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SPORTS

GSU men's basketball beats

Belmont 89-81

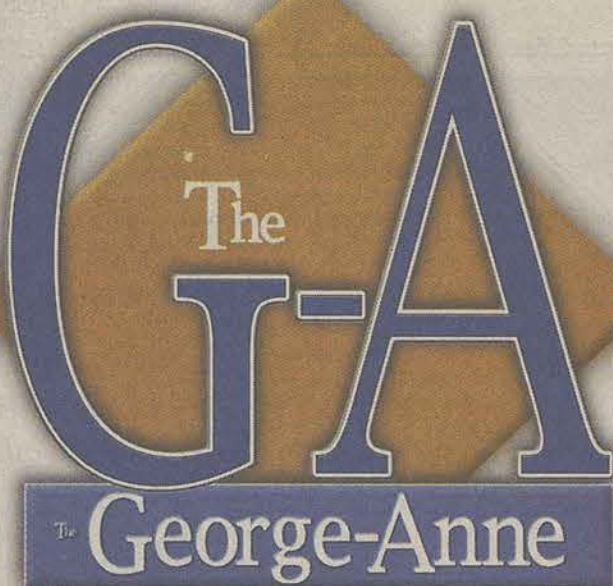
GSU men's basketball ends a three-game losing streak by beating Belmont 89-81. More inside.

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Today's edition is the last edition of The George-Anne this semester. Have a great Christmas break.

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GSU breezes through round two of NCAA 1-AA playoffs

• Eagle football downs Hofstra 48-20

By Doug Kidd
Senior Sports Writer

As far as determining who won or lost the game, it probably didn't matter what Hofstra head coach Joe Gardi said about Georgia Southern and the "Paulson mystique" heading into the Pride's quarterfinal playoff game against the Eagles. But that doesn't mean that Gardi's disparaging com-

ments about the supposed "invincibility" of GSU at home didn't have some effect in the Eagle's easy 48-20 victory Saturday at Paulson Stadium.

"Yeah, we knew what [Gardi and the rest of the Hofstra team] had said and that did provide some extra motivation for us," responded GSU quarterback J.R. Revere to a reporter's question of whether the Pride's com-

ments had any impact on the team. "I don't think they knew what they were getting in to [with those remarks]. But after the game started I think they soon realized."

"We've seen all the papers," said senior cornerback Lavar Rainey, "from [New York] and down here. We had a whole stack of them. But [other team's lack of respect] never bothers us because nobody believes in us but us."

In the post-game press conference, Gardi backed off his statement that the playoff game with GSU was "just another day at the office," a remark that many GSU faithful took as a shot at an Eagle program that has now won 25 straight playoff games at home while also winning their last 31 straight in Statesboro.

"A lady came up to me after the game obviously upset and she said 'Just another day at the office, huh coach?'" Well, I guess she's referring to when I said this would be another day at the office, but it was taken out of context. What I meant is that we've played on the road so much and have played I weather like this all year, and this would be just another day for us. I certainly didn't mean to offend anyone," said Gardi, before adding: "But if Georgia Southern needs me to motivate them, then they are going to have a difficult time up at Delaware next week."

Gardi's, whose team beat Furman last week to advance to the quarterfinal round, was also adamant

when questioned about whether the Paulson stadium atmosphere attributed to GSU's success. "We've played in a lot tougher places than here," said the 11th year head coach of the Pride. "We went up to Montana and beat the number one team in front of 20,000 people. We also went to Youngstown State which is-I believe- the toughest place to play in I-AA. Next week you will see that Delaware is a difficult place to play as well."

As far as the game, GSU jumped on Hofstra early, with J.R. Revere scoring three times with runs of 5, 17, and 3 yards respectively to stake the Eagles to a 21-0 lead early in the second quarter. After the Pride's Chad Johnson hit a 20-yard field goal to pull Hofstra within 18, GSU's Scott Shelton nailed a 25-yard field goal that capped a 6-play, 57-yard drive that put the Eagles up 24-3 at halftime.

In the second half, GSU would wrap the game up early in the third quarter after two Adrian Peterson touchdowns, the first from one-yard out and then a three-yard score that would put GSU up 38-3.

Hofstra would eventually score on a 13-yard touchdown run by quarterback Rocky Butler, a 32-yard field goal by Johnson, and a 2-yard run by Tyree Johnson. GSU would finish out the game with 33-yard Shelton field goal and a 52-yard interception return by Michael Youngblood.

"I'm awfully proud of this team,"

said GSU head coach Paul Johnson. "It was a good team effort on both the offensive and defensive side. We played well, especially in the first half. It got ugly there at the end, but we were trying to play a bunch of folks. But this team will fight and it will overachieve."

Coming into the game there was a lot of concern with the high-powered, run-and-shoot offense that Hofstra had used this season to average 35 points per game, including 31 in last week's win at Furman. But the GSU defense rose to the challenge, holding Butler to just 169 yards passing with no touchdowns and two interceptions on 17-of-33 passing. Running back Trevor Dimmie did rush 19 times for 112 yards, but only gained three yards in the second half.

"We knew [Hofstra] could move the ball," said Coach Johnson, "and for the most part they did. I believe their running back had over 100 yards at halftime, so they certainly were able to move the ball between the 20's. We just didn't give up any big plays, plus they couldn't do anything once they got inside the 15. I was proud of our defense the way they stepped up down near the goal line."

"We were ready for them," said Rainey, who finished with seven tackles. "All we heard all week was how great their offense and receivers were, so it was a challenge to us to see if we could compete with them. We did a good job

in the secondary and as an entire to defense to stop them."

"We were too pumped this game," said Butler. "We just didn't make the plays. [Georgia Southern] didn't really stop us; we could've scored at any point. We just didn't execute."

"I'm not so sure [Georgia Southern] necessarily stopped the run-and-shoot in the first half," said Gardi. "We had some dropped passes and we made some mistakes. But they did play well. They knocked down some passes and played us tough."

Offensively, GSU moved the ball at will gaining 430 yards on 70 carries while passing for 92 yards. Adrian Peterson led all rushers with 146 yards on 32 carries with two touchdowns while Revere rushed 18 times for 94 yards and three scores. Slotback Mark Myers added 116 yards on just seven carries.

Peterson reached another milestone with his performance Saturday. The junior eclipsed the 7,000 yard mark for his career which, including playoffs, spans 41 games. Peterson, with 7,020 yards, becomes only second player in NCAA history (all divisions) to accomplish the feat. R.J. Bowers of Division III Grove City rushed for 7,353 yards in 40 games. Bowers, coincidentally, set the NCAA record for consecutive regular season games of 100+ yards at 32 earlier this season, a record Peterson is set to tie in next season's opening game.



Andrea Sutton

Way to go Eagles! GSU stomps Hofstra 48-20 and goes on the road to take on the University of Delaware this Saturday.

SGA President Francys Johnson holds first meeting as president

By Jake Hallman
Staff Writer

SGA President Francys Johnson headed his first meeting as the body's president Wednesday, and struggled to keep the assembly moving. There were several procedural snafus during the meeting, complete with numerous references to "Roberts' Rules of Order" and exasperated look from confused, testy senators.

"We will have a parliamentarian the next meeting, I guarantee you," Johnson said, playing peacemaker shortly before he and Bryant gave senators a quick explanation of parliamentary procedure.

Nevertheless, Johnson made it clear that he aims to make a difference in his office. "We wanted to let you know the changes in SGA aren't strictly physical," Johnson said. "They go deeper than that. This is a new SGA and a refocused SGA."

According to Johnson, one of the changes is that SGA meetings may be changed back to a weekly schedule, pending senators' input. Another is that the university has asked the SGA to move towards a more representative form of government, according to Johnson.

"If we don't move to a more representative form, we won't be the representatives of anyone," he said.

Ideas to accomplish this include having two senators appointed apiece from each of GSU's colleges, having each senator appointed approximately 350 student constituents, and having one senator appointed to represent each residence hall and five appointed to represent off-campus students.

For the remainder of this year, selections to fill empty Senate seats will be made on a new points-based system, under which candidates will be ranked numerically for presentation to the body. According to Johnson, SGA received over 30 applica-

tions for empty Senate spots by the time of the meeting.

During committee reports, Jerry Rice, vice president of academic affairs, told the Senate that SGA had retained a voting seat on the Faculty Senate through recent changes to that body's bylaws. In return, the Faculty Senate expects to receive a voting seat on SGA.

"This has to be put into the constitution and passed. If it's not passed, we will probably lose our vote on the faculty senate."

Rice also informed the Senate of changes made by the university's Calendar Committee to next year's class schedule. According to him, there will be no fall break next year.

"Dr. Grube feels like it doesn't promote academics well," Rice said. "To be quite honest with you, I think the faculty wants it, I think the staff wants it, I know the students want it."

Summer term will consist of two five-

week short terms and one eight-week long term, and two days have been removed from summer orientation, and one from summer exams.

"Basically, the faculty wanted time toward the end of the summer they could spend with their family or doing research," Rice said.

The return of SGA's faculty ratings guide was also announced during committee reports at the meeting. The organization has requested materials from the President's Office to make faculty ratings available on the Web later this year.

The Senate also heard a report from Senator James Dixon, the body's representative to GSU's Technology Committee. According to him, the committee has recommended that the Board of Regents raise students' technology fee from \$35 to \$70 next year. In addition, Winburn and Olliff halls will soon have wireless Internet access, as part of a pilot program from the university.

According to Senator Nick Pearson, chair of the Auxiliary Affairs committee, by February, the emergency call boxes on campus should be fully functional. Further, 10 establishments in Statesboro will be accepting EagleExpress as payment in the next year.

In new business for the Senate, the body passed a motion approving \$500 to the College Republicans to pay for speaker Bob Alexander's October address, and another requiring Senators to raise \$10 each for the SGA's charitable efforts for the United Way.

The senate also passed a resolution of condolences to the families of student Daniel Elder and professors Dr. Patricia Pace and Dr. Becky Burkhalter. The Senate also approved a motion to provide "goodie bags" from the SGA to the Eagle football team.

Former SGA President Aaron Nicely attended the meeting briefly, but did not address the Senate and was not formally recognized by Johnson.

Jill Burnham
Nick PearsonJill Burnham
James Dixon

GSU to notify parents of underage drinking and drug violations

By Jake Hallman
Staff Writer

Beginning next semester, GSU will notify the parents of students under 21 of the final outcome of alcohol and drug violations.

"The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act was amended, which allows institution of higher education to notify parents or guardians of students under the age of 21 the result of the outcome of an alcohol or drug-related incident on campus," Dr. Edward Bayens, head of GSU Judicial Affairs, said.

"The reason we want to do this and hope that is has a positive impact on the campus community is that parents have a more positive influence over their sons or daughters than the university. We feel that if parents are notified, and they take a proactive role in this, that it will have a positive effect on their [the students'] behavior in the future."

In a survey conducted several years ago, over 90% of presidents of higher education institutions listed alcohol as a major campus problem, Bayens said, and he feels that it is a serious problem here.

"At Georgia Southern, this year, we have noticed an increase in the number of alcohol-related incidents, but it's not any different than any other large institution of a similar size," Bayens added.

According to the policy, after the second alcohol violation or after the first drug offense, the university will notify parents or guardians of students under 21 that the student has violated GSU's alcohol or drug policy.

If an alcohol-related incident involves significant property damage, a DUI, reckless disregard for the safety of the student or others or is accompanied by other serious violations of the GSU conduct code, parents or guardians may be notified after the first violation.

"For an alcohol violation that's not a

DUI, then it's the second alcohol violation, not the first," Bayens said. "If it's a DUI, which represents a threat to the university community, then we will notify them [the parents] on the DUI."

If the Office of Judicial Affairs determines that an incident requires the immediate notification of parents, they office may telephone the parents.

"If there are extraordinary circumstances which, in our opinion, parents need to be notified immediately, then we will do that," Bayens said.

In any case, students will be verbally informed by the office before parental notification occurs.

"This will give the student an opportunity to initiate contact with their parents or guardians before the parental notification letter is mailed," the policy states.

There are a few exceptions to the policy. If a student turns on or before the date of an incident's adjudication, parents will not be notified. Parents of students

who are financially independent will not be notified, and parents "may not be notified in view of various social, religious or cultural customs and practices or under extraordinary circumstances," the policy states.

According to Bayens, the policy applies to all students, whether on- or off-campus.

"If I have an incident report from whoever, if I know about it, then we will take action. It does not necessarily have to be on-campus, it can be off-campus, also," he said.

"If the Statesboro Police Department or the Sheriff's Office feels that they need to forward an incident report to us ..., then we have an obligation to follow up on that. We take that seriously. If they're a student, they represent Georgia Southern, and they engage in activities that are illegal off-campus, then I think the university has an obligation to follow up on that."

•After the second alcohol violation or first drug violation, GSU will notify parents or guardians of students under 21 about the violation

•If the incident involves a DUI, significant property damage, reckless disregard or other serious infractions, notification may occur after the first offense

•The notification will be in the form of a letter outlining the violation and penalty imposed

•If an incident is determined to warrant immediate notification, parents or guardians will be telephoned by the Office of Judicial Affairs

•Students will be verbally informed of the notification before the letter is mailed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Things To Do at GSU December 5

• **Kappa Kappa Gamma and Sigma Phi Epsilon** will sponsor a blood drive from 12-6 p.m. in the GSU Williams Center.

• **Ms. African American** info session at 8 p.m. in room 2041 of the Russell Union.

• **Ms. African American** info session at 8 p.m. in room 2047. Try-outs will be Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in room 2041.

December 12

• **The Association of Georgia Southern Women** will celebrate the annual Cookie Exchange at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Lou Robins. Call her at 587-2182 or Linda Rhodes at 681-5373 for more info.

Ongoing

• **Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all math, chemistry, biology, and college reading/study skills. Each subject has different hours of operation. Call 681-0321 for more information.

• **The Christian Faculty/Staff** meets every Monday at noon in the Russell Union Room 2044.

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• **The Black Student Alliance** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call Jerald Carter at 681-5458.

• **The Black Student Leader's Roundtable** will meet every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2047. Open to all interested.

• **The NAACP** meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2048.

• **BSU** meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 401 Chandler Rd. across from Johnson Hall and Watson Hall. BSU also has lunch every Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited. For more information, contact the BSU at 681-2241.

• **GSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity** meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Room 2044.

• **The Young Democrats of Georgia Southern** will hold meetings every Thursday night at 6 p.m. in the Russell Union. Call Zach Rushing at 871-7701 for more information, or email him at zachrushing@mail.com for more details.

• **The American Society of Mechanical**

Engineers (ASME) meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 12 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 1103.

• **The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers** meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 2117.

• **The GLBT Resource Center** is offering a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, and staff. Meetings will be on Thursday nights from 5-6:30 p.m. in Russell Union room 2072. Contact the GLBT Resource Center at 681-5409 for more information.

• **Wesley** meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. across from the Hanner Fieldhouse. Come join for fellowship and lots of fun.

• **The Circle** is a new prayer ministry uniting all Christians on campus under the common thread of prayer. It meets every Friday at 7 p.m. in the Union. See Union schedule for room number.

• **The Golden Key National Honor Society.** It's not too late to join. Call Lauren Ferguson at 1-800-377-2401 for more info.

Rosa Parks inspires at museum dedication, 45 years later

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - Forty-five years after defying a city bus driver's order to give up her seat to a white passenger, Rosa Parks was back on the same street corner, quietly inspiring people again.

The 87-year-old civil rights pioneer didn't speak on Friday, but she waved from her wheelchair to about 1,000 people attending the dedication of a \$10 million university library and interactive museum named for her at Troy State University Montgomery.

"I just wanted to see her in person, to see how she looks. She's a famous woman, like a leader," said Tony Johnson, a 10th

grader at Foley High School, after the ceremony of tributes and gospel music.

The arrest of Parks, then a seamstress, prompted a 381-day boycott of Montgomery buses that eventually led to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that forced the integration of the city transportation system.

The boycott launched the modern civil rights movement and propelled the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to national prominence. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, was among those honoring Parks on Friday.

Gov. Don Siegelman awarded Parks the first Governor's Medal of Honor for Extraordinary Courage before the dedi-

cation ceremony. Mayor Bobby Bright proclaimed Dec. 1 Rosa Parks Day.

"It was an act that changed this state and our nation forever," Siegelman said.

Troy State University Montgomery President Cameron Martindale said the university had planned a parking lot for the corner until realizing many people were making pilgrimages to the place where Parks was arrested.

The Rosa Parks Library and Museum opened Friday after the ceremony. It provides a glimpse of life under segregation, partly by recreating the conversation between Parks and the bus driver. It includes an old bus that was used in Montgomery at the time of Parks' arrest.

POLICE BEAT

GSU Public Safety November 29

• Gwendolyn Z. Boston, 21, 1818 Chandler Road, was charged with driving on a suspended license.

• A Winburn Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Statesboro Police Department November 28

• David Brady Hardin, 22, 118 Hawthorne Road, was arrested for DUI, no proof of insurance and failure to maintain lane.

• Matthew Connor Bell, 18, Gainesville, was arrested for possession of marijuana, underage possession of alcohol and speeding.

November 29

• Aaron Nicely, 23, Garden District 808, reported suspicious activity.

November 30

• Torrie Kenyotta Anderson, 23, 560 E. Main St. Apt. 9D, was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no proof of insurance, expired tag and possession of marijuana.

• Ann Elizabeth Gleason, 19, Stone Mountain, was arrested for DUI and speeding.

December 1

• William Garrison Murray, 22, Reidsville, was arrested for DUI and failure to dim lights.

• Aaron Fountain, 21, 186 Stadium Walk, reported criminal trespass.

• Robin Cornelison, 21, 222 Lanier Drive Apt. 211, reported criminal damage to property.

December 2

• Jeremy Harris, 20, Seasons #65, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Christopher Joseph Wise, 19, Douglasville, was arrested for DUI, driving too fast for conditions and following too closely.

• Lonnell Jermaine Brown, 19, Augusta, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Janis Elisabeth Pitman, 19, 1707 Chandler Road #124, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

• Curtis Dale Hardaway, 19, 21C University Place, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of firearm during commission of a crime and theft by receiving.

• Heath Kanoa Laney, 20, 251 Knight Drive Apt. 4, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Eric Daniel Edwards, 22, 21C University Place, was arrested for possession of firearm with intent to distribute, possession of firearm during commission of a crime and theft by receiving.

• Dhedrick Bailey, 22, Thompson, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Quadrez Baker, 21, Park Place 73, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• Kesha Neal, 21, Campus Courtyard 126, reported lost or stolen property.

December 3

• Antonio Jabbar Marshall, 19, 301 North Fines Trailer Park #6, was arrested as a wanted person.

• Thomas Clevenger, 20, 205 Marvin Ave., reported criminal trespass.

• Sean Meharg, 19, 40 Southern Villas, reported a sick person.

• Rich Perez, 22, 205 Marvin Ave., reported criminal trespass.

Editor's note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the George-Anne in an effort to inform the GSU community of the amount, nature and location of crime. All reports are public information and can be obtained at either the GSU Department of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.

-All Police Beat information is compiled by Leigh-Anne Burgess, assistant news editor.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

Lennon fans appeal for all-night Central Park access

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - With the 20th anniversary of John Lennon's murder approaching, fans of the slain ex-Beatle want city officials to allow an all-night memorial vigil inside the Strawberry Fields section of Central Park.

"All we are saying is give freedom a chance," said Norman Siegel, head of the NYCLU and a supporter of the fans' movement. "I would hope the Giuliani administration could understand a generation's need to express their sorrow."

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Henry Stern said the group wouldn't be allowed to stay past the curfew.

"First of all, we think it's somewhat macabre to have an all-night commemoration of an assassination so close to the scene of the tragedy, but beyond that is that fact that there is a park regulation," Stern said. "If you allow one group, you really have no grounds to deny other

groups the same right on other occasions."

He also said the all-night vigil could disturb residents of nearby apartments, and that the permit his office had received for the event had only asked for permission to be there until midnight.

For years, mourners held a December vigil that lasted into the morning hours, a practice that ended when the Giuliani administration began enforcing a 1 a.m. park curfew. Lennon was killed across from the park, outside his home at the Dakota apartments.

Since this year marks the 20th anniversary of Lennon's Dec. 8, 1980, slaying, his fans want permission for a return to the all-night gathering in the park. A turnout of around 700 fans from around the world was anticipated for this year's event, organizers said.

"It's like the song 'St. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band,' it was 20 years ago today," said organizer Tom Leighton,

quoting the Beatles' lyric. "Well, it's 20 years ago that John Lennon died. Can't we pay our respects to a great man?"

Beginning the year after Lennon's death, fans started assembling each December in the section of the park designated "Strawberry Fields," the title of a Beatles' hit single.

Candido Bonilla, another organizer, has turned out each of the last 19 years for the December vigil. The typically mel-low crowd lights candles, plays guitars, and sings Lennon's songs.

"It used to be such a free-spirited thing, with a sense of harmony, and peace, and love," he said. "Now? It's a whole bunch of police breathing down our necks."

Last year, a hardy crowd of about 100 mourners stayed until police moved in at the curfew hour. No arrests were made, and the crowd dispersed peacefully.

The annual gathering has drawn the attention of Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono. Each year, she lights a single candle and puts it in her window at the Dakota apartments as a sign to the fans in the park.

Her message: "We're with you." Organizers of the annual event took that as a very good sign.

"Shouldn't Strawberry Fields be open to John Lennon's fans to pay tribute to him?" asked Leighton. "Especially on the 20th anniversary of his death?"

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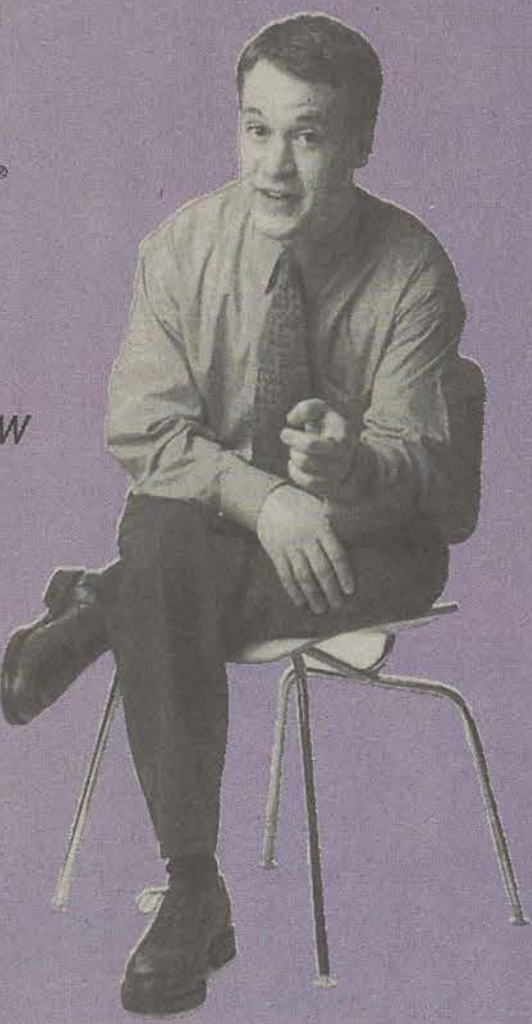
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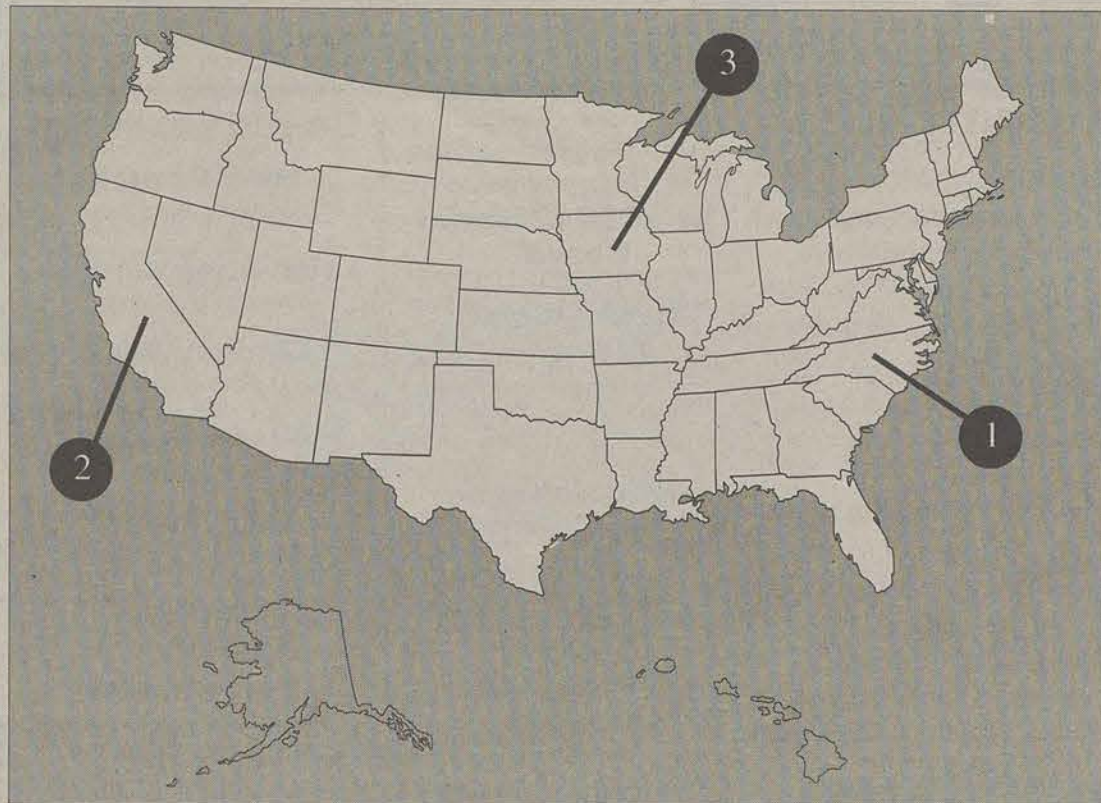
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1 North Carolina

Library workers celebrate doughnut's 20th birthday

GREENSBORO — Workers at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro's Jackson Library celebrated the 20th birthday of longtime friend, a doughnut that proved more useful as an antenna than a snack.

The legend began when a lone pastry was left over from a staff orientation. Shortly thereafter, staffers built a makeshift antenna for the office radio and stuck the doughnut on top. Immediately, reception was clear.

"That's when we knew it was a keeper," said Jim Thompson, bindery supervisor who joined the library the same day as the doughnut. "I don't think we have a 'why.' It's just been here so long it deserves respect."

The plain-cake Dunkin' Donut now is rock hard. It shows no signs of decay, mold or damage. It was placed in a velvet-lined box on its 10th birthday.

More than 50 doughnut fans attended the celebration Wednesday.

True devotees can join the

Friends of the Doughnut. A five-year membership costs \$1.20 and privileges include an occasional private audience with the doughnut, a photo with the doughnut and the secret doughnut handshake.

"This is what happens when you work in a place with no windows," joked Audrey Sage, a bookbinder.

2 California

Body of 93-year-old woman found in refrigerator

LOS ANGELES — The body of a 93-year-old woman was found in a refrigerator in the home she shared with her 72-year-old daughter.

Los Angeles Sheriff's Department investigators discovered the body Friday around 7:30 a.m., said Sgt. Vanette Ford, a department spokeswoman.

Authorities responded to the house after neighbors called saying that they had not seen the older woman for a while. Investigators found the refrigerator in an upstairs bedroom, Ford said.

The daughter had apparently told neighbors that her mother left and got married. Other neighbors reported that the two women were very close.

Lt. Tom Martin said there was nothing to indicate how the woman died.

He said the department will continue to "handle the crime scene as if it were a criminal act." However, officials had not ruled out the possibility of a natural death.

Authorities, who were looking for the daughter, did not immediately release the mother's name.

3 Iowa

Mitchellville man admits to being Christmas obsessed

MITCHELLVILLE — Barry Brauch is crazy about Christmas.

His 110-year-old farmhouse contains 24 Christmas trees, almost 500 Santas, almost 70 animated holiday characters and more than 20 nativity scenes.

All rooms, bathrooms, hallways and porches are decorated. Lights and reindeer shine outside.

"Yes, it's an obsession," said Brauch, 47. "Christmas is my holiday. I love Christmas."

Altogether, almost 1,000 people came to see his Christmas obsession tucked away in rural Mitchellville last year. More than 200 of them came from a holiday tour of homes hosted by Zena's

Gifts and Decorative Accessories. "His home is indescribable," said Beth Davis, owner of the Altoona gift shop. "It's a home that makes you want to kick off your shoes and stay the whole evening."

Davis and her staff held their Christmas party at Brauch's home three years ago. His decorations inspired an annual tour of area homes, Davis said. This is the first year that the farmhouse will not be included on the tour.

"We try to get new homes on the tour every year," Davis said.

Brauch doesn't charge for tours of his home. Through the holiday season he will cook dinner for nine groups of people who asked to spend an evening at his home. He will charge them \$16 to \$18 a meal.

Three weeks before Halloween, Brauch begins

decorating his home for the holidays. "That's working every day inside and out," he said.

Brauch, a produce manager at Dahl's Food Mart, began elaborate Christmas decorations in his home eight years ago after a divorce.

"It was to get me through the holidays," Brauch said. "It's a lot of work, but it's a blast."

Family and friends help Brauch pull decorations from boxes and place them throughout his home.

"My cousin came and said, 'You have a little too much time on your hands,'" Brauch said.

Christmas decorations are purchased carefully, Brauch said. Generic Santas and department store duplicates are shunned.

"I'm very picky on what I buy," Brauch said. "It takes me a long time. I've got so many Santas

now that I really look at their faces and outfits before I buy."

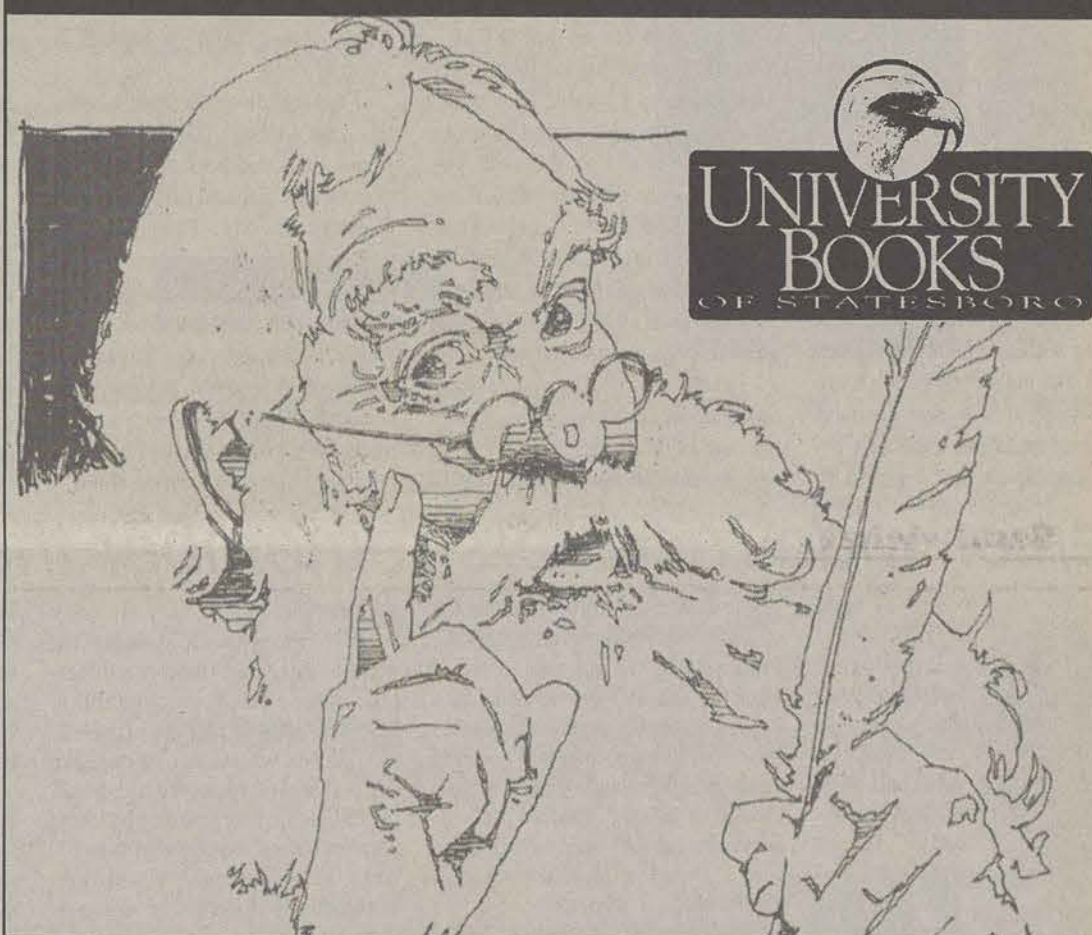
Brauch paid \$650 for one of his Santas. The registered collectible was still in the box two weeks before Thanksgiving.

"Every year I open something up and think, 'OK, I forgot about that,'" Brauch said.

All of Brauch's Christmas decorations were in place by Thanksgiving. They will be taken down in January. It will take four days to pack them up," he said.

"A lot of people ask why I don't leave a few of the expensive ones out," Brauch said. "I want to be surprised and get it out every year. If you leave it out all year long, it just doesn't have the same effect."

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Hundreds protest outside Lieberman's home

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut — Hundreds of protesters staged noisy demonstrations over the contested presidential race outside the home of U.S. Sen. Joseph Lieberman on Saturday.

Lieberman's critics accused Democrats of trying to steal the presidential election through repeated vote recounts in Florida. Democrats charged Lieberman's critics with anti-Semitism for holding the rally on the Jewish sabbath. Lieberman is an Orthodox Jew.

"Respect the sabbath!" Democrats shouted from one side of the street. "Liberal slander!" Republicans shouted back.

The two sides were separated by police and barricades. Lieberman was not home.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush holds a 537-vote lead over Democrat Al Gore, who chose Lieberman, the first Jew on a major party ticket, for vice president. Several court challenges are pending over the vote in Florida, which holds the Electoral College votes needed by both candidates to secure victory.

Lieberman's supporters included clergy, students and union members.

"I'm here to say that it's important that we find out who won and make sure every vote is counted," said New Haven Mayor John DeStefano Jr.

Lieberman's supporters also objected to some signs carried by Lieberman's critics, including one that said: "Hey Joe, you stealing

Chanukah, too?" Another sign read: "Judas Joe it's time to go."

"People can express their views, but I'm concerned this is inflaming racism and anti-Semitism that is latent in this country," said Rabbi David Avigdor, pointing to signs.

Republicans said the protest had nothing to do with religion.

Jim Bancroft, a Republican volunteer who organized the rally urging Gore and Lieberman to concede, said the religion complaints were a "desperate, left-wing attempt to discredit citizens' rights to express themselves."

"The votes were counted, the race is over, we need to go on," Bancroft said.

The morning began quietly with a dawn prayer vigil by Lieberman supporters. Andrea Cole said she immigrated to the U.S. from South Africa when the racial separation policy of apartheid was still in place.

"I think it's an absolute tragedy that Americans are making a decision not to count votes," Cole said. "I don't care how long it takes."

There has as yet been no polling to judge whether the continuing controversy over the presidential election is hurting Lieberman's stature in the state or his extraordinary 80 percent approval rating.

Lieberman, who gained national attention when he condemned President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, has been seen as a moderate whose popularity crossed party lines.

Quinnipiac University pollster Douglas Schwartz said Lieberman's sharply partisan presidential politicking could affect that rating.

But the dip might well be short-lived. If he wins, Lieberman would not face re-election as vice president until 2004, and as senator he does not have to run again until 2006, "so even if he slips now, he might be able to regain it," Schwartz said.

In a telephone interview with the New Haven Register, Lieberman said he believes in what he is doing despite the criticism.

"I don't view it as partisan, although I know we're at a time of partisan divide," Lieberman said Thursday. "I'm doing what I think is right."



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JOHNSON DOESN'T APPEAR AFRAID TO TAKE SOME HEAT FOR THE GREATER GOOD

While it certainly appears that Francys Johnson had a bumpy first meeting as SGA President, the George-Anne wants to congratulate him on completing that first meeting and emerging alive.

Sure, most SGA senators don't understand

Our Opinion

parliamentary procedure, but it is paramount to the success of any deliberative body that it have rules of procedure. In their absence, chaos rules.

In addition, the move by Johnson to press for a more representative SGA is welcomed by the George-Anne enthusiastically. If one looks at the breakdown of senators, one can hardly say that the senate is

representative of the whole student body. Moving in a direction of parity is certainly a wise decision.

Johnson is making the difficult decisions now, while there is still time to get these things done. While others in the past have been hesitant to make the big decision, Johnson doesn't appear to be shying away from them. What a refreshing thought: an SGA President not afraid to take some heat in order to implement badly needed changes.

If this is the tone Johnson wants to set for the rest of the year, he is going to be facing some big challenges. But, that comes with the territory. Perhaps SGA may be starting on the road back to *truly* and *decisively* representing the students of GSU.

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It's time for me to say goodbye



JOHN BRYSON

Finally, the time has come. After spending a total of one and a half years on the George-Anne staff, one year of that as News Editor, I have finally decided to step down and pursue other avenues of interest before I graduate next semester.

You may be wondering "why is he telling me this?" Well, the truth is that I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the George-Anne staff as well as the students for giving me such a wonderful opportunity to become an instrumental part of the campus. No student could ask for anything more than to be involved in the decisions that will affect this campus and sleep well at night knowing that they are making a difference. It is a responsibility that I have cherished, but at the same time I see new avenues opening up that I would be

ignorant if I did not explore them.

You see, the last year and a half have been quite a roller coaster for me. From covering GSU football's national championship as Sports Editor to the SGA election snafu last spring, this job has left little room for dull moments. It is a job that requires long hours and dedicated work from its possessor, long hours and dedicated work that this tired old college senior is no longer able to provide, and the students of GSU deserve someone who can do that.

I must admit that if I had it to do all over again, I would. I've gained invaluable friendships and hands-on experience that I'm sure will stay with me for the rest of my life. When I came to work for the George-Anne, I knew nothing of Adobe Pagemaker and Photoshop. Now, I leave the George-Anne a bona fide Pagemaker and Photoshop grand master.

Let me also take the time to thank those around me who made my tenure here as successful as it was. First and foremost, thanks are due to Kelley

McGonnell. Kelley was last year's editor, and it was her willingness to take a chance on a guy who had never worked in journalism before that led me to where I am today. I'd like to think that in hindsight she made the right decision.

Secondly, I owe a sincere debt of gratitude to "Mr. Bill." Bill Neville, the director of GSU's student media, also had faith that I could provide the type of energy and skill that would be required of my position. So, like Kelley, I want to thank him for his "leap of faith."

I'd also like to thank David Koepke, this year's editor. David is a good friend and great boss, words cannot express how thankful I am to have met him here at GSU. People like him don't come along very often.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the staff of the George-Anne. They are very young and perhaps a little green, but they have all worked hard to improve at their trade. While the papers you see put out this year may not be the finest in

the land, they certainly are products of students who take their jobs very seriously and want to provide the students of GSU with accurate and timely news (not to mention their heart). What a fun bunch of friends I have made in the office.

Wherever I go now, I leave the paper knowing that I have been successful at the goals I set for myself when I came in. They were: 1.) Make sure that the news is brought to the students in a timely and informative manner; and 2.) Use my position to influence GSU for the better. After all, that's everyone's goal right? To leave GSU a better place than the way they found it.

In closing, I'd like to thank the students of GSU for one and a half wonderful years. The fight for students will go on long after I am gone, but it was fate that allowed me to become one of a long list of students who tried to make a difference. Don't give up the fight, keep on keepin' on and strive every day to make GSU the campus it deserves to be.

What's wrong with my family?



JAKE HALLMAN

Three interesting but completely unrelated facts:

1. The SGA president receives \$3,708 a year. If I'd known that, I would have ap-

plied for the job.

2. If you don't put the name of your third-party, write-in candidate down along with the position you're choosing them for, your vote doesn't count in Georgia. Guess I didn't help Nader as much as I thought.

3. GSU's getting a new College of Information Technology, to have its new building finished in 2004. I'm thinking that Tech would be the natural place to put an IT school, but maybe the University System of Georgia is doing this so we'll shut up about wanting an engineering school.

Now, the column proper:

It's of upmost importance that I stay in touch with my family. I had one grandmother ask me (when she saw me), "Now, just who are you supposed to be? You look like my grandson, but I don't quite recall."

This was disturbing on two levels. First, kindly old grandmothers just aren't supposed to give me hell. Second, after not seeing Grandma since July, I was wondering if she'd suddenly gone senile.

Following her pronouncement, I got the same treatment from the rest of that side of the family. No "glad to see you," no "how ya been," just much talking on how important it is to come see the folks once in a while. And I'm supposed to come back?

The other side of the family (di-

voices are great around birthdays and Christmas) was just as scary. There's an uncle who I'm sure is senile, who greeted my new significant other with "So, you're the new bride!" Thanks Uncle Hubert (Wilfred? Jim? Maximus?), I'm now single again. Go eat your oatmeal.

Later as I was passed out in an easy chair, my brother and the significant other were on the couch watching TV. The brother started to nod off, when Uncle Unfamiliar asked him "So, Ben, can ya sleep with your girlfriend?"

Dead silence.

I mean, dead. This side of the family doesn't even use the word "pregnant," and he had to ask that.

Granted, he meant, "Ben, will you be able to fall asleep on that couch with Jake's lovely lady sitting right by you?"

Then Gran laughed. And everybody else laughed. And Uncle Dementia had no idea why...

Whilst at a Dad's house over the holidays, I mentioned the new Reflector, and its brilliant article (written by the brilliant Phil Hutto) on compulsive weed smokers.

My stepmother piped up with, "Oh, we've got some paraphernalia here!"

I looked at my brother. We both looked at Dad, knowing that he was big into the hippie scene in the 60s. Dad looked at us with "wanna buy a slightly-used wedding ring?" eyes.

Turns out that Liz's "secret sister" gave her a candle tool that looked startlingly like a roach clip. And here I was worried that one of my delinquent friends had left something incriminating at Dad's.

Senior wide receivers remember their careers



RANDY DOBSON

When you think of GSU Football, who is the very first person that comes to your mind? If you are like most, it is probably Adrian Peterson. And that's as good a name as ever

donned the warrior's uniform of a Georgia Southern Eagle. But, as is the case with every other great team in Georgia Southern history, there are often guys who are overlooked. Better said, these men are content to quietly go about their jobs and enjoy being part of one of the greatest machines ever to take a Division 1-AA football field.

The men of whom I speak are a corps of senior wide receivers for Georgia Southern University, Chris Johnson (#7), Titus Johnson (#85), and Kevin Patterson (#80).

Chris Johnson, originally from Americus, Georgia is a Sports Management major, and plans to somehow stay in or around the game of football even after his playing days are over. T.J. hails from Hartwell, Georgia, is majoring in Logistics & Intermodal Transportation and, upon graduation in December, says he will begin work on his Master's of Business Administration, here at Georgia Southern.

Patterson, from Jackson, Geor-

gia, is a different story. He sustained an unfortunate injury during Spring Practice and was not able to return after the summer, so he still has a year of eligibility remaining. He has received numerous offers to coach in either middle school or high school, though is unsure whether he will return for another year, or begin his career ambition to coach football somewhere.

I sat down with them last Thursday evening, before what was their last game at Paulsen Stadium, to talk about their experiences over the last several years. My goal in doing so was to give you some insight into the men that play a position that has, in years past, received less attention than the offensive line. The conversation was as follows:

RD: What's the difference this year over previous years, especially last year's team?

CJ: Getting the ball down the field more makes our jobs (blocking) a little easier; now they (other teams) have to worry about both the run and pass.

KP: Blocking, definitely blocking. Yeah.

TJ: We are more comfortable with JR's passing ability this year over years past. Not to put down Greg (Hill), but JR just has a better feel for throwing the ball.

CJ: Yeah. With JR, you have to always be looking for the ball, and he will throw it to anyone, not just

look for one guy.

RD: So, with JR running the offense this year, there is a difference in the offense, or in the ability of other QB's to run the offense?

TJ: No, with Greg, I mean, like Chris said, you expected him to run the ball so, instinctively, you knew your blocking assignment was always the biggest part of your job. With JR it's different in that you have to really concentrate on the entire aspect of a receiver's job, not just blocking.

KP: As far as work ethic goes, it's that JR stays on the wide receivers all the time, to block, to catch the ball, to concentrate, whereas Greg didn't worry about drops in practice.

TJ: I'd like to also say that JR has silenced the critics this year. Nobody believed in him before, now look where we are. He has been great! And we respect him for doing it.

RD: By silence the critics, do you mean on-campus critics, or those outside the program, like the media?

TJ: He didn't get the respect that past quarterbacks have.

KP: JR is more vocal than Greg was.

CJ: I knew he'd do a good job. I mean, during the summer, in the heat, and after going through a long baseball season, JR was *always* willing to go throw and workout with us, to help us get a head start

on getting our timing down.

KP: Yep. And he expected us to work just as hard.

RD: Kevin, what's it like sitting out, not being out there with the guys you came up with?

KP: It hurts...a lot. I mean, I ended last year knowing I had to step up, knowing that CJ and TJ were the only starting veterans coming back. Now, watching, it just hurts. You work so hard to finally get the chance, then you get it, and, just like that, it's taken from you. It hurts.

CJ: I'd like to say something about that, too. In '98, I think it was half-way through the season when I broke my leg and had to sit and watch the championship game from the sidelines. Like Kev said, when you get that break and can't go, it's just not the same. That's why I am thankful for last year.

TJ: No doubt. I was hurt in '98 also. We all moan about summers and practice, but when you miss it, it hurts. You really miss it.

RD: So, Kevin, do you want to come back?

KP: Yeah, I want to come back. I really do. But there are things outside of football that are weighing my mind down. During the break, I'm going to sit down with my parents, and have some serious alone time, and really think. With these two (CJ & TJ) leaving, I feel I need to really come back and help the younger guys, set an example. We'll see.

RD: So, what's it going to be like to leave? I mean, this could be your last game together.

TJ: There's not much chance of me playing after this, but, considering we got four of five (conference) rings, I can't complain. Plus, considering I never had a brother and seeing how close we have become as a whole, it's hard. Even the coaches, who are always on our ass, you still know they care. Like my mom said, sticking with football, it paid off.

CJ: I sit around and joke with the guys about taking it easy when I graduate and not even working for a while, but when that day finally comes for me to put up my cleats, it's definitely going to be hard. Playing ball is all I've known, so I want to stay involved somehow.

KP: It's going to hurt. It's all I've known. But if I get an opportunity to come and play again, I don't know. Just knowing I couldn't play

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Computer game competition means big bucks for big geeks

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Angel Munoz has a message for anyone who has spent an endless amount of unproductive days/months/years in front of a computer with joystick in hand.

Your calling in life has arrived, and it's waiting for you in Dallas.

Deemed the largest professional computer gaming event in North American history, the Babbage's/Cyberathlete Professional League Tournament, held Dec.

14-17, will offer more than 500 players from two genders, 20 countries and all age groups a chance to take home the crown as the world's best gamer.

And then there are the prizes. A free PC? A box of games? Try a stack of checks totaling more than

our sport," he said.

The winner of the individual competition will receive a quarter of the \$100,000 purse. Additionally, team and all-female competitions will award skillful players more than \$22,000 in holiday shopping money.

Alongside the professional competition, an amateur "bring your own computer" contest will provide a more serene battleground for gamers with nervous trigger fingers.

Both individual competitions will feature the popular shooter Quake 3, while Half-Life: Counterstrike is the game of choice for the team tournament.

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\$120,000, which Munoz calls the largest purse in professional computer gaming history.

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Kinko's founder gives \$15 million to Cal Poly-State Univ.

TMS Campus

In what is touted as the largest individual cash or stock donation ever recorded in the 23-campus California State University system, Kinko's founder Paul J. Orfalea and his family have made of gift of securities valued at \$15 million to California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

The donation, announced this week, will be directed toward the college of business to establish the Orfalea Fam-

ily Endowment for Excellence, focusing on entrepreneurship, globalization and technology.

Kinko's is currently a privately owned corporation. The university will be able to cash out the stocks once the company goes public.

The contribution also includes a \$5 million challenge gift to attract private support for the college and establish endowed professorships in critical areas, the university reported.

The university will seek approval from the California State University board of trustees Jan. 24 to name the college the Orfalea College of Business in honor of Paul Orfalea's parents. The dedication is expected to be held this spring.

"Cal Poly deserves recognition for encouraging its students to gain experience through hands-on internships and collaboration with businesses, enabling graduates to be well-equipped upon entering the business world," Orfalea stated in a release. "It is our hope that this gift will further endorse the mentoring between

teachers and students that provides a lifetime foundation for success." Orfalea also will give lectures at the college about his personal business philosophy and his 30 years of business experience, said Bill Pendergast, dean of the college of business.

and taking advantage of the advancements in technology, he said.

"Cal Poly is nicely poised for a strong program in entrepreneurship," he said. "This (donation) will boost us to a different league." Earlier this year, Orfalea donated \$3 million for student scholarships to Westmont College, a small, private Christian liberal arts school in Santa Barbara. It was the third-largest donation ever given to the school.

Orfalea is chairman emeritus of

Kinko's, a document services business.

Kinko's was founded by Orfalea in 1970 at a small storefront near the University of California, Santa Barbara. Today, the company has 1,000 stores with more than 24,000 co-workers in nine countries.

The company he founded has also been active on the education front. The Kinko's Partnership in Education Program has donated more than \$2 million to educational programs and institutions in the last four years.

Orfalea, who first came to the university to examine its day-care program, has since given lectures at the campus, Pendergast said Wednesday.

"It seemed to me that he was captivated by the students he met, the faculty and the administration," he said. "My sense is that he developed a familial attachment to the university." The university has a student population of 16,000 students, about 2,400 of them part of the college of business, said Jeff Bliss, the university's spokesman.

One of the most urgent needs for the university will be recruiting and providing competitive salaries for new faculty to replace those who are retiring, Pendergast said.

"We have to replace them with younger people who are moving from less costly areas of the country," he said.

The college of business is also looking at expanding its recruitment of students through scholarships and outreach programs, improving its offerings in accounting and entrepreneurship

Thank you for reading the George-Anne this semester. Be on the lookout for next semester's first edition when you return with all those nice, new gifts! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the George-Anne staff!

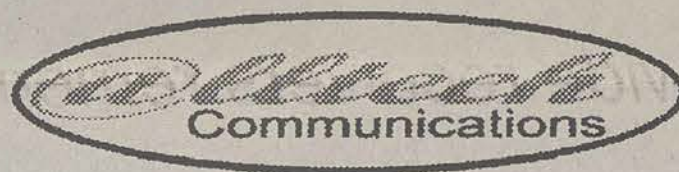
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Mascot Controversy Continues at U. of Illinois

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The continuing dispute over the University of Illinois mascot Chief Illiniwek opened a new chapter this week when the faculty-student senate decided to look into why the university press declined to publish a book about Native American mascots.

"Dancing At Halftime: Sports and the Controversy Over American Indian Mascots," was written by adjunct professor Carol Spindel and published by New York University Press earlier this year. The University of Illinois Press declined to publish the book after editors feared backlash from the university administration, the Associated Press reported.

The senate voted Nov. 27 to ask the University Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure to look into why Spindel's book was not published by UI press, senate clerk Bob Damrau said. Retired engineering professor Harry Hilton sponsored the resolution. The committee's findings could be reported as soon as the spring semester.

Disputes over the use of Chief Illiniwek date back ten years, with the university's board of trustees historically supporting the school mascot. Board chairwoman Susan Gravenhorst appeared in "In Whose Honor?"—a documentary about the mascot — and defended Illiniwek, saying the mascot conducts himself with such dignity and solemnity that he should not be considered offensive.

Declining to publish Spindel's book is not the only time the university snubbed Spindel. In July, Spindel tried to run an advertisement in the university's football program that criticized the use of Illiniwek but the university refused to the ad. The university said it does not run advertisements that support or buck the mascot.



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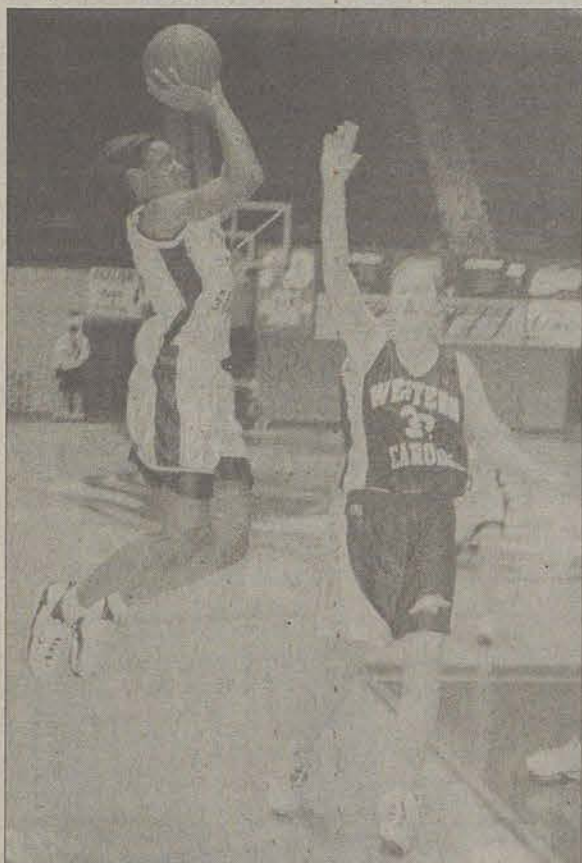
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Lady Eagles claim third at TCU Hoops Invitational



Lindsay Wise

THIRD AT TCU HOOPS INVITATIONAL: The Lady Eagles competed in the TCU Hoops Invitational Tournament this weekend and brought home a third place title. The Lady Eagles fell 71-60 to Texas Christian and defeated Texas Pan-Am 77-58 Saturday evening. The team returns to action Tuesday when they host Winthrop in Hanner Fieldhouse at 7:00 p.m. The game will be the ladies' home opener.

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Georgia Southern split a pair of games in the Cook's Children's Hospital/TCU Hoops Invitational this past weekend, claiming third place in the tournament. The Lady Eagles fell 71-60 to Texas Christian in the first round of the tournament while defeating Texas-Pan Am 77-58 in the consolation game Saturday evening.

TCU dominated the interior in the victory. The Frogs won the war on the boards 46-30 on the night, and held a 29-13 advantage in the first half. Aided by the large rebound margin, TCU took a 40-26 lead into intermission.

Georgia Southern fought back in the second half, cutting a 16-point Horned Frog lead to six with 7:55 remaining. However, Texas Christian would again push the lead to double digits, sealing the double-digit victory by hitting 7-of-8 free throws in the final two minutes.

Alie Rousseau came off the bench to lead the Lady Eagles with 11 points while Danna Simpson chipped in 10.

In the weekend's second

game, Georgia Southern used a balanced attack to defeat the Lady Brones from Texas-Pan Am. All 12 players saw action for the Lady Eagles, with 11 scoring. Simpson led the team with 16 while Sharon Mitchell added 14 and nine rebounds.

Georgia Southern used a 15-2 run in the first half to claim a 31-17 lead that it would never relinquish. The Lady Eagle lead eventually extended to 37-21 at the half as GSU held UTPA to 32.1% shooting in the first half.

GSU continued the onslaught in the second half, growing its lead to 67-43 with 8:25 before pulling its starters from the game. The Lady Eagles would eventually lead by 27 before as a late Lady Bronc run cut the final deficit to 19.

Simpson and Mitchell earned all-tournament honors for their play in the two games.

Georgia Southern returns to action Tuesday, December 5 when it hosts Winthrop in Hanner Fieldhouse. The game, which is the Lady Eagles' home opener, is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Eagles break three-game losing streak against Belmont

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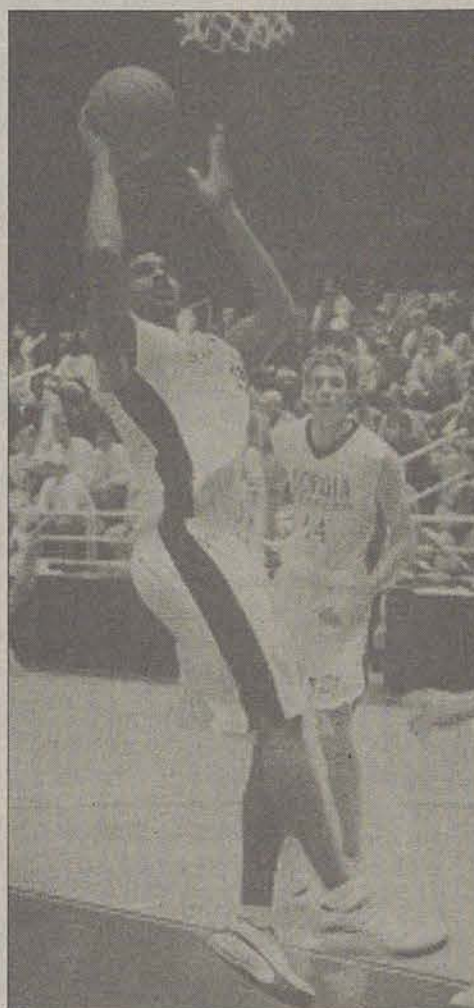
The Georgia Southern men's basketball team held on late to capture a 89-81 non-conference win over visiting Belmont Saturday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

Kashien Latham led the Eagles (2-3) with 20 points and seven rebounds. He shot 8-for-11 to reach his team-high total. Julius Jenkins added 17 points, Todd Shipley 16 and Sam Cox scored a career-high 14 in the winning effort.

Wes Burtner scored a game-high 28 points for Belmont (4-3) while grabbing seven rebounds. Adam Sonn recorded a double-double effort with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Steve Drabyn added 12 points in the losing cause.

Georgia Southern shot 50% from the floor (33-for-66) for the game. It held a slim 42-40 lead at halftime after trailing by as much as six, 17-11, at the 14:27 mark of the opening period. The Eagles held onto their lead until a Michael Couey dunk gave the visitors a 67-66 advantage with 7:40 left in the game. But the Eagles retook the lead on their next possession off a Cox jumper and held onto it for the remainder of the contest.

Edward Keith grabbed a career-high nine rebounds for the Eagles, which marked a team-high for the night. Sean Peterson also recorded a career-high in assists with 11.



Jill Burnham

A SOLID WIN: The men's basketball team competed in a match Saturday night against Belmont that resulted in a 89-81 win. The team next plays against Winthrop Monday, and hosts Reinhart Wednesday.

2002 Winter Olympics to be 'about the athletes'

The Associated Press

When it comes to the look and feel of the Olympics, the chief organizer of the 2002 Winter Games issued a blunt warning Saturday: Don't expect the wonder of Down Under on the shores of the Great Salt Lake.

Mitt Romney, head of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, said money would keep the next games from matching the visual splendor of the Sydney Olympics, which ended Oct. 1 with the label of the greatest ever staged.

But Romney also told the board of directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee that Salt Lake City, home of the worst corruption scandal in the games' history and facing barrels of red ink just a year ago, had overcome the worst of its problems and was ready to stage a memorable event with the focus on the competitors.

"These are going to be games about the athletes," he said.

Romney's address highlighted the opening day of the two-day board meeting, where the first steps are expected to be taken

toward healing extensive damage incurred recently to the image and workings of the USOC.

Against the backdrop of a jingoistic celebration of a world-leading 97 medals from Sydney, the 115-member board votes Sunday on a new leader, with current vice presidents Sandra Baldwin and Paul George in what appeared to be an increasingly close race for the position formally known as the chair.

"They are out there plugging," said Bill Hybl, whose four-term as chair ends Sunday. "I think that is healthy for the organization."

Later in the day, the newly elected executive committee will decide whether to give the day-to-day control of the \$100 million-a-year USOC to Scott Blackmun on a permanent basis. Blackmun, a former lawyer and sports director for the committee, has been interim CEO since the resignation of Norman Blake last month, and said

Saturday he would continue with the temporary title if the

panel decided on a wider search.

Blake's departure after only nine months on the job was the latest setback for the USOC. It already was dealing with low morale, a tightening financial position expected to create no better than a break-even budget over the next four years, and allegations that it ignored drug use by U.S. Olympic athletes.

The Salt Lake scandal also has touched the USOC. Investigators said it failed to do enough to keep tabs on Utah bidders, which led to more than a million dollars in graft showered on members of the International Olympic Committee. Ten IOC members were expelled or resigned and the two top officials of the bid team go on trial on federal bribery-conspiracy charges in June, eight months before the Salt Lake Games begin.

Romney, a successful venture capitalist in Boston, was hired in early 1999 to try to restore the luster to the Salt Lake project and get its finances in order.

The money part looks good. Romney told the board that a bud-

get gap of \$378 million had been whittled to \$6.6 million and would be break-even by the time the Olympic Flame is lighted.

But to get there, he said, SLOC had made "pretty substantial cuts" in expenses, many of them influencing how the games will look to the outside world.

"Do not expect that we will have the same spectacle as Sydney," he said. The Australian city made the most of its harbor, with the graceful bridge and opera house a backdrop for many sports and entertainment events. "Thank goodness the Lord took care of the mountains for us," Romney said.

The Salt Lake organizer also said he expected no fallout from the scandal with the public, either in Utah or around the world.

"The Olympics could not endure a scandal among athletes, but when it's among us suits people are willing to go forward from the problems that emerged in Salt Lake City," Romney said. "I think the games will define us."

Malone to surpass Chamberlain's NBA career scoring record

The Associated Press

Karl Malone isn't all that comfortable with what he's about to accomplish.

Something doesn't seem right about passing Wilt Chamberlain on the NBA's career scoring list so soon after his death.

"When you're climbing up the list, those guys are still alive. But he's not with us anymore so it's kind of a different feeling," said Malone, within eight points of Chamberlain's 31,419 after scoring 14 points Saturday night in Utah's 94-89 loss at Charlotte.

"It's really kind of weird. I don't want to use the word bittersweet, but it's kind of like I'm not excited to do it."

"It's like certain records, maybe, should stay the way they are."

Malone will likely pass Chamberlain early in the game Tuesday night at home against Toronto, becoming the second-leading scorer behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387).

Chamberlain, who died in October 1999 at age 63, played for 14 years in the NBA and averaged 30.1 points. He holds the single-game scoring record, 100 points.

"Wilt is one of those legends; such a legend I almost can't fathom it," said Malone's longtime teammate, John Stockton. "And yet I've watched Karl do it day in and day out for so many years, it's

hard to believe that's where he is."

The 37-year-old Malone, in his 16th NBA season, recalled his one and only meeting with Chamberlain, in Cleveland in 1997 when the NBA assembled the 50 greatest players of all time. The two spoke in a hallway at Gund Arena.

"I found myself talking to him a lot more than a lot of the other guys, and it was kind of neat to talk to somebody of his stature," Malone said. "He told me something I'll never forget: 'I like the way you play, and don't ever change the way you play no matter what anybody says. Just keep playing like you're playing.'"

That's exactly what Malone has done, playing night-in and night-out almost without interruption year after year after year. He has missed only seven games in his career; three because of injury and four because of suspensions.

A two-time MVP and 12-time All-Star, Malone is the only player ever to score 2,000 points in a season 12 times.

I've had the honor of coaching him through out his entire career, I'm amazed, I really am, at how his career has turned out," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

"Karl was a bad free throw shooter when he started, and he changed just about everything about his game. I don't think Wilt

ever had to change anything. He could do all those things to start with; he had a great body when he started, a great body when he left; but Karl had to individually work very, very hard to make himself a great player."

Malone made up his mind about what kind of player he wanted to be in the spring of 1986 after being summoned to Jazz president Frank Layden's office after his rookie season.

With Adrian Dantley sitting out because of injury, Malone averaged 21.8 points in a first-round playoff loss to Dallas.

"Frank called me into his office and asked me, 'How good do you want to be?' I said very good, and he said, 'Well, prove it to us.' We're going to trade Adrian this summer. So I took that summer off. All the things I loved to do, I didn't do them anymore. I just trained, trained, trained. Didn't go out much, just ate and slept and trained. And all of a sudden, here I am."

Malone seemed most proud that Chamberlain had picked him as the power forward on Chamberlain's all-time best starting five.

His memories of Chamberlain include watching him play on the black-and-white TV he occasionally watched as a youngster in Louisiana.

"He made things look real easy.

He ran easy, he jumped easy, everything was pretty much easy to him; that's what I remember more than anything," Malone said.

Last November, he passed Jordan's career total of 29,277. He has spent the past few seasons moving past Moses Malone, Elvin Hayes, Oscar Robertson and John Havlicek.

"Even though a lot of things happen to you, you still don't feel you belong in that select group of guys," he said. "But you play a lot of years and things like that happen."

Malone is under contract through the 2002-03 season, but it would take at least four productive seasons for him to catch Abdul-Jabbar; something Malone believes is possible.

"I'm not looking directly at him," Malone said. "I'm looking at him out of the corner of my eye."

The magnitude of passing Chamberlain is not lost on Malone, who wondered aloud whether Wilt the Stilt would have shown up or offered a congratulatory phone call.

It saddens Malone that he'll never know.

"This is a lot different than when I passed Michael," he said. "Let's just get it over with so we can think about somebody else, maybe Kareem."

Charlotte Hornets to receive new stadium

The Associated Press

City officials have outlined a \$280 million downtown development plan that would build a new arena for the NBA Charlotte Hornets without any advance financial commitment from the franchise.

Other projects in the proposal unveiled Friday could include a new baseball stadium for the minor-league Charlotte Knights and a new home for the Mint Museum.

Mayor Pat McCrory, quiet all year on whether the city should use taxpayer money on a new arena, described the proposal as a way of organizing the city's wish list for the center city. He said he would demand the Hornets sign a lease with huge financial penalties that would discourage them

"I just can't overstate how ingenious this is. I'm going to fight it," said councilman Don Lochman. "It's a thinly veiled attempt to circumvent the public's desire for a referendum on the arena. I don't think it's going to fly."

Wooldridge said he has no position on a referendum, but waiting until voters weigh in at a referendum is a problem.

We're going to have more losses this season than last. So any delays could make it cost-prohibitive to us," Wooldridge said.

"How confident are (city officials) that this can survive a referendum? And when it does, how long does that take?"

McCrory said it was nearly certain a referendum would be held next year on whether the money should be spent. City officials said



from leaving any time in the next 25 years.

"I want it in blood," McCrory said.

Hornets co-owner Ray Wooldridge said he would have no problem signing such an agreement. The arena's highly profitable luxury seating could help the franchise reverse losses of more than \$12 million a year, he said.

Some city officials said public consent was needed before they would spend taxpayer money on an arena. Several council members ran last year promising a ballot referendum and they are up for re-election next year.

At least one council member said he opposed the city plan intended to keep the Hornets from breaking their lease at the city-owned Charlotte Coliseum.

it's not clear whether that referendum would be binding.

The city said it won't accept a deal if it creates a deficit. City officials also want new arena revenue to cover about \$500,000 in combined annual losses at two other city-owned facilities: Independence Arena and Ovens Auditorium.

The Hornets would pay several million dollars a season in rent as a tenant in the proposed arena to assure that the city at least breaks even. But ahead are conflicts on how to split revenues generated by the building.

"I'm confident that we can make the numbers work. Whether the Hornets can, we don't know yet," City Manager Pam Syfert said Friday. The parties will negotiate again Jan. 9.

Ball with Shoeless Joe Jackson signature donated to USC-Aiken

The Associated Press

A baseball with the signature of Shoeless Joe Jackson could fetch \$100,000 for the University of South Carolina-Aiken.

Jackson, who was functionally illiterate, seldom signed his name. Experts say the signed ball could fetch \$100,000; or much less.

"There are no known Joe Jackson balls. None whatsoever that have been documented," said Keith Vari, head of acquisitions at Leland's, an auction house that handled the sale of the basketball used in Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point game.

Vari said, without seeing the Joe Jackson ball, "It could be worth \$10,000 to \$100,000."

A lot depends on the authenticity. The ball from Chamberlain's game first sold for \$551,844 in April, but that was voided when questions were raised about the ball's pedigree.

In October, a second sale of Wilt's prize brought in just \$67,791.

The ball belongs to retired Ford Motors Co. worker David Miller, of Dearborn Heights, Mich. Miller said he saw Jackson sign the ball when Miller and his parents visited Greenville in 1946.

Miller said the ball was purchased for him at a local store, and Jackson printed his name in green ink. He added "Greenville, S.C.," misspelling the city's name.

"My memory of Joe Jackson then was that he was relatively fat and old, probably in his 60s," Miller said. "Later on, when I asked why he printed his name, I was told he never learned to write."

Carl Dawson, director of development at the University of South Carolina at Aiken, said the school must get at least \$10,000 for it in the next year or the ball will return to Miller.

Miller wants money raised from selling the ball to go to

softball and baseball scholarships.

The value of the ball would be determined by what people are willing to pay depending on the authentication.

Results of an FBI sting called "Operation Bullpen" found that of the billion-dollar market for autographs, at least half went for forgeries.

John Martino of Christie's, a highly regarded auction house, estimated the value at \$15,000 to \$20,000, comparing it with a ball with the signature of Joe DiMaggio or one with Babe Ruth's signature that recently brought \$72,000 at an auction in Philadelphia.

"Granted it was the probably the best Babe Ruth signature on a baseball. But in my opinion, that's getting a little out of hand," Martino said.

Neale Lanigan, an associate of Steven Raab Autographs in Ardmore, Pa., said he would value the ball at \$50,000 at least.

"It's just so rare and so desirable. I can't imagine it going for less than that," he said. "With any luck at all it would probably go for a lot more."

Miller has kept the ball wrapped in tissue paper in his home.

He was urged by his brother, Daniel K. Miller, to donate the ball for the school's benefit. Daniel Miller worked as an industrial relations manager at the Savannah River Site and developed a fondness for the college and made several contributions.

There's another Miller in the family with baseball treasures earmarked for the college's benefit.

William Miller, 81 and a former U.S. State Department diplomat, donated a scrapbook filled with photographs and nearly 60 signatures of baseball greats, including Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Walter Johnson, Honus Wager and Cy Young.

Gossett wins in qualifying school, earns PGA Tour card

The Associated Press

David Gossett knew he needed a career round Saturday to keep alive fading hope in qualifying school. He wound up with golf's magic number; a 59; that shot him from the bottom of the pack into contention for a PGA Tour card.

With his first ever hole-in-one and 11 birdies on the Nicklaus Private course at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif., Gossett made a 7-foot birdie putt on his final hole for at 13-under 59, moving him from 129th place into a tie for 25th with two rounds left.

The 1999 U.S. Amateur champion, who opened with rounds of 70-76-71, was at 12-under 276. Andrew McLardy of South Africa had a 66 and maintained his lead at 261.

"You move from 1 over to 12 under in one round... that's a pretty good day's work," Gossett said in a telephone interview.

It was only the sixth 59 in PGA Tour-sanctioned competition. Al Geiberger, Chip Beck and David Duval got their scores in PGA Tour events, while Notah Begay and Doug Dunakey each had 59 on the Nike Tour.

The score will not be recognized in the record books because the Qualifying Tournament is not considered an official tour event.

Still, it was the second sub-60 score in qualifying tournaments this year. Shigeki Maruyama had a 58 this year at Woodmont in Maryland during a U.S. Open qualifier.

And it could not have come at a better time for Gossett, the former University of Texas star who turned pro this year after the British Open.

Only the top 35 and ties from Q-school earn their PGA Tour cards for next year, and Gossett's prospects were looking dim midway through

the most grueling tournament in golf.

Starting on the back nine, he had six birdies, including a 40-footer on No. 16, and slowly worked his way back toward the middle of the pack. It only got better from there. He got his first career ace on No. 3, an 8-iron from 162 yards.

"When I made the turn at 6 under, the thought of a 59 kind of crossed my mind," Gossett said. "But I wasn't thinking about it until the last couple of holes."

He made a 20-footer for birdie on No. 7, made a nice up-and-down for birdie on the par-5 eighth and then hit the magic number with a 7-foot birdie putt with a left-to-right break on the ninth hole.

That his 59 does not go in the record books was of little concern to Gossett.

"It's more important for the position that it moved me into, and the confidence I can get for

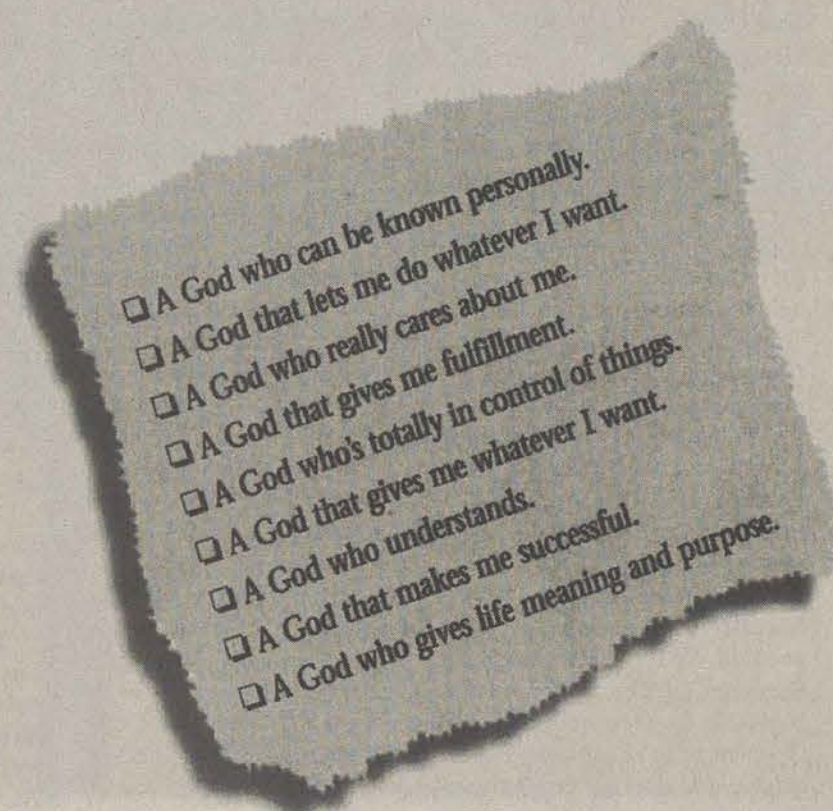
the next two days," Gossett said. "I need to move on and enjoying it this evening, and then get prepared for the next two days."

McLardy had a three-stroke lead over Stephen Allan, important because the winner gets a full exemption on tour next year.

Frank Nobilo, among the 18 former PGA Tour champions in the field, had a 66 and was tied for 15th at 273. Sweden's Per-Ulrik Johansson, a five-time winner on the PGA European Tour, had a 70 and was another stroke back.

Casey Martin had a 69 and was at 277. Martin, whose lawsuit against the PGA Tour for a right to ride a cart will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court next month, was tied for 38th.

While the top 35 and ties get tour cards, the next 50 will get exemptions on the Buy.com Tour.



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GSU's NAACP Chapter to hold discussion Tuesday on controversial Georgia state flag

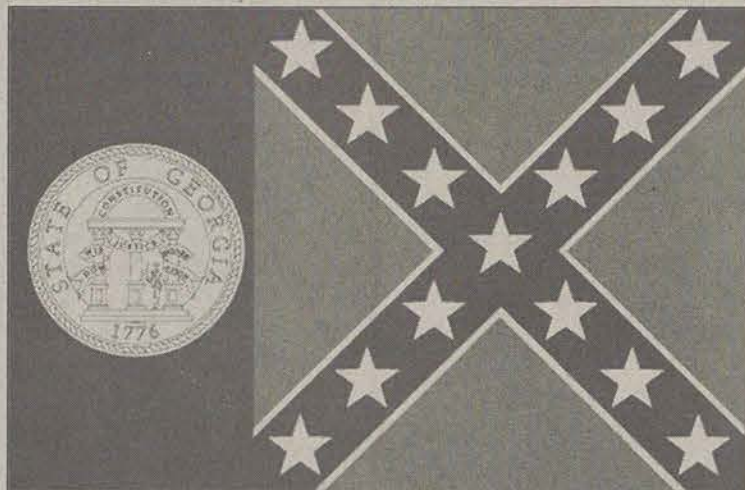
By Tim Prizer
Lifestyles Editor

For nearly 45 years it has flapped in the wind over Georgia courthouses, athletic fields, post offices, and of course the state capital in Atlanta. Two-thirds Confederate flag, one-third state seal, the Georgia state flag has caused a lot of controversy since its adoption in February of 1956, just two years after public schools became integrated. With nearly a 50/50 split in opinions on the issue of whether or not the flag should be abandoned, the heated debates continue to grow increasingly controversial.

On the evening of Tuesday, December 5th, the GSU Chapter of the NAACP will welcome guest speakers Tim Livingston and James Gallman (President of the S.C. Conference of the NAACP) to help determine whether all the fuss over the flag is necessary. "Is this an Issue?" will begin at 6 p.m. in Russell Union Room 2080.

A large percentage of African Americans and liberal politicians see the flag as a symbol of slavery and racism, while the other end of the spectrum view it as representation of the South's heritage and history. The issue has also become an argument over state rights in the political arena. Whether it is a state's right to wave a flag or not, even if that flag offends millions of the state's citizens, has become a prevalent question in the news.

Ironically, Georgia's state flag has two main parts, both of which are claimed to represent justice. The seal, displayed on a navy blue background, is said to symbolize wisdom, justice, mod-



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'IS THIS AN ISSUE?': Georgia's state flag continues to cause controversy among politicians and citizens. GSU's NAACP Chapter will address the issue Tuesday night in the Union.

eration, loyalty, sincerity, and reverence to God. The red background of the flag's Confederate majority is said to portray valor and sacrifice. While some see Georgia's stars and bars as racist and bigoted, supporters of the flag say it simply symbolizes pride in our history, not pride in the fight for institutionalized slavery.

South Carolina has also played a major role in the debates over the Confederate flag. The state capital in Columbia flew the flag for many years before being forced to take it down in late June of this year. While conservatives argued on the grounds of heritage and history, liberals pointed out that the flag was not lifted until after the integration of public schools in 1954. Recently, the debates have thickened in South Carolina. The President of South Carolina's NAACP Conference, James Gallman, will be on hand Tuesday night to offer his insight into

the situations South Carolina has dealt with over the last few years.

As the controversy and political bickering persists, more and more questions and issues regarding Georgia's and South Carolina's use of the Confederate flag continue to come to the forefront. Is justice present when the flag representing a state's 7 million-plus, largely African American population is two-thirds Confederate, offending nearly a whole race of individuals? Or should blacks and whites unite under the flag and accept it for its claim to Southern heritage, justice, wisdom, and reverence to God? Livingston and Gallman will tackle these questions among many others on Tuesday evening.

Everyone is invited to come play a part in the debate over the state flag. Regardless of people's stance on the topic, all are encouraged to attend and to offer insight into this popular, heavily-argued issue.

Elderly couple lives on love – and wooden Santa's

Associated Press

EAST GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, N.J. – It's December 1946.

William and Elsie Young just moved into their first home – a red Cape Cod in Scotch Plains they built themselves. She's pregnant, and money is tight. His \$1,800-a-year salary as a woodcarving teacher only gets a young family so far.

Not having enough money to buy Christmas presents for each other, they do what they can. She knits him a scarf. He carves her a wooden Santa Claus. "Little things like that meant a lot," Elsie said. "We were young and struggling."

Those little things turned into a yearly tradition, even after money was more plentiful. Every year since the first, Billy, as Elsie calls him, has carved his wife a new wooden figure. The first one was small and sort of simple, with St. Nick wearing a long green coat, his hands pressed together. Since then, there have been fat Santas, thin Santas, Santas on rooftops, Santas with huge sacks full of toys.

He carves them out of chunks of wood, usually pieces of logs cut from their back yard. He whittles away, using a chisel and an X-acto knife, painting them over with watercolors, then sanding them down for an older feel. Some can be finished in a day. Others take more than 200 hours. And every Christmas, Bill and Elsie unpack the now more than 50 figures and the stories that accompany them.

What used to take a day now takes a week and a half. But Elsie's a good worker. "We work well together," Bill said.

That's part of what makes them work. There are certain commonalities they share. "We're both prompt and industrious," Bill said.

They like to wake up early, work hard. He carves and draws, she does needlepoint, though not anymore because her eyes are getting bad. And their differences seem to complement each other. "I like to talk, and she likes to listen," he

says.

"He'll talk all day if you let him," she adds.

Bill and Elsie, who are now both 80 years old, met at church when they were children in Linden. Their friendship, however, began in junior high. As her maiden name is Zepht, Elsie often sat behind Bill in class.

"And I liked her, besides," he said, adding that their relationship was something that just grew. "Elsie wasn't considered my girl until junior or senior year, when I asked her to the prom. She was too involved in her girls' things, and I was too involved in boys' things."

They went on dates sometimes, went to parties together. At school dances, girls would line one side of the room, boys the other. Bill would call Elsie out to dance. "I don't think we ever thought of not marrying each other, though," Elsie said. "It was taken for granted."

When high school ended, they went off to college. He studied to be a woodshop teacher. She trained to be a nurse. Before World War II started, he gave her a sort of unofficial engagement ring, contingent, of course, on his coming home. The stone cost \$159, and he worked in a laundry shop, pressing pants for a penny a pair to pay for it.

"Now that's love," they both say.

After college, they joined the Navy. Elsie was at a Marine base in North Carolina a year later when she received word that Bill's destroyer hit an uncharted reef, and he would be coming in. They married at Camp Lejeune. Someone passing by snapped a picture of the couple after the ceremony. She had her hair curled, and her lips rouged. Her head was turned to the side. And they stood outside in their uniforms, looking dapper, young and happy.

"Life was what you made it in those days," she said. When he was discharged about two years later, they bought an acre of land in Scotch Plains and began building their home.

The Santa tradition started when Elsie was pregnant with their daughter, Sharon,

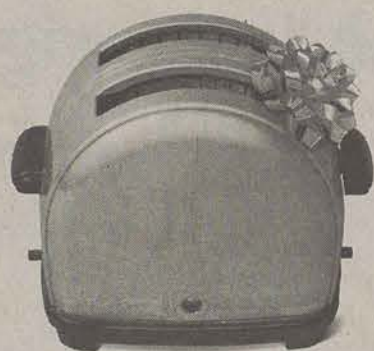
who's now 53. After Geoffrey, their younger son, graduated from college, the two began to travel. He was a high school woodshop teacher. She was a school nurse. And in their summers off together, they'd spend a month in Japan, a month in India. They went to Lapland, Australia, China, Russia, Finland. During their trips, Bill would carve memories. One morning in Helsinki, when Elsie was at the beauty parlor, he found a hunk of a 2-by-4 with a nail running through it. Later that day, he saw a "little old blind lady" walking near a museum. He quickly sketched and then carved her in the 2-by-4, making the nail her cane.

They took their last trip about three years ago – a cruise from Capetown, South Africa, to Athens, Greece, stopping, of course, along the way. After that, they traded in their old house in for a spot in a retirement village in Mickleton. Bill was having heart problems, and they wanted to be closer to their son, who lives in Ewan. "It wasn't fair for him to keep driving up all the time," Elsie said. Besides, all of their friends in Scotch Plains had passed on. "But we made all new ones here, and they do things at the speed we do," he said.

He still carves, using wood from their new back yard, which he calls the prettiest one in the neighborhood. Sometimes he works at night while watching television, spreading a sheet over his lap to catch the shavings. Bill gives his work away as gifts, because he can and because he's good at it. He'll carve the waitress at a restaurant they frequent or the postman who's a friend. He once traded in a six-foot wooden eagle for a week's vacation in New Hampshire.

Bill will show you his favorite pieces, like the Russian Father Frost or a Santa he likes "because it's different." But he'll also point out Elsie's framed needlepoint, and talk about the cookies and biscuits she bakes.

They're moving a little slower these days. The years are catching up with them. A doctor recently told Bill to act his age. He had been up on a roof, up in a tree,



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GSU holds 40th annual Christmas tree lighting

By Tracie Fischer
Staff Writer

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree," people sang as GSU celebrated its 40th annual "Lighting of the Tree" at Lakeside Cafe Friday night. The Christian Organization of the Religious Ministry at GSU coordinated the event. What better way to ring in the Christmas season than by lighting a giant Christmas tree?

The GSU Student Ensemble brought in their Yuletide spirit with several favorite Christmas carols. Next, Rev. Mark Louderback, President of Coordinated Religious Ministries started the program off with an uplifting prayer and welcomed the audience.

Then, the big moment arrived. Dr. Bruce Grube, GSU

President, had the honor of lighting the tree. The tree stood tall with its brightly shining blue and gold lights. The most profound feature, however, was the star.

At that time, adults reflected on past Christmases, and little children excitedly awaited Christmas 2000. It was more than a huge, lighted pine tree as it sparked memories and hopes for the future in many that attended.

Lori Hinebaugh came to the podium with an inspirational speech entitled, "What Christmas Means to Me." Her speech gave those in the audience hope. She reminded the audience of the true meaning of Christmas. "It's not all about gift giving, but it's about the birth of Jesus Christ,"

Hinebaugh said.

Following Hinebaugh's speech, members of the Campus Ministry read various Christmas readings. Stewart Moody of GSU's football team brought the evening to a close with the benediction. Then, everyone joined in the singing of the old-time favorite carol "Joy to the World." Afterwards, everyone congregated in Lakeside Cafe for cookies and refreshing coffee.

Those not in attendance missed something truly special. The evening was full of love, unity, and hope. Christmas is a special time of year as people come together to celebrate the exciting tradition. GSU's Christmas tree lighting kicked the season off perfectly.

Noncommercial music artists need more protection

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Churches, tribes and other non-commercial groups need more protection under U.S. copyright laws to prevent theft and misuse of their music and other intellectual properties, a folk music academician said.

Speaking at the Library of Congress, parent agency of the U.S. Copyright Office, Anthony Seeger complained Friday that while a commercial artist rakes in royalties from his efforts and controls their use, copyright laws do little for the artist who creates according to ethnic tradition.

Interviewed and studied and otherwise exploited, they often earn little and have no say in how commercial enterprises use their art or music, said Seeger, a nephew of folk singer

Pete Seeger and a professor of ethnomusicology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Seeger has made many recordings of folk music, especially in Brazil.

"It might be perfectly legal for a film company to play a traditional religious song in a scene filmed in a bordello, but would it be ethical to let the filmmaker use a museum's recording for that purpose," Seeger asked a conference on "Folk Heritage Collections in Crisis." Those in his audience were archivists.

Copyright law requires deposit in the Library of Congress of any material to be protected. The library collects sound recordings as well as books, photos, maps and other intellectual property.

"The most recent revision

of the U.S. copyright laws included an extension for company control and few concessions to the rights of artists, communities, the nonliterate and the traditional," Seeger wrote in a paper submitted to the conference.

"I am particularly happy to find the Library of Congress the locus of this discussion of copyright laws," he said. "The issue is too important to be left to lawyers."

In a discussion of the paper, Chris Strachwitz, president of Arhoolie Records at El Cerrito, Calif., agreed that the law should be changed. Seeger replied that since copyright laws were revised last year, it would be hard as a practical matter to get more action soon from Congress.

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A little morsel for chocolate lovers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Everyone knows America loves chocolate. No wonder the industry pulled in about \$12.9 billion in 1999 retail sales, according to the Chocolate Manufacturers Association of McLean, Va.

While millions all over the world now savor its taste, few realize its history is also rich, with its origins in this hemisphere.

Chocolate comes from the cocoa beans which were cultivated on plantations by the Mayan Indians of Central America as early as A.D. 600.

says Cindy Webb, Stratham, N.H.-based retail marketing manager for Lindt, a Swiss chocolate company.

Early societies of Central America used the beans as a form of money, and they also attributed a variety of mystical powers to the substance.

According to the Chocolate Manufacturers Association, Christopher Columbus brought chocolate back to the court of King Ferdinand of Spain, after his 1502-1504 trip to the New World. It then developed a new phase of veneration, becoming one of the most sought-after sweet treats and flavors.

So, what's important for die-hard chocolate lovers to notice? Location, location, location. The place of origin of the bean is appearing more often on chocolate labels, Sylvie Douce, co-founder of the New York Chocolate Show, says.

The gold standard for chocolate starts with beans from Venezuela. "It's like wine from Bordeaux," said Douce. Specialists at this year's show

estimated that the most expensive chocolate in the world is sold by La Maison du Chocolat, at about \$55 per pound. This chain of chocolate boutiques with stores in Paris, New York and Japan hand-selects Venezuelan beans for its handmade truffles. Godiva, by comparison, sells assorted chocolates at about \$37 a pound.

How do you recognize a superior chocolate?

Start by taking a look. "Its appearance should be nice and shiny," Lindt chocolatier Hans Mazenauer says. Then smell it. "It should have that nice cocoa aroma."

Then comes the fun part. Take a bite. "The chocolate should snap," he says. "A good chocolate should always have crack when you bite into it. And it should not leave a waxy feeling on your tongue. You should have a clean palate."

The chocolate melts on the tongue, with body temperature. That's when taste takes over, and that's the best part.

Gay couple adopts twins

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — One twin is on the changing table, squalling and kicking as his parents struggle with a pungent diaper.

"Sometimes it's a little messy," says Bob Page, sniffing gingerly as he cleans up 16-month-old Ryan. Partner Dale Frederiksen is at the other end of the table, gently trying to cajole Ryan out of his tears. Ryan's twin brother, Owen, wide-eyed but quiet, stands up in his crib to view the action. Lullaby music plays softly on a small stereo.

It's wake-up time at Page and Frederiksen's spacious home in Greensboro's New Irving Park neighborhood, and parenthood is calling in stereo. "We didn't adopt these kids to make a statement," Page says. "We both love children. These little guys are one of the neatest things that have ever happened in our lives."

But he knew their domestic arrangement, two openly gay men rearing Vietnamese-born twins, would turn heads in Greensboro when they got the boys eight months ago.

Heads would turn almost anywhere. Nationally, the adoption of children by gay or lesbian couples remains a highly controversial, hotly debated issue. Political groups and religious leaders, each citing their own psychological studies of the effects of an alternative lifestyle on adoptive children, line up on each side.

Researchers say they aren't even sure how many such families exist. They say many gay parents stay in the closet to protect themselves and their children from social stigma.

Fundamentalist minister Jerry Falwell is an ardent public foe who believes gays should be prohibited from adopting children just as they should be banned from the pulpit or being wed at the altar.

And it's not just fundamentalists; denominations such as United Methodist, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Episcopal Church also are struggling with their policies on homosexuality and gay rights. Most states do not allow adoptions by same-sex couples, and three states, Florida, Mississippi and Utah, ban all adoptions by gays or lesbians, according to Jo Wyrick, executive director of Equality NC, a statewide advocacy group that lobbies for legislation friendly to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered individuals. Utah, in fact, allows no single-parent adoptions.

North Carolina is among the 40 states that don't prohibit adoption by a gay single parent, provided that a judge determines the individual to be a "fit" parent, Wyrick says. But unlike 24 other states, North Carolina doesn't permit a "second-parent" adoption, which allows both partners to become legal parents.

Thus, Page had to adopt the twins as a single parent, then draw up a separate legal agreement asserting Frederiksen's rights to the children in the event of Page's death. Though adoption by a gay parent may be legal in North Carolina, it's certainly not commonplace.

"There are very few," says Brian Neader, who leads a Charlotte support group for gay and lesbian parents. Though they probably aren't unique in Greensboro, Page and Frederiksen have no such support group to turn to, and, in fact, know of no other local gay couples rearing kids.

So they expect stares and sometimes questions. Neighbors, and even most strangers they encounter, have been supportive or at least keep their criticism to themselves, Page says. "Nobody's really been nasty to us yet, but that's coming."

Nineteen years ago, Page was a disenchanted state auditor who parlayed a penchant for flea markets into his own company. Now, Replacements employs more than 700 workers and markets worldwide with a multimillion-dollar budget. He and Frederiksen, a 38-year-old Michigan native and former high school teacher, now a Replacements executive, have been together for 11 years. Frederiksen was teaching math at a private school in St. Louis when he and Page struck up a long-distance friendship, then a romance.

"We wrote letters and talked on the phone," Frederiksen says. "Then he drove out there. He made it a business trip, just in case things didn't work out." Things did work out. They visited back and forth, then, at the end of the school year, Frederiksen moved to Greensboro. They celebrate their anniversary every March.

Page, 55, is the area's most high-profile gay businessman and one of the Top 25 gay entrepreneurs nationally, according to Gay Financial News rankings. He was one of the founders of the Triad Business and Professional Guild, a local trade and social group for area gays and lesbians. Replacements Ltd. is unusual among local workplaces, and not only because it is an openly friendly place for gays and lesbians who work there. Employees wear casual clothes, address their bosses informally and are welcome to bring

their dogs to work. Page and Frederiksen have always brought Toby Lee and Trudy Mae, their beloved miniature dachshunds, to the office.

Now, they bring the twins, too. A nanny cares for the twins in a room set up as a nursery while Page and Frederiksen are busy working in nearby offices. Often, they all end up in the same office, the adults trying to work and the boys playing. Like all new parents, their lives have changed. They've cut back greatly on the cross-country trips they normally take to browse flea markets and estate sales for potential merchandise. Instead of going to movies, they watch videos at home featuring the Teletubbies, Barney or other preschool favorites. Like other parents, Page and Frederiksen are grateful for 20 minutes or so of quiet time after they've finally gotten the boys to bed at night.

These days, plastic high-chairs and stuffed animals mingle with antique furniture and fine carpets throughout the house. The once-spacious living room is home to a semipermanent. "I used to work all the time," Page says. "Now, one of us is usually in the corral with them. They want you there." "I always wanted kids," he says. "Before I was even driving a car, I was imagining myself having a family with kids. Dale and I had been talking about it for five years or longer. We wanted the love and enjoyment that all couples get from having children." Frederiksen says he had wanted children, too, but thought that no adoption agency would be friendly toward a gay couple.

Then last fall, they heard about a staffer's friend who was pregnant and wanted to give up the baby. "We started thinking about it," Frederiksen said. "Bob wasn't getting any younger, so we thought if we were going to do it, we'd better do it now."

That adoption didn't work out, but Page and Frederiksen were now intrigued by the idea of rearing kids. They sought out adoption agencies and quickly determined that an overseas adoption was their best course. That way, the birth mother or other blood relatives would be less likely to go to court to take the children back.

They settled on the Adoption Center of Washington, a small, licensed, nonprofit agency with offices in Virginia and the District of Columbia that specializes in foreign orphans. Since 1992, the agency has placed 300 foreign children with adoptive American parents, says founder and Executive Director Linda Brownlee. A number of those have been same-gender families, which have been subjected to the same home-screening process as any other adoptive parent, she says.

"Our mission is to find and prepare families for orphans," Brownlee says. "We look for the same things in every family: individual stability, the ability to give and receive love, a normal life expectancy and financial ability." Page and Frederiksen passed on all counts, she says. Financially, prospective international adoptive parents must prove that they earn slightly more than the federal poverty level. In 1999, that was \$16,895 for a family of four.

For Page, the millionaire owner of a burgeoning company, meeting the financial requirement was no problem. But the adoption wasn't cheap. Page says he ended up spending about \$60,000, including a \$4,000 fee for the agency and more than \$12,000 for each child, paid to the Vietnamese government. Then there was the expense of two visits to Vietnam, each requiring flights of 40 hours each way.

There, they met the babies' birth mother, a single, 24-year-old Vietnamese woman from Long An Province, a poor, rural area where families live on an average of \$200 to \$300 a year. She gave birth to the twins in July 1999 and decided to give them up because she was too poor to raise them. "I know these babies are better off with us," Page says.

Page and Frederiksen take the twins with them almost everywhere, the gym, guild meetings and a restaurant virtually every night. Other hurdles, such as social acceptance, may be tougher. They're considering a church for their family, and Page and Frederiksen are still debating about whether to home-school the twins, or to send them to public or private schools. They favor public schooling, although they know that Ryan and Owen, coming from an alternative family, may be in for teasing. That's why they requested twins. "This way, they'll always have each other for support," Page says.

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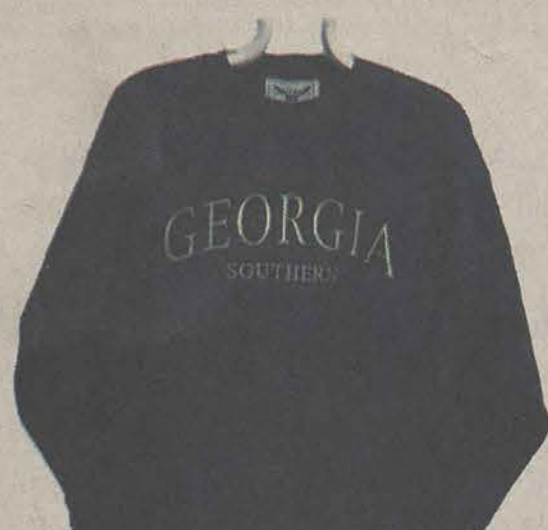
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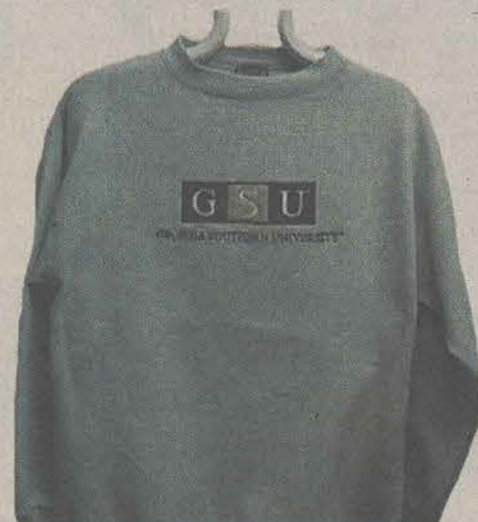
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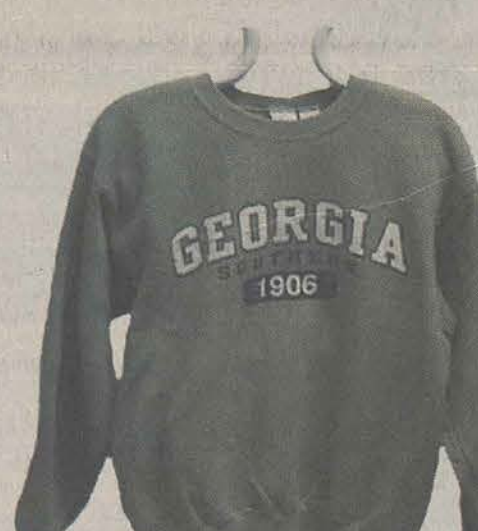
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