to EIU, he enjoyed a stellar two-year career at the College of DuPage (Ill.) from 1994 to 1996 where he captured regional and sectional titles before advancing to the NJCAA National

Tournament.

In addition to his tennis experience, Miles also handled various administrative assignments, including the creation and coordination of MSU's Eagle Fall Classic Tennis Tournament in 2000 and the management of the school's 5K fundraising race in 1999.

Miles earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Eastern Illinois in 1999 before completing requirements for a master's degree in sports administration from Morehead State in May.

Eight-year-old shark attack victim receives support from community

TMS Campus

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss. — Jessie Arbogast is tough when it comes to handling pain, and he's cool in an emergency.

During the usual bumps and scrapes that 8-year-olds get into, he doesn't whine or cry, according to his day camp counselors who have known him and kept him after school and during summers for years.

His neighbors say he is likely to tell his friends to "suck it up" if they get hurt. But he also lives that philosophy.

"You'd have to ask him if he was hurt," said Vincent Burke, program director for the city Recreation Department.

"He has a high tolerance for pain. He always has. He never cried when he got hurt. The only time he cries is when he's going to get in trouble with his parents."

And now, everyone who loves him hopes that being tough will help pull him through after a vicious shark attack. Jessie is fighting for his life in a Florida hospital, suffering from the effects of blood loss and having his arm reattached above the elbow.

Described as extremely active, imaginative, playful and intelligent, Jessie was popular at his camp and in his neighborhood. His mother was a Boney, so he comes from a large, old Ocean Springs family with lots of aunts and uncles for support.

But even people who did not know him on the Gulf Coast are holding him in their prayers.

The employees of the Recreation Department are holding a car wash fund-raiser on Saturday, the mayor of Ocean Springs said the "heart of the

city" goes out to him and a dozen people have made deposits in a new bank account set up to help the family with medical costs.

At the Hancock Bank in east Ocean Springs, teller Jacob Danos said a family in a van drove from Gulfport to east Ocean Springs to contribute to the account, not

a star that's exploded."

Jessie is a good friend of Arnold's son, Christopher Idland, 8. Jessie and other kids in the neighborhood spend much of their spare time playing outside in Arnold's yard.

"Jessie is usually right there with them, squirting each other with water guns and giving each other sling shot rides on a flexible branch of my big old oak tree."

Jessie's not the type to sit in front of a television when the weather is nice, Arnold said.

"He plays with the other boys like they did in the old days, playing 'king of the mountain' type of games

outside, pretending their toys are swords."

Jessie, the youngest of four kids, has a knack for recalling "the most minute details, like things he saw when he went to Styx River in Alabama," Arnold said.

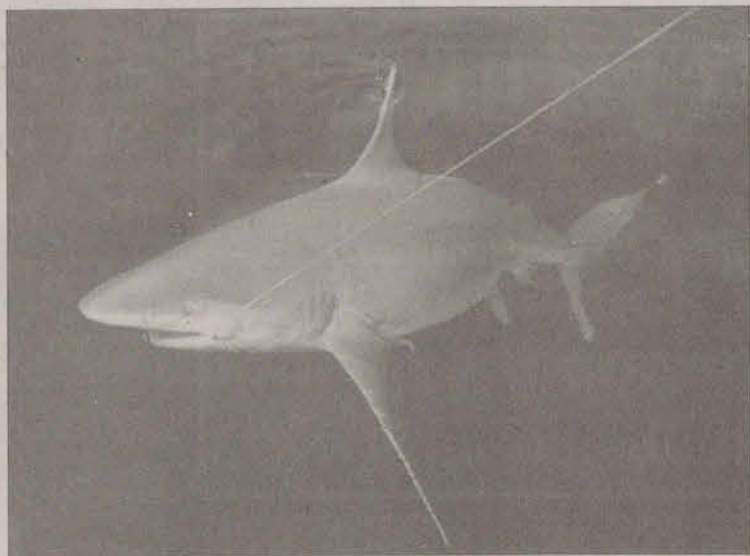
"These kids, they're like a family. I don't know what the kids in this neighborhood are going to do if Jessie doesn't pull through," said Arnold.

Neighbor Desiree Pickard, 11, said Jessie loves pizza and the "Digimon" cartoon show.

"His sister, Madelynn, is my best friend," said Pickard. "I'm really praying for them."

Neighbors say they're worried about the toll the tragedy is taking on Jessie's family.

Longtime members of St. Alphonsus Catholic Church recall the agony of Jessie's parents, David and Claire Arbogast, following another family accident. Dustin, their oldest son, was seriously injured in 1994 when he was struck by a car on Iberville Drive.



Special Photo

SHARK ATTACK IN FLORIDA: A bull shark like the one seen here, attacked 8-year old Jessie Arbogast earlier this week. Arbogast is fighting for his life in a Florida hospital, his arm having to be reattached above the elbow.

knowing they could make a deposit at any Hancock Bank.

Two years ago, riding the school bus to his after-school camp, Jessie stuck his little finger in a hole inside the bus and it wouldn't come out.

While the adults sped into action and the Fire Department was on the way, Jessie was calm, said Recreation Office Manager Geri Straight. "The adults would panic, but he never even got upset. The Fire Department came and saw a part off the bus and got his finger out."

His neighbors on Burton Court, the cul de sac where Jessie lives with his family of five, watched news reports on Monday to keep up with the latest information on Jessie.

Neighbor Susanne Arnold described Jessie as "very easy-going and extremely intelligent."

"Everybody likes to play with him," she said. "In some ways, he's a regular everyday little boy. He and my son have these big grown-up like debates on scientific things, like 'the sun is

Dry lakebeds entice illegal mud-bogging

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Florida's soggy, semi-dry lakebeds are proving irresistible to all-terrain vehicle and four-wheel-drive fans.

A number of lakes have been turned into mud-bogging sites, and what the drivers are doing is illegal, authorities said.

In some cases, such as at Lake Sherwood in west Orange County, the only way to get to the lake bottom is by trespassing through private property.

In other cases, the off-roaders are using dry public boat ramps - such as the one on Johns Lake at the Orange-Osceola county line off State Road 50.

Although the ramp is public, once the vehicles start digging ruts in the exposed lake bottom, they're breaking several laws.

"To begin with, when the tires start digging and spinning in the mud, technically they are dredging, and to dredge or fill a lake bottom, you need a permit," said Terry Zable, a permitting program manager in the Orlando office of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

In addition, Zable said, the lake bottoms are sovereign state lands, and the law mandates they be kept in their natural condition.

Bottoms scarred by crisscross ruts made by over-sized mud tires are not in a natural condition.

Zable said he's had several complaints from lakefront residents concerning a lake in Deltona, Sherwood Lake and Johns Lake.

He has given law-enforcement of-



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LAKE? WHAT LAKE?: Florida mudboggers are having a little too much fun in the state's dried up lakebeds, using their all-terrain vehicles to slip, slide, and dig through the soggy mud. Officials say that the mudboggers are breaking the law.

officials the specific statute numbers so they can start ticketing offenders.

Sam McKinney, regional fisheries biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said wildlife officers have gone to Johns Lake and warned the off-road drivers they were breaking the law.

McKinney said he is posting signs at the boat ramp warning against driving on the lake bottom.

If that doesn't stop the practice, he said, Lake County officials are considering closing the entire public park that includes the ramp.

Mike Leo said he and other Johns Lake homeowners live there for the

scenic beauty.

"The complete opposite is having a mud pit in your backyard," Leo said.

He and other residents erected temporary fencing to keep the four-wheelers out of back yards.

The problem with the impromptu mud-bogging events began some time ago, but the recent holiday weekend was the worst, Leo said.

"Memorial Day weekend, it really peaked. There were a lot of four-wheel-drive vehicles spinning around in circles and throwing out mud everywhere," he said.

"There were as many as 15 of them on the sediment at one time."

Couple accused of child abuse appears in court

Associated Press

A couple accused of locking their two sons in caged cribs and failing to feed them sufficient food appeared in court Friday on child abuse charges that shocked this southern Ontario town.

The 49-year-old man and his 40-year-old wife surrendered to police Thursday, a week after the teen-age boys were put in the custody of the

Children's Aid Society. At a hearing Friday, bail for the couple was set at \$10,000 Canadian (\$6,650 U.S.) each. Unable to immediately pay, they were ordered to remain in custody. The next court hearing was scheduled for July 16. Details from the hearing were under a publication ban requested by the couple's lawyer. Their names and the names of the two sons cannot be made public under Canadian

law, because the boys are both minors. Each parent was charged with assault, assault with a weapon, forcible confinement and failing to provide the necessities of life. A police news release described a long period of mistreatment.

"The youngsters were forced to wear diapers, remained in their cribs for hours, suffered physical punishment and did not receive adequate food," it said.

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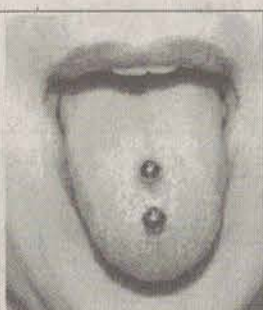
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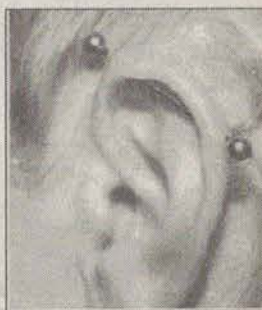
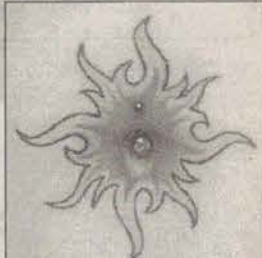
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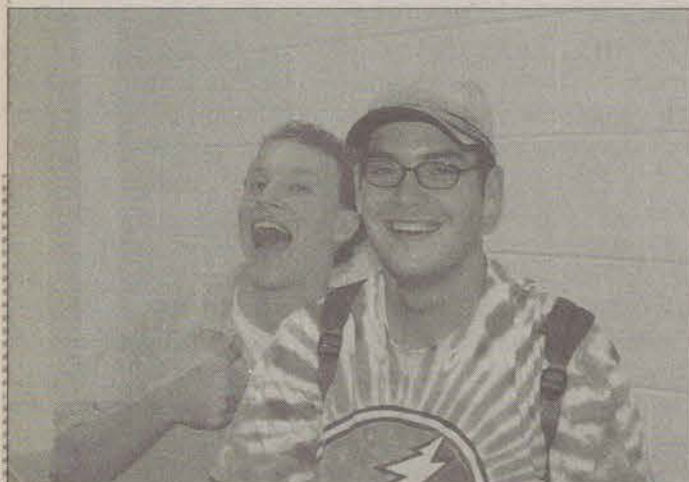
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SUMMER SHOW SPOTLIGHTS



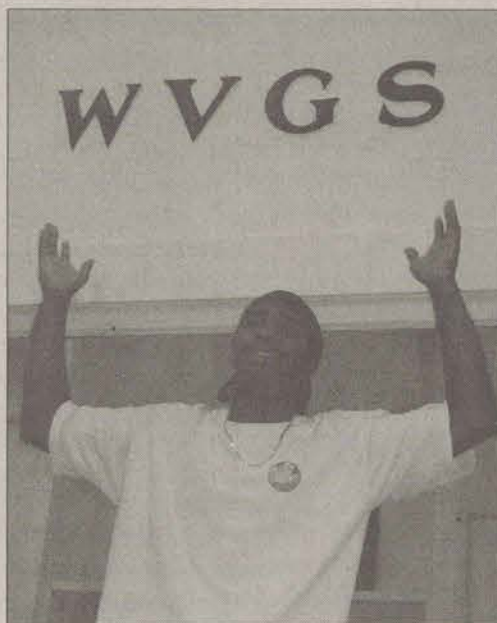
"Future Jams"
Mondays - 6 p.m.

"Kind Vibrations"
Tuesdays - 5 p.m.



This has been one hot summer for Statesboro, so one way to stay cool is to listen to "Kind Vibrations" on Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. Once a week, WVGS presents "Kind Vibrations," one of the most creative and diverse shows the station has seen in a while. Spain Willingham and his partner in crime, Sam McDuffie, play a variety of tunes from contemporary to psychedelic. The two personally like bands like Radiohead, Air, and the Talking Heads. Sam is more into the jam-base material such as Phish, Skydog, Gypsy, and Moe. A featured aspect of the show is when the dynamic duo informs the listeners about concert news

and entertainment events. The two received their start on college radio just this summer when the management team implemented a plan to diversify its music selection. "We wanted to appeal to all types of music lovers and these guys were the best qualified for our Tuesday line-up," said Jarvon Lee, WVGS station manager. The two pride themselves on the show's creative ability to appeal to everyone despite the music likes of the listeners. You will not be disappointed in the on-air talent from these two. They encourage college listeners to call in and make requests during their show at the station's request line of 681-5525.



Hosted by C-Dubb, "Future Jams" has become one of the hottest shows on WVGS. Since fall semester 2000, C-Dubb's voice has been on the radio waves of 91.9FM. First, he appeared on the Late Late Low Low with Subject 2 Change and DJ Spider. C-Dubb moved to Mondays from 10-12 p.m. in the spring of 2001 following the Dolowite & Scooby morning show. After a short stay in that slot, C-Dubb moved to a primetime spot this summer after station management recognized his ability to keep his show fresh and entertaining. The new time slot is now Mondays from 6-9 p.m. and is continuing with the station's tradition of Monday night hip hop. C-Dubb is lighting up the air waves with the new-

est in urban music with his new show. C-Dubb also plays music by up and coming artists around the south. The main vibe on the show is a down south style with a mixture of music from across the states.

In the fall of 2001, the show will have a new format with on air calls, rap sessions, giveaways, and segments of continuously mixed music from turntables. The fall is sure to be exciting to see what C-Dubb will have in his goody bag. "C-Dubb is one of our most promising up and coming radio personalities in the WVGS family line-up," responded Jarvon Lee, WVGS station manager. Be sure to catch "Future Jams" every Monday night on WVGS 91.9 FM.

"The Black Bill Gates"
Wednesdays - 9 p.m.



There is something definitely hip about Wednesday nights on WVGS. "The Black Bill Gates Show" takes center stage at 9 p.m. and lasts until middle of the night. Bryan "BG" Putmon, and his co-host Clifton Reese, "John Doe," are holding down one of the hottest spots in the station's hip-hop line-up. "The Black Bill Gates Show" is famous for playing new music first and giving the listener exactly what they want to hear. The station decided to give the show a prime time slot after reviews continued to pour in to sta-

tion management. The phone never stops ringing while BG and John Doe are in the booth.

"The first time I heard the responses from WVGS listeners toward the show I was totally amazed," responded WVGS station manager, Jarvon Lee. In addition to quality music, listeners of the show can always expect the unexpected to come out of both of the hosts' mouths. "Anything goes. That's the slogan for our show, and we usually stick to it," says Putmon. "Our goal is to entertain by any means necessary."

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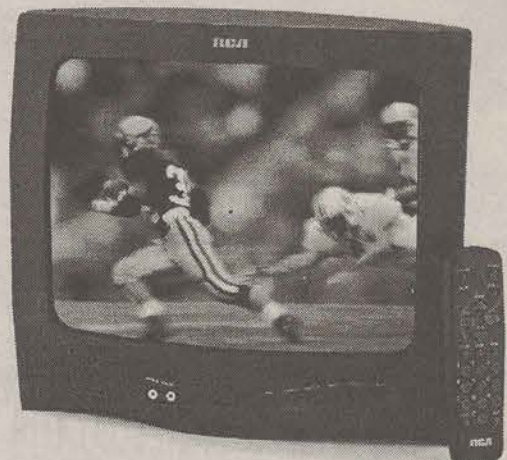
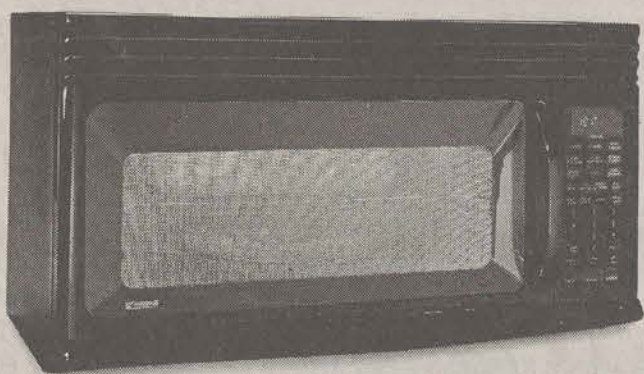
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