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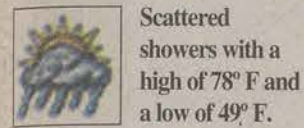
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## ON THE INSIDE:



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Scattered  
showers with a  
high of 78° F and  
a low of 49° F.

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## Southern Events

### CINEMA ARTS

• "Jesus of Montreal" will show in the Union Theater at 7:15 p.m. on Dec. 3. \$2.

### ENSEMBLE CONCERT

• The Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert will take place in the Carter Recital Hall at 8 p.m. on Dec. 5.

### HOLIDAY CRAFTS

• The Botanical Garden is holding their Holiday Crafts & Open House on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to noon.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

• GSU will host UGA in the Hanner Fieldhouse at 7 p.m. on Dec. 4.

# Students robbed at gunpoint in Towne Club apartment

By Adam Brady  
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Six GSU students were robbed at gunpoint during a home invasion and armed robbery of a Towne Club apartment Monday.

According to published reports, five black males, three wearing ski masks and two armed with a sawed-off shotgun and handgun, entered the apartment at around 1:30 a.m. that morning.

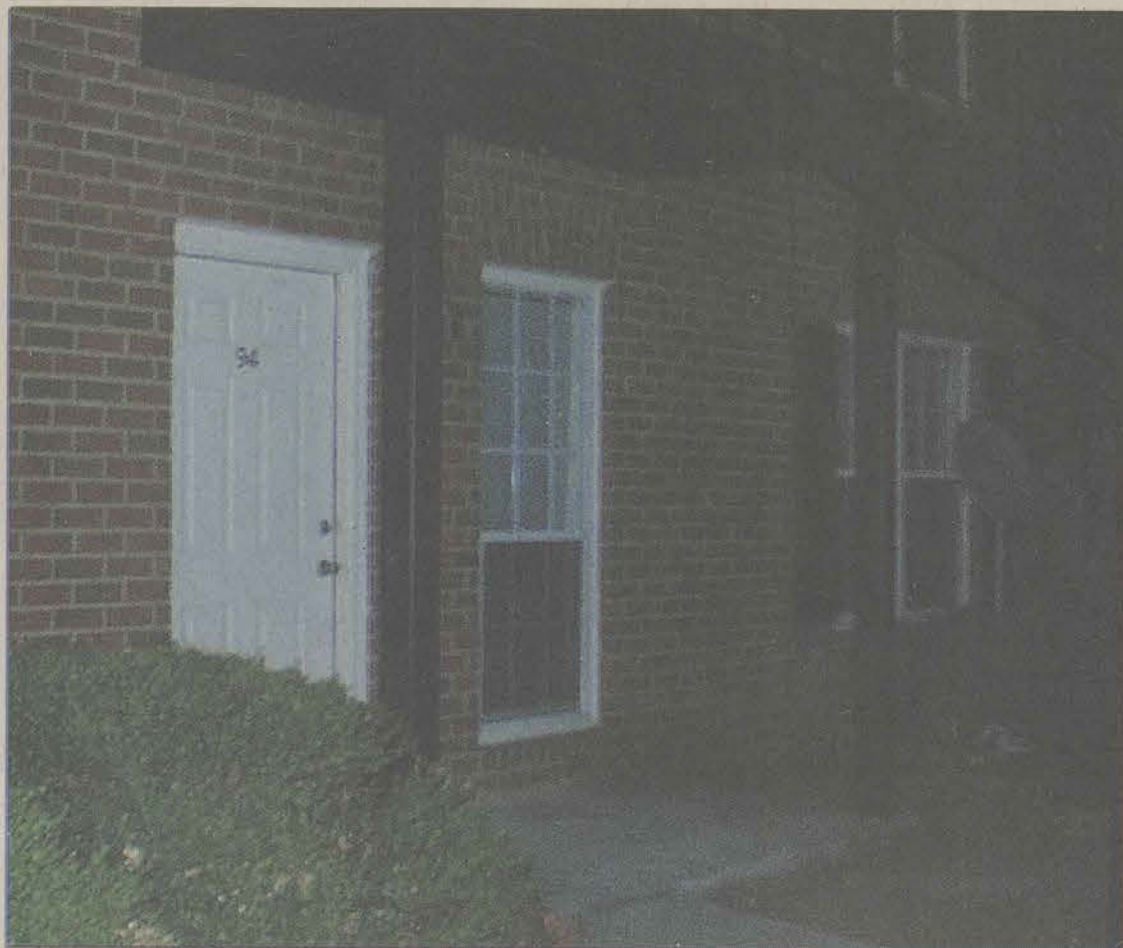
According to one of the victims, after answering a knock on the apartment door, the assailants entered the apartment.

The suspects held the residents at gunpoint while taking a video camera, three cellular phones and an undisclosed amount of cash from their wallets.

During the robbery, the residents' eyes, mouths and hands were taped and they were thrown in a pile in the apartment living room, said one of the victims.

The incident lasted around fifteen minutes, and all of the victims contacted police from Campus Courtyard after freeing themselves.

Anyone with information about the suspects can contact Detective Kevin Waters of the Statesboro Police Department at 490-8217 or 764-9911.



Jill Burnham/STAFF

**HOME INVASION:** Five African American males robbed six GSU students at gunpoint Monday night in their Towne Club apartment. The men taped the residents up and threw them in a pile on the floor before stealing electronic equipment and cash from the apartment.

## KEEPING THE PEACE: Campus police, student officers keep GSU safe

By Cecil Young  
Special to the G-A

GSU's campus security has helped many students and continues to ensure a safe and crime-free environment.

Freshman Tasha Anderson was saved by a student police officer after she was attacked on her way home.

"I was walking from the library

back to Johnson Hall. As I was walking I notice that these two guys looking at me by the lake. One of them said something to me, but I didn't answer back," Anderson said.

"As I continued to walk around the lake, I noticed that they were following me. I started to pick up my foot speed but I couldn't lose them. Then all of a sudden one the boys

popped up in front of me and grabbed me. He said the he was going to rape me in the bushes.

"I started to scream, but he put his hand over my mouth. By the grace of god a student officer heard the noise in the bushes. He ran over to the bushes and grabbed the boy. He wrestled with the boy while I called for help. Within two minutes the campus police were there and they took the boy away. I'm so thankful for the campus police. Without them I would have lost my virginity to a total stranger."

While the student officers are patrolling the area, the campus police are also on call all over campus. The University Police enforce all laws, including traffic laws, as well as rules and regulations of the university. They routinely patrol the campus on foot, on bicycles and in vehicles.

They also enforce alcohol and drug laws. As a public service the campus police will unlock cars for owners who have locked themselves out and also provide jumpstarts for disabled vehicles on campus.

Phillip Lunceford, a sophomore business major, has used the campus police services before. "The campus police helped me out when my car battery went dead. I called the campus police for the library and within five minutes a campus police officer was waiting outside the library," Lunceford said.

"He jumped me off and even followed me home to my apartment, to



Laura Cox/STAFF

**SECURING THE CAMPUS:** GSU campus security is continuing to work hard to keep the campus as safe as possible after the recent robbery.

## GSU community perturbed with parking at Paulson Stadium



Laura Cox/STAFF

**A PEEVED CROWD:** Many GSU football fans are expressing their annoyance with this year's parking regulations at Paulson Stadium.

By Julie Gresham  
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Students and alumni are annoyed with the new parking rules and regulations at Paulson Stadium this year. Georgia Southern athletic teams have done well over the last four years. As a result, Georgia Southern athletics have gained more supporters.

The Booster Club has experienced a rise in membership of over 400 new members in the last three years. Along with the perks that come with being a paying contributor to Georgia Southern athletics comes the privilege of parking behind the stadium for the football games. With the addition of the new members, there are over 2,000 athletic boosters. Paulson Stadium only holds

1,845 cars for tailgating.

Dan O'Dowd, Director of Student Athlete Services at Georgia Southern, said, "We are trying to bring the best quality program to the tailgaters, and it is not easy to balance out everybody."

Stadium parking has not only become scarce, but expensive. During the 2000-2001 football season it cost \$5 to park behind the stadium. This season it is \$10 to park. When asked where money from the parking goes, Carlene Akins, administrative secretary for the Booster Club, said that all the money goes to athletic scholarships.

Along with the Booster Club, the Athletic Department makes a collec

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## GSU ornithologist John Parrish helps kestrels make a comeback

Special to the G-A

The smallest member of the falcon family in the United States has a very big supporter in GSU's department of biology.

Ornithologist John Parrish has coordinated a nest-building program that has resulted in an appreciable rise in the number of American Kestrels in southern Georgia.

"In the eight years of this study, we've had between 400 and 500 kestrels fledge from our boxes," Parrish said, "and that represents a

pretty significant increase in the population."

Also known locally as killy hawks for their "killy, killy" calls, and previously known as sparrow hawks, kestrels are nine to 10 inches long with wingspans of 21 to 22 inches, making them about the same size as a blue jay. Kestrels have a reddish-brown body, with males being distinguished by blue-gray wings and females by reddish-brown wings. Males possess a rust-colored tail with a broad, black terminal stripe, but the

females' more brownish tail is completely striped.

Two subspecies of kestrels are found in Georgia. *Falco sparverius paulus*, or the Southeastern American Kestrel, inhabits the state year-round, whereas *Falco sparverius sparverius* is a migratory subspecies, arriving in late October or early November and leaving in late March or early April.

"Kestrels are very small falcons and their diet is dependent almost entirely upon insects," Parrish said.

"They will eat mammals and they will eat birds, but they're not very adept at catching birds, so grasshoppers are their main food source. Lizards are an important food, too, especially to feed the nestlings."

Kestrels prefer to live in open, grassy pine woodlands, pastures or sandhills, and they are secondary cavity nesters, which means that they don't build their own nests. Instead, they nest in natural cavities, or in secondary cavities made by primary cavity excavators such as woodpeck-

ers. However, significant portions of the kestrels' natural habitat in many parts of the United States have been lost to residential development.

or converted into use for row crops.

"Their major limitation for reproductive success is nest site availability," Parrish said.

Naturalists around the country

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## Police Beat

### GSU Public Safety

#### November 26

• A case of harassment was reported near the Nesmith Lane Building.

• A case of harassment was reported at the College of Education Building.

#### November 27

• Amber Kicklighter reported a textbook was taken from her vehicle in the Perimeter parking lot.

• Lashonda Johnson reported took the seat from her bicycle at the Sanford Hall bike rack.

• A case of simple battery was reported in the Hanner Fieldhouse parking lot.

#### November 29

• William Brett Sikes, 21, was charged with DUI, driving with suspended license and failure to maintain lane.

• Ryan Malone Poole, 19, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

### Statesboro Police Department

#### November 25

• Matthew Rio, 19, was charged with disorderly conduct.

#### November 27

• Alan Staudifer, 22, was charged with driving on a suspended license and excessive volume from car radio.

#### November 28

• Kenneth Everett, 19, was charged with underage possession.

• Brandon Baldwin reported his car was scratched in Towne Club apartments.

• Kimberly Gibson reported someone entered her car at Blimpies.

• Courtney Bently reported his Eagle's Nest apartment was burglarized.

• Michael Anderson reported missing \$200 from his bedroom.

#### November 29

• Travis Sowers reported a case of battery at the Woodin Nickel.

• Neil Clark reported a criminal trespass at his Statesboro Place apartment.

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

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

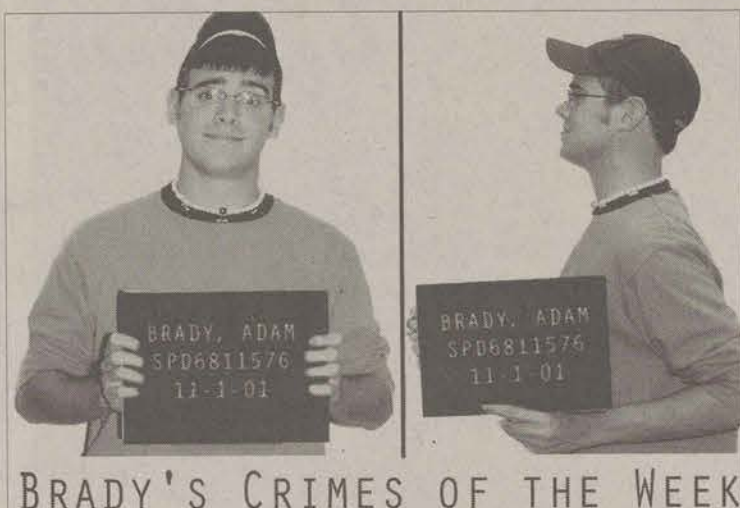
## Brady's Crimes of the Week

### • When you've gotta go...

Now I'm no stranger to the call of Mother Nature, but I've never taken it as seriously as someone did this past week. Wednesday night, a man in need of release cut his way in a Woodin Nickel restroom line, and made his way into the bathroom ahead of those waiting before him.

The individual at the head of the line would not take any of this repressing blasphemy, and decided to confront the line-swindler after he emerged from the commode.

Apparently this was a sore subject for our compromiser, who proceeded to grab the individual by the neck and throw him up against a wall, hitting him in the face "two or three times," according to police reports.



BRADY'S CRIMES OF THE WEEK

I guess when you've gotta go, you've gotta go.

• Add another to the 'Naughty' list...

Apparently someone likes dancing around the sentence of eternal damnation. Last Wednesday night the Bible Baptist

Church's bus was broken into and vandalized.

The individual discharged the vehicle's fire extinguisher inside the bus, and then poured Rain-X on the seats and driving console.

All I can say, is someone's getting coal this year, and possibly better relations with the other major red-suited cultural icon.

## Twelve Georgia Southern students to graduate from Eagle Leadership EDGE program

### G-A News Service

Twelve GSU students will graduate from the university's Fall 2001 Eagle Leadership EDGE program.

The graduation ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2080.

EDGE is an acronym that stands for Experience, Develop, Grow and Emerge. The 10-week program prepares students for advanced leadership positions on campus by emphasizing communication, personality, values clarification, diversity and community service. The students have performed volunteer work at the Statesboro Food Bank, Joseph's Home for Boys, and Keep Brunswick and the Golden Isles Beautiful.

Anyone who wants to attend the graduation should RSVP by Friday, Nov. 30, by calling (912) 486-7270.

The 12 graduates of the 2001 Fall Eagle Leadership EDGE program are:

• Diane Bryant, a freshman undeclared major from Dexter, Ga.

• Matthew Owens Bryant, a freshman middle grades education major from Valdosta, Ga.

• Amanda Cain, a freshman political science/pre-law major from Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

• Cherry Dunlap, a freshman biology major from Decatur, Ga.

• Heather Eidson, a freshman chemistry major from Forsyth, Ga.

• Elaina Gaillard, a freshman

undeclared major from Dexter, Ga.

• Eric J. Guenther, a freshman history education major from McDonough, Ga.

• April Y. Lewis, a junior broadcasting production major from Macon, Ga.

• Shameka C. Milton, a senior early childhood education major from Jacksonville, Fla.

• LaVita Pinkney, a junior information systems major from Powder Springs, Ga.

• LaShunda Nicole Stone, a freshman biology major from Waycross, Ga.

• Phaedra Wagner, a senior nursing major from College Park, Ga.

## Georgia Southern chapter of Sigma Xi receives national award

### G-A News Service

A science and media forum that was hosted by the GSU chapter of Sigma Xi has been recognized with a national award.

The GSU chapter of the scientific research society was presented with the Chapter Program Award at the annual Sigma Xi meeting in Raleigh, N.C.

The first Chapter Program Awards were presented this year to exceptional and innovative chapter programs, particularly those that address the four major issues at the foundation of

Sigma Xi's mission: honor in science and engineering, science education, science policy, and the public understanding of science.

"Science and the Media: Relaying Research to Reporters and the Public" was the subject of the Georgia Southern chapter's award-winning program, which was held on March 1 at the University Museum.

The program featured a panel and audience discussion that included members of GSU's faculty as well as area newspaper, radio and television reporters.

The forum focused on strate-

gies for better informing the public about scientific research.

Founded in 1886, Sigma Xi has over 500 chapters at colleges and universities, government laboratories, and industry research centers.

The society's membership includes over 80,000 scientists and engineers who were elected because of their research achievements or potential.

For more information on the GSU chapter of Sigma Xi, visit its Web site at [www.bio.gasou.edu/sigmaxi](http://www.bio.gasou.edu/sigmaxi).

## Syphilis cases drop to record low in U.S.

### Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Syphilis infections dropped to an all-time low in the United States last year, with fewer than 6,000 cases of the sexually transmitted disease reported nationwide, the government said Wednesday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 5,979 cases were recorded last year, down nearly 10 percent from 1999 and 30 percent

since the government announced a plan three years ago to eradicate syphilis.

The numbers show that Marion County, home of Indianapolis, now ranks second in the nation in syphilis cases down from its number one ranking in 1999 due to a 25 percent cut in cases of the disease.

Marion County reported 301 syphilis cases in 2000, according to

the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Only Cook County, Ill., which

includes Chicago, ranked higher, with 326 cases.

Federal and local health officials attributed the decline to Marion County's education and prevention efforts over the past year. One such program is

voluntary syphilis testing for Marion County Jail inmates, since prostitutes and drug users are at higher risk for the disease.

The government wants to cut annual cases to fewer than 1,000 by 2005 and boost the number of syphilis-free counties to 90 percent its definition of eradication from the current level of about 80 percent.

"We're definitely talking about something that is possible and readily achievable," said Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri, CDC deputy chief of sexually transmitted diseases.

Pockets of the disease remain, mostly in the South and among poor blacks and Hispanics. And infections are on the rise among gay and bisexual men. That concerns experts because they suspect it reflects more risky sexual behavior, which could lead to a rise in HIV infections.

Mother-to-child syphilis transmission is down more than half since 1997, and the rate among blacks has dropped 40 percent.

Syphilis appears first as a sore, usually on the genitals, then develops as a rash. It can be cured with penicillin, but left untreated it can damage the heart, eyes, brain and other parts of the body.



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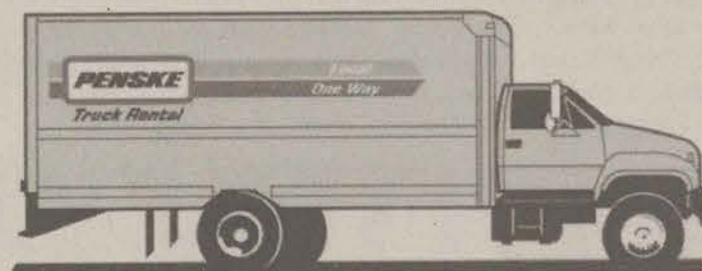
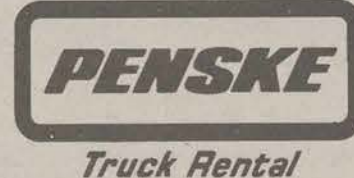
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## ONLY IN AMERICA...

### 1 Indiana Bathroom accessory features bin Laden's face

ELKHART — In bars and businesses, some northern Indiana men have been taking aim at Osama bin Laden at least daily.

The visage of the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks has been popping up on urinal screens plastic discs that prevent larger refuse from falling into the plumbing in men's bathrooms, The Truth reported on Tuesday.

"For some reason, it seems to have improved everybody's aim," a customer told Steve Tepe, general manager of Tepe Sanitary Supply, who has sold about four dozen of the novelty item.

The urinal screen has a picture of bin Laden along with the words: "Stop Terrorism. Operation Enduring Freedom."

Tepe Sanitary Supply in Elkhart bought the urinal accessory from Impact Products Inc., a Toledo, Ohio, manufacturer of janitorial products.

Since introducing the urinal screens a month ago, the company has sold 40,000 across the country, said Bob Armbruster, Impact Products vice president of sales.

"It raises awareness in a light-hearted manner," Armbruster said. "We're still getting steady orders. The screens have been particularly popular at military installations."

"Like the ongoing attacks on the Taliban, the screens get hit every day."

Indeed, employees at Coach's Sports Bar in South Bend report the urinal image of bin Laden is fading fast.

"We've gotten a lot of good responses," bar manager Todd Sharpe said. "Anybody who would complain about it would be un-American."

### 2 New Jersey Stowaway cat survives interstate trip in car's engine compartment

BYRAM — Lauren Guignard brought home an unexpected guest for Thanksgiving — and it soon may become a member of her family.

Guignard's fellow traveler, a small, black domestic shorthair cat, apparently sneaked inside the engine compartment of her car on Nov. 20, as the University of Rhode Island sophomore and her boyfriend were headed to her Sussex County home.

The couple stopped at a rest

area on Connecticut's Merritt Parkway, near the Fairfield exit, and around 4 p.m. noticed a woman with a leash looking for a lost pet. Believing the animal was a dog, they looked for it underneath her 1990 Buick Riviera and then took off on the final 100 miles of their trip.

"We just got in and drove away and didn't really think much of it," Guignard, 19, told The Star-Ledger of Newark for Wednesday's editions.

When they arrived at her Byram Township home around 7:30 p.m., Guignard and her mother both heard a loud meow that they first mistook for a neighbor's cat.

However, the meowing continued and then grew louder. Realizing the sound was coming from the front of the car, they opened the hood and found the cat squeezed on a ledge inside the front of the engine compartment.

The year-old cat was extremely frightened, but Guignard's father, Dave, was able to coax it out after about 15 minutes.

"This poor cat was crammed up on a little shelf by the front headlight with the grip of death," he said. The cat apparently came through the ordeal not much worse for wear, suffering only a small burn or abrasion on its leg.

Guignard's mother, Carla, said the family has turned the cat over to a local animal hospital for treatment and will continue to search for its owner, but they plan to adopt it if no one comes forward.

"I consider this cat to be a miracle cat," she said.

### 3 New York Woman fends off three burglars with hair spray

WEST CHAZY — A 63-year-old woman scared off three burglars with a can of hair spray.

"They busted the door down, and I was standing by my dresser just waiting for them," Juliette Jolicoeur told the Press-Republican of Plattsburgh.

Three broke into the basement, while another waited in a car, state police said. After finding a hidden key to the back door, they unlocked the door, which was chained. She said the burglars then pounded on the door to break it open.

Jolicoeur said she heard noises, got out of bed and armed herself with a can of hair spray advice from a friend in Florida.

She sprayed the aerosol into the intruders' faces and they fled.

Police said they had assumed the house, about 150 miles north of Albany, was not occupied.

All four were charged with



second-degree burglary. Those accused of entering the home were Peter Gordon, 19, of Plattsburgh; Steven Denegar, 17, of Plattsburgh; and Benjamin Chapple, 18, of Cadyville. The driver was Frederick Beck, 18, of Morrisonville, police said.

Jolicoeur has since upgraded from hair spray to pepper spray, installed bolts on her doors and is thinking about a security system.

"It's so wicked out there, just so wicked," she said.

### 4 Illinois Man sets himself afire in suburban Illinois mall

CHERRY VALLEY — Shoppers outside Rockford got a strange introduction to the holiday buying season Friday when a man lit himself on fire in a mall and began hurling flaming objects at them.

Witnesses said the man, described as being in his late 20s or early 30s, was yelling "something about freedom" as he leaned from a mezzanine railing and threw burning packages onto the Cherry Vale Mall's center court. The fire was just outside the second-floor Marshall Field's entrance.

Witnesses said he doused himself with a chemical and lit it. They also described canisters tied to his body. Officials said the canisters no longer posed a threat.

Security guards subdued him and extinguished the fire that consumed him. Other guards rounded up the burning packages and put them out.

The man was flown to Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood. Four others were injured, including two shoppers who grabbed the burning man to stop him. The hospital would not reveal their conditions.

Police responded to a call from the mall at 8:24 a.m. Friday, said Scott Prine, supervisor at the Winnebago County 911 Center. Prine said the man's burns did not appear life-threatening.

Cherry Valley police were at the scene and unavailable for comment by telephone immediately Friday.

The mall closed its center court area

after the incident. Managers were unavailable to say when it would reopen.

### 5 Colorado Dog poop vigilante demands restrictions on animals

BOULDER — Dog owners, beware. Patrick Murphy, the so-called dog-poop vigilante, is at it again. He has charted the location of hundreds of piles of dog feces with his global positioning device for the third time.

Murphy believes what he is doing will help protect the environment, get people to obey leash laws and pick up after their animals.

"It's destructive recreation," Murphy said. Dog feces add nitrogen to the soil, allowing nonnative weed growth, and roving canines break down native growth, he said.

Murphy has proposed a year-long dog ban at some open space areas near Boulder because of heavy use. Park officials agree that some open space may be overused but cannot say if that is the fault of dogs or the humans who walk them.

Murphy's suggestions came as parks officials launched a 10-day campaign last week to encourage people to keep their dogs leashed and pick up after them, noting the \$50 fine for violating the leash law.

## Man finds corpse in condo he purchased

Associated Press

WARMINSTER, Pa.—A man who recently bought a condo found a corpse lying in the middle of the living room when he walked in to inspect the property Saturday. Police believe the badly decomposed corpse belongs to the condominium's 49-year-old former owner.

Neighbors described the former owner as a hermit who kept the apartment dark and taped over the insides of

the windows.

Neighbors said they had called police two years ago to tell them that they thought there might be a corpse inside the condo. The mail carrier said she filed a police report in 1999 when she realized that the mail was not being picked up. The corpse was in the middle of the living room floor and at least three years' worth of mail was found just inside the door.

An autopsy should be complete in three days, police said.

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# OPINIONS

## The stresses of the graduation process

**JILL  
BURNHAM**



I'm sitting in my apartment making a to do list of all the projects, papers, and assignments due over the next week.

The list is staggering. I can't believe the work professors put on students the last two weeks of class just to turn around the very next week and have finals.

It makes me mad that professors get behind on their syllabus because they couldn't get their act together throughout the semester just to have piles and piles of last minute homework

assignments and projects due the last week of school.

I have photo projects, poster presentations, research to complete, papers, columns, feature stories, notebooks, and tests to complete before Monday. Not to mention layout nights at *The G-A* which can easily consume seven hours out of one evening. Added to the stresses of the last weeks of school is graduation. We seniors must make sure all of our ducks are in a row. Will we in fact pass that class that makes falling asleep at night a little difficult? We also have to do the last minute tweaking on our resumes and cover letters before the big day.

For some reason I thought graduation was supposed to be fun and exciting. I guess I need to put that on my to do list - enjoy my last weeks of undergrad.

For all you seniors out there preparing to make your trek across the stage in a couple weeks, I hope you paid attention to the time on your invitations.

I know I'm not the only one who noticed in our 2001-2002

datebook available for purchase at The University Store that graduation was printed as being Friday, Dec. 14 with the first of

printed incorrectly. Figures!

The printers of the datebook even got the date of the championship football game wrong.

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three rounds of ceremonies beginning at 1 p.m. I sure noticed that my ceremony for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Health and Professional Studies was scheduled at 7 p.m.

How wonderful! Friday night in Hanner wrapping up my LONG college career. But wait...somebody apparently didn't communicate well with the registrar's office and it was

Who tells these people such valuable information?

What I really think is funny is printed on the first page of the datebook under The University Store logo is a note. It reads "Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this publication; however, neither CSA Inc. nor The University Bookstore can be held liable for any inaccuracies or omissions."

Well, I feel better don't you?

I mean gosh darn whose fault is it? Jeezzzz... If the registrar's office can keep in touch with Herff-Jones, the company in charge of our invitations, why can't the bookstore and CSA Inc. get the right information?

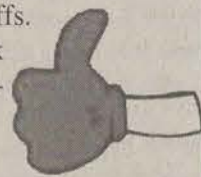
So don't look to the datebook for valuable information. Graduation is in fact on Friday, Dec 14 beginning at 9 a.m. My ceremony is 11 a.m. which doesn't make the parents all too happy considering they have to drive down on Thursday night and totally miss an entire day of work and a higher hotel bill. I guess that's the price our folks have to pay (added to the thousands of dollars already dished out for our education) to see us walk across the stage for a leather folder with no diploma. It's mailed a few weeks later. But hey, we get to keep the tassel!

Folks, it's been real! To my fellow G-A Editors, thanks for the laughs. You guys have taught me a lot and I will miss ya!!

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**THE  
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THUMB**

• **THUMBS UP** to another run in the I-AA playoffs. Good luck GSU Football.



• **THUMBS DOWN** to teachers who put things off until the last two weeks, leaving us stressed out of our minds.

• **THUMBS UP** to teachers who schedule finals before exam week!

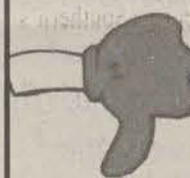
• **THUMBS DOWN** to robbing people at gunpoint.

• **THUMBS UP** to GSU Basketball teams for doing so well thus far.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to Florida A&M for making the long trip to Statesboro just to LOSE.

• **THUMBS UP** to the upcoming Christmas break. We know we just got one break, but damn, wasn't it nice?

• **THUMBS DOWN** to some grammar and punctuation review classes who tear apart *The G-A*. We don't thumbs down them for ripping it to shreds, we thumbs down them for not contributing to the solution. Hey, we work with what we have.



## A message from your SGA President: •A reflection of the past semester

**BRYAN  
SAXTON**



Looking back on the first semester of my Student Government Association Presidency, there

have been a lot of good things that have gone on. I really would like to say that there have been bad things (for Chris Brenneman's benefit), but overall the experience has been an enjoyable one.

While I really feel like my main purpose, as SGA President is to work for the good of the students of Georgia Southern, some would think that I'm a pretty important guy.

Well, I guess I'm no one special, but it does feel good to be able to go to the President of the University when an issue arises. It feels good to be able to go ask the Vice President for advice. It feels good to be able to have a great Senate and Executive Board

working to address issues that are raised. It feels good for people like Chris to think that I am one of the most important students on this campus (next to him of course).

While I am honored to be able to do all these things and have all these things said about me, I really feel as though I am only here for the students. I overall was feeling pretty good about myself until I heard the news on Monday.

I only have one question, however, where is my \$50 million bounty? I say this all in good fun, but after hearing that, it would make any leader think that they are not worth as much as they thought they were.

Even though I really don't want a group of terrorists to come after me, it still makes me feel a little under appreciated in the international arena. I mean, doesn't the Taliban know that we at Georgia Southern are as important as any other place in the nation?

Dr. Grube is striving to make us one of the top Universities in the country. Doesn't that mean anything to the folks over in the caves in Afghanistan? When are we going to get our recognition? When are we going to be recognized for our contributions to the world?

After proudly seeing our student's come together to remember the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>, I truly believe that this is one of

the best places to be in the best nation in the world. That's why I'm wondering why we're being ignored.

Now don't think that I'm promoting Georgia Southern getting in on the attacks, I don't want that. Recognition of our status in the world is all that I want. If anyone thinks that Georgia Southern is not a great place to be, I would be more than willing to sit down and have a conversation about why it is.

That's why this is what I have to the terrorists. You thought that at-

tacking the nation would make us crumble, it didn't. You thought that sending letters would make us stop our mail system, it didn't. You think that offering money for the capture of our President, it won't.

Well, as President of another important entity in the world today, you won't affect us at all. We will come through it all with flying colors, and you know which ones those are.

Taliban, I have \$5 out for the capture of Bin Laden's son, I dare you to double that one. Come and get me.

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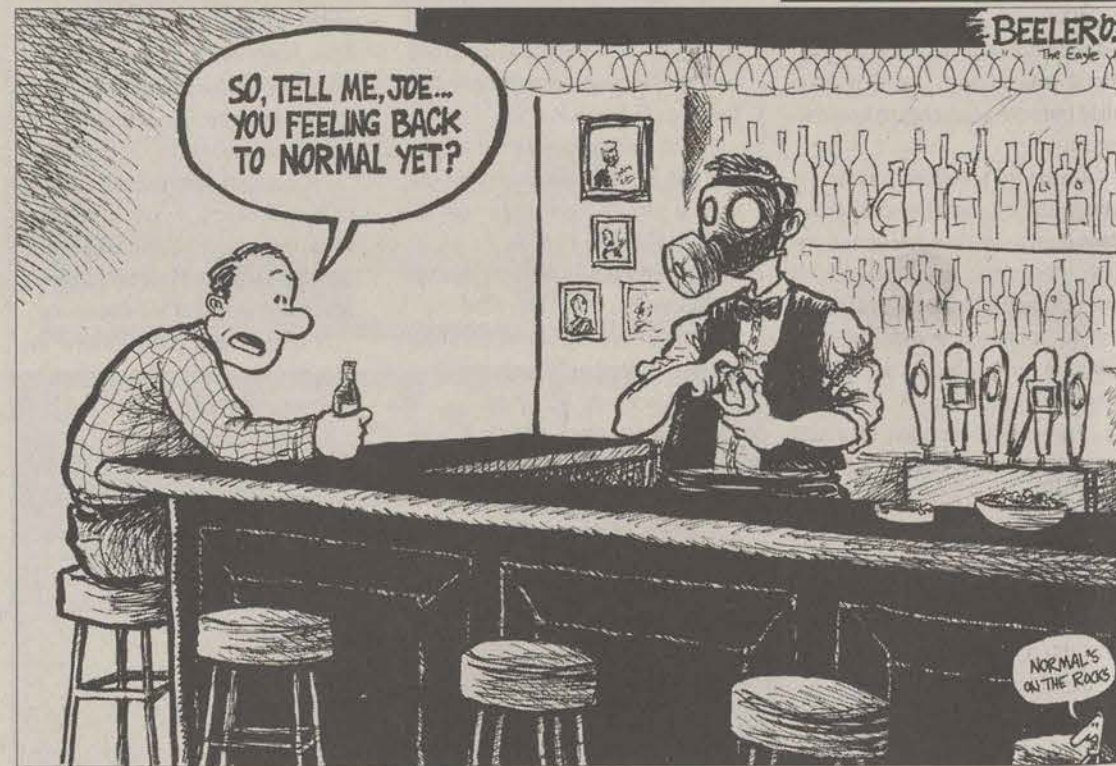
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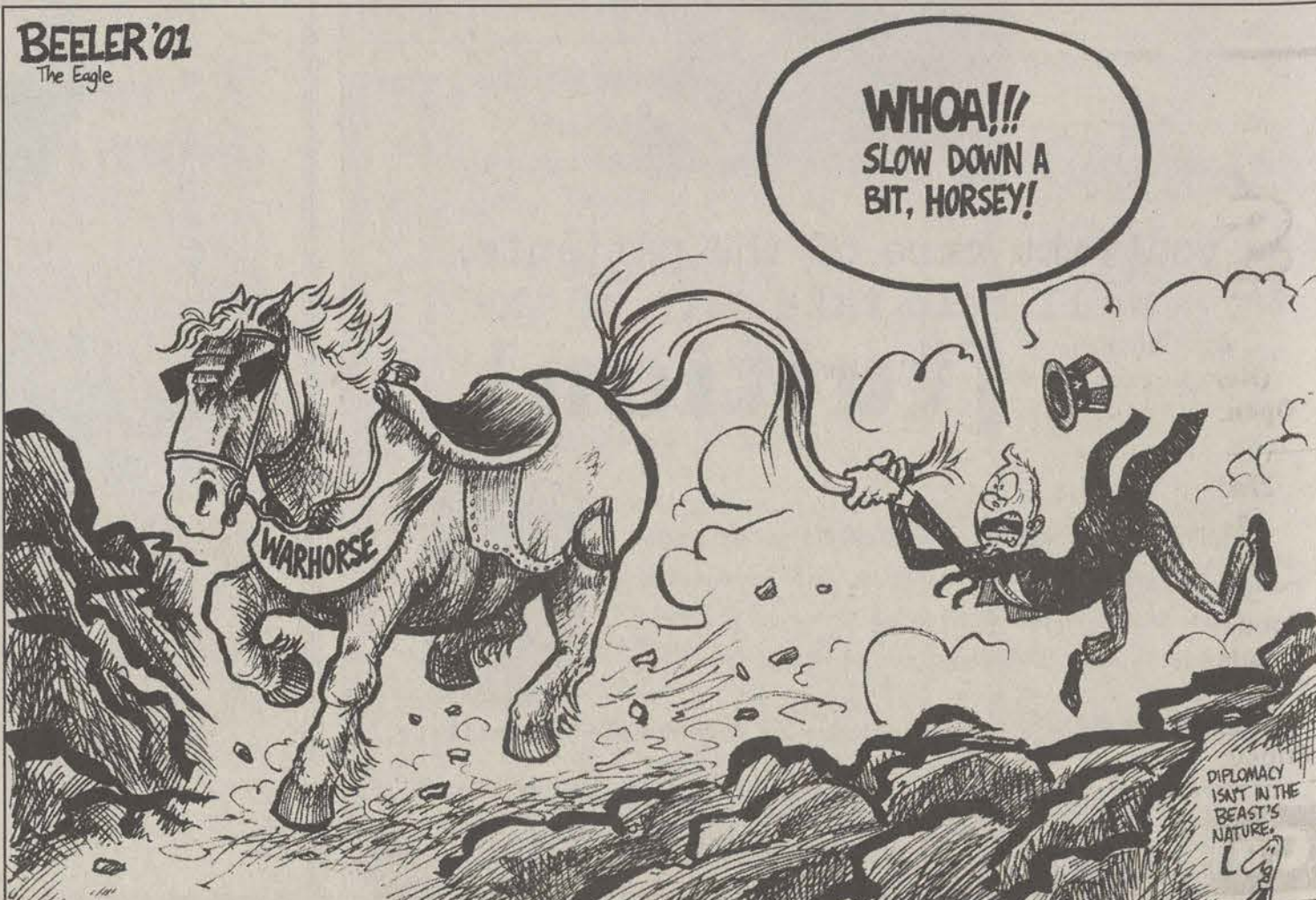
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## KESTRELS, FROM PAGE 1

responded to the situation by building nests for the kestrels. Parrish's nest boxes are 17 inches tall with a 7 inch-by-9 inch base and a three-inch hole one foot from the bottom of the box.

The nest boxes are usually hung about 15 feet high on the backs of interstate road signs or on utility poles along roadsides.

"All of the boxes are along roadways for a couple of reasons," Parrish said.

"One, it makes it easier for us to monitor them, and two, it doesn't make any difference to the kestrel where the box is.

"We monitor the nest sites to see how many eggs are laid, how

many young are fledged, what their sexes are, and what their feeding habits are. All of this information helps us keep tabs on the population changes."

Parrish and his first graduate student on the project built 100 nest boxes in December of 1993. They also monitor several hundred additional nest boxes that were built by various government agencies and private foundations.

At the moment, Parrish's study includes approximately 350 nest boxes that range from Augusta and Jesup in east Georgia to Thomasville to Columbus in the western part of the state.

More than a dozen are placed

behind road signs along I-16 between Statesboro and Macon as well.

"In just about every place where nest boxes have been put up, the populations have increased,"

Parrish said, "but our greatest success has been at Fort Gordon near Augusta. Kestrels have successfully fledged 50 to 90 young from the boxes on the base over each of the last eight years."

Numbers such as those are what keep the project going strong.

"It's been thoroughly enjoyable," Parrish said.

"I think we've had a positive impact on the future of kestrels in Georgia, and that makes me feel pretty good."



Special Photo

**SAFE AND SOUND:** GSU ornithologist John Parrish is spearheading an effort to raise the number of kestrels, the smallest member of the falcon family in the U.S., by building nests for the small birds.

## SAFETY, FROM PAGE 1

make sure that I made it home safely. I appreciate the fact that he went out of his way to make sure that I made it home."

The purpose of the student officers is to ensure safety of the students as well as the faculty as they walk to their cars or back home. Student officers work from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. During these times they patrol all over campus until they are dispatched to a certain area.

Usually the student officers work part-time, so if students need a campus escort before 6 p.m. or after 2 a.m. they can call the campus security office at 681-5234 and they will dispatch an officer to assist.

Brandon Johnson is a junior criminal justice major and a student officer.

"We are doing a great job in providing a safe environment for the professor and the students," Johnson said. "We make sure that the professor are safe and escort them to their cars if needed."

Johnson also talked about the responsibilities that the student officers have to their fellow students.

"As for the students we make sure they get home safely by walking them to their dorms or to their cars," he said.

"Being a student officer is hard work, but it is very important to this campus and I wear my uniform with pride."

## BREAK-INS, FROM PAGE 1

textbooks, TI-83 calculators, computers, VCRs and a book bag.

Some students choose not to take their valuable possessions home, but to secure them in other ways.

"I will take my stereo and TV, and hide them in my closet and lock the door," said GSU senior Shauna Motley.

"I will also be sure to check and make sure all the doors and windows are securely locked and I will leave the hall light on."

Smith's mother devised a unique way to make sure her daughter's apartment was always secure.

"When we moved in," Smith explained, "my mom screwed all the windows in our apartment

shut, so they will not open."

Students who live in off-campus apartments should be more concerned about break-ins because apartments are more susceptible to burglary. "Very few break-ins happen on-campus," said Russell.

"When students leave the dorms, the exterior door locks are changed. We also routinely patrol the areas of the residence halls and make sure no windows are broken or screens are missing. Anyone suspicious who is located in these areas is stopped, identified and questioned."

Even though the dorms are well-secured, students should not take any chances.

"I am glad they change the locks on the outside doors, but I will still take my TV, VCR and computer

home over the holidays," said Kristin Miller, a GSU freshman and Winburn Hall resident.

The Statesboro Police Department is responsible for patrolling off-campus apartment complexes, but the University Police normally help the city police these areas during holiday breaks, said Russell.

Some off-campus apartments are more secure than others. The newer apartment complexes have security alarms installed in their units. GSU senior Shannon Ruiz is fortunate to live in one such complex, but will still not take any chances.

"Even though I will turn on my alarm and lock all the doors, I will still take my most valuable possessions home."

## Dorman Hall See-Saw-A-Thon raises over \$1,000 this year

By Adam Brady  
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Year award.

Sponsors of the event include The Beaver House, Planet Smoothie, Archibald's, Dairy Queen, Ruby Tuesday, The Daily Grind, Statesboro Inn, El Sombrero, Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Big Fella's, Dominos, Belk, Hungry Howies, Jen's Hallmark, Statesboro Movie Theater, Savannah Ave. Salon, RJ's, The Sir Shop, Zaxby's, Retrievers, Subway, Shoney's, Applebee's, Little Caesar's Pizza, Maurice's and Gold's Gym.

The Second Annual Dorman Hall See-Saw-A-Thon raised a total of \$1,447.11 this year.

All proceeds from the 24-hour event will be donated to Joseph's Home for Boys.

The event was held Nov. 13 and 14.

This year's total almost tripled last year's take for the event, which won the 2001 Residence Hall President's Council Program of the



Adam Brady/STAFF

**UP AND DOWN, TO THE TUNE OF \$1,000:** Three participants in Dorman Hall's See-Saw-A-Thon take turns on the teeter-totter to raise money for Joseph's Home for Boys. The Second Annual Dorman Hall See-Saw-A-Thon raised \$1,447 this year, a significant increase from last year's total. The program was sponsored by a number of community businesses, and won the Residence Hall President's Council Program of the Year award last year.

## PAULSON, FROM PAGE 1

tive effort to benefit Georgia Southern Athletics as a whole. O'Dowd explained that if the Athletic Department needs more money for its various programs and scholarships, Southern Boosters must provide the funds. Parking prices were raised this year to provide more money for Georgia Southern's Athletic Programs.

"We are not trying to single out any one group, especially the students, because they bring the atmosphere, but the boosters also have contributed and are promised their free passes," O'Dowd said.

Marshal Bettendorf, director of Athletic Events for The Paladins Club at Furman University said that the Furman boosters don't charge for students, alumni or guests of the university to park at their stadium. Of course boosters get preferred parking, closer to the stadium, but Furman Boosters don't charge a general admission fee for parking.

Furman also welcomes large tailgates, at no extra charge. This year at Georgia Southern, large tailgates in the general admission parking area are a thing of the past. Tailgating parties are restricted to the confines of your parking space. Larger tailgates are welcome at the back of the parking lot, if the party calls ahead of time with reservations.

Barry Sauls, director of Traffic and Control, Appalachian State

University, said that at Appalachian State there is no general admission parking near the stadium. If you want to tailgate before the games, all parking lots on campus are open to the general public. They are located 500 yards downhill from the stadium.

At high attendance games like homecoming, the university runs a shuttle service from one of the main parking lots on campus to the stadium. If you are a high paying booster, or an important guest of the university, then you can park in the residence hall parking lot located directly in front of the stadium.

If you are a student resident you have to evacuate your car from that parking lot five hours prior to kick off or it will get towed. "We tow at least 40 cars every home game, and they all belong to students," Sauls said.

O'Dowd has also commented that to compare Georgia Southern with Appalachian State and Furman is impossible because those schools, and their needs as far as funding, are so different.

Stephen Stanley, senior marketing major and avid Georgia Southern fan thinks that because of all the national championships, the boosters and athletic department believe they can raise parking prices.

"I think it is a shame that Georgia Southern is taking advantage of

its fans and students like this," Stanley said.

Stanley complained that because of the new rules prohibiting tents and large grills from general admission parking he does not "go all out" like he once did. "In the good old days we used to have two huge grills, tons of chairs and tables and lots of people at tailgates. Now no one wants to pay the extra money to come out, and the restricted spaces make it hard to accommodate lots of people."

Leigh Anne Ferguson, a junior business administration major, said that the new rules have affected her as well.

"I used to tailgate all the time, but now I just stay at home until the game starts, it's not the same with all the new restrictions," said Ferguson.

Students and alumni have also been complaining about having to park in the RAC parking lot on game days.

Tom Smith, a recently graduated booster, said that he didn't care how many spaces were available behind the stadium just as long as he had a spot to tailgate in on game day.

"It's not fair to the folks who support the athletics by becoming a booster, and then have to walk from the RAC to the stadium because of the overload. I give money and I should be able to park behind the stadium."



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## Experience will 'come in handy' for playoffs

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This time last year Georgia Southern head coach Paul Johnson was telling his team they were underdogs.

Never mind they were defending I-AA champions; nobody expected them to do much once the playoffs started. The Eagles took his words as motivation and won a second straight title.

This time around, coach Johnson will have to find a new way to pump up his troops: GSU is picked by almost everyone to win again.

But he doesn't think a theme is needed for this season's playoff run.

"If they can't get excited about the playoffs, then they don't need to be there," he said.

Johnson did say he hopes his team's playoff experience—the senior class will be playing in its 13th playoff contest—will "come in handy" when the Eagles take the field against Florida A&M.

"We have been [in the playoffs] more than some of the other teams, but we're still going to have to put four good games in

a row."

Saturday's game (12 noon, WVG 91.9 FM) against FAMU will be a rematch of the '97 playoff opener. In that game the Eagles jumped out to a 35-7 first quarter lead before holding on for a 52-37 shoot-out victory.

"Let's hope [this game] is not as high scoring, because we don't have the same shooters," Johnson said after the playoff pairings were announced.

The Rattlers (7-3, 7-1) were champions of the MEAC, overcoming a midseason defeat to North Carolina A&T to post their sixth straight playoff appearance.

Although not as strong as previous FAMU teams (particularly the '99 semifinal squad), head coach Billy Joe has found a new way to win.

Known as one of I-AA's premiere passing teams, FAMU has turned to the run a little more than usual this season, averaging 156 yards per game. Fullbacks Kelsie Lordeus (638 yards) and O.J. Marchbanks (493) have become an important facet to the Rattler's attack.

"We had to scale back a little

on the passing game," said Joe. "We lost some guys that were key to us and it has been evident. But we've been able to run effectively at times this season."

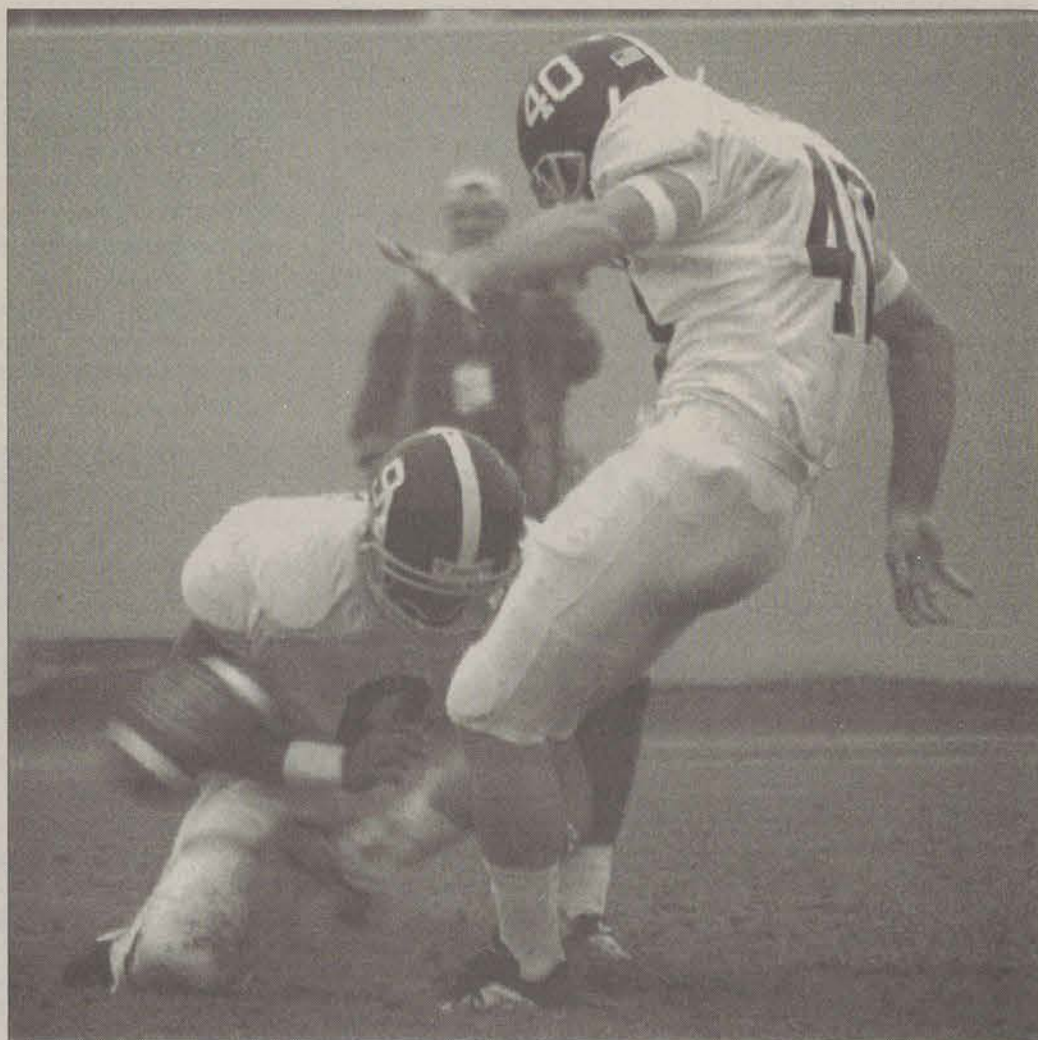
Jacquay Nunnally was one of the players Joe referred to. Nunnally, a big-time receiver, broke Jerry Rice's I-AA record for most career catches before departing last year.

FAMU has struggled somewhat in finding someone to fill Nunnally's shoes, but Isaac Brown (51 catches, 638 yards, 3TD) has played well in his first year as a starter.

Quarterback Quinn Gray (2,498 yards, 18 TD, 14 INT) has been affected the most from Nunnally's absence. The senior has been inconsistent this season, a problem Joe said has plagued Gray since the semifinal game of '99.

In that game, FAMU blew a two-touchdown, fourth-quarter lead to Youngstown State. Gray sealed the loss with a last-second, endzone interception.

"[Gray] hasn't really been the same since," Joe said. "He has put a lot of the blame of that loss on himself."



LaVene Bell/STAFF

**END OF THE RUN:** The Eagles begin the final and most important leg of their run for seven national championships with a home playoff game against Florida A&M this Saturday at noon.

## Lady Eagles run over Savannah State 94-55

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Georgia Southern forward Mimi Lindsey contributed a career-high 22

points and 12 rebounds in just 18 minutes to lead the Eagles to a 94-55 win over Savannah State on Tuesday

night in Hanner Fieldhouse.

The double-double by Lindsey was her second on the season and the third of her career. Alie Rousseau added 14 points in her first start of the season, while Danna Simpson chipped in 12 points and six rebounds. Shawnica Hill matched a season-high with 10 points and Kristy McCorkle set a new career-high with 10 points.

Savannah State (1-4) was led in scoring by Sharmonique McDaniel, who was the

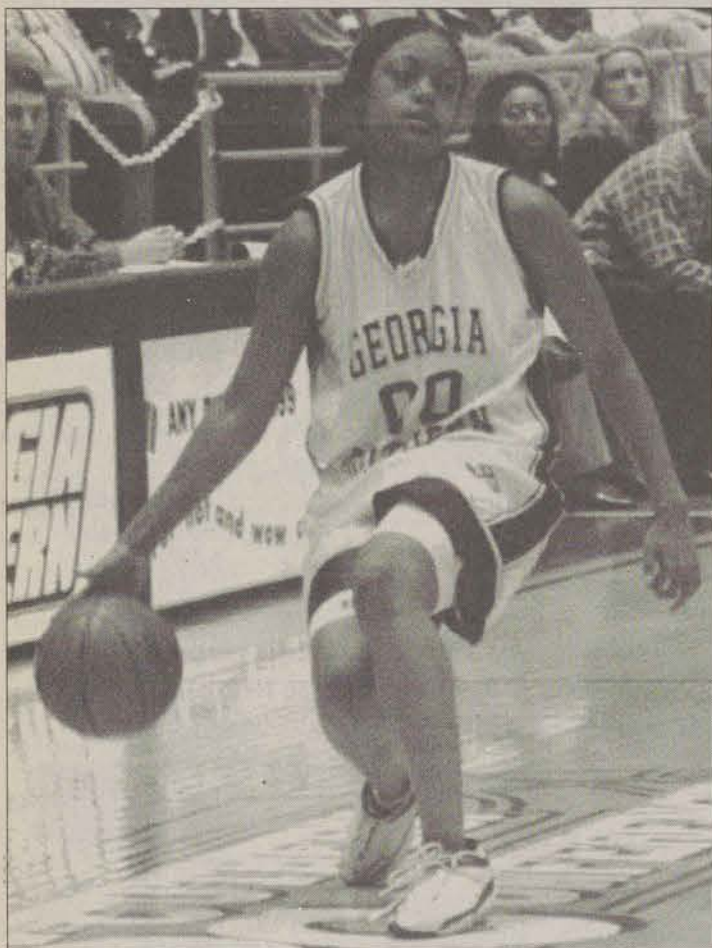
only Tiger in double-figures with 13 points on 6-10 shooting.

Georgia Southern (2-2) took the lead from the beginning on two free throws by Alie Rousseau just 46 seconds into the game. The Lady Eagles then used runs of 10-0 and 11-0 during the first twenty minutes of action to eventually claim a 50-28 halftime lead.

GSU pushed the its lead to as much as 40 with 2:46 to play in the contest.

The Lady Eagles made 46 trips to the charity stripe, connecting on 34 attempts. Georgia Southern also won the rebounding battle, claiming a 50-31 advantage.

Georgia Southern returns to action on Saturday as they travel to Charleston Southern on Saturday. Tip time is set for 7:00 pm.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

**GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME:** Lady Eagles defeat Sav. St. 94-55 and will take on Charleston Southern Saturday evening.

## Redskins continue historical comeback

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In the National Football League, winning changes everything.

If you need proof, just ask Washington Redskins head coach Marty Schottenheimer.

Six weeks ago he was in danger of losing his job as the man in charge of a winless football team who sat alone in the dark basement of the NFC East. The 'Skins were coming off a sloppy 9-7 loss to the rival Dallas Cowboys in front of a national Monday night audience, and owner Daniel Snyder's patience was beginning to wear thin...very thin.

Now, just five games and five wins later, his team's remarkable comeback has found a page in the NFL history books, and he has not only become a realistic candidate for coach of the year honors, but his team is actually within striking distance of the playoffs and the division title.

"I never really look beyond the next game," said Schottenheimer. "It was one game at a time, and I know that sounds boring, but that's the way we do it."

And given the 'Skins dramatic turnaround, it's awful hard

to disagree with his logic.

On October 15, the Washington Redskins were 0-5, and were outscored by their opponents by a mind-boggling 144 to 32.

Now, heading into the Dec. 2 rematch with the Cowboys, Washington is 5-5 and in sole possession of second place in the NFC East.

As a result of the current streak, the Redskins have become the first team in the history of the league to lose their first five games and still reach the .500 mark in the same season. Owner Daniel Snyder finally seems to be happy, the Washington fans finally have something to cheer for, and the players are starting to believe.

In the last five games, the Redskins have gone from defeating the Carolina Panthers in dramatic overtime fashion, to winning four consecutive matches against quality playoff-bound squads including the Giants, Seahawks, Broncos, and Eagles.

The defense has been sparked by players like LB LaVar Arrington who ran back an interception 67 yards for a touchdown against the Panthers, and the offense has been inspired by the comeback

of Running Back Ki-Juana Carter, who has had to overcome three major knee surgeries in the past three seasons and came up big in his first game back last Sunday with a touchdown against the Eagles.

"Everybody wrote me off, but I knew what kind of player I am," said Carter. "I had confidence in myself. I knew I'd get another shot."

In just the latest reason of why this has been such an unpredictable 2001 NFL season, the Washington Redskins have defied all the odds. Given the way they stumbled out of the gates in September, no one thought they would finally get up and dust themselves right around Halloween. And although they have given themselves almost no room for error in the remaining six games of the 2001 season if they want to keep their division title or even playoff hopes alive, to be talking post-season play in December is nothing short of a pigskin miracle.

But in a town where one team has gone from laughable to legendary, and a coach has gone from the hot seat to the high horse in just two short months, it's just proof that yes, in the NFL, winning changes everything.

## GSU and fans working to promote Peterson for Heisman Trophy

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Georgia Southern and its fans are working to promote Adrian Peterson for the Heisman Trophy by exposing others across the nation to his talents and accomplishments.

GSU fans have taken an active role in helping Peterson's Heisman campaign. They have used message boards to promote and spread Peterson's achievements. They have also been voting on Suzuki's voteheisman.com website.

Suzuki, a sponsor of the Heisman Award, is going to vote for the candidate with the most votes on this website. Doug Roberts, a sophomore sports management major, voted for Peterson on voteheisman.com. He said, "It's hard when you know there are so many other votes, but I wanted to do what I could to help Adrian." To date, Peterson is in second place on the site.

Tom McClellan, Georgia Southern Assistant Athletic Director of Media Relations, said his office spent around \$7,500 on the Adrian Peterson for Heisman campaign. He

did not include the time his staff worked with media in this dollar amount. He said his office was pleased with the return Georgia Southern got on its promotional efforts. He estimated that Georgia Southern received around \$500,000 in publicity.

McClellan said his office started with an awareness campaign to promote Peterson as a Heisman candidate in the summer of 2000. McClellan said, "He was not getting any media exposure, so we wanted to introduce him and show what he was capable of doing."

Athletic Media Relations started the campaign by spending \$5,000 on a CD-ROM presentation about Peterson, which was sent to 2,000 different media and Division I and IAA schools. The CDs introduced Peterson to some of the media for the first time and gave him a lot of exposure, McClellan said. McClellan was happy with the response to the CDs by the media. After the CDs went out, Sports Illustrated and USA Today wrote articles about Peterson. ESPN began

running segments about Peterson and his consecutive 100-yard game streak.

Athletic Media Relations spent \$1,000 to start the APforHeisman.com website. The site has a short biography of Peterson, his career and year statistics, the milestones he has reached, and a link to email him. McClellan wanted to put game highlights of Adrian Peterson on the website, but he said he ran into technical problems. The website gives people across the country an introduction to Peterson and his statistics.

This season, McClellan said he and his staff faced the problem of the credibility of Division IAA competition. His office sent out mailers and a Yahoo greeting card telling the media and other schools to watch for Peterson. They wanted to show people what Peterson was capable of doing and allow people to form their own opinions.

McClellan said the Athletic Media Relations staff did a lot of networking to get highlights of

Peterson's games in front of a national audience. He said they started getting calls from ABC, ESPN, and CBS wanting to get Peterson's highlights from Georgia Southern's games. Only highlights of two games have not been shown via satellite to a national audience.

Peterson also does a good job of promoting himself, McClellan said. He now holds the record for the most career rushing yards in all of Division I football, surpassing many past Heisman winners. He has broken the records of many past Heisman winners, including Herschel Walker's all-time rushing record for the state of Georgia. He holds the all divisions' record for the most consecutive 100-yard rushing games. According to the Heisman.com website, Marcus Allen, the 1981 Heisman winner, had eight 200-yard plus games in his career. Peterson ran for 200 or more yards in 12 games.

Paul Johnson, head coach of the GSU football team, said that as part of a football team he tries to promote everyone. He said, "Our coaching

staff has done everything we could to help [Peterson]. I mean I've never turned down a request to talk about him or a chance to promote him publicly. Whenever I go out I always try to talk about his accomplishments and the team's accomplishments."

The competition from other schools promoting their Heisman candidate has been tough this year. According to the Sports Illustrated article 'Frenzied State' by Grant Wahl Erickson, the University of Oregon spent \$250,000 on a 10-story tall billboard across from Madison Square Garden in New York to promote their Heisman candidate, Joey Harrington.

Oregon State University hired a public relations firm to handle the promotions of its candidate, Ken Simonton. The firm proposed a 12-inch tall action figure of Simonton with removable helmet and pads. According to Erickson's article, the 'Li'l Ken' doll was too cute for Oregon State and its athletic director, Mitch Barnhardt, did not want to use an advertising campaign.

Unlike most Division I A schools, Georgia Southern must fight to get its team's and candidate's games shown on television. This season, Georgia Southern only had two games shown on television regionally. According to the University of Nebraska's athletic website, its football team had eight games on national television and two on regional television. Clemson University, a college in South Carolina with 14,065 undergraduates, had five nationally and three regionally televised football games.

McClellan said his office will keep on working and is not going pass up any opportunity to promote Peterson with the possibility that he might have a chance to win the Heisman. He will keep pushing Peterson's highlights and statistics to the national media and letting people know when Peterson will be on television. He said fans could keep helping by voting for Peterson on voteheisman.com, talking about him on message boards, or writing to Heisman voters.



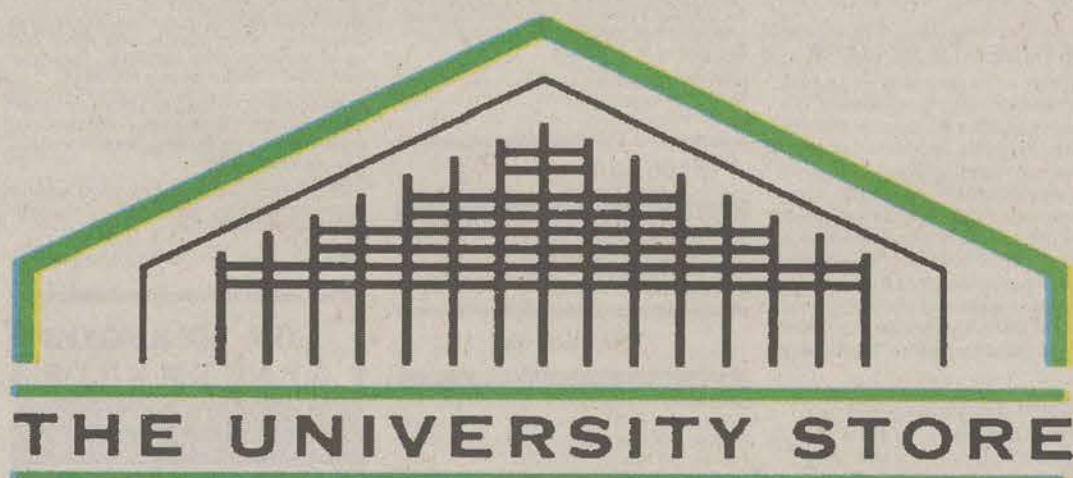






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