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The next edition of *The George-Anne* will hit newsstands Wednesday, December 4.

OUTDOOR PAVILION NEARS FIRST PHASE OF COMPLETION

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With all the construction on the Georgia Southern campus, one might get lost as to when they all will be ready for operation.

One of the first new projects to be ready will be the Outdoor Pavilion at M.C. Anderson Park, which is located off of Old Register Road.

The new Outdoor Pavilion is being built next to the Club Sports fields, which is adjacent to the Recreational Activities Center (RAC).

The Pavilion is Phase 1 of a 3-phase project. Phase 1 will be completed on December 1, 2002. This Phase consist of a covered Pavilion which would accommodate groups of 300. The Pavilion also consists of an attached meeting room.

William Ehling, director of Campus Recreation and Intramurals, said he hopes the pavilion will be used for campus usage — whether that be drop-in use or reserved by student groups

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Adam Bonner/STAFF

The Outdoor Pavilion being constructed near the RAC will be completely finished in early 2004. When complete, the venue will include an attached conference room, and the outdoor area will hold up to 300 people.

Recent crimes put students on alert

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Georgia Southern University seems to have had a rash of crimes on or around campus in the past semester, including a sexual harassment case in the Henderson Library, a homicide in the parking lot of the local club Legends, and several reports of stolen vehicles have been filed.

These incidences have made many students more cautious about their environment and caused an increase of security on campus.

According to Buddy Peaster, captain of the GSU police, there has not been a tremendous increase in crime. "I have not heard of an incident on or off campus that is unusual. Sometimes we have an event that can put people

more on alert," said Peaster.

One event that put GSU more on alert was the sexual harassment case by a physical plant employee involving a female student at Henderson Library last month. According to Linda Bleicken, vice president of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, web cams have been installed in the Library to increase security.

Students also noticed the new cameras placed outside of the building as well as the sign, "You may be under surveillance for safety flash security while in the library."

GSU President Bruce Grube said several steps have been taken to improve the security of the Library. Some changes include library workers making more frequent patrols and

"training programs for them to react more sensitive to patrons' fears," Grube said.

John Kim, Student Government's Vice President of Academic Affairs said, "this is proof that the University is taking the necessary actions to avoid further incidences in the Library."

Also, a homicide that took place earlier this semester raised concern.

Seven men were arrested by police for murdering a man in Legends parking lot on Old Register Road. This homicide was the first to occur around campus in over seven years.

"We have never had a murder on campus since I've been here," Peaster said, who has worked for the GSU police for 10 years. According to Peaster, the victim and those arrested for the

murder were not GSU students: they were from Soperton, Georgia.

While there were no reports of stolen vehicles from residence halls since 1998, and only two off-campus vehicle thefts reported last year, according to the GSU police department. However five cars have been stolen between January 1 and November 12.

Three of the five vehicles were stolen from resident hall parking lots within three months. One car was stolen in O-lot near Olliff Hall on August 15, another in C-lot near Johnson Hall on August 27, and on October 7 a car was stolen in B-lot near Veazey Hall. The car stolen

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Green Party celebrates its best year yet

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON — The Greens are gloating. Republicans may have swept Congress in last week's midterm elections, but the nascent Green Party had its best year yet, electing 70 officials to public offices around the country.

The number of elected Greens now stands at 172. The party, which has vaulted from its base in the environmental movement to embrace a range of causes, also enjoyed its highest-profile victories. Green candidates won a seat in Maine's state legislature and a seat on the Providence, R.I., city council.

The party is also celebrating its first victories in Texas, Nebraska and Iowa.

"The message we have and the method we use is one that voters respond to," said Dean Myerson, the Green Party's national political coordinator. "They need to have candidates to believe in and who inspire them. It's a fairly simple thing, and it's something the Democrats, across the

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Green Party supporters rally for causes against the WTO, child labor, and genetic engineering. The party has elected 172 officials to public office, including one in Maine's state legislature.

CIVIL LIBERTIES:

Government may gain more surveillance powers

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON — In a decision that will greatly expand the government's authority to eavesdrop on Americans, a federal appeals court ruled Monday that the Justice Department has broad powers to use wiretaps and other means to combat terrorism.

A special three-judge panel overturned a decision by the secret Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in May that certain surveillance provisions in the USA PATRIOT Act infringed on citizens' privacy.

Monday's decision means the government will face fewer hurdles when it seeks to listen to telephone conversations and read the e-mail of people who are suspected of espionage or terrorism. Intelligence agents and criminal prosecutors also will be able to share information more freely.

The special appeals court, which consisted of three federal appellate judges named by William Rehnquist, the chief justice of the Supreme Court, ruled Monday that the expanded powers sought in the USA PATRIOT Act are "constitutional because the surveillances it authorizes are reasonable."

Attorney General John Ashcroft called the decision "a victory for liberty, safety and the security of the American people."

He said it "revolutionizes our ability to investigate terrorists and prosecute terrorist acts."

Armed with the ruling, Ashcroft announced Monday that the FBI was doubling the number of lawyers in its National Security Law Unit, which handles foreign intelligence wiretap applications, and would add 25 lawyers to the Justice Department's Office of Intelligence Policy and Review.

Justice Department lawyers who seek authorization for wiretaps or surveillance for suspected spies or terrorists must go to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. That court was created under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to oversee sensitive law-enforcement activities.

The court typically toils in secret. But it threw open its doors earlier this year when it not only rejected for the first time a government request for broader surveillance powers but also made its opinion public. In that unprecedented and deeply critical decision, the FISA court said there had been 75 instances of surveillance-warrant abuse during the Clinton administration.

The Justice Department appealed the FISA court's decision to the three-member Court of Review, which swung into action for the first time. The judges who ruled Monday are Ralph Guy, of the U.S. States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati, Edward Leavy, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the

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Under Pressure?

Left: A nurse takes President Grube's blood pressure.

The University Wellness Council will sponsor a free Health Fair for all students, faculty and staff on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Services and activities available will include blood pressure screening, fitness assessment, stress management and information on counseling and career services. The fair will offer games and free 'stuff.'



Weather

Wednesday

Mostly cloudy with a high of 66°F and a low of 48°F.

Thursday

Partly cloudy with a high of 65°F and a low of 40°F.

Friday

Partly cloudy with a high of 61°F and a low of 33°F.



Homeland Security bill passes Senate, despite early Democratic objections

'Biggest reorganization' of government in 55 years closer after Democratic amendment narrowly defeated, 52-47

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON – Capping months of debate, the Senate yesterday approved 90-9 a bill that would create a Department of Homeland Security – a massive reorganization of the federal government sparked by the devastating September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The measure heads to the White House, where President Bush has promised to sign the legislation into law, possibly next week said a spokesman for the Office of Homeland Security.

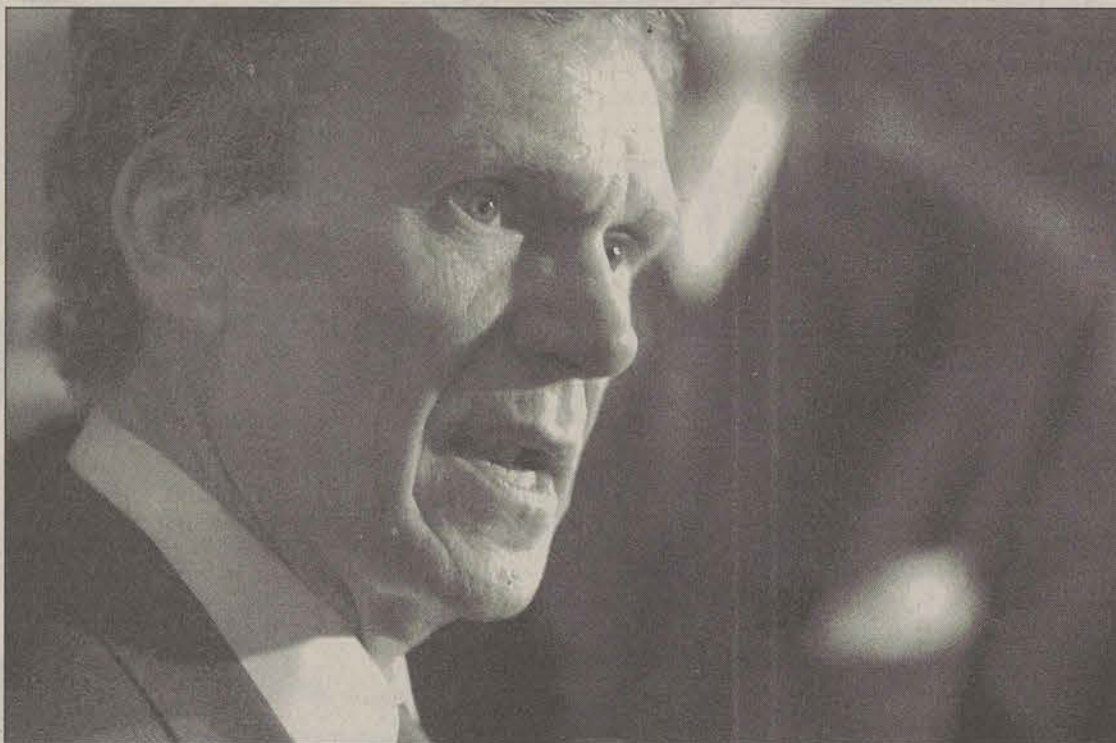
Earlier in the day, the Senate narrowly rejected efforts to strip special provisions from a homeland security bill and set the stage for passage of the biggest reorganization of the federal government in 55 years.

The Democratic amendment was defeated 52-47.

President Bush is poised to sign the measure, which brings under one roof 22 agencies and 170,000 employees, ranging from the Coast Guard to the Secret Service, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

It will provide a centralized clearinghouse for intelligence data, and it will be the new home for the government's stressed immigration and border patrol agencies, all in the name of combating terrorism.

"When you wake up in the morning, you will have the authority you need to protect the security of the American people here at home," Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi told Bush, who was aboard Air Force One Tuesday on his way to Prague for a NATO meeting.



Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) speaks to reporters about Homeland Security Bill that is before Congress. The U.S. Senate refused to drop a package of pro-business provisions attached to the legislation. Right, Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.), speaks to President George W. Bush on a speaker phone.

"This is a very important piece of legislation. It is landmark in its scope," Bush replied.

The Senate also was set to pass terrorism insurance legislation that will protect insurance carriers in the event of devastating losses caused by terrorist acts.

But the homeland security bill was Bush's big prize. He relentlessly called for its passage while campaigning for Republicans in this month's mid-term elections.

Congress has yet to provide financing for the new department, however. Several senators said that is an obstacle the new Republican-controlled House and Senate will have to confront early next year.

The legislation creating the department would give airports up to an additional year to meet strict inspection standards for checked baggage. Last year, Congress gave the administra-

tion until the end of this year to adopt bomb-detection equipment. About 25 of the largest airports in the country had said they would not be able to meet the deadline.

A provision would make it lawful for pilots to carry weapons in the cockpit of commercial airplanes. It also would expand criminal penalties for computer cyber-attacks, particularly if they cause death or widespread economic disruption.

Devising the new department gives Bush a chance to change workplace rules and pay scales under the new measure without having to abide by civil service procedures. Workers could seek federal mediation, but the administration could ignore the mediator's recommendations.

To win approval of the new department, Bush put together a coalition of some of the staunchest advocates of small government to press for the



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biggest government reorganization since Congress and President Truman created the Defense Department in 1947.

"Actually, I guess there is a little paradox in it," conceded Sen. Phil Gramm, a Texas Republican who has often complained about the size of the federal bureaucracy. "Two things give me solace.

"One, we're going to run this department better than we run the rest of the government, and we might learn something that could improve the rest of the government. And two, it is responding to a clear crisis where we had to respond."

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Ninth Circuit in San Francisco, and Laurence Silberman, of the U.S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia. President Ronald Reagan appointed all of them to the bench.

Ashcroft said the Justice Department was creating a streamlined system so that wiretap and surveillance applications could be processed faster. If they are rejected, Ashcroft or FBI Director Robert Mueller would be informed promptly so they could review the decision.

Monday's ruling was a bitter disappointment to civil liberties groups, which had fought the USA PATRIOT

Act provisions that the appeals panel validated.

"Ordinary American citizens are more likely to become the victims of highly intrusive government surveillance, because meaningful judicial oversight has effectively been eliminated," said Jameel Jaffer, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mikal Condon, of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, said, "It chips away at what were once incredibly high standards that the government had to meet to monitor U.S. citizens."

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from C-lot was found five days later in Gainesville, Fla.

"The most crimes reported on campus are opportunistic crimes," Peaster said.

Some examples include theft from unlocked doors and unsecured valuables. There are several ways students or others interested can find out about crime statistics of schools. Under the Jeanne Clery Act, schools are required to publish their crime statistics each year.

The Security on Campus, Inc. states that the Jeanne Clery Act (the

Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990), "requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses.

Because the law is tied to participation in federal student financial aid programs it applies to most institutions of higher education both public and private. It is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education."

GSU's 2001 school year crime statistics was published in October and is available at http://www2.gasou.edu/public_safety/stats2002.html.

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and organizations.

Ehling said that the policy for the new facility is being developed now with hopes that the pavilion will be ready to start taking request from students at the beginning of next semester.

The first phase cost around \$250,000 dollars to build, with the total project's cost estimated around \$1.2 million.

Funds for the project came from CRI, the Russell Union, and the University.

"The University saw a need for an outdoor pavilion of this type, and contributed to the building of this new pavilion," Ehling said.

As plans stand now, the second phase will be completed over the next five months and will consist

of adding rest rooms, offices and storage spaces.

The third phase and final phase will be a performance stage that will be ready some time in early 2004.

Ehling also said that around the beginning of Spring semester, CRI staff will be surveying students and organizations about what type of facilities they think the campus could use.

This new pavilion is the second new facility CRI has undertaken this year: the first was the new Skate park, which opened in October to the joys of many GSU students.

These new projects are in effort to continue the growth of the CRI program, which has gained steady attention over the last couple of years.

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A valid Georgia Southern identification card is required for service.

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1 California

Fifty women pose nude to spell P-E-A-C-E

POINT REYES STATION- Fearing that war against Iraq is imminent, 50 women took off their clothes in the cold rain and lay end-to-end in the grass to spell out P-E-A-C-E.

The unusual protest was organized in just a few days by artist Donna Sheehan, 72, who wanted to convey the desperation she said women in particular feel about the coming military action.

"I just thought, what can I do? What can we do? It's a desperate feeling. Well, this is what I did," Sheehan said. "And every other woman who was there felt like they were doing something for peace."

Sheehan called her friends, they called their friends, and by Tuesday afternoon, they were ready to pose for local photographer Art Rogers in a baseball field in this small town in Marin County, just north of San Francisco.

As soon as they took off their clothes, a cold rain began to fall.

"By the time we'd stripped, with a lot of squealing and giggling and hooping and hollering, it was really raining," she said. "But we had fun. It was very empowering."

The women aren't exactly sure what to do yet with the picture. All signed documents allowing their images to be sold, with proceeds going to the peace movement. The Point Reyes Light, the local weekly newspaper, published the picture on Thursday.

"We fully expect people to be more shocked by this action than by the killing of innocent people, and that's a sad commentary on our values," Sheehan said.

2 Indiana

'Amish Road' will make travel safer for buggies

GOSHEN- A road designed so that horse-drawn Amish buggies can avoid dangerous traffic on U.S. 33 is nearly ready for its first buggy after two years of planning.

Local businessmen and Amish residents worked together to make the paved path a reality so that buggies can travel between C.R. 38 and a Wal-Mart complex without negotiating U.S. 33.

"The intersection of 38 and U.S. 33 was just becoming a hazard. We've had enough accidents and horror stories there," said John Bowers of the Elkhart County engineering department.

The road, which will be off-limits to motor vehicles, will be dedicated on Thursday. County engineers are working on an ordinance establishing fines if motor vehicles use the Amish Road.

Goshen resident Joyce Bontrager helped organize the first meetings on the "Amish Road," as it's being called.

"The Amish community has already started talking about what it would take to get buggies off 33 all together. They'd like to see an access road the total length of that shopping corridor," Bontrager said.

Members of the Old Order Amish Church helped raise more than \$10,000 for construction while engineers worked on design.

Omer Kropf of Supreme Corp. and Doug Schrock of SmokerCraft both donated land. Wal-Mart and Subway Restaurants are helping on the financial end. The county will pick up what's left of the tab.

Several years ago, Amish customers of the Wal-Mart store asked for a shelter to keep

horses and buggies out of the weather. The store purchased materials, and residents built the structure.

3 West Virginia

First Mothman Festival draws few hundred to Point Pleasant

POINT PLEASANT- Leaders of this Mason County town's quiet business district liked this weekend's initial Mothman Festival just fine.

Still, they'd prefer another sighting or two of the mythical winged beast itself.

A few hundred visitors walked through a vacant downtown furniture building to see 1960s newspaper clips with witness descriptions of the creature, along with memorabilia from this summer's "The Mothman Prophecies," a movie starring Richard Gere.

"This is the first time in a while that people have been out and about on Main Street mingling around," said Carolin Harris, a festival organizer and owner of Harris' Steak House.

"Mothman has been good for us all the way," she said. "It's been great for tourism. We have a lot of Mothman seekers. I wish he could fly right over tonight."

The first Mothman sighting was reported on Nov. 15, 1966. Others later came forward to say they had seen a gray creature, standing 7 feet tall, with bright red eyes and wings like a bird. The sightings ended abruptly Dec. 15, 1967, when the Silver Bridge collapsed, killing 45 people.

For a first-time event that was pulled together in just a few weeks, organizers said they were happy with the turnout and have high hopes for the future.

"This is bigger than we expected,"

said Donnie Sergeant Jr., co-author of "Mothman: The Facts Behind the Legend." "Next year, watch out. It's gonna be something."

Enthusiasts found Mothman T-shirts, books and stuffed toys alongside crafts and other merchandise offered by local vendors. Live music filled the building, including tunes by a local band named Mothman.

Evening hay rides through the ruins of an old factory where the Mothman was first spotted were another attraction.

4 Florida

Circus elephant stops by McDonald's for breakfast

CAPE CORAL- A rather hungry breakfast-seeker cut her way through the McDonald's drive-thru line - and no one dared complain.

A four-ton elephant named Tina showed up at the McDonald's in Cape Coral on Wednesday morning, happily swallowing 10 veggie burgers that she grabbed from workers by sticking her snout through the drive-thru window.

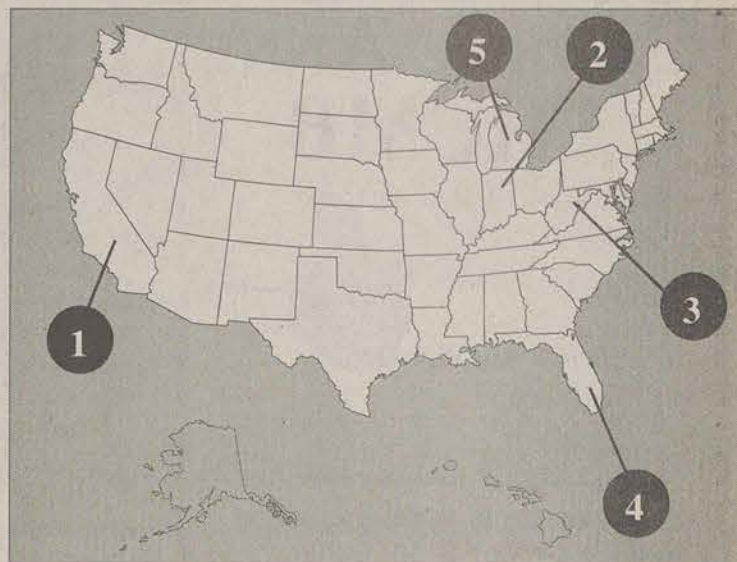
The stunt was a promotion for a visiting circus.

"It was a lot of fun," said McDonald's worker Missy Williams, 34. "Her snout was kind of wet, though."

Choosing veggie burgers for Tina's menu wasn't part of any diet plan that the Asian elephant is adhering to. Elephants just don't eat meat.

"She's pretty slim, as far as elephants go," said Adam Hill, the elephant's handler.

The Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus was performing in Cape Coral through Thursday.



5 Michigan

Education publication makes whale of a mistake

MUSKEGON- Schoolchildren statewide recently were told that whales and dolphins swim in Lake Michigan - thanks to a publication that got its information from a Web site apparently created as a joke.

The mistake isn't amusing to 462 teachers who subscribe to "Michigan Studies Weekly," which is published by Utah-based Studies Weekly Inc.

Muskegon fourth-grade teacher Deb Harris read the article aloud to her pupils.

"It's funny, but it's really not," Harris told The Muskegon Chronicle for a recent story.

The article states: "Every spring, the freshwater whales and freshwater dolphins begin their 1,300-mile migration from Hudson Bay to the warmer waters of Lake Michigan. There are several locks along the route, but the whales forge a water path each year."

Harris caught the mistake while reading to her pupils.

"Oh, my goodness!" she said. "There are no whales in Michigan."

In reality, the closest whales get to Michigan is the salty St. Lawrence estuary along Quebec, which is home to some beluga whales.

But when Harris called Studies Weekly Inc., which wrote the article, she said an editor stood behind the story's accuracy.

"I've lived here all my life - there are no whales in Lake Michigan," Harris recalled telling the editor.

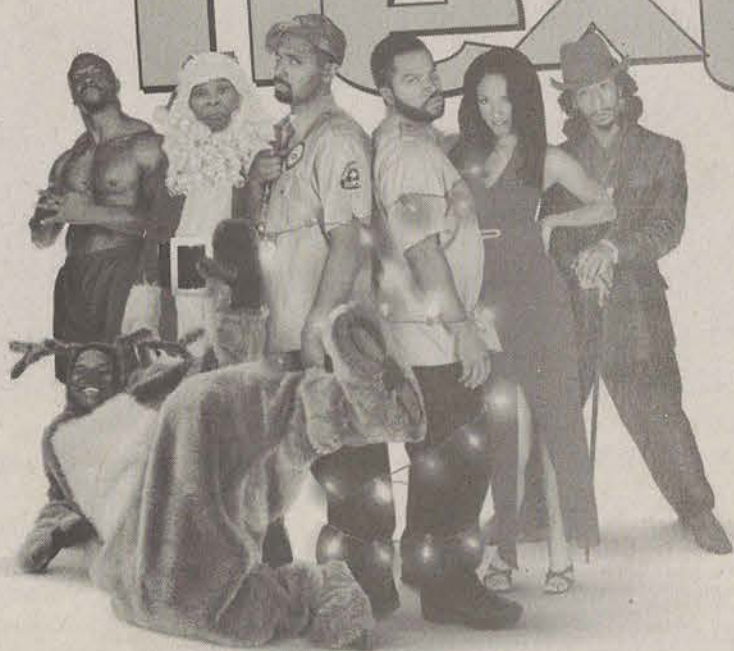
In a retraction posted on its Web site, Studies Weekly says it got its information for the story from an Internet site.

"We at Studies Weekly want this to be a lesson to you," the apology said. "Not all Web sites are true, and you cannot always believe them. When researching, you should always look for a reliable site that has credentials (proof of truthfulness)."

Studies Weekly publications have a circulation of 1.2 million readers in third through sixth grades nationwide.

Harris said she used the experience to teach pupils the importance of double-checking facts and not plagiarizing others' work.

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• **THUMBS DOWN** to campus crime.

• **THUMBS UP** to third parties enjoying some amount of success, regardless of how small.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to our diminishing civil liberties.

• **THUMBS UP** to meteor showers.

• **THUMBS DOWN** to no George-Anne's until after the Thanksgiving break.

Thoughts of the day

• Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

• I am not young enough to know everything.

— Oscar Wilde

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed (double-spaced, please), preferably on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word or Microsoft Works format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

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OPINIONS

There is a music scene in Statesboro

ADAM BRADY



7 was performing their heart out, trying desperately to get the crowd into their melodic punk sound.

And the music was great.

And all of you wonder why no "good bands" come to Statesboro. You're ignoring a simple truth that's so obvious you can hear it in almost every bar-type establishment in town.

They're already here.

I suppose that their status is little to none, but that doesn't mean they're not any good. This may come as a shock to many of you, but MTV doesn't always play all of the great music that's out there. In fact, they play more commercial, poppy, Top-40 crap that people think is cool because no

one wants to be weird and listen to a nobody band music than anything else.

Ignorance isn't bliss if there's no good music to establish the mood.

So you like the MTV generation TRL stars and want them to perform in your neighborhood? For starters, you might want to reevaluate the way we've all been treating traveling acts through our little town. Don't you think they have friends in the industry they might talk to?

Bands have a tendency to tour with one another and undoubtedly they share stories of the road, women, and shows they've done. And when Statesboro comes up in those conversations, what kinds of things do you want them to say about playing here?

When you don't support the music scene we have, how can you ever expect it to improve?

Walking out during a set won't leave a good impression on anyone, and not even venturing out to an establishment for something more than intoxicating refreshments will do even worse.

Showing some interest in what we have now will lead to a growing interest from bands to perform in a town where people care about music.

Until we start supporting the established music scene, I suppose we'll all just have to listen to the radio, close our eyes, and use our imaginations.

Or spend \$20 on a ticket and drive to Atlanta.

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Why would women fall for bad-boy Eminem?

By Gregory Clay
KRT Campus

One woman said he's so delicious, she wants to have his babies. Another said he's sexy. Still, another said he's dangerous-looking but angelic at the same time.

No, we're not talking about Ben Affleck or Justin Timberlake or Leonardo DiCaprio.

We're talking Eminem. The descriptions are from women who eagerly ventured to New York theaters recently to view Eminem's new movie, "8 Mile," which grossed an astounding \$54.5 million during its opening weekend.

Eminem is the rough-as-nails, foul-mouthed gangsta rapper whose lyrics have included references to gang-raping his sister and killing his mother and ex-wife. He even called Britney Spears "garbage," for gosh sakes. How blasphemous. Poor Britney.

Despite his vileness, some women apparently find an attraction toward the rap star turned movie idol. Wait a minute: Is he becoming a clean, white version of Will Smith?

But women flocking to Eminem? What gives, we ask with a high degree of incredulity.

Perhaps, at the root of this attraction is a type of innate mothering (or smothering) reflex from women. Call it the savior mentality. Yes, he's cute, he's bad, but we can save him with our motherly instincts. Maybe they don't see him as Eminem, the gangsta, but as Marshall Mathers, a vulnerable and overgrown 30-year-old adolescent.

We know Eminem's past. He grew up in a hardscrabble environment on the east side of Detroit, born to a 15-year-old mother, whom he says never had a job, and a father, whom he never knew. He failed ninth grade three times, then quit school altogether.

He once asked: "Why is it so hard for people to believe that white people are poor? I wouldn't say I lived in a ghetto, I'd say I lived in the 'hood. The same friends I had back then are the same people on tour with me now."

Bottom line: He's a tough white guy who's been urbanized in a black subculture.

Like him or not, Eminem is real. He's lived it; no prevarication here (did someone conjure up images of a

previous white rapper, a packaged myth known as Vanilla Ice?) Perhaps, some admiring women are magnetized by Eminem's sort of Horatio Alger biography. You know, from a nobody going nowhere to a somebody suddenly supposedly special. Eminem is an individual who probably should have been a statistic, but, instead, is making million\$ through sheer dint of his perceived "artistic"

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ability.

Perhaps, Eminem's rebellious reputation invokes a magic-wand effect. Some women are naturally attracted to "bad boys." We see it with Pamela Anderson (notice her high-strung alliances with Kid Rock and the even-more notorious Tommy Lee before him.) We see it with Whitney Houston and trouble-maker Bobby Brown. How many times has he been arrested now? We've lost count, and they ostensibly are still a couple.

As one woman said in a New York newspaper: "If men don't have overtly aggressive confidence or an extra edge, they're not interesting enough."

Some guys who live on the edge apparently seal a romantic deal with a unique appeal to women. They purport an element of danger, though some women euphemistically call it excitement. Besides, "bad boys" are never considered boring, are they?

In the 1950s, rebel without a cause James Dean, the heartthrob of a movie star, battled the establishment with a panache for dangerous cool and fast sports cars, which ultimately killed him prematurely. But, oh, did Dean have sex-appeal-bad-boy persona 1950s style, though he wasn't on this planet long enough to reach his 25th birthday. In 1995, Australian movie magazine Empire selected Dean as

one of the 100 sexiest stars in film history, at No. 42.

Dean, known for his trademark physiognomy (remember that defiant facial scowl) and trend-setting blue jeans, starred in three angry-young-man films ("Rebel Without a Cause," "East of Eden" and "Giant").

As actor Martin Sheen once told People magazine: "If (Marlon) Brando changed the way people acted, Dean changed the way people lived."

Is Eminem a mutant descendant, figuratively speaking, of James Dean, female-charming "bad boy" persona and all? And without pretext or pretense.

Perhaps, some women gravitate toward Eminem because of that perceived authenticity. He's viewed as a real roughneck, and not some musical creation. Remember, we earlier mentioned Vanilla Ice. That's the guy from the early 1990s who lied about his background to gain credibility, said he was ghetto, but he really wasn't. Look where he is now: Last we heard, Vanilla Ice was involved in one of those celebrity boxing matches for the FOX Network.

"Ice, ice baby" is on thin ice in the credibility department.

As the Gen X types say, Eminem, unlike Vanilla Ice, has a "street cred." In other words, he has "credibility" with the urban black rappers from that same ghetto-ize environment and the white suburban kids in search of a counter-culture type of their own race with whom to identify. Many women probably are cognizant of that, too.

Eminem has brought a black genre of musical subculture (gangsta rap) to the mainstream, steeped in negativity and all. And as another woman in that New York newspaper explained:

"That's not to say we are approving of misogyny, we just enjoy him for his entertainment value. But hopefully every album won't be ringing the 'my mama sucks' bell."

So, maybe, that's a sign that some women do see a ray of hope in the future for Eminem.

And perhaps, at the root of this burgeoning love affair with Eminem, ultimately the hidden lure for some women is simply this: a "bad boy" can eventually become a good one.

Tanker sinks off Spain; 1 of its 20 million gallons of oil spills

KRT Campus

SANTIAGODECOMPOSTELA, Spain — As a crippled tanker full of about 20 million gallons of gooey fuel oil split in two and sank two miles beneath the seething Atlantic's surface yesterday, experts feared the worst: Oil bubbling back to the surface that befouls Spanish and Portuguese shorelines, their fish and wildlife, and maybe even Mediterranean beaches.

Stormy conditions — which broke up the crippled tanker Prestige 150 miles off Spain's northwestern coast — along with the unusual thickness of the oil and extreme pressure on the ocean floor, threaten the worst oil spill in more than a decade, said the U.S. government's top oil spill response official.

About 1 million gallons of oil spilled instantly when the ship broke in two, spawning an oil slick of about 2,200 square miles — about twice the size of Rhode Island.

Some Spanish beaches already are mired in oil from a spill last week, their sea birds covered in sludge. Fishing, a key industry, has shut down in vicinity of the port of La Coruna, about 370 miles northwest of Madrid.

The aging single-hulled tanker carried more than twice the oil that the Exxon Valdez spilled in Alaska in 1989, but nowhere near 88 million gallons that despoiled Trinidad and Tobago in 1979.

So far, most of the oil remains in Prestige's tanks in more than 11,000 feet of water and under about 5,000 pounds of pressure per square inch.

The best possible scenario is that the tanks are so full they can't buckle and their oil remains buried on the sea bottom or dribbles out slowly for years through tiny cracks. Experts



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The single-hulled tanker sinks off the coast of Spain yesterday. The tanker carried twice the amount of oil than the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989.

fear the tanks will implode and send millions of gallons of fuel oil, which is slightly lighter than water, back to the surface.

Once the oil gets to the surface, "you can't do any type of clean-up," said David Kennedy, director of the U.S. National Ocean Service's Office of Response and Restoration. That's because the usual oil spill-fighting methods — burning the oil slick or dispersing it with soapy detergent — won't work against thick fuel oil in heavy seas and 45 mph winds.

"You could have a whole bunch of coast plastered with this real thick heavy oil," Kennedy told Knight Ridder Newspapers Tuesday.

Given currents and weather patterns, the oil might, Kennedy said, "stay in very consistent big black heavy pancakes and streamers; it could move fairly long distances."

He predicted the slick would hit the Portuguese coast harder than the Spanish coast, then flow through the Strait of Gibraltar and into the Mediterranean Sea.

The saving grace, said Louisiana State University oil spill experts, is

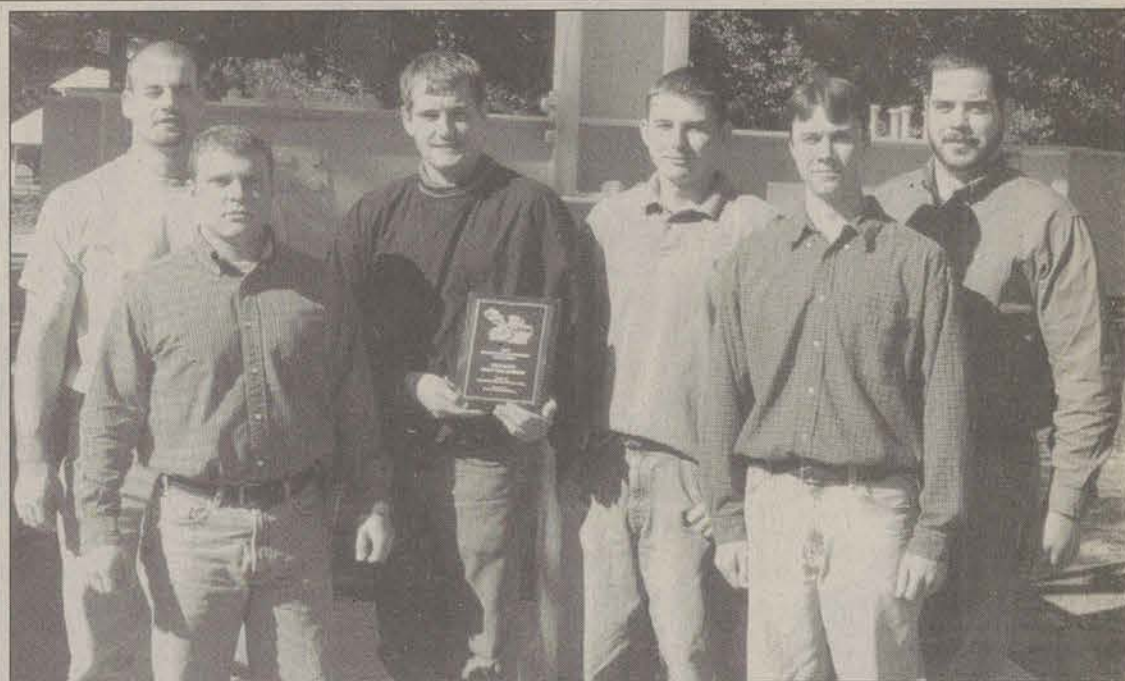
that the spill would be far enough off the coast to give experts time to try to fight the slick.

"It makes it harder to mobilize the clean up effort, but it's better," said Ed Overton, an LSU environmental studies professor and head of the chemical assessment team for the U.S. hazardous materials team that responds to oil spills. "You've got at least some time to react before it hits land."

The 26-year-old tanker, registered in the Bahamas and operated by the Greek shipping company Universe Maritime Limited, suffered a hull crack in a storm last Wednesday and was towed 150 miles offshore. About 3 million gallons of oil spilled last week and is already tarring the rocky shoreline of northwest Spain.

Spanish authorities have suspended fishing on a more than 60-mile stretch of isolated coast, idling more than 1,000 fishermen in an area famous for its shellfish, octopus and crabs. Mussels and other shellfish are most at risk because the oil sinks into the sand and suffocates them.

Before the Singapore-bound tanker split and sank, Spanish and

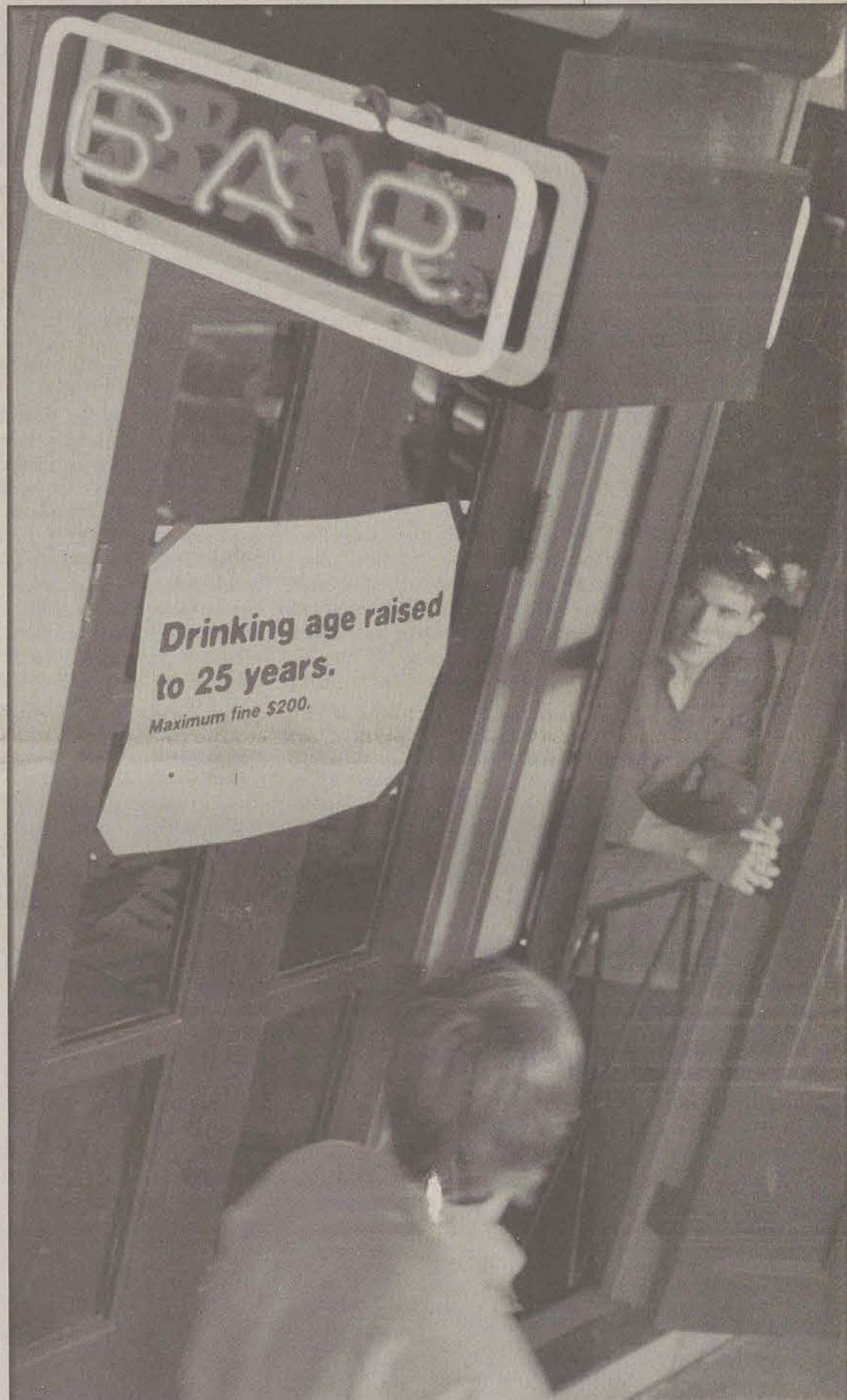


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A team of Georgia Southern University Building Construction and Contracting students won first place in the Southeast region in a competition sponsored by the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC). The competition was held in Birmingham, Ala., in early November.

The Georgia Southern team (l-r): James Tyson, Nathan Crosby, Jim Wright, Sean Moxley, Sam Broucek and Thomas Brantley won the "heavy civil competition" over teams from such schools as Virginia Tech, the University of North Florida and Auburn University.

This is the third straight year a Georgia Southern team has won this competition.



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the spectrum of their party, haven't figured out."

The number of Green elected officials remains tiny. Virtually all of the party's success has been at the local level. But if the growth continues, it could be as troublesome to Democrats as last week's GOP sweep.

Many pegged Green presidential nominee Ralph Nader's strong showing in 2000 — he received nearly 3 million votes — as a main reason that Democrat Al Gore lost to George W. Bush. They fear more of the same, especially as Green strength grows in college towns, big cities and the coasts.

"We're concerned because you're talking about strongholds of liberal Democrats," said Roger Hickey, co-director of the Campaign for America's Future, a left-leaning group allied with the Democrats. "The places where Greens are strong are where Democrats get elected in safe seats. There's a danger that, in those races, the Greens not only aren't going to win, they're also going to help unseat some good Democrats."

Hickey's group plans a "progressive summit" next year to figure out how to move the Democratic party to the left and attract disaffected progressives. But observers say that could compound the party's problems among moderate voters. And experts on third parties think the Greens have a staying power that other recent third-party movements have lacked.

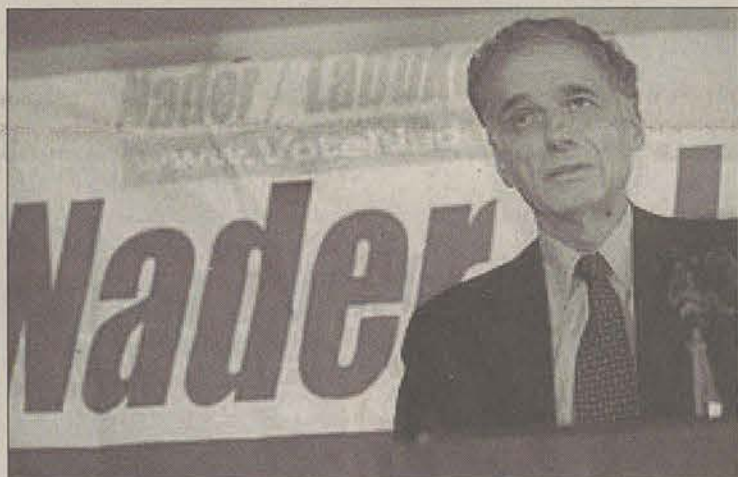
They also say the Reform Party depends too much on the charisma and wallet of one man, Ross Perot, to have a lasting effect.

Libertarians have more officeholders than Greens. But none serve at the state level. And the party's presidential candidate captured only a fraction of what Nader polled in 2000. The party also faces a structural problem.

"Libertarian organization' is a contradiction in terms," said John Pitney, a political scientist at Claremont McKenna College who has written about third parties. "Libertarians are by definition wary of authoritarian structure."

Greens, on the other hand, are growing smart, by "building locally, digging in and growing grassroots organizations," said David Gillespie, a third-party expert at Presbyterian College in South Carolina.

With the party's success in the 2000 and 2002 elections, it has established itself as the progressive alternative for those unhappy with



Special to the G-A

Although a run in 2004 is unclear for consumer advocate Ralph Nader, his 2000 run for the presidency was considered a success by many political experts. Many of his nearly 3 million votes were considered the reason Al Gore lost to George W. Bush.

the two-party system. Many of its voters aren't former Democrats, but people who have not voted before, Myerson said.

"A lot has to do with the perception that Democrats have gotten too cozy with business," Pitney said. "Greens represent the populist, anti-business, anti-globalization stream of thought."

With more local elections coming in 2003, the Greens are looking to build on this year's success and prepare themselves for 2004. They have established a national office in the basement of a Washington townhouse. They have a three-person full-time staff led by Myerson, a 43-year-old former computer engineer. They're taking a campaign school on the road for Green candidates next year. They expect to break the \$500,000 mark in fund raising this year.

To be sure, the party faces daunting challenges. Its presidential candidate probably won't be invited to appear at the 2004 presidential debates, which are a key portal to the public and are controlled by the major parties.

Money is a problem, because Nader didn't get the 5 percent of the vote needed to ensure federal matching funds for a 2004 campaign. And the Greens are only assured of ballot access in about half the states, hardly an ideal scenario for a national campaign.

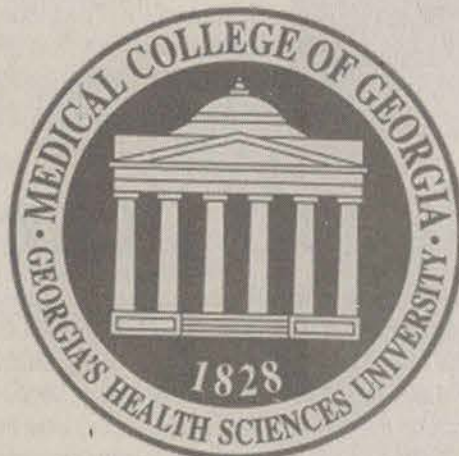
Then there's the question of who the party's nominee will be in 2004. Some tout Nader, although he remains a divisive figure. Cynthia McKinney, an unpredictable Georgia congresswoman who lost her re-election primary bid this year, is another rumored possibility. Her confrontational style, though, may hinder a party trying to

expand its base of support.

Liberal critics cite those obstacles as proof of the party's "fool's mission," as Hickey called it.

"I feel an obligation to say to these young kids on college campuses, 'If you want to be politically relevant, work in the Democratic Party,'" Hickey said.

With the number of independent voters at a record high, with polls showing dissatisfaction with both parties, and with independent candidates winning governorships in the 1990s in Maine, Connecticut and Minnesota, the time seems right for third-party success, Gillespie said.



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The Eagles' top five playoff questions

Bo Fulginiti



lents to the Colgates and Northern Arizonas of the world who usually come into Paulson Stadium around Thanksgiving and get sent home early for the holidays.

In the later rounds it looks like we will have to face at least one SoCon team before we set our sights on Tennessee.

Furman and Appalachian State are out for revenge, and the Eagles would sure like to get even with Wofford.

If we make it to the big dance, Montana is the odds on favorite to be our opponent (despite their recent late season slip-up), and they too remember what happened the last time we bumped heads.

But McNeese State is currently the top team in the rankings at 9-1, so they too deserve the benefit of the doubt for having a shot at the crown.

Bo's Bottom Line: The Eagles have the tools for a seventh national title, but they better stay awake against the SoCon, and do their homework against the Grizzlies and the Cowboys.

Question 2: Will Chaz continue his assault on the record books in post-season play?

Eight straight 100-yard rushing games and counting.

21 rushing touchdowns.

A SoCon single season quarterback record of 1,187 rushing yards.

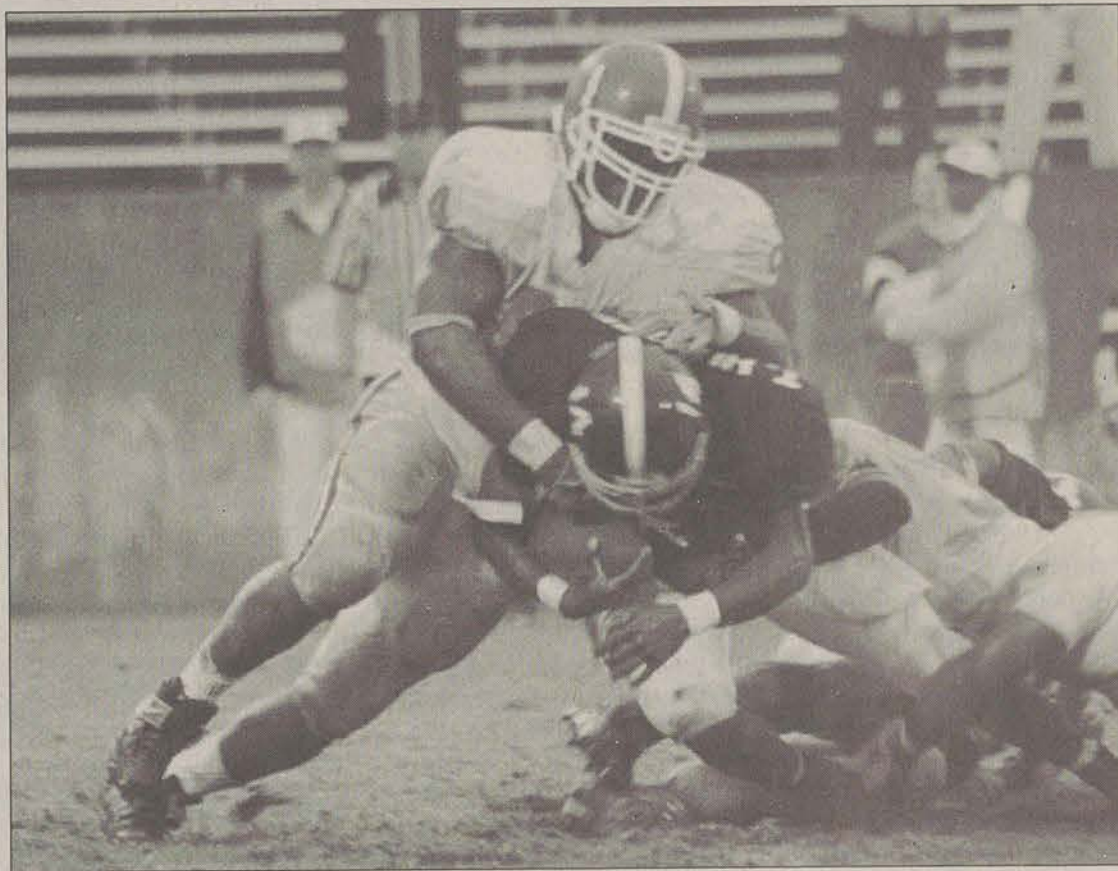
It's safe to say we know who our starting quarterback is now, and going into the season that was on the top of the Eagles' list of questions.

Yes, sophomore Chaz Williams has blossomed into one pleasant surprise, and he keeps getting better every Saturday.

But now his competition is going to get better, and you can bet the ranch that teams have already started watching game film on old No. 10.

It seems like Williams has the magic touch of finding the promise land by himself when he is inside the five-yard line, but in the playoffs it will probably be more of a team effort to get the ball down the field first.

Bo's Bottom Line: Chaz Wil-



Ryan Moore/STAFF

According to Bo, whether or not the Eagles can take it all the way will depend mainly on their slotbacks and quarterback. With a young team ranked so high, the Eagles have a sure chance of making it to Chattanooga at least once in the next few years.

liams may not rack up the 100-yard ground games in the playoffs, but if he can lean on his slotbacks and work his magic inside the redzone, then he may not need to.

Question 3: Can the A-backs provide the veteran leadership?

The A-backs of Georgia Southern are more important to the potent Eagle offense than most people will ever comprehend.

The truth is that the slots are the ones who set up the entire triple option in a spread offensive attack.

They take the pitch, the hand off, or catch the pass whenever they are called on, and they sacrifice their bodies for a key block whenever it's someone else's turn with the pigskin.

This season GSU has relied on the dynamite one-two punch of seniors Mark Myers and Zzream Walden.

Myers is the fastest man in a blue uniform, and Walden has shown his hands of gold as the top receiving back out of the Eagle backfield.

With players like the aforementioned Williams and redshirt freshman Jermaine Austin expected to carry a large load of the offense this post season, it is the slotbacks who need to step it up and provide the leadership and calming influence of players who have been on a national championship team.

Bo's Bottom Line: Myers gets to the outside quicker than anyone on the field, and Walden has been making the big game-breaking catch all season long.

Let the seniors lead the way—they have been there and done that, and they could help do it again.

Question 4: Will Sewak stick with a winning game plan?

Who are we to argue with a guy who dusted his team off after a devastating loss to Wofford, and then put them in motion for one of the longest and most memorable winning streaks in the history of the program?

This was just his first year at the head of GSU football, but aside from Wofford head coach Mike Ayers, Mike Sewak has to be considered the front runner at this point for SoCon Coach of the Year.

However, the playoffs present new teams and new challenges and sometimes coaches tend to out think themselves this time of year.

Paul Johnson gave the ball to Adrian Peterson and told everyone else to get the hell out of the way.

Sewak has a cast of talented backs to work with, but nobody has quite reached the legendary status of No. 3 just yet, so he isn't exactly

afforded the same luxury as his predecessor.

Bo's Bottom Line: Don't get fancy—we all know what works.

Give it to Austin up the gut, Myers around the end, Walden across the middle, and let Williams run it in from two yards out.

Question 5: Will you people get your rear ends in the seats and support our boys?

I have seen it all in the stands this year at Georgia Southern football games.

Nobody showed up to see us give Appalachian State a good old fashioned spanking.

Hundreds of fans piled into cars and buses a few weeks later to drive four hours to Greenville to watch us hand it to Furman.

And in a muddy season finale, it was once again so empty in the student section that the TV cameras had to film the few of the Eagle faithful who were sliding topless down the hills of Paulson stadium.

Now it's playoff time, and with the first game getting underway during Thanksgiving break and the championship taking place just before Christmas, GSU may once again be playing in front of the proud and the few—and I don't mean the Marines.

Bo's Bottom Line: I'm going to say this one more time, and then I'm not going to say it again: Put on anything that you have in your wardrobe that is even close to navy blue and get your butt in the stadium before kickoff.

You can still go home and eat your turkey with the family on Thursday, and have plenty of time to make it back to the 'Boro by gametime on Saturday.

It's put-up or shut-up time people, and if you miss these games then you will be missing out on something really special.

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Jermaine Austin named SoCon Player of the Week

G-A News Service

The Southern Conference today named its football players of the week for games played on Saturday, November 16. Furman quarterback Billy Napier was named the Offensive Player of the Week, VMI linebacker Chris Walsh was named the Defensive Player of the Week and Georgia Southern fullback Jermaine Austin earned Freshman of the Week.

Napier, a 6-2, 207-pound senior from Chatsworth, GA, completed 14 of 17 passes for 145 yards and threw two touchdown passes in leading Furman to a 23-21 win over 10th-ranked Wofford on Saturday. With his team trailing 21-17 with 4:41 left in the game, Napier engineered an 11-play, 74-yard drive that ended with his game-winning seven yard touchdown pass to Brian Bratton with

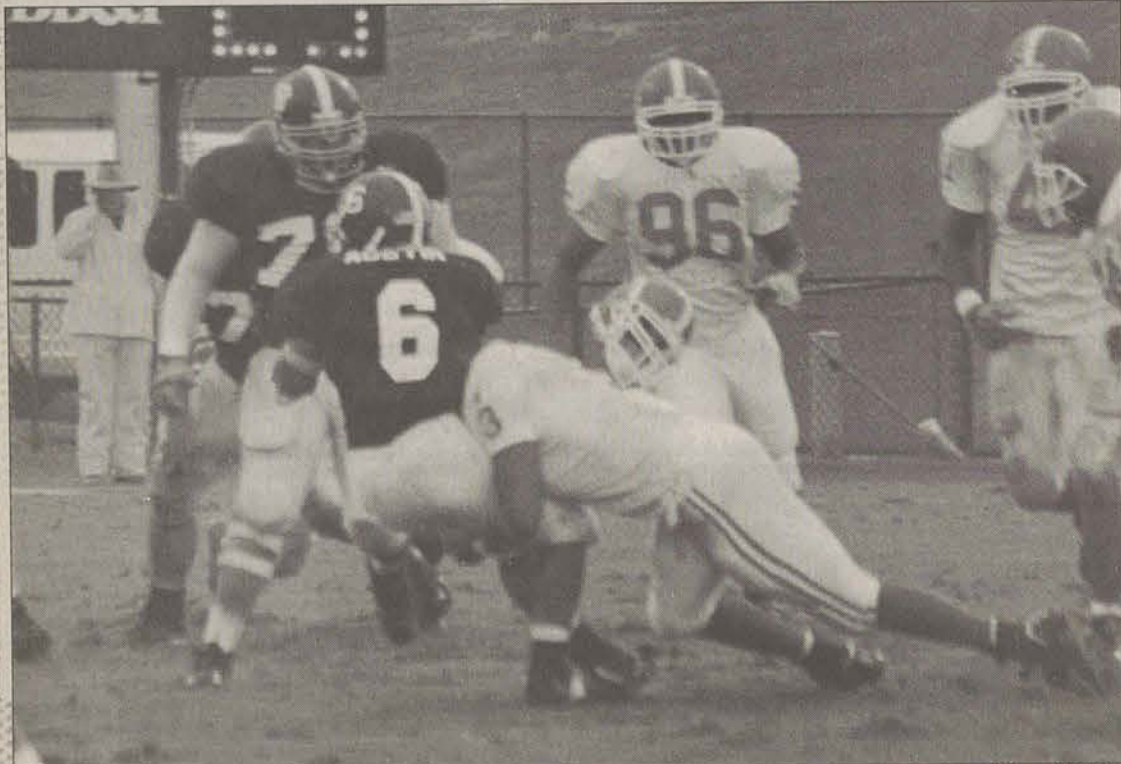
just 29 seconds left in the contest. During the final drive, Napier completed all five of his pass attempts for 63 yards. Napier completed his final 10 pass attempts in a steady rain that soaked the field. Napier also threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to Isaac West in the first half that gave the Paladins a 7-0 lead.

Walsh, a 6-3, 235-pound senior linebacker from Lima, OH, made

11 total tackles in helping VMI to a 23-21 win over The Citadel in the 62nd annual Military Classic of the South. Walsh had one tackle for loss that halted a Citadel drive at midfield early in the fourth quarter and gave VMI momentum to break a 13-13 tie. He also intercepted a pass at the VMI 28 to halt Citadel's first drive of the game.

Austin, a 5-7, 200-pound freshman from Darien, GA, rushed for 86 yards on 12 carries in Georgia Southern's 41-3 win over Jacksonville State. Austin averaged 7.2 yards per carry as the Eagles racked up 493 rushing yards. Austin finished the regular season with 1,041 rushing yards, the second-best season total ever by an Eagle rookie. He is just the third GSU freshman to crack the 1,000-yard barrier.

Also receiving strong consideration for Offensive Player of the Week were Wofford running back J.R. McNair who rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns against Furman, Georgia Southern slotback Mark Myers who had a career-high 141 yards rushing, and Appalachian running back Sean Jackson who rushed for 101 yards in a win over Western Carolina. On the defensive side, also receiving support were Appalachian defensive end Josh Jeffries who had six tackles and two sacks against WCU and Furman end Eddie Overdyke who had six tackles and a fumble recovery against the Terriers.



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Freshman Jermaine Austin earned his fourth Player of the Week honor of his rookie season. Austin finished the season with 1,041 rushing yards.

GSU FANS: Football playoff tickets on sale next week

By Dennis Hightower
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After Georgia Southern destroyed Southland Conference foe Jacksonville State Gamecocks, the Eagles made claim to the I-AA playoffs. With Furman defeating Wofford in Spartanburg, GSU won the Southern Conference Title and the automatic bid.

The NCAA Division I-AA football playoff selection show will air at 1 pm this Sunday on the ESPN News channel. Because of its 9-2 record and

current national rank, Georgia Southern is anticipating to host at least a first round game on Saturday, November 30, 2002 at Paulson Stadium.

Season ticket holders are entitled to reserve their regular season seats for each playoff contest held at home. The following office hours for the GSU ticket office throughout the postseason are as follows:

Monday (11/25) & Tuesday (11/26) 8am-6pm

Wednesday (11/27) & Friday (11/29) 8am-5pm

Season ticket holders have until 6pm Tuesday of each game week to purchase their regular season tickets. Orders for additional tickets will be accepted, but will not be filled until after closing on Tuesday of each week.

All unclaimed seats will be put on sale to the general public each Wednesday morning.

Eagle Fans may purchase tickets in person at GSU Athletic Ticket Office located in the Cowart Building at Paulson Stadium. Ample parking is

available. Eagle Fans may also order tickets by phone at 1-800-GSU-Wins or 681-0123 locally. Also, fans can listen to WVGS 91.9FM, the Voice of Georgia Southern for more information. Beginning each Wednesday morning, tickets can be ordered through the Internet for home playoff games at www.georgiasoutherneagles.com Phone orders may be picked up at the GSU Ticket Office Wednesday through Friday or on game-day at the Will Call window at Gate 5 at Paulson Stadium. ID will be required.

The USA TODAY/ESPN Division I-AA Top 25 college football poll

• First-place votes, record in parentheses, total points and last week's ranking

(Records through November 16, 2002)

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. MCNEESE ST (26) (9-1)	791	2
2. GA SOUTHERN (2) (9-2)	705	5
3. WESTERN ILL (1) (10-1)	701	4
4. MONTANA (1) (10-1)	685	1
5. EASTERN ILL (1) (8-2)	661	3
6. GRAMBLING (1) (10-1)	658	5
7. FURMAN (7-3)	538	8
8. APPALACHIAN ST (8-3)	536	11
9. MAINE (9-2)	524	12
10. NORTHEASTERN (9-2)	495	10
11. BETHUNE COOKMAN (10-1)	437	14
12. WESTERN KY (8-3)	423	13
13. VILLANOVA (8-3)	406	15
14. NORTHWESTERN ST (8-3)	404	7
15. WOFFORD (8-3)	387	9
16. IDAHO ST (7-3)	290	20
17. PENNSYLVANIA (8-1)	284	18
18. NICHOLLS ST (7-3)	260	19
19. GARDNER WEBB (9-1)	209	21
20. LEHIGH (8-3)	157	23
21. DUQUESNE (11-0)	132	25
22. EASTERN KY (7-4)	119	24
23. WILLIAM & MARY (6-4)	90	16
24. (tie) MASSACHUSETTS (7-4)	80	17
24. (tie) FORDHAM (8-2)	80	NR

2002 NCAA Division I-AA playoff ticket prices:

All reserved seats \$18.00
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GSU Students (with valid ID) \$5.00
Youth Grass (17 and under) \$8.00
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Sports and Eli, Eli and sports

Eli Boorstein



My name is Eli, and I'm a junkie.

Before you start to jump to any presumptions, my vice is not alcohol, nor is it tobacco or any of your other run-of-the-mill recreational drugs. For me, the one thing that eases my pain — the one thing that dulls my cravings — is sports.

The games. The statistics. The history. For about ten years now, sports have been my lifeline. It's a crutch. I'm not sure why. Maybe it's because I was never blessed with any considerable athletic talent, but sports to me is like your favorite sugary sweet: I just can't get enough.

On occasion, it's been too much for my good. Many a time, I've flooded my parents with enough useless sports tidbits to last them a lifetime. They've always said, "Eli, if you focused as much on your classes as you do on sports, you'd be a straight-A student."

I'll admit it...they're probably right. What I need is for a new class like "Sports History in the 20th Century." I know I'd be able to breeze along in a course like that.

My fascination with sports started in fifth grade when I had to write a report on the history of basketball. To help with the research, my dad took me to the bookstore to buy a book profiling that season in the NBA. From that point, the rest is history.

On my bookcase at home, I probably have enough sports books to rival Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com. Scattered within the books are some of the various autographs I've collected over the years, some more obscure than others. Somehow, I don't think anyone else has a videocassette case signed by Terry Pendleton. Sure, my signed Paul Assenmacher baseball wouldn't command \$10,000 on eBay, but I still love it.

In just about 21 years, I've already been blessed to build up enough memories to last for the rest of my life. The highlight by far was the summer of 1995 when my father and I embarked on a sports retreat. Our first stop was the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Cooperstown is history enough with all the rolling hills, the large oak trees, and the old storefronts. But add the Hall of Fame to the mix, and it becomes the Mecca for any sports fan. You can spend days navigating the exhibits in the museum. From the plaques celebrating the many inductees, to the artifacts of baseball's birth, the possibilities are endless.

From there, my dad and I drove on to Springfield, Mass. to take in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Here, it didn't even come close to matching up with Cooperstown. At the time, the hoops hall had outgrown its 30-year old home. But now, with the hall in a new state-of-the-art building, I might have to make a trip back.

Then came the shining moment of the whole trip.

My aunt worked in the same building in Washington, D.C. as Red Auerbach, the legendary former coach of the Boston Celtics. While I wasn't even born until over 15 years past Auerbach's retirement, I knew quite well who he was. When my aunt asked if I wanted to meet him, I jumped at the chance.

As the day came, me and my dad walked into Red's office, which is like a virtual museum of Celtics lore. He was on the phone, and motioned us to look around his various artifacts.

Then, we got to start our conversation, asking him about all the memories he had from his illustrious basketball career. An hour or so later, the time came that Red had to leave. Some people would've rushed things along as soon as possible, but he let us stay and chat.

While I would've been glad if things just stopped there, the surprises kept on coming. Thanks to Red, I got to pose for a picture, an autographed portrait, and an authentic Larry Bird jersey, among other goodies.

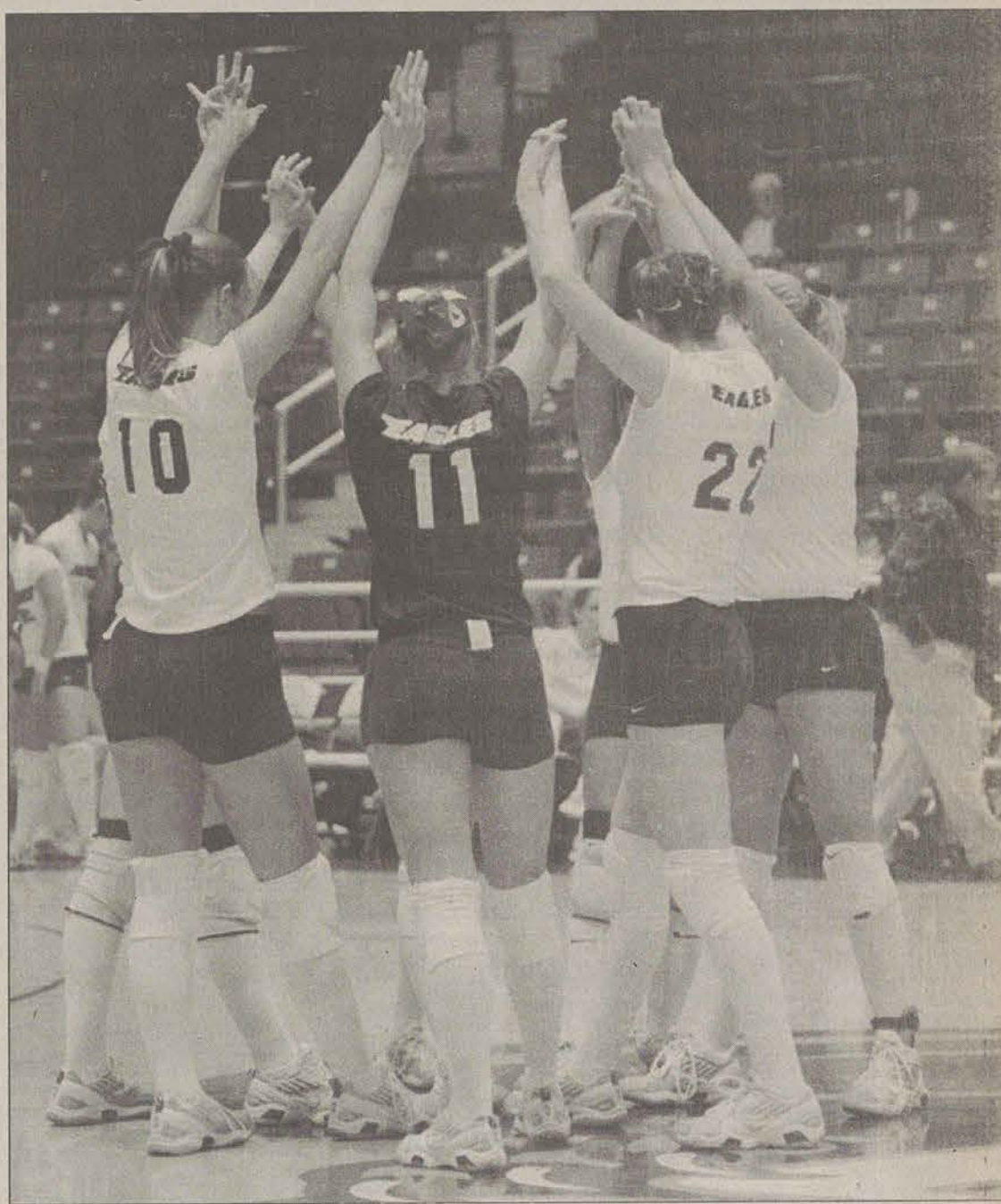
That's not the end of my basketball dreams. One of my middle school P.E. teachers was the son of a long-time NBA referee. With a child on the way, this teacher offered to sell me practically all the old (slightly water-damaged) programs and media guides he had collected over the years, plus a framed Larry Bird poster for just \$50. An added bonus was that one of the programs even had an autograph of the late, great NBA legend Wilt Chamberlain.

In 1996, I was lucky enough to have the most prestigious sporting event in my own backyard when the Summer Olympics came to Atlanta. Watching the world come together in my hometown was an incredible moment. In the two-week span of the Games, I managed to take in a pair of baseball games and a basketball game featuring the Dream Team.

We fast forward to today here at Georgia Southern. I have the perfect job for a sports fan, being a sports-writer for *The George-Anne*. I get paid to do the two things I love the most: writing and watching sporting events. And, it doesn't hurt that GSU has such a strong athletic program with four NCAA tournament teams.

With graduation looming in a year and a half, I'll need start making some decisions on what I plan on doing for the rest of my life. Perhaps I'll continue my role as a sportswriter. Maybe I'll become a sports information director. Whatever the road that is life guides me to, I know one thing: sports will always be my true love.

Volleyball number one for Tournament



Ryan Moore/STAFF

The Lady Eagles travel to Davidson, NC as the number one seed for the Southern Conference Tournament. They take on number eight Chattanooga for the first round of the tournament.

G-A News Service

Statesboro, Ga. - The Georgia Southern volleyball team travels to Davidson, N.C. for the Southern Conference Tournament, Friday-Sunday, November 22-24 as the No. 1 seed of the tournament.

The Eagles wrapped up its regular season with the programs first ever Southern Conference regular-season Championship. Head Coach Kerry Messersmith led her team to a 24-8 overall record, the best in the programs history since 1993. The Eagles also posted an 18-2 league record, which is

the best in the programs history. "I am very excited for the girls," stated coach Messersmith. "They set this goal at the beginning of the season and worked hard to achieve it."

Georgia Southern will take on Chattanooga in the first round, Friday, November 22 at 1 p.m. "Chattanooga is one of the stronger teams in the league," said Messersmith on their first round opponent. "They are a team with a lot of tournament experience and are well coached." The Eagles defeated the Mocs by scores of 3-1 and 3-0 earlier this season.

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MovieLink: Could the future of movie rentals be available at the click of a button?

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Whether you give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down to the film studios' new Internet movie rental service, MovieLink, will depend - at least initially - on your expectations.

If you're accustomed to downloading movies via popular file-swapping services such as Kazaa, you'll be pleasantly surprised. MovieLink is blisteringly fast by comparison and the quality is consistent - two things absent from the file-swapping underground.

The only quibble (beyond being forced to use a credit card) is selection. You'll find virtually any movie you could rent in the "new releases" section at Blockbuster - but there's not nearly the breadth of stuff you can find, gratis, on Kazaa.

MovieLink, backed by five studios, launched last week, offering movie downloads for \$1.99 to \$4.95 - prices are set by individual studios. It is available only to Windows users.

If you're a fan of watching DVD movies on your laptop, you'll be disappointed with MovieLink's video quality. Think well-used VHS tape - with noticeable pixelation in action scenes - not the

crisp cinematic experience of a DVD film. MovieLink sacrificed quality to achieve tolerable download speeds.

The service might nonetheless appeal to business travelers, because the movie files stay on the laptop's hard drive. Watching it consumes considerably less power than spinning the DVD-ROM drive to watch a movie on disc.

The MovieLink site, www.movielink.com is organized a lot like the neighborhood Blockbuster. You'll find recent releases - such as "A Beautiful Mind," "Oceans Eleven," "Changing Lanes" and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" - right up front, listed as "Top Downloads."

MovieLink features one film on the opening Web page - recently the Bruce Willis World War II epic, "Hart's War" - with a streamed movie trailer and DVD-like bonus features, with clips and promotional photos.

Some 170 other films are organized by genre - action, comedy, drama, etc. - and listed alphabetically. Prices range from \$1.99 for classics like "Breakfast at Tiffany's" or "Sleepless in Seattle," to \$4.95 for more recent releases.

We purchased "Ocean's Eleven," the

2001 remake of the old Rat Pack flick starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts. Our selection takes us to an "are you sure?" screen, that confirms we're going to rent the movie for \$4.95. It spells out the terms - we've got 30 days to download and watch the film, and, once we click play, we've got 24 hours to view the movie before it vaporizes off our hard drive.

The only technical glitch occurred when we tried to download the movie. Only after three failed attempts did we discover we are using an old version of the Internet Explorer browser with less-than-military-grade encryption. We needed to upgrade to version 6.0 of Microsoft's browser and get a patch to the Windows 2000 Professional operating system to get 128-bit encryption.

Once we tweaked the system, we went through a simple registration process that required us to provide the billing information and install MovieLink's software. The MovieLink manager controls the download process and contains features such as "auto resume," which continues the download where it's left off if there has been an interruption in your Internet connection. It allows you to rearrange

movies in your download queue and - here's the content management hook - it "automatically restores disc space" on your computer's hard drive by removing expired movies.

The download process itself was stunningly fast. It took 29 minutes to download a 585-megabyte "Ocean's Eleven" movie file via a cable modem - at peak usage time, 4 p.m. on a school day. Contrast that to the three hours (and counting) it took to download the same film via Kazaa, the most popular of the online file-sharing applications.

Of course, once you download a film via Kazaa it's yours to do with it as you please. You can burn it as to disc, plunk it in the DVD player in the living room and watch the movie on the living room TV. Or take it with you on the road.

MovieLink's files are locked to the PC to prevent piracy. You'll have to be satisfied watching it on your computer monitor (with our 19-inch screen, that's not altogether awful option. That's the size of the first television my husband and I owned as newlyweds).

The committed early adopter can pick up a Belkin USB Video Bus (for \$99) that would plug into the laptop's USB

port and send the video to the television's S-video source. But this is a kludged solution that mainstream consumers would never tolerate.

MovieLink's chief executive, Jim Ramo, says that other options will emerge one day, as the service matures. And as wireless home networking becomes a mainstream reality. But that day isn't

today.

The five studios - Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Universal and Warner Bros. - that invested in MovieLink aren't willing to cannibalize billions of dollars in DVD sales and Blockbuster movie rentals by offering cheap, burnable films via the Internet for the early adopter crowd.

MOVIELINK

WHAT IT IS:

Studio-backed downloadable movie site

WHO'S BEHIND IT:

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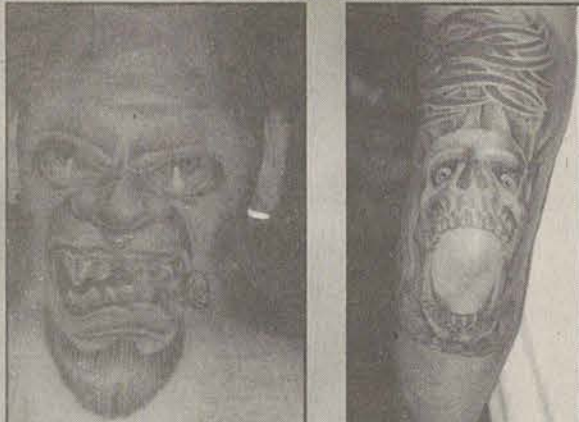
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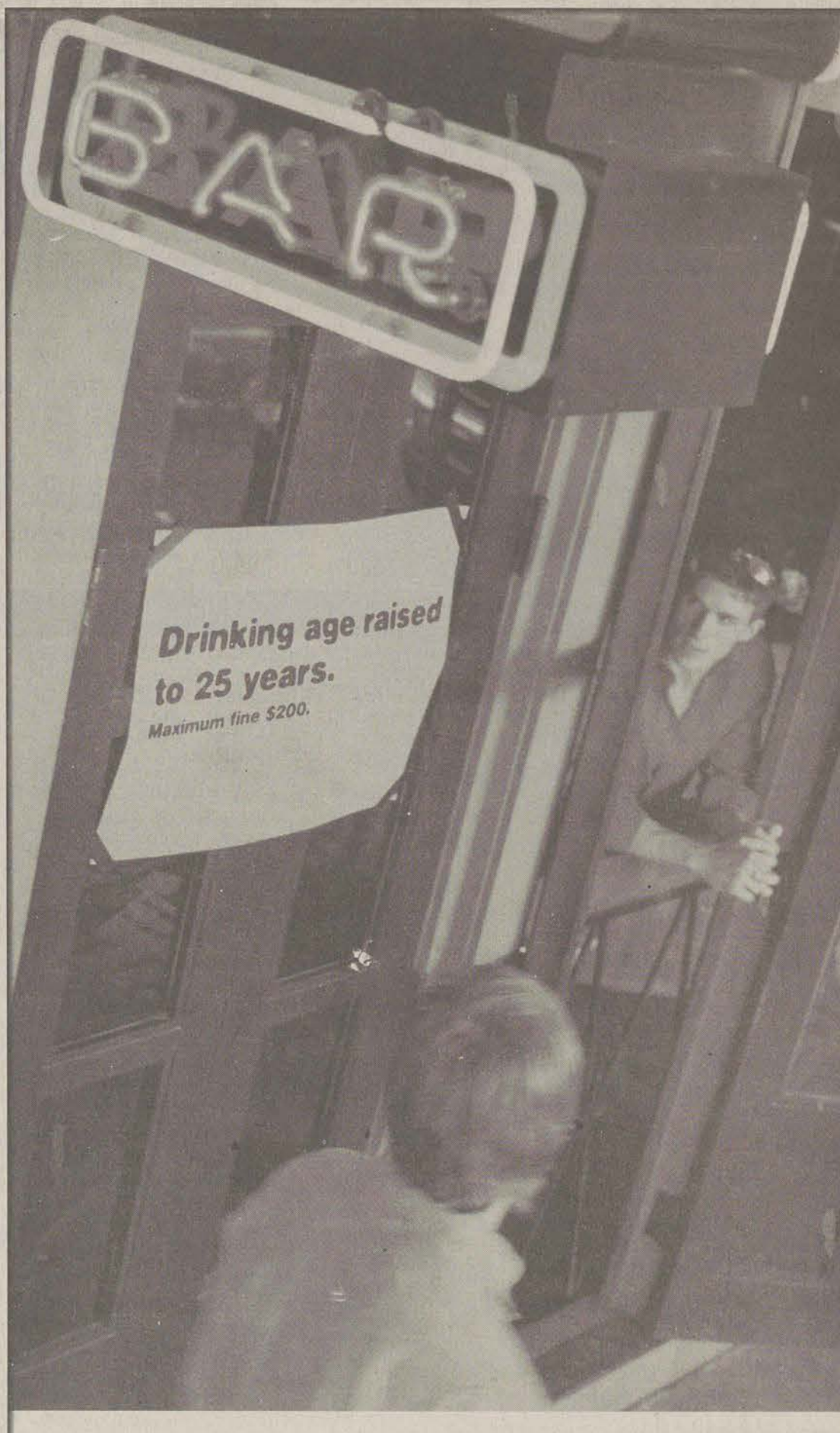
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Crossword

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1 Greek letter
4 Knight's aide
8 Small-minded person
14 Ages and ages
15 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
16 "Animal Farm" author
17 Early flower
18 Rugged rock
19 Moves on all fours
20 Cut of beef
22 Burn slightly
23 Bean or pea
24 Mystery writer
28 Wear away
29 Hawaiian staple
30 Tractor man
31 Actress Somers
34 Finished
35 Blockhead
38 %
40 Beatty of film
41 Decomposes
43 Dons one's duds
45 Attempted
47 Anger
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52 Put into financial difficulties
54 Old calculator
55 Burden
56 Eden tempter
57 Encloses firmly
60 Attendee's answer
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63 Opera melody
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66 Humbly submissive
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Solutions

7 Work unit
8 Dark olive brown
9 Messenger's trip
10 Bestowed upon
11 Unused
12 Not well
13 Gopher Ernie
21 Beer, slangily
22 Type of checkers
24 Business organization
25 Author Urin
26 Osprey cousin
27 Marsh grass
29 Warded off a thrust
32 Londoner's last letter
33 Printer's measures
35 BA word
36 Classify
37 Hoosier
39 Cricket
42 Tape, glue, etc.
44 Lose control
46 Current flow
48 Restrictors
49 Vast amounts
50 "Crocodile"
51 Regard highly
53 Savory
54 Lofty abode
56 Withered
57 Humpty Dumpty, e.g.
58 Disfigure
59 Bikini part
60 One of Noah's sons

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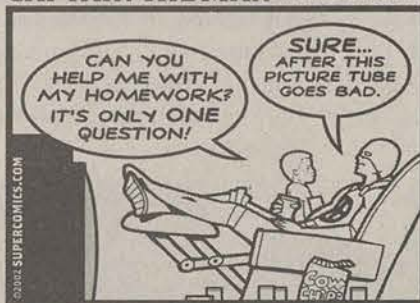
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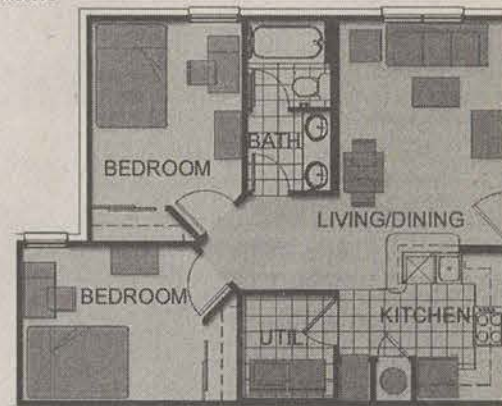
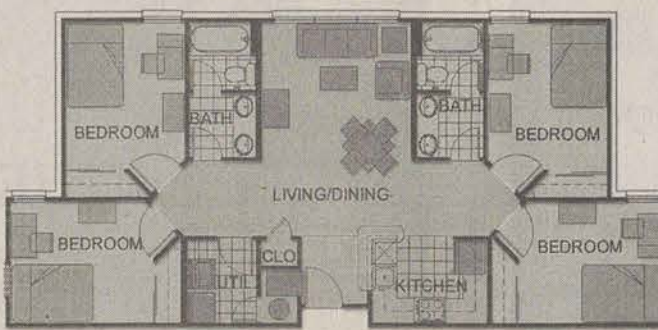
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Kids *and* adults love spell Harry Potter casts

By Heather Roberts
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Since Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone came out last November, loyal fans have been counting down the days until the second one was released. Surprisingly enough with Harry Potter being such a "child's story," the theater was filled with mostly adults,

Georgia Southern students, and high school kids when the sequel was released this weekend.

In this movie, Harry enters his second year at Hogwarts, the school of Witchcraft and Wizardry where students are found petrified.

This brings speculation about Hogwarts' legendary "Chamber of Secrets," the supposed home of a

horrific beast, and the threat dark forces pose to the very existence of the school.

The young wizards engage in magic duels, soar in flights of fancy aboard an airborne car and generally grapple with growing up - which is evident in the last scene with Ron and Hermione (played by Emma Watson).

The second Harry Potter book is much darker and scarier than the first, and this is definitely played out in the movie. Lighting is duller and not as bright as before. Characters are not as happy, rather older, more mature and experienced.

Although the movie is a bit more grown-up than the first, laughter is not far away, which is good because the movie length is 2 hours and 41 minutes long (not including previews).

It seems as though audiences are growing up with the young witches and wizards, encountering each new experience with the characters.

There are many amusing scenes in this film that have both children and adults laughing until their stomachs ache. The scene where Ron's curse backfires and he ends up throwing up slugs is unforgettable.

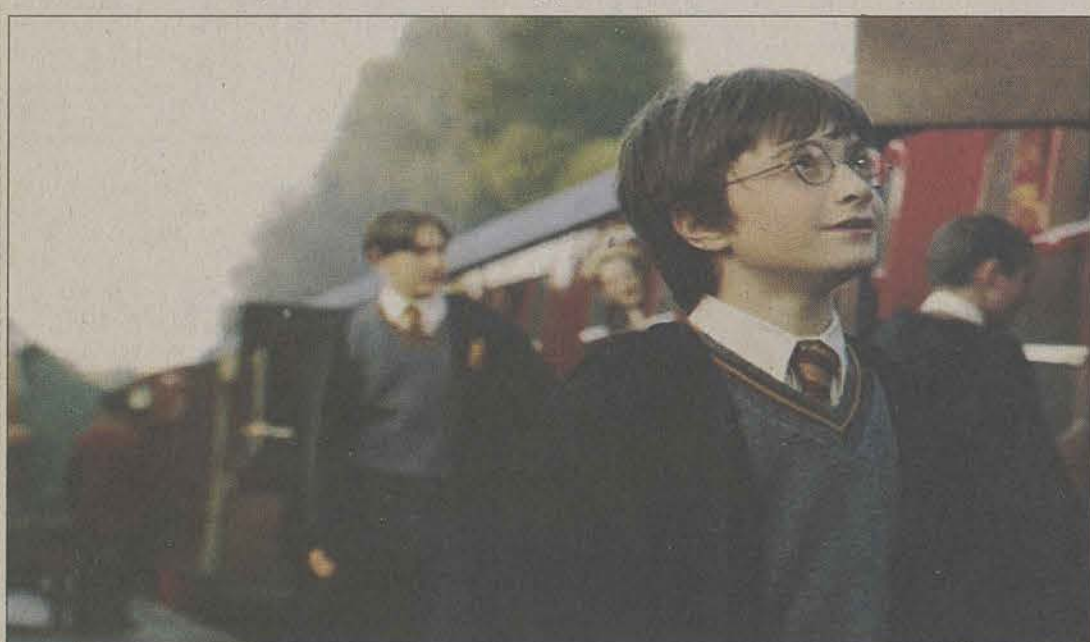
There are parts of the movie that are also quite frightening and even made the adults in the audience jump in their seats. The grotesque spider scene could very well instill a newfound fear of arachnids in today's new generation of youngsters.

The movie came in first for box office sales this past weekend grossing approximately 88.4 million - only 2 million less than last year.

Changes are ahead for the next filming of Harry Potter entitled "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." Filming starts in March of 2003 and will be directed under Alfonso Cuarón (A Little Princess). Chris Columbus (director of the past two Harry Potter movies) is giving up his directing ties and sitting in as producer for "Prisoner of Azkaban" third in line of the Harry Potter movies. Last month, Richard Harris (Albus Dumbledore, Headmaster of Hogwarts) died. Therefore, he will have to be recasted; which is the only delay in filming at this time.

Hopefully, "Chamber of Secrets" is an indication of how great "Prisoner of Azkaban" will be. Either way, dedicated fans are sure to line up around the movie theater next go around to be the first ones to see the next Harry Potter movie.

The hopeful release date for "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" is June 2004.



Internet Photo

The magical 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets' has been mesmerizing audiences since its debut last weekend. The much-anticipated sequel is a film for adults and children alike.

U.S. Security issues not deterring many foreign students

KRT Campus

More foreign students are coming to the United States to learn despite intense government scrutiny since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to a report released on Monday.

The number of international students attending colleges and universities increased by 6.4 percent, bringing this year's total to a record high of 582,996, according to the Open Doors 2002 report by the Institute of International Education, a global higher-education and professional exchange agency. The report, funded by the U.S. State Department, tracks trends among international students.

International education experts and students say the benefits of getting a degree in the United States outweigh concerns about new immigration rules and security checks. There are also so many choices for higher education in the United States, from vocational schools to Ivy League universities, they say.

"America is the No. 1 destination of choice for higher education," said Allan Goodman, president and chief executive of the institute.

The Open Doors 2002 report says international students contribute nearly \$12 billion to the economy by paying for tuition, living expenses and other costs.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is now requiring some foreign visitors, including students, to register with the INS by Dec. 16. Those who must register are males ages 16 or older from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, countries that are linked to terrorism.

"Up until Sept. 11, the INS didn't pay that much attention to foreign students. They had other priorities to deal with. ... The mood of the country changed literally overnight," said Clifford R. Thompson, an international-student adviser at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The strength of the U.S. dollar and the devaluation of home currencies may also have kept some students from coming to the United States.

Stern sidekick a self-proclaimed 'everyman'

Campus and Wire Reports

Artie Lange is wrong. Dead wrong.

Not just wrong in his weekly football picks that he makes on the "Howard Stern Radio Show" (to date he's fared worse than all his competition - including a monkey that randomly spins a wheel for its choices) - but wrong in his own estimation of his talent.

BC-CMP-FOREIGNSTU makes Lange's self-evaluation incorrect is this: The comedian feels that he is just an everyman, a typical fan of the Stern show, one of the millions of regular listeners who now have the ebb and flow of the no-holds-barred outrageousness embedded in their psyches. When he jumps into a spirited conversation with a pundit or a comment, he's merely doing what all of us do in our cars, our homes and at the office. It's just that Lange has a microphone and a reserved seat at Stern's subversive version of the Alongquin round table.

Lange has been a Stern listener since age 13 and just began working with him a year ago.

And he is a comedic genius who will never be just another Stern fan. Lange's secret weapon is honesty. He comes clean on past events and present goof-ups. He lays himself bare, letting audiences know about his battle with cocaine and his subsequent bout with depression.

"Being that honest and revealing really hasn't been that tough," says Lange. "The show has always had that quality, so I think I just kind of learned it as a listener."

People now know Artie Lange as the perfect match for a radio program that is essentially two shows in one: the show that appeals to the crude, junior high sense of humor that plenty of us never quite grow out of, and the show that takes on topics such as race and gender with an under appreciated sense of intelligence and -there's that word again - honesty.

"Howard's show is a lot like 'The Simpsons,'" he explains. "In the sense that both smart people and dumb people love it - but for different reasons. Dumb people like 'The Simpsons' because it's some guy saying he likes mayonnaise and doughnuts, and smart people appreciate it for the satire and underlying references."

"We're the same thing. There's something for dummies and something for smart people, and that's why the show is successful." Lange counts himself - as a fan and as a contributor - as one of those smart enough to get it. Being honest, however, he has to come clean with the full story.

"I guess you could say that the dummies are just there for the lesbian kissing," he says. "But of course, I like that, too. So let's just say that I'm no genius."

Artie Lange no genius? There's a chance the guy could be wrong once again.

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