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## SPORTS

### GSU Women's soccer improves record to 13-3, 5-2 in Socon

In the last two home games of the season, GSU women's soccer earned victory as they beat App. State 4-1 and East Tenn. State 4-1.



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# GSU football controls "Our House"

## •Dominates Appalachian State 34-28

By Doug Kidd  
Senior Sports Writer

Behind Adrian Peterson's 186 yards and a touchdown and J.R. Revere's 147 yards and two touchdowns, the top-ranked GSU football team outlasted fifth-ranked Appalachian State 34-28 before the 21,899 fans at Paulson Stadium.

The win, GSU's 27<sup>th</sup> straight at home, put the Eagles in sole possession of first place in the Southern Conference at 6-1 overall and 5-0 in SoCon play. Appalachian State falls to 4-2 and 3-1.

"I think the team played hard," said defensive tackle Freddy Pesquiera, who finished with five tackles. "We played as well as the score says. It was a hard fought game both offensively and defensively and we didn't make too many mistakes to not win."

"We knew [the Mountaineers] were going to come out and play really hard and they have our respect," said senior receiver Chris Johnson who led the Eagles with three catches for 72 yards and a touchdown. "But when we're in 'Our House' it's tough to beat us because we're going to bring it to them for sixty minutes. We're going to do what we have to do to win."

After a first quarter that saw GSU struggle offensively, they gained just 46 yards and fumbled once, the Mountaineers found themselves with a 7-0 lead after ASU quarterback Joe Burchette scored on a one-yard run. The touchdown capped a 4-play, 93 yard drive that was highlighted by a 42-yard rush by Jerry Beard.

In the second quarter GSU

picked up the pace offensively as Revere hit Chris Johnson for a 37-yard touchdown pass with just under seven minutes remaining in the quarter. Three minutes later, kicker Rob Bironas kicked a 30-yard field goal to put GSU up 10-7, a lead GSU would hold until the half.

The second half would see more points as Revere would open the scoring early in the half on a tough 40-yard run that would put the GSU lead to 17-7. Adrian Peterson would follow with a scoring run of his own, this time from 24-yards out as the Eagles would build their biggest advantage of the game at 24-7.

Appalachian State would answer as Burchette scored on a 13-yard run on third-and-three to pull ASU back to within ten, at 24-14. Burchette would again come through for the Mountaineers as he hit receiver Troy Albea for a 25-yard touchdown pass with 14:09 left in the fourth quarter. The touchdown trimmed GSU's lead to 24-21.

Another Revere touchdown run, this time from 43-yards out, would push the Eagles lead to 31-21 and the game seemed to be in hand when, on ASU's next possession, Burchette was forced to leave the game after a Gino Tuter sack. But senior David Reaves entered the game and completed 8-of-10 passes for 83 yards on the drive that culminated in a Reaves-to-Albea 10-yard scoring pass. Mark Wright's extra point would put ASU within three, 31-28.

GSU would come back to score three points on a 24-yard Bironas field goal on a drive that spanned 12-plays and 63-yards and took up five minutes.

ASU would try to respond as Reaves drove the Mountaineers 55

yards to the GSU 25-yard line before Gates's interception with seven seconds remaining.

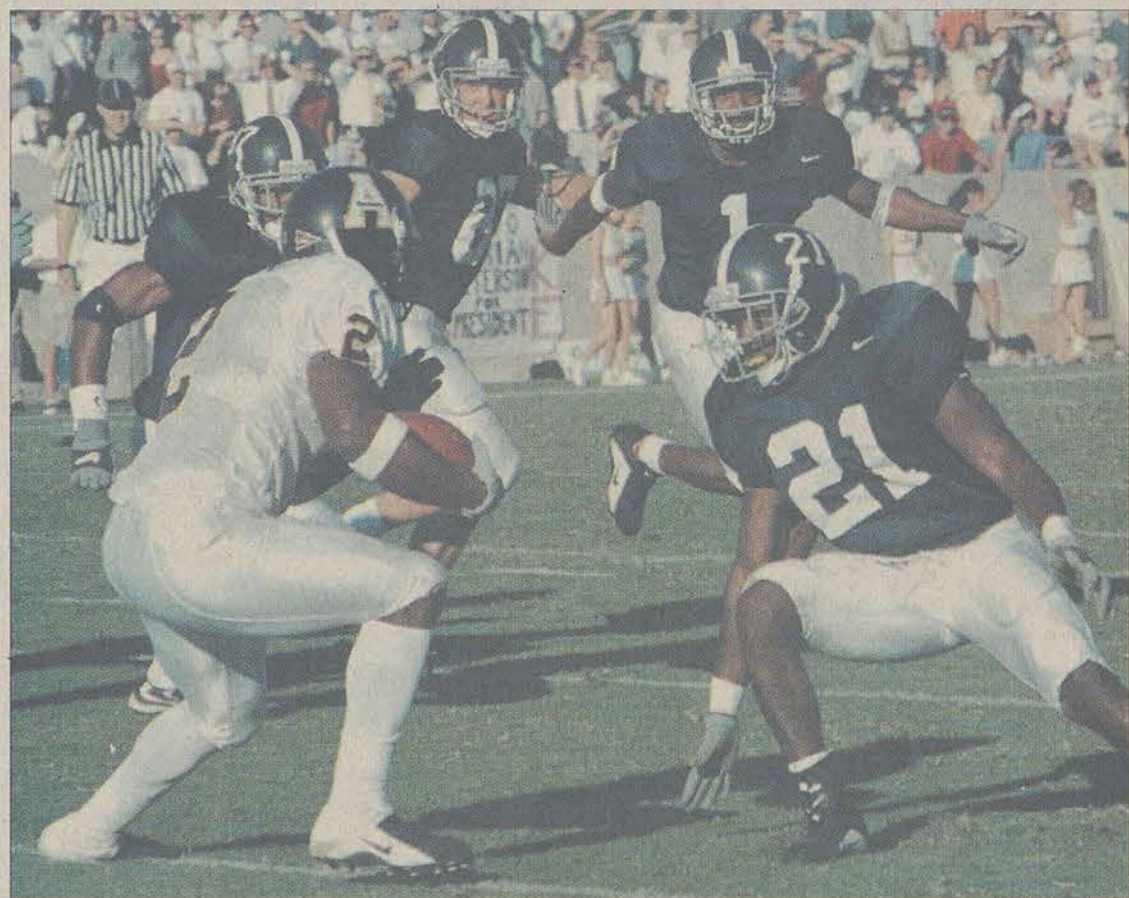
It was a day for offense as GSU would rack up 482 yards of offense including 398 on the ground. A week after limiting Furman's Louis Ivory to 58 yards, ASU allowed Peterson to get loose as the junior rushed 31 times for 186 yards. Peterson also became the first GSU player to have three straight 1,000-yard seasons with 1,149 yards in seven games this season.

Revere also played well, rushing 24 times for 147 yards and the two, long touchdown runs. The junior signal-caller also completed four-of-seven passes for 84 yards and a score. "J.R. is a competitor," Coach Johnson said after the game. "He competes. He doesn't have any lack of confidence in himself. J.R. did a nice job, he executed really well"

Revere's second-quarter touchdown pass also set a GSU record for consecutive game with a scoring pass. Revere now holds the record at six straight games, breaking the record previously held by Tracy Ham.

App. State also didn't have many problems moving the ball, as they passed for 315 yards while running for another 191. "Including Georgia," said Revere. "[ASU] was the best offensive team that we've played. They had guys that could catch the ball, run it and throw it, but our defense came through when it was time."

Burchette led the way with 204 yards on 15-of-26 passing for one touchdown and one interception. Burchette also rushed for two touchdowns but was also sacked three



Jill Burnham

**GSU VS. APPALACHIAN STATE:** GSU football gave it all they had this Saturday at Homecoming against App. State and showed that Paulson Stadium truly is "Our House". The Eagles came back from a rough start to dominate the Mountaineers 34-28.

times. Reaves, in less than one quarter's work, completed 11-of-16 passes for 111 yards with a touchdown and an interception. "Reaves is a good player..." said Coach Johnson. "He's an experienced guy who's played well for them in the past. He played well for them today."

Joey Gibson led all ASU receivers with eight catches for 115 yards while Karim Razzak caught six balls

and Troy Albea hauled in five receptions, two good for touchdowns. Jerry Beard led the Mountaineer ground game with 87 yards while Razzak added 64.

Defensively for GSU, outside linebacker Jamar Jones led the squad in tackles with nine. Lavar Rainey added six tackles as did Tuter, and David Young, who also added an interception. Pesquiera, Ryan Hadden, Mike Youngblood and Jason Neese added

five tackles each.

The 21,899 in attendance was the fourth-largest crowd in Georgia Southern history, something that played a key role in the game. "I thought the crowd was great. I thought they were great at the end of the game and that they handled themselves well," said Coach Johnson. "Like I said a year ago [after the ASU fans' on-field celebration], it's just a regular season conference game and I'm glad to see that our fans didn't try to get on the field."

## 2000 Eagle Expo held at R.A.C.

By Teresa Southern  
Staff Writer

The 2000 Eagle Expo was held Thursday October 12, at the R.A.C. The event was sponsored by Career Services. The event was held to give students an opportunity to look for information on careers, jobs, and internships. Several businesses attended. There was also a new addition to the fair this year, the Majors fair. Lots of companies were represented such as Wal-Mart Logistics, Gap Inc., Kroger Co., Target, Wells Fargo, Sherwin Williams, Zaxby's, Marta Police Department and the IRS just to name a few. Connie Franklin who is the senior secretary of Career Services starts putting this event together in early June. "I was very pleased with the turnout and we will be holding another career fair in March", Franklin said.

Participants in the fair also had good things to say about GSU students. Ellen Stephens who is the Area Human Resource manager for Sherwin Williams said she accepted the invitation because of the quality of Georgia Southern students. She said that she really wasn't looking to recruit but to establish a name and a reputation with the students here. She really thinks of this as a marketing opportunity. Dexter Manning who is GSU alumni represented Grant Thornton, an accounting firm. He said that he was impressed by the turnout of students at the fair. He, like other participants were mainly looking for seniors and graduate students.

The Majors section of the fair was a new addition to the Expo. It presented many of the majors available such as Communication Arts, Education, History, Music and many others. Teachers and students

from these departments were also on hand to talk to students about the relation of the major to their careers. The objective was to give students an opportunity to look at and sample different majors or a chance to decide on an if they all ready haven't.

Travis Hardney who is a pre-pharmacy major said he would like to see more companies related to the medical field and companies that are recruiting lowerclassmen as well as upperclassmen. Kerry-Ann Singh who is a political science major also said that she would like to see more companies related to her major. Laura Gown who is a GSU graduate also said she didn't find any thing related to her field, which is journalism. She would have liked to see more magazines and newspapers being represented such as Savannah Morning News. Overall, students just networked with the companies that participated.

## Concerns addressed at SGA meeting

By Jake Hallman  
Staff Writer

SGA President addressed questions prompted by Senators about how empty Senate seats were filled at last Wednesday's SGA Senate meeting.

At an earlier meeting, proposed senators were introduced to the Senate shortly before the Senate was called to approve their appointments. The proposed Senators were chosen by the SGA Executive Board and Nicely from a pool of 60 applicants, a number that prevented formal interviews of the group, Nicely explained.

"You guys should have an opportunity to see these people before they actually come in," he said.

Nicely recommended that in the future, Senators select applicants to be interviewed by senators.

"That process is in place as of today for senators," he added.

Nicely also addressed rumors about talk of cutting organizations' budgets at the recent House of Representatives meeting.

"Nobody was ever discussed, their funding being cut. There's just a lot of talk outside of the meeting," he told the Senate.

"The best suggestion that I could make to those people is to have those organizations attend the next one [House of Representatives meeting] on November 1. It's usually better that you're there and listen to stuff firsthand than to take someone's word for what hap-

pened at the meeting."

The Senate also selected Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to receive its Program of the Month award at Wednesday's meeting for the organization's recent basket auction. Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Black Student Alliance (BSA) were nominated by the executive board before the meeting, and Senators added the College Republicans and Eagle Entertainment to the pool after Nicely asked for additional nominations.

Senator Francys Johnson, head of the BSA, abstained from voting on the motion for Program of the Month.

"I don't see how this award promotes anything but division in the room so far as who's got the best program," Johnson said after the vote. "I don't think it's effective for creating a cohesive and effective student body."

"The awards ... are hopefully meant to get these student organizations more active in these different programs so that we're more involved as a student body. It's just an award given by the Student Government Association to keep them involved," Nicely replied.

"This is unfair. How are you going to implement this on a fair basis from month to month? There's no protocols for this, there's no guidelines to go by, there's nothing to ensure that everyone will be represented fairly," Johnson countered. "Would you rather us do something right, or just look like we're doing something?"

The Constitutional Review Com-

mittee also reported that it has considered raising the required GPA for SGA membership. "That's going to be a controversial one," said Matt Boone, head of the committee.

In rewriting SGA's constitution, is also has added an appeals process, modified how executive officers can be dismissed and changed the fund request process in the proposed constitution. The proposed constitution is expected to be finished by next week, Boone added.

The Public Relations Committee discussed starting an "SGA Day" once a month, during which members wear SGA T-shirts and the organization passes out flyers to inform the student body about the organization's activities.

The United Way Committee announced its decision to hold a PlayStation video gaming tournament before the semester is out. The tournament will serve as a fundraiser for SGA's charitable contributions.

The Senate did not discuss the Southeastern Leadership Convention Wednesday. A motion for the SGA to sponsor the event was tabled at the last Senate meeting.

SGA approved a fund request from Delta Sigma Pi for \$500 for travel, and for the Public Relations Student Society of America for \$500 at Wednesday's meeting.

Public Relations Committee head Chandra Woods received the SGA Senator of the Month award.

## Hoofin' it for Habitat...



**5K RUN:** As part of the Homecoming celebration, Habitat for Humanity and the R.A.C. sponsored a 5K walk/run this past Saturday at 8 a.m. The money raised from the event went to help with housing projects for Habitat for Humanity.

Laura Cox

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Things To Do at GSU Ongoing**

- **Free Tutoring** in several subjects: English, history, sociology and psychology, all maths, 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.
- **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 12:00-1 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 2 p.m. in the Technology Building Room 1116.
- **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.
- October 16-17**
  - **The GSU Center for Continuing Education** will offer three Red Cross Classes. The fee is 20 dollars for any individual class, 35 for any two, and 45 for all three. Adult CPR will meet 6-10 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16 in Russell Union Room 2041. Infant and

- Child CPR will meet 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17 in Russell Union Room 2041. Advance registration and payment is required. Register in person at the Continuing Education off in College Plaza, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or call 681-5551.
- **The GSU Black Student Alliance** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Russell Student Union room 2047. General Assembly meets at 7 p.m. For more info call Jerald Carter at 681-5458.
- October 17**
  - Last chance to join **Pi Sigma Epsilon**. Orientation will be held in COBA room 2208 at 6 p.m. Open to all majors.
  - **GSU** presents Elizabeth Nunez, Ph.D., a professor of English at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York at 5 p.m. in Russell Union room 2080. She will read from her latest novel, *Bruised Hibiscus*. For more info call 681-5409.
  - **The Black Student Alliance** will host the "Mighty Esoteric" Poetry and selected readings at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union. Please check the Today Listing Sheet for room information.
- October 18**
  - **The Academic Resource Center** is hosting a workshop "Correcting Common Sentence Errors" at 3 p.m. in the Henderson Library Rm. 1042.
- October 20-21**
  - **The Department of History** will sponsor "The Conference on Global Currents in Southern History." For more info please contact Vicki A. Smith-Davis at 681-0405.
- October 21**
  - **The Spanish Club** will hold a car wash at Arby's beginning at 10 a.m.
- October 23**
  - **The Academic Resource Center** will present academic success workshops: "Preparation for the Reading CPE" by DeLoach at 10 a.m. in Library room 1042, "Preparation for the Regents' Exam" by Tuggle at 2 p.m. in Forest room 1231, "How to Study History Effectively" by Downs at 11 a.m. in Forest room 1218.
- October 24-25**
  - **The Academic Resource Center** will

- present a Regents' Essay Review on the 24th at 2 p.m. in Library room 1042 and on the 25th at 3 p.m. in the Library room 1042.
- October 24**
  - **GSU Student Nurses** will sponsor a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the Russell Union.
- October 27**
  - **The Center for Latino Outreach and Research Services** will be hosting a Halloween party for Hispanic children at Sparkleberry Farm from 2:30-5 p.m. Please call Dr. Debra Sabia at 681-5725 for any questions.
  - **New Student & Parent Programs, Eagle Athletics, and the GSU Foundation** will sponsor GSU Family Weekend. Several packages are available including game tickets and a pre-game barbeque. Please call 871-1987 for more info.
- October 31**
  - **Beta Beta Beta** will sponsor a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind the Russell Union.
  - **The GSU Museum** will hold a hands-on workshop that will allow participants to make (and take home) three different kinds of mask from 1-3 p.m. Appropriate for school-age children. Call 681-0147 to register (space is limited to 30 participants).
- November 3**
  - **The GSU planetarium** will present a star show of the current night sky and current space missions. Telescopic viewing of the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn outdoors, if clear, following the presentation. The Statesboro Astronomy Club will meet following the presentation/observing. For more info, contact the Physics Dept. at 681-5292.
  - **The Spanish Club** will hold a car wash at Arby's beginning at 10 a.m.
- December 2**
  - **The GSU planetarium** will present a star show of the constellations, planets, meteors and other sky objects visible during the holiday season. A partial solar eclipse will occur on Christmas Day and instruction will be given on how to safely view it. The Statesboro Astronomy club will meet before the presentation. For info, call 681-5292.

**POLICE BEAT**

**GSU Public Safety**

- October 13**
  - Michael Mascari, 18, 2033 Hendricks Hall, was arrested for possession/consumption of alcohol, obstruction of an officer and failure to leave during a fire alarm.
- Statesboro Police Department**
- October 11**
  - Krystal Grant, 23, 413 Morris Height, was arrested for disorderly conduct.
  - Mary Karen Furman, 21, Claxton, was arrested for shoplifting.
  - Chad Pitts, 18, 710 Georgia Avenue 325, reported theft of a bicycle.
  - May Christian Turner, 24, #4 North Nelsen Way, reported a civil dispute.
  - Melissa Shaffer, 21, 104 Genilly Rd., reported suspicious activity/person.
- October 12**
  - Everett Singer Prudhomme, 18, Macon, was arrested for DUI.
  - Marcus d. Hartwell, 23, 312AN. College St., reported burglary and criminal damage to property.

- Tasha Williams, 24, Sandyhill Apts. 4A, reported theft by taking.
- Kristy Hunter, 21, Seasons 385, reported simple battery.
- Christopher Maciaszek, 21, 337 Broad St., reported simple battery.
- October 13**
  - Eddie Durell Powell, Jr., 18, Millen, was arrested for driving on a suspended license.
  - Charles Rydner Atkins, Jr., 20, St. Simons Island, was arrested for DUI, possession of fake ID, and failure to maintain lane.
  - Lashaunda Byrd, 21, 66 Packinghouse Rd. Apt. F5, was arrested for contempt of court.
  - Kristen Sommer Pedersen, 21, Cumming, was arrested for DUI and driving an unsafe vehicle.
  - Bradley William Carlin, 19, Players Club 17, was arrested for DUI.
  - Adam Keith Forehand, 21, Park Place 298, reported a lost or stolen wallet.
  - Anna Larae Soles, 21, Campus Courtyard 57, reported criminal damage to a vehicle.
  - Joel Miles, 19, Players Club 135, reported

- criminal trespass.
- October 14**
  - Amber Lastinger, 18, Lot 17 Dry Branch Village, reported theft by taking.
  - Chuck Roberts, 22, Seasons #5, reported recovered property.
- October 15**
  - John Thomas Sexton, 21, Marietta, was arrested for disorderly conduct.
  - Kenesha Morgan, 22, University Pointe 24, reported harassment.
  - Sharon Shanetta Ollie, 23, 300 Jones Mill #502, reported criminal trespass.

*Editor's Note: Police Beat appears in every edition of the Georgia-Ann 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 from the GSU Division of Public Safety or at the Statesboro Police Department.*

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

**GEORGIA NEWS BRIEF**

**UGA Presidents calls for education to stop hazing**

The Associated Press  
 ATHENS, Ga. - "Juvenile actions" are turning fraternities and sororities into "their own worst enemy" and endangering the entire Greek system, University of Georgia President Michael Adams says.  
 But he says the system's latest trouble, two fraternity members found blindfolded in the cargo hold of a sport-utility vehicle, should be treated with education, not prosecution.  
 Police stopped the SUV, with a total of five passengers, Oct. 3. The students initially identified themselves as Greek Horsemen, an honor society that keeps a low profile at the university. But later the students told police they were members of a secret society called Acropolis.  
 Campus police on Thursday identified the driver as Tom Samuel Eastery of Athens and the passengers as Leland Hogan Barrow of Newnan and Hunter Reddick Hopkins of Thomaston. The blindfolded students were identified as Justin Connell of Thomaston and John Grayson

Stewart of Atlanta.  
 "These were errors of judgment of some very good students, very nice students, very decent people," Adams said. "In these kinds of cases there will be penalties ... but I prefer they be handled on campus with education as an end."  
 Asked whether he would further investigate the secret Greek societies, Adams said: "The answer is no."  
 Hopkins, Easterly and Barrow are members of Kappa Alpha fraternity. Connell belongs to Sigma Chi, and Stewart belongs to Lambda Chi Alpha. Hopkins recently helped university officials instruct sophomore fraternity members about hazing issues in a new, mandatory seminar.  
 Athens-Clarke County Solicitor General Ralph Powell has not decided whether to press misdemeanor hazing charges against the fraternity members.  
 In March, a handcuffed and blindfolded University of Georgia student died after being thrown

from an SUV as part of a fraternity prank. The fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, disbanded its charter, and four students face criminal charges.  
 Richard Mullendore, vice president for student affairs, said the latest incident is particularly disturbing because it suggests students are not learning from experience.  
 "The similarity between the two events and the inability of our students to connect the dots points to a much more serious situation than many within the system and in the public initially realized," Mullendore said.  
 Adams said hazing incidents were damaging the entire Greek system. He predicted that Greek membership will decline further at the university if students don't stop hazing each other.  
 "Some of these are rather juvenile actions," he said. "I believe the big danger is them creating a climate and an image of themselves from which they are unable to recover. Right now, they are their own worst enemy."

**Donuts and Gourmet Sandwiches**  
 Bagels

**This Week's Weather**

 <b>Today</b> Partly cloudy with a high of 84 and a low of 56.	 <b>Tuesday</b> Partly cloudy with a high of 86 and a low of 62.
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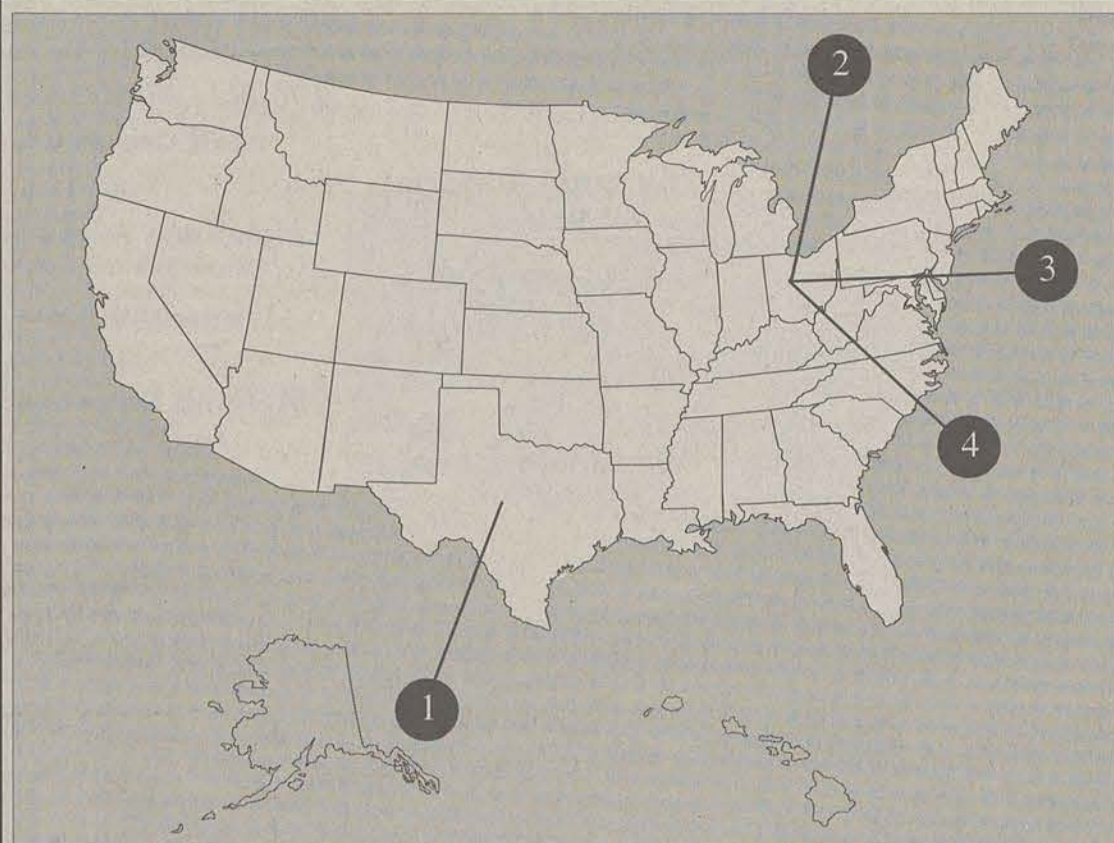
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ONLY IN AMERICA...



**1 78-year-old woman accused of selling crack**

WACO, Texas — A 78-year-old wheelchair-bound woman who sold crack cocaine to a police informant was placed on probation for five years and ordered to quit operating a "crack house."

State District Judge George Allen placed Grace Cerdelia Smith of Gholson on probation after she pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine on Wednesday.

The judge also told Smith to stop allowing known drug users into her home.

"You can't be running a crack house out there," Allen said. "You know what I'm talking about."

Smith said she suffers from diabetes and heart disease, and is confined to a wheelchair because her ex-husband once shot her and the bullet is still lodged in her back.

Smith's attorney, John Hand,

said Smith made the mistake of opening her home to people who needed a place to stay.

"She has a big heart," Hand said. "If someone says they are poor and need a place to stay, she takes them in like a stray cat. She didn't have the heart to ask them to leave."

Eight people were at Smith's house when officers from a drug task force served search and arrest warrants in December 1998. Some of those were arrested for outstanding warrants or for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers said they saw Smith sitting in a chair in the living room with a loaded .22-caliber pistol tucked between a cushion. A shotgun was leaning in the corner behind her chair and officers found a .22-caliber rifle and two other pistols in the house.

Female officers who searched Smith found 5.6 grams of marijuana and about 4 grams of crack cocaine inside her bra, said prosecutor Wayne Coughran.

"I'm sure she would like for others to believe that the people who

frequented her home were the ones who were dealing the crack cocaine," Coughran said. "But all the information that we received and the physical evidence shows that she was the one primarily responsible for dealing the crack cocaine out of her residence."

Smith was convicted of possession of marijuana in 1975. "The court obviously took into consideration during sentencing her age and her physical condition, but frankly, the district attorney's office is going to enforce the law fairly on all citizens regardless of their age."

**2 Clerk locks would-be robber inside liquor store**

DAYTON, Ohio — A man who tried to rob a liquor store was caught because a clerk was able to slip outside and lock the would-be robber

inside the business, police said.

The man, who was not identified while charges were pending, went into Gina's Liquor Store around 12:15 p.m. Thursday and told the clerk to give him money, according to the employee, Victor Ojezua. The man showed a BB handgun, Ojezua said.

A beer salesman and a customer entered the store but quickly left after hearing parts of the exchange between Ojezua and the gunman. Ojezua followed them out and locked the door.

"This guy obviously is not a professional," said Valentine Mbah, the store owner. "How can you rob a place and let the guy (you're robbing) lock you inside?"

**3 PETA circus protester undresses**

CLEVELAND — What do you say to a naked tiger?

Kristie Phelps, 22, of Norfolk, Va., on Thursday crouched inside a small wire cage wearing only a black bikini bottom and orange body paint with black stripes to protest the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, which will perform at Gund Arena Oct. 20-29.

"We're just trying to point out the plight of animals in circuses. They are taken on the road and forced to perform unnatural acts out of fear of punishment and pain," said Phelps, animals in entertainment campaign coordinator for the Norfolk, Va.-based animal-rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

She has used this particular protest technique 13 times. As she removed her robe, she said she was thankful for the mild, 65-degree weather, which by no means is a certainty in Cleveland during October.

Lunchtime passersby for the

most part ignored the tiger lady and nearby protesters carrying signs with the message, "Wild animals should not be caged."

Many pedestrians had puzzled looks as they tried to reason out why an undressed woman crouched on Public Square, while a Columbus Day parade was going on nearby, three days after most places had observances for that holiday.

"I understand what she's trying to represent. It's kind of wild. The world is what it is, but she has no clothes on, and she's going to get sick doing that," said Archie Saunders, of Cleveland, as he walked by.

Christine Cross, a downtown office worker, thought the protest was off the mark.

"It's silly. Maybe there are circuses that are problems, but I think the real danger for animals is the destruction of their natural habitat, because then they have no place to go," she said.

Several Cleveland police officers stood nearby, but made no attempt to arrest the undressed woman.

"It's really too bad that special interest groups resort to using cheap and irresponsible stunts," said Feld Entertainment spokeswoman Catherine Ort-Mabry. Feld, a Vienna, Va.-based company, produces the circus known as "The Greatest Show on Earth."

"Animals are an integral part of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey experience, and they live wonderful lives with people who devote their lives to caring for animals 365 days a year," she said.

**4 McDonald's manager accused of strip searching employees**

ZANESVILLE, Ohio — A McDonald's restaurant manager who admitted to strip searching two teenage employees testified he followed orders from someone he thought was a police detective.

Scott Winsor, 35, appeared Wednesday before Judge Thomas Payne for a bench trial in county court. Winsor was accused of unlawful restraint and sexual imposition.

Winsor said he thought he was cooperating with a police investigation of stolen money when he strip searched Stacy Carruthers, 19, and Sara Quick, 18, in June 1999 at the restaurant.

The teens testified that they also thought the man giving directions to Winsor over the phone was a detective. Authorities said the call to the restaurant was not from a police detective. The person posing as a law enforcement official has not been found.

The young women claimed Winsor touched them inappropriately while they were undressed. Winsor said he only touched the employees to help them take off their shoes.

Winsor testified that after the teens left work, he tried to reach the detective at the police department but was told he was not working.

Payne was expected to rule in the case in the next few days.

The teens' parents have filed a civil suit against McDonald's and Winsor for sexual harassment, assault and battery, and false imprisonment. No trial date has been set on the suit.



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## 'Pay it Forward' is a brilliant true-to-life film

By Tim Prizer  
Lifestyles Editor

It may seem like a bit of talent overload to combine three actors and actresses who have had some of the most powerful performances over the last few years into one film. But as the GSU community will see in the Russell Union Theater this Tuesday night and 9 p.m. when "Pay it Forward" comes for its free advance screening, these three stars only compliment each other, making for one of the most inspiring movies to hit cinemas in a long time.

The trinity that combine forces on the set of "Pay it Forward" are the young Haley Joel Osment ("The Sixth Sense"), Kevin Spacey ("American Beauty"), and Helen Hunt ("As Good As It Gets"). Any one of their performances alone are dynamic enough to make "Pay it Forward" a good film, but the three together make the movie nothing short of brilliant.

"Pay it Forward" is the story of Trevor McKinney (played by Osment), an 11-year old boy living in the working class section of Las Vegas, Nevada. Struggling to make ends meet, his alcoholic mother, Arlene McKinney (played by Hunt), works two jobs and tries to give her son a better life. However, her jobs require many hours every day, and through her absence from the home, she is losing her son.

When Trevor's Social Studies teacher, Eugene Simonet (played by Spacey), tells his class that one person can change the world, Trevor listens attentively. Simonet assigns his class to come up with a way individually that each could change the world for the better. For twelve years Simonet had given this same philanthropic assignment, but this would be the first that one of his students would take it to heart.

"If someone did you a favor—something big, something you couldn't do on your own—and instead of paying it back,



Special Photo

**RETURNING THE FAVOR:** 'Pay it Forward' stars Kevin Spacey, Haley Joel Osment, and Helen Hunt. It will show in the Union on Tuesday.

you paid it forward to three people, and the next day, they each paid it forward to three more, and the day after that, those 27 people each paid it forward to another three and each day, everyone in turn paid it forward to three more people, in two weeks, that comes to 4,782,969 people."

This is the plan of Trevor McKinney, an imaginative child who is growing up with little of anything, including money, food, attention, and most of all, a helping hand.

Little Trevor McKinney takes his "pay it forward" plan seriously and hopes to use it to better the life of himself, his mother, and all the underprivileged citizens who need the initial boost to get things moving in the right direction. Suddenly, various acts of kindness occur throughout the town and Trevor's plan makes him somewhat of a town hero. But is his plan enough to save his home life and his alcoholic mother?

"Pay it Forward" is the touching story of a child with an innovative dream, and that dream coming into effect to help shape the lives of not just the ones he dearly loves, but the entire world.

Adapted from a novel written by Catherine Ryan Hyde, "Pay it Forward" was written for theater by Leslie Dixon,

and was directed by Mimi Leder. The movie is two hours long and is rated PG-13 for thematic elements including minor substance abuse and violence, brief sexual situations, and language. The film also stars Liev Schreiber.

"Pay it Forward" is a heartwarming display of the disillusionment in the minds of children, and how many times, a child's thoughts and words can be translated into meaningful true-to-life anecdotes.

As Director Mimi Leder told Entertainment Weekly concerning the "pay it forward" plan, "I think a movement like this could really happen, because I think our social climate is in such dire straits and it needs to change. I thought this movie, maybe, could have a tiny impact."



## Theatre auditions to be held for 'The Miracle Worker'

G-A News Service

"Tartuffe" has come to a close, and now Georgia Southern's Theater and Performance will hold

auditions for "The Miracle Worker" in the McCroan Auditorium at 7 p.m. October 16th and 17th.

The play will be directed by Mical Whitaker.

For more information, call extension 5379.

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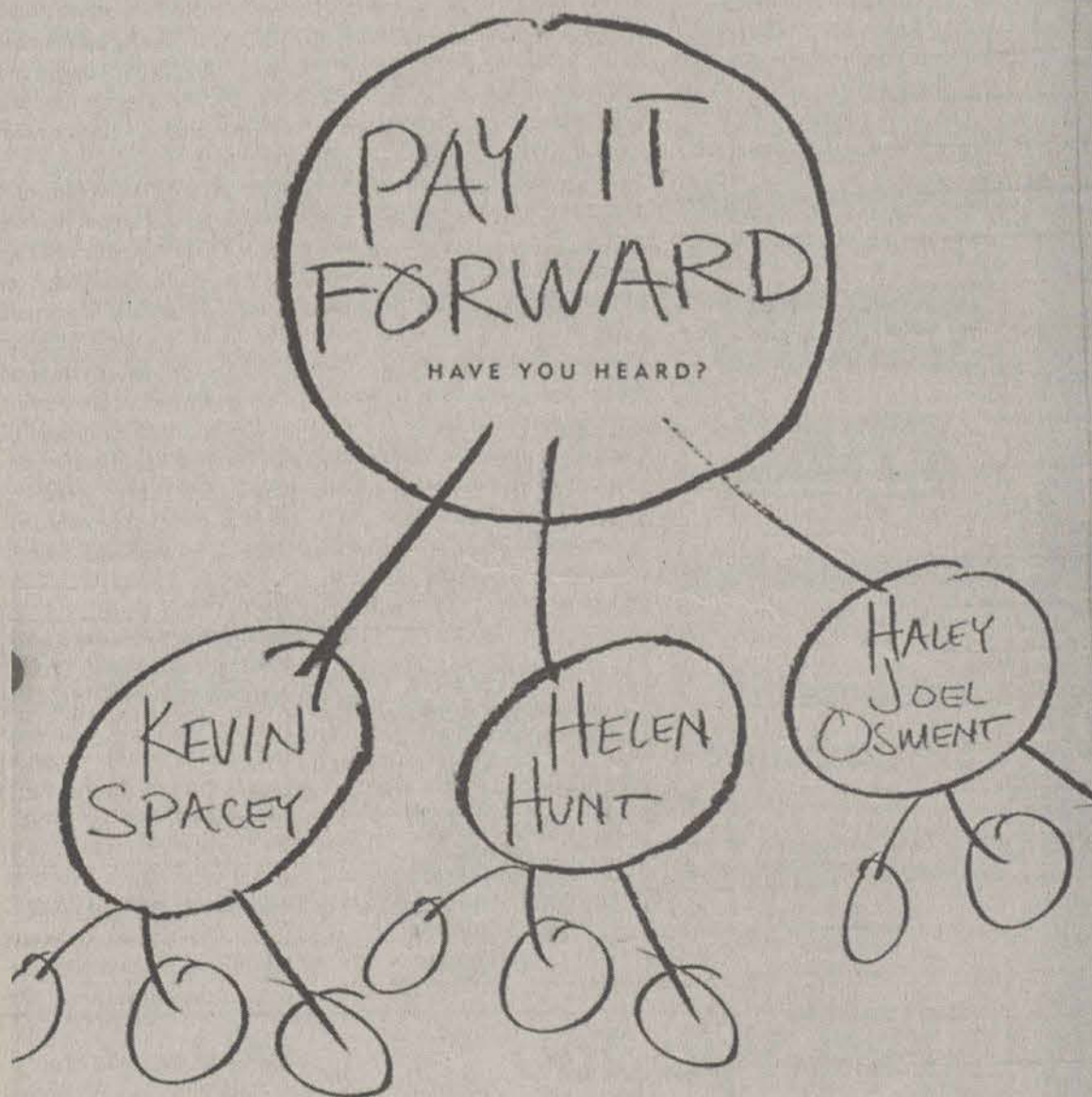
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## Midnight mania at Georgia Southern

By Erin A. Merritt  
Assistant Sports Editor

Mania occurred at Georgia Southern this weekend, Midnight Mania that is, for the first time in school history. Hundreds of GSU Basketball supporters arrived at Hanner Fieldhouse Friday night to welcome in the 2000 Men's Basketball season and to join in the festivities prior to their introduction.

The festivities kicked off with music and free food outside Hanner. Upon entering the basketball gym, there was more music and mingling. GSU basketball supporter, junior Whit Abel said "I really like GSU basket ball and want to see the new freshman this year." "I know they had a good season last year and I expect better for this year," says Abel.

Southern Explosion started off the indoor festivities and lit up the floor with a dance number. Following this, the contests began. The participants for the two contests, the Ball South Mobility Three-Point Shoot-out and the Wal-Mart Slam Dunk Contest, had already been selected during tryouts held earlier in the week.

The Three Point Shoot-out had seven contestants. They were given 45 seconds to shoot from three different spots on the court. At each spot, there were four balls for one point and one ball worth two points, these points were awarded for each ball the got in the net. The top four finishers in round one battled it out in the second round, using the same criteria as round one. The top two, Deterrence Holloway and Kell Newby, then went on to round three. Finally with seven points Kell Newby barely won the free cell phone, outscoring Holloway by only one point.

Southern Explosion and the GSU cheerleaders took the court next, pumping up the crowd. Next student Ryan Downs was chosen from the crowd to do a half court shoot for free books for a year. After launching the ball towards the basket, the ball circled the rim and came out. Throughout the night, two others were given chances at money and books, but neither were successful.

The Wal-Mart Slam Dunk contest followed, with four contestants. They were given five chances to slam and be judged by a panel of five, including two of the Assistant basketball coaches, Garrick Respress and Tom Spencer, and Gus. The top three contestants moved on the round two where they were allowed three slams and only the top two scores would be used. Joe Bright won the \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart with 86 points, beating out Brian Little and James Mitchell.

As the clock approached midnight, the fans started cheering and rose to their feet. When midnight came, the 2000 Men's Basketball team came out to a gym full of cheering fans. "I'm positive about the upcoming season, we've added the necessary things and we seem to have more chemistry this year," said Senior shooter Todd Shipley. "We lost Hamp Jones, but have helped fill that void with our new freshman and transfers," said Shipley. "We're excited and positive about this season and we have the confidence of knowing we're coming off of a good year," said Head Coach Jeff Price. "I'm pleasantly thrilled at the turnout here tonight, this is a good indication that GSU Basketball is back," said Price.

The men's Basketball can first be seen in action against Brazil Select, playing exhibition, on November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.

## Men's soccer falls to Davidson 5-2

G-A News Service

The Davidson Wildcats took a half-game lead in the men's SoCon race with a 5-2 victory over GSU Saturday evening at Richardson Stadium.

Junior Chris Norbet gave the Wildcats the lead at the 13:49 mark as he put the ball past the GSU Keeper off a pass from junior John Tetirick. Senior defender Patrick Miller added the second goal of the match just over four minutes later with a shot off a free kick from junior Erik Ozimick.

Junior midfielder Paul Watson scored the game-winner in the 23rd minute on an unassisted tally to

give the 'Cats a 3-0 advantage. The Wildcats' Ikenna Meyers and Joel Sadler each added a goal late in the first 45 minutes of action to give Davidson a 5-1 lead at intermission. Davidson scored all seven goals on the afternoon with the 'Cats scoring own goals in each half to give the Eagles their two tallies.

Wildcat goalie Soren Johnson made two saves on the evening while Garret Lazenby and Kirk Latibeaudiere combined for 10 saves.

Davidson is now 10-3-1 on the season and 6-0 in conference action while GSU falls to 4-8-2 overall and 1-4-1 in the SoCon.

## Lady Eagles sweep Citadel 3-0

By Eli Boorstein  
Staff Writer

The ladies of Georgia Southern volleyball kept their playoff hopes alive, sweeping The Citadel 3-0 in Friday night's match at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Eagles won games one and three rather decisively 15-2 and 15-3, respectively, but were taken to the limit in game two, narrowly winning 16-14. Georgia Southern now sits behind the College of Charleston by just half a match in the race for the final spot in the Southern Conference playoffs.

In game one, GSU ran out to a commanding 12-0 lead, but then allowed consecutive points to the Bulldogs, before

running away with the win. The Eagles totaled ten kills in the game along with a .500 hitting percentage.

In the second frame, The Citadel gave GSU a scare, posting a 13-10 lead at one stage before the Eagles, who tallied a match-high 23 kills in the game, came back to take the win with a score of 16-14.

The third game was won thanks to some sloppy offensive play from The Citadel. The Bulldogs committed ten errors and posted a sub-zero, -.208 hitting percentage.

The offensive output for GSU (10-10, 5-7 in SoCon play) was led by twelve kills each from freshman Megan Lippi and sophomore Lauren

McClain. Freshman Erin Martin was also a key part of the Eagles' victory, posting eight kills and a match-high .538 hitting percentage. Junior setter Amanda Brooks added 32 assists to help lead Georgia Southern.

Sophomore Nicole Mantu led The Citadel's (2-16, 0-10) offense with ten kills. Freshman Lindsey Hodge added seven kills while freshman Desiree Browning paced the Bulldogs with 22 assists.

Georgia Southern will play tomorrow as they host Savannah State 7:00 at Hanner Fieldhouse. The Citadel will travel back home to play their cross-town rival Charleston Southern.



**PLAYOFF HOPEFULS:** The women's soccer team took on Appalachian State on Friday and East Tennessee State on Sunday and came out victorious in both matches. The scores for each game was 4-1. Sunday's victory against East Tennessee State was made even better with it being the last home game, and the senior game as well. The Lady Eagles now improve to 13-3 overall in the Southern Conference rankings. The team will next take on Western Carolina on Friday and Chattanooga on Sunday.

Photo by: Jill Burnham

## Women's soccer improves to 13-3 overall

By Nick Fierstos  
Staff Writer

The GSU lady Eagles soccer team picked up a pair of Southern Conference wins this weekend with victories over Appalachian State and East Tennessee State at home in Statesboro. In the final two home games of the season, the team showed no signs of weakness despite the absence of star striker Katie Szeghalmi, who suffered an injury in practice last Thursday.

The team beat Appalachian State on Friday 4-1. Two goals were scored by senior striker Robin Thirsk. "We played a really hard game. I think that

we played really well for not having played in a week," said Thirsk. "Everyone did what they needed to do." The team did a good job of utilizing App. State's errors, and the passing game went really well for GSU.

The first goal came early on a penalty kick by Robin Thirsk in the second minute. Senior Janis Milne later picked up an assist after driving the ball all the way down the field and making a perfect pass to a wide-open Thirsk, who one-touched the ball into the net. The ASU team was obviously distraught and taken out of the game very early on, they showed little signs of life until the second half. Senior App. State forward Keisha Prescott was especially upset and eventually was given a yellow card after arguing with the referee over the position of a ball given to GSU following a foul by an ASU midfielder. App State coach Ben Popoola was obviously upset for much of the game over the calls made

by the referee. Later in the game, goals were added by midfielder Lisa Littlejohn and striker Camilla Ray.

In the game against East Tennessee State on Sunday, the team picked up its thirteenth win of the season, tying a GSU record and improving its record to 13-3. The victory was especially sweet for the seniors, as it was the last home game this season, and senior day at the field. "It's been a great four years here at Georgia Southern, I have especially enjoyed this year's group of girls," said Milne. "We played a good game and I'm looking forward to winning the Southern Conference." Milne's confidence was backed up by another great game played by the lady Eagles. Sophomore midfielder, Amanda Bernard scored two goals, and Andrea Pfeiffer and Mary-Kate Talbott added goals of their own. Talbott scored on a beautiful free kick from close to midfield. The shot landed in the top right corner of the net. The girls went on to win 4-1, East Tennessee State's only goal came in the 81st minute on an unassisted shot by Junior Forward Lisa Gallagher.

The team hits the road again this Friday for a non-conference matchup with West Carolina. On Sunday they play against Chattanooga in another non-conference game.

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# Homecoming 2000 In Review

## "Heroes of 2000"



Laura Cox

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**Congratulations to the GSU football team for their 34-28 victory over Appalachian State University in their 2000 Homecoming matchup.**