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Police investigate local assault, kidnapping

Katie Glorieux
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The Statesboro Police Department is currently investigating an aggravated assault/kidnapping that occurred on Wednesday, according to a press release from Capt. L.C. Williams.

The police responded to Town Club Apartments where there was a

report of a fight in progress involving three black males. Kwame G. Essuon, 25, of 18B Pinewood Court and Broerick Neal, 20, of 120 Carnog Road, Livonia, GA, allegedly forced Byron Foy, 20, into a car and took him to Essuon's apartment.

According to witnesses, Foy let Essuon and Neal into his apartment, where they then proceeded to attack

him with a phone, injuring him. After forcing him into a car and taking him to Pinewood Court, they continued to physically attack Foy by dragging him across the back yard of one the other residences and kicking him repeatedly in the head.

Witnesses said they yelled obscenities at him, telling him to get up. While a resident called the

police, Essuon and Neal walked Foy into Essuon's apartment, where they allegedly put him in a closet until the police arrived shortly after.

After arriving at Pinewood Court, police officer Daniel Woodcock located the assailants' car. Once backup arrived, Woodcock and several fellow officers proceeded to enter Essuon's apartment and arrested both Essuon

and Neal.

Foy was assisted at the scene by EMS and then transported to East Georgia Regional Medical Center for further treatment of his injuries.

Both Essuon and Neal have been charged with aggravated assault and kidnapping, and are being held at Bullock County Jail until court action can take place.

Herbal

Police, sociologists weed out dealers, smokers

By Jerel Watkins
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The year of 2002 has almost ended and, as of November 26, no arrests had been made on the Georgia Southern campus for the sale of marijuana.

"To see an arrest for marijuana sales, you have to sell it to a police officer," said Major Mike Russell of University Safety. He said that most of the department's drug encounters involve possession of marijuana.

While there was one arrest this past fall semester for possession with intent to distribute, University Police has made nine arrests for possession of marijuana in residence halls, including misdemeanor and felony counts.

Seaborne Tolpin, an officer employed by Georgia Southern and working with the Bulloch County Drug Suppression Team, said that any marijuana under an ounce registers as a misdemeanor and anything more as felony. Marijuana found to be in excess of 50 pounds is trafficking.

He said this past year 50 percent of the team's cases have been marijuana related, with 80 percent of those classified as cases in which intent to distribute was found, based on how marijuana was packaged.

The Drug Suppression Team conducts investigations, makes arrests, completes paperwork for jailing and then forwards the case to the D.A.'s office. An investigation

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Drug 'run'? : Pacing the drug deal

By Doug Kidd
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The black truck slows to a stop and a young, skinny kid leans across the cab and unlocks the door.

"Hop in," he says, brushing clean the passenger seat. A month's worth of junk mail and crushed fast food cups clutter the floorboard.

It's the Friday before Spring Break and Keith Hawkins* is in a hurry. Friends filling out a vacation checklist noticed they were short on weed, and a phone call to Keith—15 minutes ago—got him off the couch and on the road.

A cell phone call to a guy he knows, sets up an expected call; his hookup will let him know what's up shortly. He keeps his cell next to him in the seat.

Hawkins throws the truck in reverse and apologizes for the mess. The sides of the truck are splattered with mud, the result of a midweek trip home to Gray, just outside Macon. Keith made the 275-mile round trip in one day to swap weed with a buddy he knows from high school.

The pot that made it back was smoked by the end of the night.

Regular occurrence

This trip is one of Keith's regular runs. Once a week, he makes his way around Statesboro, taking orders from friends and friends of friends. Usually it's for an ounce or two, with Keith keeping about a half

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Ryan Moore/STAFF

The Association of Mechanical Engineers constructs its automobile for competition in a race consisting of six different events.

Mini-Baja racers right on campus

By Britney Gates
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Jason Borden and the American Society Mechanical Engineers (ASME) are preparing the Mini Baja competition.

No, it did not deal with the musical group The Baha Men, but a competition sponsored by The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and Briggs & Stratton.

You see, Borden, chair of ASME, headed a group of ten members to build a car for the competition.

In a way, it's related to the shows Junkyard Wars and Monster Garage on the TLC channel, but the ASME did not receive cars nor parts to build their cars. The Mini Baja Competition,

according to the SAE website, "consists of three regional competitions that simulate real-world engineering design projects and their related challenges." Engineering students build a car that can stand the tests of the contest.

The contest helped engineering students develop the skills needed when building and introducing a new product to the public. In this case, it is a car, but the lessons learned here can be applied to any product, from coffee makers to bicycles.

Plus, the group must function as a team to build, analyze, test and compete with the car, giving them practice of their teamwork skills.

The actual competition consisted of six events, Static Design, Cost Design,

Wildlife director Steve Hein displays talent as 'experienced wildlife artist'

By John Hardy
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As the director for Georgia Southern University's Center for Wildlife Education, Steve Hein handles many roles. Next month, he'll get to display a quality not too many students are familiar with.

Hein, who is an experienced wildlife artist, will have some of his prints on display at the Nessmith-Lane Building on January 13. This presentation of Hein's artwork will be part of benefit gala. The exhibition is free to all Georgia Southern University students. Some of his other work is currently on display for visitors of the Wildlife Education Center. Other art he has created for the center includes the grand opening print.

He has also produced work for wildlife publications and entities, including Georgia Ducks Unlimited. Among his art are several limited edition prints.

Hein, who also holds the distinction of being a master falconer, honed his art skills on his own, according to his online biography. It was later on that he was able to capitalize on an opportunity to learn more about the art of falconry. The director has also participated in many wildlife education programs across the globe.



Special Photo

Prints by falconer and artist Steve Hein will be on display January 13 at the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building.

Weekend Weather

<p>Friday</p> <p>Partly cloudy with a high of 55°F and a low of 30°F.</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>Sunny with a high of 58°F and a low of 34°F.</p>	<p>Sunday</p> <p>Mostly sunny with a high of 62°F and a low of 35°F.</p>
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HAVE A NICE BREAK!

Look for the next edition of *The George-Anne* on Wednesday, January 8, 2003. Be safe, and good luck with finals!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



The pot problem: tough to catch, easy to sell

DRUG 'RUN', FROM PAGE 1

his own. Playing the middle man, Keith earns an extra \$20-30 off each run he makes. An ounce will go to Keith for about \$75, an amount he'll mark up to \$90 when he sells it to the people stopping by his place. After that, the leftovers are his.

"If I get anything in quantity, I have to get some for myself," he says, adding that it makes sense to "kill two birds with one stone."

Three stoplights and 10 minutes later, Hawkins pulls into a bank off Fair Road. Keith hands his paycheck and identification to the teller. "Can I have my account balance please, ma'am?" he asks.

She doesn't answer, just looks down and goes to work. He looks through the glass at her. "These motherf---ers keep my license one day," he says.

Keith looks out at the cars sitting in traffic, then leans over and listens. "My truck's going to sh---," he says. "Supposed to run at 1,000 rpm's when it idles; it's at 1,500 now and it keeps going up." The noise gets louder.

"Have a good day," the teller's voice comes over the speaker.

"You too," he says, reaching over and taking the pile of cash. "Oh, what was the balance?"

"Eight dollars and ten cents."

"Eight-ten?"

"Yes."

"Ain't that some sh---," he says.

Money in hand

It's the same scene nearly every week. Keith gets a call, runs to the bank, then calls his dealer. Not as impressive as some would have it, he admits. But it keeps him with enough cash to pay rent and have a good time.

Keith has a couple of guys he goes to for pot. Today, it's a guy he calls Slim, a local who specializes in high quantity deals, "pounds and sh--- like that," Keith says. Swag, mids, hydro; whatever you want, Slim can get his hands on it and fast. All he needs is a little time.

Keith and Slim first hooked up in the fall when they met in a class. The first week, Keith noticed a black guy in the back of class and decided to make a friend.

"Where the weed at, cuz?" Keith joked.

Slim took a look at the country kid in front of him and shot back,

"Whatcha want?"

"I knew it was on then," Keith says.

Since then, Slim has turned into Keith's favorite dealer. He still makes the 15-minute drive out of town to buy from another guy, but only because it saves him trouble when Slim can't come through.

"I like to swap off between them to keep them around," he says. "You never know when one's going to be out."

This time Slim says he can get what Keith wants, an ounce and a half of something "halfway decent." Keith leaves it to Slim's discretion.

"He'll hook me up, because I don't ask a lot of him," Keith says.

The right place

As good as Slim treats him, Keith doesn't know much about his classmate. He's never met Slim at his house; the deals go down in the back of parking lots. "If I get busted, I don't know where he lives," Keith says. "I'll say I don't know his name."

Keith does know that Slim doesn't grow—or even own—the weed he sales. That falls on one of Slim's buddies, whose house Keith has been to. One time Keith showed up with a friend who was looking for a pound.

They came to the right place.

"We went there and they had a block as big as the coffee table," Keith says. "That's a lot of weed; maybe eight or nine pounds."

Slim has a key to his buddies' place and he comes and goes when he needs to. The friend supplies the weed, Slim just runs it—a good way to stay out of trouble, something Slim tries hard at doing.

"The thing about this guy is he'll come outside, walk to the window, hand the stuff over and walk away," Keith says. "Maybe a few words."

Waiting

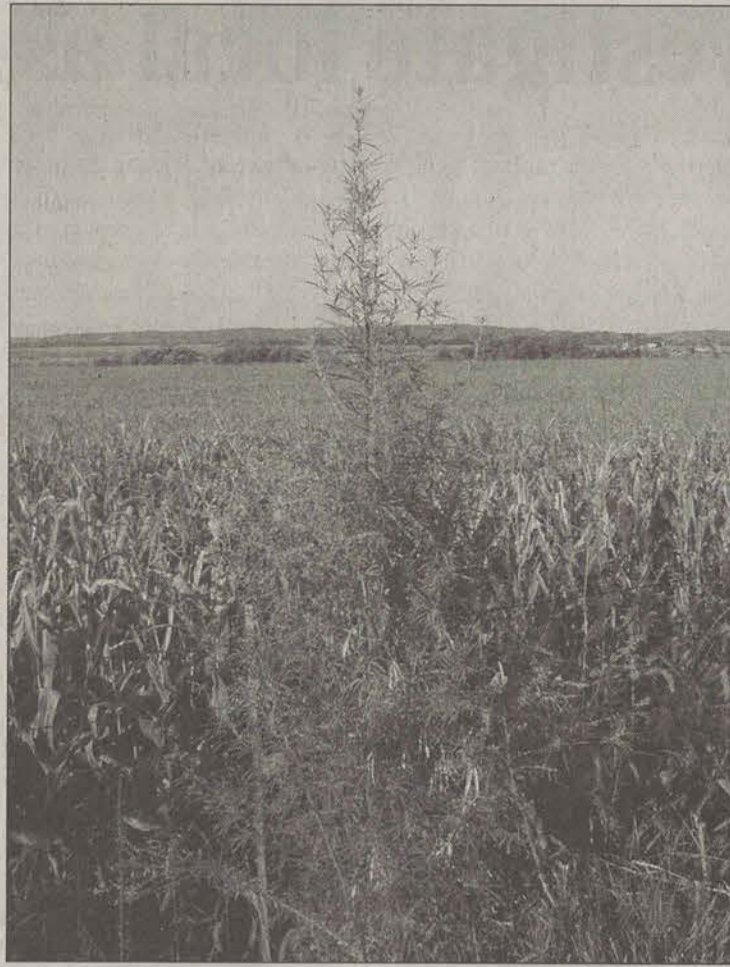
Keith and the mid-80's truck roar their way to the other side of town. He pulls into an apartment complex, parks and walks inside. As soon as he plops in a chair, his cell phone rings.

"Where are you at?" a girl's voice can be heard from across the room.

"I have to get the sh---," Keith says.

He makes a face and paces the room. His eyes roll in the back of his head.

"I'm going to get what I'm going to



Special to the G-A

Rural marijuana has been a problem for police for years.

get; don't give me no sh---," he says.

He ends the conversation, then starts in on how impatient people are. He used to be that way, he says, but dealing took it out of him.

"You learn patience once you start dealing yourself," he says. "They'll call and say 'I need such and such.' 'OK, I can get that, but it'll take a while.'"

Most people understand, but others don't, Keith says. What gets to him most is the people who call late at night.

"You can call Slim after midnight," he says, "but other people have their lives," like Keith's other dealer, who has a kid. "I respect him for it, so I try not to call late."

Even with Slim, Keith never calls later than 1 a.m. If anyone calls Keith and wants him to make a run that late, he tells them they "have to wait until tomorrow."

Because of that Keith has seen some business go elsewhere, to people who keep their weed on them. "A lot of people like to go to someone who has it right then and there; people who don't have time to wait."

Most times it's better to wait. You usually end up with better weed

if you give the dealer some time, Keith says.

"But I know if I'm dead-set to smoke that night, that's the way it's got to be," he says.

Finally

Keith's phone rings, less than an hour after he got the first call. Keith checks to see if it's an ounce and a half. It is, and Slim says to meet him at the usual spot in five minutes. The phone call lasts 15 seconds.

Keith walks out the front door without locking up, and heads to the truck.

He pulls into the back of an apartment building and parks. He checks his watch and lets his arm hang out the window.

Keith looks around, leans forward and pulls his wallet out of his back pocket. He flips through \$20's once, then twice. A door opens and Keith looks up.

A young, light-skinned black man walks out the apartment. He's holding up a pair of droopy, red and gray sweatpants with one hand, two plastic bags with the other.

"Hey, slim shady; you need to pull those pants up?" Keith says.

Slim smiles. "Naw," he says,

POLICE, FROM PAGE 1

can be built on initiated by anonymous complaints, confidential informants, active observation, or information from traffic stops.

Hard to watch

While the single on-campus arrest this past fall semester involved an on-campus resident, Dr. Sharon Tracy, a justice studies professor who teaches classes in gangs, drugs and criminal justice, said it is difficult to monitor or measure such activity among students in general.

Because the University Police can only account for what students do on campus, not what students do on private property, it's tough for perpetrators to get caught, Tracy said.

"It's quick and easy money," she said, noting that the area is a good place for dealers to work.

The reasons she gave in support of this are that

- A college town, such as Statesboro, has a large potential clientele. Georgia Southern has about 15,000 students,

- Drug sales on a college campus do not involve nearly as much danger as going out into urban areas and facing disputes in terms of who claims what drug territory, and

- Many jobs require a standard schedule.

Good area to deal

Tracy also said that in a rural area, again using Statesboro as an example, the job market is not usually plentiful. She did add, however, that some people are high-risk takers and they would probably prefer to sell marijuana regardless of a particular job market.

Dr. Nathan Pino, a criminologist at GSU who studies criminal behavior, offered a sociological perspective on why students sell marijuana.

"We are an individualistic and materialistic society," Pino said. "We judge people based on what they have."

Pino added that while he does not blame popular culture for creating these values, he does feel that certain mediums reflect and promote an extravagant lifestyle.

Pino also agreed with Tracy's per-

spective as to why college students sell marijuana.

The reasons, which he said he has learned from area police, are student concentration, a large university and the accessibility of Statesboro. A recent study that he and Dr. William L. Smith, a sociologist, conducted showed 20 percent of Georgia Southern students admitting to using marijuana weekly, and 5 percent daily.

"A lot of students grow it for personal use," Pino said. "To supplement the cost they will grow extra and sell it."

Easy money

Materialism aside, both professors believe the students who sell drugs are socialized in environments where it is viewed as an acceptable means of income.

Tracy said she thinks the drug business cuts across all classes and that the gap between the rich and the poor who sell drugs is closing.

One example of this could be that social classes blend more in a college environment, Pino said. The generalization he used to describe why certain classes sell drugs was that "the wealthy commit crime due to greed and the poor commit crime because of need."

And those from the middle-class?

They're "pot smokers who want to make money," Pino said.

Dr. George Burruss, a justice studies professor who teaches criminal behavior, agreed that he thinks students want to maintain a partying lifestyle and see drugs as a way to do that.

"The problem is that they tend to be unsuccessful because they use up a lot of their own product," Burruss said, while pointing out that students find drugs, such as marijuana, relatively cheap with a decent return.

While all three professors said they think college students sell marijuana as a way to make money easily in a short amount of time, Tolpin as a law enforcement officer went a step further.

"I believe they do it for easy money," he said. "It is easy until you get caught."

walking to the window.

Slim slips the bags in Keith's lap. Keith pulls out his cash, makes a quick run-through, then hands it to Slim. Slim says the half-ounce is the

one with the tie on it.

Keith looks down at his bags and says, "all right," as Slim walks in the apartment and shuts the door.

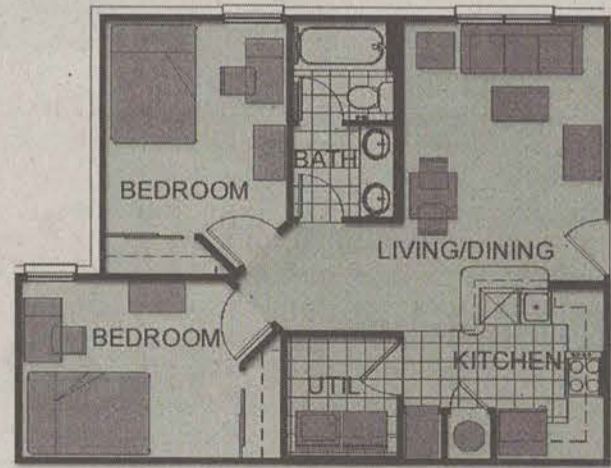
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1 New York

No blank expression from New York dairy

PURCHASE- Any artist can paint cows. Nathan Banks paints ON cows.

Banks, a 22-year-old student at Purchase College, painted single words (from "a" to "existential") on the flanks of about 60 cows near his upstate New York home, then let them wander around to see if they could compose poetry.

So Holsteins and Jerseys named Elsie and Maggie came up with phrases like "eccentric art," "performance as cow environment" and Banks' own favorite, "organic conceptual art as poetry."

One animal seemed especially inspired - with "away" written on her side, she broke loose from the herd for a while.

The "Cow Project," with videotape and photos of the bovine bards, goes on display at the college Thursday.

"The idea is that the artist sets up the situation and then it carries through on its own," Banks said in an interview last week at his tiny student's studio.

Banks, a senior, said the project cost him about \$1,000 and he had to overcome a few obstacles. Half a dozen dairy farmers turned him down before Ruestow and his wife Susan, Banks' old music teacher, agreed to let him use their Fermata Farm.

He said he got the idea for the cow project when he read about Dada artists dropping cut-up newspapers on the floor to see what poetry was formed.

Visitors to the exhibit will be encouraged to make their own cow poetry by taking a tiny cardboard cow, writing a word on it and setting it down on the vibrating board

from an old electric football game so it can wander and interact with other cows.

On opening night, there will also be refreshments, in the form of cow-shaped cookies. And milk.

2 Pennsylvania

Breast cancer surgeon has musical bedside manner

PITTSBURGH- Dr. Ronald Johnson is a breast cancer surgeon, but he does some of his best work with his voice.

The 44-year-old staffer at Magee-Womens Hospital in Pittsburgh is drawing kudos from patients for his musical bedside manner. He sings during rounds and sometimes asks his patients to join him to break the ice.

"The message is that your doc is a human being and not a robot," said Johnson, who croons tunes from Bruce Springsteen, Kenny Rogers and others. "It makes everybody relax. I don't wear a grim face."

"He's just a delightful man," said Angie Lutton of Monroeville, whom Johnson treated for breast cancer two years ago. "I would hear him coming to the room and there was always a song."

"It's so relaxing to have your doctor come to you in that manner," said Lutton, who said it didn't matter that, most of the time, she had no idea what song Johnson was singing.

Johnson got his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1983 and, after completing his residency in Pittsburgh, joined the Magee-Womens staff in 1989.

Johnson said he learned the importance of bedside manner from Dr. Scott Williams, another breast cancer surgeon who was his mentor.

"This guy would sit down with a patient. He didn't seem to be in a hurry at all," Johnson said. "He would ask unrelated questions like, 'Where do your kids go to school?'"

But when Johnson tried to copy that approach, it didn't work for him. So he developed his own style. For example, patients seemed to perk up if he sang Rogers' "Lucille" during rounds.

"I'd walk into a room singing and I'd hear a patient say, 'My doc is singing today, and the news must be good,'" Johnson said.

If Johnson got a reaction from one patient, he'd turn their last few words into an impromptu ditty and move on to the next room.

When Johnson isn't singing, however, he's lecturing.

Each of his hospital rooms has an erasable drawing board that Johnson uses to explain the biology of breast cancer, and give patients the various treatment options they face. If a patient isn't available for an in-person lecture, he provides a videotape on the disease.

Johnson also holds a free monthly education series at which an expert talks to his patients and their families over dinner.

"In a day and age where people are being sued all the time and medicine is not fun anymore, I try to make it personal and interesting," Johnson said.

3 Ohio

Man helps inmates find dates

COLUMBUS- A single man who admits he has trouble getting a date has become a matchmaker for inmates.

"I was always very thin and very shy. I know what it feels like to not fit in, to struggle and be depressed," said Robert Reese, who

runs separate Web sites for female and male inmates across the nation from the living room of his Columbus home.

Reese, 56, got the idea from a pen-pal relationship he had with an inmate in a Kentucky prison.

Reese said he makes as much as \$10,000 a year from running these and other Web sites that he uses to supplement his income as an insurance claims adjuster. But he said it isn't the extra money that motivates him.

"I hope that each one falls in love and lives happily and finds stability in their lives," said Reese, who has never married and lives alone with two cats.

Reese scans photographs and edits biographies that will help endear the inmates to outsiders.

Some of the pictures and text are raunchy. Inmates can decide what to display, though Reese said he tones it down if it is too lewd.

Reese doesn't charge female prisoners to be on his site. He charges males \$20 annually to be listed.

Those wishing to write to female inmates are charged \$3 per address. Those writing to men aren't charged.

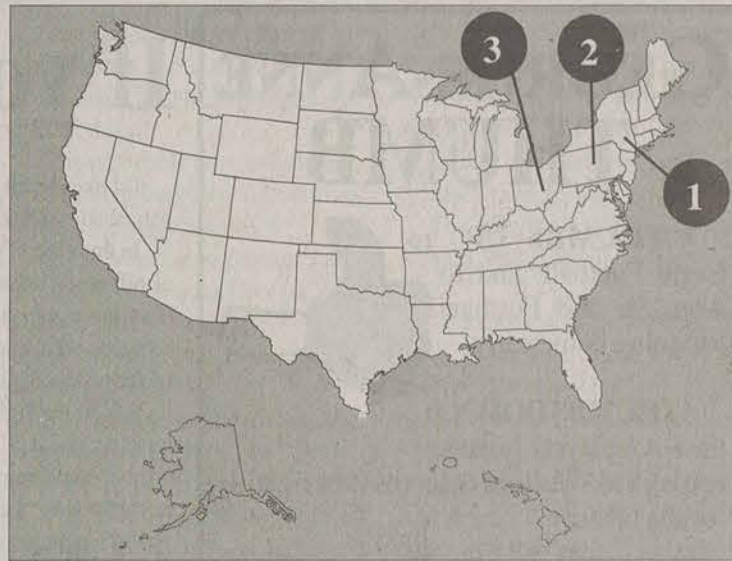
His female clients range from the bold and brash to the remorseful and reformed.

The site for male inmates has far fewer possible dates and nowhere near as many customers.

Some people object to what Reese is doing, including one woman who complained to a prison official that the convicted killer of her husband was on the men's site.

"This lady was very angry and bitter," said Reese, who becomes emotional when talking about the woman.

"He's still alive, and he's going through the appeals process," he said of the killer. "He can exercise, write and read. He's still a live human being."



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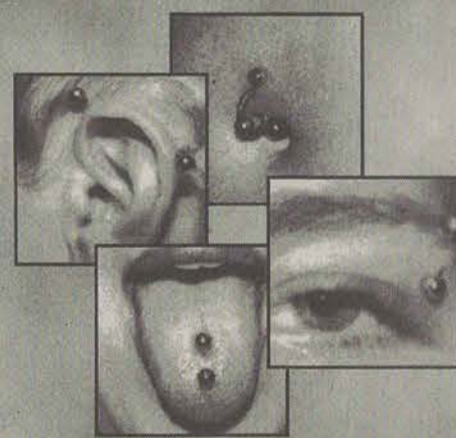
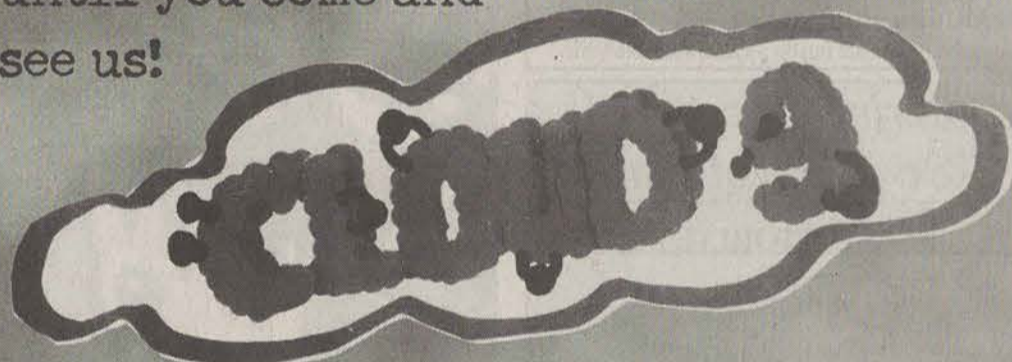
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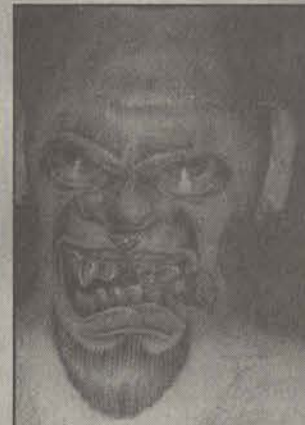
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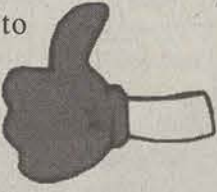
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The GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

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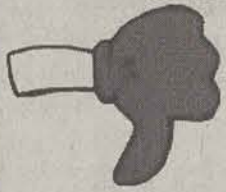


• **THUMBS DOWN** to the I-AA playoff selection committee. Wofford deserves to be fighting for the title.

• **THUMBS UP** to the holiday season.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to finals, but the end is almost tangible!

• **THUMBS UP** to another presidential election in just two years.



• **THUMBS DOWN** to American soldiers having to leave their loved ones.

Thoughts of the day

- Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. — Mark Twain
- You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do. — Henry Ford

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If you don't like it, do something about it

I'd like to start with a reference to my first column ever published in *The George-Anne*: "I hate that guy."

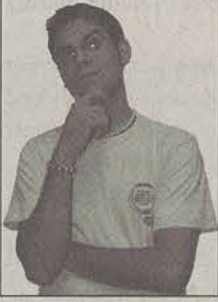
In this case, it's that guy that loves to complain instead of offering a solution to a problem he's come across. It's been my experience in life that nothing happens without someone taking action, and if it's you that sees some sort of wrong taking place, it's up to you to do something about it. Talk to the right person to do the job, or research the topic so you can become the right person to correct the error. Complaining about it will get you nasty looks and remarks under the breaths of those you decide to confide your whining in.

Take *The George-Anne* for example.

Since the beginning of the semester, the entire editorial board has encouraged you, the population of GSU, to write to us and let us know your opinion on what goes on in your world. This sort of call to action was addressed in columns by the editor in chief as well as the news editor. Many of you took notice, and as a result, *The George-Anne* has published more letters to the editor and pieces by guest columnists than ever before in its history. Some of you, however, still haven't gotten the news.

You may take notice to a couple of things on the opinions page today. For one, the author of the editorial cartoon just below this is addressing the current problems with environ-

ADAM BRADY



mental policy through a humorous representation of wildlife. The column below the cartoon was pulled from a news service web site, and also addresses current problems with environmental policy, and President Bush's take on the situation that affects the country he leads.

Now, if you agree with the obvious liberal leanings of both the cartoon and the column, then I'm sure you're enjoying the editorial reading we've laid out before you. But if the types of political messages you like to see usually lie a little further to the right, then you're probably a little unhappy with the content of today's opinions page.

Before you decide to build up enough self-righteousness to confront the staff on the leftist inclinations of the editorial columns and cartoons, you might want to take note to the rather large black letters at the top of the page which, in the English language, spell out "Opinions." We don't expect you to agree with everything we publish on that page, and we don't

expect you to disagree either.

What we do expect, especially now that we've said it several times, is you to respond with your opinion in a tangible form such as a letter or email response.

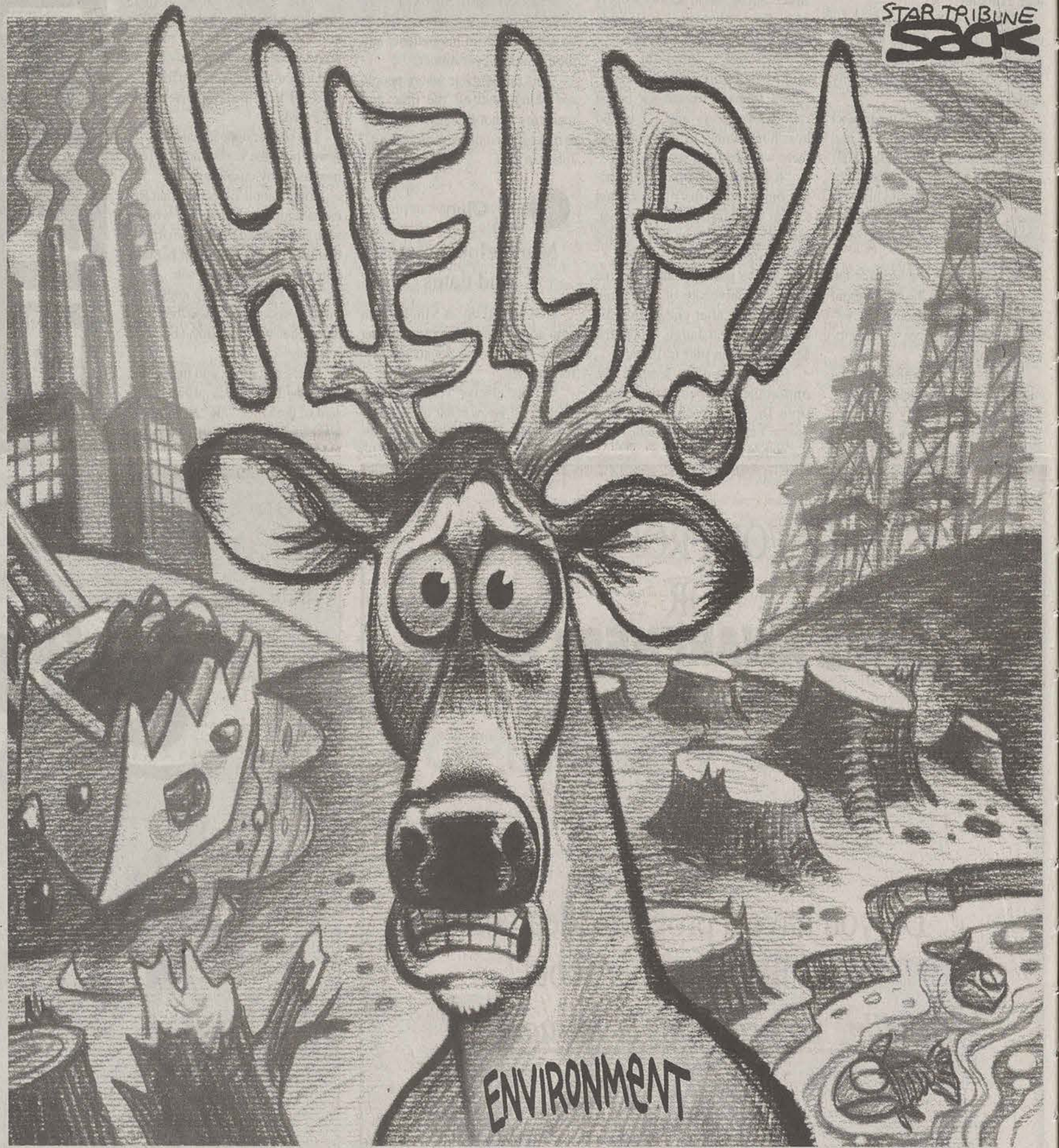
As tempting as it may be, walking into the office and questioning the staff about editorial decisions—decisions we're paid to make—will get you no where. Though that may sound a little abrasive, please don't take it the wrong way. I value anyone's opinion and I respect an individual who has the guts to stand up and make his or her opinion known.

But I have no respect for an individual who would not hold my opinion in the same regard with which they hold their own.

So for the last time this semester, if you disagree with something we've published, let us know. But here's the important part: do it with the same respectful manner with which we tell your ours. Write a letter, type an email, or ask an intelligent question to a staffer in *The George-Anne* office. And please, do not think that we are oblivious to what we're publishing.

Yes, the opinions page is biased. That's why it's the opinions page.

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BUSH: 'Clean air is a frill you can all do without'

KRT Campus

The following editorial appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Northeastern United States lie at the end of America's tailpipe.

Wind and weather patterns bring in pollution from the South and Midwest, causing thousands of deaths and asthma attacks each year.

If you've ever harbored a desire to "go West, young man," now's the time. Air pollution in the Northeast is about to get a whole lot worse.

The Bush administration Friday relaxed clean-air rules on 17,000 industrial plants and refineries, and proposed redefinitions that could allow more pollution from old power plants. The timing of the decision's release was no accident: late on a Friday, after an election, and before a holiday.

So let it be emphasized now: This decision is a colossal failure to safeguard Americans by the Bush administration and the seemingly powerless Environmental Protection Agency administrator, Christie Whitman, who as New Jersey governor rightly fought for cleaner air under these very rules.

The rules involve the "new source review" provision of the 1977 Clean Air Act, which exempts old plants from new pollution requirements as long as they don't undergo major modifications. If they upgrade beyond "routine maintenance" and their emissions increase, they have to install modern pollution controls.

During the 1980s and 1990s, companies made significant investments to extend the lives of old factories, power plants and refineries—without improving pollution technology. In the late 1980s, the EPA and Justice Department did their jobs by challenging major upgrades passed off as routine maintenance.

Like chronic speeders finally nabbed by the highway patrol, the affected industries cried foul.

They found a sympathetic ear in Vice President Cheney's Energy Task Force in spring 2000, when industry analysts predicted California's electricity crisis was likely to spread. Cheney's team set out to remove any obstacle to energy production, with little regard for the environment. "New source review" was in danger.

Now, however, it's clear California's problems resulted largely from industry fraud and legislative

mismanagement of deregulation. The nation has no electricity shortage. In fact, plans for new plants are being scrapped because of excess capacity. Yet the Bush administration still rolled back new source review. Antiquated plants will be able to operate indefinitely with outdated equipment and weak pollution standards.

While the United States has made progress on air quality in the last 30 years, the job's far from done. Cleaner is not clean. In some cases, the new rules fall back to dirtier standards.

Nine states, including New Jersey, immediately filed a lawsuit to block the rule changes, with some prospect of success. Federal courts have consistently upheld a strict interpretation of new source review as a necessary protection of public health.

Pennsylvania, home to 24 old, dirty power plants, is notably absent from the lawsuit, as it has been from previous ones. Gov.-elect Ed Rendell should clean up the state's own exported pollution and then go after Midwestern plants fouling Pittsburgh.

The sky may be hazy with pollution, but one thing is clear: The White House has granted industry's wishes at the expense of Americans' health.

Greek Awards Banquet held

Alpha Delta Pi, Sigma Chi Epsilon take home several awards, including Top Academic Chapter

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The Greek Awards Banquet held two weeks ago was a good chance for all sororities and fraternities to gain some acknowledgment. The annual scholarship and recognition ceremony recognizes those sororities and fraternities for their accomplishments in many areas.

The Alpha Delta Pi sorority took home the awards such as Top Academic Chapter, Community Service/Philanthropy Award, and Sorority of the Year. Greek Woman of the Year also went to Alpha Delta Pi's president, Amanda McKinney.

McKinney was extremely proud of her chapter. "I think that all of the sororities and fraternities did an outstanding job in the community and our school," McKinney said. "I'm also very proud of our girls for contributing so much to our chapter."

Sigma Chi Epsilon had a similar success of awards. The fraternity was awarded Top Academic Chapter, Fraternity of the Year, and member Billy Reese was awarded Greek Man of the Year.

Other award winners included Top Academic New

Member Class- Kappa Delta (sorority) and Sigma Chi (fraternity); Most Improved Academic Chapter- Alpha Omicron Pi (sorority) and Pi Kappa Alpha (fraternity); All Sports Award- Zeta Tau Alpha (sorority) and Sigma Chi (fraternity); and the fraternity winner of Community Service/Philanthropy was Pi Kappa Phi.

Aside from awards, scholarships were also awarded during the ceremony. The Southern Greek Housing Scholarship went to Mandy Simpson (Kappa Delta) and Brian Dart (Kappa Sigma). The Panhellenic Merit Scholarship was awarded to Merri Ellen Ryals (Phi Mu). The Interfraternity Council Merit Scholarship went to Bo Boyer (Sigma Chi).

There was a tie of Sorority Advisor of the Year between Becky Renfro (Zeta Tau Alpha), and Amy Richardson (Kappa Kappa Gamma). Fraternity Advisor of the Year went to Kevin Stowell (Pi Kappa Phi).

The ceremony also recognized those members who have obtained a 3.5 GPA or above for the past two semesters. "The awards are a really great way to gain recognition for all the Greeks," McKinney said, "Everyone should be extremely proud of their accomplishments."

Pi Kappa Phi captures state flag football title, now heads to nationals

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After an easy season, Georgia Southern's Pi Kappa Phi flag football team now owns the title of state champions.

The team finished in second place during the preseason tournament, and went on to be undefeated during the regular season.

After becoming Greek champs and then All Campus Champs, the state finals were the next hurdle. Now, after winning state, nationals are only a few weeks away.

During the state flag football tournament, Pi Kappa Phi was not scored upon until the sixth game.

Throughout the duration of the tournament, the team scored 173 points and had only 30 points scored against them.

The state finals were held at Georgia Southern, but 46 teams from many schools came to compete.

Schools that participated included University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Mercer, Georgia Southwestern, Valdosta State, West Georgia, and Armstrong Atlantic.

Five teams from Georgia Southern competed, and GSU's The Scandals won second place.

Pi Kappa Phi now has a special invitation to compete on a national level in New Orleans.

"We're looking forward to going," blocking back Patrick Lackey said, "We're hoping to do as well as we did in state."

Lackey attributes the team's success to "Practice. Hard practice."

The players are also looking forward to the regular season next year.

"We have a strong team effort. We practice very hard, and next year we hope to have every player back and repeat our success," said Adam Clack, rusher and running back.

The national championship will be held in New Orleans on December 28 where Pi Kappa Phi will be ready to take home another trophy.

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Design, Hill Climb, Acceleration/Top Speed/Braking, Water Maneuverability and Land Maneuverability, totaling four hours. In Static Design, the judges inspected the appearance of the car, seeing how safe it looks.

With Cost Design, the group, given a fake order to build 4,000 vehicles, must have the lowest price tag. The Hill Climb event basically meant can the car climb a hill.

The Acceleration/Top Speed/Braking Event dealt with how fast the group's car can accelerate, its top speed and the quality of its braking. With Water and Land Maneuverability, each group's car must ride over land and in water. Plus, each car must float in water.

After the end of each event, each group received points based on their car's performance. At the end of the competition, all the points were calculated and the team with the highest total wins.

There are three categories for awards: Mini Baja East, West and Midwest. First prize was \$500, second is \$300 and third is \$200.

Borden's group competed last

year in West Virginia and placed 31st overall. They were the first team from GSU to compete in the Mini Baja since 1986. Borden and his team planned to compete next year, and currently redesigning their car. They are rebuilding the frame, the suspension and the drive train to accommodate some new features. Also, they will improve their car's floating capabilities.

A typical car in this competition consisted of a Briggs & Stratton 10 horsepower engine, provided free of charge by the SAE, which, according to SAE's website, retailed for \$628.

Four wheel drive independent suspension held the car, while a five point racing harness (seat belts, etc.) kept the driver safe. The car seats only one person, used unleaded gas and had a detachable steering wheel. ASME's car followed this form.

But building and competing in this event isn't cheap. ASME's last car cost a little under \$3,000, and only \$500 of that was covered by the SGA because they were a registered club on campus. The rest of the money came from donations and sponsors.

Again, this happened to another

lesson the competitors learn, as they must deal not only with building and testing a vehicle, but gathering money to build the car. For this year's upgrade, Borden suspected that it would cost about \$1,800.

All this work, needed for next year's Mini Baja challenge planned for the University of Central Florida, made Borden and his group burn the midnight oil. Borden said his group worked on the car four to five hours every Monday and Wednesday after class. Most don't leave until after 9 p.m.

ASME also planned to work some during Finals week and over Christmas break to finish building by next semester to test and make adjustments to the car.

But the hard work gave Borden "real world feel," and he planned to work on jet engines or aid in building racing cars after college.

If you are interested in working with Borden's 8217'92s group, and you are a Mechanical Engineering major then contact Jason Borden, 1-912-488-2476. You can also peruse their website at www2.gasou.edu/asme.

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My pick for the best fans

Let's talk about the fans. And no, I don't mean the lack of fans, that subject has been beaten to death. I want to talk about the dedicated fans. A few in particular...

They call themselves the 431 Boys. They're diehards, blue and white blooded Eagle fanatics. You probably even know where they live. Their house is the only one in Statesboro that has a goalpost in the front yard.

These guys are dedicated. They travel to nearly every away game, they even made it to the Delaware one. I'm sure they've rarely missed a game since they began college.

If there were an award for Most Dedicated, the 431 Boys would win. Josh, one of the roommates, came up with the Sea of Blue idea for the televised App. St. game. While the other fans weren't so enthusiastic, every one of the guys was clad in blue.

Every Saturday, home game or away, the guys are the first to tailgate, and they keep going until game time. I've had a blast tailgating with them, even at several away games this year.

They live for Saturday game days, but the funny thing is, I bet they haven't watched ESPN Gameday all season; they're too busy at the field cheering for our Eagles.

They're not just football fans, either. All of the roommates are part of the Hanner Hooligans and attend most of the basketball games.

Several of them are Sport Management majors--they just can't get enough. The others that aren't still know every detailed fact about sports and sports at GSU.

I know some other dedicated fans, too. I don't mean to be bias, but I'm going to talk about my family.

At least one of my parents has made the three-hour drive from Atlanta to watch the games every weekend, with the exception of the Wofford game.

Funny thing, our only loss at home this season was Wofford, and that was the only game my family was unable to attend. I think they're the good luck charm. And they'll be here for tomorrow's game, so we'll see if they live up to good luck charm status.

This is the second full year of my dad continuing his gameday tradition at Paulson Stadium.

My sister attends UGA, so she also goes to Georgia games, and has even been know to attend both home games in one day. Driving three hours from one game to the next in the same day. How many of you can say that?

And then there's my mom, who gave up tailgating and the first half of the Georgia-Ole Miss game to take me to the Furman game because I was upset to miss it. She dropped everything and within ten minutes, we were on a two-hour drive from Athens to Furman.

If the entire school were the same way as my three picks for most dedicated, we'd have one huge fan base. Intimidation in numbers; it would scare the hell out of the other team.

If we play Western Illinois next week, you can bet the 431 Boys will be there. But then again, so will my dad and I.

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'MAINE' EVENT: Eagles to battle Bears

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After gliding to a cakewalk win over Bethune-Cookman in last week's playoff opener, the GSU football team will be facing a much more savvy Maine squad Saturday.

To reach the quarterfinal round of the playoffs, the 11-2 Black Bears, co-champions of the Atlantic 10 Conference, accomplished something that the 10-2 Eagles have only been able to do twice in nine years: beat Appalachian State in Boone, N.C.

In front of a shocked Kidd-Brewer Stadium crowd, Maine came back from a 10-point third quarter deficit to overtake the Mountaineers 14-13.

After the two teams fought through a scoreless first half, App State took the initial 10-0 advantage in the third quarter before the Black Bears broke onto the scoreboard after a Ryan Waller touchdown catch. Following a field goal that padded the Mountaineers' lead back up to six points, Maine tailback Marcus Williams broke loose on a 41-yard touchdown run to put his team into the lead for good.

Georgia Southern had a decidedly easier time with their first round match up, blanking playoff rookies Bethune-Cookman 34-0.

The Eagles continued their role as the top rushing team in Division I-AA, totaling 380 yards on the ground. Quarterback Chaz Williams' magical sophomore season kept rolling, as he broke the century mark for the ninth consecutive game with 113 yards rushing and a trio of touchdowns. Freshman fullback Jermaine Austin added 104 yards.

The defense was also key for Georgia Southern, as they picked off three Wildcat passes. Safety James Young led the onslaught with a pair of interceptions while also recovering a fumble.

This will not be the first meeting between the Eagles and Black Bears as the two squads faced off in the opening round of the 1987 NCAA Tournament at Paulson Stadium. Georgia Southern narrowly escaped with the win, taking a 31-28 decision in overtime, still the only time in team history that the Eagles have been forced to play past regulation.

In that contest, Maine held a 28-10 lead at halftime. Georgia Southern then was able to storm back with 18 unanswered points in the second half to send the game into overtime. After the Black Bears missed a 35-yard field goal on their first possession, Eagle kicker Tim Foley connected on a 42-yarder to give his team the win.

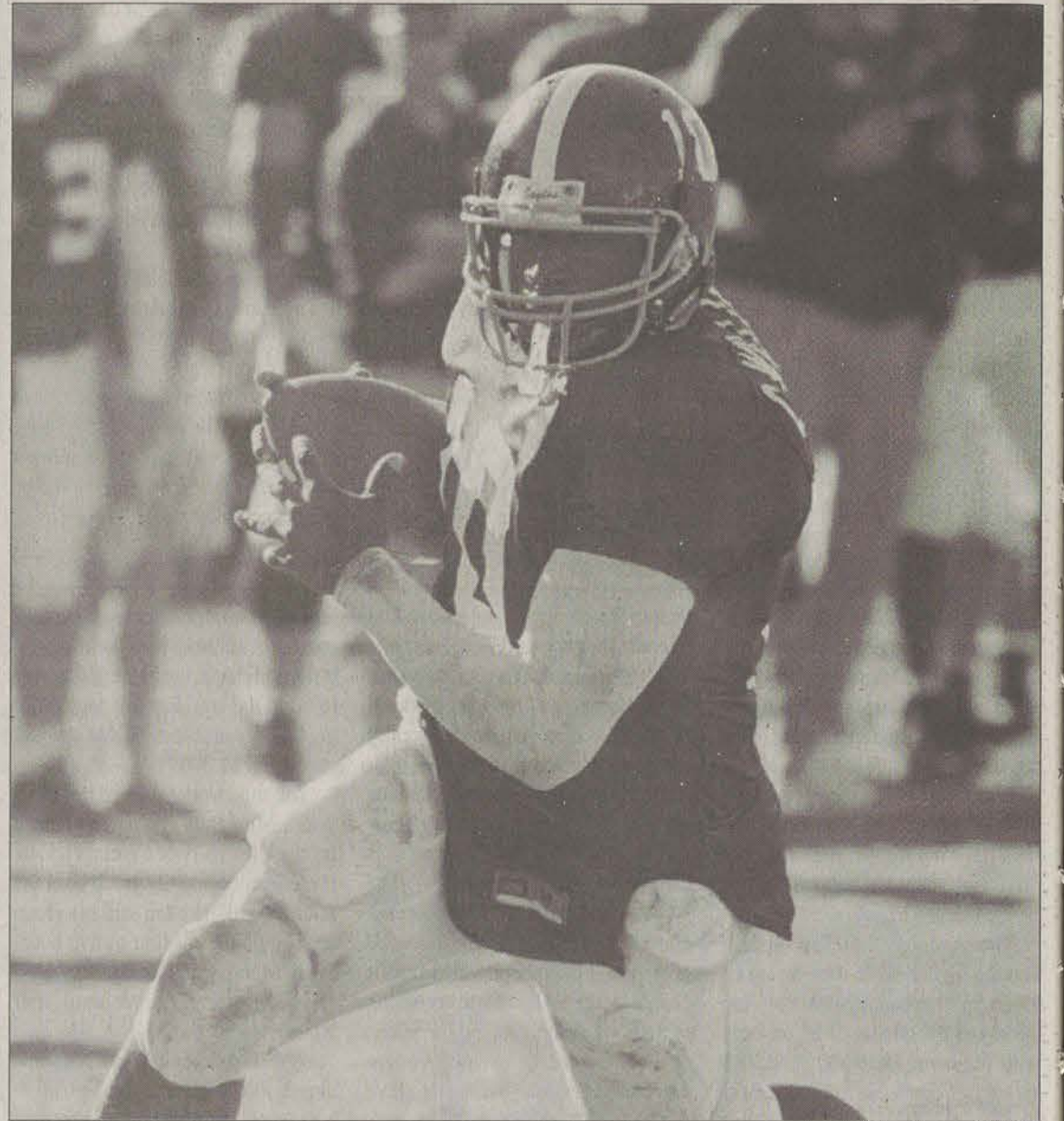
Just as quarterback Raymond Gross was the main catalyst in that game with 173 rushing yards, it will be another fleet of foot quarterback that will try to lead Georgia Southern to victory 15 years later.

In his first year as a starter, Chaz Williams has preserved the long tradition of triple-option quarterbacks at GSU that includes such past signal callers as Tracy Ham, Greg Hill, and J.R. Revere.

The Apopka, Fla. native has racked up 1,300 yards rushing this season while scoring 24 touchdowns. No quarterback in both Southern Conference and I-AA history has reached the end zone more than Williams has.

Another main part of the Eagle offense is freshman fullback Jermaine Austin. Austin, SoCon Freshman of the Year, has totaled 1,145 yards on the ground, topping 100 yards in five games this season.

For Maine, their running game is also led by a player named Williams - tailback Marcus. The sophomore has equally impressive numbers with 1,293 yards rushing, including a 157-yard effort against Appalachian State last week.



Adam Bonner/STAFF

After an easy first round victory last weekend, Chaz Williams and the Eagles will host 11-2 Maine.

The Black Bears will likely be without senior quarterback Jake Eaton for the third consecutive game after he partially tore the medial collateral ligament in his knee against Richmond on Nov. 16. Eaton had passed for over 7,000 career yards up until his injury.

In the meantime, Maine has relied on sophomore Jon Meczywor, who passed for 86 yards and rushed for 38 in their win over the Mountaineers.

Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year Stephen Cooper will helm the Black Bear defense as they try to contain the

Georgia Southern offense. Cooper, a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award for the top I-AA defensive player, has totaled 110 tackles this year, including 9.5 sacks. The senior linebacker sacked App State quarterback Joe Burchette twice last week for a total loss of 14 yards.

Eagles looking for a new 'GUS' The system does not work

By Bo Fulginiti
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He's become notorious for charging up the rabid hometown fans of Georgia Southern Eagle athletics.

He's been known to chase opposing mascots around in complete circles.

And now GSU is waiting to see who will be next in line to carry on the tradition.

On January 11, 2003, the Georgia Southern cheerleading squad will be hosing "GUS the Mascot" tryouts at Hanner Fieldhouse.

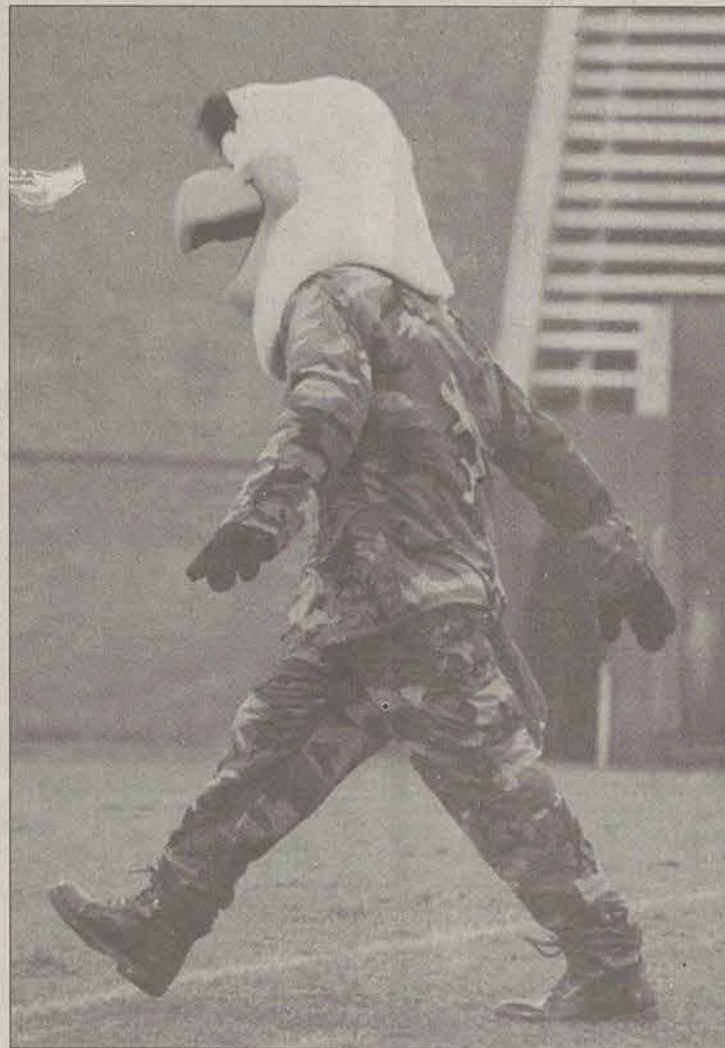
GSU is looking for someone for both Spring 2003 and the following academic year of 2003-2004 to become the next "GUS."

Requirements for becoming GUS include full time student status, a 2.0 GPA, height measurement between 5'9" and 6'2" and at least 20 hours a week of non-academic time availability.

Candidates will be asked to perform and may be judged on a one-minute skit, a one-minute spirit improvisation, a display of emotional portrayal and tip-top physical condition, and a personal interview.

Candidates are also asked to fill out a complete GUS Tryout Application packet and have it returned to the Athletic Marketing department by January 6, 2003.

Both men and women are wel-



Ryan Moore/STAFF

The GSU cheerleading squad is looking for the next Big Eagle on Campus to fill the shoes of GUS, the mascot.

comed to try out for the opening position.

For complete information and a detailed look at guidelines and

criteria for becoming GUS, go to www2.gasou.edu/gsucheer/gustryouts.htm, or by call either 681-5377 or 681-0985.

I'm a fan of the old school system in Division I-A.

I like it when the conference champion goes to their respective bowls. In Division I-AA, I like the selection of the 16 elite teams playing against each other based on the better record.

Today's Division I-A and I-AA playoff system is basically a "screw-job" to teams that deserve a fair advantage.

In Division I-A, the BCS has been a problem. The Oregon Ducks in 2001 felt they were screwed from the national title game. Miami was undefeated and ranked number one while the Ducks were number two in both polls with one loss. Their only loss came to Stanford. Instead, UM's opponent turned out to be Nebraska. The Cornhuskers not only lost their last regular season game (62-36 to Colorado) but they did not even make the Big 12 Championship Game.

This season, the BCS almost left out the Iowa Hawkeyes. UI finished the regular season at 11-1 and are co-champions of the Big 10. Since Ohio State finished undefeated and are playing in the Fiesta Bowl (this year's site of the national championship), the BCS was "unsure" if Iowa could make it. How crazy is that?

On Wednesday, the BCS decided that Iowa deserved it. Probably, the reason UI did in their minds was because the Big 10 Conference would have been ticked-off.

If the bowl system went the old school, Ohio State more than likely would be in the Rose and Iowa would be playing in the Sugar or Fiesta Bowl.

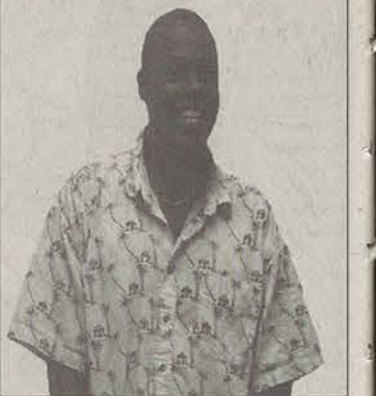
Bottom line, the BCS is really based on the marketing and attendance. Sponsors want to make their money back based on attendance, television ratings, etc. The BCS matches the "high profile teams" in the national championship.

The BCS felt that there would be more Nebraska fans packing the Rose Bowl than Oregon fans.

In Division I-AA, it used to be the top 16 teams were selected and the conference champions would get at least one home game. Champions from weaker conferences would play on the road unless their record was outstanding.

This year's I-AA playoff system is a mess. First, Wofford (9-3) did the unthinkable. They defeated Georgia Southern and Appalachian State on the road. Wofford broke the "Big 3" Southern Conference barrier by finishing tied for second.

Dennis Hightower



The I-AA committee did not include Wofford in the playoffs because of similar BCS methods. The committee also felt that it would be weird to have three SoCon teams in the South region. Throw away the regions and match-up the best team! Tony Moss of Sports Network.com agreed. He said that if you compare Northwestern St. who finished with the same record, you noticed something.

Wofford's three losses were to Maryland, VMI, and Furman. NWSU's three were to Georgia, Jacksonville State, and McNeese State. Take away Georgia and Maryland and MSU and FU are quality opponents. It comes down to JSU and VMI. VMI finished 6-6, their best record since 1981. JSU finished 5-6. Wofford defeated two teams in the top 10 and the SoCon as a whole is much stronger than the Southland based on national champions and the number of teams that make the playoffs.

The current I-AA playoff system is hypocritical. If the match-ups are based on the number of fans a stadium can hold then they messed up the Furman/Villanova pairings. Paladin Stadiums holds 16,000 seats compared to Villanova Stadium that holds 12,000.

Finally, Bethune-Cookman was probably screwed the most. They were 11-1 going into the playoffs. All 11 wins were against Division I opponents. I'll admit that the MEAC is not the strongest conference in I-AA but 11 wins by a team in a weak conference deserves at least one home playoff game. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they had to play at Paulson Stadium against the Eagles. A lot of MEAC fans are demanding to bring the Heritage Bowl back.

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GSU and Marines launch 'Toys for Tots'

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The GSU athletic department and United States Marine Corps are teaming up to make sure that this holiday season will be a joyous one for misfortunate children of the Coastal empire.

On Sunday, December 8 during the men's and women's basketball double-header at Hanner Fieldhouse, the annual "Toys for Tots" drive will be back in full swing, and both the Eagles and the Marines need everyone's help.

Fans attending both the men's 1:00 p.m. match up against Air Force and the Lady Eagles So-

Con opener against Appalachian State at 3:30 p.m. are encouraged to bring a new and unwrapped toy to the game for charity.

"We would like to have a lot of students add to the donations this year," said Nick Tubbs of GSU athletic marketing. "It's a great chance to help a less fortunate child to have a Merry Christmas, and it will show that the Georgia Southern community has a warm heart."

"Toys for Tots" was started by the Marine Corps in 1991, and has contributed over \$140 million worth of toys to needs youngsters over the course of

the last 10 Christmas seasons.

The goal of the organization is to deliver a new toy on Christmas to send a message of hope to the needy children to motivate them to grow into responsible, productive citizens and community leaders.

Each fan who donates a gift to "Toys for Tots" will receive a gift receipt for a free box of popcorn at the Hanner Fieldhouse concession stand.

Anyone requesting more information about the toy drive can contact Nick Tubbs in the GSU athletic marketing office at 912-681-0051.

"Good luck on your finals! Have a nice break, we'll see you next year." -The G-A Staff

Classifieds, Etc.



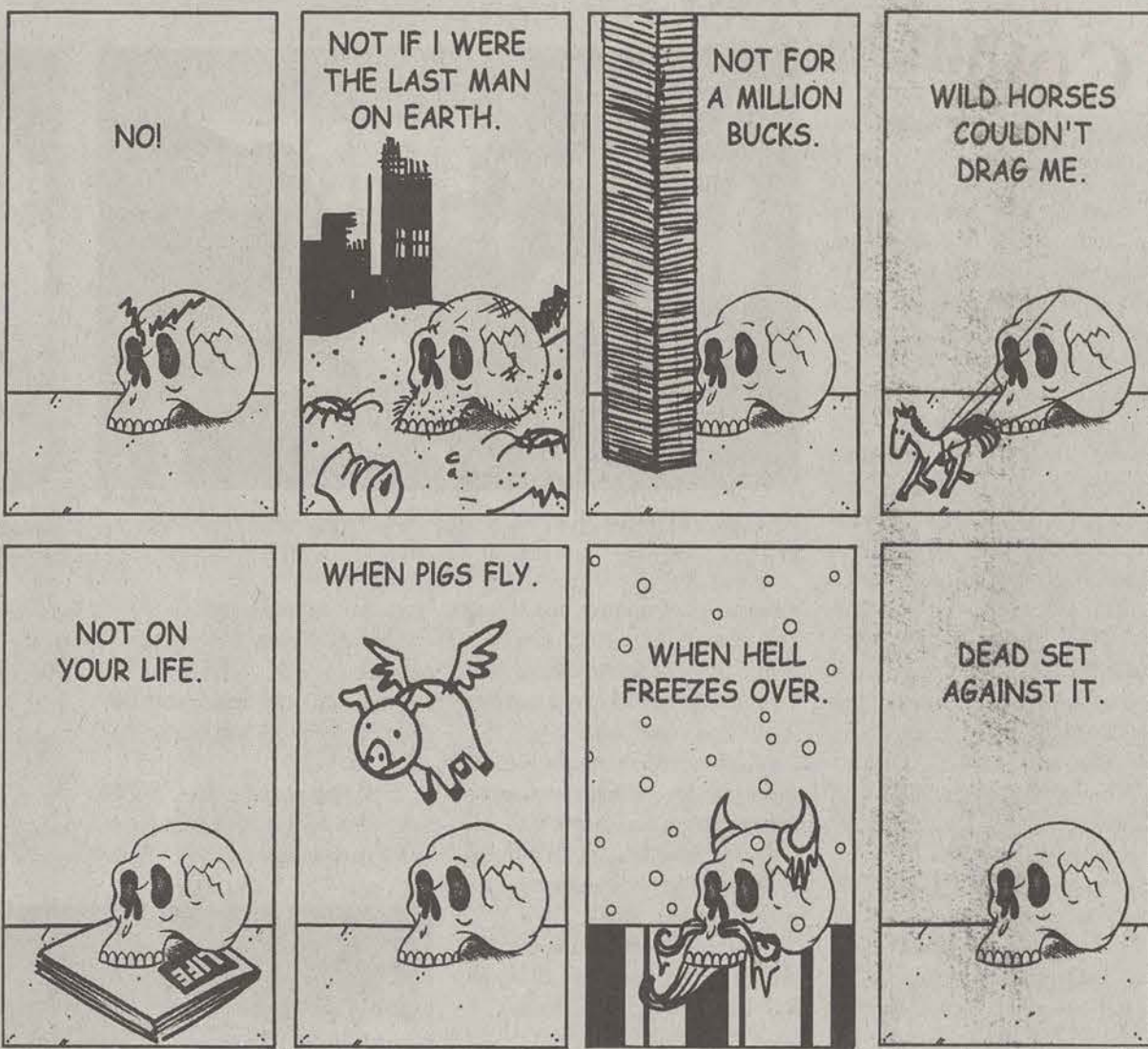
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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Solutions

Grid of crossword puzzle solutions.

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10 G-A Action Ads

STUDENTS BEWARE

ATTENTION -- The George-Anne screens all advertisements prior to publication. The newspaper strives to accept ads for legitimate products and services only.

FREEBIE INFO ALL FREE

student and faculty ads to be run in the George-Anne must have a NAME, P.O. BOX and PHONE NUMBER.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:

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ADVERTISING INFORMATION

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For more information, rate cards, sample publications, contact: David Brennaman, Advertising Director, ADS, (912) 681-5418; or Bill Neville, Student Media Coordinator, (912) 681-0069.

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NOTE: We gratefully acknowledge the theft of our slogan -- "Liked by Many, Cussed by Some, Read by them All" -- from Robert Williams of the Blackshear Times. Call Bob and he can tell you who he stole it from originally.

20 Announcements

GSU IDOL: The search for Southern's Star, Wednesday Nov. 20th 8:00PM in Union Ballroom. Tickets on sale now \$3.00 advance, \$5.00 door. For more info, call 486-7270.

LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON Spades Tournament Saturday December 7, 2002 @ 1:00PM. Entry fee \$10. Cash prizes, sign up in Union, Carrol, Lakeside from 10AM until 2:00PM.

MISS GSU 2003 applications available NOW. Please pick-up info in the S.A.C. info meeting Nov. 25th @ 6:30. Applications are due Dec. 6th @ 4PM 486-7270.

NEED GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS? Go to www.cardgallery.com or call 1-800-428-3479 for information.

THE AMERICAN Red Cross needs you! If you or anyone you know are interested in volunteering or becoming a member for one of the student committees here on campus, please sign up at the Office of Volunteer Services in the Russell Union.

ROLLOUT! WITH StudentCity.com for the LOWEST PRICES GUARANTEED for SPRING BREAK!!! Trips to Cancun, Jamaica, and Bahamas! Call Tony 688-2655.

DREW! Congrats on your new job! You rock baby! Love you - Crystal.

40 Autos for Sale

1993 NISSAN Pathfinder 4X4, loaded, excellent condition, leather, sunroof, power everything. HAVE TO SEE. 423-432-1751 or 688-2776, \$4900 Firm.

FOR SALE 1987 two-tone blue Caprice Chevy 4-door, V-8, 305 engine needs cosmetic work but built to last. Call 764-2075 or 690-0342.

50 Auto Parts, Repair

HUSKY TOOLBOX for a full-size truck for sale. Asking \$140 call 481-0656.

52 Bicycles

GREAT FIRST bike 1993 Kawasaki Ninja 600cc, \$2500 OBO. Call 541-0131.

60 Business Opportunities

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90 Education

FUN & STUFF Visit our Web site for list of things to do that are educational and fun. On-line at http://www.stp.gasou.edu/funstuff/

120 Furniture & Appliances

FURNITURE FOR sale! Bedroom set - white - make offer! End tables! Single bed need to sell! desperate call 481-1121 home 489-8097 call Kate.

140 Help Wanted

HELP WANTED. Distance Learning Center. Must be able to work Mon. - Thurs., 9:00 - 2:00 PM. Must be responsible, punctual and interested in technology. For more information call 681-0882 or email chellejn@gasou.edu.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND: 9 month grey kitten and brown and white beagle. Please call 764-8115 to identify. Both found around Cypress Lake Rd.

160 Miscellaneous for Sale

ELECTRONIC TREADMILL Like New, gym quality, measures speed, time, distance, calories burned, even has heart rate sensor and sports drink holder. Must sell \$200. Call Jennifer 681-2139.

165 Mobile Homes

TWO BEDROOM Mobile Home. Huge yard fenced in yard for dogs, minutes from campus, \$385/month includes lot rent and water. Call 852-5434.

180 Musical

WANT to buy professional model trumpet. Yamaha 6335, Conn Vintage One , or Bach Strad 180ML, 37 bell preferred, others considered. Call 681-5767.

200 Pets & Supplies

5 FEMALE rednose pitbull puppies for sale \$100. Available December 1st. Call George 865-9750 leave a message if before 5:30 PM.

FREE KITTEN Perfect Gift, 12 weeks, black/white/male. Call Kim 681-7063.

FOR SALE: large attractive snake cage, 49 inches by 36 by 27 with plexi-glass front. Good for large boas and pythons. Leave message at 681-5494.

20 GAL. Fish Tank. Has rocks, 2 air pumps, filter pump, heater, and object for the inside. Like new, asking \$60 OBO just call 681-7372.

220 Rentals & Real Estate

APARTMENT FOR sale: 213 Park Place 2 bed 2 bath, new carpet, great condition. Call for details \$38,000. 478-982-1051 leave message.

SUBLEASER NEEDED Spring 2003, Planters Row, 4BR/4BA, \$325/mo + 1/4 utilities. Will pay \$200 cash at signing. Call 681-9094 for more info.

STARTING JANUARY sublease 2 bedroom 2 1/2 bathroom townhouse at Player's Club. Rent \$295/month + 1/2 utilities. Lisa 681-1065. Urgent.

FEMALE NEEDED to sublease for Spring. \$255/month 1/3 utilities. Move in immediately. Call 681-8240 leave message.

BEDROOM AND bath to sublease in The Landings for Spring semester. 3BR/3BA, very nice. Please call 229-548-0890 or

912-681-6213 leave a message.

URGENT SUBLEASERS needed! Available January, 2 bedroom/2 bath in Garden District Apts. Rent \$235 plus utilities. Washer/dryer included, very spacious. Call for viewing 871-7267.

FEMALE LEASER/SUBLEASER needed for spring. 4BR/4BA poolside apartment in Campus Club. Spacious room, fully furnished. Rent \$419, all utilities included. Call Lauren at 912-688-9587 or 912-223-0367.

SUBLEASE DUPLEX apartment spring and summer. 2 bedroom 1 bath only one female needed! Rent \$212.50 plus utilities. 135 B Gentry Drive. For more information call 764-6467.

FOR RENT by Owner. Stadium Walk. 2 bedrooms includes washer and dryer. New carpet. 764-7528.

1 BR Apartment needs sublease! \$300/month - set up own utilities. Available Dec. 20th. If interested call Rachel at 478-442-2793.

2BR/1BA NEEDS sublease, available Dec., no deposit, fully furnished kitchen, clean & big LR/BR, \$460/month (possible to negotiate). Call 912-681-9650 ASAP!!

1 OR 2 bedrooms with private bathroom in a 2 bedroom apartment in Eagle Creek. Almost new. Call Javier 681-9328.

1 BEDROOM and 2 bedroom apartments available Spring semester. Quiet areas. Easy distance to campus. Pets considered. 764-3697.

FOR RENT: Large 2 bedroom and 2 bath Apt. Washer and Dryer connection, walking distance to GSU campus, no pets, \$500/month, 912-303-0222.

SUBLEASE A private bedroom/bathroom in a 3 bedroom house. Located in the Landings. Move in January - 2 months free. Call Kevin 404-786-8628.

ROOM AVAILABLE in January. Rent is \$355 utilities included. I will pay 1st months rent. The apartment is furnished. Please call 486-3210 or 678-1330.

FOR LEASE 1 bedroom in 2 bedroom townhouse, \$295/month with private bathroom and great roommate. Call Tracy 404-384-2969 leave message.

230 Roommates

TWO GSU roommates needed. Nice house, quiet neighborhood, one mile from campus. \$300/month, share utilities, 12 month lease. For info, call Steve 912-897-3265.

ROOMMATE NEEDED M/F sublease room in 4br/4ba house in Planters Row. \$325/mo + 1/4 utilities, free power or \$100 cash. call David or Tracy 681-9094.

FEMALE LOOKING to sublease for Spring semester in Garden District. \$275 a month includes cable and DSL included. Two awesome roommates please call Katie @ 681-8344.

FEMALE ROOMMATE needed: Close to everything!! 2 BR 1 BA. Pets OK. Please call Jennifer @ 706-284-5724 or 912-681-

HEAVILY SEDATED by Spencer Morris



9633 leave message.

FEMALE ROOMMATE needed: 6 month lease \$250/month, 1/2 utilities, nice, quiet, fully furnished except for bedroom. Located in Stadium Walk. Needed ASAP! Call Ainsleigh at 681-3004.

ONE FEMALE needed ASAP! 3 bedroom house on Marvin Ave. Owned by Handley Properties and only a couple of years old. Sublease needed starting Jan. If interested call 871-8867 or 912-481-0386. Ask for Melissa.

ROOMMATE NEEDED for spring and summer semester. Rent is \$250/month + 1/2 utilities. Call Justin at 871-3241 or 682-1500.

FEMALE TO live in fabulous Campus Club Apartments with three other nice ladies needed. Sublease is \$400 all inclusive per month. To see room call Jessica 688-9704.

240 Services

RESUME SERVICES. Invest in your career with a professional resume. Single page: \$45 (2-page:\$55). Package includes 5 copies (or sets) on resume stationery of your choice, cover letter, one matching #10 envelope, and resume delivered on floppy disk in Word or RTF format. Graphic Type & Advertising 912-871-4985.

260 Stereo & Sounds

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HELP WANTED. Distance Learning Center. Must be able to work Mon. - Thurs., 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Must be responsible, punctual and interested in technology. For more information call 681-0882 or e-mail chellejn@gasou.edu.

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COULD LIVING ON CAMPUS BUILD A BETTER COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?

By Seth Taylor
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Students who choose to live on-campus while in college earn better grades and are more satisfied with their overall college experience than those choosing to live off-campus.

A study done by GSU found that during fall semesters in 1999, 2000, 2001, 5,163 freshman students lived on-campus and averaged a 2.42 GPA as opposed to 3,269 freshman students who lived off-campus and averaged a 2.38 GPA.

Of the students living on-campus in the fall, 94 percent returned to school in the spring. Ninety-three percent of off-campus students returned as well.

The difference in retention rates is more dramatic in comparing one-year retention rates. For the entering freshman cohorts in fall 1999 and 2000, 78 percent of students who lived on-campus their first year returned to school the following fall as opposed to 72 percent of students living off-campus.

"Students live off-campus because of two reasons: there are no rooms available on campus, or they choose the privacy of off-campus life over the community of on-campus," said Emily Chandler, coordinator for off-campus housing.

"It's cheaper to live on-campus in most cases," said Nick Jenkins, senior, civil engineering major. "I lived off-campus my first two years in school and hated it. When I moved on-campus, my grades improved and I attended class more frequently."

"By living on-campus, I have the opportunity to meet more di-



KRI Campus

Living on campus gives the unique opportunity to meet new people and share studies.

verse people, therefore, making my college experience one that is more culturally rich," Jenkins said. "I am 10 times happier living on-campus than when I lived off."

This is a typical reaction according to Chris Caplinger, academic enhancement coordinator, who said that most students say that living on-campus is an experience they are glad to have had.

Ansley Holder, junior, interior design major, has lived off-campus her entire college career. "I wish I had lived in the dorms my freshman year," Holder said. "I think my grades would be better if I lived on-campus. Your focus is more geared towards school when living on-campus because you're always there."

Leslie Underwood, senior art education major, agreed. "I lived on-campus my first two years and loved it. I would regularly go to the library and study because I could just walk. Now that I live off-campus, it's a hassle to go to the library because I have to drive and fight the parking problems."

Phillip Boldt, a junior history major, said his grades have dropped

since moving off-campus.

"When I lived on-campus, I maintained a 3.0 GPA but since moving into my apartment off-campus, my GPA has slumped to a 2.8," he said.

Erik Anderson, a senior public relations major, attributes this problem to a decrease in focus. "When



Special to the G-A

An artist's rendition of The Pines, one of two new residence halls currently under construction.

you live on-campus, there is more dialogue about classes and grades than when living off-campus," he said. Anderson is currently an off-campus resident but lived on-campus his first three years. "I moved off-campus resident but lived on-campus his first three years.

"I moved off-campus because

I wanted to see a different side of college living but I live with people who I met through the on-campus experience," Anderson said.

Despite the statistics there are students who live off-campus successfully.

"I have never lived on-campus and I maintain a 3.63 GPA," said Chris Johnson, a senior English major.

"Living off-campus allows more freedom and helps you learn how to be more responsible. I don't feel as if I have missed anything by not living on-campus," Johnson said.

In some instances, it is possible to have the best of both worlds.

"Living on-campus is the easiest thing for me to do because I am a recent transfer from Georgia College. Living on-campus is cheaper than living in an apartment and I feel more connected with events going around on campus. Sanford Hall (Upper-class Experience) is great because I am able to enjoy the conveniences of apartment living while remaining in the on-campus atmosphere," said Wesley Ryals, a junior, history major.

"Students don't feel like they

identify with the University when they live off-campus," said Nick Jenkins.

Phillip Boldt agreed. "It's easier to get involved when living on-campus. Much of the advertising on-campus is geared towards the on-campus resident. The on-campus student is definitely more plugged in to what is going on at Georgia Southern."

Living on-campus is a much more social setting than living off-campus, according to some students. "I lived on-campus my first two years but moved into Sterling Pines this semester. I don't see my friends as often because apartment life tends to be more isolated," said Jerome Powell, a junior English major.

The recent study conducted by Institutional Research and the opinions of several GSU students indicate that the decision to live on-campus is one of great significance. The decision has the potential to determine a student's success and overall college satisfaction, both in and out of the classroom.

"I think everyone should live on-campus at some time," said Leslie Underwood.



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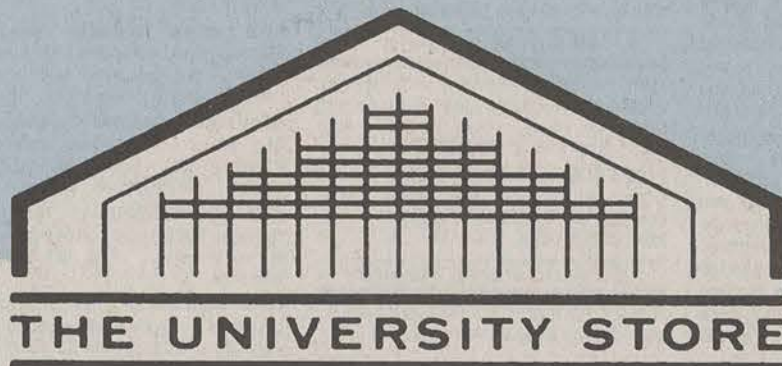
Both Oxford Hall and The Pines were torn down earlier this year to make way for new buildings of the same name.



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