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with a high
of 82°F and a
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Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
October 21, 1 p.m.

SAGE hits the road

By Brittany Shiver
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It all started with some environmental studies students coming together to talk about the environment and what they could do to make it better.

It has snowballed into an active group of environmentally aware students that—in their first year as an organization—was already named the Student Organization of the Year at GSU.

The group is called SAGE, Student Alliance for a Green Earth, and it is rapidly

gaining campus-wide attention, especially now that a section of Highway 67 (the area between mile 13 and 14) is much cleaner and recycling bins dot the campus.

"It was one more example of how SAGE serves as GSU's environmental conscience," said Dr. Linda Bleicken, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment, of last Saturday morning's Adopt-A-Mile cleanup. "Together, with a number of us working together, we can

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Mariana Viera/STAFF

Dozens of SAGE members sacrificed their Saturday morning to pick up litter and beautify the landscape along Hwy. 67.



Chrysler van plant to open in Pooler

By Robyn Adams
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Governor Roy Barnes announced yesterday morning that the new Daimler—Chrysler van cargo plant, will come to Pooler, Ga.

He will be arriving in Savannah today to make an official public announcement to the city.

Mayor of Pooler, Buddy Carter, said this decision brings one of the biggest economic developments deals in the state. He is very excited

about the new development that will be taking place in his city and the gigantic job opportunities that will occur over the next 10 years.

With the immediate construction, 700 jobs will be filled for construction sites on adjacent facilities, and once the plant is completed, over 3,300 jobs will be in place.

Carter expects that within the next 10 years, more than 10,000 jobs will be filled, causing a rippling effect of employees that will range in cities

from Brunswick to Augusta, Dublin to Macon, even reaching into the southern Carolina's; Hilton Head and Charleston.

The motivating edge for employees to come from 150-200 miles away will be the average expectant salary of \$47,000.

Ground breaking events will take place on the 1,500 acres of land where I-95 crosses I-16, in early July 2003, barring unforeseen events. The first vans are expected to roll off the assembly

line in 2005.

Georgia was aggressively competing with South Carolina and Florida for the new plant.

Over the past decade, Georgia has sat by and watched its neighboring states fork out millions of dollars and offer huge incentive packages paid for taxpayers to welcome automotive plants to their states, according to Gov. Roy Barnes.

South Carolina paid \$130 million in 1992 for the nation's only BMW factory plant. Alabama shelled out

\$253 million for Mercedes-Benz to come— which then brought Honda and Hyundai, while Mississippi embraced Nissan with \$295 million.

These plants brought huge economic wealth and job opportunities to each of the states, analysts say.

No automotive plant has opened in Georgia, since 1947, when Ford and General Motors opened plants near Atlanta.

Barnes visits GSU to announce
NCR donation, job partnershipBy Doug Kidd
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A \$2.7 million gift to Georgia Southern from the nation's leading cash register producer is just another example of Georgia's commitment to strengthening rural Georgia, Gov. Roy Barnes said on Wednesday.

Barnes was in town to announce the partnership between NCR Corporation, GSU and Georgia Southwestern in helping bring jobs to the southern part of the state. NCR donated a total of \$3.9 million to both universities in the form of computer software, equipment and training for their companies' cash registers.

"We want to create good jobs," Barnes said. "There's a misconception in other parts of the state that only jobs can be low paying ones" in this area.

NCR develops software and hardware for "point-of-sale" equipment for restaurants and other businesses. These devices can range from the conventional cash register normally seen at grocery or hardware stores, to newer, touch-screen models mostly seen at restaurants.

Under the arrangement, GSU will own intellectual property rights to selected software applications NCR created for retailers and other business and government organizations. The



Internet Photo

NCR Corporation donated \$2.7 million to GSU, and has joined Georgia Southwestern and GSU in a partnership to bring jobs to the state.

university will take over ongoing enhancement and future developments of the software.

Ultimately, NCR will resell the re-developed software GSU devel-

ops. In return, GSU acquires licensing fees that are expected to generate money that can be invested into future research

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'Sea of blue'

Fans encouraged to wear blue shirts at game against App. State

By Doug Kidd
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Sitting on the couch a couple of weeks ago with a few friends, Josh Evans got a great idea from a bunch of Gamecocks.

When South Carolina took the field in a key SEC matchup with Mississippi State, Evans noticed the entire stadium was filled with nothing but black shirts.

Evans figured if it could fire up a crowd in Columbia, then it could work in Statesboro. So, he and 10 friends started an effort to get Eagles fans to wear blue shirts to Saturday's game against Appalachian State.

"The fans are always behind the team, but this is a big game," the senior business management major said. "I hope everyone will come out and show their support."

The blue-shirt promotion got started slowly, but has snowballed in the past week. What started as a word-of-mouth campaign quickly circulated to the Internet, where it took off.

Evans said the response at Southern-connection.com, a website where Georgia Southern fans talk Eagles sports, was overwhelming. After posting on the site, fans started sending emails to GSU alumni clubs and media outlets throughout the state.

"People who live in Atlanta or Savannah—who are alumni—it was harder to get to them" through word of mouth, Evans said. But once the emails started flowing, there was no stop.

Evans sent a message to head coach Mike Sewak about the idea, and got back a positive response from the first-year coach. Evans also heard that Sewak mentioned wearing blue shirts on his radio program Monday night.

Now it's just up to the fans to show up in a sea of blue.

"App. State's such a rival and the winner will be on top of the conference," Evans said. "But the fact that it's on TV should be an extra incentive."

"I hope when Appalachian State comes out, they're intimidated."

Analysts split on effect of North Korea's nuclear disclosure; U.S. officials wait

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TOKYO – North Korea's stunning admission that it has continued to develop nuclear weapons, despite signing a formal pledge not to, could easily trigger a new crisis on the Korean peninsula.

Or it could be a bargaining ploy, or even a sign of contrition by a secretive government in Pyongyang now eager to embrace reform.

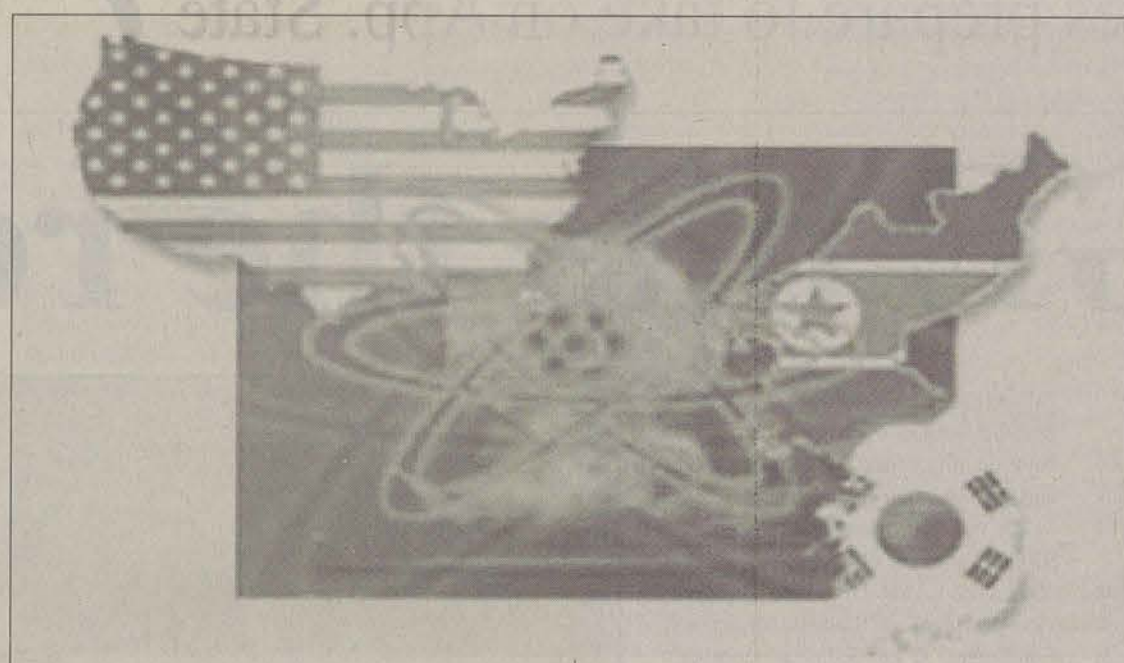
Analysts across Asia were divided on Thursday over whether Pyongyang would ultimately be rewarded or punished for its candor. At a minimum, the news will force Japan and South Korea, as well as the Bush White House, to reconsider policy options at a time when the world's attention primarily had been focused on Iraq.

On Thursday, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he believed North Korea already possessed a small number of nuclear weapons, although he said he had no proof. A less-advanced nuclear-weapons program in Iraq has been used as a justification for U.S. war plans there.

"If this admission is true, then it creates a whole new ballgame across the Korean peninsula," said Moon Chung-in, a North Korea expert at Yonsei University in South Korea. Moon, who has regularly advised South Korean President Kim Dae-jung on North Korean policy, admitted to being shocked by the "amazing" news, even questioning whether American officials might have misconstrued comments by a senior North Korea official at talks earlier this month.

"If the U.S. takes a confrontational course, then we would return to the situation of 1994," when then-Defense Secretary William Perry threatened to launch a nuclear strike against North Korea if it continued to work on producing plutonium.

That crisis led to the creation of the so-called Agreed Framework, in which Pyongyang agreed to freeze



The tension between the U.S., Japan, South Korea and North Korea on nuclear weapons has arose again after North Korea announced yesterday that they continue to develop weapons of mass destruction.

work on its uranium-fueled nuclear reactors in exchange for fuel oil to run conventional power plants and eventual acquisition of commercial nuclear power plants.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Thursday that the Bush administration had not yet decided whether to halt the light-water reactor construction or fuel deliveries to North Korea.

But he said administration officials made it clear to the North Koreans that the United States would not continue these programs if North Korea did not abandon its efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

Some analysts said Pyongyang's admission to Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly earlier this month that it had violated the 1994 agreement might actually demonstrate North Korea's interest in resolving a host of issues that have prevented real dialogue between Washington and Pyongyang.

"There is a positive spin you can

put on these developments," said Scott Snyder, an expert on Korea who heads the Asia Foundation's office in Seoul. "Why would the North admit its violations unless it wants to deal with the issue head-on?"

Snyder noted recent precedent. Just one month ago the Hermit Kingdom shocked visiting Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi by admitting that its intelligence agents had snatched more than a dozen Japanese citizens nearly 25 years ago to train spies and teach Japanese language skills.

Koizumi's first instinct was to walk out of the talks and go straight home. But after Kim directly apologized after a lunch break, Koizumi agreed to reopen dialogue that might eventually lead to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two longtime adversaries.

And now, the five people Pyongyang says are surviving abductees have returned to Japan for reunions with their families and friends.

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Background

North Korea agreed after talks in Geneva in 1994 to halt and eventually dismantle its nuclear program, which Western nations feared was aimed at trying to develop nuclear weapons. In exchange, the United States, Japan and South Korea agreed to build two light-water nuclear reactors in North Korea and provide interim supplies of fuel oil to keep North Korea's ailing industries going. South Korea and Japan are financial contributors to the United States-led program.



President Bush meets with President Megawati Sukarno Putri of Indonesia, in the Oval Office, in September 2001.

Indonesia signals possible crackdown on terrorists

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JAKARTA, Indonesia—Responding to international and domestic pressures in the wake of the massive bombing in Bali that killed more than 180 people, Indonesia's government on Wednesday signaled that it finally may be ready to crack down on terrorists.

Police on Wednesday disclosed that the Bali blast originated in a minivan whose roof had been packed with C-4 plastic explosive, and Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda told reporters the government is preparing to issue an emergency anti-terrorism decree that will give authorities legal tools to combat extremists.

Such a decree would be a major step by President Megawati Sukarnoputri, who has long been criticized by some of Indonesia's neighbors and by the United States for not responding to mounting evidence that the world's most populous Muslim nation has become a haven for terrorists.

Pressure on her has increased since Saturday's bombing, which many experts suspect was the work of Jemaa Islamiyah, a regional terrorist network with links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida.

Megawati's chief minister for security, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, claimed Wednesday that Jemaa Islamiyah does not exist in Indonesia "as an organization."

But he told reporters that Jemaa Islamiyah existed in Malaysia and Singapore, and that Indonesians, in-

cluding Abu Bakar Baasyir, a militant Indonesian cleric, were "the former leaders."

Government officials in Malaysia, Singapore and the United States say Baasyir is still the leader of Jemaa Islamiyah, which hopes to create a pan-Islamic state uniting Southeast Asia's 230 million Muslims.

Baasyir, a 64-year-old cleric who runs an Islamic school, denies that Jemaa Islamiyah exists or that the Bali bombing was linked to al-Qaida. He has charged repeatedly that Saturday's bombing was a plot by the United States to discredit Islam.

Police are expected to interrogate the militant cleric on Thursday, although the ostensible reason is a multimillion-dollar libel suit he has filed against Time magazine for linking him to international terrorism.

Police on Wednesday grilled another Islamic hardliner, al-Habib Muhammad Rizieq, the head of the Front Pembela Islam. Several of al-Habib's followers went on trial Wednesday for violent attacks on nightclubs, liquor stores and other businesses that violate the strict codes of Islam.

In what may be another sign of a government crackdown, the Laskar Jihad, that has sent members to fight Christians in the Maluku islands and elsewhere in Indonesia's sprawling archipelago, has disbanded, the group's lawyer said on Tuesday. About 1,200 Laskar Jihad members were being withdrawn from the war-torn area, according to local news reports.



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1 Illinois

Penny hoarder cashes in after 50 years

HOMEWOOD- If Mark Horowitz offered you a penny for your thoughts and you gave him your 2 cents' worth, what would he do with the extra coin?

He'd toss it in the penny jar with the 50 years worth of Abe Lincoln he has collected since age 3.

The pennies have had many homes since Horowitz's childhood. They started in a 1952 Lone Ranger lunchbox. Then for some years they landed in a '70s Star Wars cup. But as a working man and father, Horowitz now deposits them in a very mature souvenir coffee mug from Tintern Abbey in Wales.

But, like most things of great personal value, the pennies always found a more permanent home. It was in a wooden crate hidden in the garage, where it had remained undisturbed since 1994, when it took two burly movers and a dolly to get it in place.

But that all changed recently, when the 53-year-old Homewood resident cashed in his penny collection - all \$264.61 worth. He called ahead to warn the tellers at Great Lakes Bank.

"Thank goodness we have the modern technology of coin counters," said branch manager Kathy Marek. "Can you imagine? Fifty years ago we would be counting it all by hand."

It might be easy to call the marketing consultant, author and historian a penny-pincher, but he says that's not true. He does not, though, quite understand his attachment to a coin the federal government has repeatedly considered retiring.

"It's not like I have an accumulation problem," Horowitz said. "And I haven't stopped spending them." Indeed, his morning ritual consists of a takeout coffee and a muffin. He pays the \$3.01 tab with exact change.

The habit may be rooted in Horowitz's childhood in Kentucky and Tennessee, when he took up coin collecting for a time. When collecting lost its luster, Horowitz tossed whatever was in his pocket at day's end into a jar. He would later cash in the more valuable coins, but keep the pennies.

With the two kids off at college, Horowitz and his wife are paring things down, trying to simplify their lives. And while packing up stuff for Amvets, he decided it was time for the pennies to go.

But it was not without a little sense of sadness that he sent them back into circulation.

Horowitz said people measure their lives in milestones. College graduation. A child's wedding. A couple's silver anniversary.

The pennies represented a milestone that had never occurred to Horowitz.

When he peered down at the dining room table where he bagged them up for the bank, he thought, "Wow, there are pennies in here that a 3-year-old held!" And a 13-year-old. And a 53-year-old.

"It's humbling to see your life before you - not in a photo album, but in a table full of pennies," he said.

2 Colorado

Boy sitting on rifle when gun accidentally fires

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS- A freak accident involving a hunting rifle sent a Fort Lupton teenager to the hospital with severe gunshot wounds.

The 13-year-old boy was listed in fair condition at Yampa Valley Medical Center.

Robert Schlach, 44, of Fort Lupton was hunting with his son and a half-dozen other people in Big Red Park on Monday evening. He had placed the high-powered rifle on a cot at their campsite when Schlach's son sat down on it.

Schlach attempted to remove the rifle from beneath the boy when he accidentally pulled the trigger. The boy suffered multiple gunshot wounds

to the buttocks.

Routt County Sheriff John Warner said the boy was fortunate to have avoided serious injury. Warner said high-powered rifle shots are often fatal.

"We are just thankful that he is going to be fine," Warner said.

Police investigated the rifle's safety devices and ruled out equipment failure.

Warner cautioned hunters to always handle firearms as though the weapons were loaded.

3 Illinois

Study says duct tape effective for removing warts

CHICAGO- Duct tape, the all-purpose household fix-it with hundreds of uses, can also remove warts.

Research at Madigan Army Medical Center near Tacoma, Wash., found that over-the-counter duct tape is a more effective, less painful alternative to liquid nitrogen, which is used to freeze warts.

The study was reported in the October issue of the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

In the study, patients wore duct tape over their warts for six days. Then they removed the tape, soaked the area in water and used an emery board or pumice stone to scrape the spot. The tape was reapplied the next morning. The treatment continued for a maximum of two months or until the wart went away.

The duct tape irritated the warts, and that apparently caused an immune system reaction that attacked the growths, said researcher Dr. Dean "Rick" Focht III of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

He said researchers did not test other kinds of tape, and so they cannot say whether there is anything special about the gray, heavy-duty, fabric-backed tape.

Pediatric dermatologist Dr. Anthony J. Mancini of Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago said he uses a form of duct-tape therapy

for warts. He combines duct tape with a topical, over-the-counter wart remover for nightly treatments.

"The whole point of this is a non-painful approach," said Mancini, who was not involved in the study.

The study at Madigan began with 61 patients between the ages of 3 and 22, but only 51 patients completed the study.

Of the 26 patients treated with duct tape, 85 percent got rid of their warts compared with 60 percent of the 25 patients who received the freezing treatment.

Researchers did not test the duct tape on older adults and also did not study whether warts recurred.

The apparent curative powers of duct tape are no surprise to Tim Nyberg, one-half of the Duct Tape Guys, who write books and perform comedy about the adhesive's allure. Nyberg said he and his duct tape partner, Jim Berg, do a shtick that includes duct tape wart removal.

"It's the universal panacea," Nyberg said.

4 Indiana

Man stuck in chimney tells police he was chasing parrot

EVANSVILLE- A man who became stuck in the chimney of a grocery store told police he had been chasing a wayward parrot.

Evansville police suspected the man actually became stuck during a burglary attempt. Police did not release his name Monday night because he had not been arrested, said detective Ted Mattingly.

The man was trapped in the chimney of the Star Market for about 17 hours after becoming stuck there Sunday evening, police said. He was discovered about 10:30 a.m. Monday after the store manager heard him yelling for help and called 911.

Firefighters lowered a rope down the chimney to haul the man out.

The man then told officers he had been out walking his parrot about 6

p.m. when the bird got loose and flew into the store's chimney. He said he climbed onto the roof and entered the chimney in an attempt to retrieve the bird, but became stuck.

The man was treated at a hospital for abrasions and respiratory problems, police said.

5 California

'Cat in the Hat' is a victim of thieves

POMONA- They heaved and they hauled, stole a key and a ball. They went back for more - took five items in all.

Thieves stole \$55,000 worth of excessively large, custom-designed props early Friday from the movie set of the Dr. Seuss classic, "The Cat in the Hat."

Among the items taken were an 8-foot-long pair of dark blue glasses, a yellow 4-foot-long door key, a black 6-foot by 4-foot by 8-foot anvil with hammer, a 4-foot golf tee and a blue golf ball 7 feet in diameter that weighs more than 200 pounds.

Police have not identified any suspects.

"We have ruled out the Grinch," said Sgt. Rod Baker.

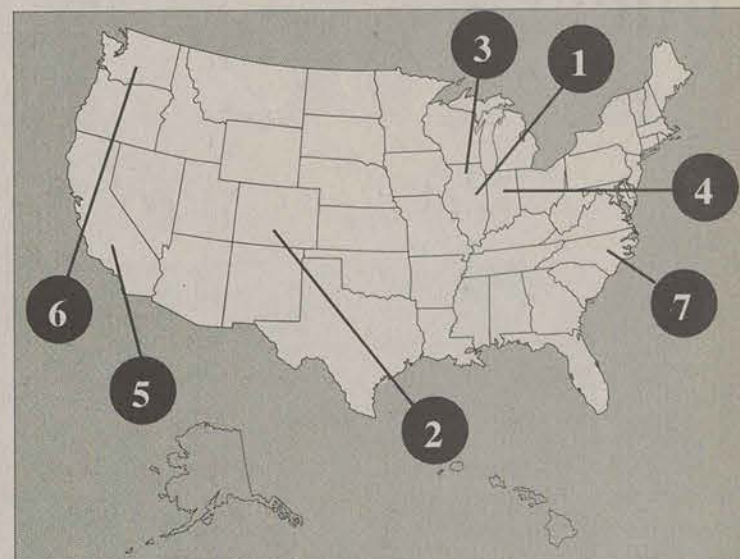
The stolen items were in a fenced lot near the set of the "Cat in the Hat," which is set to begin filming later this month. The movie, starring Mike Myers, is expected to be released next year.

6 Washington

1,700 residents lose electricity due to squirrel

KENNEWICK- If Kennewick residents forgot about National Squirrel Awareness Week, one critter made sure they remembered.

About 1,700 customers lost electricity for about an hour Thursday because a squirrel got entangled in



power equipment, causing a short circuit, said Karen Miller, a spokeswoman for the Benton County Public Utility District.

She said the squirrel was probably seeking heat.

Squirrels - singled out for recognition in the second week of October - are the utility's leading cause of outages, despite shields, squawking devices that that mimic calls of predators and other efforts.

7 North Carolina

Fort Bragg soldier hatched plan to fake his own death

FAYETTEVILLE- Jonathan Meadows wanted a new life so badly, he was willing to take another life to get it, police say.

Investigators say Meadows, an Army specialist at Fort Bragg, allegedly searched the Internet for a man who looked like him, befriended him, then tried to fake his own death by killing his lookalike.

The man survived by pulling the 8-inch knife from his throat, cutting the ropes around his hands and feet and escaping, said Detective Barbara Davenport of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department.

"This is the most bizarre case I've ever had," Davenport said.

Meadows, 20, was charged with attempted first-degree murder and held on \$50,000 bail.

Meadows spent weeks searching Internet chat rooms for someone he could kill who would be mistaken for himself, Davenport said. He was seeking men who were 5-foot-6, about 150 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Meadows found Stephen "Jeremy" Bowen about two weeks ago, lured him to his home, tied him up and cut his throat Sunday night, Davenport said.

Bowen, 26, who lives in Raeford, escaped and ran to a neighbor's house. Meadows turned himself in to a sheriff's deputy shortly after the attack.

Bowen, who suffered severe cuts to his larynx, was expected to be released from Cape Fear Valley Medical Center this week.

Meadows told investigators he was depressed and plotting to get out of the Army, Davenport said.

"He didn't want the Army looking for him," she said. "He didn't want his wife looking for him. He said he was going to assume a new identity. I think he thought it was set up so well that nobody would think it (the body) wasn't him."

Cynthia Black, a public defender assigned to represent Meadows, declined to comment. Meadows' next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 24.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The **Psychology** Coalition is holding a canned food drive which ends on Friday, October 18th and a Winter Coat /Sweater Donation which ends Friday, November 22nd. Boxes are located in the Carroll Building behind the **Psychology** Office.



Religious Awareness Final Call for Proposals

This is the final call for proposals for Religious Awareness activities November 14- 24, 2002

Interested faculty, staff and student organizations are encouraged to submit proposals on topics that include, but are not limited to:

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WORLD SERIES GAME ONE 8pm

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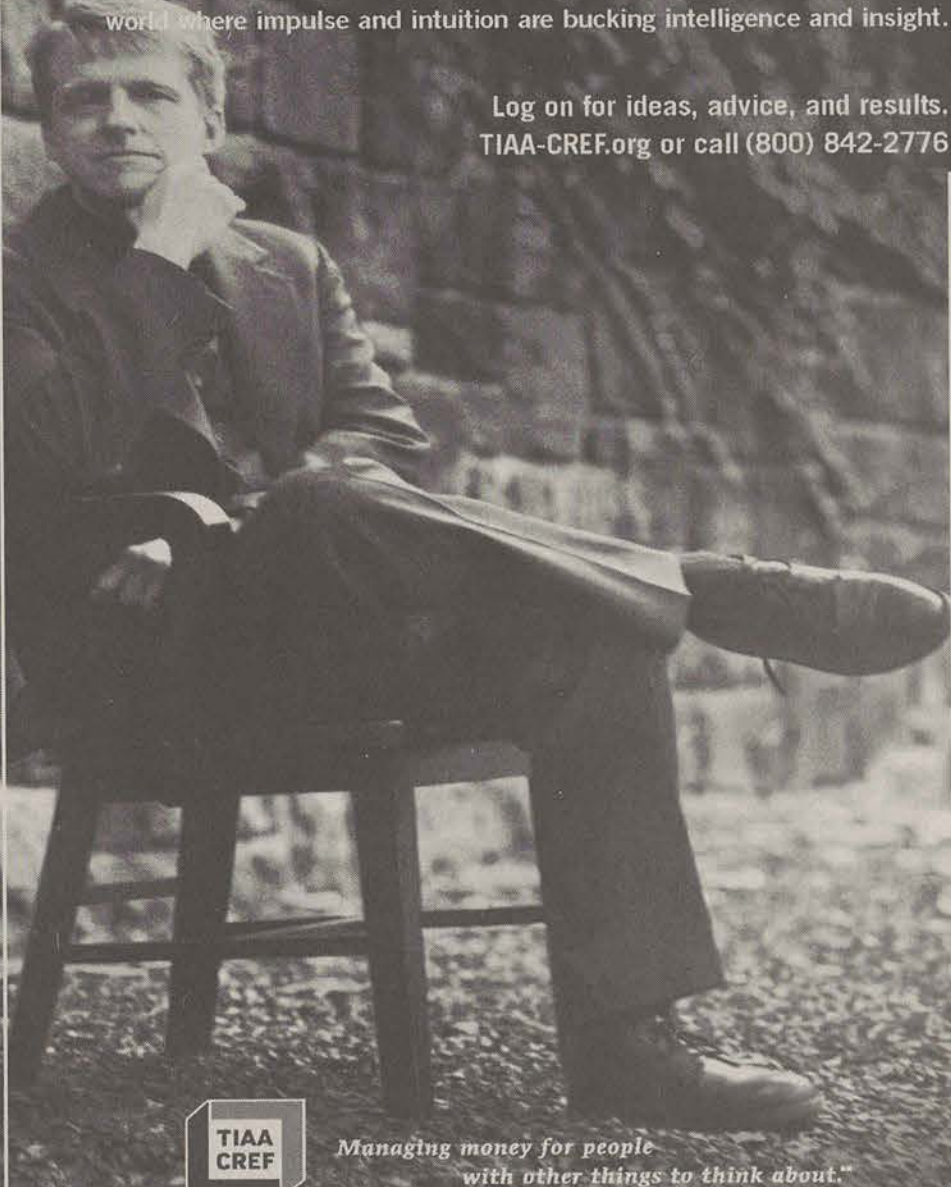
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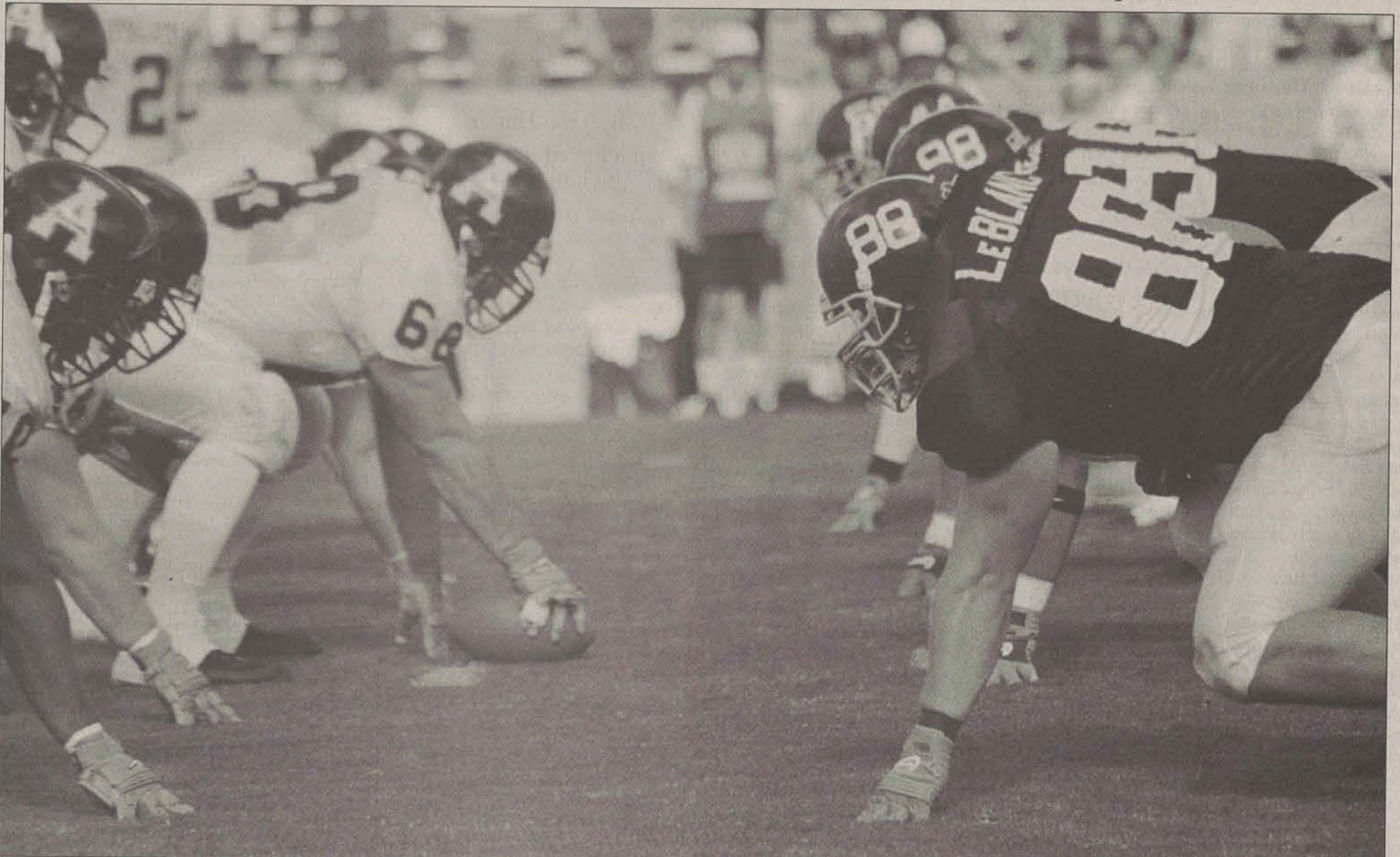
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The Battle for #1

Rivalry will have Eagles, Mountaineers out for blood



LaVene Bell/STAFF

The last time these two teams met on the field, the Eagles were victorious over the Mountaineers by a score of 38-24. The Eagles won and advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA Tournament. This Saturday, the winner of the game will be ranked number one in the conference.

By Eli Boorstein
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In college football, there are many rivalries where fans can count on the two teams bringing their best to the field.

When it comes to I-A football, there are Georgia and Georgia Tech, Texas and Oklahoma, and Florida and Florida State, just to name a few. When it comes to the I-AA level, there are few rivalries better than Georgia Southern and Appalachian State.

These two teams will renew their rivalry on Saturday when the Mountaineers enter Paulson Stadium to face the Eagles in a 3:30 tilt to be televised on Fox Sports Net South. The game will be pivotal in the race for the Southern Conference crown, as the

winner of Saturday's contest will sit atop the standings in first place.

No. 3 Appalachian State, standing at 5-1 overall with a 3-0 conference record, is coming off a last-second 16-15 victory over Furman. With seven seconds left to play, the Paladins scored a touchdown to take the 15-14 lead. An attempt at a two-point conversion then went haywire as the Billy Napier pass was picked off at the four-yard line by Josh Jeffries. Jeffries then returned the ball 20 yards before tossing a lateral to Derrick Black, who ran the rest of the way for the defensive conversion.

No. 13 Georgia Southern, 4-2 overall with a 3-1 mark in the SoCon, will try to ride the momentum of three straight wins into Saturday's contest.

Last week, the Eagles amassed 645 yards of offense on their way to a 41-24 drubbing of Western Carolina. Quarterback Chaz Williams put in a career performance, running for 124 yards while passing for 156 more. Slotback Zzream Walden added his second straight triple-digit rushing total with 159 yards on the ground.

In 17 all-time meetings between the Eagles and Mountaineers, the two teams are deadlocked at eight wins each with one tie. In the ten faceoffs since Georgia Southern joined the Southern Conference, the average margin of victory has been just seven and a half points.

In 2001, the Eagles met the Mountaineers twice, winning both times. In October, Georgia Southern

escaped Boone with a 27-18 victory. Quarterback J.R. Revere accounted for all the Eagles' scoring, running for 124 yards and four touchdowns. Perhaps the only bright spot for Appalachian State was the fact that they were able to hold fullback Adrian Peterson to just 71 yards, snapping his NCAA record of 36 straight games with at least 100 yards rushing.

The two teams met again in December, but for bigger stakes, in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Tournament in Statesboro. Georgia Southern once again proved victorious, advancing to the final four with a 38-24 triumph. The Eagles, led on offense by Peterson's 115 rushing yards, were also helped by their defense, holding the Mountaineers to just 65 yards rushing on the day.

While J.R. Revere may have been the key component when Eagles beat Appalachian State last October, his replacement will be one of the big factors this time around.

Chaz Williams, a redshirt sophomore from Apopka, Fla., has continued the tradition of triple-option quarterbacks at Georgia Southern, leading the Southern Conference in rushing. Williams has put together 607 yards and nine touchdowns on the ground in six games this year. He has also topped the 100-yard rushing plateau four times thus far, including each of his last three games. Freshman fullback Jermaine Austin is having a strong freshman season, averaging 93 yards per game, while Zzream Walden has also been on a roll lately, as he leads the league

averaging 13 yards per carry.

If Appalachian State wants to escape Statesboro with the win, they will have to hope for another strong performance from quarterback Joe Burchette. Burchette missed the first two games of the season with a ruptured disc in his back, but has come on strong since. The senior signal caller has thrown for 729 yards and seven touchdowns in four games, while completing .58 percent of his passes.

The Mountaineers have also performed well on their kick returns. Sophomore DaVon Fowlkes leads the conference averaging 18 yards on punt returns while sophomore Jermaine Little is second in the league with a 24-yard return rate on kickoffs.

CRI: Game of the Week



CRI STAFF

The men of Pi Kappa Phi huddle together to discuss the play before continuing with the game.

Pi Kappa Phi vs. Kappa Alpha

By Dean Vickers
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Pi Kappa Phi won CRI's flag football Game of the Week by a score of 20-0.

The victory, which pushes Pi Kapp's record to 4-0, was against Kappa Alpha (3-2).

Jonathan Schrader scored Pi Kapp's first touchdown on the game's opening drive.

The touchdown followed a big play by Schrader and Jeremy Stephens. Schrader pitched off to Stephens, who then raced down the sideline and was tackled close to the goal line.

The extra point attempt failed, making the score 6-0.

KA's first possession ended when Pi Kapp's Andrew Harris intercepted quarterback Brandon Lovering.

Pi Kapp capitalized on the turnover.

A pass from Schrader to Ryan Holliday went for a long play when Holliday pitched to Stephens who took off down the same side of the field as his first big play. This time Stephens wasn't caught, and scored a touchdown.

Pi Kapp added the extra point on a quarterback sneak by Schrader.

KA was never able to get anything going offensively. The Pi Kapp defense broke up several pass plays and only allowed the Kappa Alpha offense within its 20-yard line once.

Midway through the second half Pi Kapp would add another score on a touchdown pass from Holliday to Rodney Dawson. This score and the extra point pushed Pi Kapp's lead to 20-0, which was how the game ended.

Matthew Tyson intercepted a pass for KA, and Beau Hopkins made several big plays, including a sack and long reception.

Midnight Mania set for tonight

By Bo Fulginiti
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Midnight Mania is back at Georgia Southern and is set to hit the hardwood of the Hanner Fieldhouse tonight at 10:30.

The event is sponsored by the GSU Athletics Department and the Sports Management Club and will feature Jeff Price and his 2002 men's basketball team.

The theme of this year's team is "the Untouchables," and the fans will have an opportunity to meet this year's players as they take the floor dressed in mafia apparel. There will also be a chance for spectators to take part in some of the night's scheduled events, which include a slam-dunk con-

test, three-point shootout, and a dash for cash.

"I think it's going to be a very exciting and entertaining night for everybody," said GSU Athletics Marketing Director Cicely Johnson. "The players get a chance to make their first appearance of the year, and the fans will get an opportunity to eat free food and win some great prizes."

Also scheduled throughout the night are performances by the GSU cheerleaders and the Southern Explosion dance team.

The purpose of the entire night is to get the sports fans of Georgia Southern excited about the 2002 basketball season, and to also get the students of GSU more

involved with their participation in this year's home games.

Despite several successful seasons under coach Price, the basketball program has been lacking a solid fan base at Hanner Fieldhouse, and Johnson hopes that this event might help increase some of the team's supporting cast.

"We are going into this 2002 basketball season with a great team, but we can't make it to the top without the support of our fans," said Johnson. "They are the sixth man."

The event is free of charge to all GSU students with ID, and the festivities are scheduled to last from 10:30 to midnight.

Volleyball shut out SSU, 3-0

G-A News Service

Savannah, Ga. - The Georgia Southern volleyball team marked its second shutout of the week with a 3-0 victory over Savannah State Wednesday night in Wiley Gym.

GSU allowed its fewest points all season in game one defeating the Tigers 30-9 and forcing Savannah State to a .000 hitting percentage. Savannah State improved in game two falling 30-16, however did not improve past a .000 hitting

percentage.

The Tigers fought back in game three to bring the game within one (6-5). Georgia Southern jumped ahead of Savannah State 18-9 with a kill from junior Megan Lippi. Kills by freshman Cristie Mitchell and Lippi gave GSU game point (29-14). A service ace by junior Erin Martin sealed the win for the Eagles 30-14.

Junior Lauren McClain led the way for the Eagles with 12 kills while juniors Christina Lentz and

Martina Veiglova each added eight. Lentz also led the way with a .700 hitting percentage. Lippi led the team defensively with 10 digs, and Martin dished out 25 assists in the match in her setting debut.

Georgia Southern improves to a 16-6 overall record and will travel to College of Charleston Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm. The match was moved to Charleston when the September 17 match was moved to Hanner Fieldhouse.

Georgia could send record five blacks to Congress

For someone like long-time civil rights activist John Lewis, the day a Deep South state could possibly send a third or more of African-Americans as its representatives is 'crazy'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even in his most optimistic view of the future, Rep. John Lewis — who spent much of the 1960s being beaten or jailed as he fought for civil rights — couldn't imagine Georgia sending five blacks to Congress. And three of them come from majority white districts.

Come next January, Lewis likely will be part of the largest black congressional delegation in history, with five blacks favored in November elections for 13 congressional seats.

Lewis, Georgia's congressional dean, would be the only black in the state chosen to preside over a district where more than 52 percent of the constituents share his skin color.

No state has ever had so many blacks in Congress, let alone so

many blacks representing so many whites.

"If someone had told me this years ago, when I was struggling for the right to vote, I would have probably said, 'you're crazy, you're out of your mind,'" Lewis said.

"I thought the day would come when people would participate in all levels of government. But to see a Deep South state — where many of these people couldn't vote a few years ago — voting for many of these candidates didn't even register."

Along with Lewis and Sanford Bishop, who are unopposed, three black newcomers are seeking congressional seats.

David Scott and Charles Walker Jr. are aiming for new districts added because of population increases. Denise

Majette knocked off black incumbent Cynthia McKinney in the Democratic primary and is the heavy favorite in the 4th District.

"It speaks well of the progress we've made in Georgia," said Majette. "We have an educated electorate that votes not on the basis of race but on the basis of who are the best candidates to serve."

The candidates are trumpeting history on the campaign trail, pointing out that voters could be part of something significant. A vote for them is an affirmation that Georgia is shedding racial division, they argue.

"It's an extraordinary testimony to the white citizens of Georgia who will look at me and see I'm worthy, not because I'm a black man, but because I'm qualified, prepared and



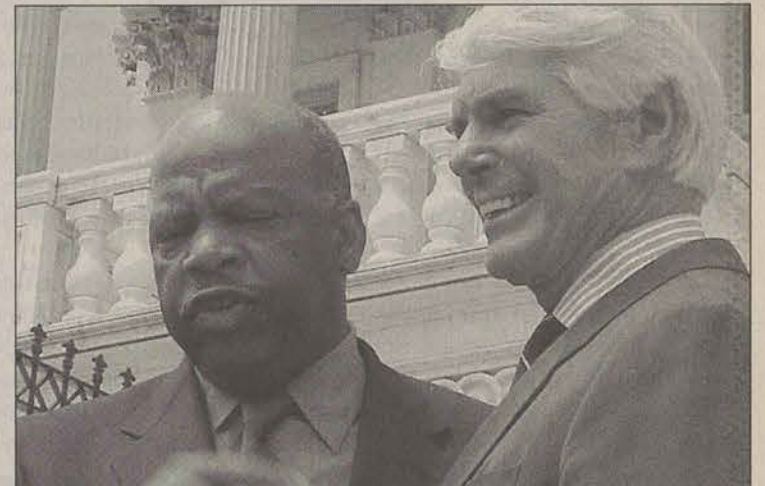
Sanford Bishop is currently Georgia's only black member representing a majority-white district.

the best candidate," Scott said. "This is a story of both racial groups — a story of great achievements for black Georgians, but an equally great story for white Georgians."

Michael Binford, a political science professor at Georgia State, said it's not surprising a Deep South state like Georgia is the place where three black congressmen could represent majority-white districts.

Black lawmakers elsewhere, such as the Northeast or Midwest, are far more likely to represent districts where black constituents are packed in, he said.

"It's predominantly a Southern



Special to the G-A
Georgia congressman John Lewis, left, stands next to California representative Jerry Lewis last year. The Peach State's Lewis has served in the House of Representatives for 15 years.

phenomenon," Binford said. "If you look at what's been happening over the last 10 years, white voters are getting more accustomed to black candidates."

Georgia's five black candidates have kept in close touch during the campaign season, but they acknowledge there is plenty of diversity among them.

BARNES, FROM PAGE 1



Special to the G-A

Touch screens, like the one above, are part of the new technology NCR has developed in the past decade.

'Creating a hi-tech corridor between Statesboro and Savannah'

and development.

GSU President Bruce Grube said he was happy with the way Georgia state leaders and the Board of Regents have been helping the university.

"If we didn't have this governor, this wouldn't be happening," Grube said. "And this is just the start."

Joanna Walter, vice-president of NCR said that the presence of the Information Technology building was key in her company's decision in picking GSU. Georgia Southern "bet on us, and we appreciate that," she said.

Barnes said that's what he and other state leaders had in mind when they decided GSU was the perfect place for a technological center. The IT Building, which is currently under construction and set to open next fall, is a symbol of the state's promise to revitalize South Georgia, Barnes said.

"That [IT building] is just one rea-

son to be optimistic," he said. "We're trying to create a corridor between Statesboro and Savannah that will be a perfect mix for hi-tech."

Georgia is in the top 10 nationally in technological employment, but much of that is in the Atlanta-area, the governor said, pointing out the need to be stronger in other parts of the state.

Barnes said the state would continue to lure businesses to the state—particularly computer companies.

He said these companies used to look overseas to Ireland or India for their software needs, but he feels that Georgia can take its rural areas and "compete against anyone in the world."

"We're closer to these companies, our [employee] turnover is less and our learning curve shorter," Barnes said. "Plus, our productivity is equal or better" than other countries.

SAGE, FROM PAGE 1

really make a difference."

Blicken was one of twenty-five people who came out to pick up litter on the grassy sides of Highway 67 last Saturday morning, joining GSU students and SAGE faculty advisor Dr. Lorne Wolfe.

"We sort of consider ourselves experts in the eclectic art of trash collecting and rescuing collectibles," Wolfe said.

"While some folks may get grossed out by picking up items that have been places we may not want to consider, there is always the possibility of discovering something really exciting."

The group spent the morning stooping over to pick up litter and going so far as to pick out the recyclable items, like glass and plastic, and taking them to a Bulloch County recycling center.

Hannah Goddard, the president of SAGE, estimated that the group collected "a couple hundred pounds of trash."

"By far, Styrofoam, cigarette butts, and soda and beer cans were the most common items encountered," SAGE cleanup organizer Nick Fierstos commented.

SAGE recently adopted the mile as part of the Georgia Dept. of Transportation "Adopt-A-Highway Program," and is actively involved in several other environmental rejuvenating activities, such as river and beach cleanups around Southeast Georgia.

An eclectic composite of students who focus primarily on increasing

campus recycling and environmental awareness, SAGE is intent on prioritizing the environmental problems of GSU.

The influence of SAGE is obvious: a vast majority of the buildings on campus have recycling bins that were not there two years ago, the membership of the SAGE is increasing, and students are becoming more aware of their actions that adversely effect the environment, like throwing cigarette butts on the ground.

"People think it's okay to throw cigarette butts on the ground, like they will decompose quickly. That's a big misconception," said Dr. Steve Vives, chairman of the Biology Department.

As SAGE crusades to increase student recycling and awareness, their success continues to flourish as well. In the spring, the group is aiming to place recycling bins in the lobby of each residence hall, a project that will cost approximately \$2,800.

Undaunted, SAGE members are working with residence hall directors and the administration to fulfill the campus-wide recycling concept.

With the growth of SAGE and the tremendous support it receives from both the GSU Physical Plant and the administration, we are sure to continue seeing environmental advances both on and off campus.

And by teaming a proactive stance with a strong work ethic and the ability to have a great time, SAGE will continue to pave the way for the environmental progression of GSU.

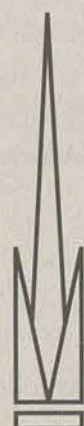
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Eagles slip to UNC Greensboro, 3-2

G-A News Service

UNC Greensboro's Cliff Patterson scored two goals, including the eventual game-winner, to lead the Spartans to a 3-2 Southern Conference victory over Georgia Southern on Tuesday at a cold and mist-covered Eagle Field.

Patterson started the scoring for UNC Greensboro just 1:23 into the match. Douglas Prewett's corner kick from the right corner found Patterson, who headed in his ninth goal of the year.

Georgia Southern scored the equalizer in the 12th minute in similar fashion. Jeff Russell's 25-yard throw-in went directly to Irwin, who flicked a header past UNC Greensboro keeper Joe Crump for Irwin's team-leading fifth goal of the year to knot the match at one.

The Spartans took a 2-1 advantage into halftime on Jimmy Craven's first score of the season. Kenny Bundy began the play with a long run and served a pass to Craven, who fired past Georgia Southern keeper Garret

Lazenby for the lead.

UNC Greensboro extended its cushion to two goals early in the second half. Egill Atlason cut across the middle of the box and flipped the ball behind him to Patterson, who settled the ball and scored to make the score 3-1.

The Eagles cut the match to a 3-2 Spartan lead in the 58th minute. After Irwin was taken down in the box, Jeff Russell tallied his third score of the season, beating Spartan reserve keeper Charlie DeMello low and to DeMello's right.

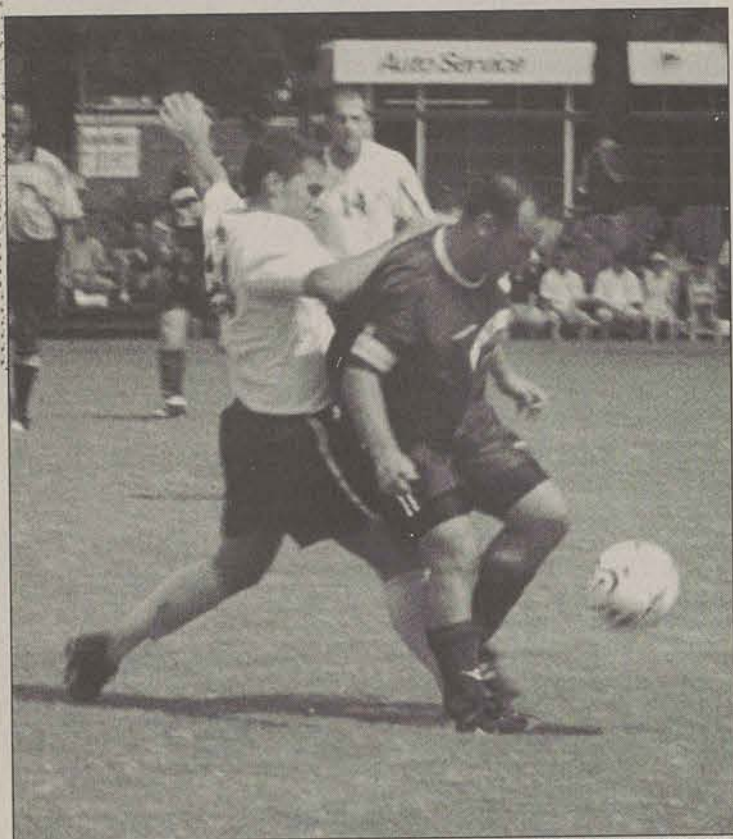
The Eagles had three more shots on goal in the half, but could not convert. UNC Greensboro finished the match with 15 shots to Georgia Southern's 10. The Spartans posted seven corner kicks, all in the first half, while the Eagles earned all three of their corners in the second frame.

Georgia Southern returns to the pitch on Saturday as it travels to Davidson for a 1 p.m. match.

The Georgia Southern -Furman men's soccer match originally set for October 12 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 30 at 12:30 as part of a doubleheader with the Georgia Southern women's soccer team according to Georgia Southern athletics director Sam Baker.

The match was postponed last week after a traffic accident involving four Furman freshman players resulted in the death of Gray Griffin and injuries to the three others.

The Eagles will take on the nationally-ranked Paladins ahead of the women's soccer match against Georgia State at 3:00. The men will also celebrate Senior Day on the 30th.



Chris Walker/STAFF

In what was supposed to be the final matchup of the season, the Eagles fell short to UNCG with a score of 3-2. The Eagles will play Furman on Oct. 30th for a missed game.

GSU Men's Basketball: 'Contenders or Pretenders'

Dennis Hightower



The Georgia Southern Eagles, defending regular season champs in the Southern Division are picked to win the Southern Conference Tournament again.

The good news?

This team has the talent to beat any team in the Southern Conference.

The bad news?

They struggle on the road and sometimes get me confused with the Sacramento Kings with their "show-time skills".

Let's go back into time...

After having their best season (16-12 in 1999-00) since the 1992-93 season, the Eagles went through the ups and downs and finished in the middle of the pack.

This past season, the Eagles finished 16-12 (9-7 Southern Confer-

ence) to win the Southern Division of the SoCon.

However, they were 4-10 on the road.

This season's road schedule is even tougher. Georgia and UNLV are off but add Mountain West power Air Force and Vanderbilt.

If the last three seasons become a trend like those Capri pants, it looks like this year's Eagles will have a mediocre season at best.

As far as their "show-time skills", I'm not going to lie, I love it just like any other fan. When I broadcast their games, the show-time was fantastic. However, I also notice that they would make so many careless errors that they would allow bottom-feeder teams to have a chance to win those games.

It's okay to "style and profile", but if that can't take the team to the NCAA Tournament, then there is no need for it.

The Los Angeles Lakers, Sacramento Kings, and the other NBA teams do that but they get paid and it's the NBA.

GSU returns three starters and every opponent will gun for Julius Jenkins.

The question is Jenkins (like Pat Dye would say) be man enough to lead this team?

He lets his actions speak but the biggest concern is other than GSU Head Coach Mike Price, there are no vocal leaders.

You need a vocal leader to motivate and keep the team in check. Having one can separate a team that pumped up from one that plays with no life. Sean Peterson was vocal at times but they had nobody that was consistent.

If they can find someone like that, the Eagles could be dangerous.

The GSU Women's basketball team had Danna Simpson for the past few years. Combined with the team's talent and focus they won the Southern Conference Southern Division.

You may argue that the men's did it without that. Imagine what would have happened if Jenkins told Kashien Latham to be more aggressive in the post last season or if Latham pumped Peterson up before the free throws?

The team possibly could have added two or three wins and won at least one game in the Southern Conference Tournament.

This year's team will be the hunted in the SoCon South Division.

College of Charleston refuses to let the Eagles dominate their throne. Chattanooga and Furman look deadly as well.

If I had three things to say in order for the men's team to repeat (and go to the NCAA Tournament) I would say this:

- "Style and Profile" when necessary

- Have a vocal leader

- Play GSU Basketball

Air Force aiming high, hitting target

KRT Campus

Don Clark dabbled in astrophysical engineering last summer. Chance Harridge completed a course in global engagement. Darrell Stephens was valedictorian of his high school class.

A MESA pledge class? Revenge of the Nerds?

Nope. Just three ringleaders of the nation's 15th-ranked college football team.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Air Force Academy Falcons. Or should it be our Air Force Falcons?

Not to take sides here. But this is wartime. And these are soon-to-be officers.

Pretty fair football players, too. Air Force is 6-0 entering Saturday's nationally televised (ESPN) home game against seventh-ranked Notre Dame. The Falcons won at California, then ranked 23rd, and lead Division I-A in rushing offense.

Think the good folks at Langley Air Force Base are bragging any? Think they're hazing their Army and Navy colleagues at Fort Monroe, Fort Eustis and Norfolk Naval Base?

If not, they should. The only excuses not to are compassion (what's the fun in that?) and complacency (Air Force's success has become routine).

Yes, Air Force finished a mere 6-6 last season. But that was an aberration. The Falcons have qualified for

13 bowls in the last 20 years. They finished 13th in The Associated Press poll in 1998, and they have a choke hold on the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy.

Air Force has won the annual competition against its service academy rivals 12 of the past 13 years. The Falcons posted Navy 48-7 earlier this month and figure to put a similar hurting on Army next month to secure the trophy for a sixth consecutive season.

It's strange. As Air Force continues to thrive, Army and Navy find it difficult to win two games per season.

Some Army and Navy partisans want us to believe West Point and Annapolis uphold higher academic standards. But that's an issue for generals and PhDs to debate. Truth is, Air Force wins with elite student-athletes and a quality coaching staff led by Fisher DeBerry.

Like George Welsh at Navy during the 1970s, DeBerry has brought uncommon stability and skill to Colorado Springs. This marks his 19th season at the academy, where his teams are a sterling 147-78-1.

And don't think for a moment that Air Force is feasting on Division I-AA opponents or other softies. The Falcons compete against the likes of Colorado State, Brigham Young and Utah in the Mountain West Conference. It may not be the SEC East, but it's more than credible.

In conference play this season, Air Force defeated New Mexico in overtime 38-31, edged Utah 30-26 on a final-minute touchdown, and routed BYU 52-9.

Notice those point totals. The Falcons' triple option offense is rolling again, and as usual, the quarterback is superb.

Continuing in the tradition of Bart Weiss, Dee Dowis and Beau Morgan, Harridge averages more than 100 yards rushing per game, and his 15 touchdowns lead Division I-A. A stable of running backs, including Clark and Stephens, serves as supporting cast.

The defense, unlike 2001, isn't bad either. Air Force is allowing 16 points per game, half of last season's total. Sophomore linebacker John Rudzinski leads a unit that lines up in a 3-3-5 alignment, odd perhaps, but a good idea against the rest of the pass-happy Mountain West.

Under new coach Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame is far from pass-happy. The Irish and Falcons figure to grind it out, nothing like their encounter of 1989, when undefeated and top-ranked Notre Dame, led by Ricky Watters and Rocket Ismail, outlasted 17th-ranked and unbeaten Air Force 41-27.

Don't expect the Irish to score 40-plus this week. Air Force's defense is too tough. How tough? Rudzinski recently passed Combat Survival Training.

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BROWN SUGAR: A Love Story and History Lesson All In One

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"When was the first time you fell in love with hip-hop?"

This simple phrase can conjure up memories of Doug E. Fresh, Slick Rick or Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five or it could bring you back to a time when you fell in love with the person you knew you were destined to be with. What if it means both? That is the question that is pondered throughout Fox Searchlight Picture's "Brown Sugar."

A love story set against the backdrop of the hip-hop industry, and the consequences of unrequited love bring "Brown Sugar" to life. Starring Sanaa Lathan and Taye Diggs, the movie tells the story of Sidney (Lathan), a hip-hop journalist, and re-

cord producer Dre (Diggs) that have been best friends since childhood. They have grown into a successful adulthood and now looking for love--when all along it's each other who they should be with. The movie creates this tension that movie audiences long and hope for in a romantic comedy.

If you think this is a "Love and Basketball" meets the hip-hop industry, then you are wrong. This movie brings its on special story to the new wave of African-American romantic comedy. True, the stars are the same, but the story is totally different. It takes a unique look at a love story with analogies to the hip-hop culture and how it affects a real fan. Lathan's Sidney serves as the narrator through this tale of best friends fighting their attraction to each other. As the movie

proceeds each one goes through huge life altering experiences, and they realize that it's only each other that can help to make it all better.

This love story is very real and three-dimensional, but it takes a while to get there. The movie has a great story, but it was executed quite wrong. The analogist to the hip-hop culture is a great angle and a very creative one, but it was brought to the screen awkwardly. The hip-hop history laced story seemed at points to be propaganda for the culture. And the love story seemed to be uncovered later. From the opening montage of early rappers such as Common, Slick Rick, and Big Daddy Kane stating when they first found hip-hop, the movie seems to throw hip-hop culture down the audience's throats.

But the love story, as stated before, has very good qualities. You root for these characters to be together even though they are both with other mates. Lathan's sweet aura, and Diggs' charm helps flesh out Sidney and Dre and makes them real to the audience. And with a supporting cast of Nicole Ari Parker, Boris Kodjoe, Queen Latifah, and Mos Def, the movie seems to have its funny and delightful moments that all romantic comedies have. And on top of that it's set in New York City, one of the greatest cities in the world.

This movie is something special. It has those moments of laughter and tears, and it brings a new face to African-Americans not seen very often in the theaters.

Is this just a movie for an African-



Internet Photo

Sanaa Lathan and Taye Diggs star in Fox Searchlight's production on the love of hip-hop, "Brown Sugar."

American audience? No, it has universal appeal, and it is recommended that everyone check this movie out. The love story is not the only reason

to see the movie: it does give great insight to hip-hop culture and its history. This is a must-see. Diggs and Lathan have a hit on their hands.

Georgia's poet laureate to visit GSU

Special to the G-A

Georgia Poet Laureate David Bottoms will make three appearances at Georgia Southern University on Monday, October 21. The visit is part of the "Southern Says Thanks" series. All events are open to the University community and the general public.

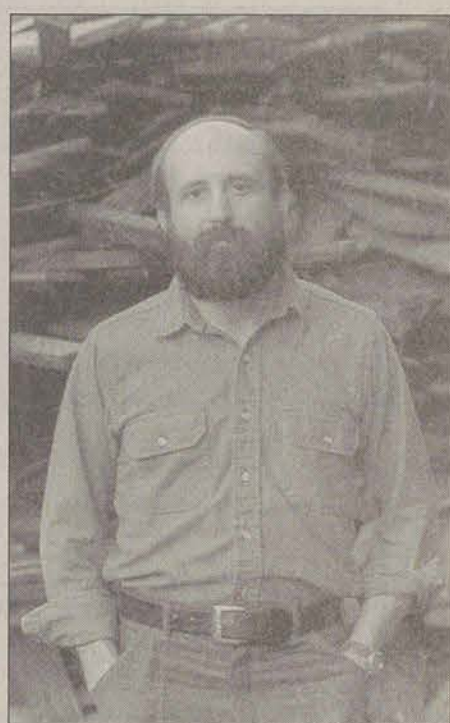
Bottoms will speak and read his poetry at noon at a luncheon at R.J.'s Seafood and Steaks, 434 South Main Street.

Later, Bottoms will be honored at a reception at the Georgia Southern University Museum from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. He will greet attendees and sign copies of his books, which will be on sale there.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Bottoms will speak and read his poetry at the College of Education Auditorium.

A professor of English at Georgia State University,

Bottoms was appointed Georgia Poet Laureate by Governor Roy Barnes in 2000. The Canton, Ga. native has received many honors, including the Walt Whitman Award, the Levinson Prize, an Ingram-Merrill Award, an American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Award, and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. His poems have appeared in many magazines, including The Atlantic Monthly, Harper's, The Kenyon Review, The New Yorker, The Paris review, and the Southern Review. He has written several books of poetry, including "Vagrant Grace" and "Armored Hearts," and a novel, "Easter Weekend."



Internet Photo

David Bottoms, Georgia's Poet Laureate, will be in Statesboro at R.J.'s Seafood and Steaks on Oct. 21 to present some of his works to the community.

Elvis can't be dethroned: '30 #1 Hits' stays at #1

KRT Campus

Ladies and gentlemen, Elvis still hasn't left the building.

For the third consecutive week, "Elvis 30 #1 Hits" holds the No. 1 crown on the Billboard Top 200 Album chart, this week beating the group insiders had expected to swipe that spot: Bon Jovi.

The New Jersey-based band's latest album, "Bounce," sold nearly one-quarter fewer copies than Elvis' latest -- 159,798 to 205,328 -- putting them at a distant No. 2. Still, this beats the opening-week numbers of Bon Jovi's previous album, 2000's "Crush," which lit up bar-code readers 120,000 times in its first week. That disk went on to sell 1.8 million copies.

The other big debut this week came from another longtime rocker, Tom Petty. The 48-year-old singer opened at No. 9 with

"The Last DJ," based on 74,396 copies sold. This even though the album's lyrics bite the hand that feeds its sales: radio.

Two younger acts also enjoyed notable openings this week.



The Chicago-based three-man rock band Chevelle took No. 14 with their sophomore work, "Wonder What's Next." The metal-leaning platter sold 60,637 copies, more than Chevelle's 1999 debut album has sold in total (50,000). That effort opened with a piddling 400 copies pushed.

The progressive rap act Jurassic 5 also greatly outpaced the start of its previous work. The new "Power in Numbers" opened at No. 15 with 59,295 copies sold, nearly double the initial figures of its first album.

Meanwhile, two women better known from the world of acting had worthy debuts. Jennifer Love Hewitt's "Barenaked," starts at No. 37 with 27,117 copies moved, while Heather Headley, of Broadway's "Aida," pushed 26,055 copies of "This Is Who I Am," landing just one slot below Hewitt.

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