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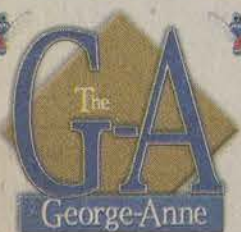
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Covering the campus like a
swarm of gnats

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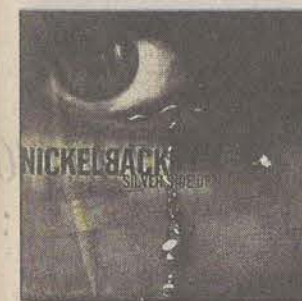
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GENERAL STUDENT RECITAL

- The Carter Recital Hall will hold a General Student Recital at 1 p.m. today.

PROBE Fair

- 28th annual PROBE Fair will be held at the RAC from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Caine, Pittman crowned Saturday

By Melissa Connors and
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At halftime of Saturday's Homecoming 2001 matchup between the Eagles and The Citadel Bulldogs, Joy Caine was crowned Homecoming Queen and David Pittman was awarded Homecoming King.

David Pittman was sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Joy Caine was sponsored by the Residence Hall President's Council.

Over 18,000 students, alumni and fans were in attendance under hot, sunny skies to watch the Eagles defeat the Bulldogs 14-6.

The Homecoming Parade float winners in several categories were also announced during the game.

Homecoming 2001 kicked off Thursday with numerous events. Homecoming festivities began with the first annual homecoming ball, which took place in the Russell Ballroom at 7 p.m.

The Homecoming Parade took place Friday afternoon, with several campus and Greek organizations entering floats for award recognition. Crowds of students, parents and GSU staff lined Chandler Rd. in anticipation of the annual event.

There were several weekend events held for university alumni, including golf outings, dinner receptions, luaus, a comedy show, a Homecoming Gala concert and a featured speaker from the Pentagon.

Saturday's events began with a Hoofin' for Habitat run for children at 8 a.m. and a 5K Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. The Family Fun Fest event began at 10 a.m. at Paulson stadium and concluded at 1 p.m.

Homecoming 2001 was a successful array of events sponsored by the GSU students and faculty. All in attendance were treated to beautiful weather, great football and a friendly Georgia Southern atmosphere.



Allison Bennett/STAFF

KING AND QUEEN: David Pittman and Joy Caine were voted to be the 2001 Homecoming King and Queen at Saturday's football matchup against The Citadel.

Top scientist cannot be sure that
Soviet anthrax experts didn't go

Associated Press

STEPNOGORSK,
Kazakhstan

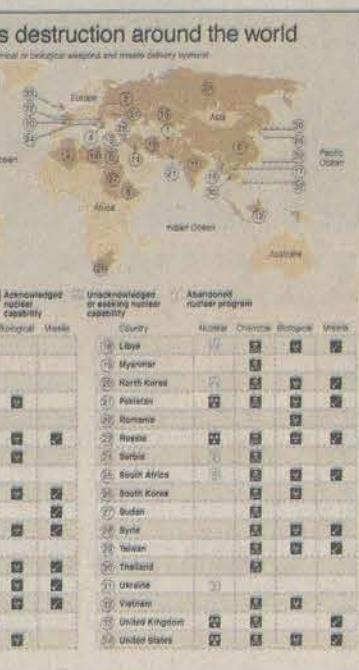
A former director of a once-secret Soviet facility identified as a leading producer of weapons-grade anthrax said he was unaware of any ex-colleagues being lured to work in biological weapons programs abroad - but could not rule out the possibility.

"Most of the specialists left for Russia in 1992-93," said Vladimir Bugreyev, who resigned over the summer from the facility near Stepnogorsk in the windy steppes of Kazakhstan.

Bugreyev said that as far as he knew, no anthrax experts from the facility ever moved further abroad. "But I cannot be 100 percent sure, as I'm not in contact with all of them," he told Associated Press Television News on Friday.

U.S. officials suspect that some scientists from the former Soviet Union who worked on lethal germs from such facilities may have helped or still be helping regimes develop biological weapons.

In 1991, the plant near Stepnogorsk employed more than



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WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION: The above chart shows the countries across the globe that are known to have nuclear weapons in their arsenal.

700 people, including some 100 researchers. It was one of the top-secret Soviet facilities known as "mailboxes" - in this case, Post Office Box No. 2076.

The plant has been named as a leading producer of biological warfare material. According to estimates by Western experts, it had the capacity to turn out about 300 tons of weapons-grade anthrax in 10 months if fully mobilized for a war effort.

Its bank of bacilli is long gone, Bugreyev said.

A U.S. military team helping to

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World's anger takes Americans by surprise

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In their time of grief, Americans wondered how in the world people could say such things.

"Americans

have had it coming for a long time," a Canadian told a newspaper in British Columbia shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The thug got beat up," a Moscow metalworker told the Chicago Tribune.

"Is it possible that the people of America will

some day realize that (their) suffering is minuscule in proportion to what the U.S. has inflicted directly and indirectly on others?" asked a letter writer to a French newspaper.

Criticism of the United States is nothing new. But this brand of resentment-whispered even in friendly nations, shouted in parts of the Arab

world - served not only to upset Americans. It took many by total surprise, experts say.

We were aghast: How could radi-

scholar Nancy Snow said. But "there is a huge disconnect in the way we view ourselves and how others view us.

"We are the

symbol of all that is big," said Snow, associate director of the Center for Communications and Community at the University of California at Los Angeles. "We are the big one, and until Sept. 11, we didn't think the big one could take big hits."

That sense of invincibility - some call it arrogance - is part of the problem for the last superpower standing after the Cold War. Military and economic triumphs here have bred envy and scorn elsewhere.

Many non-Western cultures overtaken by McDonald's restaurants. "I

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"NOT ONLY ARE WE, IN THE EYES OF SOME, THE GREAT SATAN, BUT THIS SATAN LIVES LONGER THAN PEOPLE IN THE THIRD WORLD. OUR BABIES DO NOT DIE AT BIRTH. WE'RE ENJOYING A LIFESTYLE CLOSER TO ANGELS THAN TO ANIMALS."

- JOHN PIKE

FOREIGN-POLICY CRITIC

cal Muslims dance while thousands of innocents lay dead beneath the rubble of the World Trade Center? How dare those anti-American protesters in Pakistan unfurl a banner that read, "Americans, think! Why does the whole world hate you?"

No, the whole world does not hate the United States, propaganda

A close call, but still a Homecoming victory...



Jill Burnham/STAFF

SCORELESS IN THE SECOND HALF: The Eagles went to the locker room at halftime Saturday with a 14-3 lead, and the game ended with an Eagle victory of just 14-6. Melvin Cox filled in for an injured J.R. Revere, and Adrian Peterson racked up over 140 yards of rushing.



Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

October 14

• Crystal Houston, 20, was arrested for obstruction of officers and giving false information.

• Brian Aldrich, 18, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Roy Craft, 20, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Steven Robinson, 19, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

October 17

• Glenna Nesmith, 20, was arrested for being a wanted person.

• Jeremy Ryan Marshall, 21, was driving with a suspended license, failure to yield and no proof of insurance.

• Julian Hunter, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Natasha Latrelle Barnard, 19, was arrested for theft by shoplifting.

October 18

• Stephan Ashley Sweat, 19, was arrested for underage possession of

alcohol and possession of a fake ID.

• Latovia Hines, 21, was arrested for simple battery.

• James Tywan Thompson, 20, was arrested for theft of lost/misplaced property.

October 19

• Tiffany Childers, 20, was arrested for driving while license was suspended.

• Sarah Akines, 19, was arrested for obstruction, giving false information and underage possession of alcohol.

• Martiel Leeks, 21, was arrested for criminal trespassing.

October 20

• Ryan Strickland, 20, was arrested for driving on revoked/suspended license.

• Jayne Stafford, 19, was arrested for DUI and headlights required.

• Alexis Servy, 20, was arrested for improper displayed tag, excessive volume in vehicle, DUI, under-

age possession of alcohol and no proof of insurance.

October 21

• Charles Jacobs, 18, was arrested for DUI, open container, failure to maintain lane and failure to wear seatbelt.

• Baydr William Jones, 22, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Huslim Mathews, 18, was arrested for public drunkenness.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Jenni Ginepri, assistant news editor.

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.

Ex-staff sergeant admits to child sex

Associated Press

PERRY, Ga. A former Air Force staff sergeant will spend almost two years in prison after she pleaded guilty Friday to charges stemming from her posing as a boy to entice a teen-age girl for oral sex.

Sharon Harris, 25, pleaded guilty to child molestation. Harris admitted to posing as a teen-age boy to entice a Warner Robins girl over the Internet to perform oral sex on the girl.

"This case was certainly unusual," said Houston County District Attorney Kelly Burke. "We prosecute a lot of sex crimes, but a woman posing as a young man is quite different. The victim will have enduring psychological and emotional issues to deal with, which the state wishes her well on."

Houston County Superior Court

Judge Ed Lukemire sentenced Harris to 15 years in prison, of which 21 months will be spent in a woman's correctional facility. The remainder of her sentence will be served on probation, reported The Macon Telegraph on Saturday.

Harris will have to register as a sex offender, undergo counseling, pay \$1,000 in fines and fees and is not allowed to be around children under the age of 18 or have access to the Internet, the newspaper reported.

"The defendant certainly has issues to deal with as well," Burke said. "However, the prison time gives her a chance to reflect on her behavior and adjust herself accordingly."

Harris was stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas, Scott Air Force Base in Illinois and Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts be-

fore transferring to Robins Air Force Base. She was working as a medical technician at Robins at the family practice clinic until she was arrested on March 11.

Police say they received a telephone call about a suspicious person walking along the streets in Centerville. Police say Harris was returning to her car after visiting a 13-year-old girl at a Centerville residence where the girl was baby-sitting.

When the girl's mother voiced concern about her daughter's relationship with "Michael," police say Harris called the teen's mother, posing as Michael's mother.

Houston County sheriff's believe Harris had been meeting the girl since last October when Harris moved to Warner Robins.

Abortion pill lacks expected impact

KRT Campus

HACKENSACK, N.J. - When the federal government approved the abortion pill one year ago, the drug's supporters predicted it would revolutionize the way women ended their pregnancies and temper the intensity of the public debate.

But a new national survey finds that only 6 percent of gynecologists and 1 percent of family practice physicians use mifepristone, known commonly as RU-486. "People thought all these doctors were going to come out of the woodwork to offer the pill," said Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, which represents 160 clinics, including seven in New Jersey. "It hasn't happened."

Some doctors who offer it say they're finding few takers. One New Jersey abortion provider said only 5 percent of his patients who are eligible for the method opt for it.

Forty percent of surveyed doctors said they "personally oppose" the use of the drug. Of the remainder, half said their decision not to offer it was based on concerns about protests or violence.

The survey of 790 doctors was conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Prior to Food and Drug Administration approval of mifepristone on Sept. 28, 2000, 44 percent of gynecologists and 31 percent of family practice physicians told Kaiser they would be at least "somewhat likely" to prescribe

and individual women's homes.

Even among the 27 percent of gynecologists nationwide who already offer surgical abortion, many who had expected to use mifepristone have since backed away from it. In large part, that's because few anticipated the drug's manufacturer would charge as much as it does for the three-pill regimen: \$270.

"The medication cost alone is so high, and when you add the physician fee and the cost of ultrasound, the price was prohibitive," said one New Jersey abortion provider who had

ABORTION RIGHTS SUPPORTERS HOPED THAT THE ENTHUSIASM FOR THE DRUG WOULD SWELL THE RANKS OF ABORTION PROVIDERS, AT A TIME WHEN THE NUMBER NATIONWIDE WAS PLUMMETING.

planned to offer it.

The protocol for patients using mifepristone requires them to visit their doctor three times in two weeks. In the 5 percent to 8 percent of cases when it doesn't work, a surgical abortion is necessary.

Another New Jersey gynecologist, whose clinic performs more than 2,500 surgical abortions a year, has offered the 600-milligram regimen of mifepristone for the past eight months at double the price of an early surgical abortion, which averages about \$300. Patients favor it for many reasons, though few end up using it.

Many clinics around the country have slashed the price of a mifepristone abortion by using a 200-milligram dosage instead of the 600-milligram approved by the FDA, because large clinical trials showed the lower dosage is safe and effective. Most of the Planned Parenthood clinics that have mifepristone, for example, offer their patient the 200-milligram option as a way to keep the price comparable to surgical abortion.

Antibortion activists are delighted with the drug's lackluster showing.

Bar owners launch campaign to allow video slot machines in bars

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. -- A group of Nebraska bar owners has launched a campaign to change the state constitution and allow video slot machines in bars.

The campaign is intended to keep in Nebraska gambling dollars that now go to Iowa, South Dakota, Kansas and Colorado, group organizers said.

Joe Young, owner of Omaha's Choo Choo Bar and Grill and a leader of the petition drive, said if Nebraska bars go out of business because of lost gambling dollars, it hurts more than the economy. It also hurts Nebraska schools, which get a

portion of video slot machine money under the proposal, he said.

Young is a member of HELP Help Education Through Lottery Proceeds which filed paperwork with the secretary of state's office to allow casino-type gambling in Nebraska.

Young said his group's proposal would see the state keep 45 percent of the profits from the machines, splitting an estimated \$60 million to \$70 million a year between teacher pay enhancements and property tax relief.

Bar owners would keep 55 percent of the profits as part of the proposal modeled on South Dakota's video slot arrangement.

Organizers need to collect about 110,000 signatures by early July to get the proposed amendment on the November 2002 ballot.

The group consists of about 50 bars owners in the Omaha area and 20 to 30 in Lincoln, said Brian Kitten, part-owner of Brewsky's in Lincoln.

Allowing video slot gambling would also give boosts to bars that took financial hits when the state lowered the blood-alcohol limit for drunken driving to .08, he said.

"Heck, you look at that state forecasting board talking about revenues being down and going down more," Young said.



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ONLY IN AMERICA...

1 Georgia Kidnapper surrenders on promise of beer

LEESBURG—A 14-hour hostage incident ended after a construction worker traded the last of four captives for a six-pack of beer and a chance to talk to his ex-girlfriend, authorities said.

Lee County sheriff's officials said Joey Alan Garza took his ex-girlfriend's cousin, Angela Mendoza, and Mendoza's three children hostage about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Garza, 39, planned to wait until 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, when Shannon Akins was scheduled to begin baby-sitting, Chief Deputy Dennis Parker said. He said Garza, who dated Akins until about a week ago, planned to kill her when she arrived.

Early Wednesday, Mendoza managed to cut electrical tape from her ankles and wrists while Garza slept and escape with her 2-year-old son. Parker said deputies kicked in the doors to the duplex and grabbed a 9-month-old girl off the living room floor but could not find Mendoza's 9-year-old son, Joshua.

Sheriff Harold Breeden said Garza started screaming, and deputies withdrew. After about an hour of negotiations, Garza agreed to trade Joshua for a six-pack of Budweiser. "I think that was a good trade, a six-pack of beer for a 9-year-old boy, don't you?" Breeden said.

The sheriff spent several hours in Mendoza's living room, talking with Garza. "He kept the gun to his temple or mouth nearly the whole time, four or five hours," Breeden said.

About 12:30 p.m. Garza surrendered his gun in exchange for talking to Akins briefly outside the duplex.

Garza was then taken to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany for psychological evaluation and was charged with aggravated assault, burglary and kidnapping.

2 Pennsylvania Trial for transsexual woman is moved to different county

BUTLER—Jurors from McKean County will hear the case of a transsexual woman accused of killing her husband by castrating him, the state

Supreme Court ruled.

The Supreme Court picked McKean County, which is on the northeast corner of the Allegheny National Forest about 100 miles north of Pittsburgh, after a Butler County judge ruled residents there had been subjected to too much pretrial publicity.

Judge William Shaffer ruled last month it would be difficult to find a fair jury in Butler County to hear the case of 43-year-old Tammy Felbaum. Felbaum is in the Butler County Jail awaiting a Dec. 10 trial on charges of criminal homicide and practicing medicine without a license in the Feb. 25 death of her 40-year-old husband.

An autopsy showed James Felbaum died from the combined effects of the pain of an in-home castration and painkillers, authorities said.

Pathologist Dr. Karl Williams examined James Felbaum and said the castration played a role in the man's death. In court documents, Williams said the pain Felbaum would have experienced plus the level of painkilling drugs he had in his body would have suppressed his gag reflex, allowing him to choke on his vomit and die of asphyxiation.

Police recovered more than 100 items during the searches of the couple's home, including bloodstained linens and surgery equipment, medication, dozens of medical books and premature animal bodies in jars.

3 New Mexico Woman accused of filing false claims is charged with two additional charges

ALBUQUERQUE—An Albuquerque woman accused of filing false claims of more than \$329,000 after last year's Cerro Grande Fire has been indicted on two additional charges.

A federal grand jury indicted Pamela Medley on a total of 23 charges Oct. 10. Medley allegedly asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which was charged with compensating victims of the May 2000 wildfire near Los Alamos, for a home, a car and a horse she claimed to have lost in the 43,000-acre blaze.

Many of the 23 charges in the grand jury indictments were the same as those contained in two previous federal indictments. But two new charges two counts of impersonating federal em-



ployees from FEMA and the U.S. attorney's office were added.

Medley also faces five counts of wire fraud, six counts of mail fraud, seven counts of money laundering and one count each of making false, fictitious and fraudulent claims upon the United States, making false statements and representations and making false representation of a Social Security number.

Federal authorities contend her claims are fraudulent because she does not own property in Los Alamos and used the identity of a friend who died in 1983 to file claims.

Medley also is accused of fraudulently obtaining a \$40,000 disaster home loan from the Small Business Administration.

According to court records, she impersonated an employee of the U.S. attorney's office to try to learn what investigators had found out about her.

The Cerro Grande Fire was started as a controlled burn by the National Park Service. It left more than 400 families homeless on the west side of Los Alamos and damaged parts of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

4 Ohio Handkerchiefs removed from auction of murdered woman

CLEVELAND—A box of Marilyn Sheppard's embroidered handkerchiefs has been removed from an auction of Sheppard family items after complaints from her son.

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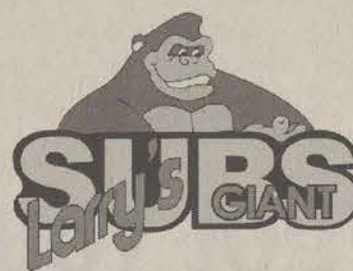
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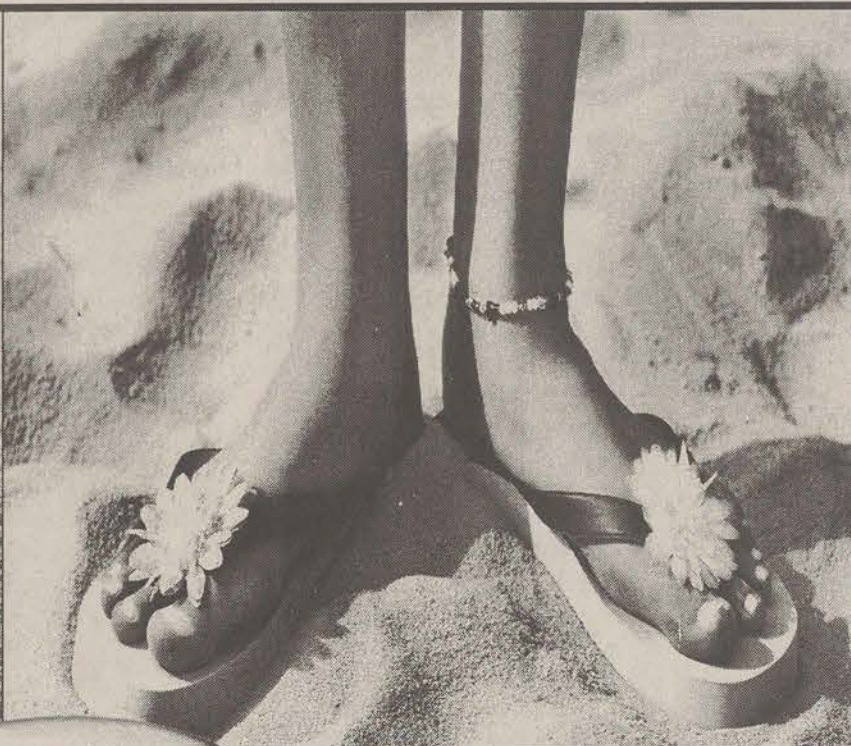
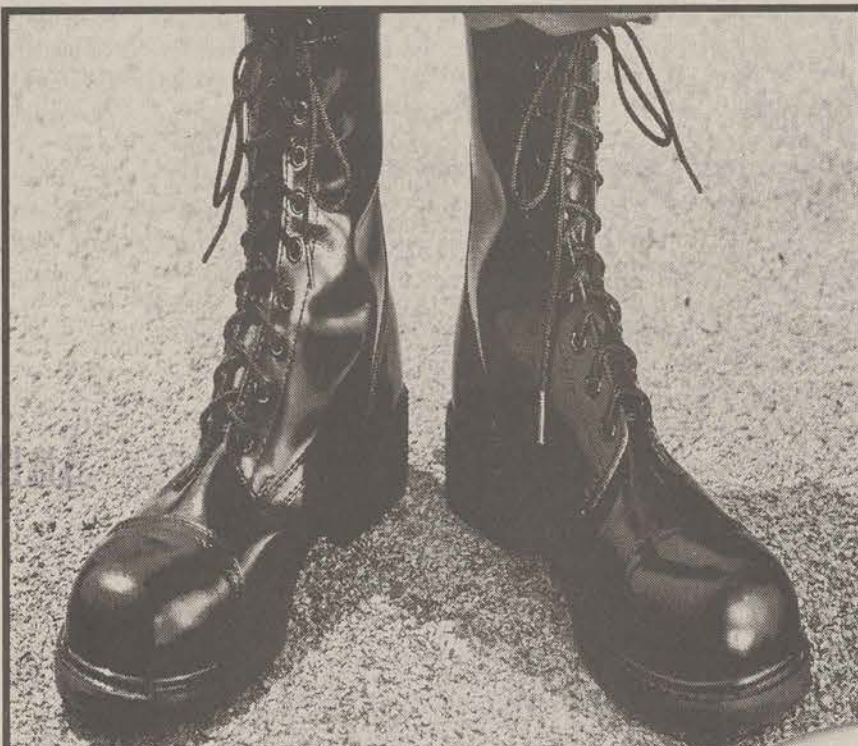
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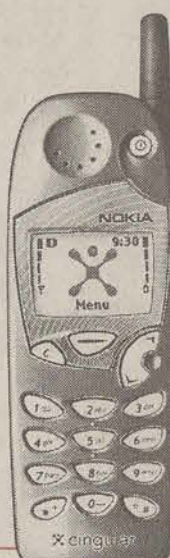
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OPINIONS

OUR OPINION Are our expectations too high?

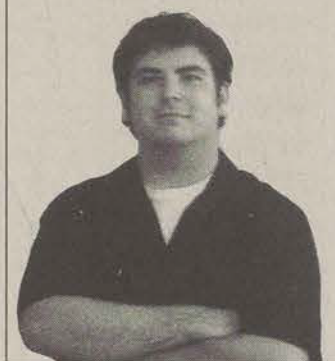
Maybe Georgia Southern has expectations that are a little too high for our football team. We are used to winning. We are accustomed to winning. Therefore, when we only beat an opponent by 12 points we act like the team is lazy and not producing quality work.

Maybe we rely too much on Adrian Peterson and J.R. Revere. It seems that many spectators were very doubtful that GSU would be able to pull it off without Revere. He is certainly an excellent player and a definite asset to the team, but we have an excellent football program with plenty of talented players and a skilled and competent coaching staff.

We have confidence that our team will win, but it seems that many times we have it too easy. The games are always won by a large margin, but that only indicates the strength of the team.

A win by a smaller margin does not degrade the ability of the team. There are few teams that match our abilities, but the ones that do make for exciting college football. The game against the Citadel and last week's game against Appalachian State proved to Georgia Southern students, faculty, and alumni that our team has the ability to overcome even the toughest opponents.

CHRIS BRENNAMAN



Phillip-Morris, the company now internationally recognized as the corporate branch of Hell, released a report a few months back saying that smoking was a good thing. According to this report, the early demise of smokers in economically challenged nations, i.e. poor countries, helps everyone because money is saved by not having to pay pensions and other expenditures that result from having a population that is long-lived.

Of course Phillip-Morris was blasted for this. Critics said that they were being cold and heartless, and that the study itself was offensive.

The company issued a retraction saying that the report was a just a study on the Czech policy of taxing tobacco.

Let's face it, the tobacco companies have become the "man" these last few decades. Whatever social or economic ill we have, forget about personal accountability, just blame the tobacco industry. It's easy to do. After all, tobacco is responsible for thousands of deaths each year, and we all know that companies like Phillip-Morris held citizens to the ground all over the world and forced those cigarettes into their mouths. They used tricky ads and catchy jingles and made funny animal cartoon characters.

People say that they didn't know that cigarettes were bad for them fifty years ago. Yeah, and they also thought that the wheezing, dry coughing, and god-awful smell were mere coincidences. As a matter of fact, my grandmother says that when

she was in college way back when, they called them "cancer sticks."

I can't blame people for suing tobacco companies, though. Who can when you're guaranteed several million dollars if you can prove that you're an idiot?

So a report says that poor

Today, with all the information about smoking available that anyone would still want to light one up is akin to jumping into a pit of starved crocodiles. You know if you jump in that the things are going to rip you apart and an agonizing death will surely follow. Leap at your own discretion.

With all the information and ungodly "Truth" ads all over the place, why are there still smokers?

Because smoking is cool and smoking is American. Ask any high schooler why she picked up the habit and, if she's honest, she'll tell you that because it adds to the grown-up, hip motif that she's going for to impress her theater-frequenting friends. There's just something inherently cool about anyone with a smoke dangling from their lips. Imagine Humphrey Bogart without a cigarette, just try it.

Can't do it. Because Bogey was cool and cigarette boosted it to the tenth

power.

Why is it American? We're a capitalist society and capitalism is based on supply and demand. Give the people what they want, whether it'll kill them or not. We don't care. We're the most powerful nation to ever exist on the planet. You think something as petty as lung cancer is going to keep us from getting packaged cool?

No, it's not. If walking down the street with a banana hanging out of our rectums made people look cool then there would be cities filled with people walking funny, and Delmonte and Chiquita would be the richest organizations in the world.

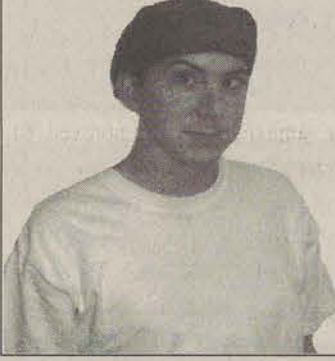
Phillip-Morris and its colleagues need to exercise some intestinal fortitude and tell the government, the uber-liberals and the lawsuit-happy misfits where they can stick their cartons.

"Yes, we make a product that kills people and are richer than God himself because of it. People want it and hate us for it. Deal with it."

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The 'I got your back' times in one's life

JAKE HALLMAN



If you're gonna talk the talk, walk the walk.
Of course, when the guy growled.

we had to laugh.

It's become a yearly occurrence for me: I go to Campus Courtyard, see drunk college students in all of their messy glory, then immediately write a column about it.

I'm not completely blameless, mind you. I don't drink (not out of choice, the beer was poo and nothing stronger was available), but I went there knowing full well that some badness was likely to occur.

Homecoming, y'know. It gives the kids license to do things their parents would never approve of. Like join fraternities.

Naturally, as the night was winding down, alcohol stoked the fires of testosterone in some of the more, shall we say, susceptible members of the gathering. I don't know if it's their genetic makeup, some kind of chromosomal throwback, or perhaps bad breeding, but certain individuals go into a type of testicular overdrive when their brain cells start gasping for oxygen.

In other words, there were some drunk, belligerent assholes stumbling about.

It was inevitable that something

would set one of them off. In this case, one of the (many) catalysts was a gentleman in green's being told his parents "didn't come over on the Mayflower."

THE "GOT YER BACK" PHENOMENON IS A SOCIAL STUDY ALL ITS OWN. FOR WHATEVER REASON, YOU PICK A PARTY IN A ONE-ON-ONE CONFRONTATION, AND IF THAT PERSON IS ATTACKED, YOU STEP IN AND BEAT ON HIS (OR HER, LET'S BE FAIR) ATTACKER

"You talking about my f**kin' family?"

And the screaming started. No one threw a punch—they just yelled a lot. Fights when one of the parties involved is an avowed pacifist are boring affairs, especially when said pacifist is beating the drunk into the ground with his eight-syllables-at-a-time vocabulary.

The non-Puritan guy and his friend who "had his back" soon walked away. I'm guessing their SAT verbal scores weren't too high, and they weren't in the mood for an impromptu study session.

The "got yer back" phenomenon is a social study all its own. For whatever reason, you pick a party in a one-on-one confrontation, and if

that person is attacked, you step in and beat on his (or her, let's be fair) attacker. Thus, you turn a simple person-to-person affair in to a stand-clearing, video-camera-attracting, bail-and-arraignment-in-the-morning brawl.

Being a male present at the site of a possible fight, you must choose to have someone's back. Even if the two people involved are both your friends. It's like watching your

two favorite sports teams go at it: you can only root for one or the other.

My hint: always go for the little guy. He's the one who's not afraid to die just to get a good shot or two in on his opponent. Plus, he's the "little guy." You'll look good to nearby women by standing up for the perceived underdog.

But I digress: after the steerage-class gentleman and his back-havin' pal walked away, a member of my party decided to follow them, shouting epithets all the way. With a cry of "R2-D2's run off into the desert!" we followed him, intending to prevent some bloodshed.

Alright, you guys know me too well. Watch some bloodshed.

The bloodshed never

materialized. Instead, a painful screaming match ensued. The gentleman in the green and the gentleman in the gray were trying to intimidate each other with sheer volume.

I think Gray won—his voice never cracked. I liked watching Green go, though. He went so high-pitched that I was sure he was about to start crying. At the climax, he screamed "If you touch me, that'll be the last mistake you ever make! GRRRRRR!"

Yup, gentle readers—he growled. Like an angry little kitty cat. I'm glad he didn't see us doubling over in laughter, since he'd probably have rushed us all. He never fought, though. I think the laughter popped his fragile ego.

I wanted entertainment. I wanted to see drunk, stupid people beat each other up for my entertainment. I got all excited, and they didn't deliver.

Hell, I wanted an excuse to bury my elbow in the back of a drunk guy's skull, too. I've got a lot of pent-up anger. "Issues," some might call them. I've yet to be arrested in my college career, and I need that kind of credibility if I'm ever going to knock off Dave Barry.

I guess it's back to watching the Ultimate Fighting Championship on pay-per-view.

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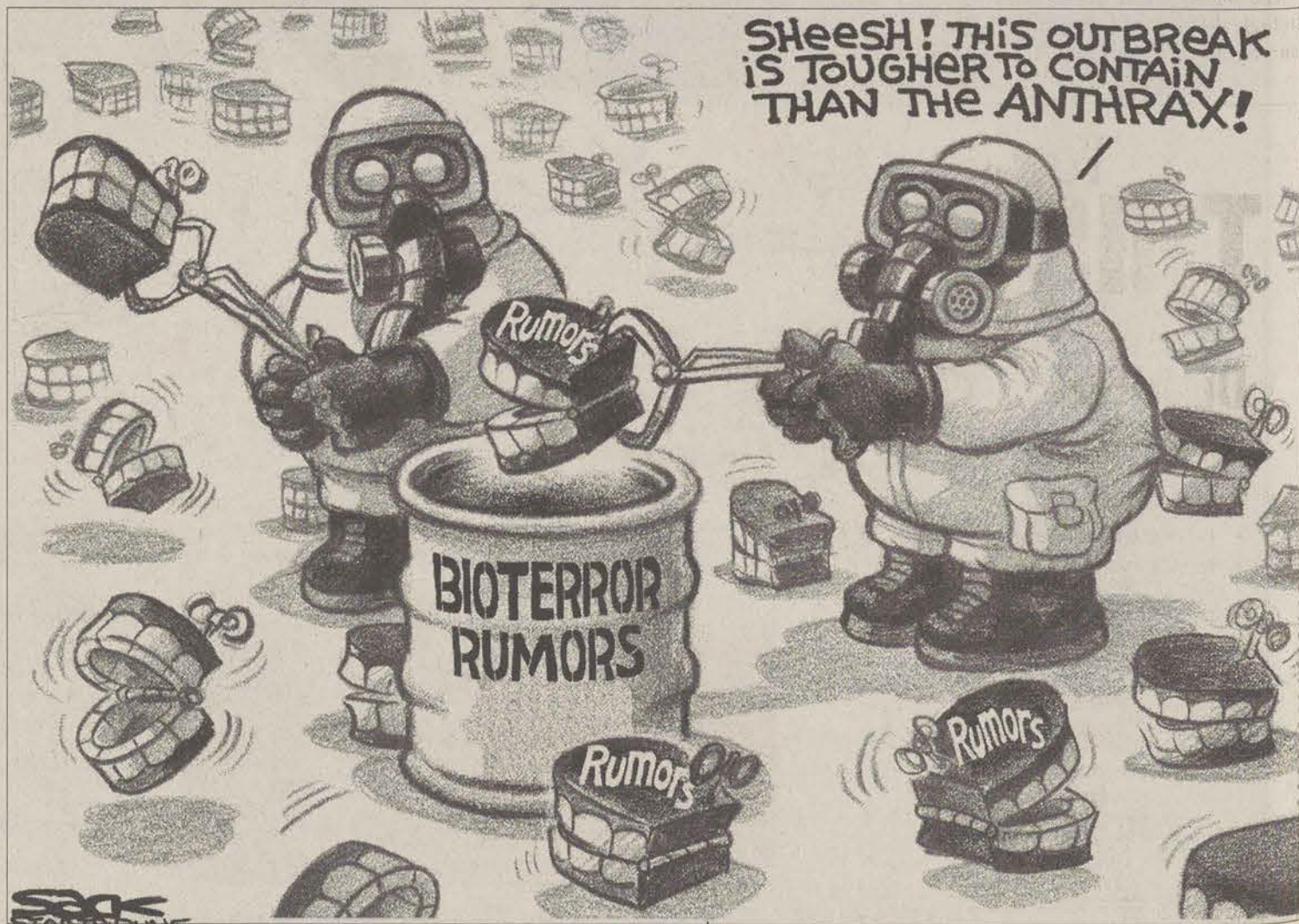
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NFP to hold Red Ribbon Week next week

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October 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week. This week is part of a nationwide campaign sponsored by the National Federation of Parents.

This organization wants to make others aware of the devastating effects of alcohol on individuals and

their families and communities.

Pineland MH/MH/SA Community Service Board wants to offer its support to the Georgia Ribbon Campaign. Pineland offers help to individuals affected by alcohol and substance abuse.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact the

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Pineland encourages individuals as well as the community to participate in Red Ribbon Week by displaying their red ribbons to show support for those affected by alcohol and substance abuse.

Washington postal worker has confirmed case of inhaled anthrax

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WASHINGTON - A Washington, D.C., postal worker was in serious but stable condition Sunday after being diagnosed with a pulmonary infection caused by inhaled anthrax - adding a ninth victim to the roster of confirmed cases.

Law enforcement officials intensified their search Sunday for the source of the deadly germ, as more than 2,000 postal workers in and around the nation's capital were encouraged to seek testing for anthrax exposure.

In the latest case, the man worked in a postal facility that handles mail addressed to congressional offices, prompting speculation that he might have been infected by an anthrax-tainted letter opened last Monday in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

Congressional leaders decided Sunday to return to work as planned on Tuesday. The Capitol will be open Monday, but nearby congressional offices will remain closed as investigators await the results from environmental tests of 19 congressional buildings.

So far, nine people in Florida, New York, New Jersey and now Washington, have fallen ill from anthrax exposure, three of them with the more-dangerous pulmonary version. The list of victims illustrates the insidious nature of the attacks, which in every case has failed to infect the apparent intended target, such as NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw. Instead, most victims have been mail handlers or staff aides - a new front line in the terror wars.

The anthrax has claimed only one life, that of Robert Stevens, a photo editor at American Media Inc. in Boca Raton, Fla.

The anthrax letters have fanned anxiety across America, even though the number of known exposures remains relatively small. Coming just weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Washington and New York, public suspicion has centered on Osama bin Laden as the likely culprit.

But U.S. officials have not produced any evidence that bin Laden, the alleged mastermind behind the suicide hijackings last month, is responsible for unleashing anthrax through the U.S. mail.

Asked if there is any connection between bin Laden and the anthrax scare, Secretary of State Colin Powell said on CBS Sunday: "There may be, but I don't know."

Officials would not release the name of the latest victim, the first in the nation's capital. Washington Mayor Anthony Williams described his condition as "gravely ill," but a doctor at the suburban Virginia hospital where the man is being treated later described his condition as "serious but stable."

The finding caused the U.S. Postal Service to immediately close the city's central mail-processing center, where the infected employee worked. Officials also closed a Maryland airmail-processing facility near Baltimore-Washington International Airport, which the employee frequented.

Anthrax screenings for about 2,200 postal employees from both locations began Sunday at a city government building and will continue Monday at District of Columbia General Hospital. Those employees will each be given a 10-day supply of the antibiotic Cipro until results of their nasal swab tests are confirmed.

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a senior CIS major, feel that it would be a bad idea to publish them because "some disgruntled student who failed would rate the professor bad."

The final two steps will be publicizing and implementing the new ratings system. One key to the success of the ratings system once in place is that students take

the evaluations of their instructors seriously.

Many students currently dislike the evaluations because they see it as more work for them. Many believe the new ratings system will empower students to voice their feelings and experiences while dealing with the professors they are evaluating. The ratings will

also be a way to identify those instructors that students across the board have problems with.

Until the ratings system becomes official Perkins urges students "to use the resources available to them already." These tools include course syllabi, instructors' office hours, and the chain of command within colleges.

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decommission the plant as part of a joint U.S. Russian effort to dismantle the former Soviet Union's germ warfare sites found anthrax spores in a pipe earlier this month, U.S. officials said.

Kazakstan, which inherited the facility when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, said there could be no connection between the U.S. infections and anthrax from Kazakstan and stressed it was meeting its commitments to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction. The plant at Stepnogorsk was built starting in 1982 to replace a factory in Russia where anthrax was accidentally released into the air in 1979, killing about 70 people. Today it is dilapidated and largely unoccupied, but security is still tight.

The Soviet Union joined the Biological Weapons Convention banning germ warfare in 1972,

but officials later admitted the country violated the treaty until 1992, when President Boris Yeltsin signed a decree promising to comply with the convention.

Bugreyev said powder that carried anthrax in envelopes in

the United States was probably prepared by lethal germ specialists, but that its origin was uncertain.

"One does not need a lot of money to make powder. It could have been made in the United States," he said.

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American movies and Nike shoes fret about "Westoxication" and an English-only "McWorld" in the making.

Whether the griping is general or specific - U.S. support for Israel being one obvious sore point in the Mideast - the criticism speaks to a universal image problem that analysts said must be addressed as the United States battles terrorism.

Foreign-policy critic John Pike said he was encouraged by the Bush administration's efforts to win support around the world, including Arab countries, before U.S. and British forces struck back at terrorist sites in Afghanistan.

"Over the last month, I've seen a substantial reversal in the way the U.S. has postured itself in the eyes of the world," said Pike, of GlobalSecurity.org. "We can either be a bully or a leader. For now, we've decided to lead."

It took only two days after last month's terrorist strikes for a columnist with the London Guardian to opine "that most Americans simply don't get it."

Why their land is hated by some others, that is.

Among Islamic extremists, "hate" is no overstatement. The late Ayatollah Khomeini labeled the United States the "Great Satan" in part because Washington propped up the rule of the Shah of Iran before Muslim fundamentalists in that country revolted in the late 1970s.

Only the most bloodthirsty of outsiders could rationalize the murders of 5,000 civilians by blade-wielding hijackers. But it is understandable that distrust and an often vague dislike of America exists even among friendly neighbors.

"This is a country whose power throughout the world is multidimensional - militarily, economically, culturally," Pike said. "This is the country that landed men on the moon, the country that invented the Internet, the country whose military encompasses a planetary empire."

"Not only are we, in the eyes of

some, the Great Satan, but this Satan lives longer than people in the Third World. Our babies do not die at birth. We're enjoying a lifestyle closer to angels than to animals."

"I think it's natural for some countries to reject what they cannot have," Pike said. "Sour grapes is human nature."

U.S. victory in the Cold War made the country a giant target for grievances worldwide, said John Hulsman of the Heritage Foundation.

"The strongest nation is always

is one of rapid and enforced change - of challenge from an alien world."

The demographics changed, as well. Because of a recent "youth bulge," more than half of the residents of the Arab world are 25 or younger. Most of them have been steeped in Islamic education.

The combination of youth and religious extremism has produced a population willing to turn their hatred of the alien world into bloody action.

While many experts stress that the United States must never capitulate to

terrorists, they say the nation may have been well-served in the past had its leaders taken a humbler stance on the international stage.

"What the outside world wants to communicate to the U.S. is, 'Why don't you sit down, stop shooting, shut your mouth and just listen to us?'" said Snow of UCLA. "Listening more and talking

less could be the key to our long-term survival."

Bush's oft-repeated "good-vs.-evil" pitch in the war against terrorism is not a simple sell in most countries, Snow said. Even allies know global relations are more complicated than that, she said.

After years of grumbling about American hubris, the world community dealt a direct blow to U.S. diplomacy last May, when it ousted the United States from the U.N. Human Rights Commission. Many allies were angered by the United States' snubbing of the Kyoto environmental agreements, its support of a nuclear missile-defense system and its monetary debts to the United Nations during two presidential administrations. Clinton took criticism at home for being too bendable with other nations, for advancing an ill-defined foreign policy, for dismissing public cries to put "America first." Still, much of the globe resented us.

Before Sept. 11 the foreign news media labeled Bush a "unilateralist," meaning someone willing to run with American interests and leave the rest of the world behind.

That image is rapidly changing as Bush builds a coalition against terror.

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Cox proved worthy in 14-6 victory

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Not having J.R. Revere at quarterback didn't look to be a problem early in Georgia Southern's 14-6 win over The Citadel.

Backup Melvin Cox was doing a fine job taking the snap and handing to fullback Adrian Peterson. Peterson carried nine of the 10 plays on the Eagles' opening drive for 75 yards and a touchdown.

But from there on out, it was a struggle.

The Citadel, statistically the Southern Conference's worst offense, outgained GSU 311 yards to 273 and held the ball for 36 of the game's 60 minutes.

"We didn't play well on either side of the ball," said GSU head coach Paul Johnson. "That was an ugly way to play."

Without Revere, the Eagles' offense didn't look too bad in the first half. Peterson's one-yard plunge put GSU up 7-0 and Cox came back with a one-yard scoring run of his own in the second quarter.

But in the second half, the Bulldogs kept the GSU offense off the field. The Citadel's Nick Haas hit a 21-yard field goal early in the third quarter, cutting the Eagles' lead to 14-3.

The Eagles would only have two drives in final two quarters, punting on the first and missing a 37-yard field goal.

The Citadel would get the ball after the missed field goal with 11:06 left in the game and would never give it back.

"Everything that happened today drained the defense," said defensive tackle Freddy

Pesqueira. "We were out there way too long. It felt like we didn't get any help today, we were just stuck out there."

After GSU's missed field goal, The Citadel drove 60 yards on 16 plays for a 37-yard field goal of their own from Haas.

After the seven minute and 59 second drive, Haas made a high bouncing onside kick that was recovered by the Bulldogs' Julian West at the GSU 47-yard line.

Citadel quarterback Mazzie Drummond then hit three-of-four passes, moving The Citadel to the GSU 12-yard line with 15 seconds left in the game. Two incomplete passes in the endzone sealed the victory for GSU.

But it wasn't a win the Eagles are too proud of.

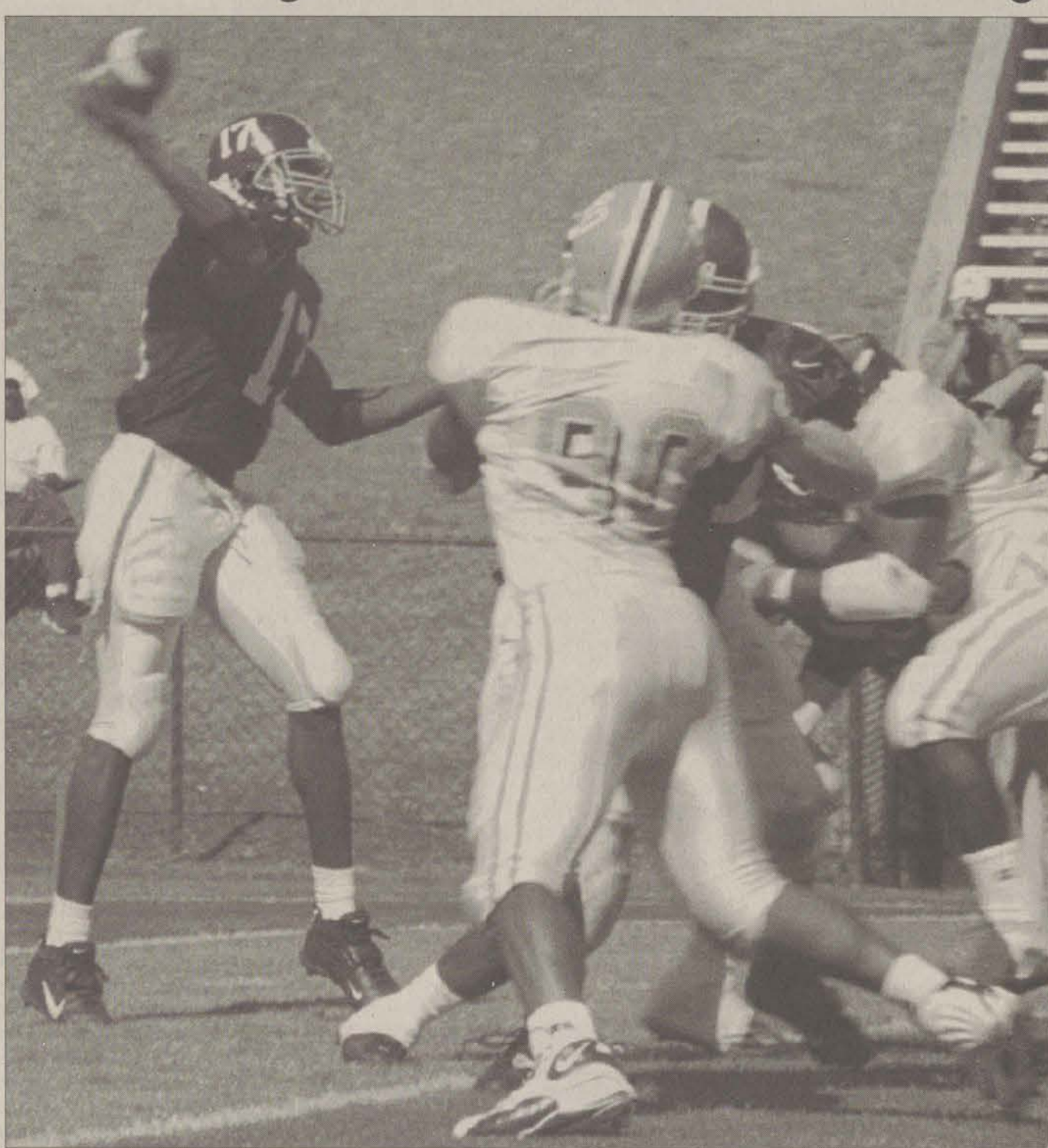
"Anytime you get a win in the league, it's good," Johnson said. "But we didn't do a good job of preparing for the game. That will change next week."

After the initial drive, the Citadel buckled down on Peterson. All-American linebacker Travis Stephens made 15 tackles on the afternoon, with most of them coming against Peterson.

"Anytime you're playing Georgia Southern and they have [Peterson] back there, you have to respect them," Stephens said.

Peterson finished with 140 yards on 28 carries while Cox got his first 100-yard rushing game of his career, which included a 76-yard jaunt that set up his scoring run.

"I was excited and nervous," said Cox, who rushed for 101 yards on 13 carries. "There were a lot of mixed feelings."



36 CONSECUTIVE HOME VICTORIES: Despite a tired defense and a backup quarterback starting for GSU, The Eagles defeated the Citadel Bulldogs with a score of 14-6 for a pleasant homecoming victory.

Allison Bennett/STAFF

Lady Eagles finish weekend with three victories, two to App. St. and one to ETSU

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While most of the campus spent their weekend partaking in homecoming activities around campus, the Georgia Southern volleyball team spent their weekend playing three matches in as many days at Hanner Fieldhouse. They won all three of them, sweeping a pair of matches against Appalachian State on Friday and Saturday while winning a key battle with East Tennessee State on Sunday.

With the wins, Georgia Southern now sits alone in second place and half a match behind first place Charleston. The two wins over

ninth place Appalachian State helped the Eagles clinch a spot in the Southern Conference Tournament for the first time since 1998. East Tennessee State holds the third spot in the SoCon standings. Should the Eagles and Bucs finish tied in the standings, GSU would hold the tiebreaker as they won two out of three from ETSU this season. However, Charleston holds the tiebreaker over the Eagles as they won both matches this season. In addition, the Eagles are guaranteed only their second winning season in conference play since joining the conference in 1992.

Friday's contest was a

makeup of a match originally scheduled for September 15 in Boone, but postponed in respect to the victims of the September 11 attacks. The match saw the Eagles (15-7, 11-2 SoCon) triumph 3-0, beating the Mountaineers (2-19, 2-11 SoCon) for the first time since November 17, 1995. In addition it was just Georgia Southern's second victory in twenty meetings between the two clubs.

After winning game one 30-24, Georgia Southern posted a match-high .375 hitting percentage on their way to a 30-22 victory in the second game. On the other side of the net, Appalachian

State only managed a .118 mark. The Eagles were then able to put away the Mountaineers with a 30-26 win in game three.

Sophomore Martina Veiglova led the Eagle offense with 15 kills and nine digs, while collecting a .379 hitting percentage. Camila Schmitz-Rower also paced the GSU attack with 13 kills and a .407 percentage. Amanda Brooks added a team-high 19 assists with freshman Kim Foytich amassing 15 assists. Brooks, a senior from Illinois, also led the Eagles with 11 digs.

Karen Nielson's 16 kills, 11 digs, and .448 percentage paced Appalachian State, suffering through an uncharacteristically tough season. Nielson's play was the only bright spot for the Mountaineer offense as the rest of team managed a miniscule .015 success rate on their attacks. Amber Mangrum led all players with 24 assists.

Saturday's match saw the Eagles take advantage of a horrendous Mountaineer offense on the way to a decisive 3-0 victory. Only three players were able to post positive hitting percentages for Appalachian State, who hit .055 as a team.

Game one saw the home team win with a score of 30-14. Early on in game two, the Mountaineers were able keep it competitive as the Eagles committed ten service errors. However, Appalachian State's match-low -.158

percentage caused their downfall as GSU pulled away for the 30-14 victory. The Eagles were then able to put the Mountaineers away for good with a 30-20 win in game three.

Camila Schmitz-Rower led the Eagles with 10 kills and 11 digs on the night, while collecting a .500 percentage. Martina Veiglova also totaled 11 digs, despite being held to a season-low four kills. Freshman Kristin Kasprak performed well in one game of action, totaling five kills along with a .714 percentage. Amanda Brooks pitched in with 18 assists.

Karen Nielson led the Mountaineers with eight kills and a .136 percentage. Alexis Mosley added eight digs while Amber Mangrum came up with 14 assists.

On Sunday, Georgia Southern proved victorious, winning 3-0 against East Tennessee State. The Bucs (14-3, 10-3 SoCon) are likely glad they have seen the last of the Eagles as two of their three losses came against GSU.

Georgia Southern won the first frame rather decisively, posting a .323 hitting percentage on their way to a 30-16 victory. ETSU were only able to manage a .056 success rate, their lowest of the match.

Game two went down to the wire as the Bucs kept it close until the end when the Eagles narrowly won 30-27. Both teams achieved

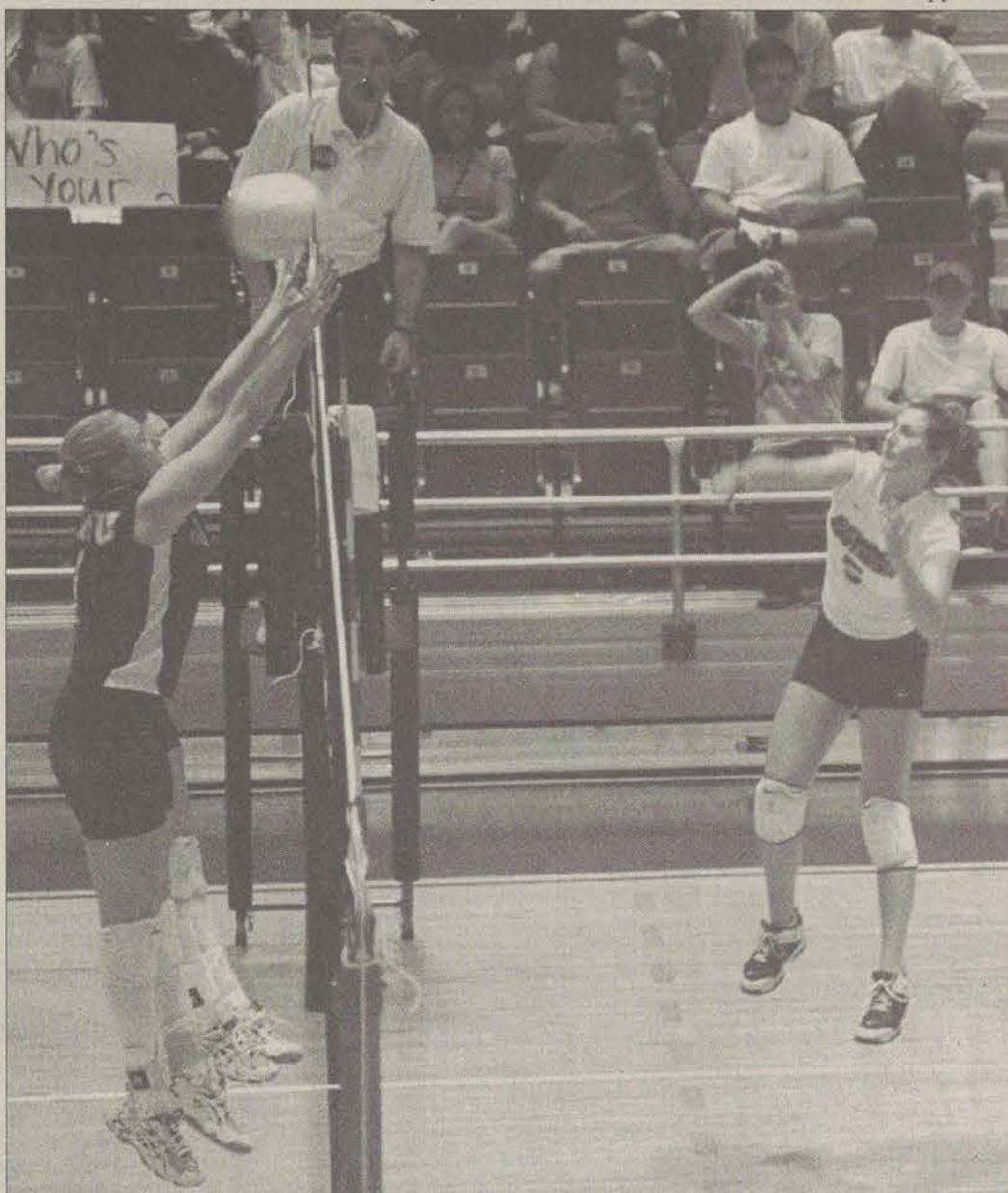
their highest percentages of the afternoon as GSU converted on 41 percent of their attacks, as opposed to the Bucs' 28 percent mark.

ETSU was able to make game three a tight contest as well with 15 kills, but their 11 errors proved to be their downfall as the Eagles won 30-25.

Martina Veiglova came back well from an off night to record 14 kills and 11 digs against the Bucs. Veiglova also recorded a match-high .379 hitting percentage. Camila Schmitz-Rower added 11 kills and 9 digs while converting on 27 percent of her attacks. Kim Foytich picked up 21 assists to lead the Eagles.

For ETSU, Natalie Atzinger and Amber Ciskowski each totaled eight kills. Ciskowski's .263 percentage was the highest on the Bucs' side of the net. Carey Cavanaugh notched 28 assists and 10 digs.

Georgia Southern now will enter enemy territory as five out of their next six matches are on the road — including SoCon foes The Citadel, Western Carolina, and UT-Chattanooga over the next week. They will return to the friendly territory of Hanner Fieldhouse on Tuesday October 30 when they face Mercer in a non-conference battle at 7:00. Appalachian State next faces Wofford on Friday while East Tennessee State hosts Gardner-Webb on Tuesday.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

A SOLID WEEKEND: The Lady Eagles turned in three victories for the weekend; bringing their record to 15-7 overall, 11-2 in the Southern Conference.

Eagles drown Dolphins to win second straight

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It may be a bit premature to say that Kevin Chambers' Eagle soccer club is on a roll, but the men's team has won two in a row after taking down the Dolphins of Jacksonville University by a 5-2 count in a nonconference match at Eagle Field Sunday afternoon.

Georgia Southern struck first as Jeff Russell tallied the first score just 9 1/2 minutes into the action, but Jacksonville rang up

two goals within less than a minute of each other with around 20 minutes left in the period, allowing them to take a 2-1 advantage into the break. Less than 2 minutes into the second period, though, Eagle points leader Tony Moffat tied the game. Devin Mizell ended up being the Eagles' hero for the day, as he notched the next two for GSU to give the Eagles a nice cushion. Martin Cunningham put a bow on the win, as his final strike with under 4 minutes remaining plunged the dagger into

the Dolphins.

Garret Lazenby made 7 saves in net for GSU, while Mark Miller stopped 6 shots for JU. Shots were nearly even in the affair, as the Eagles ended up with a slight 15-13 advantage. Georgia Southern was hit with four yellow cards in the game.

The win improves GSU to 6-8 on the year, while Jacksonville drops to 6-3-1. The Eagles return to conference action as they face the Keydets of VMI in Lexington, VA, this Saturday.

Atlanta's decade of excellence began with improbable title in 1991

Associated Press

ATLANTA-- Playoff baseball has become ho-hum in Atlanta, where October games are played before thousands of empty seats.

It wasn't always that way. In 1991, the Braves were unlovable losers who suddenly became winners, setting off tomahawk-chopping delirium in a city that now views championships with shoulder-shrugging indifference.

"The intensity of the fans, how exciting it was in August and September," said pitcher Charlie Leibrandt, recounting his fondest memories from that improbable summer and fall. "It was so exciting just coming to the ballpark everyday."

There are teen-agers in Atlanta who can't remember when the Braves were a 100-loss embarrassment, mere television fodder for Ted Turner's cable empire. All they know is the team that has turned the regular season into nothing more than a nagging necessity before the playoffs begin.

Ten seasons, 10 division titles and counting.

"The 10 years have passed too quickly," said Francisco Cabrera, who was at the center of the most enduring moment from the streak. "It seems like yesterday."

The Braves are the first franchise in the any of the four major sports to win 10 straight division titles, eclipsing the mark of nine in a row by the NBA's Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers.

But no season was more thrilling, more improbable, more satisfying than the first. The Braves were just a year removed from a 97-loss campaign, having dragged home last for the fourth time in five years.

"It was like riding on a roller-coaster ride," said Greg Olson, the team's catcher in 1991. "The day we won our division was like

a free fall. After clinching, we played a seven-game series with Pittsburgh, had one day off and played seven games in the World Series. It was an unbelievable ride. Then, three or four days later, the city gave us a parade. There were 750,000 people in downtown Atlanta. That was a fitting end to a Cinderella season."

Tom Glavine and John Smoltz

excitement," said Leo Mazzone, the pitching coach then and now. "We had finally arrived."

In the NL championship series, Atlanta rallied from a 3-2 deficit with two straight shutouts in Pittsburgh, stifling a lineup that featured a young Barry Bonds. Steve Avery was the MVP, hurling 16 1-3 scoreless innings in his two starts.

"That's probably as good as

said they had forgotten the champagne and could they have ours," third-base coach Ned Yost said. "Our guys said OK and brought it to their clubhouse. They had the plastic up in front of the lockers, ready for the celebration."

Down to its final out, Atlanta sent up a journeyman named Cabrera as a pinch-hitter. He responded with a line-drive single to left, which sent Bream lumbering around third on surgically repaired knees and sliding across home with the winning run.

"They had to get (the champagne) out of Pittsburgh's clubhouse and back into ours," Yost said. "That was amazing."

Bream was pushed out of the lineup a year later when the Braves traded for Fred McGriff, yet The Slide has endured as the most compelling image of The Streak.

"I'm masked about it all the time," Bream said. "I have plenty of speaking engagements and that's always part of what I'm asked. At one speaking engagement in Pittsburgh a while back, a guy stood up, didn't ask a question. He just said, 'You were out.'"

After Bream's heroics, the Braves lost again in the World Series. In 1993, having beaten San Francisco in The Great Race (the

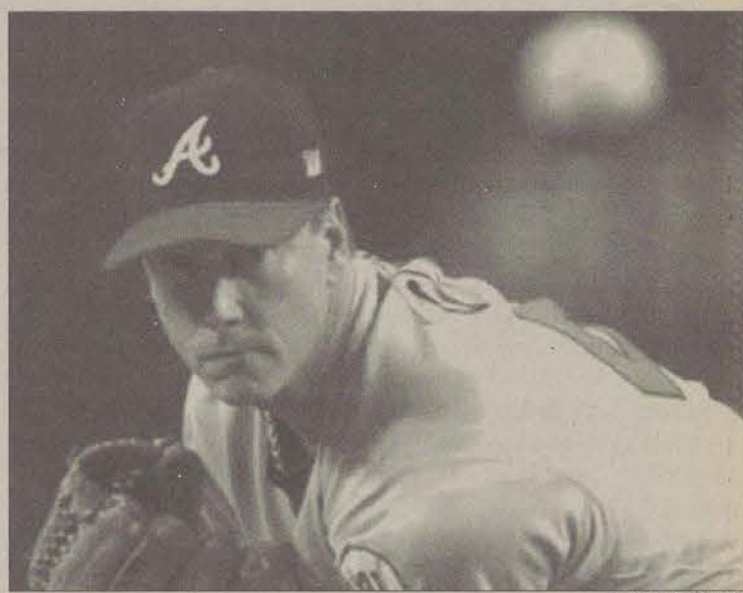
I've ever pitched," Avery remembered. "It was good timing. We may have taken it a little for granted. You feel like you can do it all the time, but it goes by fast. It seems like a long, long time ago. But then, it was like a blur."

If the NLCS was a precursor of the dominating pitching that would carry the Braves through the next decade, Atlanta's first World Series foreshadowed the postseason failings that would become a blemish on the team's legacy.

The Braves took a 3-2 lead back to Minnesota, only to lose back-to-back games in extra innings. Kirby Puckett hit an 11th-inning homer off Leibrandt in Game 6; Jack Morris blanked the Braves for 10 innings for a 1-0 victory in Game 7.

Still, there would be plenty of memorable moments in the seasons to come. A year later in the NLCS, the Braves trailed the Pirates 2-0 in the ninth inning of Game 7.

"Somebody from Pittsburgh came to our clubhouse guys and



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DECADE OF EXCELLENCE: Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine is one of two players who has been with the Braves since 1991. John Smoltz joins Glavine as the only players still around today, having received a ring for every finger.

Braves won 104 games to San Francisco's 103), Atlanta was knocked off by Philadelphia in the NLCS.

The Braves finally won it all in 1995, beating Cleveland in the World Series. They haven't been able to duplicate that feat, despite five more trips to the playoffs.

Now, with an aging, overachieving team, Atlanta is back for another

try. Even if the Braves should win the World Series, don't expect them to recapture the excitement of 1991.

"It's one of the funnest years I've ever had," Glavine said. "It's comparable to the year we won the World Series. You wouldn't think that. You would think that winning your first World Series would be head and shoulders above any other year. "But 1991 was so much fun."



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Performance Works auditions scheduled at Black Box theatre

By Joe Ben Deal
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Performance Works auditions will be held tonight and tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the Comm Arts Building at the Black Box.

Kenny Hill, the director, encourages people of all backgrounds and skill levels to attend. The Performance Works are designed to be different from traditional theatre and benefit with a diversity of actors.

"Performance Works are all original works and adapted for the stage. Its non-traditional theatre as opposed to a set play with set stage directions... performance works are works in progress... The actors are responsible for making [the piece] work," said Kenny Hill.

Hill believes differences between the actors in the performance works help to make the performance less traditional and more creative.

"The more diverse the background, the better for the performance works because people do not feel tied down to the traditional ideas of the-

atre... Someone with a mathematical background might look at the [text] differently than an acting student."

The text for the performance works was undecided at press time, but it will be adult themed. Hill is working on adapting poems by Steve Mortenson, but does not feel his adaptation would be appropriate at the present time because of the current terrorist conflict.

"It's a great, strong piece and is still very true. It will be performed at some time, but I don't know if this is the time... [the piece] is a criticism of the government and its promoting of racism and phobias... I don't want it to be sappy or self-gratifying which is how it would look in light current conditions... The use of the Star-Spangled Banner would seem like we were taking advantage of the situation."

The Performance Works will run in the Black Box theatre from November 28 through December 1. Auditions were originally scheduled for October 15 and 16, but were postponed due to illness.

'Nickelback': The pros and cons

By Chuck Carter
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Hard rock is an ever-changing animal. It's evident in the way one can refer to reverb-soaked hair band metal and dropped-D Seattle grunge with the same term.

Nickelback is no stranger to the music scene, but they have managed to birth a new and different face of hard rock. Fast paced vocals backed with thick as mud bass lines and high gain guitar with lead and solos used sparingly define Nickelback's signature style.

Despite the fact they have separated themselves with a definitive sound, Nickelback's influences are too painfully obvious, lyrically and musically. Maybe it isn't influences so much as terribly tired themes that have been used in rock over and over and over.

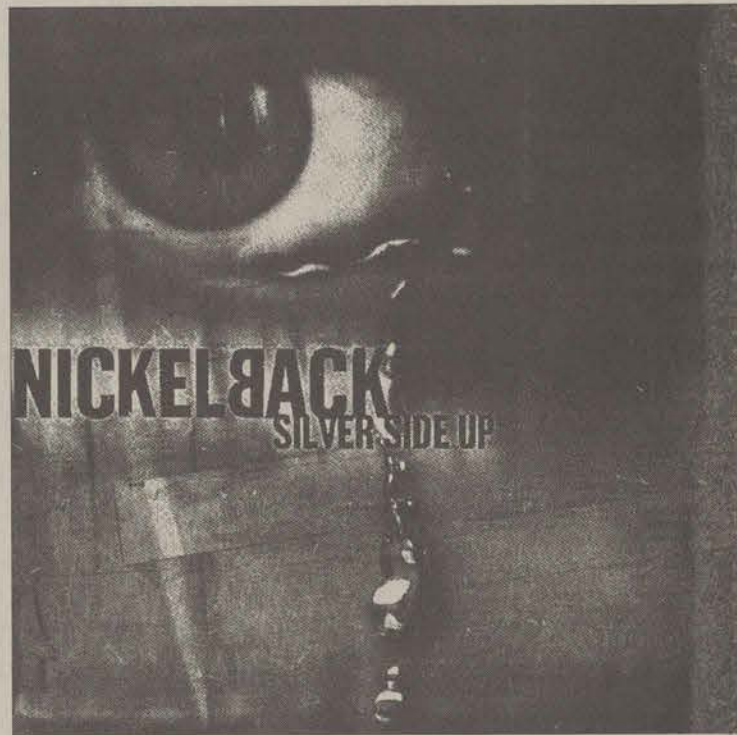
The opening track, "Never Again," chronicles a case of spousal abuse where the wife shoots her husband in the end. I don't know about you, but I can't help but think of Aerosmith's "Janie's Got a Gun" (or even Garth Brooks' country tune, "The Thunder Rolls").

Then there is "Where Do I Hide," an outlaw-on-the-lam ballad that opens, "Got a criminal record / I can't cross state lines / First on the bad list / and you're last on mine". That sounds like it was taken straight from a Bon Jovi record.

Lead guitarist and vocalist Chad Kroeger's solos show flashes of greatness only to be ended early as he doesn't exactly go wailing into the night on his six-string. Even when his lead goes longer than a few phases, it's nothing more than redundant licks that take up space. At times, his lyrics are the same way as he repeats the first verse instead going to a new and different third one. I guess after two verses, he got tired of writing.

It isn't all that bad, however. The band shines on tracks like "Hangnail," "Too Bad" and the initial single release, "How You Remind Me."

If you want something with which to bang along on your air guitar, "Silver Side Up" will do just fine. If you are looking for deeper quality music, passing on this one wouldn't be a bad idea.



Special Photo

NOREFUND NEEDED: Despite lyrical shortcomings, Nickelback's thick guitar and vocal mix puts a fresh face on classic rock influences and themes. The album 'Silver Side Up' features the successful single, 'How You Remind Me.'

Demand for RU-486 lower than supporters predicted

KRT Campus

HACKENSACK - When the federal government approved the abortion pill one year ago, the drug's supporters predicted it would revolutionize the way women ended their pregnancies - and temper the intensity of the public debate.

But a new national survey finds that only 6 percent of gynecologists and 1 percent of family practice physicians use mifepristone, known commonly as RU-486.

"People thought all these doctors were going to come out of the woodwork to offer the pill," said Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, which represents 160 clinics, including seven in New Jersey. "It hasn't happened."

Some doctors who offer it say they're finding few takers. One New Jersey abortion provider said only 5 percent of his patients who are eligible for the method opt for it.

Forty percent of surveyed doctors said they "personally oppose" the use of

the drug. Of the remainder, half said their decision not to offer it was based on concerns about protests or violence. The survey of 790 doctors was conducted by the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit, healthcare research group.

course of nine to 16 days.

In addition, mifepristone allows a woman to end her pregnancy right after discovering it, instead of having to wait until her sixth week for surgical abortion. For many women, those few weeks make a big emotional and moral difference.

Abortion rights supporters hoped that the enthusiasm for the drug would swell the ranks of abortion providers, at a time when the number nationwide was plummeting. Many believed mifepristone would move tens of thousands of abortions out of clinics, shifting them to where abortion

foes could not follow: physician's private offices and individual women's homes.

But the more familiar doctors became with the drug's financial, procedural, and political hurdles, the less enamored of it they were.

Even among the 27 percent of gynecologists nationwide who already offer surgical abortion, many who had expected to use mifepristone have since backed away from it. In large part, that's because few anticipated the drug's manufacturer would charge as much as it does for the three-pill regimen: \$270.

"The medication cost alone is so high, and when you add the physician fee and the cost of ultrasound, the price was prohibitive," said one New Jersey abortion provider who had planned to offer it. "Once we presented it to our patients, they all said no."

The protocol for patients using mifepristone requires them to visit their doctor three times in two weeks. In the 5 percent to 8 percent of cases when it doesn't work, a surgical abortion is necessary. Mifepristone-induced abortions may only be used in the first seven weeks of pregnancy.

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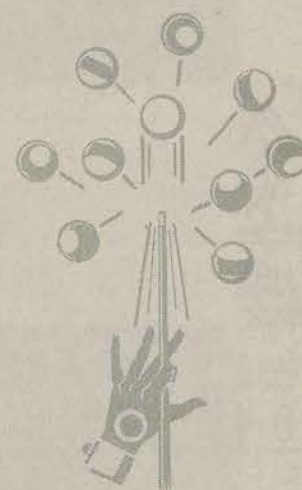
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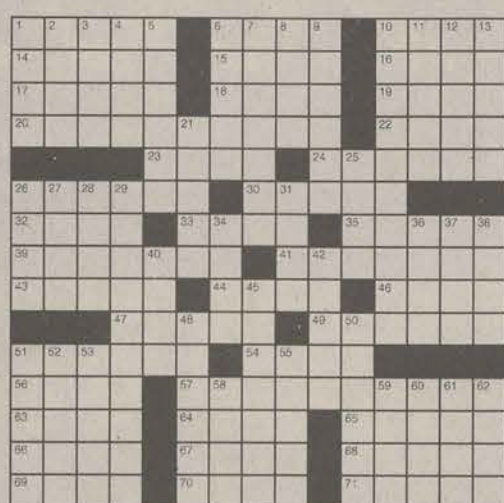
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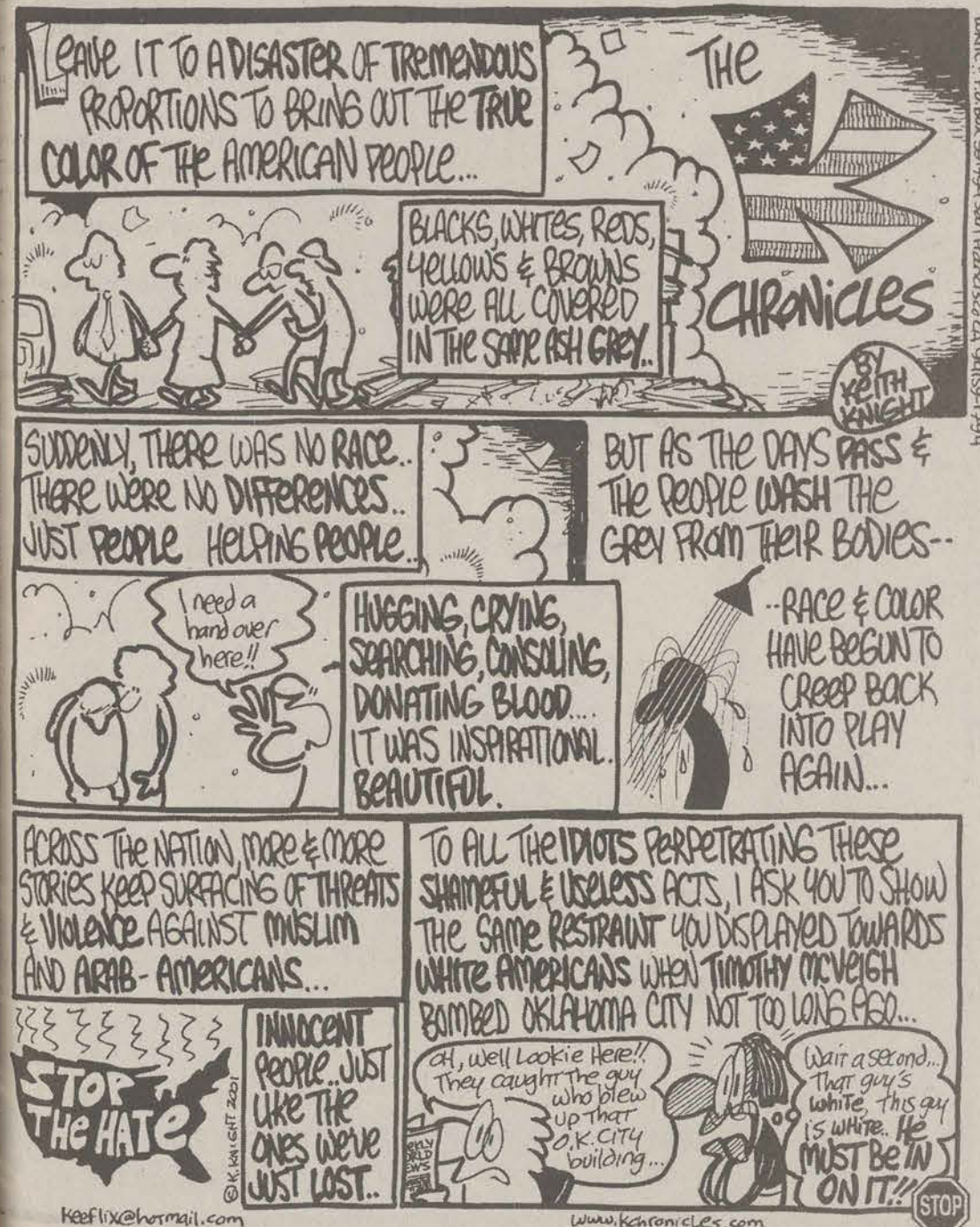
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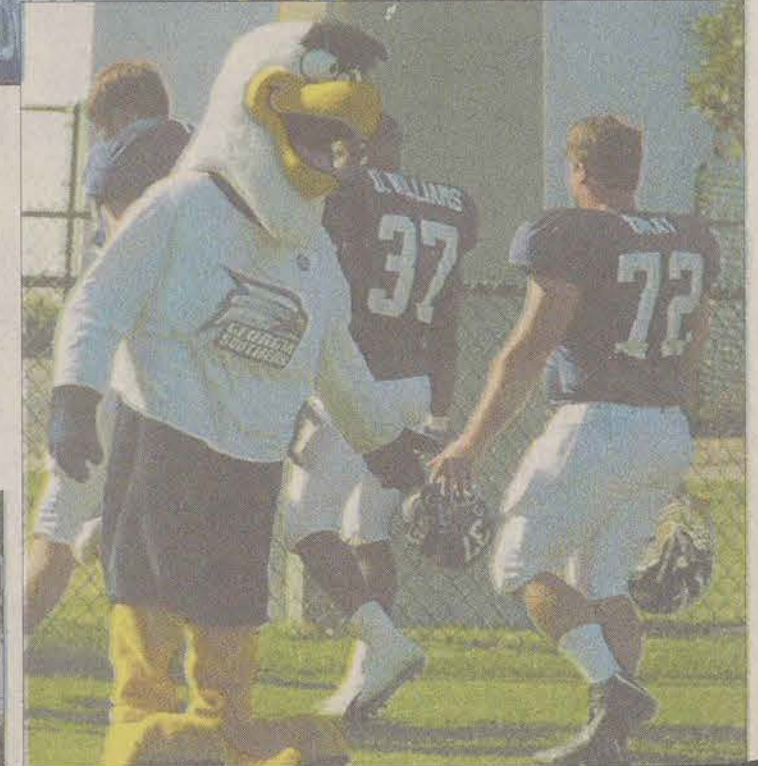
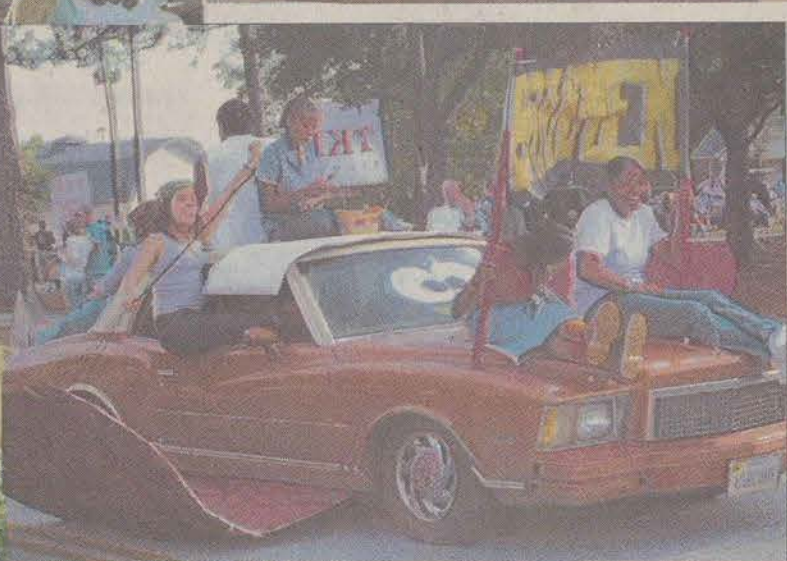
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