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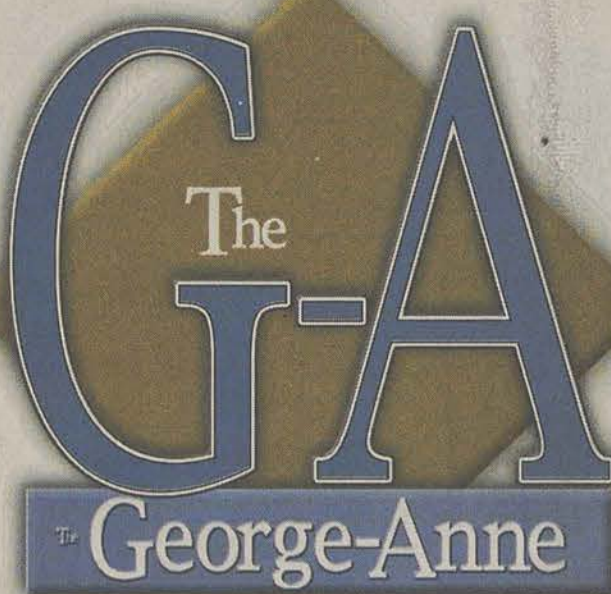


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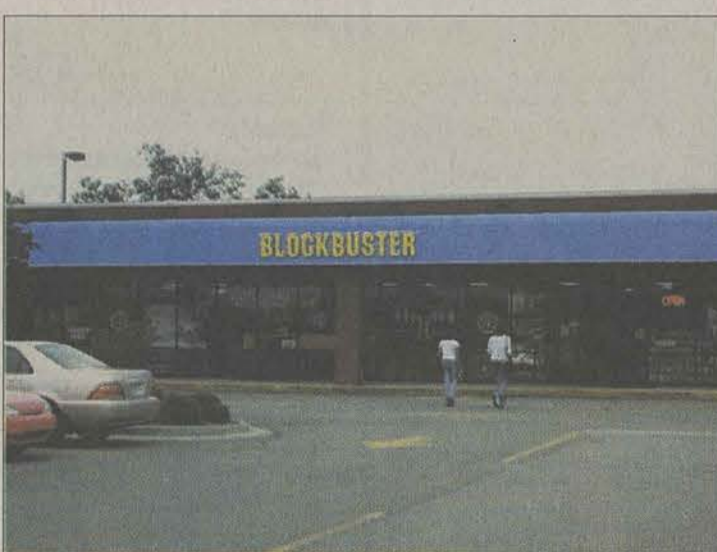
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In Theaters This Week

"Coyote Ugly"—
(PG-13)

"Autumn in New York"—
(PG-13)

"What Lies Beneath"—
(PG-13)

"The Cell"—
(R)

"The Klumps"—
(PG-13)

"Bring it On"—
(PG-13)

"The Replacements"—
(PG-13)

"Hollow Man"—
(R)

"Space Cowboys"—
(PG-13)

"Gone in 60 Seconds"—
(R)

"Dinosaur"—
(PG)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GSU Police say "Buckle up"

This weekend, the GSU Police Department is reminding motorists to buckle their seat belts for safety. GSU Police will stop vehicles and conduct safety checkpoints in pre-selected spots on campus to guarantee that drivers and passengers are properly using seatbelts and obeying state seat belt laws.

"We are doubling up our efforts to enforce seat belt laws," said GSU Police Chief Kim Brown. "This first group of safety checkpoints will focus on handing out warnings to motorists and passengers about the need for them to protect themselves by complying with the law. Our goal is to keep people safe while they're traveling on our roads."

Georgia Law requires that drivers and front seat passengers of every motor vehicle designed to carry ten persons or less (with some specific exceptions) must wear seat belts while traveling on roads and highways within the state. From now until the end of

February 2001, GSU Police officers will be using safety checkpoints as a tool to watch for seat belt violators.

These checkpoints are made possible by a grant from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety which will pay for police officers to work the checkpoints in support of the statewide "zero tolerance" seat belt use initiative.

Things To Do at GSU Ongoing

•BSU meets every Tuesday at 7 pm at 401 Chandler Rd. across from the Johnson and Watson Hall parking lot. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday at 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

September 9

•The NAACP will host a car wash at Arby's Saturday, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

September 11

•The Gamma Phi Eta Fraternity is having an information session, Sept. 11 and 12 at 7:00 pm, in room 3010 of the Henderson Library.

•The NAACP is having an information session for Miss Diva 2000 at 8:00 pm in room 2044 of Russell Union. Try-outs will be held Sept. 12-13 at 8:00 pm in room 2044 of Russell Union, and on Sept. 14 at 8:00 pm in room 2042 in Russell Union.

September 20

•Blood Drive outside of Russell Union from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

October 12

•Career Services will be holding their Eagle Expo Career Fair from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the RAC. Call 681-5197 for information.

Your Horoscope

By Linda Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Sept. 8).

Complete a romantic relationship this year, and a new one could emerge. It might even be with the same person! Say what's on your heart in September. Put in for a promotion in October. Plans may go awry in December. By January you should be sure where you want to be. The money's available in February if you use your imagination. Play by the rules to gain abundance in June. Accept rather confrontational coaching in August.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

— Today is a 6 — A secret partner could be handy. Don't talk much in public but do get a message across. By working through a mutual friend, you'll accomplish your mission. You generally lead the charge, but keep a low profile today, instead.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

— Today is an 8 — A project you've worked on for quite some time could pay off. You've done it so long, it could almost be a habit by now. This is good 'cause more work may be required soon. You'll get it finished in no time at all.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

— Today is a 6 — Although you're charming, your energy

level's not high. You may feel like you're struggling against overwhelming odds. Don't despair. Finish something you've started. Completion is energizing. Conditions will change by tomorrow.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

— Today is a 7 — A compromise you work out with a partner might feel more like a capitulation. You might not get your first option, but don't give up. If you hold out for what's important, you could win after all.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

— Today is a 6 — If you're trudging away at a difficult chore, you may feel like you're getting nowhere. That's not the case, however. You're gaining experience, and that's valuable. Study, too, even if some of what you're learning doesn't make much sense. It will.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

— Today is a 7 — The most difficult topic has probably already been addressed. You've said your piece. Finish your job and accept your reward, which might be more than you expected, due to a high-ranking person's favorable impression of you. Accolades count, of course.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

— Today is a 7 — You've made your point. Now wait and watch. A person you thought you'd never convince might have a change of heart. Stranger things have happened. Don't mention it again, though. Let him or her save face.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

— Today is a 7 — Your formula for success should work pretty well. A good friend's a big help. Something you're learning seems to give you an advantage. Something you're doing privately, however, could bring you the greatest reward.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

— Today is a 6 — Money's not short, although your pockets may seem too empty. Don't worry. You'll have everything you need. A conversation with a friend will help you understand another person better, and that's valuable.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

— Today is an 8 — The danger's passed, and you should have smooth sailing. That should be true for projects you begin now, too. A lucky break could open up a new possibility. Use it to increase your influence and authority; watch for it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

— Today is a 6 — Worries could make even the simplest tasks seem complex. If you're avoiding something, do that first. You'll be amazed at how much more energy you have after that's checked off your list.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

— Today is an 8 — An insider tip could lead to an excellent bargain. If you've done research, you'll know a good deal when you find it. Be ready to move quickly. Take action now through the weekend to get what you want for your home.

This Week's Weather



Today
Mostly cloudy
with a high of
84 and a low
of 67.



Saturday
Partly cloudy
with a high of
87 and a low
of 67.



Sunday
Partly cloudy
with a high of
89 and a low
of 66.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety

August 26
•Katherine Yvonne Claffey, 19, Augusta, was charged with DUI (.078) and failure to maintain lane.

•A domestic dispute was reported at Watson Hall.

August 27
•Kathryn Alycia Lynch, 21, 2307 Garden District, was charged with DUI (.148) and failure to maintain lane.

August 28
•Kathryn Hammontree reported that someone entered her vehicle and removed a CD case containing 111 CDs. The vehicle was parked in the Union commuter lot. There was no sign of forced entry.

August 30
•Cory N. Bowen, 19, 159 Inman Rd., Fayetteville, Ga., was charged with DUI (Refused) and failure to maintain lane.

•Robert M. Nussmeiter, 19, 814 Robin Hood Trail, Statesboro, Ga., was charged with DUI (.076) and no headlights.

Statesboro Police Department

September 1
•Gene Earl Lee, 20, 517 Pittmore Rd., was charged with DUI, obstruction, possession of marijuana, and driving without a license on person.

•Melanie Cawalker, reported someone keyed her car.

September 2

•Kyle Dawkins, 23, 516 Georgia Ave., was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane, and no license on person.

•Anthony Mincey, 20, 18 Pine St., was charged with possession of cocaine.

•Delwin Markeith Florence, 22, 38 James St., was charged with battery.

•Bryan Robert, 516 Georgia Ave., was

charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane, and no license on person.

September 3

•Robert Lake O'Donnell, 1661 Pondsider Dr., was charged with entering an automobile.

•William Frank Roberson, 22 W Grady St., was charged with suspicious activity.

September 4

•Paul Franklin Rushing, 19, Claxton, Ga., was charged with DUI, first offense.

•Justin Brian Dalrymple, 19, was charged with DUI (.030) and failure to yield turn.

•Lawrence Rubin Martin Jr., 27, N. Main St., was charged with theft by shoplifting, no insurance, no proper tag, and seatbelt violation.

•Quincy Scott, 23, 22 Miller St., was charged with simple battery.

•David Bender, 66 Towne Club Apartments, was charged with burglary.

•John Sexton, 23, 185 Players Club, was charged with suspicious activity.

September 5

•Jay Clarke, 18, 2879 Deekle Rd., was charged with shoplifting, first offense.

•Miguel Hughes, 20, 807 Gentilly Rd., was charged with driving on a suspended license.

•Edward Brandon Waddleton, 19, Stockbridge, Ga., was charged with underage possession of alcohol, and using a false ID to obtain alcohol.

•Joseph Gentle, 19, Conyers, Ga., was charged with underage possession of alcohol.

•Rebekah Davis, 61 Varsity Lodge, was charged with civil dispute.

•Sherrell Leslie, 111 Rucker Ln., was charged with criminal trespassing.

•Chermaine Patrice Guice, 64 Seasons Apartments, was charged with simple battery.

September 6

•David Cahill, 19, Players Club, was charged with false or fictitious license, attempting to elude, and DUI (Refused).

•Shane Williams, 26, Grovetown, Ga., was charged with DUI (first offense), and failure to maintain lane.

•Eyup Koknar, 29, was charged with expired tag and DUI, first offense.

•Halih Cecen, 23, Players Club, was charged with disorderly conduct.

—All Police Beat information is compiled by Angela Jones.

GSU Student Media Website
<http://www.stp.gasou.edu>

The screenshot shows the GSU Student Media Website interface. It includes a navigation menu on the left with links like "GA", "91.9 FM WVG6", "Miscellaneous", "Student Quarterly Magazine", "Reflector", "Other Student Media Information", "Eagle Eye Student Handbook", "eagle eye", "What's Up in the Town", "FUN STUFF", "Contact Code, Policies & Procedures", "Online", "Student Media Handbooks", "Presentations", and "Photoshop Level 1". The main content area features "The G-A Today" news section, "CONCEPT EDGE", "TV LISTINGS", "CUSTOMIZED TV LISTINGS", "MOVIE LISTINGS", and "WHAT'S PLAYING AT THE MOVIES". There are also sections for "We're Doing It Three Times a Week" and "We're Back for Academic Year 2001".

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1 Georgia

UGA football coaches make football players drink pickle juice

ATHENS — The secret is in the juice — pickle juice, that is. University of Georgia trainers are giving football players pickle juice before practice to help prevent cramping during the game Saturday against South Carolina.

So far, the briny green liquid, which contains a combination of salt and nutrients which are believed to help prevent cramps, seems to be working.

The NFL's Philadelphia Eagles credit the juice for preventing cramping in Sunday's 41-14 win over Dallas in 109 degree weather.

That was enough to convince Bulldogs coach Jim Donnan to give his players the juice. Several Georgia suffered cramping during last week's season opener win against Georgia Southern.

"We're going with that pickle juice," Donnan said. "We got a gallon of it, and our guys are going to take it."

2 Pennsylvania

Couple's wedding helped paid for by sponsors

PITTSBURGH — Corporate sponsorship has even reached into the business of weddings.

Jennifer Sorensen and J.J. Barrett of Pittsburgh will save \$3,500 on their wedding ceremony by selling advertising space on the back of their wedding program.

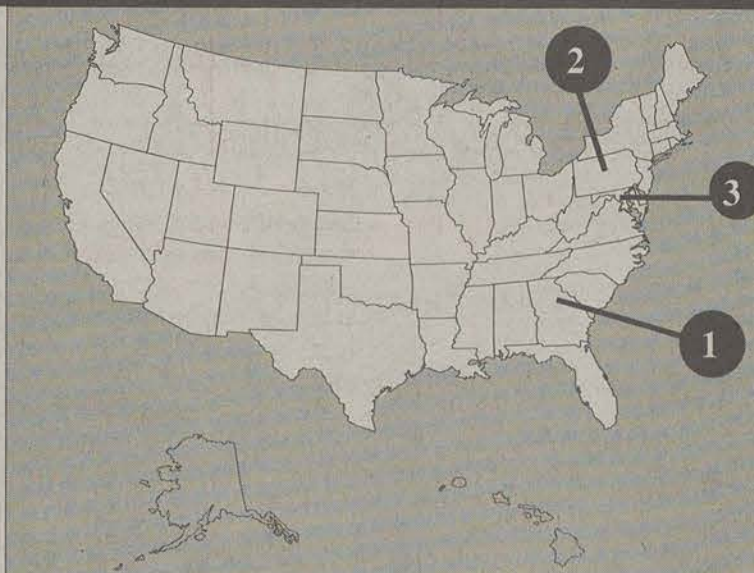
The 175 invited guests on Saturday will receive wedding programs that mention the photographer, florist and four other businesses that the couple hired for the ceremony.

"I think we did it in a very tasteful way," said Sorensen, 28, a marketing and publication manager for a suburban Pittsburgh company that produces guides for expectant mothers. "It's on the back of the program — it's not like there's ads throughout."

Sorensen and Barrett, 24, a marketing specialist in Pittsburgh, had lived together for two years before deciding last year to get married. They realized quickly that a wedding can be an expensive venture.

"It's just not my thing," Sorensen said of all the features she saw at a bridal show, from dove releases to costly decorations for wedding cakes.

The couple split the cost of Sorensen's engagement ring, and are saving money to buy a house while paying student loans. Sorensen cut costs by planning a lunchtime reception at a Pittsburgh restaurant and negotiating



discounts on invitations and liquor.

But she found their budget of \$10,000 wouldn't quite cover some desired extras, such as a professional videotape of the event.

"I sound like a hypocrite, saying I just wanted a simple wedding, but it sure is nice to have a videographer," Sorensen said.

Then Sorensen's boss, Naresh Dewan, suggested she trade ads in her wedding program for various services. The effort got her flowers, photography, a disc jockey to provide music and an appointment to have her hair done. She was turned down by invitation printers, limousine services and tuxedo rental businesses.

"I wanted to get services I would have gotten anyway, if I could have afforded them," Sorensen said. "I'm very happy with what we've received."

Barrett said their families were impressed as well.

"They really thought it was great," he said. "I think they were pleased to see we took some initiative."

Sue Smith, who operates The Flowersmith out of her Pittsburgh home, traded \$800 to \$900 in flowers for an ad in the couple's program. She said that at first she hoped not too many people would make the same request, but later decided it might not be bad publicity for her business.

"I respect her creativity, it's cool," Smith said of Sorensen.

Anita Buzzy Prentiss, a photographer with Buzzy Photography in Pittsburgh, said she traded a basic photo package with the understanding that Sorensen would buy more pictures. The bride complied.

Sorensen said she will draw the line at dollar dances with wedding guests. But she thought about placing little cards with ads next to the cake. "Then I thought, 'Tacky,'" she said.

3 Maryland

Garden vegetables grown in all shapes and sizes

HAGERSTOWN — It takes an unusual fungus to make the pages of The (Hagerstown) Herald-Mail, but Basil and Eleanor Grossnickle's specimen made the cut.

The Myersville couple the giant fungus growing on a walnut stump in their

backyard. In the photo, it looks like a fat, weird flower, or a chunk of coral.

It's the latest installment in "Garden Oddities," the Herald-Mail's long-standing photographic feature. It may sound strange, but many small newspapers throughout the country regularly publish photos of locals with their vegetables.

Bigger papers sometimes do too. In 1991, The (Baltimore) Sun put a photo of a Millersville-grown eggplant that resembled Bob Hope and Richard Nixon on its front page.

Plentiful rain this summer has led to a bumper crop of unusually large vegetables, meaning splendid photos of mutant parsnips, radishes and the old standby, potatoes.

On Aug. 17, Emily Cowgill, 5, appeared in the Herald-Mail holding a Northern Kennebec potato shaped like a duck. Duck-shaped potatoes are something the Herald-Mail has seen a lot of over the years.

"We're still waiting for a duck that looks like a potato," said managing editor Tony Mulieri.

The afternoon paper has been publishing for 173 years, but there's no record of how many quirky veggies have shown up its pages over the years.

Readers occasionally write in to say enough with the weird vegetables, but Herald-Mail editors say "Garden Oddities" is here to stay. "For us," Mulieri says, "it's something fun for people to do in the summer. This is a farming community, and this is a way of sharing their heritage."

When it comes to 6-pound radishes, 5-pound sweet potatoes or 17-pound cabbages, Herald-Mail staff will tell you one name stands alone at the top: H.L. "Shorty" Cosgrove. The 84-year-old Hagerstown native makes frequent visits to the newspaper's office from his home on the outskirts of town and has made several appearances in the paper.

In fact, one summer, the editors had to gently tell him to come in a little less often, since other gardeners felt they were being squeezed out.

The retired truck driver says there's no special secret to what makes the crops on his one-acre garden grow so large, and sometimes, so odd. It's just your usual horse manure. And over the years, Herald-Mail subscribers have come to enjoy seeing what Cosgrove grows.

"It just breaks the monotony, you know?" he says. "Give you some good humor."

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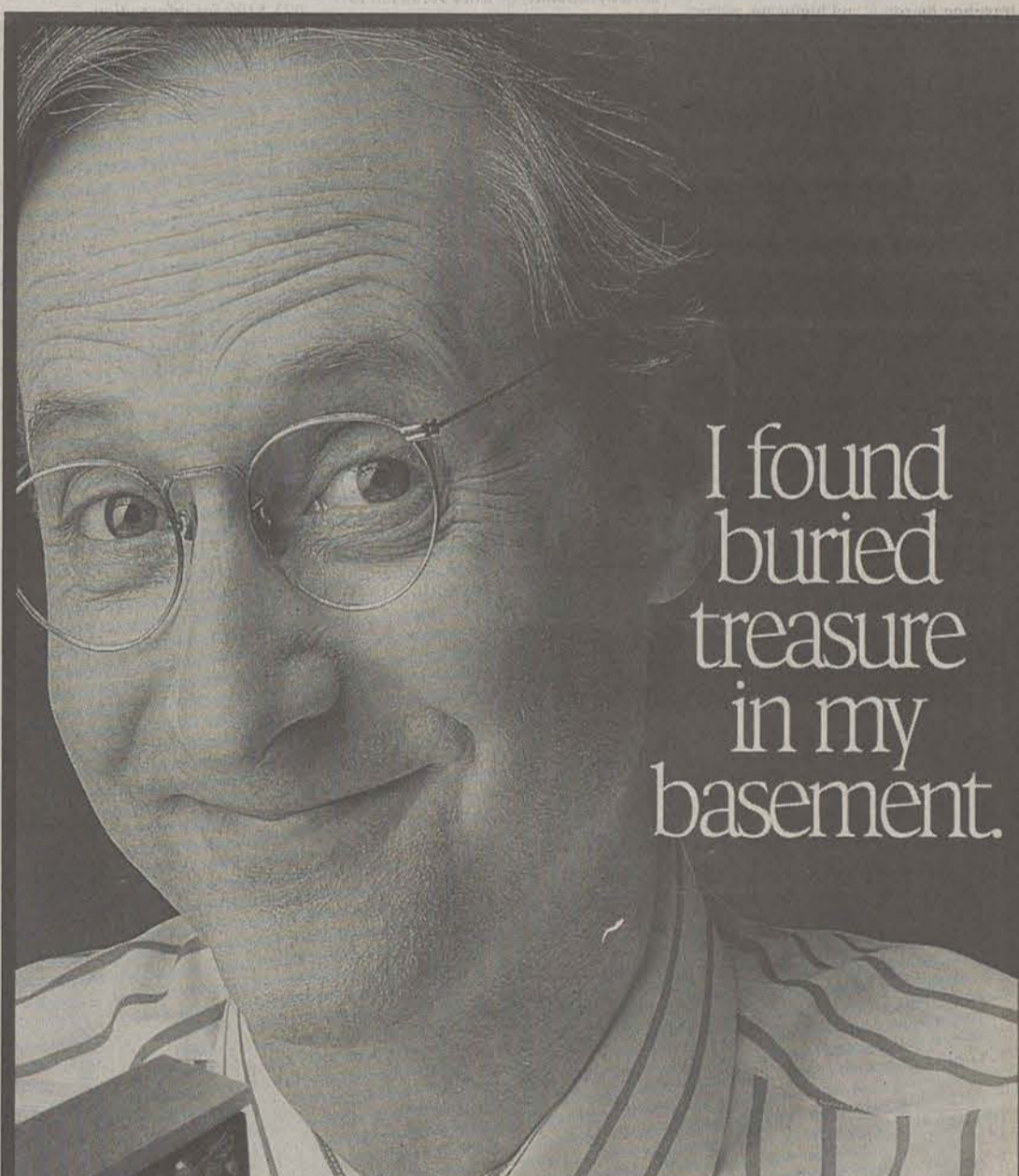


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GSU students start TV show

By Zane Thomas
Senior Staff Writer

Two GSU students now have their own television show on Northland Cable. Lem Moore and Guy Faustin, who are part of the Monopoly Bros. associated with WVGS, have made the jump from radio to television, with local businesses acting as sponsors.

Their first show aired this past Wednesday at 5 PM and was rerun at 6 PM. The episode focused on the GSU vs. UGA game this past weekend. Moore said that the format of their show is a cross between MTV and "Hits" on BET, but with a touch of Tom Green. It is geared toward everybody as "good, clean fun," Faustin said.

But how were they able to get the TV show?

"We knew some folks inside," Moore said. "It was more like a referral." They said the hardest part was trying to get sponsors to back them up. Faustin said they spent the whole summer soliciting businesses and were able to get Applebee's restaurant and GNC health store to sponsor them, among others.

Moore and Faustin have been on WVGS entertaining the campus for three years. So, did they find the transition from one medium to another difficult? The two DJs said they felt little to no nervousness at all while doing

THEIR SHOW IS A CROSS BETWEEN MTV AND "HITS" ON BET, BUT WITH A TOUCH OF TOM GREEN.

the taping. They said the hardest part was taking the final cut of the show to the cable network.

Since their show is only 15 minutes long, they had a hard time trying to pick and choose what goes in and what gets cut. Their goal in this new show is to feature clips that other sports channels wouldn't normally show, such as elderly people barking for the Dawgs or Eagle fans doing the "Dirty Bird." They also get more of the inside scoop by interviewing the football players.

Moore and Faustin are hoping that their show catches on with

TV viewers in general, because if it does, it will be expanded to a full half hour. Currently, advertisement for the show has only been word-of-mouth. Since they're part of the Monopoly Bros., a pool of DJs who put together charity and social events, the DJs at WVGS have been a big support to them.

Faustin said they have a whole bunch of ideas lined up for future shows. They plan on covering as much sporting events as they can in the future as well as filming around campus and getting students on camera.

"There is so much stuff going on," he said. "We like entertaining people just to put a smile on their faces."

The guys have high hopes that their show is a success because it will probably allow other GSU students to get their own TV show.

"We're hoping that this opens avenues for the rest of the school," Moore said. Many other schools have student-run television programs, and now GSU has hit another growth spurt, adding television to the list of student media.

'Erin Brockovich' comes to Eagle Cinema

By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

Featuring the beautiful and talented actress Julia Roberts, "Erin Brockovich" is now showing through Eagle Cinema in the Russell Union Theater.

Beginning last night and showing again tonight and Saturday night at 7 and 9:30 PM, "Erin Brockovich" is a thrilling legal drama. Based on a true story, the movie features Roberts (who plays Brockovich) as a small desert town file clerk working for a local law firm. When she discovers that a scam is being run by the major public water authority in

the area to cover up an extremely harmful contaminated water problem, she takes

hard to prove her honesty and desire to break the case. Finally receiving the official "okay" from the town leaders, Brockovich ends up winning the largest settlement ever paid in a direct action suit.

Also starring Aaron Eckhart and Albert Finney, the R-rated 2000 movie shows Julia Roberts in a different role than she normally portrays. The role of a serious, but sexy businesswoman is a bit out-of-step with Roberts previous works, but she doesn't fail to impress.

Admission is just \$1 for all show times, so come enjoy another hit from the star of the classic, "Pretty Woman."



Internet Photo

upon herself to crack the secret by suing the company. Struggling to gain the support of the local community, she works

Be a friend to the mentally impaired

By Jessica Garcia
Staff Writer

Imagine your typical day at GSU from dawn until dusk. Think of how many people you interact with and how many of those people you consider your friends. Now take away all those people you call your friends. Not much to look forward to in your day now, is there?

We all know how important friendships are and how our lives are so much brighter with friends by our side. But what about people that are isolated from such incidents, or who may lack our more up-to-par social skills? The people that I am talking about are the mentally retarded.

An estimated 7.5 million individuals are affected by mental retardation in the U.S. alone. Sadly, fifty-three percent of them have no friends or relationships outside their immediate family or caretakers. Now you can make a difference and offer an individual your love and support through an incredible program, Best Buddies.

The non-profit organization was originally founded in 1989 by Maria Shriver's (Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife) brother, Anthony K. Shriver. This international program involves over 20,000 members belonging to over 500 high school and college campuses in the U.S., Canada, Egypt, and Greece each year. Despite its rapid growth, many areas have yet to provide citizens or students opportunities to make a huge impact in the lives of the mentally handicapped.

The program offered on the college level, Best Buddies Colleges, pairs people who have mental retardation in a one-to-one friendship with college students. As volunteers, students provide a buddy a "chance to explore a new way of life" and a long-lasting friendship. Although the commitment is enduring, the benefits that a participant receives are priceless.

Best Buddies director, Amanda Sprague, a fellow GSU student in her second year with the program, claims that Best Buddies has been "the greatest experience of [her] life."

"Things as simple as a smile from them make your day as much as you make theirs," other members said.

As far as commitment, volunteers are expected to contact their buddy at least once a week via phone, e-mail if available, or a visit to their residence,

BEST BUDDIES.



the Pinehurst Home located off Gentilly Dr. In addition to maintaining contact, volunteers must also plan an event, or outing with their buddy at least twice a month. Over holidays, if the volunteer does not live in Statesboro, he or she must send a card and let their buddy know the next time they will see them, as means of a visit.

In order to ensure that the events or outings correlate with interests of both the buddy and the volunteer, the two are paired up based on application information of common interests like sports, games, movies, or arts and crafts. Outings could be as simple as a trip to Wal-Mart or Burger King, or a more interactive trip to the bowling alley or movie theater. Due to the fact that all the residents of Pinehurst hold steady jobs in Statesboro, a trip cleared with the director ahead of time allows the buddy to provide his own methods of payment. However, some volunteers would rather treat their buddy to lunch or dinner, or even a movie as they would a real friend.

Crucial to Best Buddies is that very concept- the friendships formed are not artificial or temporary, they last physically throughout the entire school year, and mentally for a lifetime. Sprague stresses that despite a lower IQ, "the buddies are not stupid, they know what is going on and are deeply hurt and disappointed if their buddy bails or never shows up."

If one cannot offer one hundred percent of their time and energy required to being a buddy, they may apply to be an "associate member."

As an associate member, volunteers would not be tied to the one-to-one pairing of a buddy, but would visit all the buddies at Pinehurst and attend meetings on campus every two weeks.

Another outlet Best Buddies provides is that of "e-Buddies" which allows on-line relationships much like a pen-pal rather than the personal interaction of being an associate member or regular buddy.

Many fun activities that Best Buddies provide as a whole include barbecues, dances, and the most recent event of planting a garden in front of the Pinehurst facility. The goal of planting the garden is to help the residents feel a greater sense of responsibility and cooperation in maintaining the flowers and plants. Moreover, it provides the residents with more than the instant gratification they usually receive in other activities such as eating pizza, or receiving GSU paraphernalia which, according to the volunteers, is another simple thing you can do for them to "make their day." Instead, the garden serves as long-term gratification in which they can see their results of keeping up the garden.

Due to many stereotypes, some volunteers hesitate in joining, even if they feel they do have the time and energy. The buddies you would be paired with, for example, are capable of eating by themselves, walking, and communicating- they are not, as some would denounce, "vegetables." They are also fun to be with and while they all have individual functioning levels, they are not completely clueless, as some would mistakenly assume.

Another obstacle potential members may fear is that of the one-to-one relationship with someone that many members have never interacted with before. Although no past experience is necessary, you can arrange to go with another volunteer or even carpool, if you would feel more comfortable in that situation.

Sprague encourages all those who are even considering joining to come out to the Pinehurst Home on Saturday at 11 AM to help plant the new garden with the residents and get a better feel for what they are like.

No matter which option you chose- buddy, associate, or e-Buddy- Best Buddies will provide the mentally handicapped citizens, as well as you- the volunteer- with a mutually beneficial friendship, not to mention a wonderful learning experience and many fond memories.

"[The buddies] make you come out smiling no matter what mood you were in," Sprague said.

For more information on Best Buddies, please call Amanda Sprague at 688-3643, or visit www.bestbuddies.org.

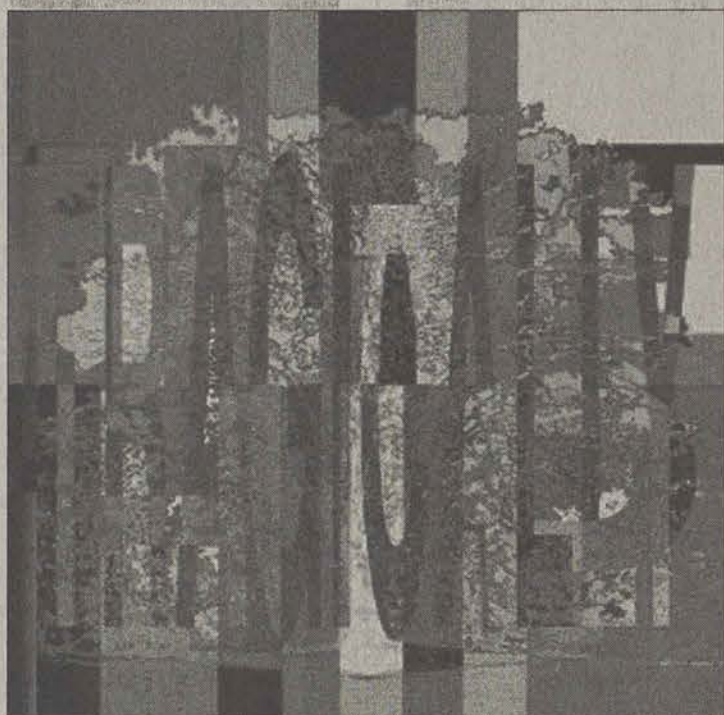
Tragically Hip puts music to work

By Travis Jones
Staff Writer

Sometimes, when you share something you really love, it hurts. It's hard not to be stingy with a good thing. I had to think about whether or not to expose this Ontario-based band, The Tragically Hip, for fear that, for some selfish reason, the band might get too popular too fast and ruin what, to me, is a best kept secret in music today. The fact is, although they may not be so popular in the states, the Hip is to Canada what Pearl Jam is to the US. Being disappointed with the latest efforts of this fan-generated giant, I turned to the Hip's latest release, "Music @ Work."

"Music @ Work" fills the void left by hard core, techno, and pop-alternative artists. Vocalist Gord Downie's lyrics hear-

ken back to the poetic style of Jim Morrison, but never get cheesy or downright unintelligible like much of today's performers. Also, the band, even with eight studio albums under



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we're just "serving the song." "The Completists" is full, featuring backing vocals, layered guitars, and drummer Johnny Fay's mix-dominating percussion. "Toronto #4" and "As I Wind Down the Pines" are calming and highlight beautiful backing vocals from guest Julie Doiron. "Freak Turbulence", my favorite track, makes you feel the excitement of an eminent plane crash with its thrusting guitars and panic-stricken vocal style.

With all the music trends that seem to come and go, "Music @ Work" fills a permanent position as a true, genuine rock al-

bum. See for yourself why I'm stingy. Check out some of the Hip's older stuff and learn more about them at www.thehip.com. The Tragically Hip will perform at the Roxy in Atlanta October 12. Bring your Leafs jersey.

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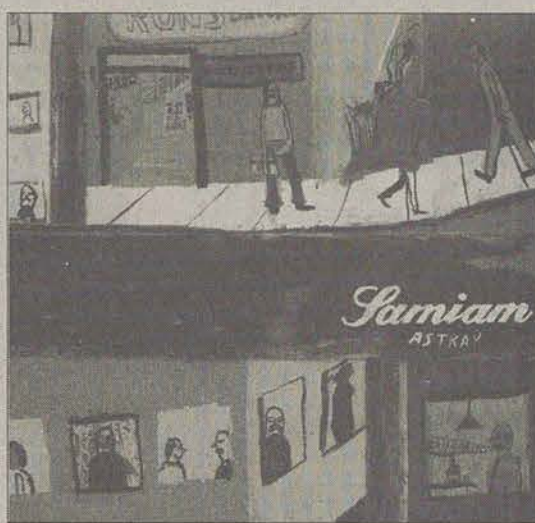


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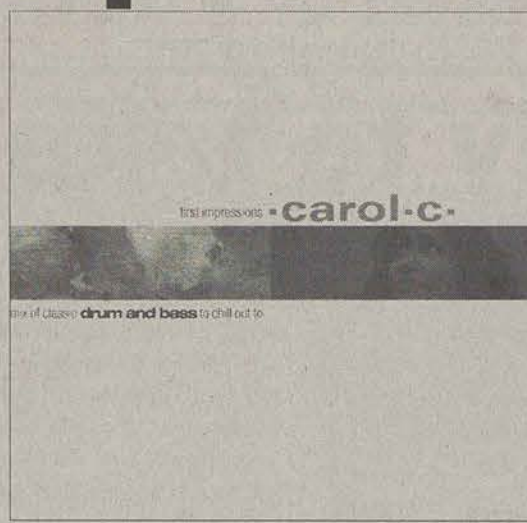
By DJ Serenity

The guest talents include gospel hip-hop artist BBJ and the young, popular vocals of Destiny's Child. Though great gospel legends such as Mahalia Jackson, Shirley Caesar, and Walter Hawkins still ring loud in homes today, most young people tend to shy away from it because it doesn't "fit" them. Now, there are no more excuses because God has used Mary Mary to help set a new standard for contemporary gospel music. So, do I recommend it? Yes! Is it worth buying? Yes! Should you drop everything you're doing and run to the store? Well, probably not. However, I do suggest that you buy it as soon as possible.



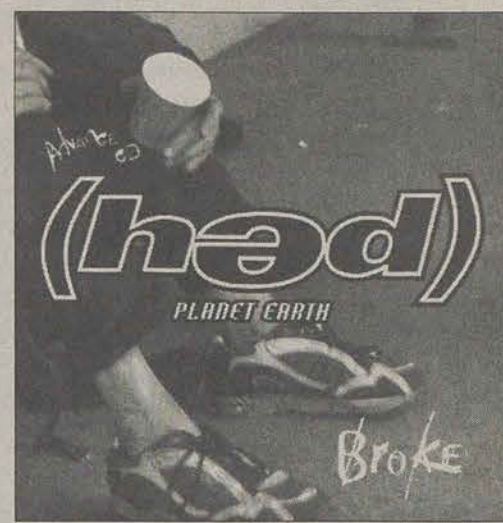
By Jake Hallman

Oh, well. Everybody wants to be famous. Buy the disc. You'll get the chance to be that cool person who discovers a band right before they hit it big, to crush your friends with your superior musical tastes.



By Josh Segal

Beginning with the track "Where are you?" by the Omni rhythms and vocals usually reserved for the more progressive house set. This album is definitely one for fans of drum and bass looking for a new spin on an increasingly mundane sound. Although fast becoming a personal favorite, this album is not for the new, but maybe best reserved for fans of dance music looking for something different.



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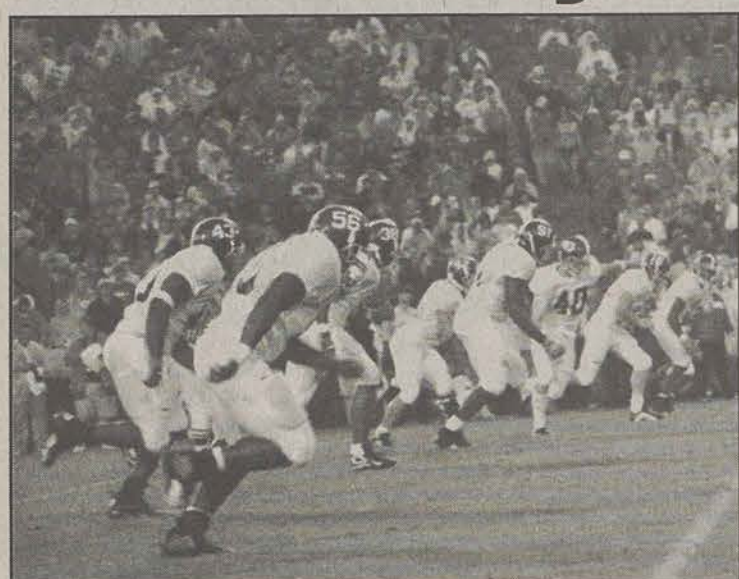
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GSU ready to take on Johnson C. Smith



KICKOFF: GSU looks to get back in the win column during their home opener against Johnson C. Smith this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Paulson Stadium.

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

After being held to their lowest point total (seven) and lowest total yards (235) in the Paul Johnson era against Georgia, the GSU football team will look to get back on track this Saturday when they take on Division II opponent Johnson C. Smith.

Johnson C. Smith, a historically black college in Charlotte, North Carolina, won last week 26-21 on the road against Bowie State. The Golden Bulls, from the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, return 13 starters, including six on offense, from a team that finished 2-9 a season ago. One of those wins was a 31-20 victory over Fayetteville State, a team GSU destroyed 76-0 in their season-opener last year.

They are led on offense by quarterback Desmond Brown, who is back after quitting the team in midseason in 99. When he was on the field, Brown managed to pick up 302 yards passing and two touchdowns. His main receivers are expected to be Craig Brown who enjoyed a fine season in 99, collecting 32 catches for 797 yards and five scores, and Temarcus McNeil. Running back Jimmy Bell returns after posting 652 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground last season.

The Golden Bulls, which employ a 4-3 defense, will depend

heavily on linebackers Abram Reed, Reggie Broughton and Antonio Jamison. Reed finished the Bowie State game with a team-high 11 tackles.

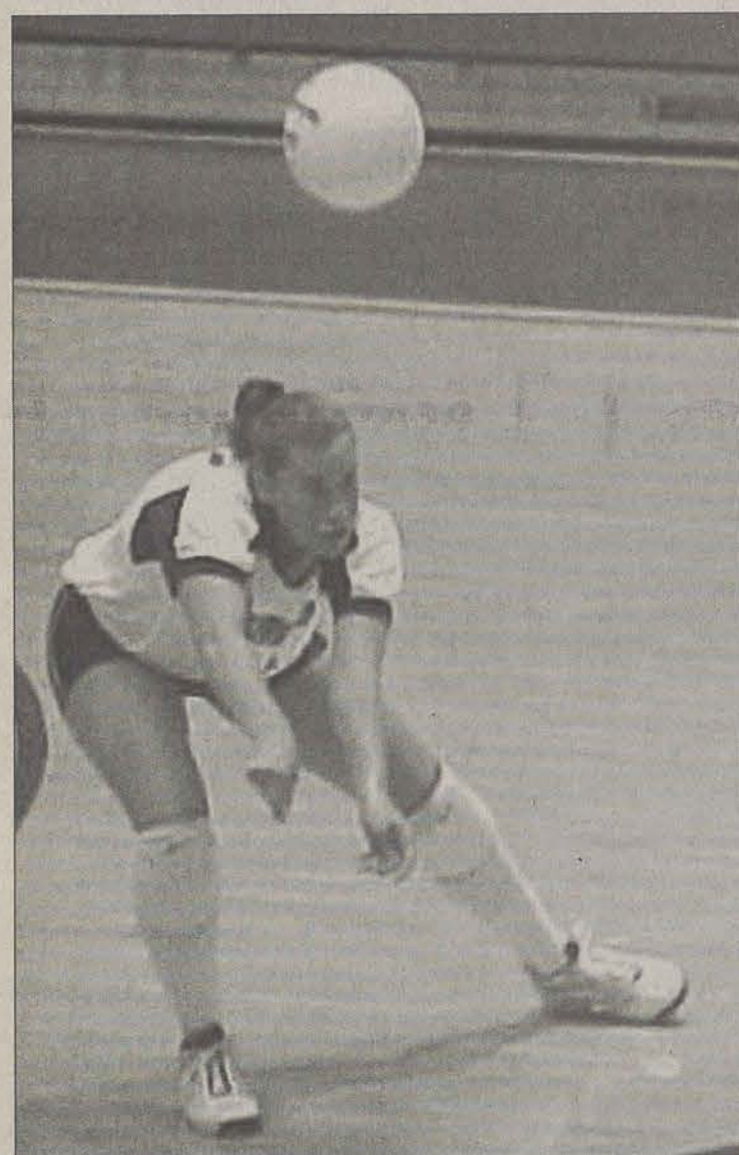
GSU, which has posted 23 straight wins at Paulson Stadium, will look to get the offense going much like it did against the Broncos in the first contest in 1999. In that game, GSU scored on their first eleven possessions on their way to a school-record 76 points.

The key to offensive success lies with first-year starter J.R. Revere. The junior struggled in Athens, rushing for -14 yards on 15 attempts. Revere also completed 10 of 19 passes but for only 45 yards. "It was frustrating the whole night," said Revere after the UGA game. "I can remember running the ball and [finding] a little seam, any other day I would break that longer than what I did but a linebacker or somebody with long arms would reach out and trip me up." Fortunately for Revere and GSU, Johnson C. Smith doesn't figure to be as athletic and talented as the Bulldogs.

Although UGA might have presented Revere and the rest of the offense some problems, the same can't be said for Adrian Peterson. The fullback looked impressive, gaining a game-high 152 yards while breaking the school's all-time rushing record previously held by Joe Ross. Peterson, who has now rushed for 3,891 yards all-time, has also rushed for over one-hundred yards in all 31 of his collegiate games.

GSU volleyball energized after posting tournament victory

• At 4-0, the GSU volleyball team is off to their best start since 1992



HITTING THEIR MARK: The Eagles' improved scoring attack has led to success on the volleyball court. The Eagles hope to sustain their momentum against several squads in the Stetson Invitational in DeLand, Florida.

By Colin Dube
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the GSU Eagles volleyball team claimed the Gateway Autobody/McDonalds GSU Invitational title and on Tuesday defeated the College of Charleston. With those victories, the Eagles have equaled their win total from all of last season.

Although overshadowed by the melee of the GSU vs. UGA football game, the Eagles soared over their opponents this past weekend and currently remain undefeated.

of the year. Sophomore Lauren McClain added six blocked shots while tallying three aces.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, the Eagles took on the College of Charleston. Once again, the Eagles claimed the win with three out of four matches, 15-13, 15-13, 11-15, 17-15. Megan Lippi led the team with 15 kills and 20 digs. Sara McCarty had 12 kills and 20 digs.

GSU's loss in game four to the College of Charleston was heart thumping and hard fought. The Lady Eagles came back from a 10-3 deficit only



TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS: The GSU Volleyball team celebrates a long awaited victory after winning the Gateway Autobody/ McDonald's GSU Invitational.

EVERYBODY IS CONTRIBUTING AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR ROLE. THIS TEAM HAS HEART.

- COACH EDDIE MATTHEWS

The Eagles claimed their victory in just three games. The Bulldogs of UNC Asheville fell to GSU 15-6, 16-14, 15-7, only to be joined by the Dolphins from Jacksonville, who lost a hard fought game to the Lady Eagles, 3-2.

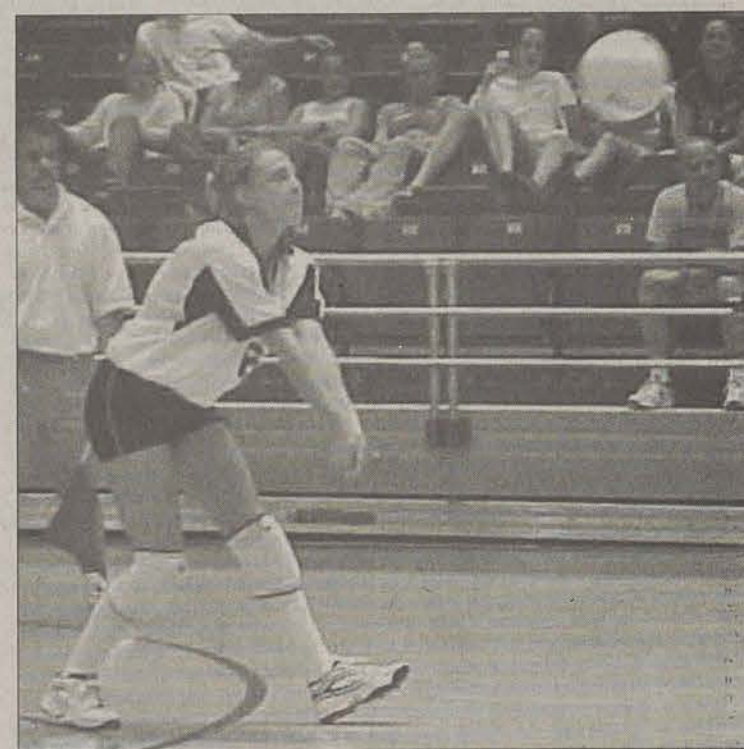
Tournament MVP Amanda Brooks who had 31 assists and an ace led the Eagles. Freshman Megan Lippi joined Brooks on the All-Tournament team, leading the hitting attacks by registering 13 kills and a .357 hitting percentage. Lippi also recorded 11 digs for her second double double

to lose 11-15.

GSU is close to topping the second best start in school history. That season, in 1992, the Eagles went 5-0 and finished 12-18.

Considering that the Lady Eagles current win total matches that of last year's overall wins, the Eagles are excited with such an accomplishment.

"I am very pleased at our performance and optimistic about the whole season," head coach Eddie Matthews said. "Right now we are serving aggressively and I feel very confident that we will continue to



SUCCESS! With four victories in four matches, the Eagles have matched their win total from all of last year.

Taking a look at this week's Southern Conference matchups

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

The SoCon's second week sees a couple of teams taking on I-A foes (East Tennessee State, Chattanooga) while others try to get in the win column against non-Division I teams (GSU, Western Carolina and Furman). Others still are taking on quality opponents in I-AA as fourth-ranked App. State opens its home schedule with the week's best game against second-ranked Troy State. 1999 playoff team Lehigh visits Wofford while The Citadel travels to Delaware.

This week marks the last week of non-conference play as all teams try to shape up for the race for the Southern Conference championship beginning next weekend.

Appalachian State-(1-0,0-0)

Last Week: The Mountaineers pulled off the SoCon's greatest victory during week one with a 20-16 victory over I-A Wake Forest. Although the score was close, the stats weren't, as ASU outgained the Demon Deacons 382-182. David Reaves completed 10 of 16 passes for 130 yards and a score for the injured Daniel Jeremiah, who

left due to an injury after the first half. Rashad Slade caught a career-high six balls and Karim Razzak added 82 yards in the winning effort.

This Week: ASU will have the toughest opponent as they host second-ranked Troy State. The Trojans are coming off of a 28-13 victory over Alabama A&M and garnered the second-most first-place votes in the latest Sports Network I-AA poll. Troy State is led by record-setting quarterback Brock Nutter.

Prediction: ASU 23 Troy State-14

Chattanooga-(1-0,0-0)

Last Week: UTC started their season off right with a 23-6 win at home against Samford. The high-powered Mocs offense saw quarterback Chris Sanders complete 27 of 42 passes for 252 yards. UTC's Cos DeMatteo (12 receptions for 101 yards) and Richmond Flowers (8 for 67) performed up to expectations. The UTC defense did their part as well, holding Samford to just 234 yards. Kicker Matt Vick also added three field goals.

This Week: The Mocs play their

only I-A opponent of the season when they travel to Birmingham Thursday night to take on UAB. This will be the Blazers opener. Senior quarterback Daniel Dixon returns for UAB as they try to implement more of a passing offense after spending a lot of the time using the option a year ago. A win would mark UTC's first 2-0 start since 1997.

Prediction: UAB 31 UTC- 23

East Tennessee State-(1-0,0-0)

Last Week: The Bucs saw the switch to a spread formation pay off as they scored on plays of 28, 58 and 82 yards to help defeat Liberty 37-20. Todd Wells threw for 283 yards and three touchdowns on just seven completions. Freshman receiver Tim Turner caught three balls, all for scores, for 145 yards.

This Week: ETSU travels to Colorado State, who are fresh off a 28-24 victory over in-state rival Colorado. The Bucs, who haven't won on the road against a I-A team since 1987, must deal with All-Mountain West quarterback Matt Newton, who last season threw for 2,368 yards and 18 td's.

Prediction: CSU 45 ETSU- 10

Furman-(1-0,0-0)

Last Week: Furman opened the 2000 season defeating Elon 16-3. Tailback Louis Ivory posted 186 yards rushing but QB Justin Hill completed just two of ten passes. The defense, led by linebackers Will Bouton and Marion Martin, forced six Elon turnovers.

This Week: The Paladins take it easy against Division II Newberry. Newberry won their season-opener 3-0 against North Greenville College behind running back Vic Gilmore's 103 yards. This will be Furman's first non-Division I foe since 1993.

Prediction: Furman 56 Newberry- 3

VMI-(0-1,0-0)

Last Week: After scoring just 77 points all last season, the Keydets poured in 31 but still lost to Duquesne 57-31, extending their losing streak to 10 games. VMI's new spread offense put up good numbers as QB Joey Gibson connected on 15 of 32 passes for 266 yards. In fact, Gibson's 59-yard pass to Teray Frost put VMI up 31-28 midway through the third quar-

ter.

This Week: VMI takes on cross-town rival William & Mary, losers last week to UMASS. The Keydets must watch out for Tribe sophomore quarterback David Corley who could potentially turn into one of the Atlantic 10's best.

Prediction: W&M 38 VMI- 17

Western Carolina-(0-1,0-0)

Last Week: Western Carolina didn't fare too well in their season-opener in Baton Rouge, losing 58-0 to LSU. The only positive thing the Catamounts can say is that they played in front of a state of Louisiana record 87,188 fans.

This Week: The Catamounts look to bounce back against Lenior-Rhyne at home, but the Division II school is coming off of a 24-14 win over I-AA Jacksonville. In their first two game, Lenior-Rhyne's Jameil Surratt has rushed for 289 yards and scored seven touchdowns.

Prediction: Lenior-Rhyne 17 WCU- 13

The Citadel-(0-1,0-0)

Last Week: The Bulldogs traveled to in-state Clemson and got turned

away 38-0. The Citadel needs to improve on pass defense after Clemson's Woodrow Dantzler completed 16 of 17 passes for 192 yards and three td's.

This Week: Traveling to 13th ranked Delaware is not a get-well game that many of the rest of the SoCon are expected to play. The Blue Hens are traditionally one of the toughest teams in the nation and the 2000 season is no different. Last week, Delaware posted a 27-7 victory over former GSU coach Tim Stower's Rhode Island squad.

Prediction: Delaware 27 The Citadel- 10

Wofford-(0-0,0-0)

Last Week: Wofford was off last weekend.

This Week: Wofford takes on a tough Lehigh team that dropped out of the top 25 after not playing last week. The Terriers will try to get their wingbone attack, led by Travis Wilson and Jesse McCoy, going against a team that advanced to the I-AA playoff a season ago.

Prediction: Wofford 34 Lehigh- 24

2001 softball schedule announced

G-A News Service

The GSU softball team will, once again, begin its season tangle with one of the nation's top softball teams. The 2001 season will not be an easy one, with the Eagles hosting Florida State on Feb. 3 to kick off the new campaign. The Eagles will then entertain South Carolina three days later at Eagle Field, according to the schedule released by GSU head coach Kelley Kirkland on Wednesday.

Both FSU and USC were participants in the NCAA Tournament last season.

In fact, a total of eight teams on GSU's schedule played in the 2000 NCAA Tournament: Florida State, South Carolina, Middle Tennessee State, Chattanooga, Coastal Carolina, Florida, Mississippi State and Utah.

"Our schedule is similar to last year's in that we will play some of

the nation's best teams. The one difference is that we will play most of those teams on our own field this year," Kirkland said. "It helps our program immensely when we can pull teams like this into Statesboro, and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

The Eagles will once again host a pair of tournaments early in the season. The GSU/Reebok Invitational (Feb. 23-25) will welcome in

Samford, Coastal Carolina, Middle Tennessee State and Jacksonville State. The Eagle Classic (March 2-4) will pit GSU against Florida, Pittsburgh, Tennessee and Florida A&M.

"This will be the third year of the GSU/Reebok Invitational and the second year of the Eagle Classic," Kirkland said. "Our tournaments have gotten better each year. We've been fortunate to have quality teams come in and help put together a tremendous lineup of games."

GSU's Southern Conference schedule will certainly take on a new look from those of year's past. For the first time ever, Appalachian State and East Tennessee State will field softball teams, bringing the total number of SoCon softball school to eight. Also, each league series has been reduced from four games to three with double-headers being played to Saturday and one game on Sunday.

The Eagles will begin SoCon action on March 17-18 with a trip to the College of Charleston. They will return to host UNC Greensboro (March 24-25) for the first conference home series. Other conference series consists of trips to East Tennessee State (March 31-April 1), Wilmington (April 13-14) at Chattanooga (April 28-29) while playing home games against Appalachian State (April 7-8) and Furman (April 21-22).

The Southern Conference Tournament will be held on May 4-6 in Chattanooga, Tenn. The winner will be awarded an automatic bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament which is slated for May 18-20.

Player profiles of the week

By Becky Crowder
Sports Writer

Recently, senior strong safety Tom LaRocco sat down with the George-Anne for an interview. Following is the transcript of that interview.

Who was your greatest influence growing up?

"I would say that my dad was my greatest influence growing up. My whole family has been supportive, especially my dad. He always comes to my games, and even flew out to Oregon when we played Oregon State."

Who is your greatest influence on the team?

"I'd say (junior outside linebacker) Jamar Jones. He works hard and he really always shows leadership."

What do you hope to achieve this year as a senior?

"I hope that this year, we really start molding together and playing like a team. I really hope to return to Chattanooga [site of the national championships] this year. I've been to Chattanooga twice and I'd really like to end [my college football career] there."

Do you consider yourself a mentor to the younger players on the team?

"I try to be. I was a walk-on and I've worked my way up. I try



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Tom LaRocco Strong Safety
Senior, Criminal Justice
5-8 171lbs
2 yr. letterman
Alpharetta, Ga (Riverside)

to help the younger guys any way I can."

What are your plans after college?

"My major is criminal justice and I want to go into law enforcement."

How do you feel about the outcome of the UGA-GSU game?

"I really feel like we're a better team, and if we played them in say, game five, then I think we would win. This past weekend, we just didn't play very well."



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Ryan Hadden Free Safety
Senior, Recreation
6-2 203lbs
2 yr letterman
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By Hannah Helton
Sports Editor

Recently, Senior Free Safety Ryan Hadden sat down with the George-Anne for a brief interview. Below are the transcripts from that interview.

Who has influenced your career the most?

"My career has been influenced by a combination of myself, my family and my coaches through the years."

What are your personal goals for this season?

"My personal goal is to get better every week. I want to improve on the little things. I want to give 100% of myself."

Who is your biggest inspiration on the team?

"Tom LaRocco is my biggest inspiration on the team. He is never in a bad mood."

What are your plans after graduation?

"Well, Right now I am not sure, My major is Recreation and I want work in that field somehow. I just want to find a job I like and enjoy it. I want to enjoy my job and be happy. I really want to enjoy life."

Do you feel that you are in a more active leadership role now that you are a senior?

"Yeah, definitely. You really have no choice, I mean, everyone looks up to you. They look at how hard you work. You really want to be an example."

How do you handle the stress of the team along with school?

"You try to put school first. It is definitely hard to do. It takes a lot of discipline to get your schoolwork done. You just have to try and not get stressed out."

You used to play baseball for GSU also. What made you decide to focus solely on football?

"I played baseball for about a year and a half, until I was injured playing. I miss baseball, but I personally feel better off playing one. Football is what I think that I'm better at and I'm happy with my decision."

NEW NCAA / EAGLE FOOTBALL STUDENT ADMISSION POLICY

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