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**Sports:** A preview of upcoming GSU football season

Section B

# Eagle Entertainment moves on after loss of Eagle Cinema

Part two of a  
two-part series

By Erik Howard  
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How do you deal with losing money and your most attended program by far? Well if your eagle entertainment you face adversity, plan, and rebuild.

With the effects of the closing of Eagle Cinemas still being felt, Eagle Entertainment have begun making preparations to make this year their most successful year. The team leaders along with their advisors have gone through a total restructuring of the student programming council, and still maintain their enthusiasm and willingness to provide meaningful programs for GSU.

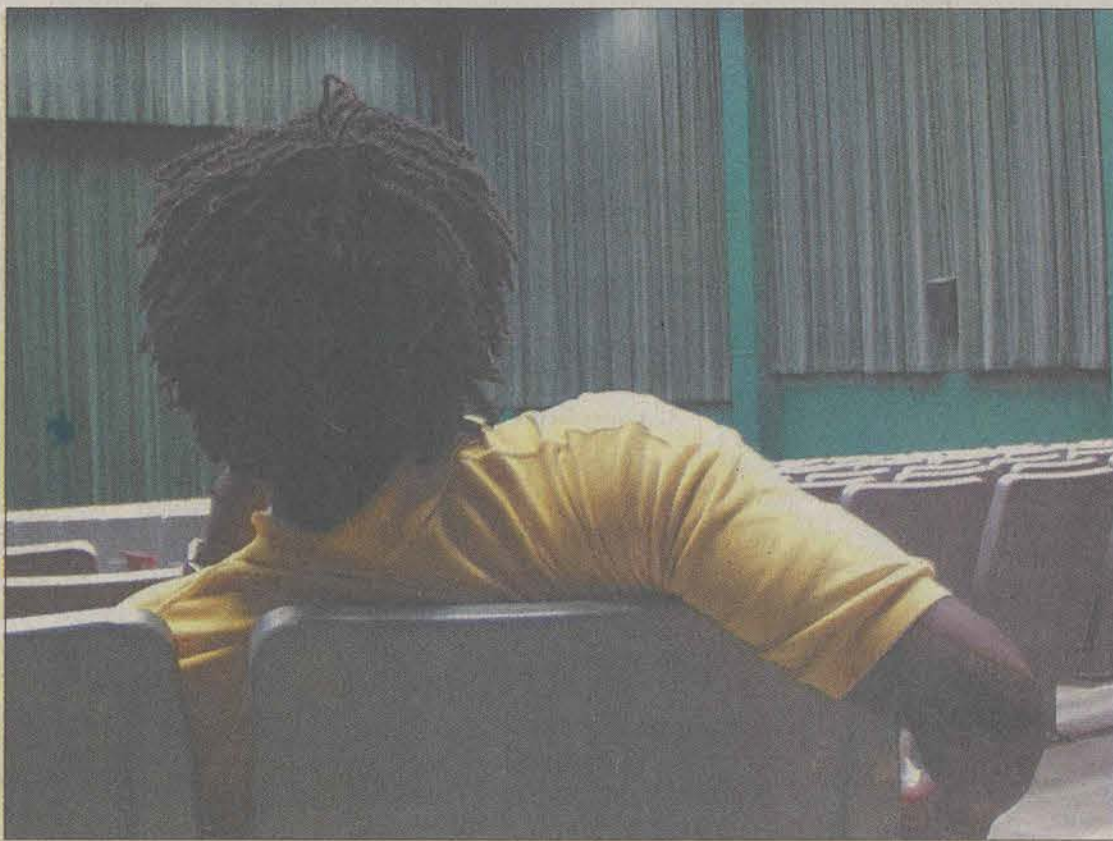
The number of phone calls and E-mails in and out of the student activities center from students wondering what happened to the dollar movies indicates that there is still a demand for the Eagle Cinema.

While the closing of the program has had an effect, it hasn't affected the

spirit of the six-team leaders of Eagle Entertainment. "It has only made us work harder and be more creative," said Clifton Reese, Leader of Major Productions.

Each team leader has had to re-think ways they that they will bring programs to campus. Since the budget has been cut they are limited with the activities that they are able to put together. "The budget cuts have had some positive effects on E.E. It has allowed us to work outside of the organization," said Team Leader Brian Gibson. "No longer are we independent in our operation. We are actively seeking help from outside organizations."

Eagle Entertainment has also brought a new approach to the way they are promoting new programs. This was evident Monday night with the information session in the Commons area of the Union. As PR/recruitment and retention team leader Joy Caine stated "We don't want this to be an organization of ten people thinking of the best programs for 14,000 students. We want those



Allison Bennett/STAFF

Budget cuts forced Eagle Entertainment to cut Eagle Cinema, one of its most popular programs. Positive effects of the loss include more work with other student organizations and better methods of promotion for other programs.

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## SGA prepares for upcoming academic year

Organization urges students to attend first meeting

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SGA is in full swing as students return, and the 2002-03 year gets underway.

"The entire executive board has been working throughout the summer to prepare for the upcoming academic year," according to President Jonathan Perkins. "We are very confident with the progress we've made thus far."

"We have several projects that are waiting on senate approval right now," said Perkins.

Perkins declined to comment further on these projects, saying that he would release further information as they are approved.

The first formal Student Government Association meeting will be held on Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in room 2080 of the Russell Union. SGA encourages students to attend the meeting and to take an active interest in their government.

Perkins stresses that there are still a number of empty seats for the fall. Interested students may stop by SGA's new office in Student Activity Center

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## European, Arab allies warn U.S. attack on Iraq could have vast consequences

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON - European and Arab leaders made clear Tuesday that Vice President Dick Cheney's vigorous case for going to war with Iraq has failed to rally international support and they warned that an American invasion to oust Saddam Hussein could have wide and unexpected consequences.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, locked in a re-election battle, said a preemptive attack on Iraq would be "wrong" and that "under my leadership Germany will not take part in that."

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, considered a staunch U.S. ally, said that "striking Iraq is something that could have repercussions and post-strike developments. We fear chaos happening in the region."

Shortly before Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States met with President Bush in Crawford, Texas, a foreign policy adviser to Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah said U.N. inspectors can contain any threat posed by Hussein "without firing a single bullet."

"There is no country I know of supporting the use of force in Iraq at this time," the adviser, Adel el-Jubeir, said in Washington. "Your allies in Europe don't. Your allies in the Middle East don't."

The Bush administration tack of talking tough on Iraq has prompted would-be allies to stake out positions on the war long before the White House or anyone else in the administration has asked for their support. While few



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President Bush meets with the Saudi ambassador to the U.S. at his Crawford, Texas ranch to discuss the nations' differences over Iraq.

analysts fault the administration for raising the prickly issue of Iraq and weapons of mass destruction, some say the president's hard line may have made the necessary diplomatic spadework that much more difficult.

The sharp rebukes also came amid growing dissent within Bush's own party over the president's oft-stated goal of "regime change" in Iraq and the methods the White House has employed to far to bring it about.

In recent days, three stalwarts from the presidency of Bush's father - former secretaries of state James Baker and Lawrence Eagleburger, as well as former national security adviser Brent Scowcroft - all have suggested that the time was not ripe for action against Hussein.

The growing foreign and domestic discord points up the sharp difference

in this administration's approach to war with Iraq with the one taken by Bush's father, who relied on a carefully assembled coalition of Persian Gulf states and the diplomatic cover of the United Nations to shore up support for the 1991 operation to push Iraq out of Kuwait.

Since drawing Iraq into the club of states that support terrorism last February, Bush and his advisers have made no public overtures to the Arab nations that encircle Iraq - particularly Saudi Arabia - that were vital to the U.S.-led coalition during the first gulf war.

Instead, they have relied on a campaign of statements and speeches to make their case against Iraq, using the momentum from the war on terrorism in Afghanistan to open a new

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## Minority Advisement Program eager to assist incoming students

By Erik Howard  
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For those freshmen students that are looking for direction this year, there is a program on campus that is here to assist them.

On Monday August 26, the Minority Advisement Program (MAP) completed its annual orientation.

MAP is a program designed to provide assistance to minority students and as put by Mr. George Lewis Director Of the Multicultural Student Center "to help with the transition from high school to college."

Lewis stressed that the services are open to everyone, but the program "is geared towards minority students and the difficulties they face in coming to Georgia Southern."

The way the program works is that freshmen sign up for the program and depending on their major, they are placed with a MAP sponsor. The MAP sponsor is an upper-class student that has the same major or one that is close to the student or as they are referred to in the program "mapee".

Tobias Mathis, a second year MAP sponsor, thinks that the programs main goal is "the retention of minority students to help them stay at Georgia Southern and graduate." He feels his responsibility as a MAP sponsor is to help his "mapees" get acclimated to the college life both academically and socially.

Having that balance between academics and a social life is something that Ms. Yolanda Avent says the program stresses. Avent believes the balance is necessary for success in college.

Avent says that the program is off to a good start this year with active participation being up from last year. She feels that this is going to be a good year for MAP with the combination of experienced mapees

and an excited group.

Avent wants the program to be promoted in another light. "In the past, the program hasn't been marketed campus wide," says Avent.

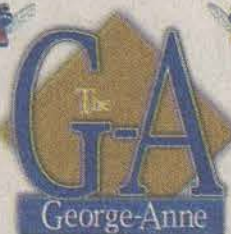
That is why this year the program has reached out to other departments on campus to come in and do presentations. Ms. Avent sees MAP as "SOAR" on a long-term basis and wishes that the program be funded as such.



Adam Bonner/STAFF

MAP sponsored Project Move-In at Hendricks and Johnson residence halls.

### ON THE INSIDE:



Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

### Weather

Today



Afternoon T-storms with a high of 87°F and a low of 68°F.

Thursday



Isolated T-storms with a high of 86°F and a low of 70°F.

### Opinions

• Adam Brady returns with a message for freshman and a reminder for returning students.

• Tim Prizer urges us to take interest in our local history.

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Research your options inside.

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• Dave Matthews Cover Band plays Legends in the 'Boro.



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## Southern Events

### CINEMA ARTS

• "The Taste of Others"  
Russell Union Theater  
7:15 p.m. Admission \$2.

### GSU MUSEUM

• Dragons! exhibit through Sept. 29.



## Police Beat

8-26-2002

A Kennedy Hall resident reported that someone had taken two rear windows from her Jeep in the Kennedy Hall parking lot.

Officers issued one traffic citation, assisted nine motorists, worked two traffic accidents and responded to five fire alarms (three caused from smoke while cooking, one caused by a water leak and one caused by a hot water system).

8-25-2002

A Packinghouse Road resident reported that \$60 was taken from her purse at Stratford Hall.

Officers issued five traffic warnings, assisted five motorists and worked three traffic accidents.

8-24-2002

Antonio Derell Mikell, 21, of 380 Hope Baptists Church Road, Statesboro, was charged with driving with a suspended license.

Officers issued three traffic warnings, responded to one false fire alarm and assisted two injured persons.

8-23-2002

A Stratford Hall resident reported that her student ID card was taken from a table at the Landrum Center.

A Dorman Hall resident reported that someone entered his vehicle at the soccer fields and took his wallet.

A case of harassment was reported at the Kappa Delta House on Olympic Blvd.

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted six motorists, responded to three false fire alarms and assisted a sick person at the Paulson Stadium band field.

8-22-2002

Curtis Albert Sebastian, 21, of 913 Brannen Road, Statesboro, was charged with DUI.

Troy Arrington reported that several keys were missing from the Russell Union.

A case of criminal trespass was reported at Brannen Hall.

Kylie Kirkpatrick reported that a lawn mower threw an object that struck the hood of her vehicle while she was on Forest Drive.

Officers issued three traffic citations and five traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.

8-21-2002

Officers issued one traffic citation and seven traffic warnings, assisted 11 motorists, worked five accidents and responded to two false fire alarms.

A case of harassment was reported on Georgia Avenue.

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted 14 motorists, worked three accident reports and responded to three fire alarms (two false and one caused by someone tampering with detector).

8-20-2002

Pamela A. Jones, 36, of Eastman, Ga., was charged with DUI.

Crystal Lipsey reported that someone damaged the left rear view mirror on her vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.

Jeremy Foreman reported that a Macintosh laptop computer and a zip drive were missing from the Williams Center.

A case of harassment was reported on Georgia Avenue.

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted 14 motorists, worked three accident reports and responded to three fire alarms (two false and one caused by someone tampering with detector).

**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 Doug Kidd, News Editor.

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## Department of Sociology and Anthropology chair is 2002-2003 winner of Ruffin Cup

**Sue Mullins Moore, member of faculty since '82, wins prestigious CLASS award**

G-A News Service

Sue Mullins Moore, the chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Georgia Southern University, is the 2002-2003 winner of the Ruffin Cup.

Endowed by the late David A. Ruffin, who was an English professor at Georgia Southern, the cup is awarded annually by the University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS).

The Ruffin Cup is presented to

a faculty member who exemplifies the goals of CLASS; has given distinguished service to the University for at least 10 years; and excels in teaching and service to students, in scholarship, and in contributions to the spirit of the liberal arts.

A member of Georgia Southern's faculty since 1982, Moore has received the University's Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction as well as numerous grants.

In addition, the professor of anthropology has authored 12 major technical reports and many articles and book reviews.

Also, Moore has been very active in state preservation and archeology. She served as president of the Soci-

ety for Georgia Archeology and vice president of the Georgia Council of Professional Archeologists.

Ruffin served on Georgia Southern's faculty from 1962 through 1981 and was named Professor of the Year in 1973.

Nominations for the cup that bears his name are made by CLASS faculty to a select faculty committee, which makes a recommendation to the CLASS dean.

The final determination of the award winner is made by the dean and a selected department chair.

As the winner of the award, Moore will have her name engraved on the Ruffin Cup, which she will retain for a year.

She will also receive \$1,000 for use in the enhancement of her teaching and scholarship through travel, purchase of teaching materials or equipment, or other means.

Moore received her Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1981 under the direction of Charles H. Fairbanks.

Her dissertation work was on plantation archeology of the Georgia coast, where she has conducted extensive excavations on both prehistoric and historic sites.

She has also done archeological research in Florida and Oklahoma.

Moore is married and the mother of an 11-year-old daughter.

## 'Biostatistics Day' set for Sept. 14, looking to raise awareness for graduate program

G-A News Service

Biostatistics is a scientific field completely unfamiliar to most people, but Georgia Southern University's Center for Biostatistics would like to change that.

The center is sponsoring a Biostatistics Day on Sept. 14 at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building on the University's campus. The program will run from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

"We are looking for college juniors and seniors from around the region with backgrounds in math, statistics or one of the sciences," said conference organizer Harji Patel. "There are tremendous career opportunities in this field and we want to let people know about them."

"Starting salaries for masters degree level biostatisticians can run from \$40,000 to \$55,000 per year."

Biostatistics is the science of statistics applied in a health-related field. A common use of biostatistics is in the management and analysis of clinical trials for new drugs.

Georgia Southern offers a Master of Public Health (MPH) program with an emphasis in biostatistics.

"This program will offer college students an opportunity to learn about biostatistics, what job opportunities exist and what kind of salaries biostatisticians earn," said Patel. "They will also have the opportunity to learn about the MPH—Biostatistics program here at Georgia Southern."

The Biostatistics Day program will include a presentation by Gladys Reynolds from the Centers for Disease Control on the role of biostatistics and epidemiology in government.

Randy Davis from Glaxo-SmithKline will discuss the role of biostatistics in the pharmaceutical industry.

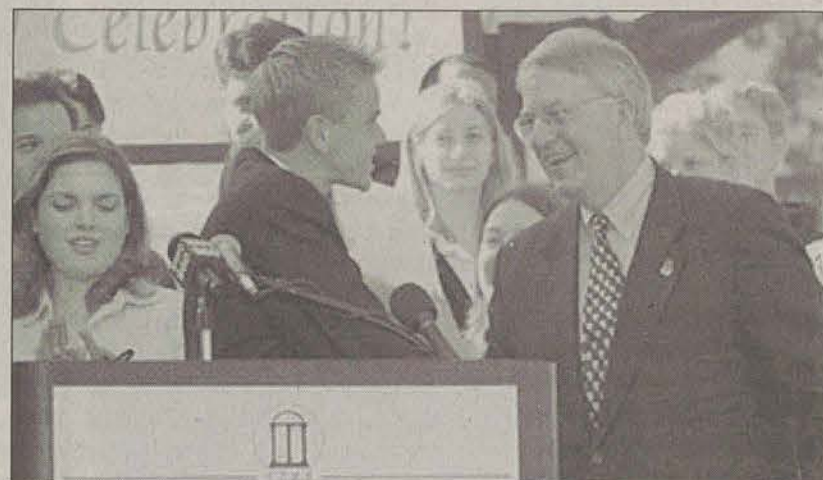
Center for Biostatistics Director Karl Peace will present a program on clinical trials and biostatistics.

Faculty member Stuart Tedders will discuss the Georgia Southern's MPH—Biostatistics program and Patel will present a program on employment opportunities and salaries in the biostatistics field.

William Hoskins director of the Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial Health University Medical Center, will discuss clinical research in gynecologic cancer.

Admission to Biostatistics Day is free and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Program organizers ask interested students to register by Sept. 6 to get a count for the meals.

For additional information, [www2.gasou.edu/contedu/biostatisticsday.html](http://www2.gasou.edu/contedu/biostatisticsday.html).



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Gov. Roy Barnes, right, shakes hands with a UGA student at the awarding of the 500,000th HOPE scholarship in October 2000.

## Harvard study finds fault with Georgia's HOPE scholarship

G-A News Service

BOSTON-- Merit-based state scholarships tend to benefit college students who are least likely to need them, and in some cases are widening enrollment gaps between white and minority students, according to a study of programs in four states.

The analysis of programs in Georgia, Florida, New Mexico and Michigan suggests states should weigh whether such programs meet their intended goals, said Gary Orfield, co-director of Harvard University's Civil Rights Project, which published the study.

The programs are intended to encourage in-state college enrollment among top students across economic and social lines and to reward students who excel academically.

"The whole thing sounds so good, and nobody's going beneath the surface and looking at the aggregate effects of putting billions of dollars of aid into students who don't need it," Orfield said.

Since Georgia instituted its Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally program, or HOPE, in 1993, 12 states have created merit-based scholarship programs, which award financial aid based on academic performance rather

than financial need.

In the 2000-2001 academic year, the 12 programs gave out a combined \$863 million in tuition aid to college students, almost three times the \$308 million given out by the same states in need-based programs.

Georgia's lottery-funded HOPE program pays full tuition and fees at public schools in the state, or up to \$3,000 at private in-state colleges. The program gave out about \$300 million in 2000-2001.

Because of HOPE, enrollment for youth from families with incomes above \$50,000 rose 11.4 percent, but the program has had no effect on enrollment of youth from poorer families.

HOPE appears to have benefited white students more than black. Compared with nearby states, college attendance among white students in Georgia rose 12.4 percent faster from 1993 to 1997, but remained virtually unchanged for black students.

Glen Newsome, executive director of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, defended the program, saying HOPE has increased the number of high-achieving students attending college.

The study recommends expanding definitions of merit, putting income caps on the aid and allowing students to receive both merit-and-need-based aid.

## University's 'A Day for Southern' set for Sept. 10, goal set to reach \$1 million for the fifth straight year

G-A News Service

The time-tested tradition of support between Georgia Southern University and the Bulloch County community will be witnessed again Sept. 10, as both unite for the 29th annual "A Day for Southern" campaign.

This year's theme recalls the events of last September, in the phrase "Our Community, our University, stronger together, more than ever."

Last year, A Day for Southern fell on Sept. 11, and nearly 200 volunteers had just started the day's round of making calls on local businesses when word of the terrorist attacks spread.

The one-day campaign was immediately suspended, but two weeks later the community responded with a record-breaking total and the fourth straight year raising over \$1 million.

"It was a phenomenal show of support and unity,"

said Georgia Southern President Bruce Grube. "It was a statement of our resolve to stand together and to go forward with faith in the future of our community and our country."

The goal is to make this the fifth year to top \$1 million. The funds are used by the Georgia Southern University Foundation and the Southern Boosters to provide resources that build the University's "margin of excellence" in academics, athletics, cultural opportunities and outreach programs for the region.

They sponsor scholarships to recruit top students, the University Honors Program, resources for teaching excellence, the Museum, Botanical Garden, the Wildlife Education Center and the University's athletics teams.

University officials say private funding had contributed significantly to growth in academic

quality, student numbers, and public outreach through such programs.

"It's all about making a better educational experience for our students," said Beth Mathews, the University's director of annual giving. "The money the community contributes in this campaign is used for the kinds of programs where state money cannot be used."

Georgia Southern approaches the annual campaign with good news for the community—a record enrollment which may reach 15,000, combined with another 20 point increase in SAT scores for the entering freshman class.

"A Day for Southern" opens with a breakfast for nearly 200 campus and community volunteers who will spend the day calling on more than 1,100 businesses for support. The total for will be announced at a "victory" celebration on campus.

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## IRAQ, FROM PAGE 1

retorical front. That initiative has sometimes sowed confusion and seeming contradiction, as did on Tuesday, when State Department Spokesman Richard Boucher insisted the Bush has not made a decision on whether to invade Iraq and "therefore, there are no war drums to beat."

Just a day earlier, Cheney told the Veterans of Foreign Wars in a forceful speech that waiting to attack Iraq would only invite a chemical, biological or nuclear strike by Hussein, and that "the risk of inaction is far greater than the risk of action."

He added, "We realize that wars are never won on the defensive. We must take the battle to the enemy."

Adding to the potential confusion, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld appeared to suggest that an invasion was not imminent as he told Marines Tuesday at Camp Pendleton in California, "We do need to take some time and think these things through and consider them."

Another point of contention is whether Bush has the legal authority to unilaterally order an invasion. A legal opinion circulated within the White House stating that Bush does not need congressional approval to take military action against Iraq drew

a harsh response from both Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said that while he agrees that Bush has the authority to launch an attack without the blessing of Congress, "My recommendation is that he does talk to the Congress and he does talk to the American people."

Thus far, the Bush approach has not been as effective as that of his two predecessors in attracting supporters.

"There's a pervasive sense in this administration that consensus-building was a Clintonian thing," said Geoffrey Kemp, a Middle East expert at the Nixon Center and a former Reagan administration adviser, referring to the foreign policy style of former President Bill Clinton.

"It was a Clinton thing, but it was also (the first President Bush's) great strength," Kemp added.

Among the Arab states that supported the U.S. in 1991, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Bahrain have all come out against a new war. Each of those nations currently hosts an American military contingent.

The U.S. now has about 55,000 troops stationed throughout the Gulf theater, including 5,100 personnel in Saudi Arabia, 3,900 in Qatar, 3,500 in Oman and 4,500 in Bahrain, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

**"WE REALIZE THAT WARS ARE NEVER WON ON THE DEFENSIVE. WE MUST TAKE THE BATTLE TO THE ENEMY."**

— DICK CHENEY

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students to come and have a voice."

Eagle Entertainment has already seen good turnout at the events they have put on this year. This year's Eagle Pride Cookout, The Drive-In Movie, and "Outcast" the Game, all had good attendance. This is an indication of the hard work put in by Janelle Lunsford, advisor to Eagle Entertainment, and the individual team leader.

The team leaders hope that the support for Eagle Entertainment continues throughout the school year as they prepare to bring new

programming to the University. One of the newer programs will be "First Wednesdays Live", a concert series that will showcase GSU as well as national talent.

Eagle Entertainment is not only trying to diversify its programming, but also trying to diversify its turnout. Gibson wants to provide programming for diverse groups that will enable the smaller groups on campus to have their programming needs met.

In the absence of its most popular program, Eagle Entertainment seems ready to bounce back from the loss.

## SGA, FROM PAGE 1

to fill out applications for the positions. The office is located at the bottom floor of the Russell Union.

"We have a total 18 seats available in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Health and Professional Studies, College of Education, College of Graduate Studies, and College of Business Administration," Perkins stated.

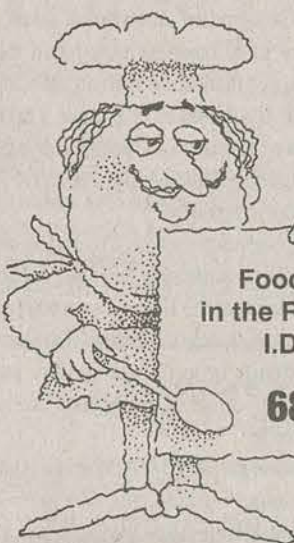
"We have two Executive Board

positions, and an Executive Assistant position, that serves as SGA's record keeper throughout the year. We are also seeking applicants for the Publicity Coordinator position. The Publicity Coordinator is the supervisor of all publicity and communication from SGA to the general public."

Perkins added that the deadline for submitting student applications is Friday, August 30.

# The last day to change your meal plan is

## Friday SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>



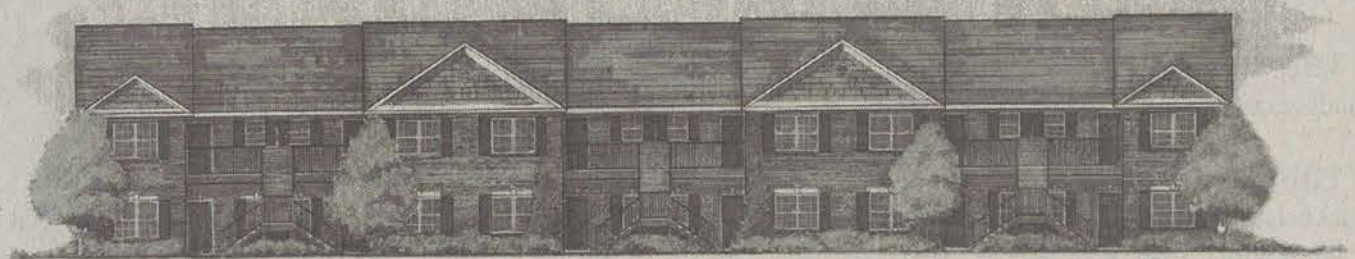
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### FALL FINANCIAL AID REFUNDS ISSUED SEPT. 4TH!

- ✓ For Fall semester 2002, financial aid refund checks will NOT be issued on the first day of class as they have in the past.
- ✓ Federal regulations now require the University to confirm your class attendance before financial aid can be released to your GSU Office of Student Fees account.
- ✓ HOPE Scholars who are eligible for the HOPE book allowance will not receive checks on the first day of Fall classes if they owe the University any outstanding fee. The HOPE book allowance will be applied to outstanding fees.
- ✓ Once the financial aid is applied to your account, if you are due a refund, a check will be cut and released by the Office of Student Fees on Sept. 4<sup>TH</sup>.
- ✓ Many students have relied on their refund check to purchase textbooks and other supplies. If you are due a refund, you will be able to purchase books in the University Bookstore the first week of class using your GSU ID, and the amount will be debited from your anticipated refund.

### FINANCIAL AID AND EAGLEGRAM

- ✓ Check your Georgia Southern email account regularly for EAGLEGRAM notices and check our WINGS website [www2.gasou.edu/sta/](http://www2.gasou.edu/sta/)
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- ✓ If you have questions about your Georgia Southern account, visit our EAGLEGRAM website at [www2.gasou.edu/sta/GSUemail](http://www2.gasou.edu/sta/GSUemail) or contact the helpdesk at (912) 681-5429.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ By **September 4, 2002**, refund checks will be processed by the Office of Student Fees, (912)681-0999, for students whose class attendance has been verified by their class instructor.
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## Thoughts of the day

• One is left with the horrible feeling now that war settles nothing; that to win a war is as disastrous as to lose one.

— Agatha Christi

• If the English language made any sense, a catastrophe would be an apostrophe with fur.

— Doug Larson

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# Welcome home to our humble U

That's right everyone. I'm back. For all of you who have been asking me "Are you writing again this semester?" and "When is your next column going to be in *The George-Anne*?" the time has come. Now for all you new people. The freshmen, wide-eyed and hungry for an education. Eager to face the new world before them and test the waters of reality.

The transfer students, ambitious to start on a new path to success. Perhaps at Georgia Southern they've found the way to accomplishing their goals and following their dreams.

The international students, ready to see the world and the country of America. They may come for a textbook education, but take interest in our different way of life.

Welcome everyone, to your new home.

You're all here to learn or work, whether it be biology or binge drinking, pre-law or premarital sex, restaurant management or rock and roll, and you're signed up for at least 16 weeks. (Though your time may be cut short depending on your adhering to state and federal laws.) A world of opportunity of every kind has just been laid out before you.

Now get off your asses and do something about it.

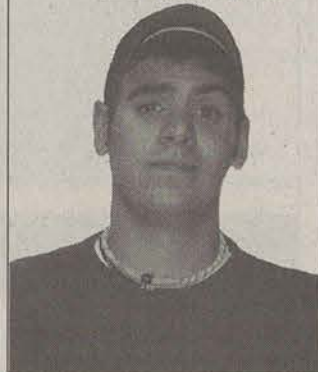
It may not seem like a short time, but you have about 4 years — no offense to you fifth or sixth year seniors — to call the best of your life.

And they've already started.

It's up to you to decide how you'll live out these next few years. Mom isn't here to wake you up in the morning with sweet songs, and dad isn't around to keep your wallet and your gas-tank full. The responsibility for your life and actions now falls squarely upon your shoulders, and there's no doubt in my mind the officer waiting to write you that ticket for underage possession will be sure to remind you of just that.

Not to say that all of you will make only bad decisions, but it will be a little more difficult to say no to a nightly ritual of non-studying without your parents here to guide you down the proper path. At the same time however, you'll be afforded the great opportunity of choosing your own

## ADAM BRADY



You can ask any professor on campus, and they'll all give you the same answer: simply going to class on a regular basis will help you tremendously in receiving at least a passing grade. Try it out if you like. Go to one of your classes with no attendance policy maybe once a week, and attend another one of your classes with the devotion of a Hindu monk. I tried this out my freshman year, and while I nearly joined the ranks of College Algebra repeaters as I slept comfortably through my class every morning, I sailed through English Comp 1102 with the help of a daily dose of class.

Get involved.

Georgia Southern has more opportunities to take advantage of than many of the schools in the good ol' U.S. of A. Over 150 campus organizations offer students a chance to be involved in their passions, no matter how relevant or abstract. Whether it's anime or engineering, philosophy or public relations, writing or politics, Georgia Southern has an organization to fit the interests of any student. Leadership opportunities are offered in all of these same organizations, and even the residence halls are wonderful places to begin. The valuable

path. Here are just a few tips for young and old alike.

Go to class. You've all heard this at some point in your college career, whether you've been here for a few weeks or a few years. This is quite possibly one of the most important pieces of advice about college you'll ever receive. It's far too easy to hit the snooze button and roll over after a long night of "learning."

experience could one day separate you from the rest of the applicant pool for that job you're vying for. Even writing for *The George-Anne* could help land you an internship or job offer from any number of publications or broadcasting corporations. Who would have thought?

Talk to the faculty and staff.

When I arrived here at Georgia Southern for the first time during the spring of my senior year of high school, I did not want to be here. My parents decided that a short layover in Statesboro during our trek back to Atlanta from Daytona Beach was a great idea. Being young and naive, I would have preferred to be at home with my (former) girlfriend. It was the end of Spring Break, and the last thing I wanted to do was see any type of school.

No matter how somber the look on my face must have been when I walked into the old admissions office in the Rosenwald building, the staff was happy to see me, and willing to give any assistance I'd need to get through the admission process.

Ever since that day, I have yet to come across a faculty or staff member that has not been dedicated to helping students with anything they may need. From JD Louk, my first resident director in Dorman Hall, to Dr. Beverly Graham, my ever-patient advisor, to our University President Dr. Bruce Grube, I have always found the faculty and staff to offer the proper guidance and a sincere dedication to working with the student body.

Talk to your professors, your RA's, and your advisor. They're all great resources to draw upon, and I can guarantee they'll all be happy to answer any of your questions to help you along the path to your future.

One hundred and fifty student organizations filled with opportunity, a wide variety of classes to take you down the path to your career, and a faculty and staff willing to lend a hand with anything you could ever need all wait before you.

Now get off of your asses and do something about it.

Adam Brady is the lifestyles editor of *The George-Anne* and glad he got off his ass to write this column. He may be reached at [that\\_guy@stouthouse.org](mailto:that_guy@stouthouse.org).



# There's history in our own backyard

Each August, thousands of new students pile into Statesboro with nervous feelings of displacement, uncertainty and disorientation.

Many of us are coming from urban centers like Atlanta or Macon — places that, despite the large populations and vast urban sprawl, we feel that we know. Then our parents dump us off in a town sated with farmland, replete with small diners, a major hangout called Wal-Mart and a downtown area absent of any skyscrapers or even a Starbucks.

But, within the year, these new students join the upperclassmen in thinking they own the town.

Sure, we live here, and we share this south Georgia community with thousands of others — local Statesborians, native Bulloch Countians, our professors, and university administrators. For many of us, yours truly included, it feels like home. My parents' house is no longer a haven for me from the "big scary world," as it was throughout my childhood. When I go visit mom and dad, I ache for my cramped apartment, the electricity felt communally at local, college-gated restaurants, and even the rural countryside along 301 and Highway 80.

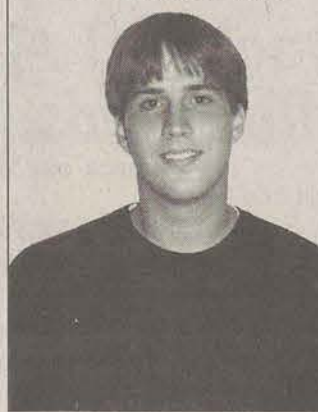
And students here do know a good bit about this town. The coolest bars? Not a problem. How to find the North Building? Sure, we know that too. How many times has our football team won the national championship? Six... duh. Where can I buy a \_\_\_\_\_? Fill in the blank with practically anything and the answer will be, "Wal-Mart, of course."

But how much do we really know about Statesboro, Georgia?

I've often wondered, while driving the roads downtown, about the history that so obviously abounds here. The antebellum buildings, the cracked sidewalks, and the ancient faces of locals who sit on sidewalk benches — all images that shout to me, "Ask some questions! Do some research!" I have so frequently wondered how the locals see this town, what they think of the college and its students who transiently sweep in and out of here in four years flat. To them, are we merely different faces of the same body that have been coming and going in ephemeral madness since the turn of the twentieth century? In their eyes, are we suburban beer-guzzling idiots or are we serious young adults working to move up in the world?

With these questions in my mind, an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of Statesboro folk history and current impressions of local residents regarding students literally fell in my lap. After speaking with a couple of people working as

## TIM PRIZER



of a type of history so often overlooked by contemporary historians who value only the "great man/significant event" style of study and teaching. And, best of all, it was mine to read, to analyze and to select recurring themes in the daily lives of Statesboro natives throughout history. Finally, all my curiosities would be relieved.

There were interviews with people who had wound up in Statesboro by way of their grandfathers or great-grandfathers making the suffocative trip through the Middle Passage as slaves. There were interviews with people whose last names we all have seen numerous times throughout this town: Zetterower, Banks, Grady, Blich, Moore, Tillman, Deloach, and so on. They spoke of the darkness before electricity, the outhouses before indoor plumbing, the dust before paved roads, one-room schoolhouses, and the invention and introduction of the "incredible machine that talked" — the radio.

But not all the accounts read like Margaret Mitchell's romantic images of the South. Indeed, horror stories that abound in fictional Southern literature found a breath of real life in local memories. The story of the lynching and burning of two black Statesboro men — Cato and Reed — accused of rape and murder in 1910 found its way into several of the informants' interviews. The incident continues to be a scar on the community to this day, according to some local elderly citizens.

The most pleasant find in the transcriptions was that the

downtown area — the area I was sure was chock-full of rich history — turned out to be a community gathering center. People would pack the courthouse square for political rallies, holiday celebrations and the like. People would go to the watering trough, located nearby the courthouse square, to wash their mules and wagons. In fact, nearly every source of commercial entertainment was located downtown, including car dealerships after their invention in the early 1900s. The little stores with now-boarded windows were once thriving commercial centers, staying open well past midnight to accommodate the stirring bustle of men, women and children.

The famous blues singer Blind Willie McTell used to sit and play his guitar in Statesboro's "Blue Front" district, a predominately African-American area of downtown. It was during this time, with McTell living in Statesboro, that he found the inspiration to pen the now world-famous tune "Statesboro Blues."

Most of the interviewers did include questions about GSU and how the locals felt about it. I was pleased to find out that most love this school and consider it as much a part of Statesboro history as Archibald Bulloch, Georgia's first provisional governor (1776-1777), for whom the county was named (bet you never wondered why we have a restaurant called Archibald's either, did you?). Students are commonly referred to as kids from "down at the college," and though we may not be considered local Statesboro residents in their mind, we do seem to have a certain degree of welcome from most of them.

Yes, Statesboro, Georgia has entered the global community. Nearly every local business now has a website; we have a major academic institution with an enrollment of over 14,000; Wal-Mart has found us (I'll leave it up to you to determine whether or not this is a positive or negative service to the community). But we did not arrive at this grand commercial scope overnight.

In order to have a foundation on which to understand our current place in both this community and the global community, we must look back at the lives of everyday people who survived the ups and downs of history. Do your own research in this community or in the community you call home. But don't be lazy — most of our history takes place beyond Sweetheart Circle.

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# California professor says coaches should kick themselves

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At a campus known for its esteemed professors and intellectual jousting matches, David Romer poses a question sure to fetch a double-take at any faculty cocktail party.

It's fourth down: Go for it or kick? The economics professor recently finished a three-year study of the NFL in which he analyzed thousands of plays that agonize coaches.

His paper, "It's Fourth Down and What Does the Bellman Equation Say?," offers a cerebral-minded spin to a game often dismissed as simplicity squeezed into pads and helmets.

In a swift kick to conventional football wisdom, Romer concludes NFL teams could benefit by ditching the conservative nature of fourth-down plays.

"The results are striking," Romer, 44, said. "The analysis implies that teams should be more aggressive. . . . In practice, however, teams almost always kick on fourth down early in the game."

Romer reviewed nearly 20,000 first-quarter plays in 732 regular-season games between 1998-2000.

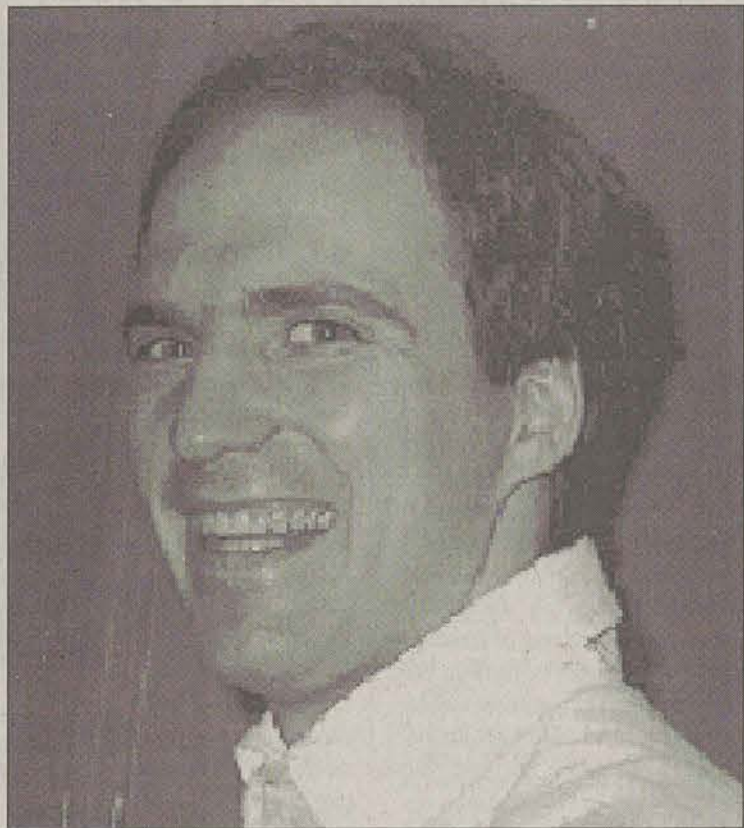
He narrowed his interest to the first quarter, presumably when neither team had a significant advantage over the other that could influence play-calling.

He used an economic concept called the "Bellman equation," which helped explain the consequences of trying for a first down, field goal or touchdown.

In the end, Romer was able to calculate the average value in points for decisions made at several specific positions on the field.

For instance, a team inside its own 50-yard line has a better chance at going for it on fourth down and 4 yards or less.

But in 1,100 fourth-down scenarios that Romer felt teams should have gone



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University of California at Berkeley professor David Romer has finished a study of NFL plays that agonize coaches.

for it, coaches opted to kick the ball away 90 percent of the time.

He's not quite sure why coaches are so conservative in calling their plays.

"I don't know. Maybe they hadn't

department in 1988, has been a football fan since he grew up in Massachusetts. The idea for the project kicked off a few years ago while the professor sat in his Honda Accord, listening to a Raiders game over the radio.

"It was fourth-and-goal, and they kicked a field goal," he said. "Whoever called the game said it was the right thing to do, to take the sure points."

"So I started thinking. It wasn't obvious to me that it was the right thing to do."

In any case, he wants to see his paper published in a major economic journal. But he's not holding his breath NFL coaches will review his report and start re-thinking their decisions on the field.

**"WHEN YOU HIRE A FOOTBALL COACH, MAYBE ANALYZING PLAYS IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS BEING ABLE TO MOTIVATE PLAYERS OR LEAD A TEAM."**

— DAVID ROMER, BERKELEY PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

thought of it," he said. "When you hire a football coach, maybe analyzing plays is not as important as being able to motivate players or lead a team."

Romer, who joined the economics

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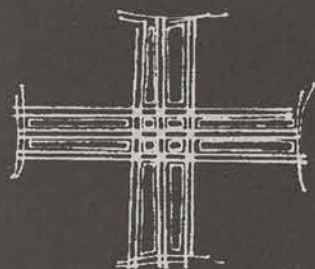
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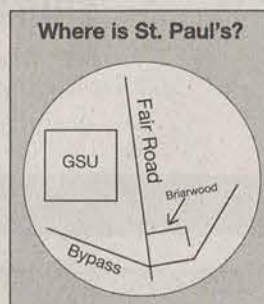
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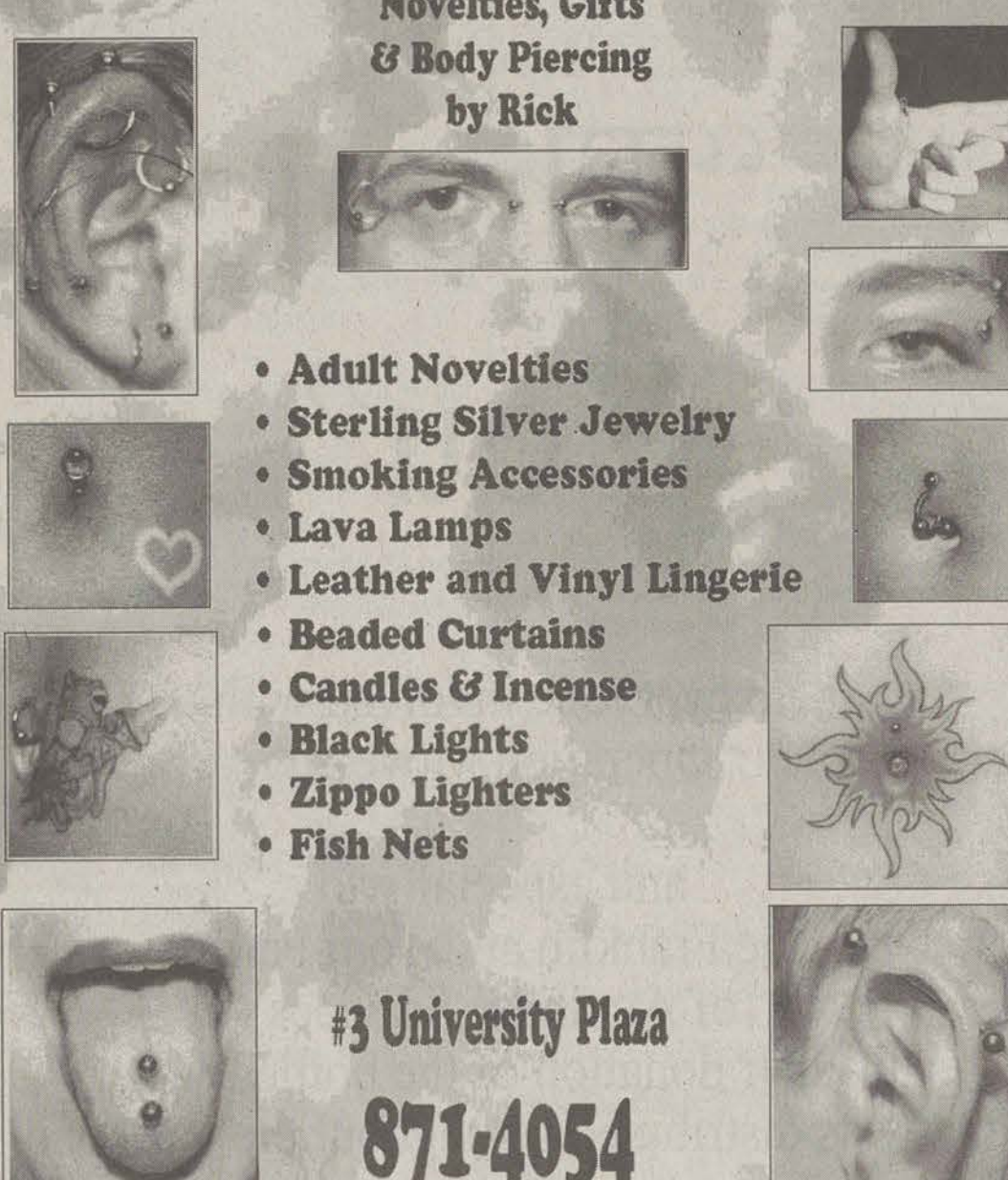
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# Lifestyles

## Dave Matthews Cover Band Rocks the 'Boro

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Dave Matthews Cover Band hit the darkened stage of Legends once again last Friday, giving Georgia Southern yet another rousing concert full of jamming tunes and songs from the newest Dave Matthews Band album, *Busted Stuff*.

*Dave Matthews Cover Band* is a phrase familiar to almost all the students here at Georgia Southern. The band has been frequenting Statesboro since their early days, when they played at the tiny Woodin Nickel to a jam packed audience of Dave Matthews Band fans less than two years ago, winning the crowd over with captivating covers including *Long Black Veil* and *Warehouse*, the band's most beloved song to perform.

The DMCB has been visiting the 'Boro ever since that visit to the 'Nickel, listing it as one of their favorite places to put on a show. That says a lot for a band that has played as far away as the Republic of Panama. "Statesboro definitely gives off the biggest party vibes," conceded Lance Tilton, the drummer of the band. "Whenever we come here the crowd is just really receptive...everyone

shows so much enthusiasm. It's (Statesboro) just a real cool place," he said. Michael Finnie, the band's bassist, added, "the show is so much better when we party and have a great time together." That definitely rings true here in Statesboro.

The Athens-Atlanta based Dave Matthews Cover Band started out less than two years ago after lead singer Dave Koon decided to learn all of the original bands' songs. "I love the music, and I learned to play every song. I just loved them all," Koon said. The group took off from there. While the members of the band come from diverse backgrounds both musically and personally -- violinist Jimmy De Martini is originally from Los Angeles and saxophonist Deniz Felder was born in raised in Germany, and the members site everyone from Stevie Wonder to Led Zeppelin to Jill Scott as influences -- they genuinely enjoy



Adam Bonner/STAFF

Returning once again to the 'Boro, The Dave Matthews Cover Band played at Legends last Friday night to a packed house.

coming together to perform the songs that so many of us know and love.

And while the group is a cover band, they are adamant about not being Dave Matthews Band impersonators. "You have to have creative, artistic ability. People sometimes think we don't have that," Tilton mentioned. "We want to respect the music," De

See DMCB, Page 8



Internet Photo

### Dave Matthews Band

- Formed in Charlottesville, VA
- First gig May 11<sup>th</sup> 1991 on a rooftop in Charlottesville
- Released 11 albums thus far, *Busted Stuff* being their latest

• 5 members

### Dave Matthews Cover Band

- Formed in Athens, GA
- First started playing fraternity houses in Athens
- Have a 40 song repertoire, but no albums

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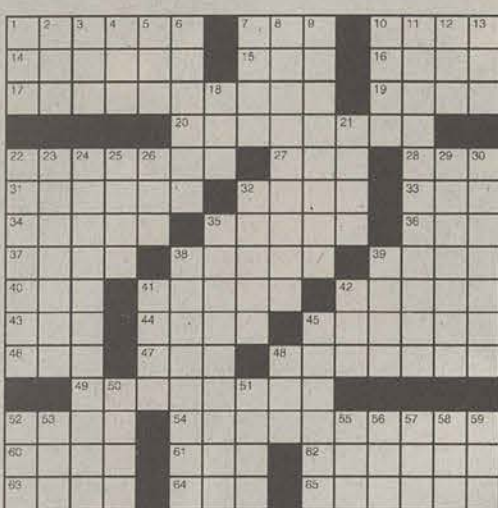


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Martini asserts.

"It's about living the love. I love music and these guys are great. I just really enjoy what I do," Finnie explained.

This doesn't mean the group doesn't want to branch out. Their fan

base is growing rapidly, and they are excited about playing in new places where they can play some of their own music — songs that the members themselves have written. Koon has been busy writing songs, and Felder

already has produced his own C.D., *Black and White*. Other members of the band are also working on their own original projects.

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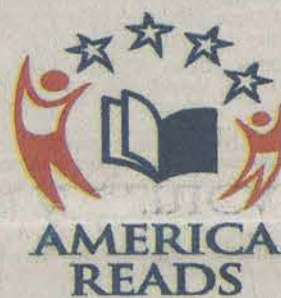
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## Several factors determine which cellphone plan is right for many students



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Careful choice of **cellphone carriers and plans** could prove useful in the coming year for staying in touch with friends and family.

#### Staff and Wire Reports

As students return to Statesboro, many look for ways to keep in touch with friends and family back home.

While cellular phones are becoming an increasingly popular way of staying in touch, some careful thought should go into the choice of service plan.

What carrier should you sign up with? Who is paying for the phone? What is the coverage area?

They're all good questions, said Allan Keiter of MyRatePlan.com, an Atlanta-based online resource for consumer services in the areas of credit cards, travel, insurance and long distance.

But topping the list, he said, should be, "What's it primarily going to be used for?"

If the phone is mainly for long-distance calls home, tailor the plan for that, said Keiter. If the student travels frequently, consider a plan with regional or national coverage area. Another plan might be best for a student whose calls are mainly for around the school.

"A lot of plans have free long distance," said Keiter. It makes sense then for a student who is going to be away most of the year to get listed in the market where the school is located so they can make local calls and take advantage of the freebie.

A student might have to deal with roaming charges for calls outside their coverage area when they return home for holidays or breaks, however, said Keiter. If the trips home are frequent, consider going with a regional or national plan.

If parents are paying for the phone, they might want to look at prepaid

minutes, Keiter added. "It's good for budgeting purposes." The airtime is programmed into the phone and operates on the same principle as buying a phone card with a designated block of time.

Students who buy their own phones and pay their own bills will be required to undergo a credit check by the service provider. You must be 18 to qualify to buy a phone in the first place, said Keiter.

With the right plan, having a cell phone at school "could actually be an opportunity for the family to save money" and forgo the expense of having a school-supplied phone in the dorm, added Keiter.

Face it, cell phones are becoming ubiquitous. There are approximately 140 million users nationwide, said Keiter. The convenience of dialing up anyone at anytime in anyplace makes them a must-have item for business, pleasure or emergency.

A cell phone is "a good thing for the younger person with a mobile lifestyle," Keiter said.

He suggested visiting his Web site or another, SimplyWireless.com, or providers like Verizon, Sprint, Nextel, VoiceStream and AT&T to see what plans are available and how they compare in cost, coverage, fees, extras and phones.

Plans may be purchased from the site or at a retailer or carrier's store. Some people like to see and handle the phone they'll be using and prefer to do their shopping in person, Keiter said.

Whatever the method, his advice is to shop for the plan that suits your need. "There's no magic solution," he said.

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# Season of Change

Three new SoCon head coaches look to continue their team's winning ways

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In I-AA college football, the Southern Conference has always been known for an intense level of competition that is second to none.

But never has that been more evident than in 2002, where three new head coaches find themselves in the unique situation of inheriting football programs that enjoyed successful winning seasons just one short year ago.

At Furman, Georgia Southern, and Western Carolina, there will be three new faces wearing headsets and calling the plays on their sidelines this fall, and all three of these men are just hoping to carry on the winning traditions that were left behind by their predecessors.

## 'Rallying Support'

For the Paladins of Furman, it could have been a daunting task having to replace a coaching legend in Bobby Johnson. He led them to the 1-AA title game in 2001, and played a crucial role in molding their winning program over the span of 24 seasons, where he began as a defensive backs coach and spent the last eight years as head coach.

But when Johnson left to take on the responsibility of trying to rebuild a Vanderbilt program that has been the doormat of the SEC for many seasons, Furman didn't have to look very far to find a man that understood the team's winning tradition.

New head coach Bobby Lamb has been a Paladin since he was a hall of fame quarterback for them in the early 80's, and he has stayed with the program since he graduated in '85 serving as a defensive ends coach, quarterbacks coach, and a passing game coordinator.

"He is an extremely bright coach who can rally the support of the Furman people and command the respect of the players," said Bobby Johnson.

And judging by the players' responses it hasn't taken long to earn that respect.

"He's able to teach me from the experienced viewpoint of having played the same position and at the same school," said senior quarterback Billy Napier. "He's an exceptional coach."

## Tough Act to Follow

Meanwhile at Georgia Southern, winning has been the rule and not the exception since legendary coach Erk Russell left the University of Georgia and built the program from scratch in 1982. In 20 years the Eagles have had just one losing season, a 4-7 campaign in 1996 when Frank Ellwood stepped in as interim head coach.

So when Navy was looking for someone to light a fire under a team that went 0-11 in 2001, they looked to the Eagle program, and hired head coach Paul Johnson to be their savior.

In five years Johnson won two national

1-AA championships, and compiled an astounding record of 62-10.

But much like Furman, looking for a successor at Georgia Southern—who understood the program's tradition—didn't take very long.

Mike Sewak was hired as head coach of the Eagles after orchestrating one of the nation's most potent offenses for five years as their offensive coordinator.

And Sewak knows about the level of expectations that come with coaching a team that has won six national titles.

"I know about the tradition and the ability that this program has to always rebound, put its best foot forward, and we will continue to be well represented on a national level," said Sewak.

## Coming Home

Finally, at Western Carolina, the Catamounts are in the strange situation of having a new head signal caller take over for Bill Bleil who was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 2001, and later dismissed by the school for the off-the-field problems that some of his players were having.

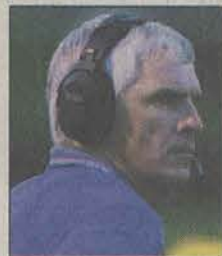
In steps Kent Briggs, who much like Furman head coach Bobby Lamb was a standout quarterback for his team as a player in the late 70's. In fact, from 1976-79 when Briggs was taking the snaps, the Catamounts enjoyed four consecutive winning seasons for the first and only time in the school's history.

But Lamb has noted that despite his playing history Briggs may have the toughest transition of the three new coaches this season.

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Mike Sewak, top, took over for Paul Johnson, above (left), after Johnson took the head coaching job at Navy. New Furman coach Bobby Lamb, below (middle), was promoted from offensive coordinator after Bobby Johnson, below (left), left for Vanderbilt. Kent Briggs, below (right) is the new coach at Western Carolina.



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## QB situation still a game-time decision

Sewak isn't tilting hand on which sophomore will start season opener

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Georgia Southern first year head coach Mike Sewak refuses to call his quarterback situation a "controversy."

According to Sewak, his two talented sophomore quarterbacks Trey Hunter and Chaz Williams have done nothing but motivate one another since the first day of spring practice.

"I think that they push one another, and feed off one another," said Sewak. "They are both trying to do the same thing...be the leaders of this football team."

But heading into Thursday night's season opener in Newark, Del. against the Delaware Blue Hens, Sewak has also been adamant that he will not name a starting quarterback until it is a game-time decision.

"They have to be able to move the football team and make plays, and that is going to be the biggest factor in deciding on who is going to start for us this year," said Sewak.

The skinny on Hunter and Williams is that they have both been the two shining stars of the offense during the team's preseason scrimmages, and definitely haven't made Sewak's final decision any easier.

Trey Hunter, a former Effingham County standout known for his strong throwing arm, may have a slight advantage over Williams in running the triple-option scheme due to his prior experience executing that style of offense.

Chaz Williams, a second year player originally from Apopka, Florida, has the edge on Hunter in overall speed, with an impressive mark of 4.37 in the 40-yard dash.

Hunter was the leader of the first scrimmage rushing for a game-high 103 yards on 20 carries.

Williams took center stage in the second and final scrimmage rushing for 107 yards on 12 carries and scoring three touchdowns.

Both are neck and neck for the starting spot, and both are still waiting to see who will get the nod from Sewak before opening kickoff.

"They have to gain the confidence of this offense, and make sure that we know that they are the ones in charge," said Sewak.

And with an offense filled with both youth and inexperience who are trying to cope with the loss of one of greatest backs in league history in Adrian Peterson, leadership of the team may be what takes precedence over passing yardage and 40-yard dashes.



Special to the G-A

Keith Burnell looks for running room last season for Virginia Tech. Burnell is one of five I-A transfers Delaware brought in this year.

## Delaware reloads with new coach, I-A transfers at the skill positions

But new look Blue Hens running into injury, dismissal problems before season-opener vs. GSU

from staff and wire reports

NEWARK, Del. -- The conclusion of the first University of Delaware preseason football camp under coach K.C. Keeler is a beginning, rather than an end.

At least that was the message Keeler tried to get across to his players Tuesday night after a closed intrasquad scrimmage on Tubby Raymond Field, where the coaches wore headsets and game conditions were simulated.

"My theme with them was 'Don't think we're done,'" Keeler said.

"Camp's over and we're focusing on Georgia Southern, but we're still in double sessions mentally. We'll have morning meetings and afternoon practice. We can't shut down and worry about other

matters. Now we need to immerse ourselves in Georgia Southern."

UD classes do not begin until after Labor Day.

Georgia Southern, a six-time I-AA national champion, visits Delaware in the 2002 season opener on Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. The Eagles are ranked No. 5 nationally by The Sports Network. Delaware is 22nd.

The Blue Hens likely will play the opener without starting defensive tackle Brian Jennings, who injured his shoulder in Tuesday's scrimmage and may be out for several weeks.

"That doesn't help us," defensive coordinator Dave Cohen said. "On the defensive line, we're just thin."

Also, backup quarterback Mike Conner has a broken finger, leaving starter Andy Hall as the only player that has ever taken a collegiate snap.

On Monday, the Blue Hens also learned that Femi Ayi's football career was coming to an abrupt



Keeler

end, when the university announced that the senior has been dismissed from the team for violating "Department of Athletics rules."

According to the press release, the dismissal came after a "confidential investigation by both internal and external professionals that identified violations during the 1999 and 2000 seasons."

Athletic director Edgar Johnson said that investigation started a month ago, prompted by "rumors" that came to the attention of university officials.

Johnson declined to go into any more specifics but said that the 22-year-old Ayi cooperated with the investigation and will be allowed to keep his scholarship.

While the matter is being reported to the NCAA, Johnson said it's not a violation that would result in Delaware having to forfeit any games.

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Senior **Jeremy Martin** throws a pass during preseason practices. Martin was an honorable mention All-American last season for the Bulldogs.

## Gardner-Webb passing attack back for more

*One of I-AA's most overlooked QB's, experienced wideouts, make Bulldogs offense sizzle*

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An experienced, All-American-caliber quarterback, and one of the best tight ends in the nation, has Gardner-Webb excited heading into the season.

Head coach Steve Patton welcomes back 17 starters from last season's 6-4 squad, but must replace the experience and leadership of a senior class that won 26 games in four seasons.

On offense, the Bulldogs' return much of the firepower that posted over 500 yards of total offense in three of its final four contests and averaged 440.7 yards per game in 2002.

That average ranked 13th among I-AA offenses, and the GWU had one of its most balanced attacks in recent memory, rushing for 195 yards per game and passing for over 250 yards per game.

With much of the veteran personnel returning at key skill positions, coordinator Joe Pizzo's fast-break attack should flourish this season.

Senior quarterback Jeremy Martin, an honorable mention All-American choice as a junior, passed for 2,271 yards and 15 scores in 2001.

Since taking over the reigns of the Bulldogs' offense full time as a sophomore in 2000, the Middletown, R.I., native has passed for 4,822 yards and 33 touchdowns, and is currently third on the Gardner-Webb career passing list with 5,859 yards and 43 scores.

Martin will look to an experienced set of wideouts in 2002., including tight end Jason Bright. The Gainesville, Ga., standout hauled in a career-high 32 passes for 487 yards and four touchdowns, smashing his previous career-high of 11 catches set one year earlier.

For his efforts, Bright earned first-team I-AA All-Independent honors, and was an honorable mention All-America choice.

Four Gardner-Webb receivers also caught at least 30 passes last season from Martin, including two returning wideouts.

Junior standout William Andrews, Jr. caught a team-high 43 passes for 556 yards and six scores in only nine games last year, one season after catching a school freshman-record 70 passes for 933 yards in 2000.

# The Citadel to be a better team, but schedule is a killer

*Tough SoCon slate, plus non-league games versus Delaware, LSU, Wyoming line schedule*

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It's no secret to Citadel head coach Ellis Johnson that things in Charleston, S.C. haven't gotten any easier.

"This year is going to be a challenge because the schedule is so brutal," said Johnson. "We could be well improved, play well, and not win in the first five weeks."

Heading into his second season now at Citadel after an inaugural 3-7 campaign, Johnson's 2002 squad features a promising defense and a roster that has 14 total returning starters.

But Johnson's Bulldogs may have trouble getting something started, because they are going to be challenged early and often by a string of talented opponents.

The Citadel opens up in Baton Rouge, La. against the 2001 SEC champion LSU Tigers on Sept. 7.

They follow that up with their home opener against the Delaware Blue Hens, who are ranked #22 in the preseason polls, and then games against a Western Carolina team that is bringing back 17 returning starters, an Appalachian State squad that is picked to win the Southern Conference.

I-AA Wyoming Cowboys, who defeated Furman in their home opener last season, provide another stiff test.

But the one thing that Johnson has instilled in his team is a winning attitude, and now that his players have a year of experience under the new system, they finally understand what Johnson expects from them each and every game.

"It was kind of rough last year because we were going into the season



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I-AA games are nothing new to The Citadel. Last year the Bulldogs played Georgia Tech.

still learning the scheme," said junior offensive lineman Jared Perdue.

"We knew our assignments, but we still had to understand why we were doing things. This year we have the playing experience and we finally understand why and it just clicks."

Offensively, the Bulldogs will have back redshirt senior Joe Call to take the snaps at quarterback, and after a year under his belt he should have a good feel for Johnson's multiple pro-style scheme. But Call could be pushed by an incoming freshman.

Johnson said that competition for the quarterback spot would be a good thing.

"Competition breeds excitement and with some added depth, there will be plenty so there should be plenty of competition as well as

more excitement."

The Bulldogs do suffer a huge loss with the departure of All-Southern Conference running back Maurice Murphy, so senior tailback Nate Mahoney, who posted two 100-yard plus games in 2001, will have to be the one to pick up the slack.

Sophomore Nehemiah Broughton steps in at fullback.

On the other side of the ball, the Bulldogs will sorely miss two-time All-American linebacker Travis Stephens who was there leading tackler for the previous two seasons, but senior linebacker Lamar Sales is ready to be the new leader of the unit.

Sales will play on despite breaking his wrist in spring practice.

"I'm preparing to play with the cast," said Sales. "I mean this is

football."

The most intriguing story of the year is Bulldog basketball standout Cliff Washburn joining the football team for his senior season.

Washburn hasn't played football since junior high school, but at 6'7" and a shade over 270 pounds, his physical presence should still make him a force as a defensive end.

Overall, Johnson is pleased with direction that the program is headed, but most importantly he just wants to see his players finish strong.

"We have a good mix of experience and youth," said Johnson.

"The younger players have to keep improving, while the veterans need to finish their careers on the upswing. But we have to make sure that we find a way to win the close ball games."

## Bulldogs look for ex-hoopster Washburn to help on defense

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"He's 6'7," 275-pounds and can run," said Citadel head coach Ellis Johnson.

Apparently, that is all that Johnson needed to know about standout Bulldog basketball player Cliff Washburn, because despite having been away from the game of football since junior high, Washburn will be using his last year of eligibility at the Citadel as a starting defensive end in 2002.

With tremendous size and quickness, Washburn has shown flashes of brilliance during his preseason workouts, but Johnson is already aware of the problems that Washburn will face as the season unfolds.

"There are two things that he is really going to have to overcome, and that's learning the fundamentals of the game and fighting frustration," said Johnson. "He's going to be as talented as anybody he lines up across from, but he is still going to get beat on the fundamentals. He is going to have to get through the frustration when he doesn't have as much success as he is capable of having, and just hope for that steady improvement."

Washburn joins a unit on the defensive line that has been lacking depth, so his presence alone will be immediately felt.

But the benefits of having a successful season for Washburn personally could take him much further than the playing fields of the Southern Conference.

With the physical package that he brings to the table, Washburn has become an overnight prospect for professional football, and Johnson feels good about the way the senior has handled it.

"He's got a great attitude, but he is going to have to work," said Johnson. "I guess we will have to wait and see."

# Mountaineers wonder if 2002 is their year

*Historically one of the I-AA's strongest teams, App. State looks for its first title after 11 playoff appearances*

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How far Appalachian State will go this season is anybody's guess, but the people doing the guessing think it might be pretty far.

The Mountaineers are ranked No. 2 in Division I-AA, with expectations based on four straight playoff appearances bolstered by the fact that two-thirds of the starters from a 9-4 team return.

"We expect a lot of ourselves," said Josh Jeffries, the school's career leader in sacks. "We lost some good players, but a lot of us that have been through some pretty big ballgames are back. We do have a chance to be very good and take things a step further, but it's up to us to live up to it."

It will be hard to top the performance by last season's defense, which allowed fewer yards per game (286) than any Appalachian team since 1974. That statistic was particularly impressive considering the offenses of Southern Conference foes Furman and Georgia Southern.

"But we've got good players coming back," Coach Jerry Moore said. "We'll miss (nose tackle) Ryan Watson and (linebacker) Justin Seaverns, but we'll be OK."

Jeffries and K.T. Stovall might be the top defensive-end tandem in I-AA. Jeffries set a school



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Senior **Joe Burchette** is one of the top returning quarterbacks this season.

record with 14 sacks last season. Stovall ranked third in the Southern Conference with 8.5.

And Jason Hunter and Leon Moore might be the best backups in I-AA. Moore had 6.5 sacks, and Hunter had six.

Depth won't be a problem at linebacker, either, although inexperience might be. But Jerry Moore likes the talent level of the group, which is led by Sam Smalls (6-0, 225).

Smalls was second on the team in tackles last season from his weak-side spot.

Sophomore Jerelle Carter is the top candidate to start at middle linebacker, and Daniel Traylor has won the strong-side spot.

Pushing for playing time at linebacker positions along with senior Brian Mower will be redshirt freshmen Stewart Adams and Brad West and sophomore Zodd Kelly.

"We've been looking forward to seeing these kids play, and I know they have," Moore said.

"People like Brad West and Stewart Adams could have played last year, we were just fortunate enough to have been able to redshirt them."

John Mannino will return at tackle and try to help fill the void Watson left.

Moore felt that his team's secondary was improved last season, and he hopes that it will take another step forward this year. That seems likely, with the return of four experienced defenders.

Nigel Rogers, last year's top tackler in the secondary, is set at strong safety. Free safety Steve Kitchens, is now healthy. Jonathan Lyles, considered to have as much potential as any of the defensive backs, and Erik Crutchfield will start at cornerback.

On offense, production was down 57 yards a game last season although the Mountaineers still ranked third in the conference with 381 yards and 31.5 points a game.

Interceptions, mistakes inside the 20-yard

line and penalties (the Mountaineers set a school record with 1,060 penalty yards) often hurt drives.

Moore said that there is a great chance for the offense to be particularly potent this season, with the return of quarterback Joe Burchette and tailback Jerry Beard and the fact that the receivers are a year older.

Burchette, who has completed 56.5 percent of his passes for 4,660 yards and 35 touchdowns in two seasons, needs to stay healthy.

"We don't have anybody behind Joe at quarterback who has taken a snap," Moore said, noting that two true freshmen might play.

A strong running game would open the door for Burchette to be even more effective, and the return of a healthy Beard should make that happen. Beard has rushed for 1,429 yards in two seasons.

"Jerry now has kind of become the back," said Moore, noting the loss of Jimmy Watkins, last year's leading rusher.

"Jerry is durable enough and hard-nosed enough to be able to run the ball 25 to 35 times a game. That's kind of back to old school."

"The backups at tailback will include Sean Jackson, Chris Thomas and Jose White. Those are going to be people teams are going to have to contend with also," Moore said.

Experience was a problem at receiver last season, and the likely loss of leader Sterling Hayward for the season (shoulder surgery) won't help.

# Potent offense looks to power Gamecocks out of Southland

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There are many firsts for the Jacksonville State University and there will be some lasts.

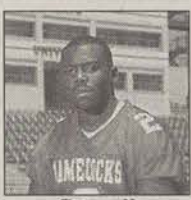
The firsts included junior kicker Ashley Martin who became the first female to score in a Division I football game. They play an SEC school (Mississippi State) for the first time ever. JSU does not have Troy State on their schedule for the first time in their long storied rivalry.

The lasts include the Gamecocks will compete for the last time in the Southland Conference. In 2003, JSU and Samford will join the Ohio Valley Conference.

Jacksonville state started off the 2001 season at 4-0 with wins over Samford and Division I-AA's Arkansas State. Then the Gamecocks went through a funk losing six of their last seven by an average score of 35-22.

To add more salt to the wound JSU head coach Jack Crowe and athletic director Tom Seitz had tension. The result initially had Crowe suspended, but he ended up appealing it.

Jacksonville State's hopes of improving on last year's seventh place league finish (2-5) begin with one-two punch in quarterback Reggie Stancil



Stancil

and tailback Rony Rogers.

Stancil, a three-year-starter already ranks in the top five in school history in career passing and total offense.

"I think when you talk about winning championships, you have to have a championship quarterback," Crowe said. "Reggie has been emerging in that direction and this is clearly a year that it will be an expectation."

Rogers set a school record with 1,417 yards last year and rushed for 13 touchdowns, averaging 6.7 yards per carry.

"I think Rony is the best running

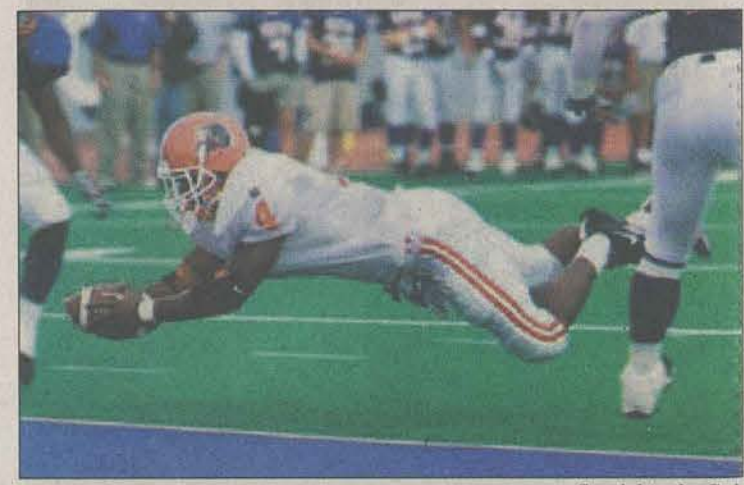
back in America," Crowe said. "He has the talent to take over a game. I have coached four All-Pro running backs, and Rony has made as many dominating plays as any one of them."

"I would buy a ticket just to see Rony run."

The trouble is, Rony will run behind three new offensive line starters and a new tight end.

Leading receiver Ralph Jenkins is back after hauling in 33 catches for 759 yards and eight touchdowns last season despite missing the final game with a knee injury that required surgery.

The defense has only two seniors starters, lineman Jermaine Hoyt and defensive back Markee Coleman, from a unit that allowing 401 yards and nearly 28 points per game. Hoyt had three sacks and seven tackles for loss last season.



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**Rony Rogers** dives for a touchdown against Northwestern State. Rogers set a school record with 1,417 yards in 2001.

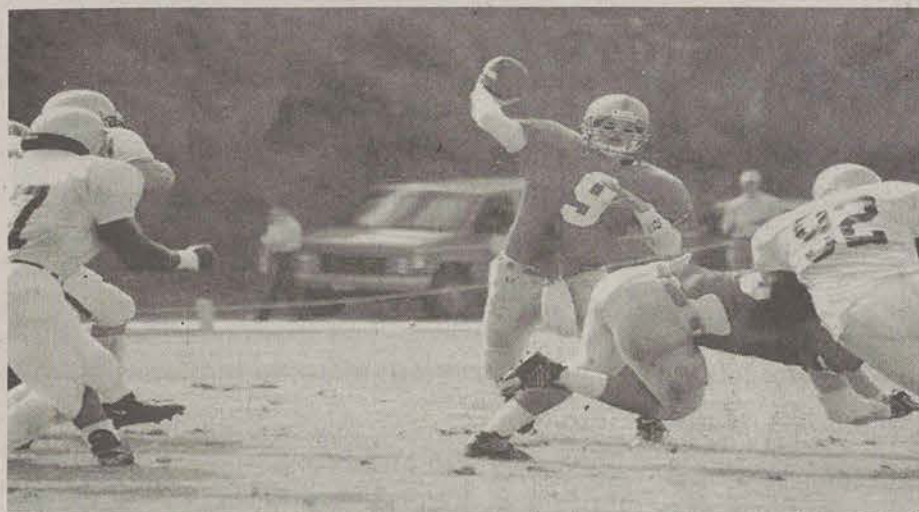
Coleman led the team with 73 tackles and three interceptions.

"I think we are an emerging defensive football team and I think with those two guys, I see us making considerable improvements from the

beginning of the season over what we've done the past two seasons," Crowe said.

Crowe calls Jacksonville State's slate "the toughest schedule in the country."





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The health of quarterback **Joey Gibson** will be a major concern for VMI. Gibson has missed large chunks of the past two seasons due to injury.

## Last year, last chance for Keydets to put in a winning SoCon season

VMI's move to Big South comes after just two SoCon wins since '97

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A lot of people are looking forward to seeing VMI this season, and it doesn't have anything to do with wishing a nice farewell to the Keydets.

The 2002 season will be VMI's last campaign in the Southern Conference-- they start play in the Big South Conference in 2003-- and the Keydets would like nothing better than to leave on a winning note.

But of course, that isn't likely to occur.

The Keydets, still searching for that elusive winning season, enter the fourth year under head coach Cal McCombs looking to turn the corner. McCombs will have his most veteran team this fall since he took the reins in 1999, but the group is still learning how to win.

VMI labored through a disappointing 1-10 season last year after entering the fall off a promising 2000 campaign when the Keydets won two of their last four games.

"We've only won two games since I've been here," McCombs said.

"But we would like to finish strong." No matter their track record, VMI is excited for the season to begin. 17 starters return, along with 40 lettermen, giving McCombs something to be optimistic about.

"We've got 20 seniors, and their all contributors," he said. "I'm excited that other teams are going to see up play with a mature football team."

VMI welcomes back senior Joey Gibson a physically gifted quarterback who's been unable to shake the injury bug his first three years. Gibson missed three two early season games with a bruised shoulder, but managed to throw for 1,572 yards and eight touchdowns, but he also tossed 13 interceptions.

"When you have a quarterback that's played, you have to be happy," McCombs said. "But we've got to keep [Gibson] healthy."

VMI's QB backups both have ample experience - sophomore Josh Lyles started games against Georgia Southern and Furman during his freshman year and junior Dave Poliak completed nearly 56 percent of his passes last fall.

The Keydets must find a replacement for graduated running back Gene Cauthen, who accounted for 710 of

the team's 750 rushing yards. A likely replacement could be junior back T.J. Snelling, who came on strong last season at slotback and led all rushers with 64 yards in the spring game.

"Going into spring practice, we felt offensively we needed to work on rushing the football," said McCombs. "We wanted to give the ball to our backs and give our offensive line more opportunity to run block rather than pass block. I think we got better running the football through, all the hard work of the spring."

Hurting VMI's chances will be the redshirt year of 2001 SoCon Freshman of the Year Titus Green. Green, who caught 20 passes for 157 yards while returning kicks for 634 yards, failed to make grades.

Defensively, McCombs thinks the Keydets must do a better job of stopping opponent passing games to succeed. "We felt we needed to work on the pass defense and pass rush and try to put more pressure on the passer," said McCombs.

Ten of the top 12 tacklers on the team return including standout defensive linebacker Derik Screen who led the team in tackles with 106 including a SoCon leading 22 tackles for loss which also ranked sixth in the nation.

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## Georgia Southern

## OFFENSIVE STARTERS

## Derrick Owens

- Position: Wide Receiver.
- Age: 22.
- Height/Weight: 6-0, 200.
- Major: degree in sport management.
- High School: Washington County.
- Extra Points: Despite his athletic standing as a senior, Owens



will play last season for Eagles as a graduate student... two-year starter at wideout for GSU program, including positing career-highs with 11 catches, 400 yards and 3 touchdowns in 2001.

## James McCoy

- Position: Left Tackle.
- Age: 22.
- Height/Weight: 6-3, 250.
- Major: recreation.
- High School: Appling County.
- Extra Points: Has developed into one of the most consistent



offensive tackles in history of GSU program... has turned in back-to-back stellar performances, and will again be expected to anchor line with Charles Clarke... recorded first touchdown of 2000 championship game when he fell on a fumble in the first quarter.

## Reggie Cordy

- Position: Left Guard.
- Age: 21.
- Height/Weight: 6-2, 303.
- Major: justice studies.
- High School: Dublin.
- Extra Points: A highly-regarded offensive lineman who played in



all 14 games last season as a redshirt freshman... originally signed with Alabama before coming to GSU late in preseason camp in 2000.

## Charles Clarke

- Position: Center.
- Age: 21.
- Height/Weight: 6-2, 280.
- Major: finance.
- High School: Pace (Fla.).
- Extra Points: remains one of I-AA's top offensive lineman and



will vie for Jacobs Blocking trophy, which goes to top lineman in Southern Conference... will open 2002 season with a streak of 29 consecutive starts.

## Leonard Daggett

- Position: Right Guard.
- Age: 21.
- Height/Weight: 6-1, 296.
- Major: sport management.
- High School: Merritt Island (Fla.).
- Extra Points: Played in 13 games and made four starts in



redshirt freshman season... coaches feel strongly about his future with additional weight training and conditioning. Has already shed 30 pounds since reporting to GSU two years ago.

## Paul Collins

- Position: Right Tackle.
- Age: 20.
- Height/Weight: 6-4, 288.
- Major: civil engineering technology.
- High School: Madison County (Fla.).
- Extra Points: Will be making a return after missing all of 2001



with torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered during a church softball game. Started nine games and played in all 15, during Eagles' championship run in 2000.

## Carl Kearney

- Position: Wide Receiver.
- Age: 21.
- Height/Weight: 6-1, 206.
- Major: sport management.
- High School: Griffin.
- Extra Points: Owns the top vertical jump among all members of



football program (39.0")... also runs 40-yard dash in 4.41 seconds... caught six balls a year ago.

## Chaz Williams

- Position: Quarterback.
- Age: 20.
- Height/Weight: 5-10, 210.
- Major: sport management.
- High School: Apopka (Fla.).
- Extra Points: Has battled fellow sophomore Trey Hunter for



top spot in quarterback race... displays incredible quickness and elusiveness and wears No. 10 uniform number, reminding fans of former Eagle quarterback Greg Hill.

## Hakim Ford

- Position: Fullback.
- Age: 20.
- Height/Weight: 6-0, 210.
- Major: pre-business.
- High School: Riverwood.
- Extra Points: Might have one of the biggest shoes to fill



nationally on all levels of college football... Will finally step into spotlight as program's starting fullback after spending 2001 backing up Adrian Peterson... Did rush for 98 yards against Appalachian State in quarterfinal matchup.

## Mark Myers

- Position: Slotback.
- Age: 22.
- Height/Weight: 5-7, 170.
- Major: recreation.
- High School: McEachern.
- Extra Points: Brings blazing speed, pass catching ability and



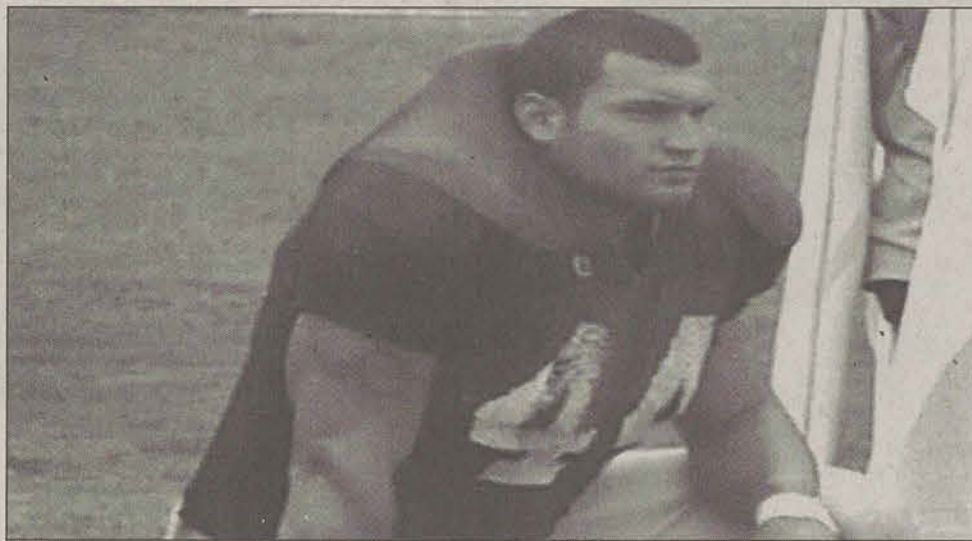
athleticism to GSU backfield... One of the quickest Eagles, clocked at 4.35 in the 40-yard dash... Has averaged 11 yards per carry during three-year career.

## Zzream Walden

- Position: Slotback.
- Age: 23.
- Height/Weight: 5-8, 176.
- Major: pre-business.
- High School: Wheeler.
- Extra Points: Played in 12 of 14 games in 2001, including starts



in last six contests... Began season as a defensive back, but moved to offense after Andre Weathers was sidelined for the entire season.



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Freddy Pesqueira takes a break during Monday's practice.

## Quest for third championship, SoCon title, drives Pesqueira

*All-American defensive tackle has Buchanan Award well in sight*

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He was the selected by the Sports Network 2002 Preseason All-American first team squad. He was also chosen as the Street and Smith's College Football Magazine National Defensive Player-of-the-Year.

He has even been a part of the 1999 and 2000 Division I-AA National Championship.

Now the man Eagles fans call Freddy Pesqueira is trying to accomplish three things: another national championship, another Southern Conference title, and the Buck Buchanan Award (which given to the most outstanding defensive player in Division I-AA).

"It would be nice to win the (Buchanan) award because it's an honor to be selected with the elite," Pesqueira said.

"However, I would like to see us win another Southern Conference Title and win it all in Chattanooga."

In 2001, the 20-year-old from Acworth, Ga., led the defense in tackles (133) and tackles for losses with 15.5. Pesqueira even intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown against Florida A&M.

Two weeks later he had a career-high 14 tackles in one game against Furman in the semifinal round of the playoffs.

Despite the Eagles not being picked to win the Southern Conference, the defensive leader is still focus.

"Last year's (playoff) loss left a bitter taste in our mouths," Pesqueira said. "Now critics think we are in a rebuilding process. This is nothing new. In 2000 (GSU sixth national championship), many people thought we would not win the conference, yet alone national championship.

"If it is anything like that season the future will look very bright for our team."

GSU head coach Mike Sewak is impressed.

"After watching more film on Freddy during the winter, I'm convinced that he's a better football player than I ever thought he would be," the first year head coach said. "He leads a group of kids who have played a bunch and well."

Pesqueira is not only a leader on the football field, but off it as well. He is active in the community in his hometown. He is involved in youth programs and church activities. He is also a head coach of an eight-year-old flag football team.

## Russell expects to better last season's defensive dominance

*One of the nation's top-tier defenses prepares to put up even better stats this season*

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Since 1997, GSU defensive coordinator Rusty Russell has brought a "bend, but don't break" approach to Statesboro that has produced two national titles.

Not that each year the defense isn't good or doesn't shut down its opponents. They have gone from allowing 16 points per game and 183 first downs in 1997 to a school record 12 points per game and 155 first downs.

Many fans believe that the defense has carried the team the last two seasons.

"All that matters is that if we allow fewer points than the offense produces on the scoreboard with no time left," Russell said.

In 2001, the defense was a stronghold. They finished second in Division I-AA against the pass (125.6 yards a game), fourth in scoring defense, sixth in total defense (261.4 yards a game), 14<sup>th</sup> in pass efficiency defense (96.57), and 18<sup>th</sup> in turnover margin (+0.73).

"We still need to improve on a few areas but I believe we will bring something special this season," Russell said.

The Eagles defense returns seven starters, including Buck Buchanan Award candidate and senior defensive tackle Freddy Pesqueira, senior linebacker Joe Scott, and senior free safety David Young.

GSU runs a base 4-3 scheme that will try to stop opposing offenses starting August 29 when they travel to Delaware.

"We will be ready (for Delaware)," said Scott. "There is nothing like traveling long distance into a hostile environment. That is how we come together."

The defensive line returns two starters in



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Senior safety David Young returns an interception last year against Appalachian State.

Pesqueira and sophomore nose tackle Eric McIntire. Pesqueira was second on the team in tackles with 103 with 12.5 of those tackles for losses. He also led the team in force fumbles with three.

McIntire played in all 11 regular season games, starting eight of them. He had 52 tackles (five for losses) and recorded two sacks.

The linebackers return two out of three starters. Both Michael Ward and Joe Scott are seniors and both started all 11 games. Ward tallied 78 tackles and two sacks while Scott led the team in tackles with 112 including 72 of them that were solo.

The secondary return all but one starter. Junior cornerback Dion Stokes recorded one interception and five pass breakups.

The Youngs are back at safeties. Sophomore free safety James recorded 41 tackles, three pass breakups and a force fumble.

Senior strong safety David led the secondary in tackles with 53. He also recorded two interceptions, three pass breakups, two force fumbles, and three block kicks.

Defensive line coach John Pate, center, rallies the troops in a game last year. Pate, one of five coaches returning this season, has been in Statesboro since 1997. He also served a stint in the early 80's, under Erk Russell. (file photo)



## DEFENSIVE STARTERS

## Victor Cabral

- Position: Defensive tackle.
- Age: 19.
- Height/Weight: 6-3, 253.
- Major: sport management.
- High School: Naples (Fla.).
- Extra Points: Led all defensive linemen with 4 sacks last



season... also made 32 tackles while playing in all 14 games... is expected by coaches to blossom into honors candidate as early as this season.

## Eric McIntire

- Position: Nose tackle.
- Age: 20.
- Height/Weight: 6-1, 257.
- Major: undecided.
- High School: Estero (Fla.).
- Extra Points: More than delivered on high expectations and



potential with outstanding rookie season as a starter... Often turned tough assignments into victory, clearly winning matchups against All-America-caliber centers.

## Freddy Pesqueira

- Position: Defensive tackle.
- Age: 20.
- Height/Weight: 6-1, 241.
- Major: pre-business.
- High School: North Cobb.
- Extra Points: Will enter senior season as perhaps the leading



Buck Buchanan National Defensive Player-of-the-Year candidate after finishing as a finalist in 2000 and 2001... is sixth on GSU's all-time tackles list with 259; has posted 32.5 tackles-for-loss in career.

## Winston Hardison

- Position: Defensive end.
- Age: 23.
- Height/Weight: 6-3, 218.
- Major: exercise science.
- High School: Eau Gallie (Fla.).
- Extra Points: Has moved back to original signing position



after shuffling back and forth between defensive line and linebacker corps during first three years at GSU... has just 5.9 percent body fat... produced one of program's top vertical leaps at 39.5".

## Derrick Butler

- Position: Weak linebacker.
- Age: 19.
- Height/Weight: 6-0, 213.
- Major: pre-communication arts.
- High School: Orangeburg-Wilkinson (S.C.).
- Extra Points: Enjoyed exceptional rookie season, making im-



mediate impact as true freshman... made 47 tackles in 2001... picked off first pass of career against Furman Billy Napier in Nov. 3 win.

## Joe Scott

- Position: Middle linebacker.
- Age: 22.
- Height/Weight: 5-10, 216.
- Major: biology.
- High School: Fitzgerald.
- Extra Points: Former walk-on who has started 18 career games,



including 14 in a row... coaches expect him to be one of the top linebackers in the Southern Conference and I-AA in his senior season... second on team in total tackles with 112, good enough to earn second-team All SoCon honors from the media.

## Michael Ward

- Position: Strong linebacker.
- Age: 22.
- Height/Weight: 6-0, 226.
- Major: sport management.
- High School: Calvary Baptist
- Extra Points: Described as a "throw-back" of sorts to old-school



football with his tenacious, punishing style of play and ability to read offensive strategy; has started 24 straight games, second only to Freddy Pesqueira on defense.

## Aaron Whitaker

- Position: Left cornerback.
- Age: 20.
- Height/Weight: 6-0, 175.
- Major: political science.
- High School: Springbrook (Md.).
- Extra Points: Former walk-on who was a part-time starter in



2001 in just his second season at GSU... Runs a 4.4 40-yard dash, making him one of the fastest Eagles... logged 40 tackles last season for the Eagles, including at least one stop during all 14 games.

## James Young

- Position: Free safety
- Age: 20.
- Height/Weight: 6-1, 202.
- Major: pre-business.
- High School: Tampa Bay Technical (Fla.).
- Extra Points: Outstanding prospect and highly-touted second-



year performer who earned starting spot as a redshirt freshman... timed at 4.41 in the 40-yard dash... made 41 tackles last year.

## David Young

- Position: Strong safety.
- Age: 23.
- Height/Weight: 6-2, 211.
- Major: sport management.
- High School: Keenan (S.C.).
- Extra Points: A certain honors candidate on the national and



conference level after earning league and All-America honors in 2001; named to the Sports Network's All-American pre-season team (1<sup>st</sup> team)... timed at 4.47 in 40-yard dash.

## Terence McBride

- Position: Right cornerback.
- Age: 19.
- Height/Weight: 5-9, 170.
- Major: pre-sport medicine.
- High School: Lakewood (S.C.).
- Extra Points: in a battle with Oregon transfer A.K. Keyes



for cornerback spot... expected to make an immediate impact and contribution during initial year as active member of the program... redshirted in 2001... clocked at 4.49 in 40-yard dash.





New Faces in New Roles... but Still the Same Goals

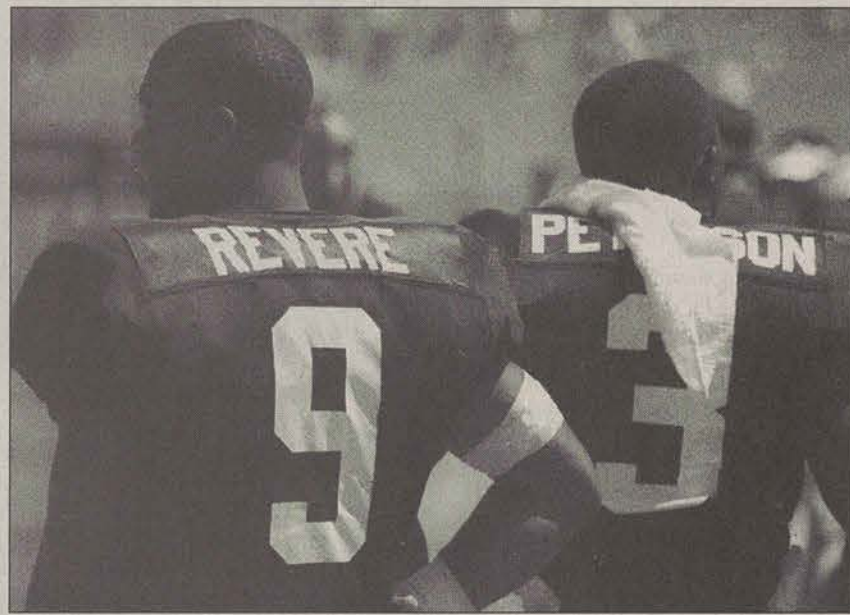
On the eve of their 20th season, the Eagles are fielding questions of whether they have what it takes to win an unprecedented 7th I-AA National Championship. New coach, new quarterback, new running back, the critics say. But the Eagles are saying...

# 'It Doesn't Matter About the Picks'



The departure of head coach Paul Johnson, left, arguing with referees in 2001, and J.R. Revere and Adrian Peterson, right, have opponents thinking this might be the year Georgia Southern is vulnerable.

Below, fans go crazy after another Eagles' touchdown.



File Photos

## Winning ways aren't changing, Eagles say, despite 'low' rankings

Some of GSU's top returning players, along with head coach Mike Sewak and Defensive Coordinator Rusty Russell, talked to The George-Anne about the upcoming season's most pressing questions.

**What does Georgia Southern have to do to compensate for the losses of Adrian Peterson and J.R. Revere?**

**Freddy Pesqueira:** We will miss those guys a lot. They brought it to the table for the past few years. We will have to stay focused for 2002 and stick together and improve the chemistry.

**Mark Myers:** You notice a difference on the practice field without them there. With J.R. and AP, there were no mistakes; they were 100 percent full speed.

**Rusty Russell:** They'll be missed but I think the team will be fine.

**Michael Ward:** It's a bittersweet feeling because both J.R. and Adrian provide leadership. However, I'm glad to see both pursue bigger and better things. We just have to as a team maintain focus and pursue the ultimate goals, Southern Conference Championship and a National Title.

**Charles Clarke:** Well, The offensive line has to step up. We might not have a back that can break tackles the way those two could, and I don't think that we will have another guy like Adrian Peterson. But, our offensive line really has to step it up to compensate for it and I think what will make the easiest transition for the new players in those positions is having an offensive line that is going to do the job right.

**Coach Sewak:** Hope that our young players come well through for us. The system has always been in place and all we have to do is have someone come along and try to pick up the slack. We are not going to get the yardage or totals out of those guys, so we have to make sure that our good players make good plays, and also make sure that everyone else gets to touch the football, and that when they bring something to the table that they go ahead and respond.

**Is the team's approach to the season any different knowing that the defensive unit is the strength of the team rather than the offense?**

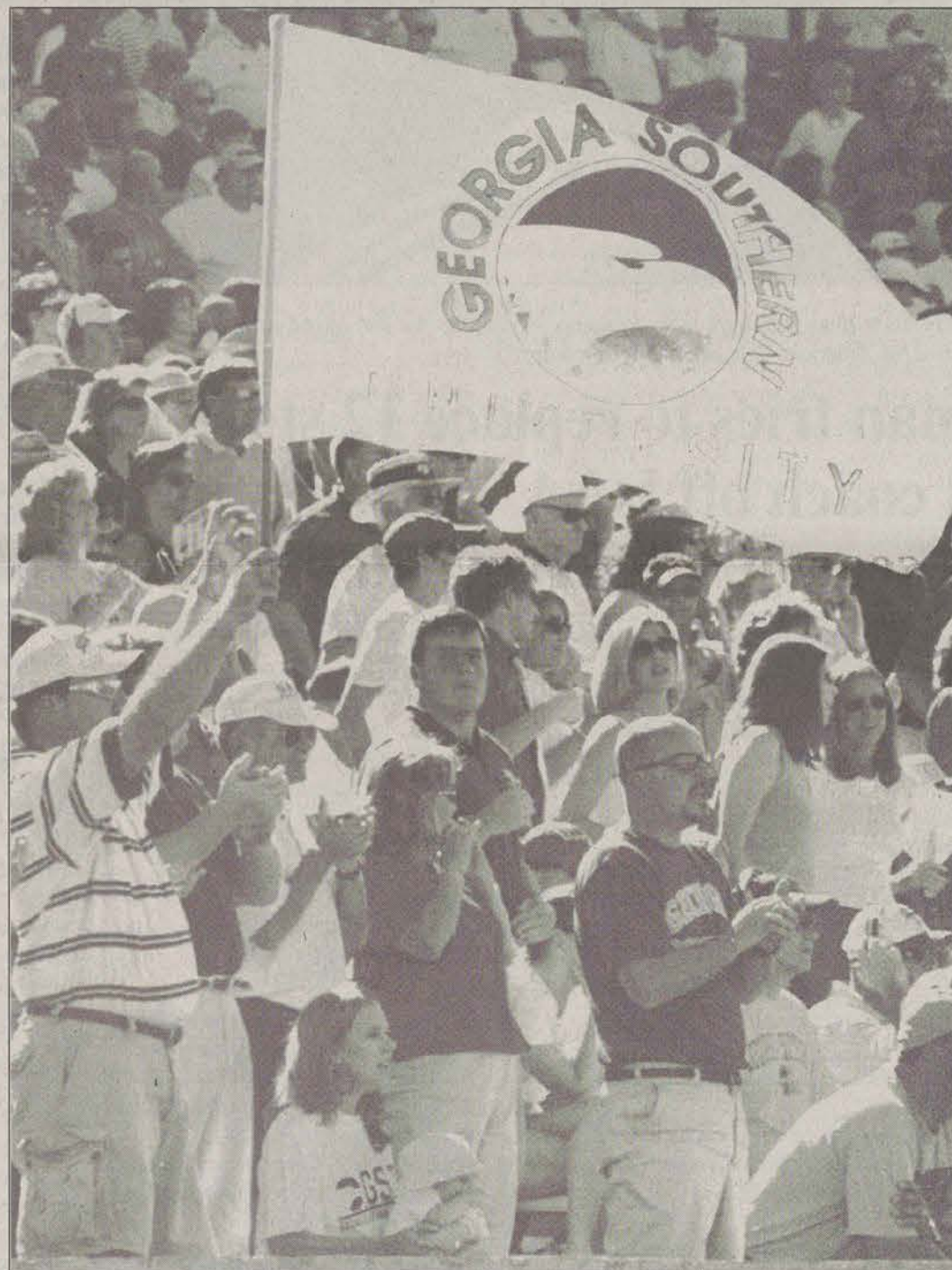
**Clarke:** We have a lot of guys coming back on defense, and it kind of takes the pressure off of us a little bit. But we know that we have to go out there and perform, and I think that we have guys that are going to step up in positions so I think we are going to be a force too.

**Myers:** The offense has always been high-powered here, but this year the defense is definitely strong.

**Sewak:** I think we've always had a strong defense here at Georgia Southern, it's just that the offense has been so high-powered at times with all the gaudy numbers. But you don't get those numbers without having the successful stops from the defense, it's just that the offensive gets credit for all of the points. I'm real proud and pleased to have the same defensive unit in tact, and I think they need to take on more of a leadership role because they have played in a lot more bigger ball games.

**How is the team going to improve on their passing efficiency this season?**

**Myers:** We've got to be more focused on getting the slotbacks this year. We [slotbacks] have the most experience and we want them [quarterbacks] to go to us.



**Clarke:** One thing would be an improvement in the pass block from our offensive line. We need to make sure the quarterbacks have time and has some good protection but we've got some receivers back and that should help.

**Sewak:** All you have to do is catch the football. We've always been simple in our passing game, and we just try to get our guys in position to make the plays. Good players just make good plays.

**James McCoy:** Going into the season, we're looking to work on everything. The passing game is just another one of those things.

**What are the biggest differences in how Mike Sewak coaches and how Paul Johnson ran things in the past?**

**Clarke:** So far the approach to practices I think are pretty much the same and our schedule is about the same. I like Sewak and I've known him for the last three years because he's been my coach. He's a little bit more approachable and you're able to go up and talk to him at anytime, and I never had a whole lot to say to coach Johnson.

**Dion Stokes:** (Laughing) Sewak is more hands on and close to us. He cracks jokes and makes us feel comfortable. Not to say Johnson did not make us comfortable, he coached us to two national titles and he was more intense but the atmosphere here is more relaxed.

**Myers:** [Johnson] was a little more laid back in the sense that he didn't talk too much. Coach Sewak is a strong speaker. His speeches get us motivated.

**Pesqueira:** As a defensive player, I did not have too much of a relationship with Johnson. He cared about us but it was just business as usual. I have more communication with Sewak because he is more outgoing. Johnson is more to himself.

**McCoy:** I think their style is almost the same: they define the black and white areas; there are no grey areas. Both of them let you know where you stand.

**Sewak:** I think it's very similar and I don't think we've changed much at all. We play good hardnosed football and we will attack each other each and every day, and get together at the end and we able to get Georgia Southern to breakdown and know that we are a team.

**How has the mindset changed this year knowing that Georgia Southern isn't penciled in as No. 1 heading into the season for the first time in quite a few years?**

**Rusty Russell:** It does not matter about the picks. What matters is on the field. At times we were an underdog in games but we came through. As long as the scoreboard shows we have more points than we allow that's all that matters."

**Myers:** We'll be there in the end. It is a little bit different, because people think that without AP, we're still not going to be good. But we have a lot of guys that have been in their shadow, that are now ready to play.

**Pesqueira:** It's nothing new. In 2000, (GSU's 6<sup>th</sup>

The ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 Pre-season college football coaches poll, with number of first-place votes, last year's record in parentheses, and total points:

TEAM	PTS
1. MONTANA (46) (15-1)	1,270
2. APPALACHIAN ST (1) (9-4)	1,113
3. NORTHERN IOWA (11-3)	1,016
4. EASTERN ILL (1) (9-2)	989
5. GA SOUTHERN (12-2)	976
6. FURMAN (3) (12-3)	905
7. LEHIGH (11-1)	903
8. YOUNGSTOWN ST (8-3)	747
9. GRAMBLING (10-1)	737
10. WILLIAM & MARY (8-4)	692
11. MCNEESE ST (8-4)	636
12. EASTERN KY (8-2)	630
13. HOFSTRA (9-3)	624
14. FLORIDA A&M (7-4)	581
15. MAINE (9-3)	559
16. SAM HOUSTON ST (10-3)	549
17. PORTLAND ST (7-4)	471
18. WESTERN KY (8-4)	413
19. NORTHWESTERN ST (8-4)	343
20. NORTHERN ARIZONA (8-4)	273
21. DELAWARE (4-6)	217
22. MONTANA ST (5-6)	214
23. HARVARD (9-0)	161
24. HAMPTON (7-4)	155
25. VILLANOVA (8-3)	125

The Sports Network.com I-AA Poll is conducted by a national panel of media and sports information directors.

Team	PTS
1. Montana Grizzlies (79)	2,093
2. Appalachian State Mountaineers	1,838
3. Northern Iowa Panthers	1,769
4. Eastern Illinois Panthers (1)	1,641
5. GA Southern Eagles (3)	1,588
6. Lehigh Mountain Hawks (1)	1,499
7. Furman Paladins (3)	1,476
8. Youngstown State Penguins	1,283
9. William & Mary Tribe	1,195
10. Grambling State Tigers	1,182
11. McNeese State Cowboys	1,026
12. Sam Houston State Bearkats	996
13. Maine Black Bears	983
14. Eastern Kentucky Colonels	929
15. Hofstra Pride	924
16. Florida A&M Rattlers	916
17. Portland State Vikings	786
18. Western Kentucky Hilltoppers	766
19. Northwestern State Demons	596
20. Montana State Bobcats	461
21. Northern Arizona Lumberjacks	389
22. Delaware Blue Hens	335
23. Harvard Crimson	245
24. Jacksonville State Gamecocks	227
25. Hampton Pirates	190

National Title) many people thought this would be a rebuilding year and we proved that as a team we can do anything. We had the 'Us against the World' approach. I think this season will be all right.

**Clarke:** I don't think it's a whole lot different because in our minds we are right up there. None of us feel like we are down in the polls, and I think we are still going to have the same kind of pressure and teams are still going to be gunning for us. We've always had a bull's-eye on our chest because teams know we are good, and we always get their best effort every week and it's going to be the same way this year.

**Sewak:** Our goals are still the same. I think we still plan to go ahead and try to compete nationally, and we just take it one day at a time as a team and as a coaching staff, to make sure that Georgia Southern gets better and better as the season goes on.



Peterson and Revere both earned first-team, all-conference in 2001.

File Photos





## UCLA transfer McCann counted on to put 'Air Mocs' in flight

G-A News Service

Talk about a frustrating season. The 2001 Chattanooga football campaign suffered through mishaps and misfortunes, and the result was a 3-8 overall record.

"Last season was the disaster of all disasters," says Donnie Kirkpatrick after his second year as the head coach.

Last year is in the past, and Kirkpatrick and his staff hope not to experience that kind of trauma again and have not dwelled on it in the offseason. Instead, they have found several silver linings

among last year's dark clouds.

"We are not thinking much about last season," Kirkpatrick says.

The battle to be the No. 1 quarterback heading into the 2002 season was won by senior Ryan McCann, who transferred to UTC in January from UCLA. An arm injury hindered his opportunities the following season, and he threw just 18 passes his junior year. He compiled 1,076 yards in his first two seasons but says he wanted to go somewhere where he could play his senior year, preferably in an offensive

system which emphasized the passing game.

"The one thing we have been able to do since I've been here is to have tremendous success offensively," Kirkpatrick says. "My impression of Ryan McCann is that he is an extremely talented player that has as good a set of tools as any quarterback that I've been around."

Joey Peters and Cortez Rankin are the only two seniors returning among the wideouts. Peters caught a career-best three touchdowns last season and had 21

receptions for 209 yards. Rankin caught 34 balls and led the squad in receiving yardage with 419.

Last year's running game looked to be solid with the differing styles of bruising runner Jason Ball and the quick-footed Charles McNeill. Ball suffered a season-ending knee injury in the third game of the season.

After a rigorous rehabilitation program, Ball is expected to be back to 100 percent by fall practice. The junior gained a year of eligibility back as a medical redshirt.

## East Tennessee St. entertaining title thoughts for 2002

*Buccaneers have the talent at the skill positions to back up ambitious talk*

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East Tennessee State head coach Paul Hamilton uttered the words without hesitation.

"We want to win this league," he said. "We understand that we have a long way to go, but our football team is coming to practice with one goal in mind...to win the championship this year."

Sure, winning the league championship is the ultimate achievement that every coach prepares his team for before they hit the field on opening day.



But for the 2002 Buccaneers, it's an achievement that might not be that far out of reach.

Coming off a 6-5 campaign in 2001, ETSU has now enjoyed three consecutive winning seasons under Hamilton, which is the longest streak the school has had in 46 years.

And on paper, this team has the talent to make it four.

This year's squad features a defense that returns all eleven starters from a unit that was ranked among the top 30 in the nation in 2001. Led by honorable mention All-Americans junior defensive tackle Brandon Calton and sophomore cornerback Tony Tiller, the Bucs have experience and depth in every area of the defensive side of the football.

And linebacker Mike Cornegay who led the team last season with 101 tackles and five sacks is the feature of a linebacker corps that is arguably the best in the Southern Conference.

But the one player that has been distinguished as the unquestionable leader of the team is Cecil Moore.

As an honorable mention All-American, two-time All-SoCon selection, and the league's leading receiver in 2001 with 57 receptions and 908 receiving yards, the 6'2" 205 pound senior is expected to carry the load of the Bucs offense.

The only problem is that for the second year, Hamilton has a tough decision to make on who is going to throw the ball to Moore.

Senior quarterback Jatavis Sanders, a transfer from N.C. State who saw action as a backup in seven games last season, has the experience and the talent to put points up on the board.

But nipping at his heels are sophomores Deshannon Gamble and Jason Davis.

Gamble returns to the team after leaving in 2001 for academic reasons, and Davis, a Virginia Tech transfer, is ready to see action after red shirting in 2000 and sitting out all of 2001.

"I'm really excited about our quarterbacks," said Hamilton. "I think they may end up being the strength of our football team."

But regardless of who takes the snaps this fall, the winning mentality of this team is one that is etched in stone.

## A Perfect Day

*Napier's playoff performance is one that Eagle fans won't be able to forget anytime soon*

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In his first season as starting quarterback in 2001, Billy Napier had a year that he will remember the rest of his life.

Leading Furman to a conference title and the I-AA championship game against Montana, the 6-3, 210-pound signal caller flourished as one of the leaders of a team that won games with a sense of urgency.



But on one December afternoon in Statesboro, Ga., he was perfect.

In the I-AA semi-final match up against Georgia Southern at Paulson Stadium, Napier went an unblemished 12-for-12, for 159 yards and a touchdown.

Furman went on to beat the Eagles, and snapped GSU's impressive 39-game home winning streak in the process.

This year most of the offensive star-power has moved on.

Gone are the dependable hands of tight end Trent Sansbury, who will be playing NFL football this fall for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Gone also are the nimble feet of All-American tailback Louis Ivory, who finished his career with 5,353 yards and 53 touchdowns on his ledger.

Also departed is most of an offensive line that gave Napier plenty of time to pass. Three All-American linemen are gone in Chris Stewart, Marty Priore and Donnie Littlejohn, who combined for 135 starts in their collective careers at Furman.

The loss of those linemen could make Napier's senior season a little more hectic than he's used to. At 6-3, 210 pounds, the Chatsworth, Ga. native isn't exactly fleet of foot.

"The sprint out passing game is where Bo [Moore, Napier's backup quarterback] excels, whereas Billy is more of a drop back passer," said Furman head coach Bobby Lamb.

The only established offensive threat that is returning is flanker Bear Rinehart (519 yards, six touchdowns in 2001).

Napier does have a stable of running backs that got plenty of experience last season. Hindley Brigham, Toreico O'Neal and Lamar Rembert all saw time when Ivory was out with injury.

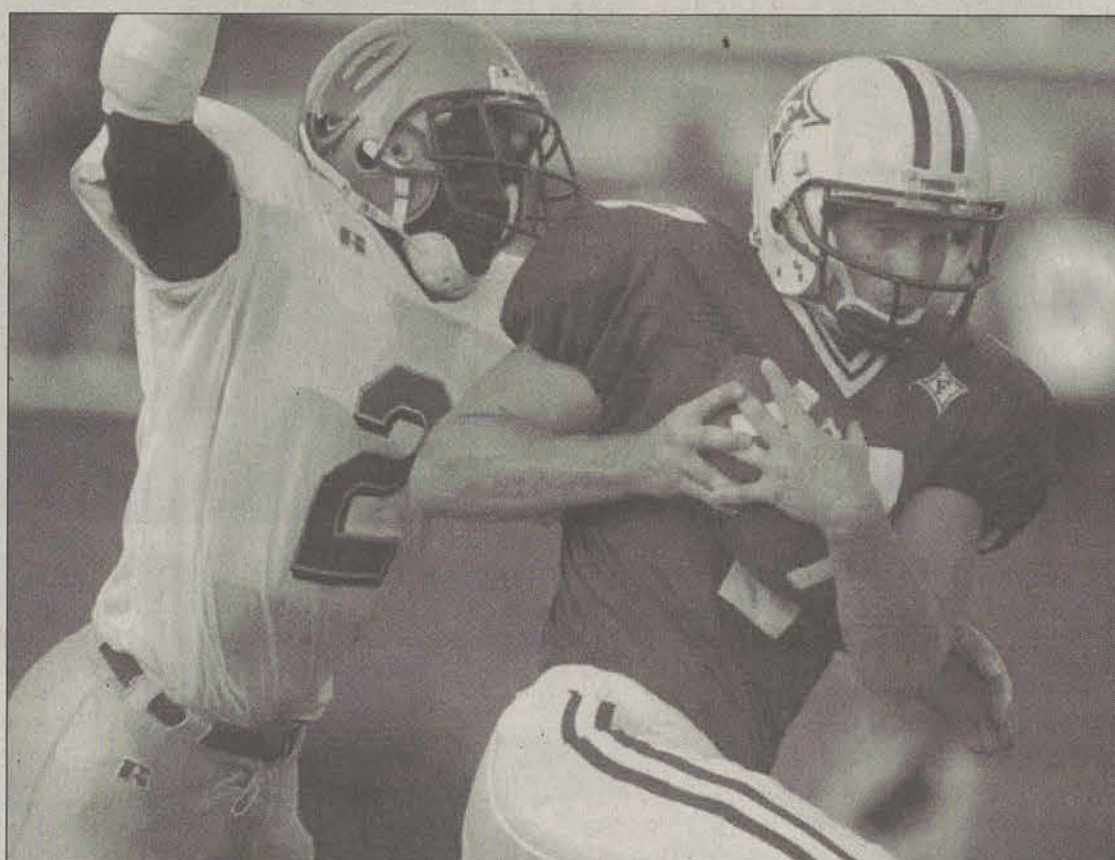
But Napier still remains an All-So Con player who has taken on the leading role of a team that is used to winning.

"We know what he can do," said Lamb. "Billy provides us with stability."

On the other hand, if people still want to know how good Napier is at handling the game-day pressure, then they don't need to look any further than December 15, 2001.

That was the day that he and his Purple Paladins won a game in a place that GSU fans call "Our House."

## Rebuilding project?



Special to the G-A

Furman wide receiver Bear Rinehart looks to anchor an offense that lost record-setting running back Louis Ivory and All-American tight end Trent Sansbury.

## Furman tries to replace 12 starters, head coach off I-AA runners-up

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It's going to be very difficult for the Furman Paladins to top what they accomplished in 2001.

After a 12-3 record, a tie for the So Con title, and a berth in the I-AA national title game, the Paladins lost five All-Americans, as well as head coach Bobby Johnson who accepted a job at Vanderbilt.

But if there is one guy who has already proven he can be a winner in Greenville, S.C. it's the man that Furman chose to replace Johnson: Bobby Lamb.

As a player and an assistant for the school since 1982, Lamb has been a part of the winning tradition at Furman for two decades now, and despite the changes he expects nothing less for his team this season.

"We feel good about the people we have coming back," said Lamb. "We have maturity at positions where we need it."

At the top of that list of maturity is senior quarterback Billy Napier.

After stepping into the lime light in 2001 to take over for the departed Justin Hill, Napier took the Paladins offense under his wing and led his team to one unforgettable season.

Gone this year is Napier's two biggest weapons from last season in tight end Trent Sansbury and tailback Louis Ivory.

But returning is a prime time player who Napier is counting on to be his go-to-guy this season.

"Bear Rinehart is the most dependable guy we probably have at receiver," said Napier.

"He has big play capability and is as consistent as

they come."

After Rinehart, Lamb is looking to another familiar position in Furman's air attack to come through for them in 2002.

"I love tight ends and we will continue to use them," said Lamb. "Willis Sudderth is our starter, but a guy I like is John Rust."

Lamb feels that the returning redshirt freshman Rust has the body and talent that Sansbury was when he was an underclassman.

"Trent weighed 205 pounds when he came to Furman," said Lamb. "John weighs 215, and is still growing. He's going to be a good, solid player."

Defensively, the Paladins will sorely miss their leading tackler linebacker Will Bouton who racked up 94 total tackles in 2001.

But LeBryan Sperling is the one who is looking to take over as the leader of the defensive unit.

"LeBryan is one of the best defensive linemen in the league, and he is going to have to step up and be a leader on this team," said Lamb.

And despite the loss of seven starters on defense, Lamb pointed out that there are still guys that have had plenty of game time experience.

"We play a 3-5-3 scheme against a lot of teams," said Lamb. "So we've got a lot of guys who have played a lot of minutes due to situational football."

The bottom line is that the men in purple are rebuilding a team that almost went all the way in 2001.

But if they expect to get any sympathy from a first year head coach, whose plaque hangs in the school's hall of fame, they better think again.

## Quite a catch

*ETSU's senior wide receiver Cecil Moore might be the SoCon's best shot at the NFL*

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At 6-2 and 205 pounds, he has become a highly touted NFL prospect with undeniable size and talent.

As the So Con leader in receptions (57) and total yardage (908) in 2001, he has distinguished himself as one of the elite receivers in all of I-AA football.

And now, as he is gearing up for his senior year on a Buccaneer squad who is coming off their third consecutive winning season, he has become the undisputable leader of a team who is expecting to win.

His name is Cecil Moore, and if you haven't heard of him yet then stay glued to your television screens next fall on Sunday afternoons, because that's where you will probably be watching him play.

Rated as one of the top five receivers in I-AA, Moore averaged nearly 16 yards per catch in 2001.

GSU fans can remember Moore as the player that delt the Eagles their first loss of the season. Trailing in the second half, Moore took over the game, catching two touchdown passes.

"I wouldn't trade him for any receiver in the country," said ETSU head coach Paul Hamilton. "He is a unique player in I-AA whose definitely got a chance to play at the next level."

But as a player of his caliber, receiving just an honorable mention All-American selection was something that shocked everyone in Johnson City, Tenn. this year including the sixth-year coach and his star pupil.

"I have to admit, when I found out he was chosen for honorable mention, I told our people that I would sure like to see the players ahead of him," said Hamilton.

"I don't know if I've been snubbed, but if they don't want to respect me, I'd rather just go out there and earn it from them," said Moore.

Yet regardless of his future in the NFL or his current All-American status, Hamilton still insists that Moore has his sights set on only one goal for the immediate future.

"Cecil's biggest goal is that he wants to see East Tennessee State win a Southern Conference championship," said Hamilton.

"He really wants to win, and to be honest he is a guy that just can't stand to lose."

For Cecil this will be his final crack at winning the Bucs their first ever conference title, and if he can achieve that and then take his game to the NFL, then his four years of dedication to the ETSU program will have been well worth it.

"The road to the NFL is a hard one to take; you have to work harder than the next man, especially if you are coming out of I-AA," said Moore. "If you are put in a situation to get there, you better be willing to work. But I'm just ready to go out there and prove myself."



Who's coming back?

Melvin Jones 905 yds  
10 TD's

J.R. McNair 563 yards  
9 TD's

Jesse McCoy 530 yards  
3 TD's

Matt Nelson 114 tackles

Hondre McNeil 71 tackles

Nathan Fuqua 62 tackles  
4 sacks

## Terriers try to bounce back from down year by talking less, focus on playing

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Last season was supposed to be the year Wofford broke through and made it in to the upper echelon of the Southern Conference.

All pre-season, Terrier players and coaches pointed to their experience and close games against the "Big Three" of Furman, Appalachian State and Georgia Southern.

Then why did the Terriers struggle to 4-7, the first time they've fallen back record-wise in five Southern Conference seasons?

"I'd equate to fishing," said head coach Mike Ayers, a long-time sportsman. "You've gone to that place where you know there's a possible trophy (fish). ... You've got the right bait, you've tied your knot, you've got new line, you've oiled your rig, you flip it out there and, bam, the one you want is right on the line."

"Then all of a sudden, you can almost

see it and, bam, it gets lost. That's what happened."

Ayers thought the group he'd built the last few years was right there for the Southern Conference title. "But we didn't get it done," Ayers said.

Ayers had been a winning football coach a long, long time. So he couldn't understand what went wrong last season.

He had the versatile quarterback to lead things in Travis Wilson, a group of runners in Melvin Jones, Jesse McCoy and J.R. McNair to bring the option alive and a strong defense keep opponents out.

So after nearly three decades of coaching, Ayers looked at getting back to the basics.

Now he has just four starters returning on offense, but 10 coming back on defense, although that's probably not a good thing: Wofford gave up the third most points in the conference last year.

But that's not going to get Ayers

down.

"One thing about coach Ayers, he's an interesting guy," said McNair, a fullback who ran for nine touchdowns last season. "In the face of adversity, instead of giving up, he looks for another way to get around it and get better."

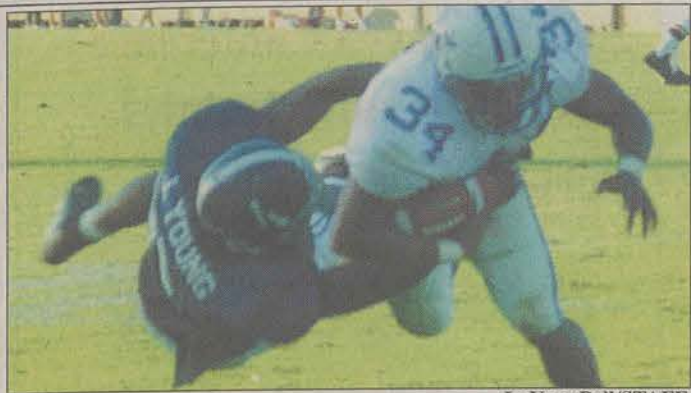
Senior defensive tackle Nathan Fuqua has been around the program as long as anybody. A two-time all-conference pick, he knows what went wrong.

"The want to win is a lot better this year," he said. "Last year, it was maybe we were hoping to win. That's not going to cut it this year."

McNair agreed, saying the attitude of last year's team wasn't where it needed to be. Too many people wanted to focus on the tough games at I-A's Clemson and South Carolina, along with a tough league slate.

"I want to say that we're going to bounce back this year," McNair said. "But I think we just need to go out and prove it."





Free safety **James Young** drags down Furman's **Louis Ivory** during GSU's 20-10 win on Nov. 3.

## 'Young' defensive backs bolster GSU secondary

*Safeties James and David Young lead Eagles' run to top of I-AA statistical charts; secondary returns all but one starter*

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When people think of the 2001 Georgia Southern defense, they think mostly about the run stopping defensive line and hard hitting linebackers.

However, probably the most successful (and possibly underrated) area on defense over the past few years has been the secondary.

That's right, the secondary that has produced Ryan Hadden, Arkee Thompson, and NFL stars Earthwind Moreland and Kiwaukee Thomas, is bringing more to the table.

Last season, the Eagles defense finished first in the conference and second in Division I-AA in pass defense with 125.6 yards a game.

The secondary recorded eight interceptions and contributed one-fourth of the team's tackles.

"Both our safeties are very impressive," said GSU head coach Mike Sewak. "Dion Stokes and Aaron Whitaker will be out there at the corners."

"I believe players like Ronnie Abrams, Terence McBride, Johnathan Woodham, and Tariq Muhammad will

have a good fall."

The secondary returns all but one starter. Junior cornerback Stokes recorded one interception and five pass breakups.

Although Dreck Cooper's big plays will be missed, Whitaker looks to fill the void. He recorded 40 tackles, one interception, four pass breakups, forced one fumble.

The Youngs are back at safeties. Sophomore free safety James Young recorded 41 tackles, three pass breakups and a force fumble.

Senior strong safety David Young led the secondary in tackles with 53, while also recording two interceptions, three pass breakups, two force fumbles, and three block kicks.

"We have to stick together as a unit and work even harder this year knowing that there are some new guys," David Young said. "It's like a family you have to look out for one another."

GSU defensive coordinator Rusty Russell is pleased.

"These guys fly around the ball and play so hard, it's impressive," he said. "We need to maintain that and work even harder."

## Following in Adrian Peterson's footsteps is going to be 'tough,' but Ford is ready for challenge

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Following in the footsteps of an All-American player is never an easy thing to do—especially when the man you are replacing is a player who was the backbone of Georgia Southern football for the past four years.

That is exactly what Hakim Ford will try to overcome as he takes over for Adrian Peterson as the lead fullback on the Eagle depth chart.

To the naked eye, there are some similarities between the two. At 6-foot, 210 pounds, Ford has a similar small, but stocky build to that of Peterson and gets his yards by driving his shoulders through the defenders.

Despite having a similar playing style, the redshirt sophomore from Union City wants to carve out his own niche in the annals of Georgia Southern football.

"It's always tough to follow an All-American, but we've got to focus on the team this year. You're only as good as your last game," Ford said, referring to the Eagles' season-ending playoff loss to Furman last December 15.

Said Eagle head coach Mike Sewak, "Hakim hits the hole hard and drives the [defenders] back. He runs shoulders first with his pads down."

In twelve games off the bench last season, Ford showed a few glimpses of what he is capable of doing, rushing for 278 yards on 49 carries, good enough for fourth on the team.



Redshirt sophomore **Hakim Ford** will get his first start at fullback tomorrow against Delaware.

He was also able to break across the goal line with a touchdown twice—once against Savannah State and again in an NCAA quarterfinal victory over Appalachian State. Those two games also saw Ford's two best rushing efforts of the season as he ran for 87 and 98 yards, respectively.

Overall, the apprentice bettered the teacher in 2001 as Ford averaged 5.7 yards per carry, compared to Peterson's 5.6 yards per carry rate.

"I learned a lot watching [Peterson] run, and playing behind him," said Ford.

With opening day coming tomorrow at Delaware, the fullback job is Hakim Ford's to lose. However, should he falter or get injured, redshirt freshmen Jermaine Austin and Brandon Andrews sit at No. two and three on the depth chart, waiting to get a chance.

Austin, who once rushed for 368 yards in a high school game, has impressed the coaching staff thus far with his play in practice and in scrimmages.

Andrews, a Swainsboro High product, was all-state his senior year.

## Western Carolina learning to handle success under Briggs

*New head coach tries to teach players to translate gridiron success off the field*

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The Western Carolina Catamounts are a tough team to figure out.

For years they have been trying to transcend mediocrity after countless seasons of disappointment.

In 2001 they finally found success, after winning five of their last six games to finish the year at 7-4, and Bill Bleil was named the So Con Coach of the Year.

Yet just a few short weeks later Bleil was dismissed from the school and the Cats were looking for his replacement, after he failed to control his players' off-the-field problems.

The notion in all of sports is that winning changes everything.

But for first-year head coach Kent Briggs, he just hopes winning is something that his men can finally get used to.

"The talent and experience of this team gives us reason to believe we can be successful," said Briggs.

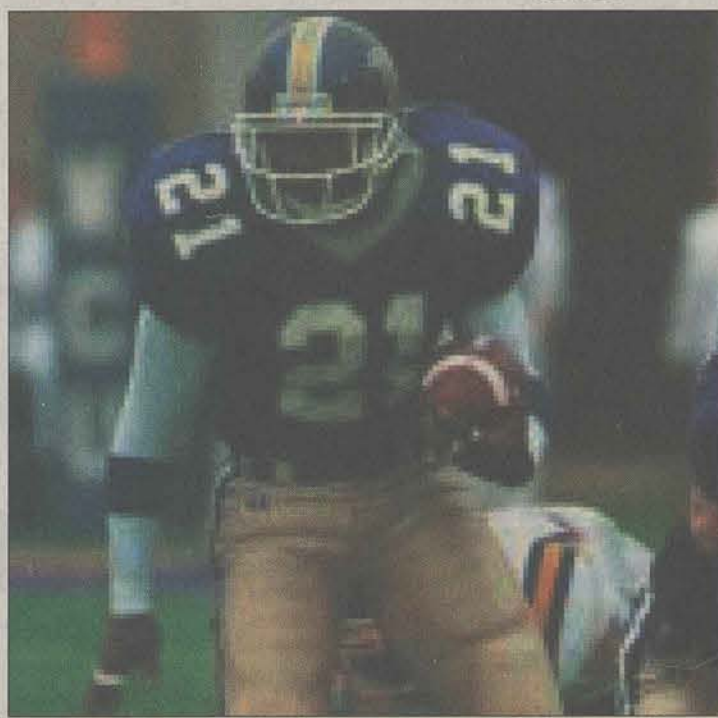
"But I really think that we can get the job done through our attitude and effort."

Coming into the 2002 season, the one main concern that coach Briggs has with his new team is that there talent may be spread a little thin.

"I'm concerned about our depth at all positions," said Briggs, "especially with our offensive line because our new style puts a lot of pressure on them week after week."

WCU is returning four of the o-line's starting five, including seniors Thomas Pruett and Caleb Queen, and Briggs still feels that despite their lack of quality reserves they can still be a force if they stay away from injuries.

"They are tough guys that will be the heart of our offense," said



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With the graduation of **Louis Ivory** and **Adrian Peterson**, the Catamounts' **Fred Boateng** takes the title of SoCon's best tailback. Boateng, a junior, has finished third in conference rushing statistics his first two years in the league.

Briggs.

Playing behind them is two marquee players in senior wide receiver Michael Banks and junior tailback Fred Boateng.

Michael Banks is a dependable wideout who is quickly approaching 200 receptions and 3,000 yards for his Catamount career.

Boateng is a powerful 6'2" 220-pound runner who has finished third in the Southern Conference in rushing the past two seasons behind two other guys named Peterson and Ivory.

Boateng rushed for 224 yards against Georgia Southern two years ago in Cullowhee, impressing then-Eagles head coach Paul Johnson.

"He's as good as any back we'll see all year," Johnson said after GSU's 46-24 victory over the Catamounts.

The only glaring weakness on offense is the fullback position, where junior Johnita Philyaw will have to prove that he is capable of coming up big in short yardage situations.

Defensively, the Cats feature a pair of talented defensive ends in juniors Michale Splicer and All-So Con second team selection Nick McNeil.

Inside however, is where the Cats find their most glaring needs.

Senior Jeb Hall is the only returning defensive tackle who saw action in 2001.

"After Hall, everything is questionable," said Briggs.

Overall, WCU is returning 17 starters from a 2001 squad that worked hard to finish up on a winning note, taking five of their final six contests.

"Hopefully we can be a balanced team and stay away from injuries," said Briggs.

But despite the lack of experience and depth of the players who are playing behind him, Briggs is not necessarily concerned most about his Catamounts winning this season.

What he cares about most is how his players will handle it, both on and off the field.

## Banks readies for run on Catamount record books

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It's hard to believe that Western Carolina wide receiver Michael Banks is still new at this.

Heading towards his final season of an illustrious I-AA career that includes 2,145 receiving yards, 16 touchdowns, two All-So Con honors and an honorable mention All-American selection in 2001, one would think that he has been catching footballs since the first day he stepped on the gridiron.

But for Banks, playing wideout is something that he never tried until he put on a Catamount uniform.

"I've never been a receiver before," said Banks. "I just wanted to leave my mark somewhere."

And he certainly has.

Leading WCU in receptions and receiving yardage for each of his three seasons, Banks is only 58 receptions away from the school record of 198.

And with head coach Kent Briggs' new up-tempo style of offense he is not sure when he might get the opportunity to get his name in the record books.

"With the new offense it could be early or it could be late," said Banks. "But it has definitely been one of my goals coming into college here."

Heading into his final 2002 campaign, Banks will try to recapture the career year he had in 2000, when he reached the coveted 1,000-yard plateau with 1,001 yards and eight touchdowns on 62 receptions for the Cats.

But with a new coach that used to be a standout quarterback, and an innovative offense that is depending on him to be the leader, it will probably be sooner than later when the records at Western Carolina begin to be rewritten by a player that was just trying something new.

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"It won't be as big a transition for coach Sewak and myself, as it will for coach Briggs over at Western Carolina," said Lamb.

"He's got a whole new staff, and a whole new area to live in, and his guys are not familiar with the conference, so he's got a bigger transition than we do."

However, Briggs understands that he has to continue to move his team forward, and there is only one way to do that.

"I am a Western Carolina grad, and no one wants to see this team do as well as I do," said Briggs. "I just want to win."

So as the 2002 football season is just about ready for kickoff, the

competition in the Southern Conference continues to look as intense as it has ever been.

But for three new coaches who are looking to keep their programs heading down a successful path, they know that they have each stepped into a situation where losing is certainly not an option.

Especially not in the tough Southern Conference.

And especially not behind the footsteps of coaches that are tough acts to follow.



Sewak





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comes at a tough time for the Hens, who had already lost sophomore defensive tackle Brian Jennings for the GSU game with a shoulder injury. Ayi was moving to tackle after earning second and third-team all-Atlantic 10 honors at defensive end the past two seasons. Senior Jason Reid will now make his first career start with true freshman Tom Parks likely to see some action, too.

Ayi, a native of Nashua, N.H., started 25 straight games, finishing with 83 career tackles. "When you're losing somebody like Femi with how smart he is and how experienced he is, there's not much you can do when you're going to put a freshman in or a guy who played maybe 20 snaps last year," said Mulhern. "You can't really prepare them for what's coming Thursday. They just

have to learn throughout the game how to deal with Georgia Southern." Considerable preseason attention has focused on Delaware's rebuilt offense, with the addition of five I-A transfers, including quarterback Andy Hall, and the switch to a no-huddle spread scheme. Also stepping in will be senior Keith Burnell, who transferred from Virginia Tech. Burnell, a 6-0, 202 pound running back, ran for 708 yards and nine touchdowns last season for the Hokies. "Personally, I think I can help this team out," Burnell said earlier this summer, shortly after he chose Delaware over James Madison. "But, even more importantly, I think this team can help me. "We're looking to compete for a national championship and I can't wait." Transfers have made their mark before at Delaware. Last season's lineup included several players who began their career at Virginia Tech, halfbacks Butter Pressey and Butch Patrick and defensive end Ron Cook.

2002 Southern Conference Football Team Schedules

APPALACHIAN STATE		
Aug. 31	at Marshall	7:00
Sept. 7	OPEN	
Sept. 14	EASTERN KENTUCKY	3:30
Sept. 21	at Liberty	3:30
Sept. 28	CITADEL	2:00
Oct. 5	at East Tennessee State	6:00
Oct. 12	FURMAN	3:30
Oct. 19	at Georgia Southern	3:30
Oct. 26	WOFFORD (HC)	2:00
Nov. 2	at Chattanooga	1:30
Nov. 9	VMI	2:00
Nov. 16	at Western Carolina	3:30
Nov. 23	OPEN	

THE CITADEL		
Sept. 7	at LSU	7:00
Sept. 14	DELAWARE	2:00
Sept. 21	WESTERN CAROLINA*	2:00
Sept. 28	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Oct. 5	at Wyoming	2:00
Oct. 12	ETSU*	2:00
Oct. 19	at Furman*	3:30
Oct. 26	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	2:00
Nov. 2	at Wofford	1:30
Nov. 9	CHATTANOOGA* (HC)	2:00
Nov. 16	vs. VMI* at Charlotte	1:30
Nov. 21	CHARLESTON SOU.	7:00

EAST TENNESSEE STATE		
Aug. 31	at North Carolina State	7:00
Sept. 7	MARS HILL	6:00
Sept. 14	at Gardner-Webb	6:00
Sept. 21	VMI *	6:00
Sept. 28	at Western Carolina *	6:00
Oct. 5	APPALACHIAN STATE *	6:00
Oct. 12	at The Citadel *	2:00
Oct. 19	ELON (Homecoming)	2:00
Oct. 26	FURMAN *	3:30
Nov. 2	at Georgia Southern *	3:00
Nov. 9	WOFFORD *	6:00
Nov. 16	at Chattanooga *	1:30

FURMAN		
Sept. 7	at Vanderbilt	7:00
Sept. 14	ELON	7:00
Sept. 21	at Richmond	6:00
Sept. 28	at VMI*	1:00
Oct. 5	WESTERN CAROLINA*	2:00
Oct. 12	at Appalachian State*	3:30
Oct. 19	THE CITADEL*	3:30
Oct. 26	at East Tennessee State*	3:30
Nov. 2	OPEN	
Nov. 9	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	3:30
Nov. 16	at Wofford*	1:30
Nov. 23	CHATTANOOGA*	2:00

CHATTANOOGA		
Aug. 31	at West Virginia	1:00
Sept. 7	ALABAMA STATE	1:30
Sept. 14	at Tennessee Tech	8:00
Sept. 21	GARDNER-WEBB	6:00
Sept. 28	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	6:00
Oct. 5	at Wofford*	3:00
Oct. 12	OPEN	
Oct. 19	VMI*	6:00
Oct. 26	at Western Carolina*	2:00
Nov. 2	APP. STATE (HC)	1:30
Nov. 9	at The Citadel	2:00
Nov. 16	ETSU*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Furman*	2:00

VMI		
Aug. 31	at Charleston Southern	1:30
Sept. 7	DAVIDSON	1:00
Sept. 14	at William & Mary	1:00
Sept. 21	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Sept. 28	FURMAN* (HC)	1:00
Oct. 5	at Georgia Southern*	1:00
Oct. 12	WOFFORD*	1:00
Oct. 19	at Chattanooga*	6:00
Oct. 26	LIBERTY	1:00
Nov. 2	WESTERN CAROLINA*	1:00
Nov. 9	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Nov. 16	THE CITADEL.* \$	1:30
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WESTERN CAROLINA		
Aug. 31	at Liberty	3:30
Sept. 7	at Auburn	5:00
Sept. 14	WEST VIRGINIA TECH	6:00
Sept. 21	at The Citadel*	2:00
Sept. 28	ETSU*	6:00
Oct. 5	at Furman*	2:00
Oct. 12	GEORGIA SOUTHERN*	2:00
Oct. 19	at Wofford*	1:30
Oct. 26	CHATTANOOGA* (HC)	2:00
Nov. 2	at VMI*	1:00
Nov. 9	OPEN	
Nov. 16	APPALACHIAN STATE*	3:30

WOFFORD		
Aug. 31	NEWBERRY	7:00
Sept. 7	OPEN	
Sept. 14	at South Carolina State	6:00
Sept. 21	at Georgia Southern*	7:00
Sept. 28	at Maryland	6:00
Oct. 5	CHATTANOOGA* (HC)	3:00
Oct. 12	at VMI*	1:00
Oct. 19	WESTERN CAROLINA*	1:30
Oct. 26	at Appalachian State*	2:00
Nov. 2	THE CITADEL*	1:30
Nov. 9	at East Tennessee State*	6:00
Nov. 16	FURMAN*	1:30
Nov. 23	at Elon	2:00



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