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'Bowling for Columbine,' a film about gun control by political humorist Michael Moore, is now open in select theaters across the country.

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• Showing of 'Croupier'  
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## Sniper shootings cause widespread fear



KRT Campus

A patron stands close to her vehicle as she fills up with gas at a station in Fairfax, Va. The station has hung a tarp to let customers feel safer from a sniper who has killed nine and wounded two others in less than three weeks in the Washington, D.C. area.

## GSU students anxious despite distance, expert statistics

By Christopher Johnson  
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With the nation's attention focused on the Washington D.C. area, many citizens are afraid that a madman could terrorize other parts of the nation.

"It makes you think," said Lauren Roberson, a junior English and History major at GSU. "What's keeping someone from doing something like this in Atlanta or Savannah?"

"People can be sick, and some just have issues. So you just never know," added Tracy Hall, a freshman pre-business major.

But according to Dr. Charles Burruss, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, the chance of

dying at the hands of a serial killer is slim.

"You are more likely to get hit by lightning, several times, than be the victim of a serial killer," Burruss said.

While the statistics say the average person is safe, the media blitz surrounding this case has stirred up fear in the nation's citizens. So far, investigators have been unable to quell these fears.

According to an article in the October 21 issue of U.S. News and World Report, authorities have little evidence to go on and cannot say that they are even

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## Recent shooting bears sniper trademarks

Associated Press

ASHLAND, Va. — A 37-year-old man clung to life Sunday as police combed a 2- to 3-mile radius around the Ponderosa restaurant where he was shot. The attack bore similarities to a series of Washington-area sniper attacks.

The shooting occurred as the victim and his wife were leaving the restaurant near Interstate 95 about 90 miles south of Washington about 8 p.m. EDT Saturday, said authorities. As they walked through the dimly lit parking lot, the woman heard a noise she thought was a car backfiring, officials said.

"About that time her husband declared he had been shot and went to his knees," said Col. Stuart Cook, the Hanover County Sheriff.

Police described the couple as out-of-towners who had pulled off the highway "to get gas and something to eat."

Witnesses said a single shot was fired from a wooded tree line behind the restaurant, but nobody saw the shooter or any vehicle he may have fled in, Ashland Police Chief Frederic Pleasants Jr. said.

Only a single shot was fired in the D.C.-area attacks, police have said.

Doctors at the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond removed the man's spleen and parts of his stomach and pancreas during three hours of surgery.

"We did not see any bullet fragments," said Dr. Rao Ivatury who performed the surgery. "But we did not go after the bullet because the patient was not very stable at that time."

Ivatury said the victim was in very critical condition, but said his chances were "fair to good" because he was young and in good health.

He said the man was conscious and could respond to people by

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KRT Campus

Police officers gather tape that marked off the parking lot of Ponderosa restaurant in Ashland, Virginia, where a 37-year-old man was shot, possibly by a sniper, on Saturday.

## Scrambled Southern history:

Dr. David Goldfield visits to debunk a few misconceptions

By Shana Bridges  
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Dr. David Goldfield wants to set the record straight. No more Southern disillusionment.

Goldfield, who is the chair of the Department of History at University of North Carolina at Charlotte, was the speaker for the Twelfth Annual Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Lecture Series held in the Union Ballroom on October 16-17.

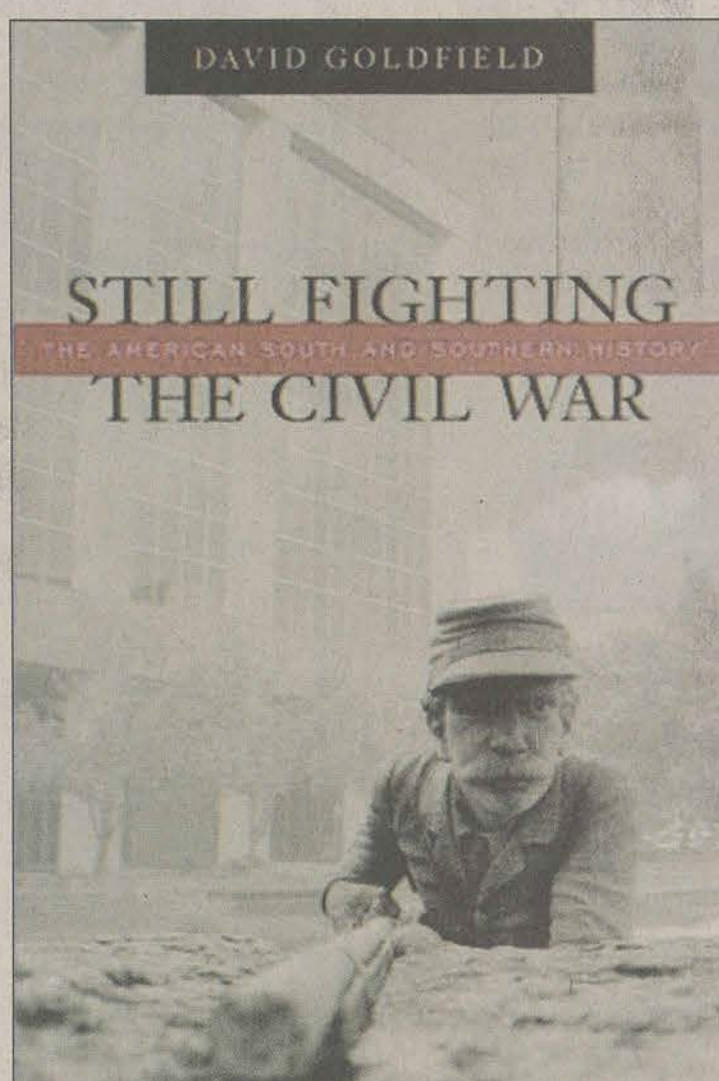
His lecture focused on the disenchanted history that white Southerners proposed after the Civil War. He discussed how these post-war Southerners struggled to maintain the way of life that was the "Old South."

"When the young men came home from the [Civil] war, they entered a time and place they no longer knew," said Goldfield. "The Old South — that time before the war when slavery, prosperity, life and families seemed eternal — had vanished."

According to Goldfield, white Southerners glorified the war as an attempt to redeem themselves in the wake of such a horrific loss.

"What united white Southerners [after the Civil War] was their experience of the war

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Special Photo

'Still Fighting the Civil War: The American South and Southern History,' the most recent book by Dr. David Goldfield, goes into Southern history with greater depth.

## Poet Laureate speaks at GSU and local restaurant

By Christopher Johnson  
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David Bottoms, Poet Laureate of the state of Georgia, will give a public reading tonight in the College of Education Auditorium.

Bottoms, whose work has appeared widely in magazines such as "The New Yorker," "The Atlantic," and "The Paris Review," will begin reading at 6:30 p.m.

At noon, Bottoms will also be speak at R.J.'s Seafood and Steaks at 434 South Main Street. Bottoms will also be at the GSU Museum between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. for a reception that will give attendees an opportunity to meet the author and have him sign books.

Bottoms was chosen by Robert Penn Warren for the 1979 Walt Whitman award for his collection "Shooting Rats at the Bibb County Dump."

His latest work, a collaboration with photographer Diane Kirkland, is titled "Oglethorpe's Dream" and has been described by Michael Boylan of The Citizen News as a "stunning portrait of the lands, waters, culture and people of Georgia."

Edward Byrne, professor of English at Valparaiso University, says "Bottoms' poems have always carried a strong sense of authenticity . . . as they carefully catalog even the most ordinary items in everyday life, yet present them in a lyrical language that lends an elegance to everything that matters."

Bottoms was born in Canton, Georgia in 1949 and received a Ph.D. in English from Florida State University. He is currently a professor creative writing and poetry at Georgia State University.

He has conducted workshops and read at over 150 colleges in the United States as well as the Guggenheim Museum and the Library of Congress.

Bottoms has published four collections of poetry, as well as two novels. He has received many honors and awards, including 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.

Gov. Roy Barnes appointed him Georgia's Poet Laureate in 2000.



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remotely close to apprehending the sniper.

What authorities do have, however, are three evolving profiles of the killer. One possibility, according to Candice DeLong, a former FBI profiler, is that the killer is an "aggressive hunter," bent on proving something to someone.

Another possibility is that the killer is actually not a killer, but a group of teenage killers, fueled by the same anger that led to shootings at Columbine High School in 1999.

Finally, Northeastern University Criminologist Dr. James Alan Fox, sees the shooter as a typical serial killer.

"It's probably some introverted guy living by himself, working by himself, living out the ultimate fantasy," Fox said.

These very different, very vague pictures have done little to help investigators so far, and according to GSU psychology professor Dr. James Pugh, they probably won't ever offer any help.

"The problem with profiles is that they are so vague," Pugh said. "He could be a loner, just like thousands of other people."

So does this mean that there are thousands of madmen that walk amongst us? Is the average citizen really safe walking across a parking lot or taking the bus to school?

Dr. Burruss thinks so.

"This type of crime is extremely rare," he said. "These crimes do not just happen anywhere."

The police, at this point, are limited in what they can do to apprehend the killer. So they will continue to follow their everyday routines. This is how most serial murderers are caught, Burruss said.

Police pay extra attention to things like reports of odd behavior or speeding violations, expert say. Until the killer is caught, an anxious public will wait and pray that soon this killer, the latest edition to the nation's long list of serial murderers, will finally be brought to justice.

### GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 1ST-31ST, 2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JODI: THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD

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Tuesday, October 22nd

Russell Union, Room 2084

7:00 pm

#### SOCIETAL MISCONCEPTIONS OF GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDERED PERSONS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Facilitator: Dr. Nathan Pino, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology Dept.

Join us for a frank and open discussion of GLBT issues. Topics to include societal myths, historical perspectives of "gay" societies and what defines a person as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

Wednesday, October 23rd

Russell Union, Room 2041

7:00 pm

#### HALLOWEEN NIGHT FILM: THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW is an outrageous assemblage of stereotyped science fiction movies, Marvel comics, and rock n' roll. Running through the story is the sexual confusion of two middle American kids confronted by the decadent morality of the 70's. Join us for this cult classic. You won't want to miss the antics of the zany and mad Dr. Frank N. Furter.

Thursday, October 31st

Multicultural Student Center • Rosenwald Building, Suite 1065 • 681-5409 • Georgia Southern Univ.

## Police Beat

# Two men arrested on drug charges after man is stabbed at gas station

### From Staff Reports

Statesboro Police officers arrested a man Thursday on charges of aggravated assault and possession of marijuana and cocaine with intent to distribute, following interviews with a man who had been stabbed the previous day.

Another man was arrested on similar drug charges.

Hugh Anthony Poirier was arrested and charged with the assault and drug charges, and Tomaine R. Hills was arrested on the intent to distribute charges. Both men were transported to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Dept. jail where they are currently being held pending bond.

Police were called to East Georgia Regional Medical Center in reference to an aggravated assault. Detective Terry Briley was notified and responded to the hospital, where interviews were conducted with Travis Jackson of Statesboro, who had received a stab wound to his left side while involved in a physical altercation at the One Stop Shop on West Main Street.

After interviews with the victim and witnesses and evidence was collected, officers were led to No. 160 Park Place where Briley, Craig Coleman, Rob Bryan and officers arrested Poirier for aggravated assault.

While at the apartment, a heavy smell of marijuana was detected and a small amount of marijuana was located in plain view.

A subsequent search of the apartment resulted in the seizure of approximately 5 pounds of marijuana valued at approximately \$9,000, 38 crack cocaine rocks valued at approximately \$1,000, a home computer and \$320 in cash.

Hills, the lone resident of No. 160 Park Place, was also arrested for the drugs.

The victim, Travis Jackson,

remains at East Georgia Regional Medical Center for treatment and observation.

### GSU Police Dept.

10-17-2002

• Stuart Marion reported someone broke the living room window in the ATO House on Olympic Boulevard.

• A resident of Veazey Hall reported the theft of a bicycle.

• A student reported someone took a cell phone and several keys from a book bag in the Henderson Library.

• An employee reported someone poured paint on the walls and steps of the third and fourth floor stairwells in the Foy Building.

• Officers issued six traffic citations and three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, and assisted three motorists.

10-16-2002

• Jason Scott Alicea, 24, of 378 Marshview Drive, Richmond Hill, Ga., was charged with DUI.

• Officers responded to a dispute at Dorman Hall.

• Officers issued three traffic citations and one traffic warning, and assisted three motorists.

10-15-2002

• An employee reported five Gateway laptop computers were missing from Anderson Hall.

• Officers issued two traffic warnings, worked one traffic accident and assisted five motorists.

10-14-2002

• Randy Goodman Jr., 22, of 496 Shady Grove Estates, Statesboro, was charged with driving with suspended license and failure to obey a traffic control device.

• An employee reported someone took her wallet from her purse in the Hollis Building.

• A Chandler Road resident reported a cell phone was missing from the ROTC Building.

• Officers issued three traffic citations and four traffic warnings, worked two traffic accidents, assisted nine motorists, and responded to one fire alarm.

**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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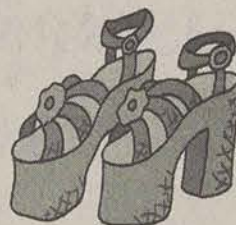
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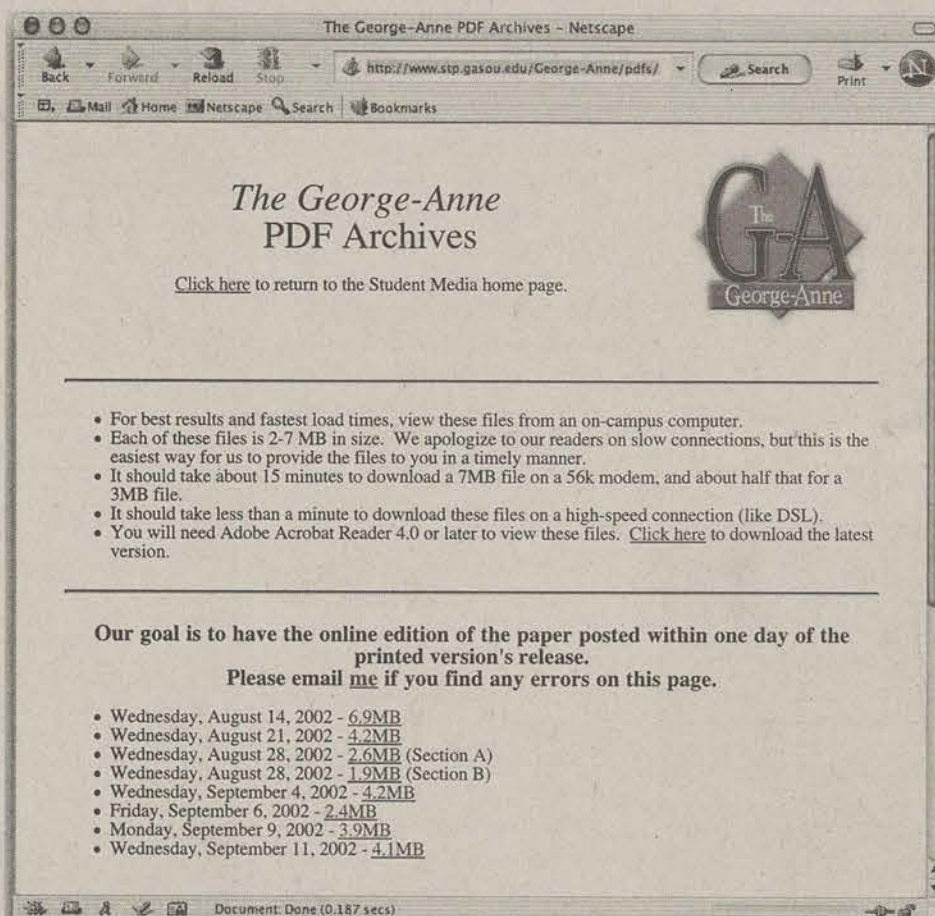
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# Georgia Southern biologists receive \$35k grant to study marine life off state's coast

G-A News Service

Three Georgia Southern biology professors are conducting research beneath the ocean off Georgia's coast as part of a project to study the bottom-dwelling invertebrates and fishes of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary.

The project is funded by a recently received \$35,000 grant from the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

"The ultimate goal of the study is to develop a web-based field guide that can be used by both scientists and sport divers alike," said Steven Vives, one of the three researchers and chair of Georgia Southern's biology department.

The other biologists involved in the project are Daniel Gleason and Alan Harvey.

## Addressing 'knowledge gap'

"This grant will allow us to address a knowledge-gap that has hampered Sanctuary personnel in their attempts to develop management plans for Gray's Reef," Vives said.

Scientists and other commercial and recreational users of Gray's Reef participated in management plan workshops during 2001 and 2002. They reached a clear consensus that accurate and up-to-date identification resources would help research projects investigating the dynamics of that area.

As a result, efforts to consolidate existing information and provide accurate descriptions of the marine life of the Gray's Reef area were targeted as a high priority.

"Although considerable effort has been expended in the study of bottom-dwelling organisms of Gray's Reef, the information is scattered and not easily accessed," said Harvey. "It is clear that consolidating and organizing past literature and collections will be of substantial benefit to the scientific community."

## Great place

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary is one of the largest near shore live-bottom reefs off the coast of



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—Steven Vives, GSU biologist

Georgia and is a popular recreational fishing and sport diving destination. It is located 17.5 nautical miles off Sapelo Island and encompasses 17 square nautical miles.

Gray's Reef contains a complex habitat of caves, burrows, troughs and overhangs that house invertebrates such as sponges, barnacles, sea fans, hard coral, sea stars, crabs, lobsters, snails and shrimp.

This rocky platform also attracts numerous species of fishes including black sea bass, snapper, grouper and mackerel.

## Off to a good start

"Our ultimate goal is to construct comprehensive and illustrated identification keys, usable by both specialists and non-specialists, of the Gray's Reef bottom-dwelling invertebrate and fishes," said Vives. "Accomplishing this goal requires us to establish a museum collection of as many invertebrates and fishes as possible."

The three Georgia Southern biologists made a good start this past

summer through a collaborative effort with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Greg McFall, a scientist at Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary.

Gleason and Vives led a week-long expedition on the EPA research vessel Peter W. Anderson to locate hard bottom areas off the coast of Georgia and collect samples of as many invertebrates and fishes as possible.

## Extremely successful

"This cruise, which was made possible through an agreement with Region 4 EPA Director Roland Ferry, was extremely successful, resulting in over 100 specimens that now are to be described and catalogued," said Gleason.

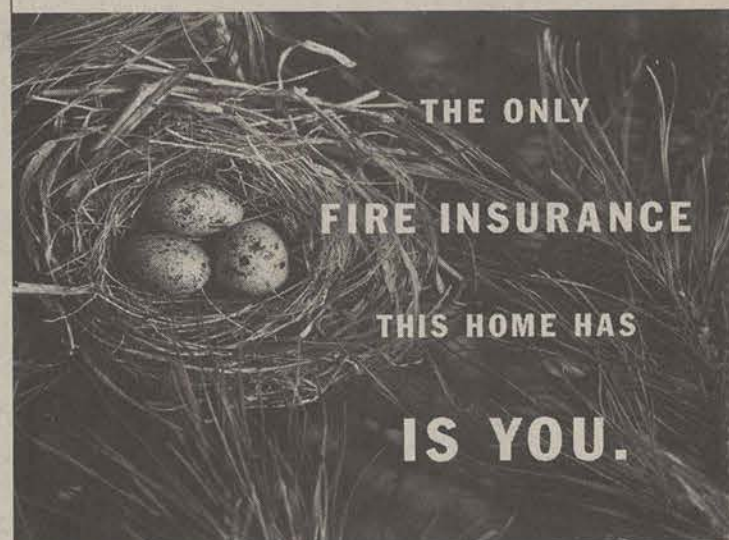
"We found four beautiful hard-bottom sites that were covered with living organisms."

"These areas exceeded our expectations, and we believe we may have even found three or four species of sponges that have never been described before."

The collection is being housed in the Department of Biology at GSU and will be expanded as new specimens appear. The general public will be able to view many of the specimens this coming summer.

GSU biologist Danny Gleason confronts a black sea bass off the coast of Georgia. Gleason and two other university professors received a \$35k grant from the National Marine Sanctuary Program to study bottom-dwelling invertebrates off Gray's Reef.

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### Mon 21 Panel Discussion

Russell Union Commons Area 7-9pm

Join in the controversial topics of Africa. The panel will consist of GSU faculty and students. The main topic of discussion is the Unification of Africa. Join the panel to talk about the economies and politics of the unification. And also about Africa transition to democracy.

### Tue 22 Cultural Night

Russell Union Ballroom 6-9

Come experience and participate in African inspired stories, poetry and drama.

### Wed 23 Food Tasting

Russell Union Common area 11-2

Taste authentic African dishes such as Jollof rice, rice bread, plantains meat pies.

### Thu 24 Art Exhibit

Russell Union Common Area 11-3

Enjoy the display of African Craftsmanship. See Art from Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, Cameroon and other African Countries.

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## Southern Slam Poetry Jam

# Auditions

Thursday October 24 @ 8:00p.m.

Russell Union Room 2071

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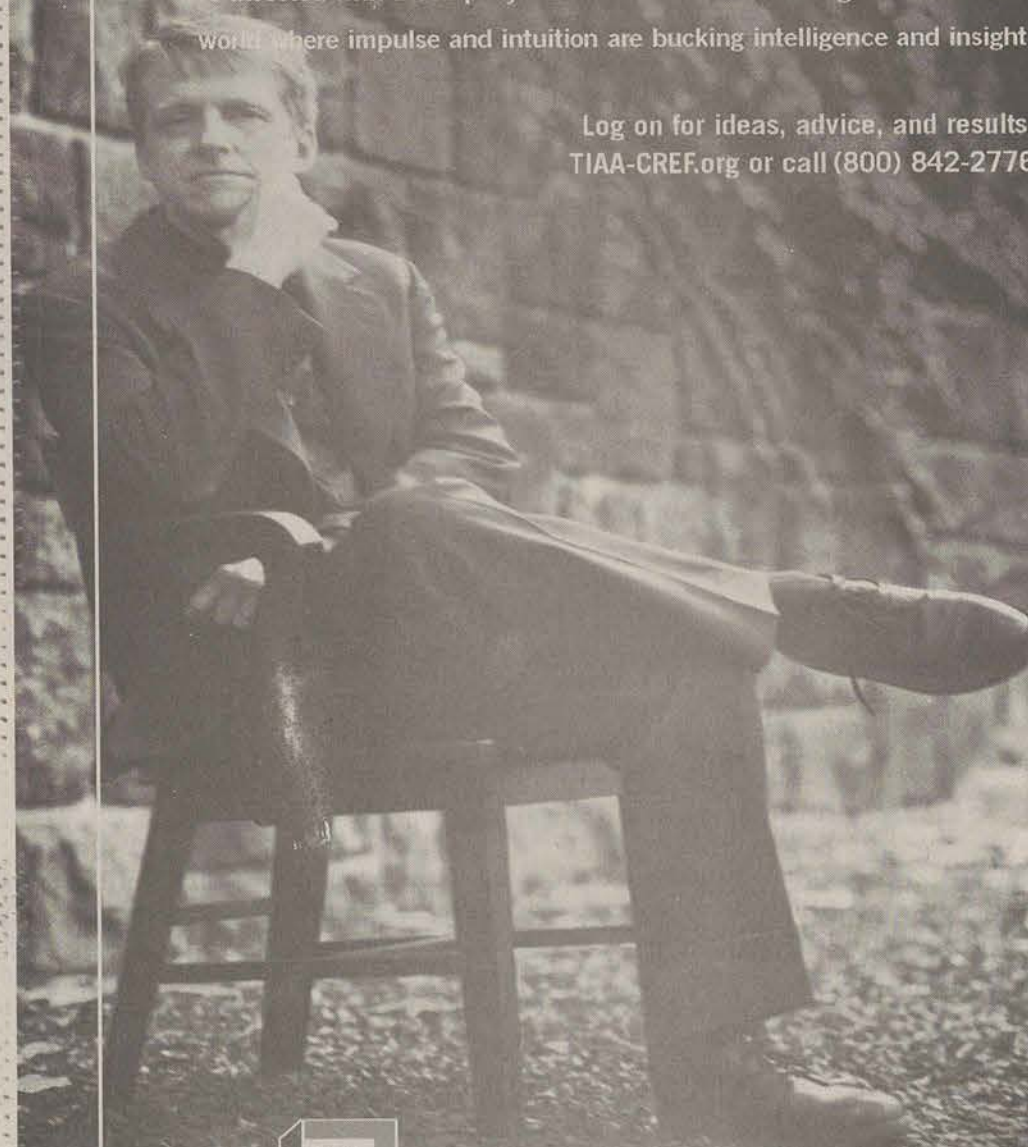
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## Economist Robert Shiller wonders why

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# OPINIONS

## OUR OPINION

### Eagles win despite lack of student support

The George-Anne would like to hand out a big "I told ya so" to all the fans, students, and whoever else that doubted GSU Football after the first few games this year.

The Appalachian State Mountaineers, a team that is highly ranked and was highly favored in Saturday's game, received a thorough lashing Saturday from our Eagles. Even without our top two defensive players - Freddy Pasquiera and Michael Ward - the Eagles feasted like vultures on Mountaineer blood.

Unfortunately, most of you students were unable to roll out of bed by two o'clock to make it to a 3:30 p.m. kickoff. A decent number of students were in attendance, and to those, thanks for showing support. Sadly though, many of you have turned your backs on our Eagles, a team undergoing the process of rebuilding. And anyone who knows anything about rebuilding is aware that this is a time when support is most needed.

Most of you will see the 36-20 score, and think the game was relatively close. Well, we've got news for you. The game was in our control throughout. GSU's momentum never really slowed down after Ant Williams ran the game-opening kickoff back 94 yards for a touchdown. GSU trailed only once in the game, by a score of 10-7, and that didn't last long.

Had you been at the game, you would have seen that the Eagles held a whopping 17-point lead for a large portion of the game, and not once did the Eagles leave room for worry.

The Mountaineers were utterly dominated. Dominated without Adrian Peterson. Dominated without J.R. Revere. Dominated without Paul Johnson. And dominated without the support of the vast majority of GSU students.

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Many modern religions have much to offer, but the requirements of membership include far too many exasperating practices and monetary expectations. Christians carry the weight of spreading the "good news" and supplying the funding for Sally Struthers to survive in the African wild among the natives. Muslim women are forbidden to show their faces. Buddhists spend years in meditation attempting to reach a state of Nirvana, and Nihilists are faced with the tiring task of believing in nothing.

Sure, there's a promise of something better once you die, but who can be absolutely sure about what awaits them until it's too late? Wouldn't you much rather be promised with something more tangible? I know I'd be sorely disappointed if I followed the strict rules and regulations of an organized religion during the short tenure of my life only to find out that the promises I was made when I signed up for said faith turned out to be empty ones. Sure, eternal gratitude for a life well done would be nice, but I'd much rather enjoy the pleasures of that life for all eternity. That's why I joined the Church of Nignok.

(1) In the eyes of Nignok there is no heaven or hell: only free satellite at Nignok's place for all eternity. (2) Only those who accept the teachings of Nignok are allowed to hang out at his place in the end. —Revelings, The Book of Nignok

On the first day of June in the year 2002 at 4:15 p.m., Nignok revealed himself to three ordinary people as they browsed through a store in the shopping mall. These three individuals became what is now referred to as the "Inner Circle" in the Church of Nignok: The Highest Priest, David; The High Priest and Great Theologian, Chris; and High Priestess, Tiffany.

(6) The light of Nignok washed over their faces like the ocean upon the sandy beaches.

(7) "I reveal myself to you three. You will be known as the Inner Circle in the church that you will create for me. Go now, and do as I command."

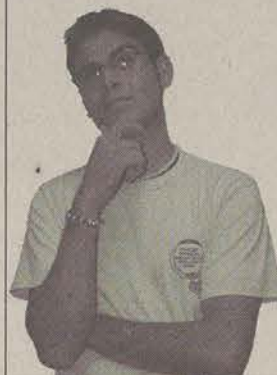
(8) And so the three members of the Inner Circle took him up, and built a great altar in his name. —Revelings, The Book of Nignok

Nignok never once demanded that his name be spread throughout the world. Only those who were interested would be asked to join, and his name and teachings would not be imposed on others. His great altar still stands to this day, placed atop the television set, surrounded by candles and offerings.

So who is this Nignok, and why should we follow him?

Nignok is half man, half elephant. He lacks infinite intelligence, and despite his love for mankind, hates telemarketers. But for all that he's short of, Nignok makes up in his enormous house, 60-inch plasma screen, 500-channel satellite television, fully furnished bar, and extra-large Jacuzzi. When you die, you go neither to heaven nor hell, only to Nignok's place. He doesn't expect you to forsake the faith into which you were born and

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become an idolater or infidel in his name.

(16) Accept that Nignok is a cool guy and you too will be saved. You will never miss the years of The Simpsons and Sex and the City as the series' progress after you expire. (17) TiVo will hold true, as will Nignok's promise of satellite television on a big screen for all eternity. —A Letter from The Great Theologian to the Brunei, Explanations, The Book of Nignok

So you see, turning to the Nignostik faith has no strings attached, no harsh commitment, and no empty promises. You have the distinct ability to never miss a television program: not even for death.

All you need to do now is commit a few important things to memory before you can be fully accepted into the church. Nignok has three items of great importance to him. Always keep these in mind, for they will help you in keeping him happy when you find yourself on his leather sofa in the afterlife.

#### Nignok's Three Favorite Things:

1. Cigarettes (Kool's)
2. Ice Cream (Bubble Gum Flavored)
3. Soft-Core Pornography

Within the boundaries of universal balance, Nignok also has three things that greatly anger him. You must also always keep these in mind, for who would want to make a host angry in his own house?

#### The Three Great Things That Anger Nignok:

1. Misspelling his name
2. Changing the channel on TV when he is watching his favorite show, 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven
3. Contradicting the Inner Circle

If you simply act within these boundaries once you arrive at the great paradise that is Nignok's home, you will have a comfortable and happily-lived eternity. However, if you at any time break these rules, Nignok will expel you from the premises, and you will be forced to take your soul to the pearly gates and harps of Heaven, or the fiery pits of Hell.

But what would a deity be without the great deeds he's performed? Nignok has demonstrated his powers on only three occasions, but upon those fateful happenings, the wonderment of his power rests.

#### The Three Great Feats of Nignok:

1. The creation of a pretzel-shaped rainbow
  2. The transformation of 36 frat boy's penises into Jell-O
  3. The playing of a perfect game of golf
- Yes, any great man must have done something to gain his

prestige, and Nignok has done his share. But there is much more to the man behind the satellite TV. Nignok brought upon this land three gifts to show for his excellence.

#### The Three Gifts of Nignok

1. The Inner Circle
2. Penguins
3. Puppy-breath

Who doesn't stare in amazement at the pure elegance of a penguin's form? The sleek, slender body and long, curvaceous beak speak for the utter genius of Nignok. And where would we all have been as children without the warm, sticky breath of a small, adorable ball of fur and happiness we like to call puppies?

Now that you know what Nignok has done for us already, you can now know his only teaching. He researched for years the many different religions, faiths, and teachings of the many God's, prophets, and soapbox stand-ups. Day and night he scanned the pages of all of the teachings ever written. Any human would have failed miserably at the daunting task of attempting to find perfection, but Nignok was persistent. After 18 years of study, Nignok found meaning:

(67) And he emerged from the porcelain chamber as the water was flushed through the blessed pipes. A grin upon his face, and a great scroll in his hand. He unrolled the huge document, and read it before all creation.

(68) "F\*\*\* it."

(69) His voice echoed throughout the hilltops, mountain ranges, and silicon valleys. All would be well with the world. —Teachings, The Book of Nignok

So there you have it. "F\*\*\* it." Nignok accomplished what all other god's have failed to do in the past. He has a single teaching that can be applied in all situations to any case, question or reasoning.

Nignok is an understanding god, a god that deals with the trials and tribulations just as we humans do. Sure, he has given us great gifts and performed great deeds, but he places himself upon no pedestal. I believe that the Great Theologian of the Inner Circle said it best in a letter contained within the book of Nignok:

(43) Many religions revolve around deities that are passive. They sit on high and watch the mortals, just, you know, hanging out. Not Nignok.

(44) Nignok is the god that will hang out with us. Sometimes, he'll bring some videos with him. They may be porn, sports, or a good action flick. You never know.

(45) And that is the beauty of Nignok.

(46) Let him crash at your place. Buy him lunch. It'll all be cool in the end. —A letter from the Great Theologian to the Mooninites, Justifications, The Book of Nignok

Join a faith of lasting greatness, good will, and 500 channels. You are welcome in the Church of Nignok, my brothers and sisters. You are welcome.

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STAR TRIBUNE



## YOUR OPINION:

This letter is in response to Sean Fell's letter to the editor about the K: drive which business students at GSU are forced to use. His letter was published in The George-Anne on Oct. 16.

Be thankful, be very thankful. I was appalled to read of the plight of the poor business students and their problems with the lack of K: drives. Please allow me to be the one to snap you back into reality, because obviously your expensive lavish surroundings have blinded you to what happens on the outside of your personalized palaces.

I think I might be able to speak for all the other students who, like me, have so much more to concern themselves in their academic buildings than the deficiency of some inadequate lab hours. I myself am a political science major with a minor in speech communication; so what does that tell all of you over-compensated business, technology, and education majors?

I spend 18 hours a week in the rundown Carroll Building, which you education students so readily passed down to us for

## Business students' complaints are nothing more than the privileged whining to the poor

better dwellings, and the Communication Arts building/trailer. For goodness sake, my building has wheels on it, and you have the nerve to complain because you are not satisfied with the availability of a computer lab?

Hell, let's be honest while you have the luxury of sitting in lecture halls and computer labs with names of sponsors on their doors, I get the great fortune of looking through the ceiling in a classroom and seeing the underside of a poorly constructed roof. We can't even get the University as a whole to sponsor a computer lab accessible for students in either of the two buildings.

And please don't allow me to elaborate on the daily predicament we face every day as we enter our humble halls of scholarship only to look out the window and see the construction a \$33 million dollar edifice while I pray daily that it won't rain and leave everyone in my classes soaked.

But I digress. Although we lack the obvious tangible advantages afforded those majors in the education, business, nursing,

and information technology departments, we more than make up for in our ability to leave this campus at the top of academics, involvement, and general campus well-being.

Only in these buildings will you find organizations like PRSSA, the Political Science Club, Prestige, and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society. Only in these halls will you find dedicated teachers like Drs. Mortensen, Pirro, and Geyerman and Graham who choose quality of education over quality of surroundings. Only in these walls will you find students who ignore their surroundings, pursue well-defined goals, and become the alumni that enter the professional world spreading the good works of Georgia Southern University to the world.

Here we don't go for what's easy or comfortable. We choose to challenge ourselves and overcome the trials we face. We are the best on this campus and we don't need a building, a computer lab, or sponsor support to tell us so.

**Nick Pearson**  
GSU student



## Some Americans, fed up with GOP and Democrats, turn to independents

Turned off by the traditional two parties, voters look for alternatives, particularly in Minnesota; another Jesse Ventura in the making?

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EDINA, Minn. — Like many Americans thinking ahead to November's elections, Cynthia Bemis Abrams is turned off by politics as usual from the two major political parties.

One is too liberal, the other too conservative, and both seem more interested in attacks than solutions, Abrams says.

The result: popular initiatives like government help with prescription drug prices are caught in partisan gridlock, voters are stuck with a choice between candidates they don't like, and the country faces another election with abysmally low turnout.

Unlike other Americans, however, Abrams has another choice, at least in the election for Minnesota's governor. With support from her and thousands like her, independent candidate Tim Penny is in a close race to win the governorship over well-known Democratic and Republican candidates.

Penny's election would be the second in a row for Minnesota independents, following the stunning win four years ago by former wrestler Jesse Ventura, who is retiring. Whether it would signal the enduring ascension



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Jesse Ventura has had an up-and-down term as Minnesota governor, but his election in 1998 has given hope to third-party candidates. Another independent is running for Minnesota's governorship this year.

of a third party is unknown.

But a Penny victory clearly would highlight the growing disillusionment with the two major parties in Minnesota and across the United States.

"It got to the point where I wouldn't vote," said Abrams, a public relations manager in the Minneapolis suburb of Edina. "I didn't feel my political philosophy was represented."

As a fiscal conservative, she said, she wasn't comfortable with the Democrats. As a social moderate, she didn't feel in sync with Republicans.

"The state has two polarized political parties," she said. "The environment is ripe for someone to walk in and take advantage of that. The whole

notion of a centrist, consensus builder like Penny is refreshing."

A former conservative Democratic member of Congress from southern Minnesota, Penny was a deficit hawk who walked away from politics in 1994 out of frustration at Congress's inability to end budget deficits.

Now, with the two major parties in decline and his state facing its own budget deficits and fiscal crisis, Penny has decided to jump back in.

Polls show him head-to-head-to head with Democrat Roger Moe, the majority leader in the state Senate, and Republican Tim Pawlenty, the Republican leader in the state House.

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opening his eyes and moving his extremities.

Ivatury said doctors expect to return the victim to the operating room later Sunday, and will attempt to retrieve the bullet at that time.

Investigators hope the bullet can be retrieved so experts can determine whether it was fired from the same rifle used in the string of sniper shootings in the Washington area that has left

nine people dead and two others wounded since October 2.

"We are acting as if it is," Cook told reporters Sunday. "We'll continue along that mode until it's proved that it is not."

If the shooting is confirmed as the work of the sniper, it would be the first attack since Monday and the first on a weekend.

Cook would not detail what kind of forensics tests were being conducted in lieu of an attempt to

match the ballistics of the shooting to the previous attacks, but said that "all available forensic abilities" were being used by the agencies involved in the investigation.

Between 150 and 200 officers searched for clues Sunday near the scene of the shooting.

Traffic was at a standstill on sections of Interstate 95 and Routes 1 and 54.

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and Reconstruction and how they interpreted that experience," he stated.

The South formed a collective memory to recount and justify reasons for the war, as well as justifying their perception of the North and of African Americans. However, Goldfield called this white Southern collective memory "selective." Whites used the memory to exalt the Old South and to further separate themselves from the African American population.

"It [white Southern collective memory] literally white-washed the Old South and buried the tragedy of human bondage," Goldfield points out.

Goldfield also discussed that history scholars of the time actually served to perpetuate this skewed version of history. According to him, Margaret Mitchell consulted with history scholars during her research for "Gone with the Wind." Goldfield said that "her book, and later the movie, depicted the latest scholarly interpretations flawlessly."

According to Goldfield, white history made no room for African Americans. While whites were erecting monuments in honor of their fallen Confederate heroes, blacks were struggling to voice their own history and to redeem their worth in the eyes of their community and their children.

"African Americans were ghosts, figments of white perceptions, with a past devised by whites and a future determined by that past," Goldfield

concluded.

However, he also highlighted African American strides to find their own presence in the history books.

"The Civil Rights Movement was a defining moment of Southern history in the twentieth century, as the Civil War had been for the nineteenth century," he stated. "In both cases, new historical perspectives emerged. For black Southerners, the Civil Rights Movement demonstrated the opportunity to voice a collective opposition [to white Southern history]."

Goldfield concluded his intricate lecture by saying that the answer to the question "Whose Southern History is it Anyway?" should be "everyone's."

Goldfield received his B.A. from Brooklyn College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He has authored, co-authored or co-

edited eleven books and over forty-one articles and essays in scholarly journals and collective works.

Goldfield's most recent book, "Still Fighting the Civil War: The American South and Southern History" received the award for Best New Book in Southern Studies. He has received numerous other awards and honors including the Mayflower Cup Award for Non-Fiction and the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies, Uppsala University.

Goldfield is the consultant for the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the A & E Network, and the Museum of the New South. Additionally, Goldfield is a well-traveled lecturer, speaking in countries like Poland, Denmark, Germany, and England.

### 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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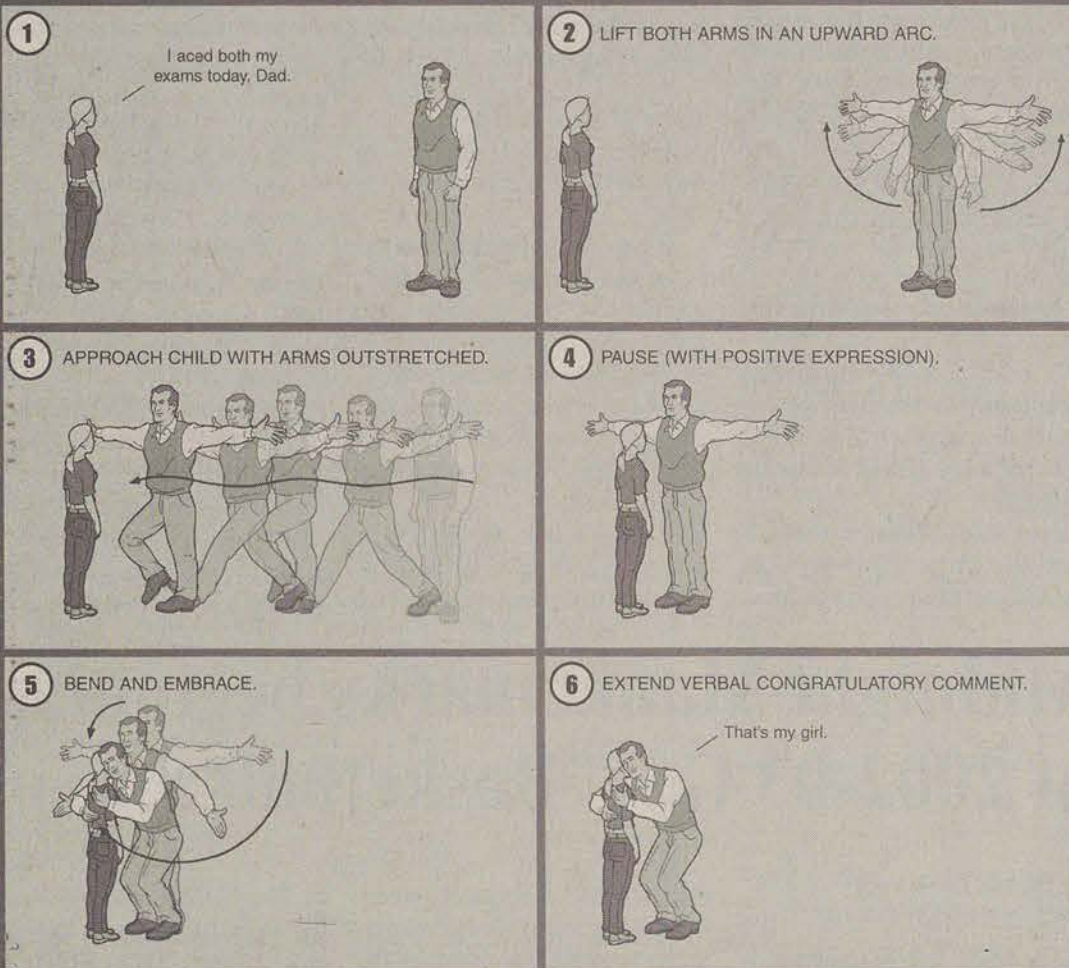
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*With a 36-20 victory over App. State, the Eagles move to number one in the Southern Conference*

By Eli Boorstein  
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After the Georgia Southern football team fell to Wofford on Sept. 21 to drop their record to 1-2, some fans decided to write the Eagles' epitaph early and considered this a rebuilding year for the team.

What a difference a month makes.

In front of a Paulson Stadium crowd of 15,146, 13<sup>th</sup>-ranked Georgia Southern took over first place in the Southern Conference, triumphing over third-ranked Appalachian State 36-20 Saturday afternoon. The 16-point victory was the Eagles' most lopsided victory over the Mountaineers in the "modern era" since 1982.

Further showing his fleet of foot, kick returner Ant Williams returned the game-opening kickoff 93 yards for the touchdown. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown for the Eagles (5-2, 4-1 SoCon) since Bennie Cunningham returned one for 89 yards against Oregon State on Sept. 18, 1999.

"They came in with the tradition and swagger and thought they could beat us," remarked Eagle head coach Mike Sewak. "To spot up seven points on the opening kickoff must've been the furthest thing from [Appalachian State coach Jerry] Moore's mind."

Appalachian State (5-2, 3-1 SoCon) was then able to ride their running game to three points on their first possession. The Mountaineers marched down the field, covering 67 yards on 15 plays before Mark Wright booted a 28-yard field to cut the Eagle deficit to 7-3.

After a Jermaine Austin fumble, Appalachian State took advantage, going ahead 10-7 on a six-yard Joey Hoover touchdown run.

Georgia Southern grabbed the lead back, taking a 14-10 edge on a touchdown three minutes into the second quarter. On third down, quarterback Chaz Williams found slotback Zream Walden open in the middle, connecting with the senior for a 62-yard catch to bring the ball inside the Mountaineer redzone. Williams then finished up the rest, culminating with a quarterback keeper from one yard out.

After Appalachian State went three downs and out on their next possession, the Eagles added seven more points to make the score 21-10. With the ball at the Mountaineer 38, Austin broke loose towards the endzone, but tripped with one yard left to go. Williams then made the score official, strolling in for his second score of the quarter.

Georgia Southern closed out the first half scoring with a 36-yard field goal from Shelton with 3:12

remaining.

The third quarter was quiet on the offensive front as the only scoring came when Wright kicked a 27-yard field goal for Appalachian State to narrow their deficit to 24-13.

The Mountaineers opened the final quarter punting the ball away to the Eagle eight-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, slotback Mark Myers busted through for a record-setting 92-yard dash down the right side for the touchdown.

The run set a new Eagle mark for the longest run from scrimmage, one yard more than a 91-yard run from Adrian Peterson in 1998.

"I've been waiting all season for one of those," remarked Myers, a senior. "Zream [Walden] and my mom gave me the same advice: 'Be patient and it'll come to you.'"

The Mountaineers' Joe Burchette then showed the passing skills that made him one of the best signal callers in the conference, completing seven passes as he guided his team to the Eagle 21. Burchette ran the rest himself, reaching the endzone on a two-yard keeper to make the score 30-20.

Chaz Williams totaled 45 yards rushing alone on the Eagles' final possession, concluding with a touchdown with 34 seconds left to bring the score



Adam Bonner/STAFF

With nearly a full stadium, the 13<sup>th</sup> ranked Eagles took over first place in the SoCon with a 36-20 victory over App. State. The Eagles will be traveling to Charleston, SC to take on The Citadel next Saturday.

to 36-20. Georgia Southern chose not to attempt the extra-point as Williams took a knee.

For the second time this season, the Eagles were led by three 100-yard rushers as they compiled 437 yards of total offense. Austin, a redshirt freshman, led the way with 134 yards on the ground, followed by Williams at

119 and Myers at 107.

Georgia Southern also last had a trio of running backs reach the century mark on Sept. 7 when Austin, Williams, and Hakim Ford did it against Gardner-Webb.

The Georgia Southern defense, even with Freddy Pesquiera and Michael Ward both out with injuries,

was also key to the win, led by 11 tackles from Joe Scott and 10 from James Burchett. The Eagles also added seven tackles for loss, including three sacks.

Burchette, all-conference at quarterback, led the Mountaineers, completing 23-of-44 passes for 206 yards.

## CRI opens skate park on campus

By Dean Vickers  
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CRI finally held the grand opening of its new skate park Thursday, after the original planned grand opening was delayed one week because of rain.

Fortunately for the CRI staff and the skate park participants, the weather cooperated this time.

"I'm pleased with the turnout," said Steve Sanders, CRI's associate director of club sports. "Good weather this time."

Skateboarders, in-liners, and BMX riders took to the ramps all night long.

The two-hour Grand Opening was highlighted by many spectacular tricks and a few spills.

"Watching these guys go like this kind of makes you want to do it. But I'd have to practice first," said Jeremy Gill, a Graphic Designer for CRI.

The ceremony ended with a trick contest.

Each division of riders, skateboard, inline, and BMX, had competitors to see who had the best trick.

Dusty DuPree won the BMX contest; while Ohki Komoto won in skateboard, and Nick Johnson won the inline event with a back flip.

Although the Grand Opening was Thursday, the park has been open since Sept. 9.

The skate park has flourished even without the publicity of a Grand Opening, or a live radio broadcast.

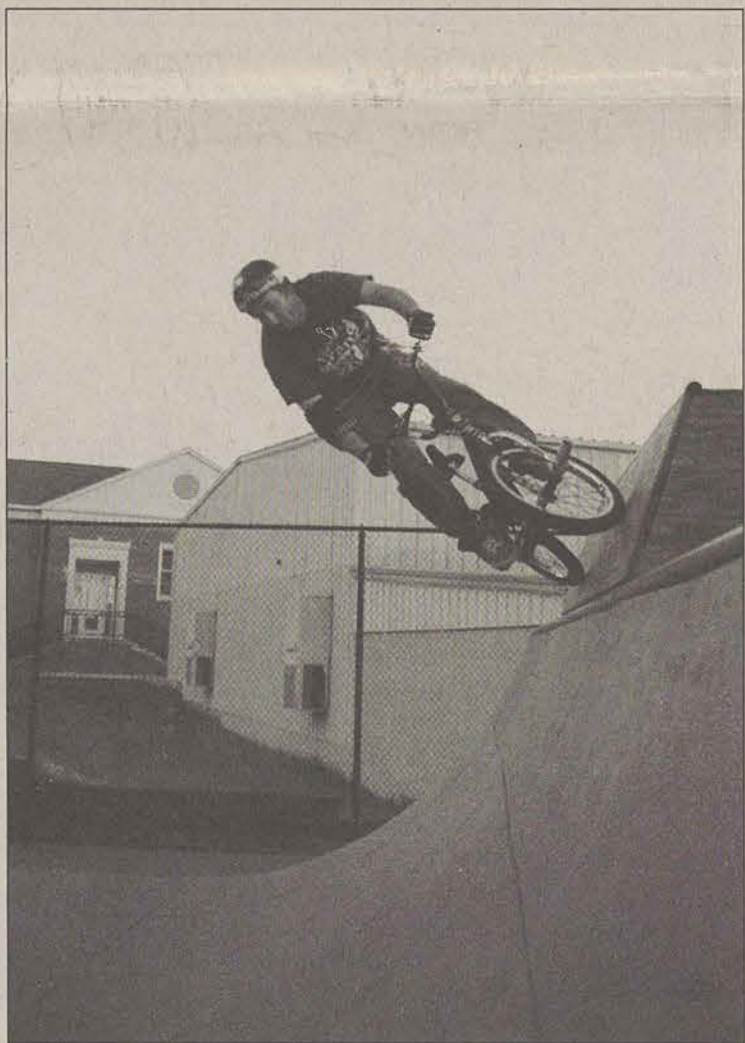
Ryan Cochell, a park employee, who was also instrumental in the park's conception, design, and building phases, is very happy with the success of the park.

"We've had something like 350 people return after their first trip," Cochell said. "A lot of people didn't know there were this many people involved in this stuff. Its kind of a subculture thing."

The creation of the skate park took many years. Steve Sanders recalls being approached six years ago by BMX riding students, and Cochell said the park is four years in the making.

The ball didn't really get rolling until Kyle Helbling, a skateboarder, started to interact with Sanders, and create a skate club.

Once the club was organized it was



Kevin Groeham/STAFF

Skateboarders, in-liners, and BMX riders took to the ramps showing off their tricks at the new skatepark.

just a matter of getting funding, which the club got through club fees and a grant of \$14,689 from SGA.

The park was then subcontracted

WVGS 91.9's radio shows "Mixed Nuts" broadcasted live from the skate park in an effort to help publicize the event.

"Mixed Nuts," a program with a punk, emo, and ska format set up shop outside the new CRI facility behind Hendricks Hall.

"We're out here trying to support the radio station and the skate park, trying to get people out," said Tom Long, a DJ for WVGS. "Everybody, it doesn't matter who it is."

The park is open for students Monday through Thursday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Operating hours for the community are Fridays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 12 m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. The skate park will be closed during all Georgia Southern home football games.

Participants of the skate park will have to sign a University Liability Waiver and subject to strict safety and equipment rules.

## Eagle slotbacks providing the spark

By Bo Fulginiti  
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Statistics don't always give Georgia Southern slotbacks enough credit.

Following Saturday's 36-20 victory over SoCon rival Appalachian State, the headlines were reserved for Eagle players like quarterback Chaz Williams (3 TD's), fullback Jermaine Austin (134 yards rushing), and receiver Ant Williams (93-yard opening kickoff return for a touchdown).

But in a season where GSU has struggled to find consistency from their young core unit, it was game-breaking plays from their two senior A-backs that helped gained the necessary momentum to defeat the conference-leading Mountaineers.

"The coaches know [the slotbacks] are talented," said Zream Walden. "Getting us the ball and letting things happen is always in the gameplan."

And on Saturday it was a gameplan that worked to perfection.

Recovering from a shaky first quarter when App. State took a 10-7 lead on a 74-yard rushing performance for running back Jerry Beard, head coach Mike Sewak turned to senior Zream Walden for a big play.

And Walden came up with a 62-yard reception that put the Eagles on the ASU 14-yardline and set them



Adam Bonner/STAFF

Nail in the coffin: Mark Myers' 92-yard touchdown run proved to be the defining moment in the Eagles' 36-20 victory over ASU.

up for the go-ahead score.

From that series on GSU took their 14-10 lead and never looked back.

But facing an ASU team notorious for second-half comebacks, it took a school record 92-yard touchdown run from their other senior slotback Mark Myers to help seal the deal.

"[Myers run] didn't slam the door, but it really hurt," said ASU coach Jerry Moore. "I wish we would have tackled him."

For weeks now one of the main questions coach Sewak has had to address is why the slotbacks have been

less involved in the Eagle offensive attack then in years past.

Saturday's performance was once again proof of how crucial the talent and experience of the A-backs is to the team's success, but to the slotbacks themselves they have finally accepted their role and now they are relishing in it.

"We have so much talent at this position, if we could find ways to get more involved in the offense there is no telling what plays we could make," said Mark Myers. "Sometimes it's just hard to get us the ball, but when we do get it you see the results."

## Midnight Mania marks beginning of 2002-03 GSU Basketball season

By Dennis Hightower  
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The 2002-03 school year has been a "New Beginning". First WVGS 91.9FM announce the theme over the summer and then SGA and Eagle Entertainment coined it for homecoming.

The phrase has passed over to Midnight Mania and the Georgia Southern Men's basketball team.

For the first time in its three-year existence, the event did not take place during homecoming. Secondly, there were new additions to the arena. A new scoreboard was added prior to this event.

A solid crowd saw the basketball team dressed as mobsters and the cheerleaders as the mobsters' girl-

friends. Two cheerleaders except Julius Jenkins escorted each player. Senior shooting guard received the biggest ovation and treatment. He was escorted by all of the Georgia Southern cheerleaders.

Coach Price was delighted about the tournament. "We (the team) appreciate them supporting us. The fans are going have fun when they see us for the (2002-03) season. They will be in for a real treat."

A treat it will be. The first game is November 13 against Team Georgia in an exhibition match-up at 7:30pm in Hanner. Their first regular season game is November 23 against John Jay in Orono, Maine. The first home regular season game is against North Georgia on November 30.

The 2002-03 schedule features big name opponents in Vanderbilt and Air Force. They will play 1-16 rival Savannah State twice this year (December 3 at SSU and December 30 in Hanner).

The Georgia Southern Eagles are picked to win the Southern Conference Southern Division after going 16-12 (9-7 first in the SoCon South).

GUS (GSU mascot) showed love to the crowd. Other festivities include a three-point shooting contest, slam-dunk contest, a half-court shot, and a blindfold money scavenger hunt. RHPC did a step show for the fans.

Southern Explosion and the Dyversion Dance team performed as well.



"It's a bug-eat-bug world out there..."  
—A Bug's Life

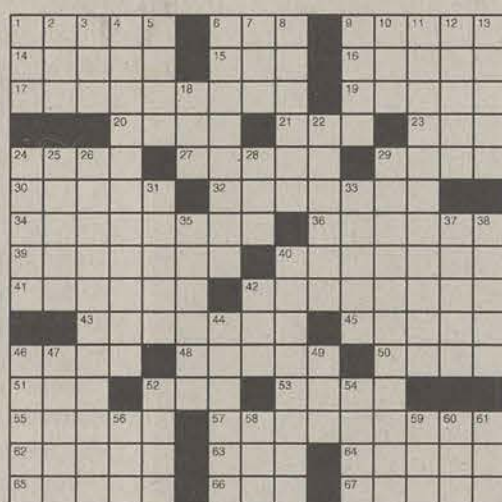
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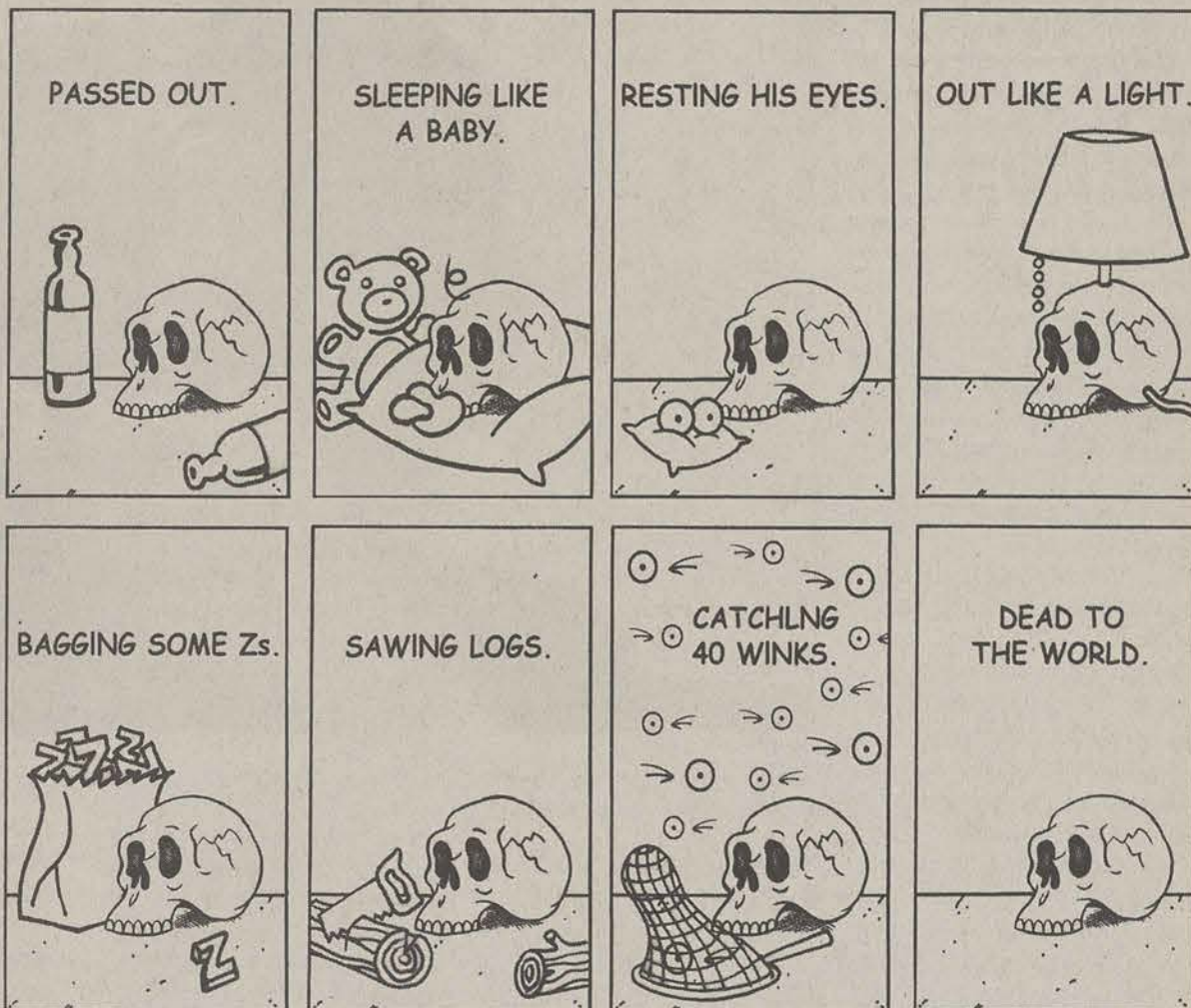
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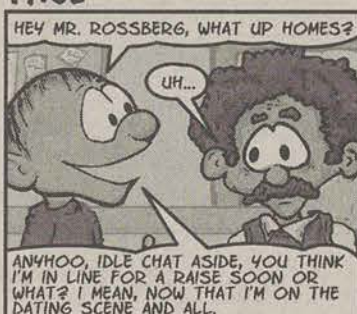
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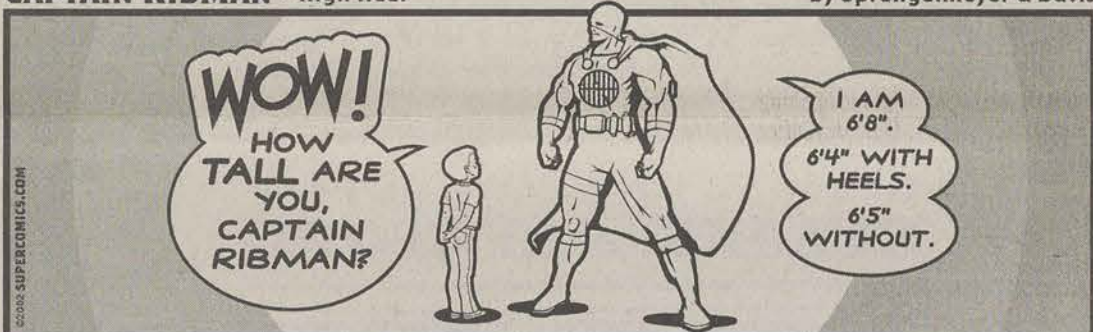
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## 'BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE': Award-winning filmmaker and America's favorite whistleblower Michael Moore takes a stand on gun control

Staff and Wire Reports

After speaking at GSU two years ago about his television show "The Awful Truth" as well as his NY Times Bestselling book "Downsize This," Michael Moore is still on a mission to humor America with his liberal zeal.

So far the humorist-provocateur has gone after, among other big game, General Motors, HMOs, Nike sweat shops and the funeral business. And in most cases the chubby David in the baseball cap and glasses has made these corporate Goliaths look shamefaced and smarmy. His weapons: laughter and a deceptively goofy, self-deprecating manner. Mike Wallace, he ain't.

In "Bowling for Columbine," the modern-day muckraker ("Roger & Me," TV's "The Awful Truth") takes on his most formidable foe yet: the American psyche. In what he calls his magnum opus - a three-year project that combines newsreels, "South Park"-like animation and his signature ambush interviews - Moore lays blame for the Columbine High School massacre and, indeed, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, at the feet of a culture that buys guns at an unparalleled rate to protect itself from everything it doesn't understand.

"We could get rid of all our guns and enact a bunch of strong gun-control laws, and we would still have that shared American psyche," Moore, 48, said after a sold-out screening at the Toronto International Film Festival. "We would still have that common fear that the 'other' is going to harm us. As long as we feel this way, we'll continue to resolve our disputes in a violent way, think of violence first instead of peaceful negotiation or compromise."

But "Bowling for Columbine" isn't just a gun-control movie, Moore insists. "This is a film about America - master and victim of violence. And what we need to do to change this,



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Michael Moore takes aim at the epidemic of fear and the subject of gun control in America in United Artists and Alliance Atlantis' award-winning documentary, 'Bowling for Columbine.'

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An expert marksman himself as well as a card-carrying member of the Flint, Mich., chapter of the National Rifle Association, Moore has used his camera to take on the NRA, as well as stores that sell discount ammo. "Bowling" climaxes with Moore taking two young victims of Columbine to K mart corporate headquarters and getting the chain to "phase out" bullets from its inventory.

From there, Moore and his video crew pay NRA President Charlton Heston a call at his gated Los Angeles estate. Heston, obviously uneasy, lets slip that he thinks Americans are violent by nature because of the problem of "mixed ethnicity." It's a shocking observation that never fails to bring gasps from audience members, Moore said.

"I was shocked when he said that," he continued. "There's a racial thread that goes through this film and leads up to that moment. The underpinning of our collective fear is based on racism. So, for him to volunteer this ..."

It's all the more amazing because it almost didn't happen. After attempting unsuccessfully to nab Heston through his agent, lawyer and manager, Moore had decided to end the film with the Columbine survivors bringing K mart to its knees. But then a production assistant suggested buying a \$7 "Map to the Homes of the Stars." Moore wound up at Heston's gate.

"If you look at that scene, you can tell we weren't prepared," Moore said. "The cameraman is in the van, shooting through a dirty windshield. Fortunately, I still had my microphone in my vest pocket. I just rang

the buzzer, and out of that little box came the voice of Moses. You can hear my voice shaking." Heston, also from Michigan, agreed to meet with Moore the next day.

When Moore refused to let the "mixed ethnicity" remark slide, Heston terminated the interview and left the room. He has, in the months since, announced he has "Alzheimer's-like symptoms." Does Moore, who can find a conspiracy in a church bake-off, see a cause-and-effect correlation there?

"I've been asked by the studio not to comment on that. All I can say is he was sharp as a tack with me. I think the question is: Why did he let me in in the first place? Probably because these guys are so strong in their beliefs, they'll debate anybody."

Moore taking the Fifth? That's a switch.

"I don't know anything about

his health," he protested. "Anybody who tells me he has a disease, I take him at his word and I wish him the best ... But when I ask him about the 'ethnicity' thing, you can see a light bulb go off. If there are politics or a PR thing in this, that's really for the press to figure out."

Moore plans to include the en-

tire Heston interview, which runs 30 minutes, in the DVD version of the film.

Does Moore find it more difficult to get people to open up now that he is relatively well-known?

"It's actually made it easier," he replied. "People want to be on camera. When they see me coming, that means they're going to be in a movie. There's something really seductive about the camera. Also, they believe they're going to teach me a lesson, that they're smarter than General Motors Chairman Roger Smith."

Moore's next project, provocatively titled "Fahrenheit 911" - for "the temperature at which freedom burns" - will take on the government, which has yet to release footage of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon. "Why haven't we seen it?" Moore asked with a fixed stare. "There are at least 100 video cameras that shot the crash ... tons of government footage. Our footage. We as taxpayers own it."

He leaned forward conspiratorially, savoring each word. "We haven't seen it because it shows just how vulnerable we are, and how skilled those pilots were. Flying a plane at that speed, if you're off by a centimeter, you're in the parking lot. But they want us to think of the terrorists as a bunch of guys living in caves when in fact they were part of a skilled military operation ..."



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