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CINEMA ARTS

- "Pola X" will show in the Union Theater at 7:15 p.m. Monday for \$2.

NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK

- GSU will celebrate National French Week with a variety of events Nov. 4-11.

NO STUTTER IN HIS STEP

• Peterson man of character on and off field despite disability

By Mathew R. Palmer
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Horace Grant of basketball does it. Greg Louganis of diving does, as does Bo Jackson of "Bo Knows" fame.

And so does Adrian Peterson. Besides all being dynamic men in the sports world who hold numerous records in their respective sports, they all have a speech impediment—they stutter. Still common among them, none let the disability affect their lives.

Peterson's father, Porter, can only remember one time that Adrian questioned his disability. Unable to convey his thoughts to his high school football coach, Peterson asked his dad "Why can't I be normal?"

The answer was only a few miles down the road. It was the Saint Augustine School for the Deaf and Blind. Elder Peterson told Adrian that he "was blessed."

"You may not get your words out as quickly, but you can speak. You can hear the crowds cheering for you in the stands," he said. "These kids cannot."

"From that point on, he became a believer."

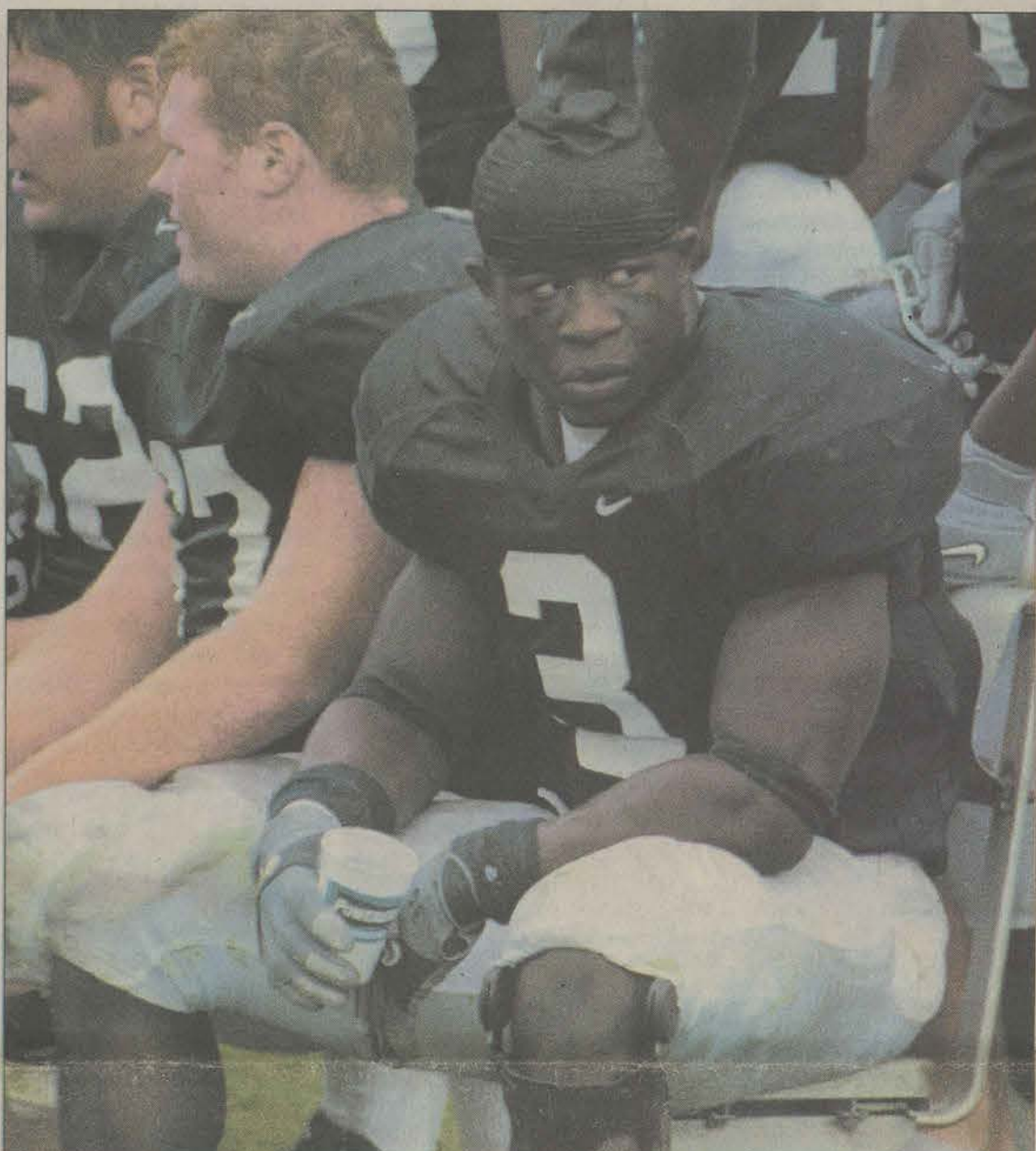
"Being a super athlete, he never had a problem with people picking on him," elder Peterson said about Adrian. "They looked at him as Adrian the athlete, not Adrian who stutters."

His mother, Retha, had input as well. "God made everybody and you are made the way you are for a reason," she told him. "You may not know the reason but there is one. And, you have to accept it. Once you accept it, you can move on."

That he did. He let his legs do the talking—or running, rather. And his legs, not feet, stutter.

Peterson remembers that in his hometown of Alachua, Florida seven-years-old was the earliest age in which you could play little league sports. His brother Mike, four years older, was already playing. He had a father and uncles who had played football, too.

"When I turned seven, it was natu-



Lindsay Wise/STAFF

A GENTLEMAN OFF THE FIELD, A WRECKING TRAIN ON THE FIELD: Adrian Peterson, GSU's record-breaking running back, is not only a treat to the Eagles' football program, but to the university as a whole. He will graduate this December, but not before successfully completing over four years as a student and breaking numerous college football records in his four years as an offensive powerhouse.

ral. My mom didn't even have to ask me if I wanted to play," he said. "I just told her to sign me up."

And since that day, he has loved to play football.

There in the stands, you could hear the cheers of his mother and father.

"I cannot remember them ever missing a little league game or a high school game," he said. His father had to miss some little league games, only to coach other teams. Still, he was in the same complex, Peterson said. "When I got into high school, they never missed a

game."

Peterson played running back in high school helping his team to several undefeated seasons as well as a Florida State Championship his sophomore

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Eagle, Palidan matchup of utmost importance

By Doug Kidd
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Make no mistake; Georgia Southern's loss last week to East Tennessee State did nothing to hurt the magnitude of Saturday's showdown versus Furman.

When the Paladins show up for the regionally televised game, everything's still on the line.

"It's still a big game," GSU head coach Paul Johnson said.

It's still big and still being played for the Southern Conference title. Only thing different is the Eagles are now playing for a share of the crown. Furman enters the contest 5-0 in the conference while GSU is 5-1.

"Nothing's changed, and everybody knows that," Furman quarterback Billy Napier told the *Greenville News*. "And everybody knew that when [GSU lost]. It wasn't like, 'Oh, they got beat, we're gonna win the conference.'"

As if playing for the top spot in the SoCon wasn't enough, GSU enters the game with something to prove. Furman whipped the Eagles 45-10 last season in Greenville.

And no one on either side has



File Photo

SWORDS DON'T WORK ON SOARING EAGLES: This weekend's matchup at Paulson Stadium between GSU and Furman is by far the most important faceoff the Eagles have encountered this year, as both teams are ranked in the top five of the NCAA Division I-AA polls.

forgotten about it.

"We remember it as coaches and I'm sure the players remember it," Johnson said. "You can use it as motivation or you can't."

In Johnson's four-plus years

coaching the Eagles, GSU has taken a previous loss and turned it into motivation. Appalachian State (twice), UMass and Delaware have

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GSU volunteers hold Halloween festival for migrant kids

By Joe Ben Deal
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On October 31, GSU students helped make a Halloween festival possible for the after school migrant program at Langston Chapel Elementary.

The students usually meet for extra help, but for Halloween, they had a party. The festival lasted till the buses arrived.

The kids divided up into groups with the GSU student volunteers. One group decorated trick-or-treat bags, another group consisted of face painting, and the third group went outside to help carve pumpkins. The children had pizza and cupcakes for refreshments.

As the activities wrapped up, the children grabbed their book-bags and went trick-or-treating down the hall

to the buses.

The program consists of 38 students ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade whose primary language is Spanish. The students meet every Monday and Wednesday.

"They spend all day long hearing a language they are not accustomed to... This is a means for them

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Financial aid disbursements to begin fall 2002

By Tobias Mathis
Special to the G-A

GSU will proceed with late financial aid disbursements beginning in the fall of 2002.

The decision to discontinue the availability of financial aid checks on the first day of classes was made this past spring by the Georgia Southern Enrollment Management Team, headed by the Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Linda Bleicken.

A spokesperson for the University Bookstore said that students would be able to purchase textbooks in a process similar to a voucher system.

Students' financial rewards will be fed into a computer at the bookstore and the cost of the textbooks will be deducted when the aid checks are distributed in each student's Landrum box.

GSU is one of the few institutions in the state that still allows students to receive their award checks on the first day of classes. Although the university has adopted the late disbursement system, federal regulations require HOPE scholars to receive their book allowance when classes begin.

According to the Office of Revenue Accounting, the main reason for GSU adopting the late disbursement policy is liability.

"Students will pick up their financial aid check and drop out of school," said Connie Murphy, director of financial aid.

Reports indicate that between the fall of 1998 and the fall of 2000, GSU returned almost \$220,000 to the federal government for students who did not attend class, but cashed financial aid checks.

The university has to comply with the standards of the U.S. Department of Education Student

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Frontier Internet customers face outage

By Jake Hallman
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is restored.

A significant portion of Frontier Communication's 280 DSL (digital subscriber line) Internet customers in the Statesboro area have had no service since Wednesday, Oct. 24.

"We are experiencing intermittent problems with our network," said Rusty Fife, a communications specialist with Citizens Communications, Frontier's parent company.

"At times some customers may be having a problem while others are not having any problem."

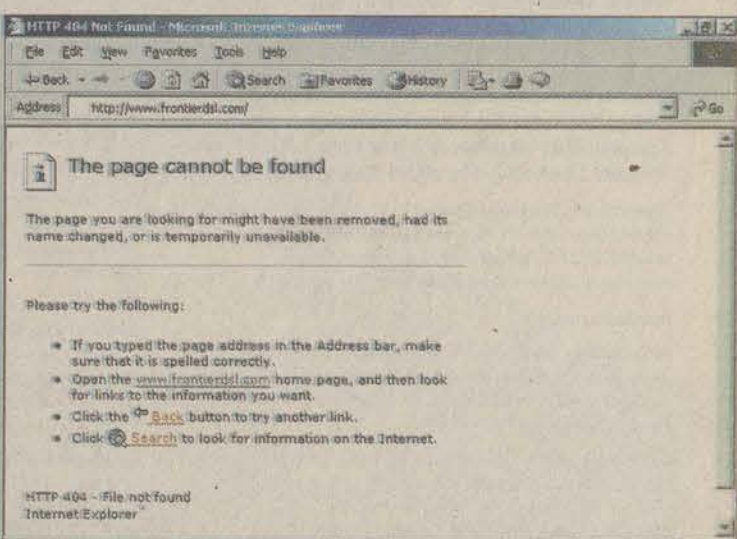
According to Frontier customers, they have faced a complete loss of their Internet service, with Frontier technical support telling them that it may be another week before service

Customers have reported numerous problems with their Frontier DSL accounts to The George-Anne since the service was introduced early this year, including slow download speeds and intermittent service outages.

"We have had this problem for several days," Fife said. "Our technicians and our DSL vendor engineers have been working on the problem and hope to have it fixed in the near future."

Fife offered no specific answers to what is causing the problem or an exact date for its resolution. He also did not confirm reports that Frontier

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OUTAGE OUTRAGE: Students with Frontier's DSL Internet have been without service on and off all semester. The image above is the screen users see when DSL is down.

Photo Illustration



Police Beat

Statesboro Police Department

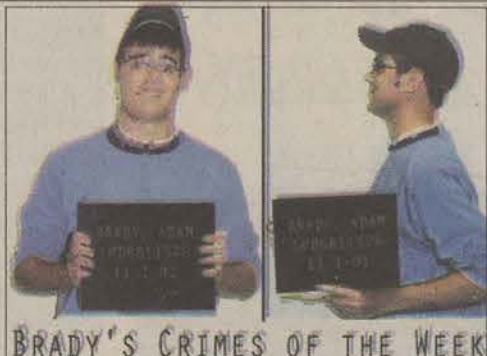
November 1

- James Nathan Gustavson was charged with speeding and DUI
- Josetina McRay reported that her car was egged in Players Club Apartments
- Misty Westerfield reported that her car was egged in Players Club Apartments

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Adam Brady.

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.

Brady's Crimes of the Week



BRADY'S CRIMES OF THE WEEK

• The 'Pizza Bandit'

After losing his checkbook this past week, a local student realized that a couch potato criminal had been allegedly buying pizza using the misplaced checks. Pizzas bought from Holiday Pizza, Domino's, Hungry Howie's, Pizza Hut, Papa John's, and Big Fella's were all purchased using forged checks from the student's stolen checkbook. During this past week alone, nearly \$350 in pizza was purchased. Strangely enough, there have been no reports of purchases other than pizza having been made.

• Door Decoration Gone Awry

On Oct. 25, a female student woke to find something that most definitely did not belong upon her door handle. The previous night, someone allegedly unrolled a condom onto the handle to her Stadium View apartment door. Apparently this would not be enough for our intrepid criminal. On Halloween, deciding to "trick" instead of "treat," someone, possibly but not definitely the same person who placed the condom, taped two pornographic images to her front door.

Career Services holds Halloween open house

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Once you entered the Williams Center you were surrounded by sweet smells.

As you entered room 1047, ghosts, goblins and 'scary treats' were sprawled across the refreshments table.

The room was filled with different costumes. Cleopatra, Grumpy from "Snow White and The Seven Dwarves", Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz", cute twin cats and even a dead man came to the event.

There was, however, another group of people. A group that the event was especially coordinated for: students. Some came after hearing about the open house and others just happened to be in the right place at the right time.

As the festivities went on and people came in and out, the students continued to look at different Internet sites and sheets that suggested possible jobs for each major. They mingled and had refreshments, but eventually got back to what they came in to do.

Brooke Smith, a freshman from Metter, Georgia, said she was planning to come after her GSU 1210 instructor told her about the place.

Smith said she wouldn't have known about career services if she wasn't told. "I think it's helpful to have."

After looking at Internet sites and in between refreshments, Smith said a student could find out a lot in the center

and would definitely recommend coming to career services to her friends.

"It's very informative."

Even employees of career services have found the services helpful. Camisha Walker, a sophomore from Marietta, Georgia, believes the services are important and useful. She has used the resources in career services for a resume and internships and recruiting opportunities.

"I'm looking for an internship this summer," she said.

Walker notes that when students do come in and see the kind of help they can get from career services, they continue to come back. Once they get acquainted with the services and the people, they return for continuing help to locate internships or programs that can be helpful to their major.

One of the web sites that Walker believes is popular and very helpful is <http://www.careerconnection.com>. It is helpful with local jobs, internships, interviewing and information sessions.

Pearl Middleton, the coordinator of the event (or Dorothy for the day), thinks it was a success. This is the second year career services has had the Halloween Open House and they plan to make it an annual event.

Middleton believes it

is important for students to come and help themselves be prepared for the job market. According to her, it is a way to "get your foot in the door."

All types of services are provided. Resources are there to help students decide on a major and assessment tests to help confirm or deny if that is what they really want to do.

Help is not limited to those that are confused about what they want to do, however. "Even when you do have a major, it's important to have a four-year plan," said Middleton.

She would like to see more students take advantage of the services here on campus. In the past year

career services has had information sessions with housing and GSU classes. They try to reach more students by advertising through different GSU information sessions. Also, they get the information to faculty, so that they can tell classes about career services.

Next year, Middleton says they plan on advertising in the George-Anne since it reaches many students.

Middleton also hopes that in the years to come, "the event gets big enough to move to the dining hall upstairs." Career Services is located in the Williams Center. For more information call 681-5197.



Laura Cox/STAFF

BOO: The GSU Career Center held a Halloween open house Wednesday. In addition to showing off their costumes, advisors informed student visitors about the services the center offers to prospective job-seekers.

People of Faith Week to be held at GSU

Special to the G-A

Was last week the week from Hell? Maybe People of Faith Week will help.

The Coordinated Religious Ministries, an umbrella group of the various religious groups on campus will be sponsoring People of Faith: an Exploration. The week will consist of panel discussions and individual presentations on a wide variety of religious topics, from keeping kosher, to drinking alcohol, to a Baptist-Roman Catholic dialogue.

The presenters will include professors, students, campus ministers, local ministers, as well as the Georgia Southern Choral.

"People of Faith week is important," says Todd Strain, campus intern at the Baptist Student Union, "because it is a week students can focus upon their spiritual side of life,

aside from academic and social pursuits."

The week gives students the opportunity to hear about people who believe and act upon their beliefs and see their influence.

The week allows not only for a deeper look at one's own belief, but also the opportunity to discover more about people of other faith traditions.

"This is an important year to be in touch with other religious traditions, especially with what went on this past September 11 as well as the conflicts within Israel and Afghanistan," says Jane Hall, campus minister for Catholic Newman Association.

The week will also have opportunities for prayer and worship. "It is one thing to hear people talk about what they believe, but certainly an-

other thing to actually put those beliefs into practice," said Mark Louderback, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and President of the Coordinated Religious Ministries.

"So, there will be time of prayer on Monday morning as well as a Christian ecumenical celebration on Thursday Night at the Rotunda."

One of the more interesting events will be a concert of Western Christian music by the Southern Choral, directed by Dr. Rodney Caldwell. In addition to the pieces being performed, Mr. Paul McGovern will give a commentary and brief explanation on the historical importance of the pieces. The concert and discussion will be held on Tuesday, at 2:00 in Foy auditorium. The concert will last approximately one hour.

Museum Student Day has largest turnout yet

By John Hardy
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The second annual Student Day, held Wednesday at the GSU Museum, had the biggest turnout yet in its young history.

The student attendance for the event was 130. Director of the GSU Museum, Dr. Brent Tharp said he was pleased with the increased crowd.

He wants the museum to be able to be a valuable resource for students.

"In creating this event, we wanted to try and find ways to continue to

make the museum relevant to the student body," said Tharp.

Tharp also plans for future events to continue to reach out to those on campus.

The Student Day events included the announcement of the winners for its pumpkin carving contest. The first place winner was Kristin Murray, with Benjamin Shryock and Thomas Brown taking second and third place, respectively. The prizes have yet to be selected by the winners.

Three science illusion shows conducted by Dr. Julia Celebi were all

well attended, according to Susan Shryock, the administrative assistant to Dr. Tharp.

Shryock expressed feelings similar to Tharp on the event. "It went really well. We hope to continue this event, with the main idea of getting our GSU students to see our facility here," she said.

Local radio station WGVS 91.9 broadcasted live from the event as well.

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Panelists include:

Mike Strong, former George-Anne sports editor and print journalist who is now an award-winning automotive reporter for Crain Communications and Crain's Detroit Business in Detroit, Michigan.

Gary Witte, former George-Anne editor, weekly newspaper editor, and daily newspaper reporter who is now a Communications Coordinator in the Office of Communications for Cobb County, Georgia.

Skip Jennings, former WVGS/FM station manager who is now a practicing attorney in Savannah, Georgia, where he still hosts a monthly radio show in his spare time.

Doug Gross, former George-Anne editor and Statesboro Bureau Chief for the Savannah Morning News, who is now a member of the Atlanta Bureau for the Morris News Service where he reports on state issues, including the Georgia General Assembly.

Terry Harvin, former George-Anne sports editor and member of the 1989 and 1990 National Championship football Eagles who is now Chief Marketing Officer/Director of Sales & Marketing for Georgia PCS Management, an affiliate of Sprint PCS.

Anthony Dasher, a former George-Anne editor and sports writer for the Savannah Morning News who is now a sports reporter based in Athens, Georgia, where he covers college and professional sports for the Morris News Service.

Kelley McGonnell, an award-winning collegiate journalist and two-time George-Anne editor who is now in her first year as director of student media and photography for Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC.

Warren Riles, director of Career Services at Georgia Southern University.

Dianne Lamb, assistant professor of journalism in the Department of Communication Arts at Georgia Southern University, who will serve as moderator for the discussion.

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1 Washington

Two charged with killing man who urinated into floor drain

SEATTLE — Two men have been arrested in the fatal beating of a man whom police say was attacked after he got drunk and urinated into a floor drain at a friend's home.

Ali Ahmed "Mo" Warsame, 23, and Hassan Husein Hundiye, 27, both of Seattle, were charged Tuesday with second-degree murder in the death of Muhamed Said Hassen, 21, also of Seattle, and were jailed on \$750,000 bail each.

Hassen was found wrapped in a blanket beneath a bridge outside Lake Stevens on Oct. 20 and died the next day at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. Documents filed in Superior Court gave the following account:

On the night of Oct. 19, Hassen and two friends got drunk at a bar, went to a house and met Warsame, who lived at the house, and Hundiye, who was visiting.

A woman told investigators she and a man went to the house to buy crack cocaine, drove the group to a nearby convenience store where Hassen shoplifted a bottle of wine and then returned to the house.

A friend said Hassen "decided to urinate into the drain on the uncarpeted floor" of the laundry room and was punched in the face by Warsame, after which Hundiye joined in beating and beating him, detectives wrote.

After Hassen passed out, he was wrapped in a blanket, placed in a van and driven away.

2 New Hampshire

Man who refused to recognize Daylight Savings Time dies

DUNBARTON — Lincoln Webster Burnham's friends say he was never late often an hour early, but never late because he didn't recognize Daylight Savings Time.

Burnham died Monday of pneumonia, a day after most of the rest of the country returned to his time, standard time. He was 93.

The lifelong Dunbarton resident gained notoriety for sticking with standard time. Daylight Savings Time, he said, "makes fools out of the people and liars out of clocks."

His quirk landed him in the news and won him an appearance on Late Night with David Letterman in 1986. That was his first trip out of New England and his first airplane ride.

He gave his appearance and the program mixed reviews.

"It's really a humor show," he said at the time. "I don't think I really fit in."

3 Connecticut

Bill Clinton crashes wedding

SOUTHINGTON. — Most brides wouldn't take too kindly to having someone crash their wedding, but Roberta Schimler didn't mind her unexpected guest former President Bill Clinton.

Clinton stopped by St. Mary's Church in New Haven on his way to give a speech at Yale University on Oct. 6. Schimler was waiting in her limo when her father noticed a friend in the entourage surrounding Clinton. Her father waved at the friend, who waved back.

Someone then told Schimler to get out of the limo, because the former president was headed her way. Clinton told Schimler, "Congratulations! You look beautiful."

Then the limousine driver asked, "Aren't you going to kiss the bride?"

Clinton walked over, posed for pictures and kissed the bride on the cheek while her husband-to-be, Edwin Schimler, waited inside the church. "It was totally a fluke," the bride said. "It was good timing that he was there."

By the time she joined her groom at the altar, he had heard a rumor about the extra guest. Just as the priest finished a short prayer, he asked her if it was true. "Yes, but we can't talk about this right now," she whispered.

4 Illinois

Prosecutor quits after admitting anthrax hoax

CHICAGO — A Cook County prosecutor assigned to Traffic Court in downtown Chicago has resigned after admitting that he perpetrated an anthrax hoax on a co-worker.

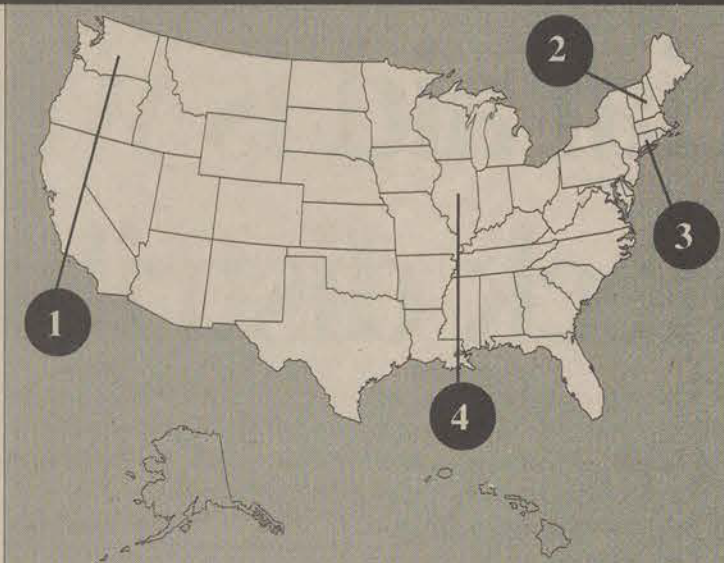
James Vasselli, 27, who joined the Cook County state's attorney's office in March, admitted Tuesday that he placed an envelope filled with sugar on the desk of fellow prosecutor Adam Weber. The envelope bore the return address of a person Weber was prosecuting.

Weber found the envelope and summoned a supervisor, who called 911. Chicago firefighters and a hazardous materials team rushed to the Traffic Division's 31st floor offices. Tests later revealed that the powder inside the envelope was sugar. Vasselli resigned a short time later.

"This incident is being treated with the utmost gravity by our office," Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine said in a statement. "This is not regarded as a prank."

No law enforcement official should be engaged in such irresponsible behavior at a time like this."

Dan Curry, a spokesman for



Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan, said Ryan's office would review the incident to determine the proper course of action.

In a previous Chicago anthrax hoax, Chad Seabold was charged with felony disorderly conduct for leaving an envelope filled with powdered coffee creamer for his roommate.

Top aides to Chicago Mayor

Richard M. Daley were expected to testify Wednesday before an Illinois legislative committee that is seeking to make it a crime to make a false threat of terrorism.

The new crime would be a Class 2 felony, punishable by as long as seven years in prison, plus automatic restitution to the government agencies which responded to the hoax.

Gothic role-playing game worries small-town residents

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Ind. — Town residents have called police repeatedly in recent weeks due to a role-playing game that some people mistake for a demonic cult.

The Grave Diggers Union's improvised performances in backyards, parking lots and parks have put some Alexandria residents on edge, The Herald Bulletin of Anderson reported Monday.

"People think it's some kind of satanic worship," Police Chief Jack Malston said. "The players portray supernatural characters such as vampires, werewolves, fairies and ghosts."

"When you read books, you get involved with the characters. Imagine you being able to be that character, to go into the story," said Chris Chambers, who started the local game. "All we're doing is putting on a big play. That's all it is." Not everyone likes their choice

of stages, however.

Police were called on Sept. 29 when someone reported that a satanic cult had gathered in a parking lot.

The group's members told police they had permission to meet there, but the store owner denied it. Mayor Steven Skaggs said he thinks the group should stay out of public places.

Some members of the group asked the city's park board earlier this year for permission to meet in a local park, but officials said the group had to have insurance and no decision was made.

Malston said police have received several complaints about the group, but no charges have been filed against its members, The Herald Bulletin said.

"The only crime we're committing is being too involved in our imagination, if that can be a crime," Chambers said.



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We lost the game.

It was bound to happen one day, even though the Eagles football squad is a Death Star-like unstoppable machine. Darth Peterson, Emperor Johnson... they found the exhaust port.

But 'know what? There was another Death Star, and Furman doesn't have any of those pesky Ewoks to help them out.

Hell, their coach doesn't even look anything like Han Solo.

We're out for blood. We're going to squash them like Jar-Jar under the massive foot of an Imperial Walker. J.R. Fett and the boys are going to teach them a lesson they shan't soon forget.

Yes, we fans got the wind knocked out of us. Yes, our spirits fell like Luke Skywalker in Cloud City.

It's not easy facing the fact our Eagles, like any other group of people, aren't perfect. They try damned hard, but occasionally (very occasionally) they're going to fail.

But hey, nobody ever said it was going to be easy, did they?

Besides, this gives us a valid defense against those who portray GSU as the big bullies on the I-AA block.

We're still with you, team. We're pulling for you guys not only to win, but to utterly crush Furman tomorrow.

Use the force. A few touchdown passes wouldn't hurt, either.

Financial aid is wrong to hold check distribution

CHRIS
BRENNAMAN



Next fall, GSU will be handing out financial aid checks later than usual. Right now, checks are distributed on the first day of class. Next year, this will not be the case.

I think that it goes without saying that financial aid is a wonderful thing. Not only can students put the money towards books, but it can towards things like rent, school supplies, and lab fees. These few examples don't

even begin to cover what financial aid means to many of GSU's student population. As a matter of fact, financial aid has saved my broke student Keister on a semesterly basis.

Thankfully,

I won't be here to experience the "glory" of late checks. No, I'll have entered what we students have almost mystically dubbed "the real world."

I'll be long gone.

However, those of you that have to remain in academic purgatory a little longer, well, you're in for a treat.

The main reason cited for holding checks back is that many of our brethren tend to take the money and run. Literally. The university stands to lose funding due to students that cheat the system out of a few thousand dollars.

So I'm to believe that because of the actions of a few, the rest of us get

to be held accountable for their actions? Am I to believe that this was the best solution that the university could come up with?

Guess the "Strategic Plan" didn't

have this thing they do. They prosecute you. Yep, they send folks after, ask where the money is and then they take it out of your financial hide. More than you took, even. As a matter of fact, words like "fraud," and "theft" come to mind.

Did the university just not see any other options, or was withholding money from people who desperately need it just the easiest way to handle things?

Start putting some money aside, gang. Next semester going to be off to a tight start.

And to all you kids that plan on skipping class, keep it up, and they may decide to withhold aid until the end of the semester. Why not? The logic is just as sound.

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One moment can change your life forever

BROOKE
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Have you ever thought about how one moment can change your life entirely? This was the main idea of the movie that I saw this weekend, "Riding in Cars with Boys."

The film was one of the best movies I have seen all year, but a strange event occurred while we were waiting to go in the theater.

I don't want to give too much of the movie away, but it is about a girl, played by Drew Barrymore, who becomes impregnated in her mid-teens. The whole movie is centralized around her son, and how a new life has changed her own.

A rather funny incident happened just outside of the movie theater, as my family and I were waiting to go in.

My mother saw a few of her

acquaintances coming out of the movie. They stopped to chat, and when we asked about their critique of the movie, they said it was the worst movie they had ever seen. They said it was degrading to women, disgusting, and very depressing. They even said they wanted to leave during the middle of the movie.

Not only were they so insistent that the movie was "disgusting," they went even further by making a scene right there in front of a group of people coming out of the movie. They began harrasing people who were coming out of the movie. In their loud, high pitched voices they asked, "Well, what did YOU think of the movie?"

Of course everyone they encountered contradicted their every opinion. It was quite embarrassing and I thought some of these people were desperately trying to find a way out of the conversation.

Now, I was rather surprised by their reaction to the movie, because by the previews, I thought it looked well-made with many humorous scenes. Their reaction was so negative of the movie that we almost decided to see another one. I am so glad that we made the decision to see it anyway.

Like I said, the movie was excellent. It's a true story. The author had a way of finding humor in her own life during rough times, which I think many people can relate to.

So it was hard for me to understand why my mother's acquaintances found it so horrible and degrading to themselves as women. There are only three reasons I can

think of why they came to that conclusion.

The first reason that could have made them dislike the movie may be that they were offended by it for religious reasons.

There are some parts to the movie with which some closed-minded, conservative, extremely religious people may not agree. I find it hard to believe in the current day and time that someone could be so outraged by the movies topics, but you never know.

Another reason they may not have enjoyed the film, was that they don't see how people could find humor when times are rough. I think you have to consider the fact that I was in Hilton Head Island, SC.,

where my parents live. I really love Hilton Head, but there are many very wealthy residents who have never had to work very hard for what they wanted in life, and who were handed everything on a silver platter.

They don't know what rough times are like, and they could not imagine finding humor in them. How could they live without their million-dollar house with an ocean view and their brand new BMW?

Finally, maybe these acquaintances don't believe that one moment can change your entire life. Maybe the only important moments in their life are when their daughters come out at the debutante ball, or they make the hard decision on what color their new \$4,000 silk sofa should be.

I do believe that one moment can change your life. In fact, I think many moments can change your life. I know if things had worked out differently, I may not be here at GSU, or maybe my family would have never moved away from North Carolina.

What if we were never attacked on September 11? Would our nation have grown to believe more and more that we are totally indestructible? What if the plane had crashed into the White House as planned?

Many moments change our lives and make us who we are. The point is that we should always find humor in our lives, no matter how rough they become, and find the support in the ones which we love.

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Okay, what's the deal with people and parking?

JILL
BURNHAM



What is the problem with people and parking on this campus? It's got to be the immature, clueless freshmen that are allowed to drive and have no idea

how to drive or extend the courtesies that one driver should bestow on other drivers.

For example, I was patiently waiting my turn to park in the Comm. Arts parking lot like everybody else. I admit I would wait for five minutes in one row and become slightly impatient and move to another row. All of a sudden, I spotted a possible parker making his way to his vehicle on my row. I eyed him carefully but making sure to scope out the competition for his parking spot. It's not like I didn't have time to look for other possible spots but I wanted this one. I wanted to get to class on time.

Unfortunately, I did have competition. A guy sitting at the top of the row in an old, dirty blazer with tinted windows was also eyeing the pedestrian. Then, a break I was waiting for. A friend of the blazer guy walked up and starting shooting the shit. This distracted the driver from the vehicle leaving just long enough for me to move in. I seized the moment and flicked on my blinker. YEAH...I've got the spot.

I begin my slow crawl to the available spot just waiting for the truck to leave. Finally the massive vehicle moves out of the way and I hit the accelerator to whip into the space when all of a sudden I look over to see the blazer hurtling toward me and he's not stopping. I was not about to let this asshole get

my spot. I mean COME ON; I had my blinker on. Is this guy blind or something? I know he saw my blinker but he blatantly refused to acknowledge it. Not only did he ignore my blinker but he is fighting with me for this stupid parking spot. I was already halfway into the spot and yet this guy is still inching toward me. By this point, his fender is so close to my car I would have been trapped if I tried to get out.

Not only is this ass threatening me with his revved engine but he is flicking me off too. I was pissed but I won the spot. I collected my belongings, cracked my windows, turned off the radio and air condition and shut down the engine. I knew this was going to say something but what is the question. I started walking and of course he was

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leaning out of his window ready to open his stupid trap. "Did you not see me waiting for that spot," he barked. Calmly, I told him he never turned on his blinker so I did. That's the way it goes, sorry! But he couldn't leave it at that. He said, "I've been waiting

for 20 minutes you bitch." I just laughed. Like I'm suppose to know how long this idiot has been waiting for a spot. It's not my fault he can't find a parking place. He proceeded to yell some immature obscenities. I yelled back, "Ohhh, please don't call me names, you're gonna hurt my feelings." He even got out of his car to yell at me. How stupid can this guy be? Before I could even get in the building I looked back to see him parking his blazer in the same row just a few spots down from the one I got.

So I ask this guy, was it all worth it? Does the G-A news editor need to publish a list of parking etiquette? I know the first thing on the list would be the blinker rules. Whoever flicks it on first wins. It's as simple as that and it's pointless to get all pissed off or flustered. After all, it's just a parking spot and there is bound to be another one just around the corner. So either abide by the rules or walk.

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DISBURSEMENTS, FROM PAGE 1

Financial Aid Handbook.

"Federal regulations require any post-secondary institute that gives out Federal Title IV financial aid to document student attendance," said Debbie Driggers Powell, director of revenue accounting.

"If a student received money from the university and never shows up for class, then there is no way to document that that student ever went to class," Powell

added.

Federal Title IV financial aid includes all of the following aid: federal Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Pell Grants, Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, Parent Plus Loans and Perkins Loans.

"If an institution does not comply with Federal Title IV Financial Aid regulations, that institution could lose portions of their Title IV funding," said Powell.

February is National Financial Aid Month. The Department of Financial Aid holds workshops on "How to Complete Your FAFSA," and "Budgeting and Money Management."

"We offer budgeting information for students every term, but get low student participation," said Murphy.

The campaign to increase student awareness of the aid disbursement will begin spring 2002.

DSL, FROM PAGE 1

is no longer accepting orders for DSL service in Statesboro due to the ongoing problems.

Several customers have expressed anger at the outage, noting that Frontier's charge for DSL service is significantly higher than standard modem access, costing up to \$64 each month for high-speed access versus \$15 for standard dial-up connections.

nections.

According to Fife, Frontier is handling bill credits for the outage

the outage to call Frontier billing for assistance on credit issues.

"We would like to apologize to our customers for any inconvenience this problem may be causing them," Fife said.

DSL Internet connections allow users to connect using existing telephone lines like a modem, but at speeds of up to 30 times that of a modem connection. Unlike a modem connection, the phone line is still available for voice use when connected to the Internet.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO OUR CUSTOMERS FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS PROBLEM MAY BE CAUSING THEM."

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on a customer-to-customer basis, and urged customers affected by

FESTIVAL, FROM PAGE 1

to socialize and get extra help," said Billie Macken, the lead teacher of the program.

The program is sponsored by the Live Oak Migrant Education Agency and supported by the Center for Latin Outreach, the Spanish Club, and the Hispanic Student Association.

Five to seven GSU students volunteer on each Monday and Wednesday.

"Student volunteers are very important," said James Phenix, director of Live Oak Migrant Education Agency, which pro-

vides all the funding for the program.

"It would be a lot more expensive to bring in more people."

Bulloch County is only one of thirty-eight school systems in the State of Georgia that Live Oak Migrant Education works with. They have many programs that help migrant students in need of assistance.

These programs range from the after school program at Langston Chapel to summer school programs and tutors.

They also have supplemental

programs that help the students other needs such as medical attention.

"The key is getting the right person where there are several people to work with and this is one of those places," said James Phenix about Langston Chapel.

Mrs. Macken welcomes all that wish to volunteer for the program.

"If anyone is not busy, we need all the help we can get...[the children] need role models," said Mrs. Macken.

For more information, contact The Center for Latin Outreach.

FOOTBALL, FROM PAGE 1

each beaten the Eagles only to lose the next game.

Adrian Peterson hopes to add Furman to the list.

"You want to win every game, but especially against somebody that you've already lost to," the senior said. "But we have to come in and stay focused and go in with the right attitude."

"We have to stay on track for the entire game."

That's something the Eagles couldn't do last season without Peterson. With the fullback sidelined with an elbow injury, GSU played Furman close in the first half, trailing 10-7.

But in the second half the wheels fell off as the Paladins offensive line paved the way for Furman's Louis Ivory career day. Ivory scored three touchdowns and established a SoCon regular season game record with 301 yards.

Ivory's game propelled him to

the Walter Payton Award, the honor Peterson received in 1999. Both star runners have continued their impressive careers this year and their "battle" is a storyline many in I-AA have waited for all year.

But Johnson said any thoughts

about Ivory or Peterson being the sole responsibility for their team's success on Saturday is misguided.

"Both of those guys have proven themselves," he said. "It will come down to how the other guys step up and help them."

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All bets are off this NFL season



By Bo Fulginiti
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NFL football has been a showcase of some of the greatest dynasties in professional sports over the past thirty years.

The 1970's were dominated by Chuck Knoll's "Steel Curtain" defense in Pittsburgh, the 80's featured Bill Walsh's deadly one-two punch of Montana to Rice in San Francisco, and the 90's were a showcase of "America's team" from Dallas, with the league's first 300-plus pound offensive line that built a fort around Troy Aikman and broke holes wide open for Emmitt Smith.

Now in 2001, the NFL is operating under a reconstructed salary cap, and a league that was once center stage for the "king of the mountain" has turned into a free-for-all schoolyard rumble. Dynasties have become folklore, and the road to the big dance has become an unexpected joyride instead of a mapped out journey.

Teams like the Buffalo Bills and Seattle Seahawks have had to let perennial probrowlers like Bruce Smith and John Randle walk away just to keep an acceptable payroll, and free agent signings haven't gone for the jaw-dropping figures that the other three major pro sports have. Successful teams have had to make their mark with quality drafts and a few low-budget offseason acquisitions to patch up a few soft spots.

As a result of this new football philosophy, the first seven weeks of the 2001-2002 season have quickly become proof that as actor Al Pacino once put it, "Anything can happen on any given Sunday."

The great Baltimore Ravens defense has been worn out like an old stretch of carpet by the classic cellar-dweller Cincinnati Bengals, and two weeks ago by the surprisingly resurgent Cleveland Browns with their young studs QB Tim Couch and rookie running back James Jackson.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who have a cast of stars that represented nine probrowlers in Hawaii last winter, have gone from getting steamrolled by Pittsburgh's "Bus" Jerome Bettis one week, to shutting down the Vikings air attack of high flyers like Randy Moss and Cris Carter the next.

The only team that has kept an even keel is the St. Louis Rams, with their trailblazing speed of receivers like Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt, and backs like Marshall Faulk and Trung Candidate. But even they came away on the short end of the stick for the first time Sunday, due to four interceptions and an 18-point comeback by young QB Aaron Brooks and his New Orleans Saints.

Truth be told, this season has been a string of head-scratching upsets that even Miss Cleo would never have predicted. Las Vegas spreads have been as unreliable as Nasdaq stocks, and these games have certainly sent more than a few lost souls to Gamblers Anonymous.

One thing is certain however: These games are a no-holds-barred back alley dogfight and they are just flat out fun to watch. The San Diego Chargers, Cleveland Browns and Chicago Bears who all finished last in their divisions in 2000 with a combined record of 9-39 are already a total of 14-5 after only the seventh week. They are all still in the hunt for the playoffs in November for the first time in years, and the preseason favorites like the Titans, Giants, and Bucs are barely treading water trying to get their seasons turned around.

The bottom line is that no one really knows what the future of the NFL season will hold, and the Super Bowl really is anyone's game. But whatever your prediction is...trust me...I wouldn't bet on it.

Lady Eagles hand Mercer Bears 3-0 loss

By Eli Boorstein
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Mercer likely regrets making the trip down I-16 to battle Georgia Southern as they were beaten handily 3-0 by the Eagles in Tuesday night's non-conference volleyball match. The Eagles have had plenty of success against their in-state rival over the years, as they hold a 27-10 edge in the series against the Bears.

Georgia Southern (17-9) amassed nine service aces on their way to a 30-15 victory in game one. Mercer (16-15) could not muster a single ace in the first game, and only totaled four in the entire match. The Bears played competitively in game two, holding the Eagles to a match-low .167 hitting percentage. However, the home team was able to pull away, winning the game 30-24. Game three was no contest as each team went opposite ways in a 30-18 Eagle win. Georgia Southern posted a match-high .455 percentage, while Mercer was held to a .115 success rate.

Senior Camila Schmitz-Rower and sophomore Martina Veiglova provided

most of the offensive attack for Georgia Southern. Schmitz-Rower recorded 19 kills and a .552 hitting percentage, her highest percentage since putting up a .611 mark against The Citadel on September 5. Veiglova added 17 kills and 11 digs, while posting a season-high .600 percentage. Senior Amanda Brooks and freshman Kim Foytich each recorded double-digit assists with 18 and 14, respectively.

For the Bears, Jennifer Smith led with seven kills. Katie Plummer paced the Mercer attack with nine digs while Molly Gabri had 14 assists.

Georgia Southern now enters the stretch run of their schedule as they sit in fourth place, half a match behind East Tennessee State, one behind Western Carolina, and two behind first-place Charleston. The Eagles will travel to face UNC-Greensboro and Davidson on Friday and Saturday before closing out the regular season by hosting Wofford and Furman on November 9 and 10. Mercer will return to Macon to face Florida A&M on Monday before closing out their schedule against Atlantic Sun foe Campbell on November 9.



Tim Deaver/STAFF

FOURTH IN SOCON: The Lady Eagles enter the final run of their schedule ranked fourth in SoCon. Their final home game is Nov. 9 against Wofford and Furman.

President throws ceremonial first pitch to former GSU catcher

Associated Press

President Bush threw a ceremonial strike to start Game 3 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium as he sought to demonstrate a sense of normalcy after renewed warnings of possible new terror attacks.

Bush received a thunderous cheer Tuesday night as he strode to the pitcher's mound from the Yankees' dugout, wearing a windbreaker emblazoned with "FDNY," a tribute to the New York City Fire Department.

He scanned the sellout crowd of more than 57,000 for a few seconds, gave a thumbs-up sign and then whipped the ball across the plate to Yankees backup and

former Georgia Southern University catcher Todd Greene.

The president walked off the mound to chants of "U-S-A, U-S-A" and posed for photos with Yankees manager Joe Torre and Arizona Diamondbacks skipper Bob Brenly before disappearing back into the dugout.

Bush, his wife, Laura; his mother, Barbara Bush; and several of his top aides watched the game from the box of Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, an ardent Yankees fan, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., sat in a box next to the dugout.

Bush's appearance "shows we're not afraid, we're undeterred

and that life is moving on the way it should," Giuliani told a reporter.

"I'm sure he's pretty busy right now, and for him to show up here, it's great, it adds a little more excitement here," said Diamondbacks reliever Troy Brohawn, standing on the edge of the third base dugout.

Bush left the stadium during the third inning, with the Yankees leading 1-0, to return to Washington. New York won the game 2-1.

In his third visit to New York City since the attacks on Sept. 11, Bush indulged his passion for baseball and was "helping to do what all Americans are doing now, which is keeping the coun-

try doing what it typically does at this time of year," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "It helps to keep the fabric of our country strong."

Yankee Stadium opened more than three hours before game time to allow heightened security checks and 1,200 police officers were assigned to the game.

Bush threw out first pitches at the Milwaukee Brewers' home opener in April, the College World Series in June and the Little League World Series in August.

The strike Tuesday night was a point of pride for Bush, whose opening pitch at the Brewers opener hit the dirt in front of the plate.

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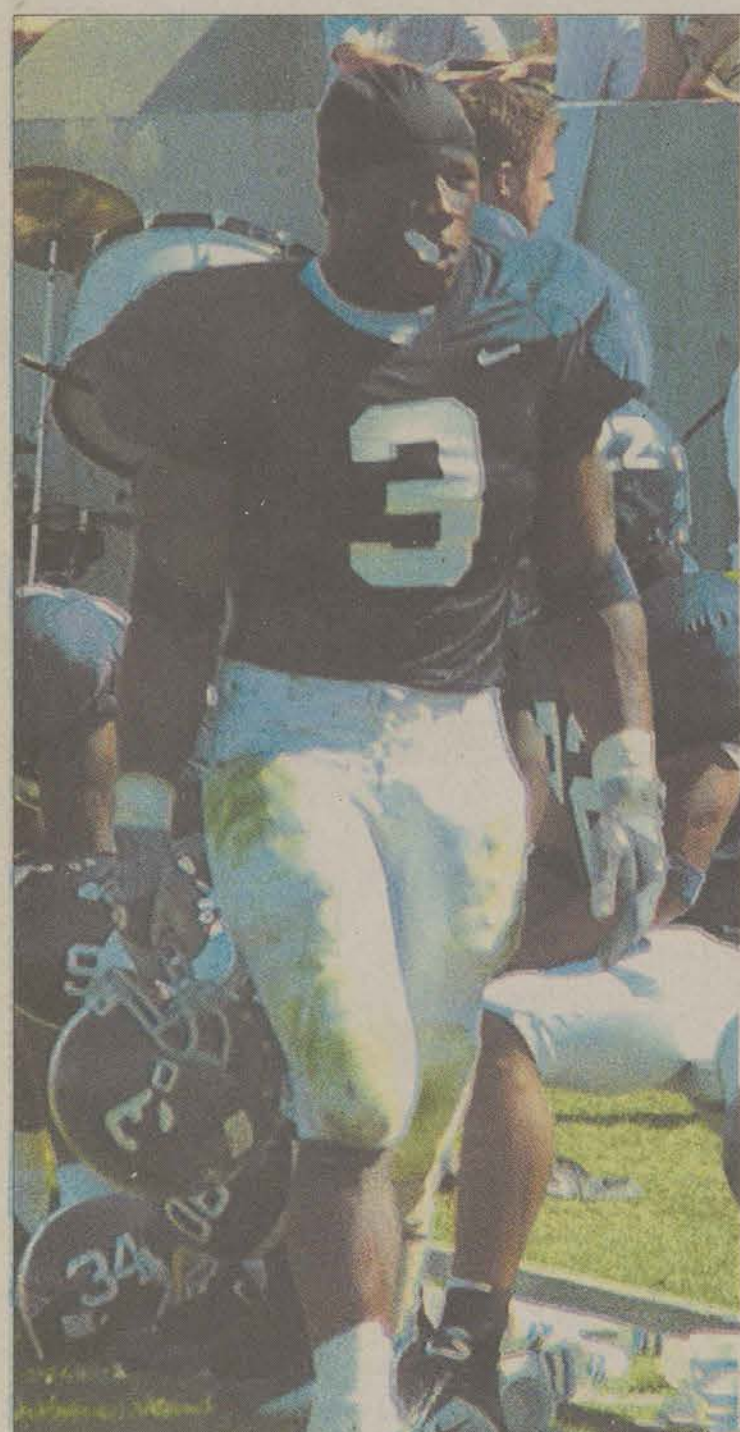
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PETERSON, FROM PAGE 1



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THE A-TRAIN NEARS THE END OF THE TRACKS: Adrian Peterson's college career will come to a close this December, but he attempt to take his talent to the NFL in next year's draft.

year, according to his father.

Attendance at his games, and his siblings for that matter, was not an option, his mother said. It was a routine—expected.

"Family is something that starts from an infant," his mother, Retha said. "It is not something you can just pick up. The closeness we have (as a family) started when they were small and it keeps getting stronger."

His parents still make the drive from Florida for his home games and even the trek to some away games. This Saturday will be no exception. Both Mom and Dad will be in the stands cheering for "AP," as he has become nicknamed.

"My Mom and Dad are a tremendous part of who I am," Peterson said.

Peterson's talent in high school did not go unnoticed. He received recruiting calls from many colleges but decided to make Georgia Southern and Statesboro his college home-away-from-home.

"I came up on my visit and met the coaches. I liked the offense and who I had up ahead of me," he said. "There were two juniors (running backs) so I felt like I could play early."

Peterson also liked the equal opportunity that Coach Paul Johnson gave him and other players as well. "He's a great coach," Peterson said.

Mom adds that Statesboro is much like his home, ten minutes from Gainesville. It is small and "everyone knows each other." The only thing he misses, she says, is Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. "Every time he comes home, he gets a whole box and eats them all night," she said as she laughed.

From family lessons, Peterson also learned how to be a team player. Although he has broken many records and garnered much attention, Peterson prefers to share the spotlight with his teammates.

"I can play a game and have 300 yards and go in the locker room where nobody else has done anything," he said, "but it is no fun." "I would rather have 150 yards

and a touchdown, with my A-back having 89 and my other one having 70 yards. That way everyone has something to talk about."

Thus far Peterson has played in over 50 games and ran for over 8,450 yards, averaging 6.8 yards per carry and over 165 per game. He has taken the pigskin into the end zone 107 times.

"I do not brag about my yards," he said. "I may brag about bowling someone over, but everyone does."

Even he is amazed at his talent, he said. Some times when reviewing films, he questions "How'd I do that?"

"God has blessed me," is the answer, he said. This success, as well as success off the field, is an inspiration to many around him.

Without trying, Peterson inspired a stranger almost the same way his father's speech about the school for the blind and deaf gave him inspiration. A sufferer of a speech impediment wrote him through e-mail thanking him for showing that people who stutter can be successful. The young lady watched a documentary on PBS entitled Life 360 centered on Peterson and his speech impediment and gained new hope, she said.

Peterson encourages anyone who has a speech impediment or any other disability to "stay positive" and realize "nobody's perfect."

Peterson may be in rural Southeast Georgia but his name and ability is recognized nationwide.

A recently popular web site,

www.apforheisman.com, has been constructed locally to garner support for Peterson's run for the Heisman. Also, he has twenty-two percent of the vote, the majority, at www.voteheisman.com for one of the 922 Heisman vote's as well. Coaches and members of the news media will cast other votes.

"It is just an honor to be spoken of for the Heisman," Peterson said. "There are so many players who are in Division I and 1-AA who play and are never spoke of."

Here I am at a 1-AA school and have been featured on ESPN Game Day, Sports Illustrated and other major media (outlets) and publications."

"I'll just wear neutral colors," he said. Mom hopes they go easy on other. "Just remember that's your brother she said. "Just wrap him up and lay him on the ground."

And on two sons in the NFL: "every fathers dream to see their sons in college and the NFL," his father "But very few make it to that level."

"I am very pleased," his mother "I feel like it is a dream come true for of them. Whatever they dream, I hope fulfilled."

Besides his parents back home Aluchua and older brother Mike, Peter has a younger brother Rodney, a freshman at Sante Fe Community College and a younger sister, Lakesha, a Junior at Sante Fe High School.

Peterson is a Commercial Recreation major with a Sociology minor. He enjoys playing basketball and swimming in free time and math is his favorite subject. He is a fan of the late Walter Payton whose name he won the Walter Pay Award in 1999 and was a runner-up 2000, Division 1-AA's equivalent to Heisman Trophy, and Michael Jordan.

Peterson received the 1999-2000 Southern Conference Male Student Athlete of The Year Award. Altogether Peterson has tied or broken over 20 records including GSU Southern Conference's NCAA 1-AA records. He needs just 300 yards to surpass Charles Roberts Cal State Sacramento for all time leading rusher in NCAA 1-AA. Following his football career, Peterson would like own his own business although he is not certain what kind it might be. He also has an interest to work for a resort planning leisure activities for its guests.

Peterson will graduate in December and leave Georgia Southern behind. But just as Erk Russell left his legend, so will Peterson. Although the shoes will be big, Statesboro and GSU look forward to another season when a little Peterson comes along.

'Shallow Hal' a wading pool of a movie

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What happened to the Farrelly brothers?

The men who brought the world "There's Something About Mary," "Dumb and Dumber," "Kingpin," and "Me, Myself and Irene" have finally struck out with a film that's utterly formulaic, rife with plot holes (some of which required explanation from the directors) and a letdown to fans expecting another slapstick funny, gross-out classic.

In "Shallow Hal," Jack Black plays Hal, a man utterly obsessed with the outside appearance of women. Much like the typical college male, Hal only seeks couplings with young, strikingly beautiful and mind-numbingly dumb women.

Of course, Hal's in his thirties, and while he has the obligatory best buddy Mauricio (Jason Alexander, with a spray-painted pate) who's as much into the game as he is, Hal's other friends are quick to point out his lack of depth.

All this changes when Hal gets stuck on an elevator with motivational guru Tony Robbins, who "de-hypnotizes" Hal so that he

only sees women's inner beauty.

Great premise, right? Almost. Mauricio is stunned by Hal's newfound lust for women who, though deathly gorgeous to Hal, look to the rest of the world like an assortment of jungle beasts. Lots of laughs, traditional Farrelly humor.

Hal soon meets Rosemary (Gwyneth Paltrow), a 300-pound woman to all outward appearances who looks like a supermodel to him. At this point, "Shallow Hal" drops into the abyss of generic one-trick-pony romantic comedy, a la "What Women Want." You can guess the plot from here, and don't plan on laughing too much.

Whereas the skill of the actors involved is never in question, Hal never truly develops as a character—he just switches midstream from a man obsessed with looks to a man obsessed with personality.

Even Mauricio's starkly personal change doesn't work, coming across as a last-minute whim of the Farrellys to add a bit of humor to the movie's tail end.

Mainly, "Shallow Hal" is flawed at its core premise: namely, unless I can suddenly start arriving at work naked every day, looks *do* matter.

Gwyneth (lovely, lovely Gwyneth) Paltrow is "Hal's" saving grace.

The Farrellys pegged her perfectly when they said she was the only choice for the part of Rosemary. Paltrow seems to emit a glow all her own on-screen, whether in her "normal" persona or when trapped inside several layers of fake flesh.

We know she's dazzling, she knows she's dazzling. As such, her turn as an introverted woman shunned by the world because of her appearance is one of her best acting turns to date.

As a date movie, "Shallow Hal" may work for convincing your significant other that you're not all about looks over substance. As sheer film, though, it simply doesn't work, with plot devices toward the end that are so contrived even viewers used to the old "spooze-hanging-from-the-ear" gags will be turned off.

In fact, even Peter Farrelly admitted to spur-of-the-moment ideas that were a stretch to fit inside "Hal."

Do yourself a favor. Rent "Kingpin" and revel in the Farrellys before they lost their touch.

Ludacris: A night of fun and controversy

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They came, they saw, they experienced the Ludacris concert at Maguire's on 301. That's right—Thursday, October 18th, Ludacris came to Statesboro to celebrate Homecoming activities and raise money for a World Trade Center terrorist attack fund.

Several thousand people gathered to see performers 3 Deep, Groove Stain, Second Shift and the headliner, Ludacris, in an outside courtyard area behind Maguire's. Jason Wilson, owner of Maguire's, also donated over \$2,000 from ticket and alcohol sales to families of policemen and firefighters who were victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attack.

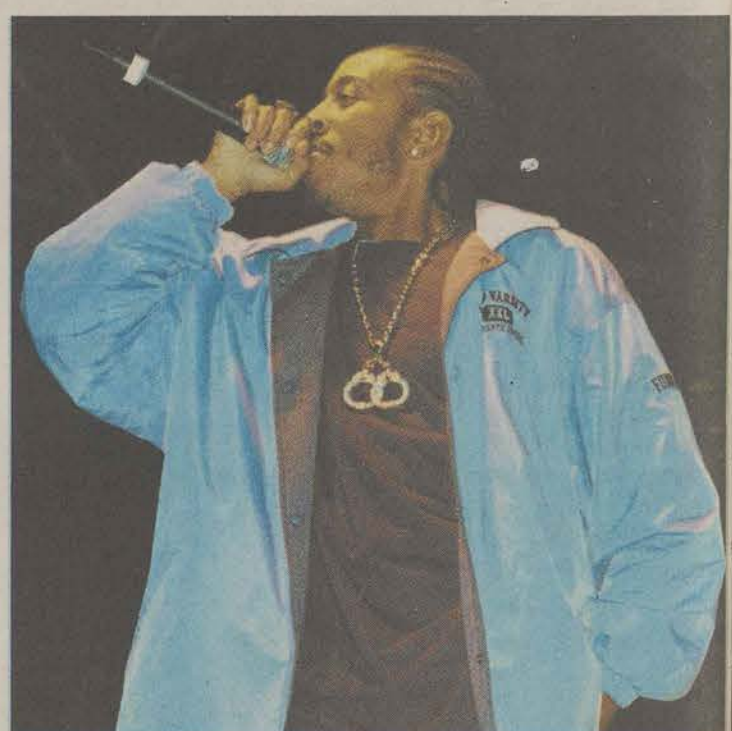
Since the September 11th terrorist attack, Wilson wanted to do something for the victims' families. "As soon as I calmed down from hearing about what happened that day (November 11), I knew I wanted to do something to help out," Wilson said.

Through a lot of brainstorming, Wilson decided to have a concert. He thought the week of Homecoming would be the perfect time because he knew people would like to celebrate Homecoming through various activities. That way, he could basically give the students a concert they would enjoy as well as help raise money for victims of the terrorist attack.

Wilson also thought Ludacris would be a great performer for his club since most Georgia Southern University students are from the Atlanta area and may remember Ludacris as a DJ for Atlanta radio station Hot 97.5. At the radio station, Ludacris became known for his rapped station promos. When he was 20, he formed his own record label, Disturbing the Peace. Ludacris was also the first artist to be signed by Def Jam South (<http://rap.about.com>).

Tickets were sold for \$20 each or given away at the club, Basketball Midnight Madness, or through radio contests.

The staff of Maguire's transformed the outside courtyard to a concert arena. A full-scale bar was added toward the back of the courtyard next to the entrance.



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AN IRONIC INSULT: At the October performance put on by Ludacris to benefit the victims and heroes of Sept. 11, the artist made derogatory remarks toward police officials.

During the opening acts, people were around the stage listening to music and talking with friends. Stephen Campbell, hotel restaurant manager major, said he enjoyed the company of everyone at the concert. "The music created a fun atmosphere to hang out with my friends," Campbell said.

Wilson took pride in the fact no one had to wait in line for restrooms or at the bar, and everyone had a good view of the stage.

Following the opening acts, the crowd began to chant "Luda." Then, the headliner of the night, Ludacris, appeared on stage and everyone began to scream.

After people got over the shock, Ludacris made some comments that were derogatory toward police officials—mainly police officials located in the south.

An audience member commented on his reaction to what Ludacris said. "I thought what Ludacris said was inappropriate. If it had been a regular concert, that wasn't raising money in respect to cops that lost their lives, what he said would have been all right. But since it was benefiting what happened in New York—his words were inappropriate," Campbell said.

Wilson also commented on the artist's actions. "I am disappointed by some remarks made by one artist about police when the concert was to honor police and fire fighters. It took a lot of cooperation by police and other people to make the event happen. So, when the artist made those remarks—I was very disappointed," Wilson said.

Besides Ludacris' opening comments, many of the audience members thought the show went very well and they had an enjoyable time.

Michelle Arrants, business marketing major, was one of the employees working the Pabst's Blue Ribbon Beer truck, beer sponsor for the concert. "All night I saw a lot of people having fun. I had a friend from out of town who came and he still talks about how much fun he had. He also said that it was the most fun he has had in a long time," Arrants said.

Wilson said that besides particular comments made by an artist and "minor skirmish between two young ladies" the concert went really well and did not have any logistical problems because the crowd was very well behaved. "I am pleased that it was a safe concert because that is the most important thing—safety," Wilson said.



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SHALLOW PLOT: The latest release from the Farrelly brothers, 'Shallow Hal,' is disappointing to fans of the duo's previous comedies.