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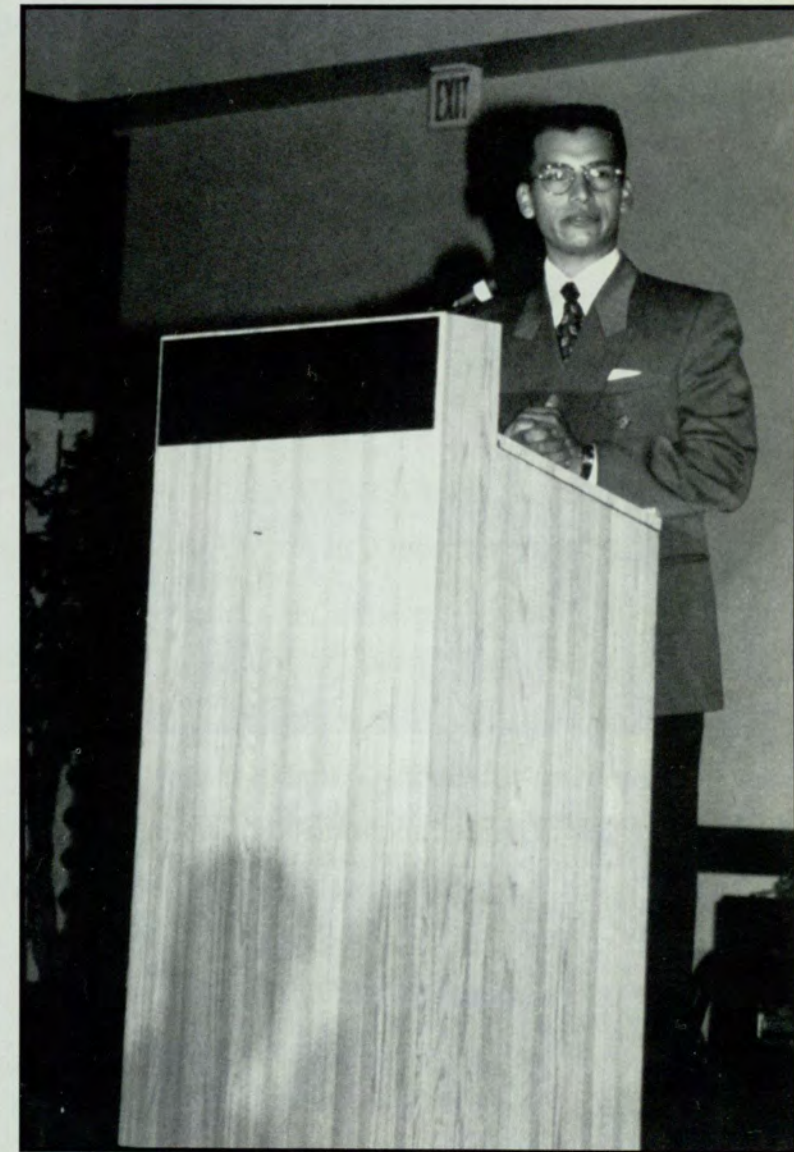
Georgia State University was *unique*. The student body was composed of people of all ages and backgrounds. The *typical* student was not a twenty year old, full-time day student, who was supported by his parents. Rather, there was no "typical" student. Most students worked full-time jobs while taking a full or part-time load of classes.

"The cultural *diversity* at Georgia State has opened my mind to different things I would not otherwise have experienced at another college," student Maggie Hogg said of her *experience* at GSU.

And while all of GSU's students were very *different*, they all came together everyday in *one* place. Georgia State University. This was our common ground. Yet, it was anything but *common*.
-Jennifer Behnke



*K*orean students celebrate their heritage during the annual International Festival.
Photo by Allen McCall.



*S*GA President Said Schwarz addresses the audience at the African American Heritage Awards. Photo by Allen McCall.

*L*ytton Martin, a D.J. at WRAS, encourages students to volunteer their time at the radio station during the annual Day in the Park. Photo by Allen McCall.

Back To The BASICS

The end of September signaled the dawn of a new year for 24,000 Georgia State students. With this new year came many *headaches*.

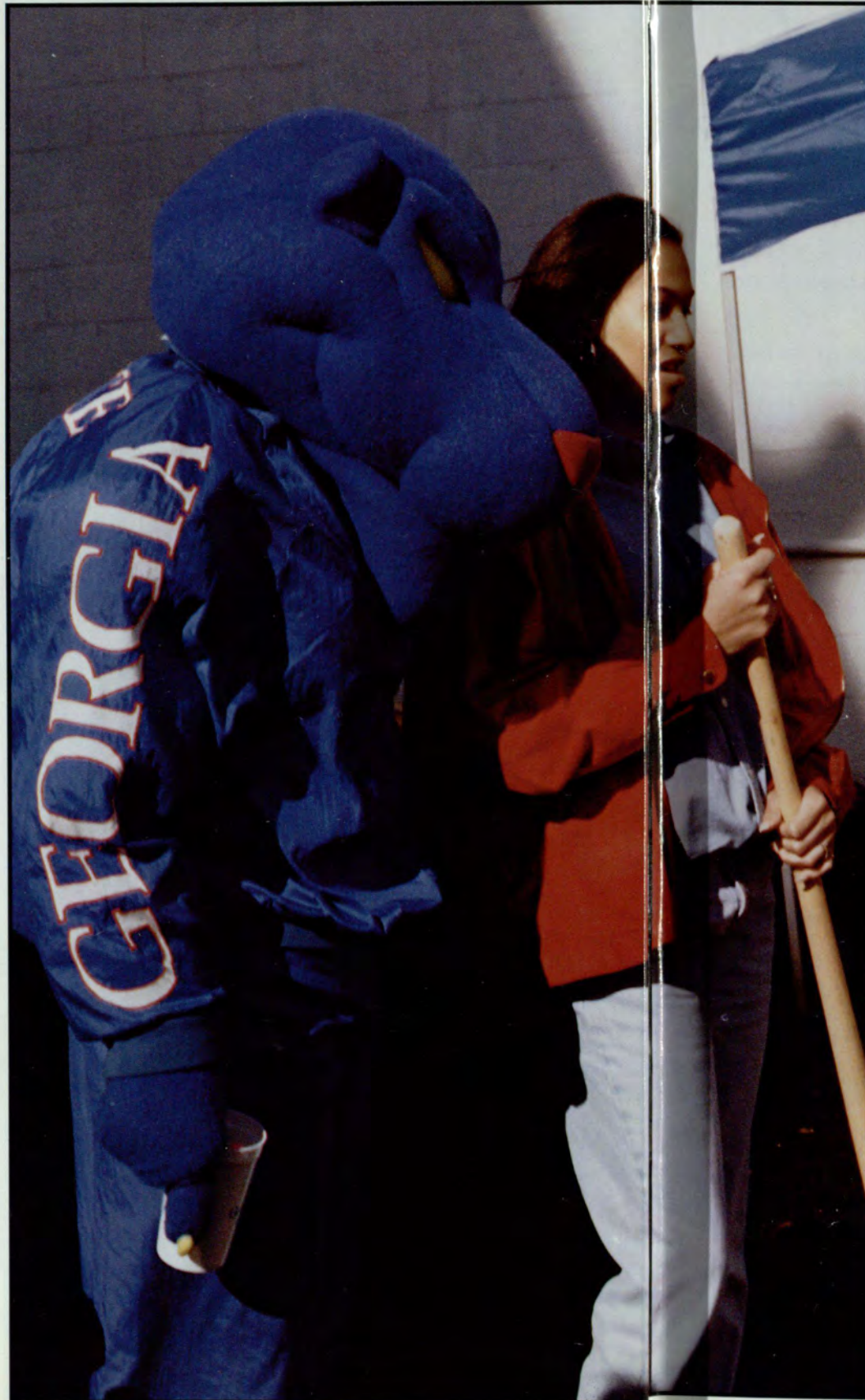
Students waited in lines to buy books and pay fees. Perhaps the biggest nightmare of all came in the form of financial aid. What would normally have been a *lifesaver* for many students, allowing them to pursue a college degree, financial aid in the fall of 1995 meant long waits in lines as financial awards were delayed while the financial aid department upgraded their computer system. University *representatives*, however, assured students that they would never again have to wait until near the end of the quarter to find out if their *tuition* would be paid for.

The start of a new quarter also brought strange weather. Early in fall quarter, morning classes were cancelled for a day after *Hurricane Opal* blew through Atlanta, carrying with it 55-60 mph winds and leaving in its wake downed trees and thousands without power.

Winter quarter also had its share of oddities. The "Blizzard of 1996" disrupted classes during the second week of the quarter as Atlanta received over an inch of snow and a clear coating of ice over most roads. Radio and television stations announced that classes had been delayed until noon, but as faculty and students arrived on campus, they discovered that the university had *closed* for the entire day.

-Jennifer Behnke

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Georgia State students converge on the edge of campus as they wait for the Braves' parade to begin. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Pounce shares a conversation with a student at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new university center. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Rolling Stone magazine was on campus during fall quarter with displays of their recent covers and games for students to play. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

The Village

GSU prepares for athletes and students

Georgia State's Olympic Village.

It's completion had been anticipated for years.

And as the Olympics drew near, news reports began to surface indicating that the dorms located on the Georgia Tech campus were sinking.

Yet, even amidst all of the negative reports, students began to reserve rooms at the dorms for the 1996-97 school year. Interviews were conducted for resident assistants. Georgia State was on its way to having students on campus 24 hours a day.

The university held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the dorms in May. While this did not mark the official opening of the dorms to students, it did mark the completion of the project. The dorms would house Olympic athletes during the games and would officially open to students in the fall of 1996.

The opening of the dorms would mark a dramatic turning point in the history of Georgia State University. Traditionally known as a commuter campus which catered to non-traditional students, Georgia State would now attract an increased number of freshmen who were looking for a traditional campus.

The construction of a new student center as well as a new recreation facility only led more students to speculate that the university was trying to lose its reputation as a non-traditional school. Yet, while some students were not altogether pleased about the changes around campus, others saw it as a step forward for the university.

Maybe someday, some speculated, we could even have a football team.

-Jennifer Behnke

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Maggie McHugh-Parrish, Director of Housing, speaks to those in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the University Village. *Photo by Jeff Walker.*

Members of the Georgia State administration cut the ribbon at the Village. *Photo by Jeff Walker.*

The completion of the University Village marked the beginning of a new era at Georgia State University. *Photo by Jeff Walker.*

There's Something *Happening* Here....

The 1995-96 school year was a time of extraordinary change for Georgia State University. With the Olympics coming to the campus, plans were made to beautify the area in order to increase visibility for the university. Signs were hung along the streets around campus. Large signs were also added to many of the buildings.

The Olympics, however, were not the reason for all of the changes at Georgia State. Sands, the company which had provided food service to students on campus, left the university in 1996 after their contract expired. Sands' restaurants were replaced by a mall type atmosphere with Pizza Hut, Chick Fil-A, Starbuck's Coffee, Subway and D.C. Subs among the restaurants featured.

Competition was also on the horizon as a new bookstore opened in the old Texas restaurant building. With the addition of the new store, students could now choose between three stores and truly have the ability to find the best deals on books and on buybacks.

Kinko's left the campus in 1996 as well and was replaced by Capitol Copy, Inc.

Other changes around campus included painting of the parking decks. Students could no longer refer to the decks as the "Blue Deck" or the "Yellow Deck." The new color was less dramatic and perhaps more "academic" looking.

A final addition to the campus included new sliding doors into many of the buildings. These doors replaced old doors which pulled or pushed open. All of the doors had been wheelchair accessible but students had to press a button and then move out of the way for the door to open. The new doors, however, slid open for everybody, without the touch of a single button.

-Jennifer Behnke



New sliding doors were added to many of the buildings on campus. The doors made buildings more accessible to those students who were handicapped and was expected to allow students to enter and exit buildings more easily during times of severe gridlock, such as around the ten o'clock break. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*



Banners like this one were hung all over campus prior to the Olympics. The idea for the banners came from other urban universities, such as NYU, which had signs around their campuses to set them apart from the rest of the city. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Da' Paw C

Proud to be Players at the Games

"Da' Paw-C" began in 1994 with nine young ladies choosing to use their talents to express their love and spirit for their school at Georgia State University's men's basketball games. Robin McDaniel, former director of Spotlight Programs Board, Jessime McGarity and Rommel Lewis developed the concept and their first performance was on December 15, 1994 at a basketball game.

After that first performance, Paw-C's popularity grew and they went on to perform at events such as Homecoming, the Ethnic Crossroads conference, Incept, the Fall Kick-Off, Day in the Park and the groundbreaking ceremony for the new university center. By 1996, Paw-C had grown to include 20 members. With Captain Netta and choreographer Maisha Land at the helm, Paw-C displayed an explosive hip hop style with notable vestiges of modern dance.

In addition to the many performances around the university and at men's and women's basketball games, Paw-C's most prized accomplishment was auditioning for and being chosen to perform in the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1996 Olympic Games. They had made the university extremely proud and would continue to strive for excellence in dance and to provide school spirit.

-Koshea Scott

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There's Something *Happening* Here...



*N*ew signage around campus displayed Georgia State to viewers from around the world who were watching the Olympics on television. Signs were also installed on the One Park Place South building and on the Olympic Village. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*



*T*he parking decks get a facelift as a new coat of paint changes their color. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*

Atlanta and GSU 1996

With the dawn of 1996, Atlantans came to a sudden realization—the Olympic Games were only a few months away. So much was left to be done. Construction was still in progress on many venues, the Olympic Village was not yet entirely complete, road construction was an ever-present problem with work on new DOT lines on major highways. And in the midst of it all, Georgia State was preparing for the world to come to campus.

As host of the Badminton competition, Georgia State had to prepare for thousands of visitors to embark on campus. The GSU Sports Arena was revamped and padded, fold-up seats were installed. Safety became a concern as campus police prepared to deal with large crowds of spectators.

In light of the fact that many downtown streets would be closed during the games, classes were planned to be cancelled for three weeks in July and August. This meant that winter and spring quarters had to be moved up so that summer quarter could get in five weeks of classes before the campus closed. This meant that there would be a three week break in the middle of the quarter. University employees, however, were told to report to work at 6:30 am during the Olympics. Their day would end at 3:30 pm.

And so, in the light of the fact that many Atlantans were not able to get tickets to any of the Olympic events, many residents, and students, wondered if the construction, congestion and hassle would be worth it in the end.

-Jennifer Behnke

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Construction became a way of life for most Atlantans, and cranes and bulldozers became a familiar part of the landscape as the city attempted to erect new buildings in time for the Olympics.

Construction also became a way of life for Georgia State students as the arena was remodeled for the badminton event and the area below the arena was closed in order to construct new offices. *Photos by Jennifer Behnke.*

Yonex was the first event to be held in the new GSU Sports Arena. The event not only gave students a sneak peak at badminton, it also gave organizers a chance to look for any problems with the arena before the Olympics came to town. *Photo courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*



Photo by Jennifer Behnke.

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*...parking...smoking...relaxing...
fall kick-off...homecoming...
day in the park...ten o'clock
break...diversity...student life...*

25,000

Georgia State University, Metro Atlanta's largest educational institution, was faced with problems of overcrowding, protests and deck closings as students, faculty and staff came together everyday...

In The DECKS

Besides grades, papers, odd class times and ever-increasing tuition, there was one thing that provided continual frustration for Georgia State students: Parking.

Trying to find a parking space at GSU was often akin to happening upon a four-leaf clover—you've got to have luck on your side to do it, most of the time.

In 1995, there were exactly 4048 parking spaces on campus. Approximately 24,000 students commuted to GSU daily. Figure in commuting university staff and faculty and you've got a lot of people vying for only a few precious spots.

When administrators decided to allow only faculty and staff to park in G deck in 1995, many students became outraged that they would not be able to park in an area which had been funded by students.

In addition to the closing of G Deck to students, parking rates were increased to \$2.50 during summer quarter. This increase was put into place to help offset the cost of the stadium shuttle, which brought students to campus from Fulton County

“...I know that after 10 [a.m.], there aren't going to be any spaces.”

*-ryan elliott
freshman*

Stadium, where many students parked during the day.

Both the increase in fares and the closing of G Deck resulted in a student organized protest during summer quarter.

Students who chose to drive to campus faced a long wait in line to get into the decks. Therefore, most students had to leave long before their classes started in order to find a parking space and still get to class on time.

“The reason I come early is because of the traffic,” said freshman Ryan Elliott. “On Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays, I get here at 10 [a.m.] because I know that after 10, there aren't going to be any spaces.”

“You know what I think would be the ultimate solution to parking [problems] at this university?,” says senior Eric Upton. “\$2.50 tickets for people who take up more than one space. [People] would stop double parking really quick if their registration was held until they paid up.”

*-Jennifer Behnke and
Mandi Albright*



J Lot, formerly a faculty and staff lot, was opened to students beginning summer quarter. However, students still had to wait in line to enter the parking area. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

Students often encountered signs which indicated that their parking lot of choice was closed. For many, the desired lot was G deck, which was closed to students in 1995. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

Day In The Park

A Day of Fun in the Hot, Hot Sun

On May 1, 1996, hundreds of students and members of the faculty and staff enjoyed a nice day of sun and warm weather in Hurt Park for the annual "Day in the Park."

The event gave student organizations an opportunity to solicit new members and to give away prizes. For example, members of the *Rampway* staff were on hand to distribute copies of the 1995 yearbook, representatives from the housing office were present to distribute information about the student dorms and members of Spotlight Programs Board were also on hand to advertise the Spring Formal.

In addition to learning more about student activities at Georgia State, students could also buy a chance to dunk the Dean of Students, Dr. Kurt Keppler, in the dunk tank or to try their luck in the water balloon toss. Students could also participate in a volleyball tournament in the park or in a pie eating contest on Gilmer Street, which was closed to traffic during the event.

Other participants in the dunking booth included Connie Sampson, GSU's chief of police, Derrick Peavy, editor of the *Signal*, Walter Kimbrough, Director of New Student programs, and Said Schwarz, president of the Student Government Association.

-Jennifer Behnke



The winners of the pie eating contest show off their pies at the Day in the Park. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*



Shawn Mitchell gets drenched at the Day in the Park as his balloon breaks on him in the water balloon toss. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*



There are at least 50 minutes each day when students can enjoy the campus, study or just hang out with friends in the plaza during GSU's ...

Ten O'Clock BREAK

The 10 o'clock break was an institution at Georgia State. It was a chance for students to meet with their extracurricular activity groups, get in some extra, much-needed study time or just hang out. The ten o'clock break gave many students that extra little burst of energy that often got them through the rest of their busy day.

Abolishment of the 10 o'clock break was debated at GSU but was never accomplished. GSU students fought hard in 1990 to reinstate a five-day ten o'clock break after the break had been reduced to three days a week following the closing of the old Business Administration building. GSU was not the only school which considered abolishing the break. At those schools where breaks were successfully done away with, student reaction was less than enthusiastic.

“The 10 o'clock break is essential for student life on campus...”

***-heather jones
SGA Senator - 1990***

Then-SGA Senator Heather Jones said during the 1990 fight for reinstatement of the break: “The 10 o'clock break is essential for student life to succeed on campus. For over four decades it has served as a time for students to interact with one another.”

In 1995, questions about the break were raised again. But they were not to abolish it. The administration discussed moving the break to a later time during the day. The reasoning behind this was that the demand for classroom space was greatest during the morning hours. Thus, the university, by not scheduling classes during the ten o'clock hour, was not effectively using classroom space. Therefore, any request for funds to build additional classroom buildings would likely be turned down.

-Mandi Albright

Students crowd into the library plaza during the ten o'clock break. The Plaza was the only central location on campus where students could “hang-out”. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

These students discuss a class assignment during the fifty minutes between their classes. *Photo by Nicole Grizzell.*

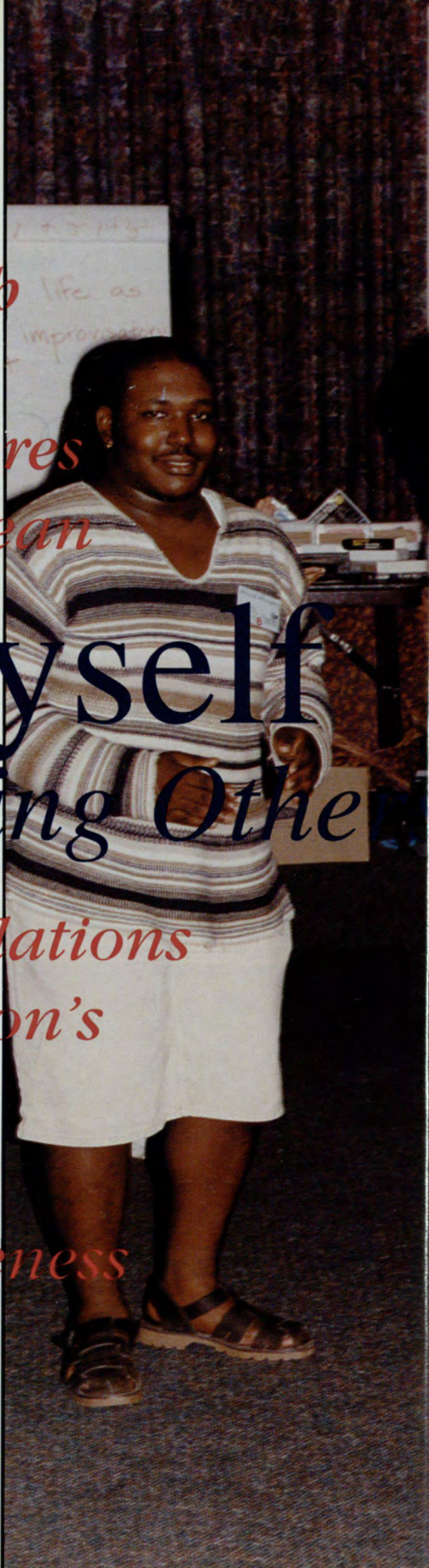


For three days in March 1996, students, faculty and staff from all cultures came together at the Dean

Know Thyself Through Knowing Others

of Students' Human Relations Retreat held at the Falcon's complex in Suwanee to erase stereotypes and increase cultural awareness

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Dr. Doris Derby-Banks and her husband, Bob Banks, share a dance at the retreat.
Photo by Steve Folkers.

Willie Williams and Wallace White demonstrate the proper way to do the German chicken dance at the Dean of Students Human Relations Retreat in Suwanee.
Photo by Steve Folkers.

• *Fall quarter 1995 became more of a hassle than expected for students in need of financial aid. Problems with student loans and scholarships left many students...*

Holding The BAG

Fall quarter at Georgia State got off to a bad start. At least in terms of the financial aid office.

Gwyndolyn Francis took over as Financial aid director in January 1994 after the former director took a job at Georgia Tech, and took much of the staff with him. In addition to being faced with having to fill the empty positions, Francis had to deal with a government mandate which instructed the university to transfer information electronically. The mandate was issued in 1993 and Computer Information Systems, which was designing a new computer program which would pull students' information electronically, did not have the program ready until June 1, 1995.

This meant that letters requesting additional information from students who had applied for aid were not sent out until June. Award letters could not be mailed until July. As a result, many students did not

“After I was denied financial aid, they didn't inform me of any recourse as to how to get it reinstated or what to do about registration.”

*-felix brown
senior and Director of
Spotlight Programs Board*

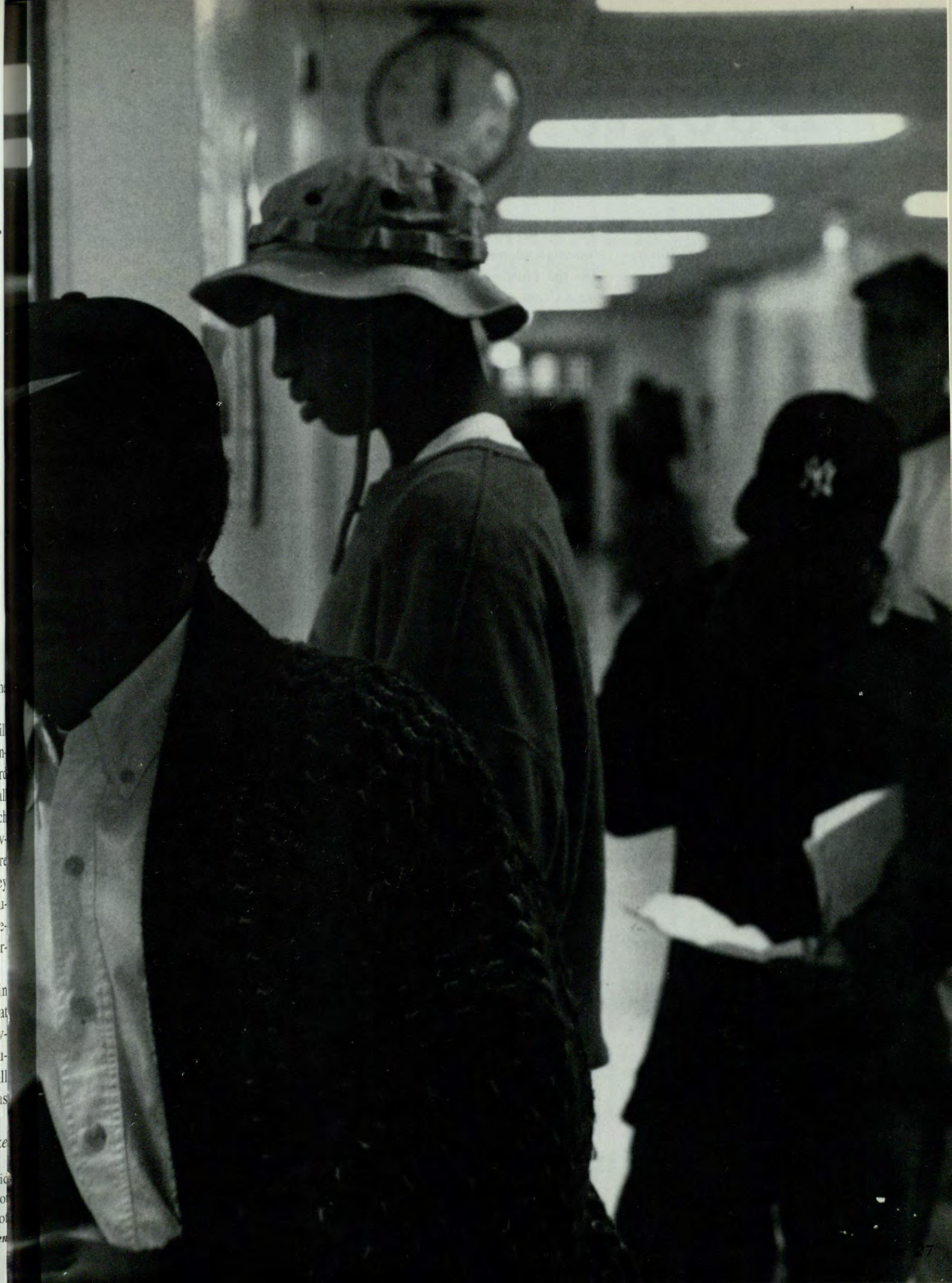
find out the status of their aid until after the beginning of fall quarter.

In November, over 2000 students still had not received notice about their financial aid. Students who had not heard word of their status by the fee deadline for fall quarter were granted tuition waivers which allowed them to attend class without having paid any fees. However, if they were not awarded any financial aid, then they were expected to pay up. For some students, this meant that they would be required to pay their fees in December—nearly the end of the quarter.

All of this meant exhausting waits in lines at both the financial aid office and at the Office of Student Accounts. However, the financial aid office assured students that, with their new technology, fall quarter 1996 would not be nearly as bad as 1995 had been.

-Jennifer Behnke

Students wait in line outside of the financial aid office. Problems within the office resulted not only in long lines, but also delayed notification of aid to thousands of students. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



"Boogie Wonderland"

a 1970's extravaganza

The theme of Georgia State's 1996 homecoming week was "Boogie Wonderland: a 1970's extravaganza".

Homecoming, which was organized by Spotlight Programs Board's Homecoming Committee, was scheduled to take place on February 3. However, due to an unusual blast of cold, snowy weather, the homecoming game and the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen were cancelled.

The bad weather, however, did not dampen the Homecoming Week activi-

ties. In keeping with the 70's theme, students took part in activities such as the "Do the Hustle Contest" and the "70's Dress Contest."

Winners of the "70's Dress Contest" were crowned Mr. and Ms. Polyester. Both of the winners received a \$100 award.

The couple who could do the best hustle in the "Do the Hustle" contest won \$200. The second place couple received \$100.

The homecoming committee had also scheduled an evening of entertainment to follow the homecoming game. Shirley

Hemphill, who starred in the 70's television show, "What's Happening?" and J.J. Walker, star of "Good Times" were scheduled to entertain students with their comedy acts. However, this was also cancelled due to the weather.

The weather not only stopped homecoming, it also forced the campus to close on the evening of February 2 and all day on February 3. This was the second time in only a month that the campus was forced to close due to winter weather.

-Jennifer Behnie



Participants in the "70's Dress Contest" wait for Mr. and Ms. Polyester to be announced. The winners of the contest each received \$100. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



The theme of Homecoming week was "Boogie Wonderland." Many students dressed up in 70's style clothing to celebrate the homecoming activities. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

Don Johnson waits for the winners of the "70's Dress Contest" to be announced. He was later named Mr. Polyester in the contest. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



Homecoming

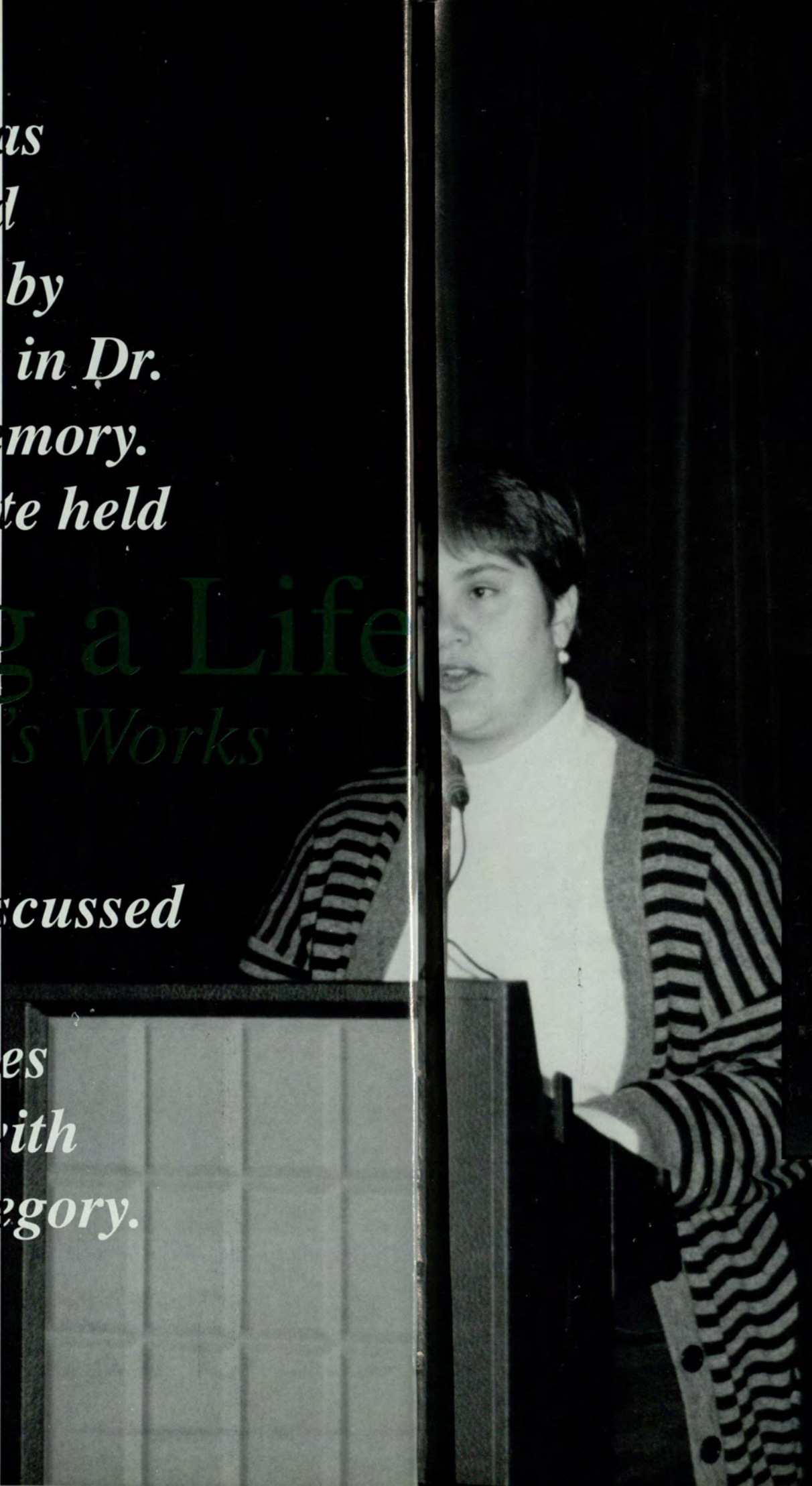
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January was designated as Black History Month and Georgia State celebrated by hosting numerous events in Dr. Martin Luther King's memory. Among those was a tribute held

Celebrating a Life Honoring Dr. King's Works

on January 19, at which international students discussed heroes from their own countries. Other festivities included a convocation with keynote speaker Dick Gregory.

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International students, including Paul Hays, Magdalena Barua, Joseph Ngi, Hima Patel and Laura Rodriguez, speak to students about heroes from their countries. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Laura Rodriguez addresses the audience at the tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Homecoming

1996

Despite a snow storm and the cancellation of the **Homecoming** basketball game, the 1996 Homecoming King and Queen were still crowned as usual.

Shawn Mitchell, president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and a senator from the College of Arts and Sciences, was named the king, while **Tameka Harper** was named the queen. The court also included **MaShawn Duncan**, who was named first runner-up and Miss Panther, **Angela Collins**, who was named second runner-up and Miss Spirit and **Craig Harper**, who was named first runner-up and Mr. Panther.



The Homecoming Court: Front Row: Angela Collins, Tameka Harper, MaShawn Duncan. Back Row: Shawn Mitchell, Craig Sawyer. Photo courtesy of Spotlight Programs Board.

In April 1996, Georgia State University hosted a national conference focusing on cultural diversity on college campuses. Formerly known as Black Students on Predominately White Campuses, the conference featured two keynote

Ethnic Crossroads On College Campuses

speakers: Georgia Representative John Lewis and Charlayne Hunter-Gault, a national television news personality and one of the first black students admitted into the University of Georgia.

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Students from around the country congregate at the Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference. The conference was organized by Georgia State. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*



Students prepare for a small session with a Georgia State professor. Students at the conference were required to attend all of the sessions, including all of the small break-out sessions. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*

University of Georgia graduate Charlayne Hunter-Gault speaks to a packed crowd at the Colony Square Hotel. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*

*Volunteer GSU is an avenue for students to become **involved** in the community and to get into the...*

spirit of **GIVING**

In an effort to provide students with the opportunity to both learn and aid the community, Georgia State University established Volunteer GSU as an organization whose purpose was to connect students wishing to devote some of their time to volunteering with groups and organizations which were in need of help.

Students who chose to get involved with Volunteer GSU were able to work with the community through a variety of organizations, such as

“The purpose of Volunteer GSU is to provide opportunities for students to engage themselves in service to the community throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area.”

Lovell O. Lemmons
Director, Volunteer GSU

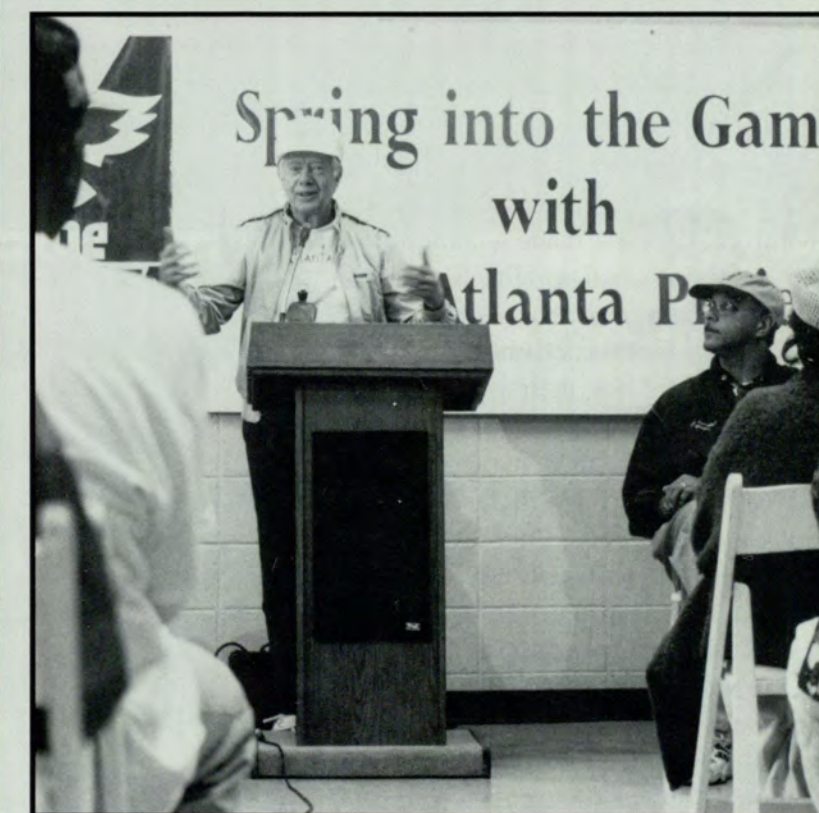
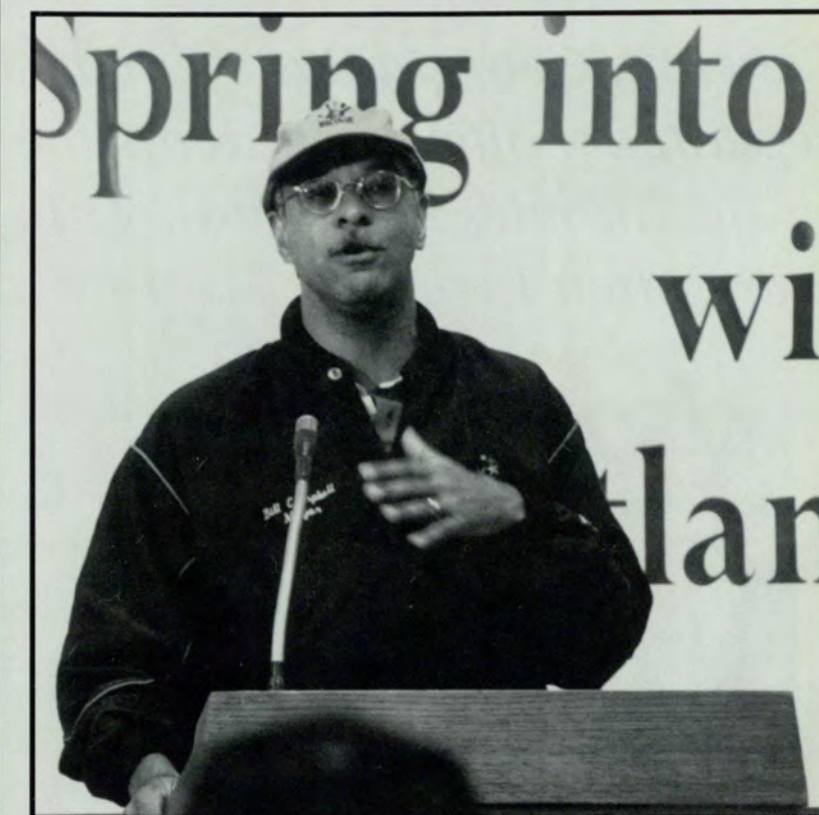
helping build houses with Habitat for Humanity and volunteering with the Atlanta Boys and Girls Clubs. Volunteer GSU also participated in projects such as CPR Saturday, the Atlanta Project’s Spring into the Games Day and the National Bone Marrow Program.

The Volunteer GSU office was located on the fourth floor of the One Park Place South building. All students were encouraged to get involved in the organization.

-Rita Birger



Students help Volunteer GSU at an event in cooperation with the Atlanta Project.
Photo courtesy of Editorial and Design Services.



Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell (top) and former President Jimmy Carter (bottom) speak at the Atlanta Project event. *Photos courtesy of Editorial and Design Services.*

Cinefest, Georgia State's own student-run theater, repeatedly offered students the chance to see current major movies at no cost. Thus, students, faculty and staff were often heard asking one another if they had...

seen any good **MOVIES**

Cinefest had historically been known to offer a wide and diverse selection of underground, independent films which the majority of students would otherwise not have seen. Exposure of such films had been virtually non-existent in Atlanta. Therefore, Cinefest made a commitment to make those small, quality films available for viewing.

Although Hollywood mega hits were often criticized for their million dollar price tags, there were some quality productions which fit into this category. It was for this reason that Cinefest opened its door to such popular films as *Jurassic Park*, starring Robin Williams and *Waiting to Exhale*, featuring Whitney Houston. Many viewed this change as moving from "esoteric to mainstream," but Doug Rednour, Cinefest's general manager, strongly disagreed. He felt that Cinefest was growing in popularity and should therefore offer only the very best to its audience.

When asked to rank the theater in comparison to the popular movie chains in Atlanta, Rednour responded that they were

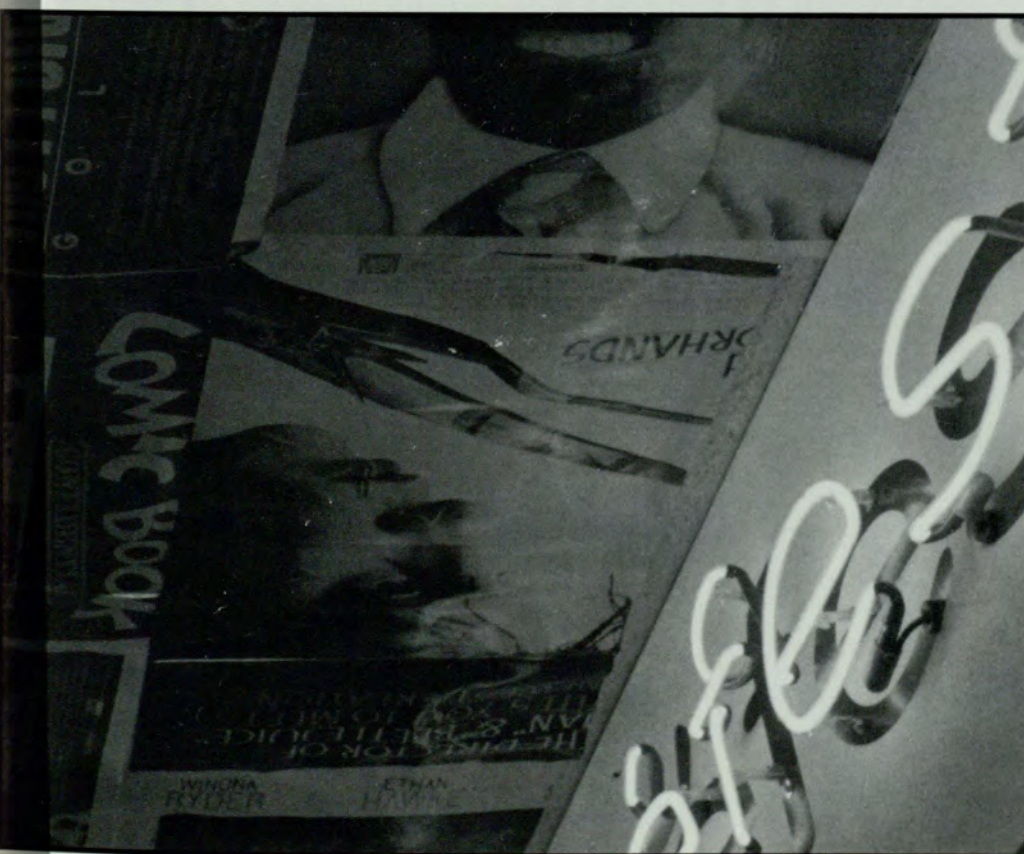
With near perfect projection and dynamic acoustics, Cinefest ranked as one of the best theaters in Atlanta

in the "top three or four." This was attributed to the nearly perfect projection and facilities, including its striking similarity to a Hollywood screening room with dynamic acoustics. The introduction of a Dolby Digital Reader increased the quality of the films shown in the theater by allowing 35 mm film to possess the power of 70 mm film.

Because students with children represented a fair percent of the population at Georgia State, Cinefest began focusing its attention to providing more films which families could enjoy. This enabled parents to take advantage of their student activity fee and, at the same time, enjoy time with their children.

Cinefest also wanted to continue its interaction with student film makers. Once a year, film students were offered the opportunity to present their work in a professional environment. Rednour planned to invite students to show their work every quarter. He also planned to pursue the idea of creating more film festivals at the theater.

-Lauren Runge



A student checks out the latest movies playing at Cinefest. Cinefest published a schedule of movies quarterly. *Photo by David Sloane.*

The ceiling outside of Cinefest is decorated with movie posters from the many movies which have been shown at the theater. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



Students at Georgia State had to contend not only with a daily commute, but also with questions of safety once they reached...

the concrete CAMPUS

Being in the heart of Atlanta meant that students at Georgia State University had to face the reality that their campus was not an isolated one, as those at most other universities were.

Safety was thus a concern for many Georgia State students. Georgia State was considered to be one of the safest urban universities in the country. In fact, Georgia State was ranked the second most safe campus in Georgia in 1994. Atlanta, however, was considered to be one of the most unsafe cities in the country.

Because the lines around campus were never clearly drawn, it was easy for non-GSU students to wander onto campus. This, coupled with the fact that GSU's student body was diverse in terms of race, gender and age, meant that most anyone could come on campus and go virtually unnoticed.

While most crimes reported on campus were in the form of theft-by-taking and criminal trespass, the university reported one rape in 1995. The victim, a female student, reported being raped in G-Deck. This was cause for concern for many women, not only those who used that

Even though it boasted at being one of the safest urban universities in the country, Georgia State still had to contend with frequent crime around the campus boundaries

particular parking area.

Safety was also a concern for students who were required to be on campus at night. This included not only night students, but student leaders, such as DJ's at WRAS, members of fraternities and sororities and reporters at the *Signal*.

When the GSU police department relocated to One Park Place South, many students voiced their concern that it was no longer as easy to find an officer to let them in the University Center after the doors were locked.

In an effort to combat crime on the campus, the Georgia State police offered an escort service. Students could request an escort to their car or to class at any time. In addition, the police also ran a seven passenger escort van which operated from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. every week-night.

26 emergency call boxes were located around the campus. Students could use these in an any emergency situation or if they needed some type of police assistance. The call boxes gave students a direct link to campus police, who could be there in a matter of minutes.

-Jennifer Behnke

Photo by Jennifer Behnke; inset photo by Maren Connary.

In 1995, students were selected to represent the university in its recruiting efforts and to call on newly accepted students to make them feel at home.

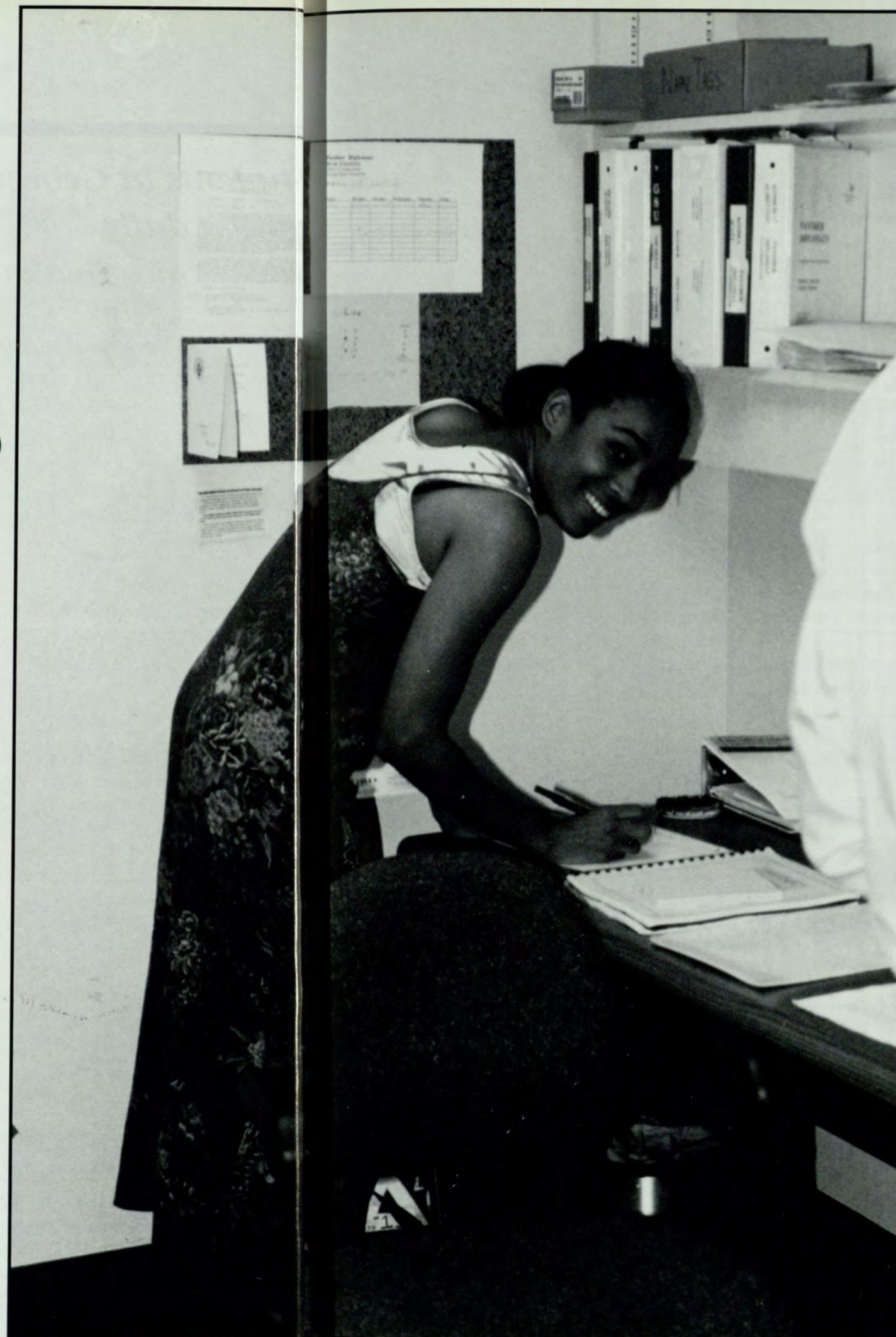
servng as **DIPLOMATS**

The Panther Diplomats were a group of energetic Georgia State students who were responsible for recruiting students to the university. The Panther Diplomat project was the brain child of the Director of Admissions, Rob Scheinkoph and later fell under the supervision of admissions counselors Kelley Broome and Chris Blosfeld. The student coordinators of the project were Koshea Scott and Kim Albritton.

The program was started as a way to give newly accepted students the personal attention that they needed from other students. Diplomats were responsible for calling each newly accepted student and to answer any questions that they may have had about the university. The diplomats also travelled to various high schools in the metro Atlanta area and attended college probes and fairs. The diplomats also gave tours of the university to prospective students. The diplomats' largest recruiting tool, however, was the Panther Preview, an activity held for high school students during fall and spring quarters, at which students who were interested in attending the university could meet student leaders and administrators and attend informational sessions with their families.

This new program fell in line with all of the new and innovative changes which were occurring at Georgia State in 1995. With the new housing and the student center both under construction, an active recruitment program was essential for obtaining the more traditional students which the university would now be attracting.

-Koshea Scott



Panther Diplomat William Gibboney speaks with a prospective Georgia State student on the telephone. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Astrid Maurer prepares some paperwork in the diplomat office. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Students can take advantage of a variety of free services to help them cope with a variety of issues as well as to learn more about themselves through the university

counseling CENTER

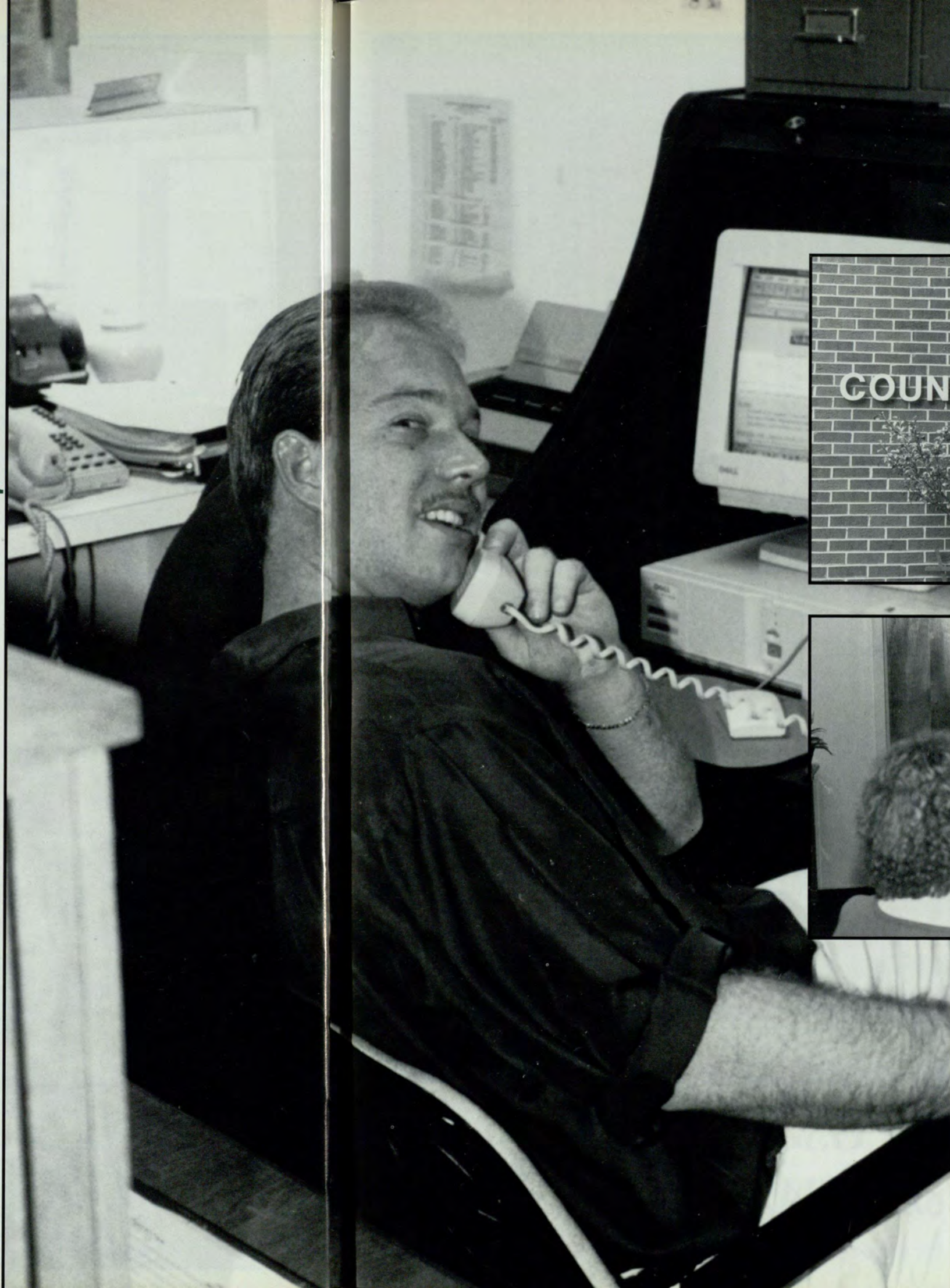
The Counseling Center, located next to the Physical Education Building, offered students a variety of services. Some of these services included group counseling on issues such as eating disorders, personal growth, coping with sexual abuse and self-esteem. The center also offered a women's therapy group and an African-American support group.

In addition to conducting group counseling, the Counseling Center also offered students the opportunity to take a personality test. For \$10, students could take this test and match their interests and skills with a future occupation. In addition, students could also prepare for the GRE or the GMAT through a two day session which included preparation for both the verbal and the math sections of the tests.

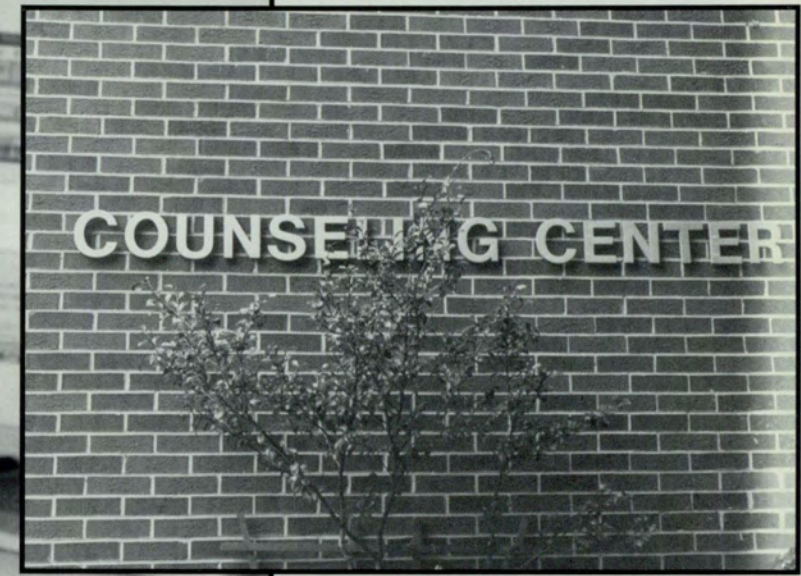
The Career Development Program, operated by the Counseling Center, helped students make difficult career choices as well as to give them tips for interview techniques and resume writing.

The Learning Assistance Program, also operated by the Counseling Center, offered educational programs on topics such as time management, speed reading, goal setting, memory and concentration, studying for exams and notetaking.

Most of the services provided by the Counseling Center were free to students.
-Jennifer Behnke

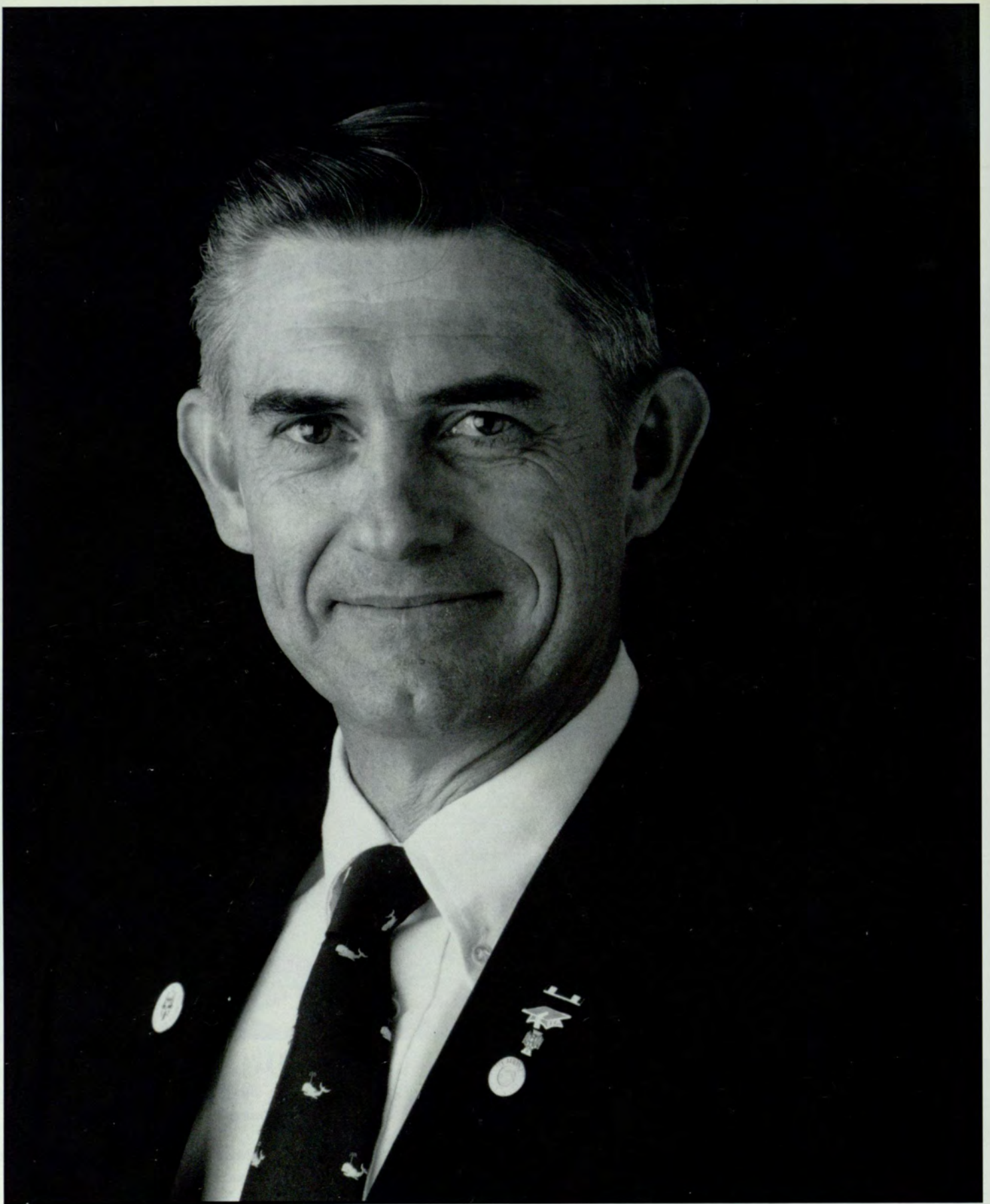


The Counseling Center offers a variety of valuable services to students. Photo by Jennifer Behnke.



Dr. Sandra Gibson speaks with a client in a one-on-one session in the center. Photo by Jennifer Behnke.

Joe Marshall answers the phone in the Counseling Center. Photo by Jennifer Behnke.



Mr. GSU 1995
Michael Anderson



Ms. GSU 1995
Jane Harper

Amid charges of theft, hearings for impeachment, resignations and charges that they improperly spent money, the Student Government Association found itself...

rocked with **SCANDAL**

Some might say that 1995 was not a good year for the Student Government Association.

C. Said Shwarz, President of the SGA, faced impeachment charges during summer quarter. Schwarz, who had spent six weeks in Fort Bragg, North Carolina for an ROTC obligation, returned to the university at the end of July. Five days later, he was answering to SGA Senators at a meeting called by the Dean of Students, Dr. Kurt Keppler.

The charges, which were brought against Schwarz by Senator-at-Large Brian Winston and the SGA's vice-president for the student affairs board, Afif Cherif, ranged from accusations that Schwarz had missed important meetings during spring quarter, to charges that he had attempted to defraud the university by submitting receipts for personal products.

While the charges were eventually dropped by a vote of 8-14-1, the event had a profound impact on Schwarz and the SGA.

SGA President C. Said Schwarz was faced with impeachment charges in 1995 amid allegations that he had missed important meetings and had attempted to defraud the university by submitting receipts for personal products.

An investigation by reporters for the *Signal* revealed that Afif Cherif, one of the two individuals who had brought charges against Schwarz, had been forced to resign from his position in the SGA at DeKalb College in 1992.

Cherif was found guilty by the college court at DeKalb for making over \$300 in unauthorized long distance phone calls. Cherif was later forced to resign from GSU's SGA after his grade point average dropped below the 2.0 required for a student leader.

Georgia State's SGA had its own problems with long distance phone calls in 1995. On September 29, Joseph Ngi resigned from his position as Vice President following his arrest for felony theft. Ngi had been charged with making over \$2000 worth of unauthorized long distance phone calls.

Ngi was replaced by Jim Whidden, who resigned in May citing numerous problems within the organization.

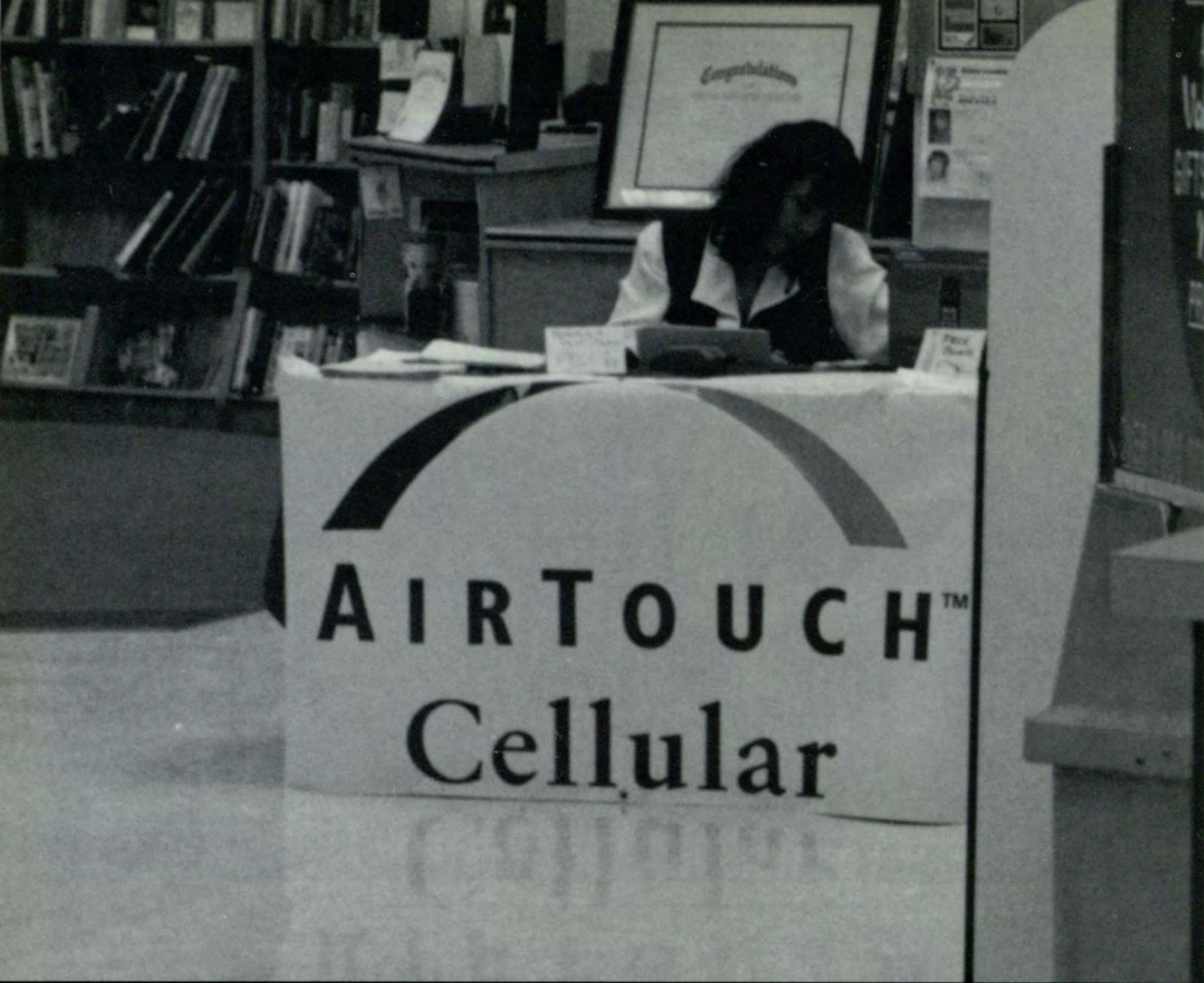
-Jennifer Behnke



Shawn Mitchell, Afif "Beef" Cherif and Joseph Ngi are among the SGA members being sworn in by SGA President Said Schwarz. Cherif was one of the SGA members to bring charges of impeachment against Schwarz. *Photo by Allen McCall.*



Said Schwarz is sworn in by former SGA President, Ramsay Scott. *Photo by Allen McCall.*



Many students could not go anywhere on campus without running into some form of outside advertising, often in the form of applications for credit cards. For many, this was...

An Unwelcome PRESENCE

Did you ever get distracted during a class and find yourself staring at a wall of advertisements rather than listening to your instructor? How many times would you say you were offered a free *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* while walking to class through the library plaza? How many people tried to sign you up for a free credit card in the General Classroom Building?

If you were like most students, at least one of these things happened to you during this school year. Outside groups were on campus nearly everyday selling their products to Georgia State students. The products ranged from posters to jewelry to credit cards to calling cards, etc, etc.

Most students did not have the time to stop and talk with the vendors, but those who did often found themselves buying things which they could not afford. Take credit cards, for example. College students were one of the groups which were targeted most often by credit cards companies. Why? Well, for many reasons.

"I never pay much attention to the advertising on campus unless I see it littering the ground."

*-amy battle
accounting*

Many new college students did not have a credit card but found the idea of getting one for free to be appealing. Other students thought that credit cards were a way for them to get anything they wanted without having to pay for it.

Amy Battle, an accounting major, said that, while she never paid too much attention to the advertisements on campus, she thought that it could potentially be harmful because "college students do not always have the resources needed to pay for the products being offered."

In addition to advertisements for credit cards, the university also allowed vendors such as the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* on campus. Many of these vendors often approached students as they walked to class through the library plaza.

Advertisements on campus also became a problem when the ads littered the campus. Many students, after being handed a flier in the plaza, simply dropped it on the ground.

-Jennifer Behnke

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Representatives from various companies were often on campus trying to persuade students to buy their products. In this picture, a representative from Air Touch Cellular mans a table in the Georgia State Bookstore. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

Bulletin boards all over campus were often crowded with advertisements from outside companies, especially credit card companies. This bulletin board was located in the General Classroom Building. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*



Students find convenience and a wide variety of course offerings at GSU's satellite campus...

north METRO

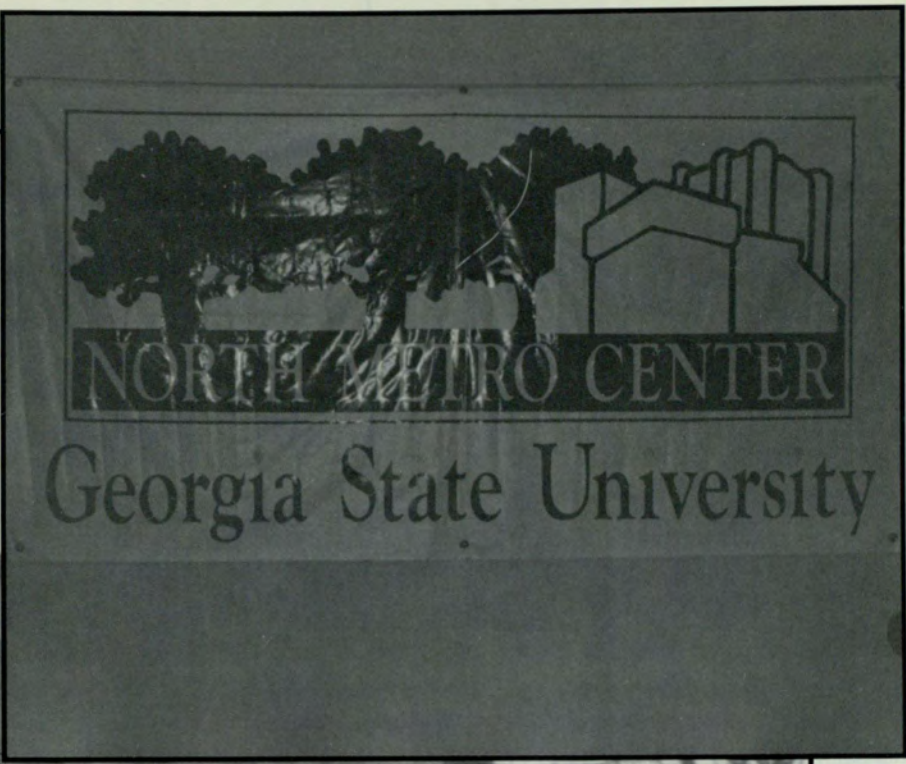
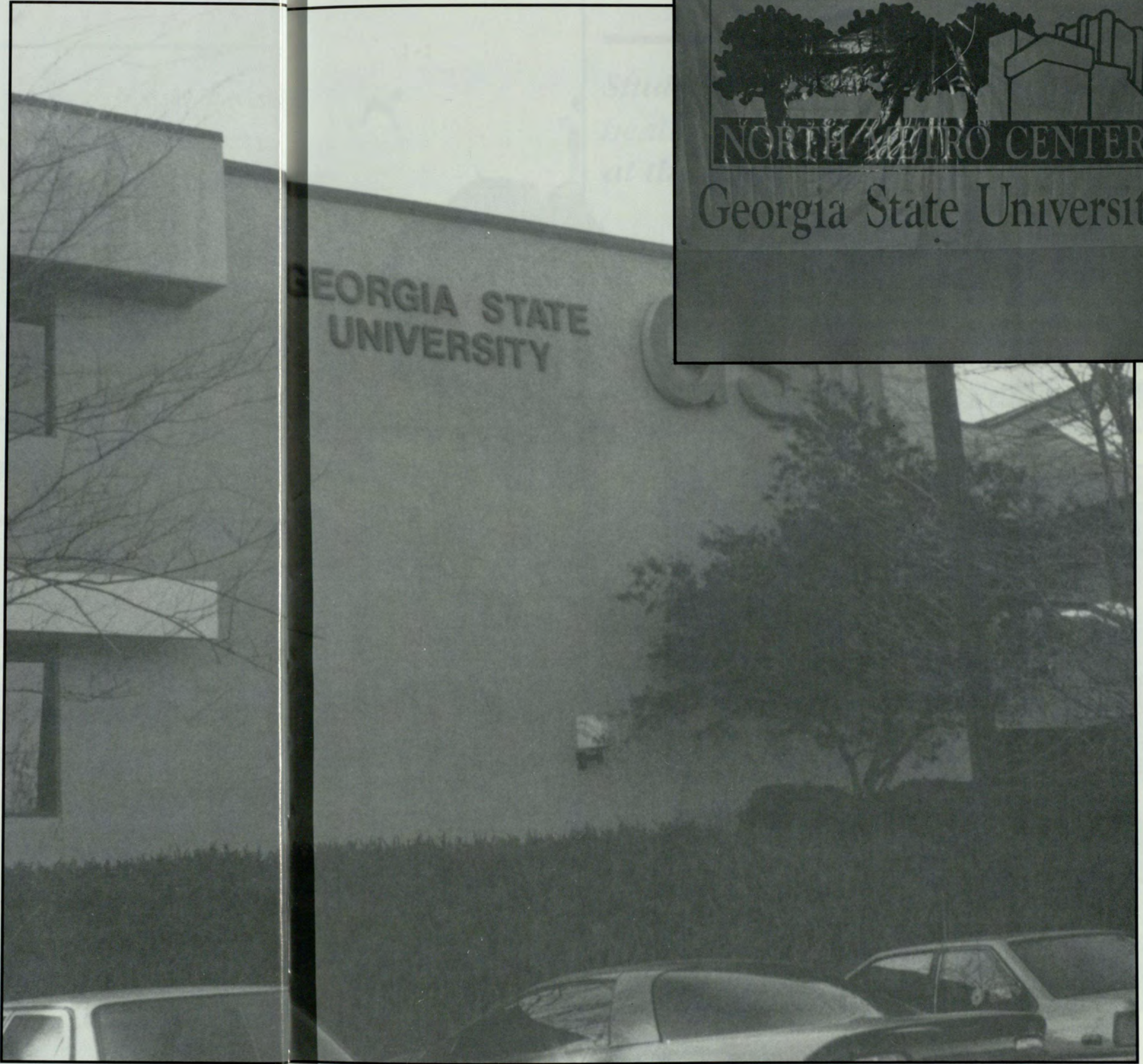
In an effort to make a high quality education available to a large number of people, Georgia State University provided students with the opportunity to take classes in a number of satellite campuses removed from the downtown Atlanta area. One such campus was the North Metro Center which was located at Corporate Campus III, near Perimeter Mall.

The purpose of this separate campus was to give students who lived and worked in the northern metropolitan area a more convenient and easily accessible location in which to pursue their education. The North Metro Center offered both credit and noncredit programs with a wide vari-

ety of classes. It also provided services such as access to a computer center, which helped students to grow and succeed academically.

The North Metro Campus was an advantage for both students and the university. While GSU benefited through an increase in its student population, students were given more flexibility in their class planning and scheduling. Most students who had taken advantage of the services offered by the North Metro Center found that they learned to rely on them, and they felt that this part of the university was important and worthwhile.

-Rita Birger



Photos by Rita Birger.

Johnnie Roland changes bed sheets in the university health center. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*

Mona Izadi and Johnnie Roland discuss health issues at the nurses' station. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*



Students can find information about healthcare and receive medical advice at the university's

health CENTER

The Georgia State University Health Services Department was established in order to "provide effective health promotion programs and disease prevention services to the GSU students, faculty, and staff community."

Located in Room 147 of Sparks Hall, the Health Center treated minor ailments such as colds, flu, and sprains. In addition, immunization services and testing for pregnancy were also available. The Health Center offered programs such as CPR training and weight loss aid as well.

For people interested in obtaining information concerning health issues such as HIV/AIDS, proper use of over-the-counter and prescription medication, the

effects of stress and stress relief, and other concerns specific to men's and women's health, the Health Services Department offered a wide variety of informative pamphlets which were displayed and available in the office.

The staff consisted of one part-time physician, several family nurse practitioners and registered nurses and one health educator. Although appointments were strongly encouraged, they were not necessary in times of minor emergency.

Health Center services were paid for by the quarterly health fee which was included in registration fees. Therefore, a current quarter card was required for students who wished to obtain service.

-Rita Birger

41 Georgia State University students featured in 1996 edition of...

Who's Who

among college students in american universities and colleges



Ron McNinch and other Who's Who recipients socialize at the Who's Who reception. Photo by Ellen Ostapower Helfers.

The following is a list of the Georgia State students selected for Who's Who in 1996. Their honors and awards are also indicated. Please note, however, that this list does not reflect these students' entire commitment to Georgia State University. They were all active on campus and, due to space limitations, we were unable to print their entire list of activities.

William D. Atkins: Golden Key National Honor Society, Honors Program

Jennifer M. Kreidler: Dean's List, Golden Key National Honor Society

Kimberly R. Albritton: Sportsmanship Award for Volleyball, Heritage Award

Bobette Y. Lambert: Golden Key National Honor Society, Dean's Key, President's Plaque

Felicia C. Argo: Dean's List, Golden Key National Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Sorority

Lisa J. Lawler: Dean's List, Order of Omega, Panhellenic Achievement Award for Academics

Calvin C. Askew: Dean's List, Chancellor's Honor Roll, Crimson Key National Honor Society

Wendy L. Lucas: Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board

Jennifer L. Behnke: Dean's List, Honors Program, Golden Key National Honor Society

Lisa D. Mabaffey: Dean's List, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Order of Omega

Lisa A. Brown-Ingram: Blue Key Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Panhellenic Scholarship Award

Ronald L. McNinch: Blue Key Honor Society

Valery A. Bywater: Dean's List, Golden Key National Honor Society, Crimson Key National Honor Society

Kiki N. Okeke: Honor's Club, GPA Club, All-American Regional Winner

Angelo P. Capozzoli: President's Plaque, Phi Kappa Phi Mary Lou Gabbe Award, Golden Key National Honor Society

Donovan C. Panone: Dean's List, Honor's Program, Order of Omega

Laura K. Crabtree: Dean's Key, Mortar Board, Phi Delta Phi

Victoria J. Petras: Dean's List, Mortar Board, Golden Key National Honor Society

James R. Davis, II: Golden Key National Honor Society, Order of Omega

Dana K. Rabe: Blue Key Honor Society, Dean's List, Undergraduate President's List

Patricia N. Early: Kappa Delta Pi, Blue Key Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Alpha

Leslie P. Robinson: Mortar Board

Thomas M. Elrod: Dean's List, Paul G. Blount Outstanding Scholar Award, TAAC All-Academic Team

Marla K. Running: Dean's List, Bob Lewis Scholarship Recipient

Melissa L. Fowler: Dean's List, Order of Omega

Michael D. Schwartz: Phi Kappa Beta, Mortar Board, Dean's List

Andra T. Gailis: Deans' List, National Dean's List, Phi Theta Kappa

Dwayne S. Smith: Mortar Board, Golden Key National Honor Society, Dean's List

Dina R. Garrett: Dean's List

Delia G. Tillman: Honors Program

Jennie R. Halenza: Dean's List, Dean's Key, Golden Key National Honor Society

Rebecca L. Weidler: Dean's List, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Diamond Jubilee Scholarship

Donald W. Hall: Honors Program, Order of Omega

Peggy E. Wein: Dean's List

Valerie F. Hardin: Dean's List, Dean's Key, Golden Key National Honor Society

James F. Whidden, III: Dean's List, Academic All-American Award for ROTC, Blue Key Honor Society

Camilla A. Hyden: Dean's List, Academic All-American Golf Honors

Latasha L. Williams: Dean's List, Dean's Key

Amy D. Kennedy: Blue Key Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, Mortar Board

Tameka R. Wilson: Golden Key National Honor Society, Coca Cola Educational Scholarship, Phi Delta Kappa Merit Scholarship

Charlie E. Kimbrell: Golden Key National Honor Society, Dean's List, Gamma Sigma Alpha

Cam Edgar
S. Ramsay Scott

1996
A.C.E.
Award
Recipients



S. Ramsay Scott, one of the two recipients of the A.C.E. Awards, exits the stage following the presentation of her award. *Photo by Tennyson Mesquitte.*

Cam Edgar and S. Ramsay Scott were named the recipients of the first annual A.C.E. Awards at the Student Activity Awards Banquet held at the Westin Peachtree Plaza on May 11, 1996. Several student organizations, including the Student Government Association, Spotlight, WRAS, GSTV, the *Signal*, the *Rampway*, the *GSU Review*, Emerging Leaders and Golden Key National Honor Society also presented awards.

The A.C.E. Awards were presented to two graduating seniors for "Academic and Co-Curricular Excellence" and replaced the annual Mr. and Ms. GSU awards. Edgar and Scott were chosen from a group of six finalists which included Felix Brown, Melissa Fowler, Michelle Collier and Derrick Peavy.

Edgar was the 1995 Incept Director and was active in the greek system at Georgia State. Scott was the 1994-95 SGA President and was active with the Spotlight Programs Board. Both recipients received a \$500 award.

Senior awards were also presented at the banquet. 34 students were honored for their initiative, leadership and service to the university. These 34 recipients were selected from a group of 100 nominees.

-Jennifer Behnke



The recipients of the 1996 A.C.E. Awards, Cam Edgar and S. Ramsay Scott pose together following the Student Activities Awards Banquet. *Photo by Tennyson Mesquitte.*



Kevin Propst, Director of Student Activities, presents the 1996 A.C.E. Award to the male recipient, Cam Edgar. *Photo by Tennyson Mesquitte.*

African American Heritage Awards 1996



An Odyssey of African Drummers performs at the African American Heritage Awards. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

On May 5, 1996, the Office of African American Student Services and Programs sponsored the African American Heritage Awards to honor students, faculty, administrators, staff and alumni of African descent who had "blazed a trail of excellence at GSU." The criteria for these awards were based on outstanding community involvement, leadership roles, educational merit, active participation in minority affairs and commitment to Georgia State University and the community. The theme of the event was "In the Spirit of Champions: A Celebration of Achievers."

Special recognition was given to Dr. Carl Patton and Saliou Toure, Minister of Higher Education in Cote D' Ivoire West Africa for their outstanding leadership in establishing a comprehensive educational exchange program between the state of Georgia and Cote D' Ivoire, West Africa.

The following is a list of individuals who received awards:

- Athletics: Travis Williams
- Arts and Humanities: Vanessa Labadie Ross
- Social Sciences: Garcia Massingale, Jr.
- Business: Tiffany Griffin
- Education: Eric Atwater
- Health Science: Kurt McDonald
- Natural and Physical Sciences: Yetunde O. Afuwape
- Public Administration and Urban Studies: Kendra Palmer
- Law: Xernia Forston
- Outstanding Masters/Doctoral Student: Cathy Smith
- Outstanding Staff Award: James Sears
- Outstanding Administrator: Dr. Charles Jones
- Outstanding Community Volunteer: Anjelica Nation
- Outstanding Alumni Award: Christopher Davis
- Academic Achievement and Community Service: Samuel Jackson
- Outstanding Faculty Member: Dr. Mohammed Hassen Ali



Heritage Awards Chairperson Samuel Koffi addresses the audience during the ceremony. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Walter Kelly presents Georgia State basketball player Travis Williams with the award for Athletics. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

As head coach of Georgia State's cross country team, Rowland led his team to its first TAAC championship in the program's history.

Focus On...

John Rowland

For the head coach of Georgia State University's cross country team, John Rowland, the date October 28, 1995, represented the end of a long journey.

On the same day the Atlanta Braves won the World Series, another sports team in the Olympic City laid claim to a championship after falling short time and time again.

On that date, the Georgia State Panthers' cross country team claimed its first Trans America Athletic Conference championship in the program's history.

For Rowland, the victory in Macon that Saturday morning was especially sweet. Few people had invested as much of their lives into a GSU sports team as Rowland had.

A graduate of Etowah High School in Cherokee County, Rowland came to GSU in the fall of 1987 to run for legendary coach Bruce LaBudde. The following season, Rowland earned All-TAAC honors as a sophomore.

In 1990, Rowland finished second in

the TAAC Championships, earning the Woodstock, Ga., native all-conference honors for the second time.

But the Panthers never won the TAAC team title.

In 1992, Rowland became an assistant coach under Frank Daniels, who had succeeded LaBudde following the '91 season. After one season, Rowland was promoted to head coach.

Entering the 1995 season, Rowland and the Panthers still had not claimed a TAAC title. But following the program's first-ever victory over Georgia Tech and strong performances in the GSU Invitational and Georgia Collegiate meets, the Panthers went down to Macon to battle rival Florida International and the rest of the conference for the championship on a wet, sloppy course.

Paced by Australians Julian Dwyer and Andrew Letherby, the Panthers made it a day to remember. Dwyer and Letherby blew away the competition, finishing first and second and coming in over 100 yards

ahead of the other runners.

Stuart Lyall, battling bronchitis, finished ninth. Jeff Clayton came in 10th, giving GSU four All-TAAC honorees.

More importantly, it gave GSU its first championship.

"Awesome," was the only way Rowland could describe it.

"We've tried for 12 years to get here," he said after the coronation of the Panthers as champions.

Rowland was named TAAC coach-of-the-year, joining LaBudde and Daniels as the only GSU coaches to be so honored. But only Rowland had experienced a championship; the crowning moment coming when the team duped him into posing for a picture only to dump Powerade on his head.

"This year our team was obviously the most talented," Rowland said, "and winning this championship lifted a big burden off our shoulders." Not to mention giving a dedicated Panther his just reward.

— Bud L. Ellis and Mark Jarrett

Photo courtesy of GSU Sports Information



What he lacked in feet and inches, 6'3" forward Travis Williams made up for with heart and determination

Focus On...

Travis Williams

If one looked up heart in the dictionary, they would find two words: "Travis Williams."

For the past four years Williams, a 6-3 forward from Tifton, Ga., demonstrated heart, desire and intensity for the Georgia State Panthers' basketball team. Night in and night out, Williams gave his all for the team.

An All-State honoree as a senior, Williams graduated from Tift County High School, one of the top programs in the state of Georgia, in 1991. He arrived in Atlanta in the fall of 1991 and was redshirted as the Panthers lost in the Trans America Athletic Conference championship game that season.

Williams began playing in 1992. His numbers would improve steadily as he gained more experience. Playing against nationally-ranked Georgia Tech early in the season, Williams took it to the Tech frontcourt, scoring 14 and grabbing 13 rebounds against the Yellow Jackets.

Williams finished his freshman season averaging 5.2 points and 3.5 rebounds.

The next season Williams started the final 10 games as he pushed his scoring average up to 8.7 and his rebounds to 5.2. He led the team in free-throw shooting (78 percent) and also excelled in the classroom, being named All-TAAC Academic.

As a junior, Williams teamed with Terrence Brandon to form one of the top frontcourts in the TAAC. Expected to be a leader for new coach Carter Wilson, Williams was just that, both on and off the floor. He finished the season seventh in the TAAC in rebounding (at 6.8 per contest) while averaging 12.4 points a contest.

As a senior, Williams stood tall through a tough season that resulted in the Panthers missing the conference tournament. He scored a career-high 28 points against Mercer and finished the season averaging 12.2 points and 7.8 rebounds (seventh in the TAAC). Williams also finished tenth in the TAAC in free-throw percentage (78.1 percent).

But any look at Travis Williams goes deeper than mere numbers. Shorter than

some shooting guards, Williams battled forwards who almost always were three or four, even five inches taller ... forward with larger bodies who towered above Williams.

Yet Williams always found a way to snatch the rebound. Time and time again Williams emerged from a scrum of larger bodies holding the ball, throwing the opponent out to let pass to start a fast break.

Williams played for the love of the game, period. Of all the Panthers, he was the one who seemed like he could sit at his locker after a game — win or lose — and not talk about basketball until the sun came up. Perhaps Panthers' play-by-play broadcaster Dave Cohen summed it up best when he called Williams, "the hardest working Panther."

His rebounding would be missed. His scoring would be missed. But his work ethic, and his heart, would be much harder to replace than his statistics. For it was in the intangible, unmeasurable things where Williams stood the tallest.

-Bud L. Ellis

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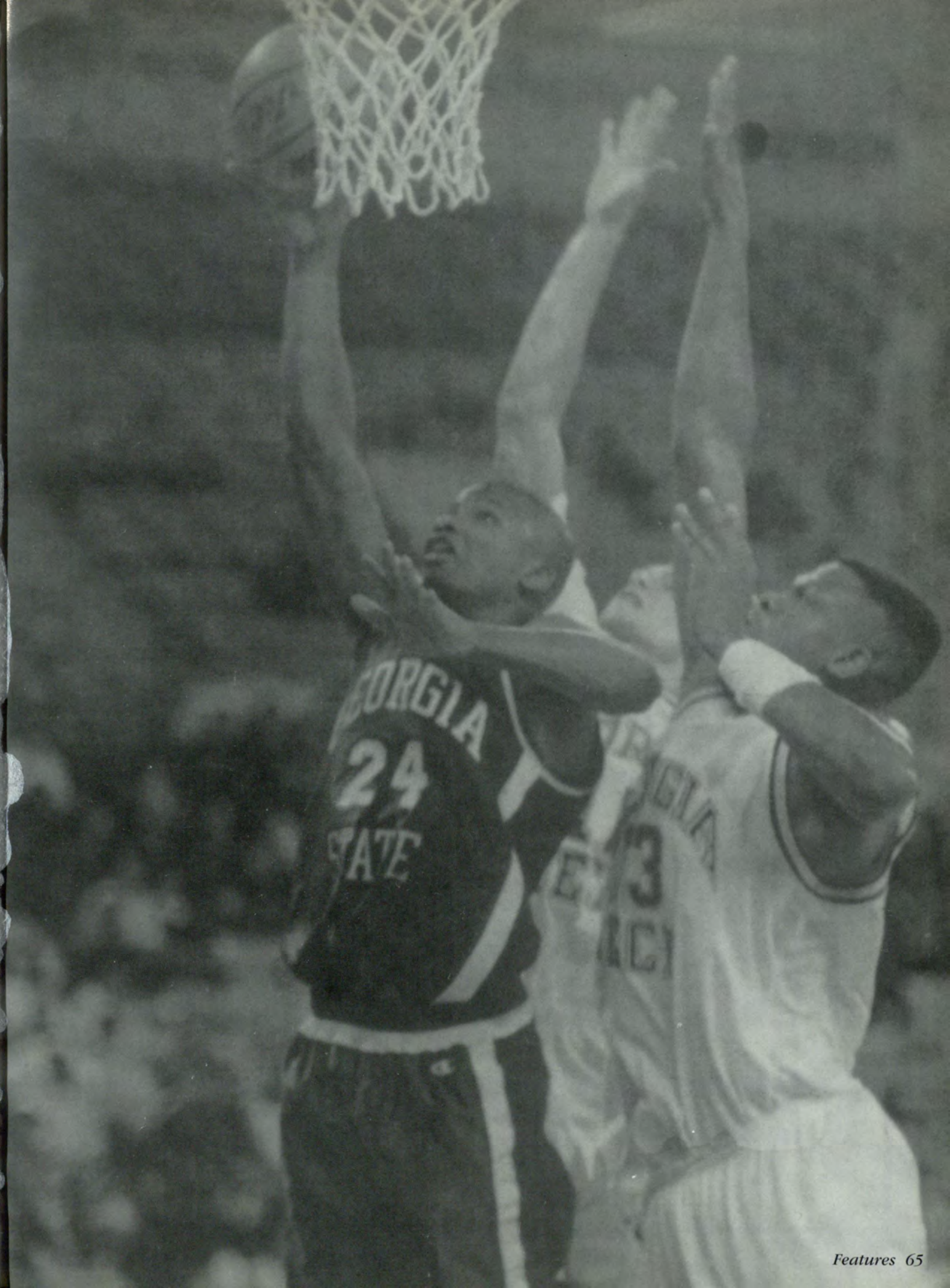




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art...homecoming...talent...music...tragedy
at kent state...players...art students
union...i hate hamlet...greg brady...*

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Entertainment Editor
Kelly Vandiver



Paul Neiminen and Troy Dent portray National Guardsmen called to Kent State to contain the protest.



Stuart McDaniel, playing Kent State student Jamie Henderson, sings anti-war songs at the local hangout, J.B.'s Bar.



In their spring play, *The Tragedy at Kent State*, the GSU Players reenacted the May 1970 incident at Kent State University during which four students were killed while protesting the Vietnam War. The students were shot by National Guardsmen who thought the demonstration had grown out of control.

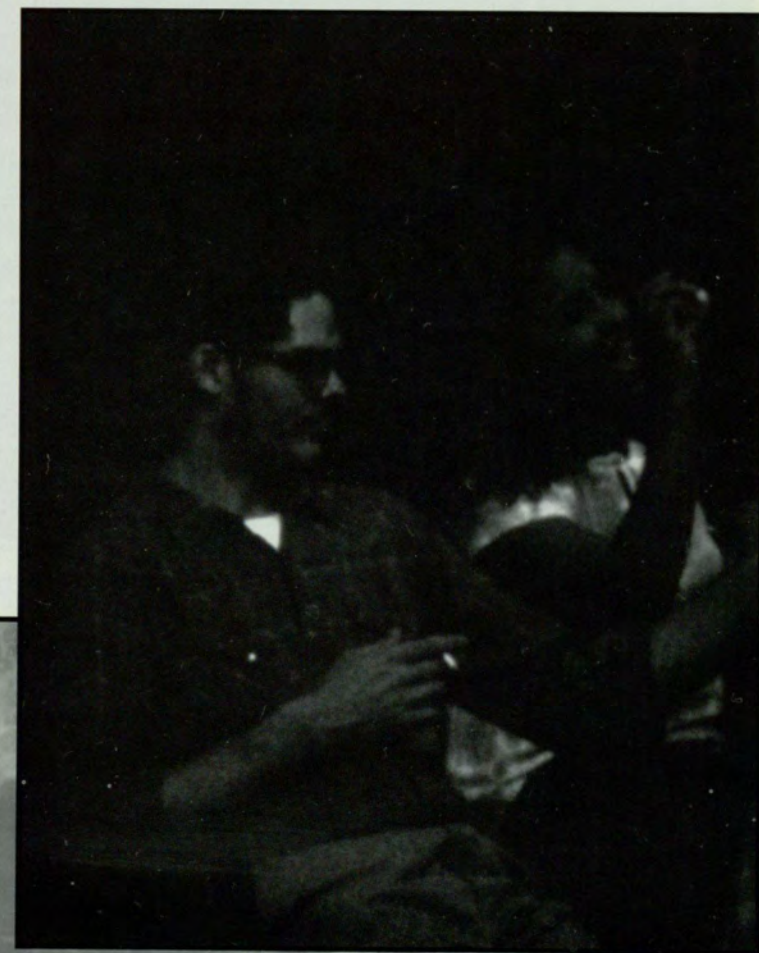
Dr. Ray Miller, the play's writer and director, emphasized that the purpose of the play was to stimulate questions concerning protests, democracy, media responsibility and the role of a university as a haven for dissent.

Tragedy at Kent State recalled the four days which led up to the event at Kent State University through the eyes of students, professors, townspeople and government officials. It also attempted to recall the energy and the excitement of the 1960's during which students, like those at Kent State, wanted to change the world.

The play, which funded by student activity fees, ran in May and was free to students.

-Kelly Vandiver

Tragedy at Kent State



GSU students portray Kent State students who are protesting against the Vietnam war. Four students were killed and nine others were wounded during this protest.

GSU Players' act out a scene in the *Tragedy at Kent State* in which students drink and socialize before participating in a protest against the Vietnam war.

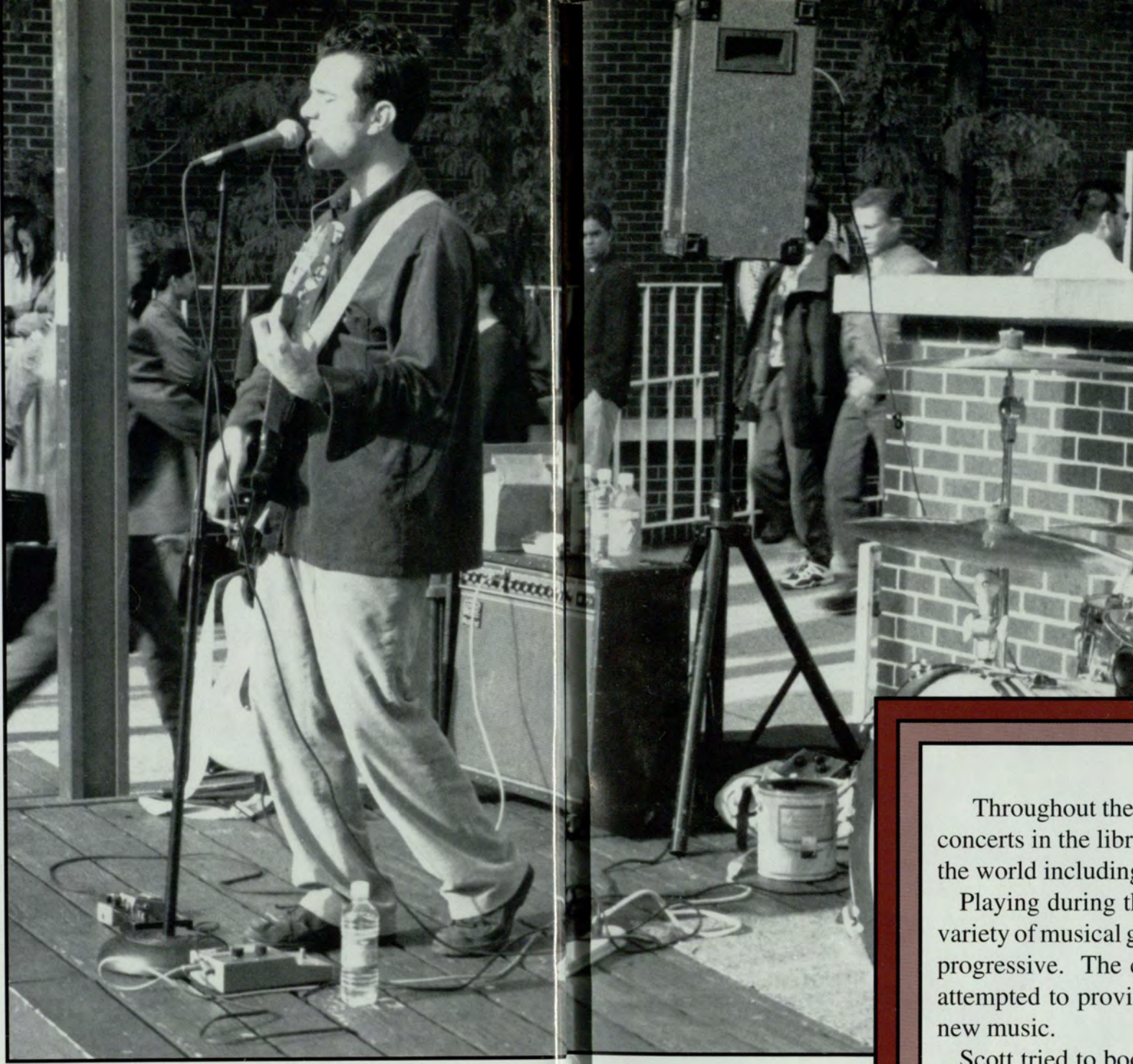
Photos courtesy of the GSU Players

Doug Busbee sings lead vocals for Salem Ash. Salem Ash's music was often played on 96 Rock's "Peach Jam." *Photo by Kelly Vandiver.*

Turtle's lead singer, Johnny Cromo, captures students attention while they head for class. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



Solutions performs with a soul funk jazz sound. The band, which was influenced by Marvin Gaye, was from Atlanta. *Photo by Nicole Grizzell.*



L i v e at G S U

Throughout the year, the Spotlight Programs Board hosted weekly concerts in the library plaza featuring bands from Atlanta and around the world including Khali Fani, Salem Ash, Turtle and Solutions.

Playing during the 10 o'clock break, the bands represented a wide variety of musical genres, including jazz, rock, American Euro soul and progressive. The concerts were organized by S. Ramsay Scott who attempted to provide the students with an opportunity to experience new music.

Scott tried to book bands that she thought would appeal to various musical tastes to play during the morning break. These bands often approached Scott about playing on campus after hearing about the concert program through word of mouth. Although not all of the bands were hits, she believed that "all in all, the students appreciate hearing something different."

-Kelly Vandiver



Inquisitive Ruth, played by Kim Wagner, watches as Madame Arcati, performed by April Parrish, prepares for the seance that ultimately will change her life.

Madame Arcati, satisfied with the success of the seance, happily takes her bag from Elvira.



Ruth tries to rationalize the previous night's occurrences to Charles by trying to dispell the reality of his dead wife's appearance.



The spirits of the audience were cheerful after watching the fall production of Sir Noel Coward's farce, *Blithe Spirit*, directed by Deb Gerlarch.

The play took place in late Nineteenth Century England, and involved a snobby, chain-smoking couple, Charles Condomine, an established English novelist, performed by Demetrius Thomas, and his wife Ruth Condomine, performed by Kim Wagner.

One day on a lark, Charles and Ruth invited their two closest friends, Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, portrayed by Michael Crowe and Chloe Sehr respectively, to their home to participate in a seance. To their surprise, this seance became an event that none of them would ever forget.

With the help of a kooky psychic, Madame Arcati, played by April Parrish, they were able to conjure up the spirit of Charles' deceased wife Elvira, performed by Renee Basinger. As a result, what was initially going to be a fun and exciting venture into the spirit world turned into an uncanny love triangle from hell, literally.

-Octavia Davis

Noel Coward's BLITHE SPIRIT



Elvira, played by Renee Basinger, relaxes as she is entertained by Ruth's and Charles' argument concerning her presence. After the seance, Ruth did not believe that the ghost of Charles' first wife was present.

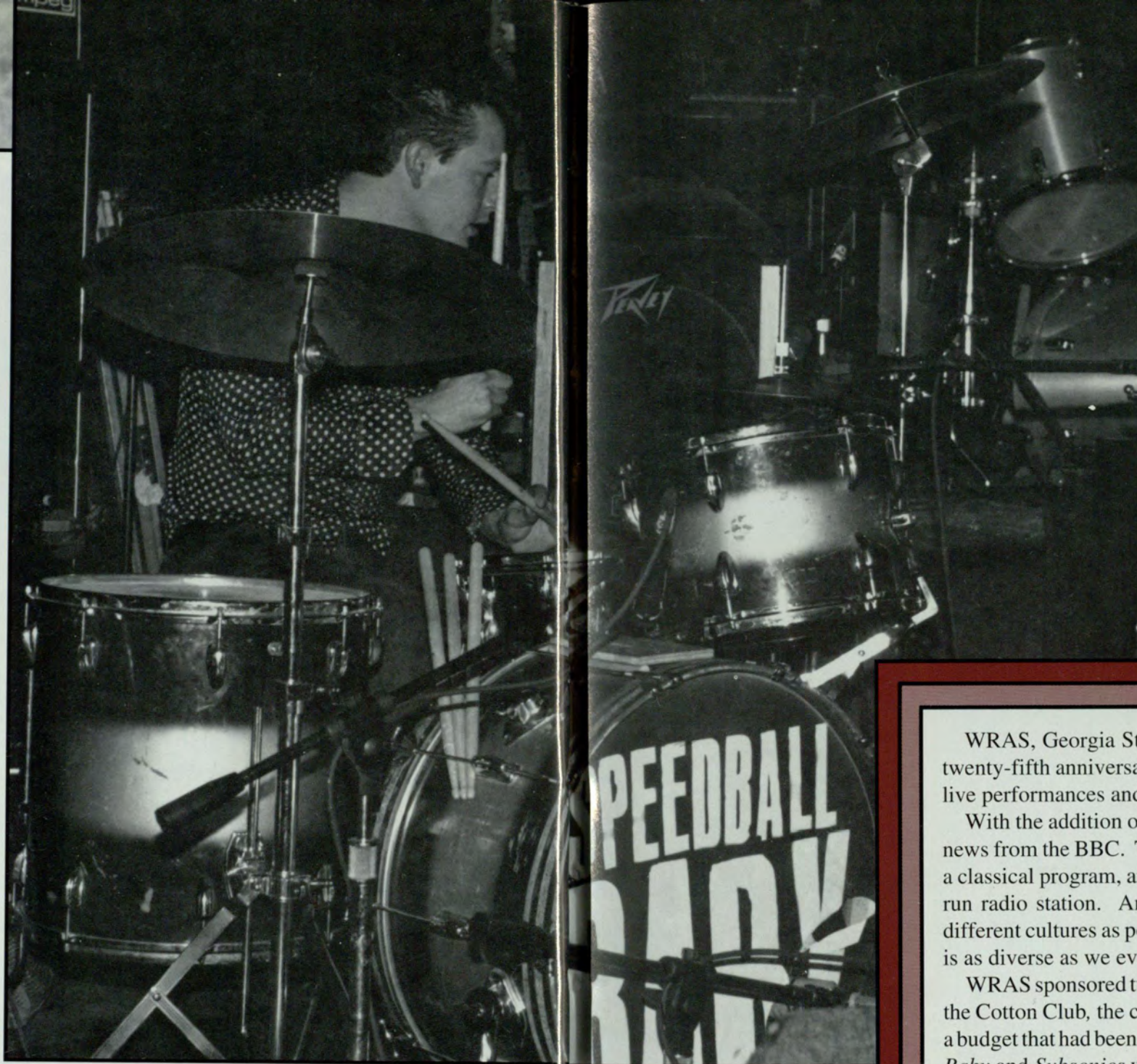
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Bass player Ken Fox of *Fleshtones*, one of the groups featured on *88 Live*, performs with his band at Cinefest. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Speedball Baby is the third band to perform at the WRAS benefit show at the Cotton Club. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



Subsonics, an Atlanta-based band, performs at a benefit concert for WRAS. The concert also featured *Evil Stig* with lead singer Joan Jett. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



100,000 Watts of POWER

WRAS, Georgia State University's 100,000 Watt radio station, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1995. To commemorate this event, a compact disc of live performances and interviews with bands was released in January 1996.

With the addition of a new satellite, WRAS was able to air a program of world news from the BBC. This program, along with new specialty shows, a jazz show, a classical program, and international shows, changed the face of GSU's student-run radio station. Anticipating the Olympics, WRAS tried to touch as many different cultures as possible. Yancy Yohannon, General Manager, said, "WRAS is as diverse as we ever have been and diversity is the key at this point in time."

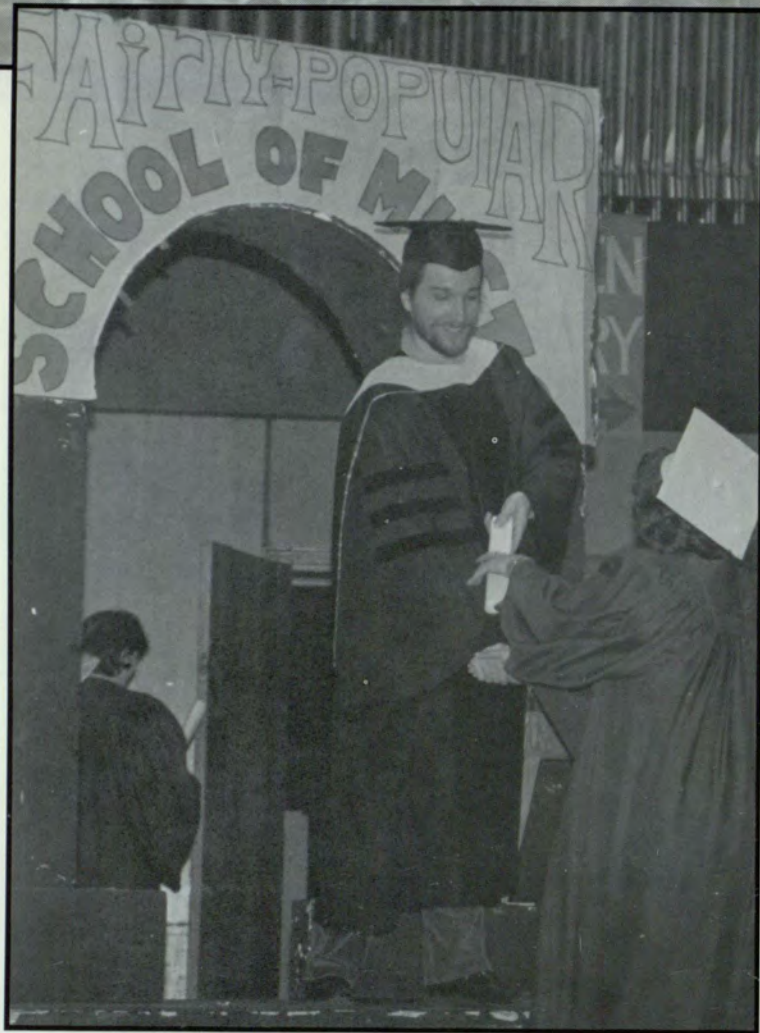
WRAS sponsored two benefit concerts during fall quarter. Held at The Point and the Cotton Club, the concerts helped fund the radio station, which was faced with a budget that had been cut dramatically from the previous year. *Evil Stig*, *Speedball Baby* and *Subsonics* were among the bands which played at the concerts.

WRAS also sponsored *88 Live*, a program which was aired from Cinefest every Friday. It featured live bands and interviews. Some of the bands included were *Morphine*, *Spearhead*, and *Fleshtones*.

In addition, the station also sponsored *Sonic Saturday*, an annual summer concert. Proceeds from the 1995 concert went to benefit the National Association of College Broadcasters. The concert featured bands such as *The Urge*, *Tripping Daisy* and *Poole*.

-Kelly Vandiver





In the opening act, Erick Emde begins a reenactment of a college commencement ceremony. *Photo by Tracey Lee.*



Teresa Newton portrays Cosima von Tutti in *Brunhilde's Cake Walk*. Most of the performance had an opera style. *Photo by Tracey Lee.*

A Ridiculous Retrospective

A *Ridiculous Retrospective* was a production performed by students in the School of Music on April 2, 1996.

The production was a musical comedy starting with a commencement reenactment that progressed into poking fun at former teachers, classmates and classes. As the acts progressed to the later portion of the play, students reenacted fables and fantasies of children's stories. Some of the well known fairy tales included a type of *Goldilocks* and the *Frog Prince*.

In between the interludes and pieces, a gentleman portrayed an old woman who had been in school forever and who told stories about all of the teachers. A full orchestra from the School of Music accompanied the vocalists.

The follies of 1996 included masterworks of music literature with lyrics by Susan Tepping and Martha Jones Fowler. It was produced and directed by Susan Tepping. The proceeds benefitted the Lucile Sauls Allen Memorial Theory of Composition Scholarship.

Ms. Allen was a very talented student who attended Georgia State University and was diagnosed with cancer while completing her degree.

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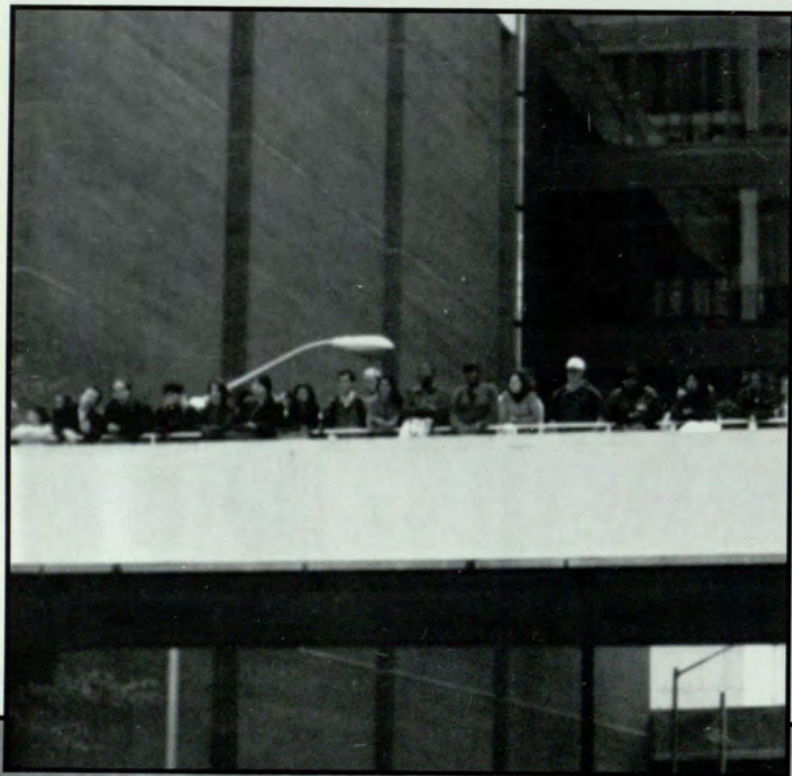
During the finale of the *Frog Prince*, the frog prince and witch enjoy the applause. The frog prince and witch were portrayed by Erick Emde and Madien Batchvarova. *Photo by Tracey Lee.*

A saxophonist plays background during W.A. Mozart's *Horn Concerto in E-Flat, No. 4/IV*. The orchestra accompanied the entire production. *Photo by Tracey Lee.*

Bringing it HOME

Some famous faces, Ted Turner, Jane Fonda and Zell Miller wave as they pass GSU. On Monday, October 30, many classes were cancelled due to the parade. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*

Students line up across the bridge between the library plaza and Classroom South to catch a glimpse of the Braves' players. This was the day that the World Series trophy finally rode down Peachtree Street. *Photo by Jennifer Beinke.*



Braves' players wave at GSU students as they pass through campus during the championship parade. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*



Approximately 600,000 fans lined the streets of downtown Atlanta on October 30, 1995 to honor the Braves' World Series championship- the first in the team's 29-year residence in the city.

Students, office workers and baseball fans alike jammed the parade route, which ran beside Kell Hall and the General Classroom Building on Peachtree Central Avenue, and the G Deck on Central Avenue.

Students tossed confetti from windows in Kell Hall as the procession rode by.

The parade began at the intersection of Peachtree Street and North Avenue in Midtown and continued past GSU and Underground Atlanta, turned onto Mitchell Street (passing City Hall), and turned again onto Capitol Avenue, past the state Capitol. The parade concluded at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium.

It was there that the Braves had ended Atlanta's championship drought with a 1-0 victory over the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 of the World Series on October 28.

The Braves players and team officials rode on fire engines, giving parade viewers a clear view of the world champions.

Owner Ted Turner sat up front in the first fire engine with the World Series trophy. Other team officials, including general manager John Schuerholz and president Stan Kasten, rode on the engine with Turner, who was accompanied by wife Jane Fonda.

Third baseman Chipper Jones, wearing his baseball cap backwards and flashing his boyish grin, exchanged tomahawk chops with the crowd. The World Series' Most Valuable Player, Tom Glavine, who was jeered on opening day because of his vocal role in the previous season's player's strike, drew some of the loudest cheers. Outfielder Dave Justice blew kisses to the crowd as the parade passed GSU.

City Workers were erecting barricades along the sidewalks outside G Deck, the General Classroom Building and Kell Hall an hour before the start of the noon parade. By 11:30, the crowd along the sidewalks had to grown five and six deep in some places. By the time the procession reached the concrete campus, the crowd was in a festive mood, waving signs and doing the Tomahawk Chop.

An impromptu pep rally at the stadium followed the parade.

- Bud L. Ellis

Excitement in ATLANTA

From dancing to romancing, from theatre to live concerts, Atlanta had a lot to offer to those individuals who were looking for something to do.

Many Georgia State students spent more time at Atlanta's attractions than at GSU's campus.

Underground Atlanta was a vital part of many GSU student's social hour in between classes. Modernized for the 1990's style of entertainment, this historical section of town offered fun-filled days for everyone. The Fox Theatre offered Atlantans an opportunity to see live Broadway performances, ballets and concerts. Atlanta also had its quiet spots in famous restaurants such as Agatha's, which offered patrons an opportunity to solve a murder mystery, Dante's, a fondue restaurant with locations in Buckhead and Underground and the Sundial, one of Atlanta's most expensive restaurants overlooking the city.

Buckhead was also a common place to find GSU students. From Baha's Beach Club to The Cheesecake Factory, Buckhead offered an eventful evening for any type of person.

Atlanta's classics were still crowd pleasers as well. The Varsity remained one of Atlanta's most popular fast food joints.

The World of Coke, located near Underground and just off campus was an attraction for Atlantans and tourists alike. Visitors could see how Coca-Cola was made and could taste samples of different flavors of Coke from around the world.

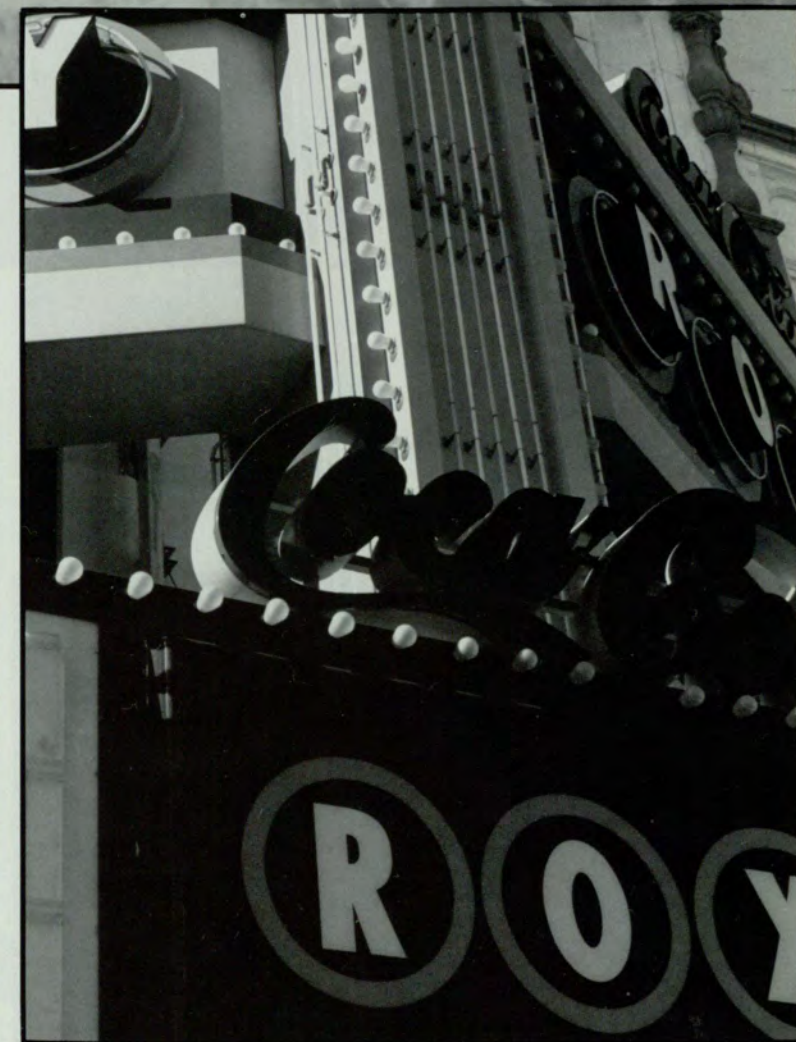
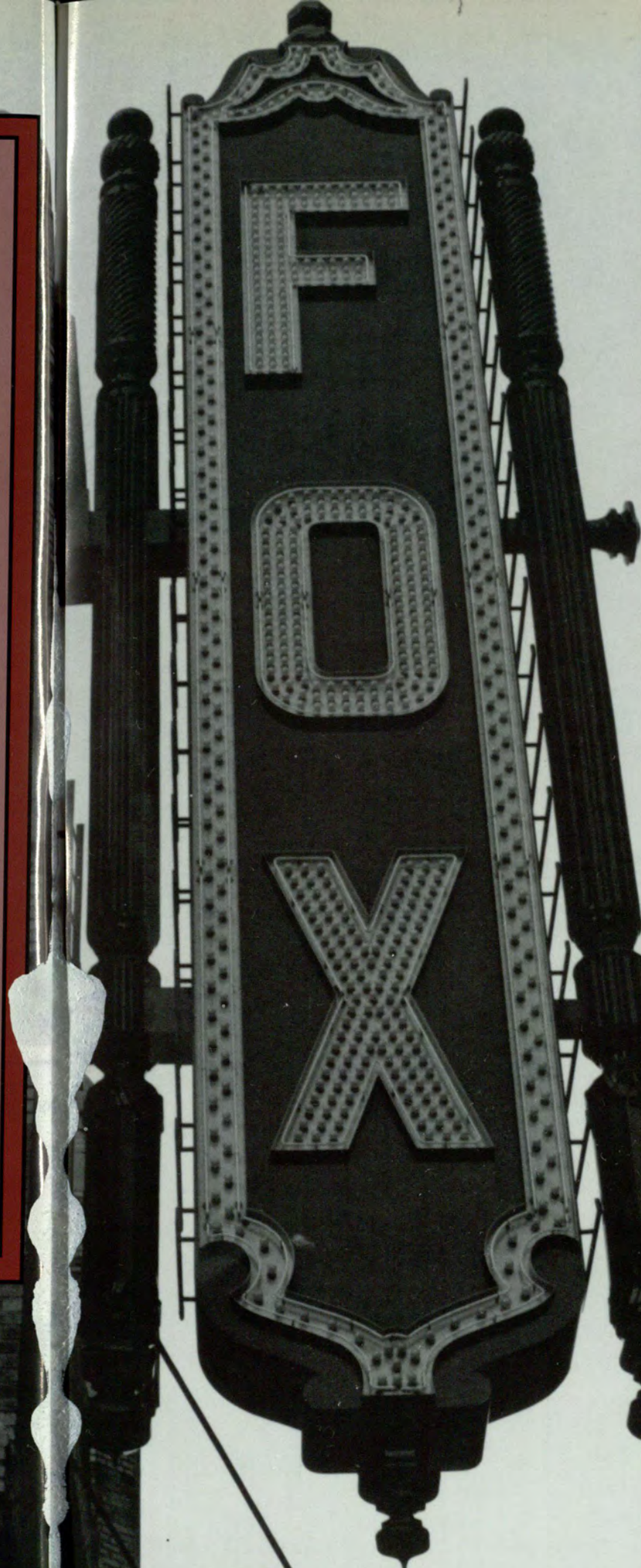
In addition to attending theatres and concerts and dining in fine restaurants, Atlantans could also see great sports. The Braves, Falcons, Hawks and Knights were all based in Atlanta.

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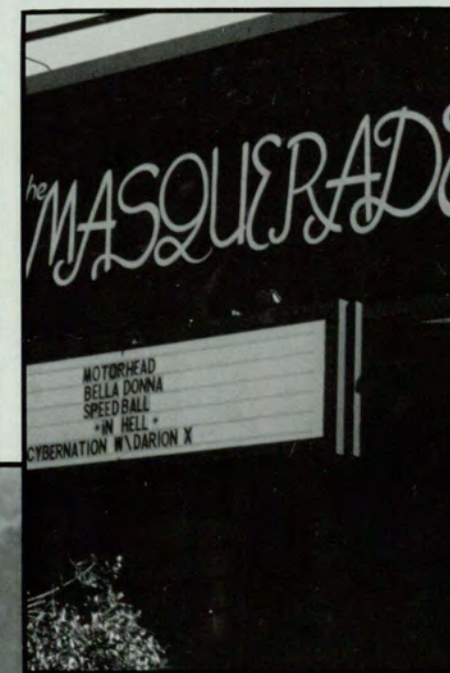


Hotlanta is just one of Underground Atlanta's unique carts. Underground was also home to many restaurants and was the site of the "Lighting of the Tree," an annual event held on Thanksgiving, as well as the annual "Peach Drop," held on New Year's Eve. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

The Fox Theatre is a wonderful historical part of Atlanta. Events held at the Fox included concerts, Broadway plays and ballets. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



The fun and excitement of a live concert in a small setting was one of the attractions of the Roxy, which held concerts by many big-name artists. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



Offering a diverse environment, the Masquerade was a place to dance and unwind. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

M a k i n g Pageant HISTORY



Bridget Traywick was crowned Miss Georgia State University on February 20, 1996 in the first ever Miss Georgia State University Scholarship Pageant.

Miss Traywick received an educational scholarship, paid for by the Women's Life and Development Committee, a division of the Spotlight Programs Board, and by the Miss America Organization. She also received an all-expense paid trip to the Miss Georgia pageant.

Miss Georgia, Rachael English, and Channel 5's Paul Ossmann hosted the evening. According to the entry requirements set forth by the GSU pageant, contestants must have had a 2.0 grade point average, have been enrolled at GSU, having completed at least 10 hours and have been carrying at least 10 hours during the quarter of the pageant. Additional regulations as outlined by the Miss America Organization were that contestants must have been a single female U.S. citizen between the ages of 17 and 24. Additional requirements stated that contestants must have always been female.

Five judges from across Georgia came to GSU to choose the first ever Miss GSU. All of the judges had pageant links or experience, one for over 15 years.

Chair of the Women's Life and Development Committee, Kenya King, planned and organized the first Miss GSU beauty pageant.

-Kelley Wood and Matthew Wright

Jennifer Kreidler congratulates Bridget Traywick as she is named Miss GSU. Jennifer was named second runner-up and the first runner-up was Kristen Gillian. *Photo by Tracey Lee.*

During the talent competition, Jennifer Kreidler performs a jazz dance. The Miss GSU pageant was Jennifer's first pageant competition. *Photo by Tracey Lee.*



The contestants: Maya McClure, Lorre LaMarca, Terra Perrone, Kristen Gillian, Kym Fullenkamp, Aneta Thomas, Bridget Traywick and Jennifer Kreidler. *Photo by Tracey Lee.*



Spirals and CIRCLES

Spirals and Circles was the annual concert put on by the Movement Force on March 29-30, 1996. The concert included a wide variety of original ballet, modern dance, jazz and tap dance styles.

The Movement Force strived to offer students instruction in the art of dance through performing and choreography. They were the only concert company in the area and had been in reformed existence since 1988. Katherine Schane was the director and producer this year.

Along with the Movement Force, the Georgian Dancers, Waltz on Wheels and the Emory Early Music Consort also performed in the annual concert.

The Movement Force performed one major concert a year at GSU. They also performed around the metropolitan area and at the Atlanta Arts Festival. Their performances were free to all GSU students and the company also offered dance classes year round for students.

The Georgian Dancers were comprised of faculty, staff and students. The dancers performed routines from the Renaissance and Baroque periods (15th-18th centuries) in full costume. The Early Music Consort from Emory University accompanied the dancers in *Menuet a Trois* and *Gigue pour une femme*.

Waltz on Wheels was a GSU dance company of students with varying degrees of disabilities. In just their first year together, the dancers performed original dances around Atlanta.

The annual concert was a success and attracted a large number of GSU students, faculty, and Atlanta citizens.

-Kelly Vandiver



Susan Spencer performs *It Enough Yet?* A student, Carol Szkutek choreographed the dance. *Photo by Tracy Lee.*

Kat Peng patiently watches for her cue. The Georgian Dancers were comprised of faculty, staff and students from GSU. *Photo by Tracy Lee.*

In the *Menuet a Trois*, Virginia Moreland, Bill Porter and Betsy Reisman perform a dance from the Baroque Period. *Photo by Tracy Lee.*

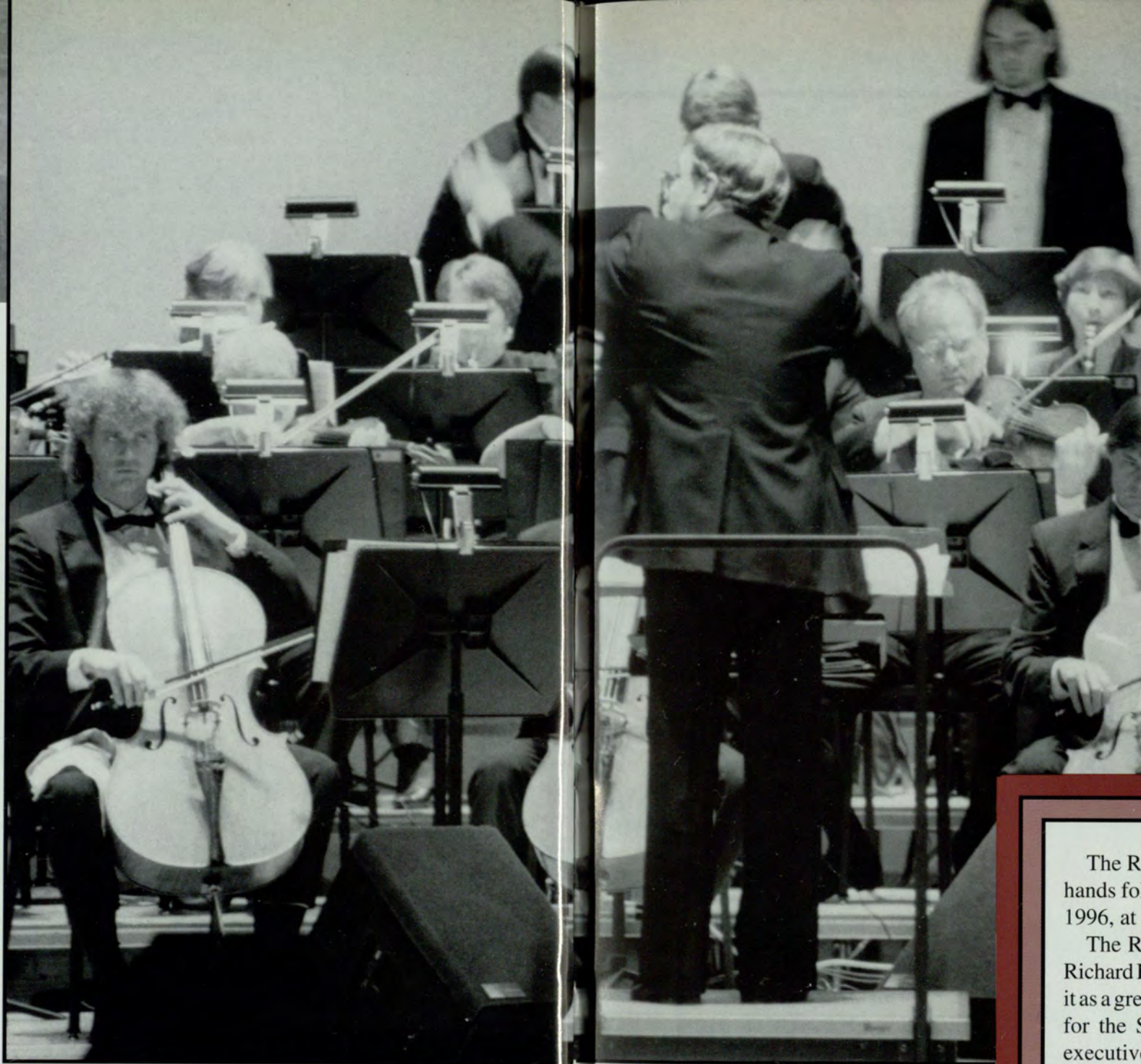
Waltz on Wheels performs a unique dance *Of Blood Dust and Sound*. *Waltz on Wheels* offered people with varying disabilities the opportunity to express and experience the grace, beauty and joy of dance. *Photo by Tracy Lee.*

A cellist practices before the opening show to relax his pre-performance jitters. *Photo by Adam Taylor.*

Charles Sayre directs the Rialto Pops Orchestra during their opening performance. *Photo by Adam Taylor.*



The long dark marquee of the Rialto Theatre shines in the evening sky as GSU offers a peek at its new Center for the Performing Arts. *Photo by Adam Taylor*



Open for Business

The Rialto Theatre was "back in business" and in Georgia State's hands following its opening concert on Saturday evening, March 23, 1996, at which the Rialto Pops Orchestra performed.

The Rialto had been closed for quite some time, but in 1991 Dr. Richard Koehler, former director of GSU's School of Music, invisioned it as a great opportunity for a performing arts center and a new location for the School of Music. Dr. Koehler later became the Rialto's executive director.

Other performers on opening weekend included Maureen McGovern, Cleo Laine and John Dankworth. These featured performers brought new life into the once popular movie theatre in the Fairlie-Poplar district.

Renovations to the Rialto cost approximately fourteen million dollars. The new theatre seated 950 people. Seats and carpets in the theatre were decorated in mauve and gold. To complement the coloring, the box office and lobby had cherry and walnut trim.

Tickets for the opening night ranged from twenty-five to fifty dollars per seat.

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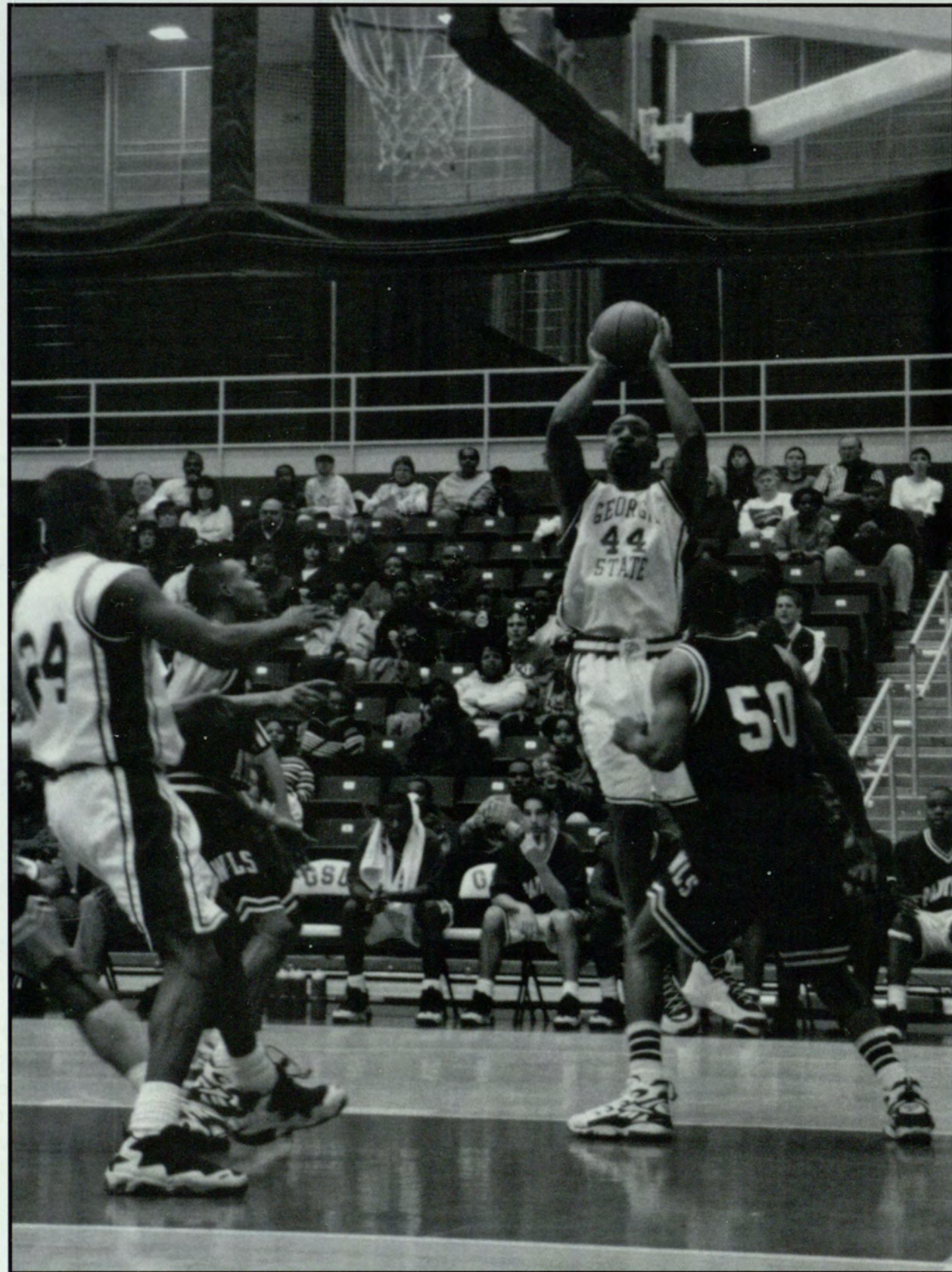


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Sports Editor
Bud L. Ellis

Setting goals and reaching them

That's what the preseason is all about, and the Georgia State Panthers baseball team set a goal coming into the 1995 season — win 20 games.

In the fourth season since the baseball program returned after a nine-year hiatus, the Panthers got out of the gates in fine fashion. Willie Stroud's homer in Statesboro in early March carried the Panthers to a victory over Georgia Southern and above the .500 mark.

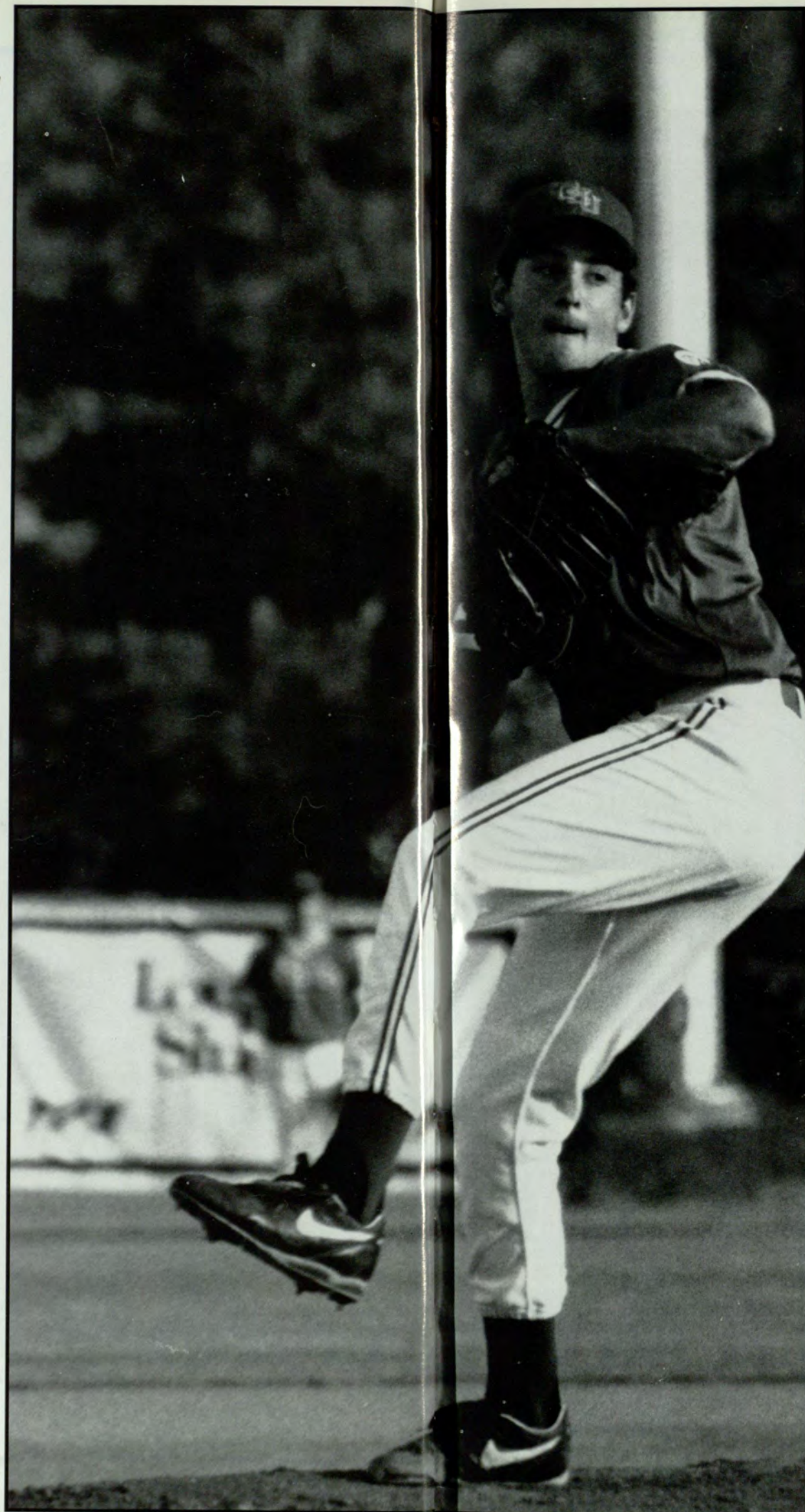
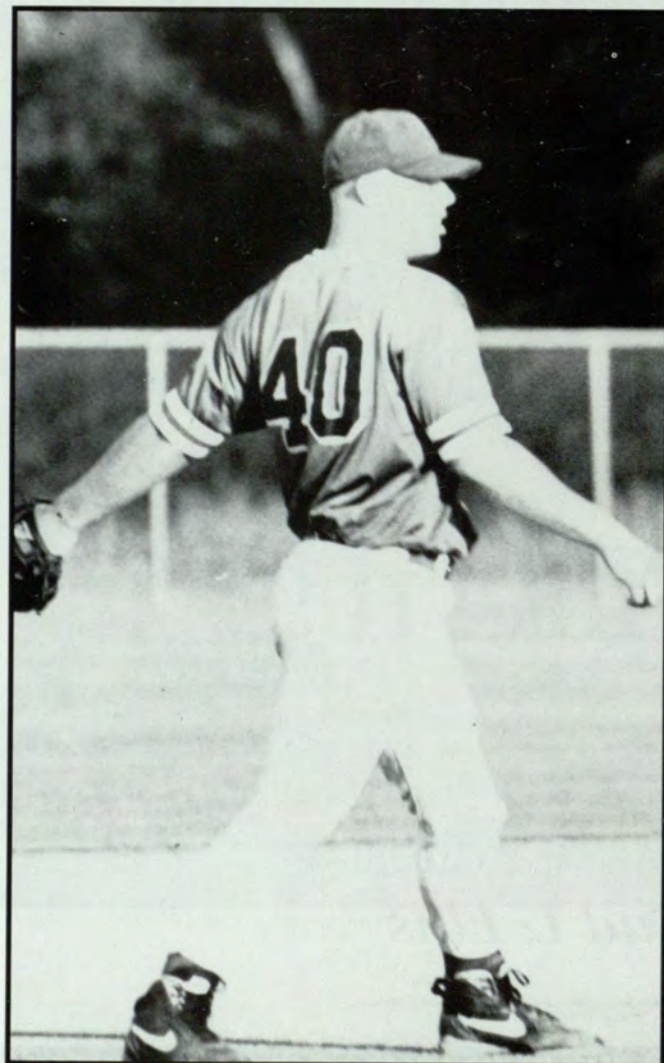
A dry spell then set in, and it appeared that the Panthers may not reach their goal. But as the season neared an end, they found the winning formula. Perennial dwellers near the bottom of the Trans America Athletic Conference, GSU rose into the middle of the standings as March turned into April.

GSU beat conference-foe Samford twice in a three-game series in Birmingham on the season's final weekend. The final game, a 6-4 victory on May 6, pushed the Panthers to the 20-win plateau, the most successful season in GSU baseball in over a decade. Catcher Frank McGarvey became the first Panther in this decade to be named first-team all-conference. Freshman Mark Mortimer received freshman All-American honors from *Collegiate Baseball* magazine.

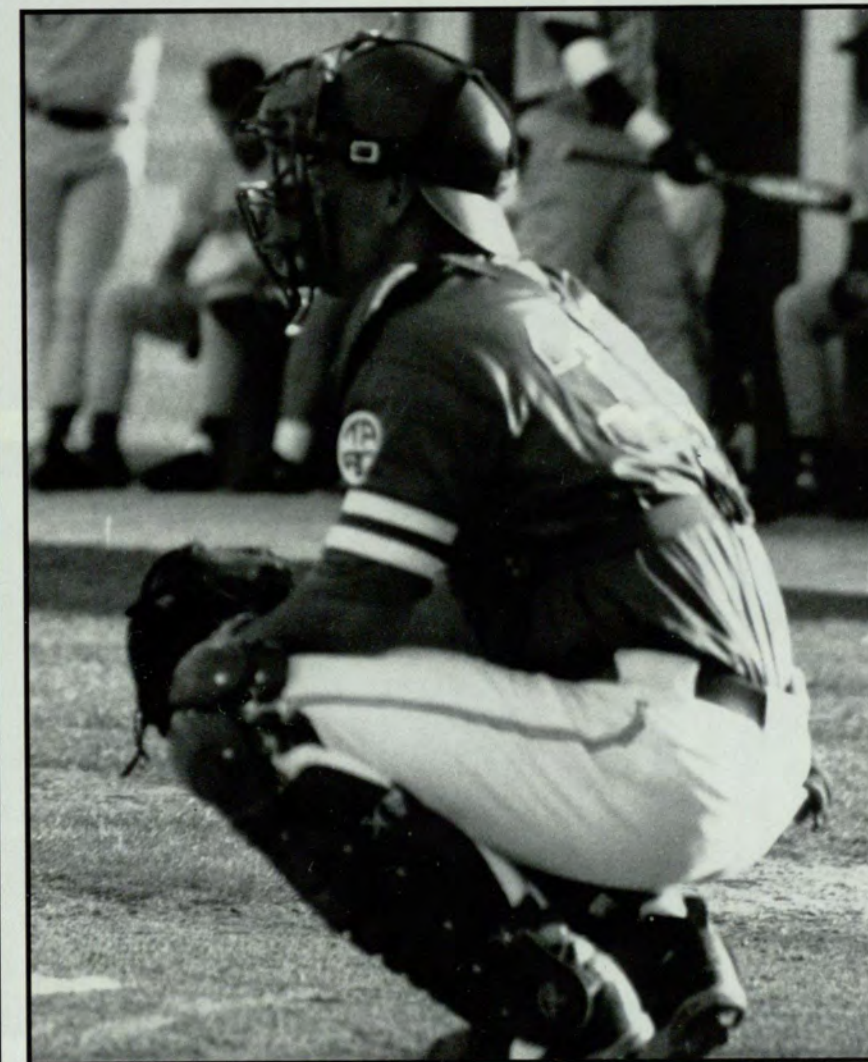
And for four senior Panthers: Stroud, Jason Eller, Brock Radaker and Kevin Campbell, they finished their collegiate baseball careers knowing that this program had come light years during their stay at GSU.

-Bud L. Ellis

Freshman Mark Mortimer made quite an impact in his first season at GSU. He hit .325 with a team-high 11 homers, and was named Freshman All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine. *Photo by Brandy L. Ivins.*



Meeting of the minds: (from left) David Giancarlo, Jason Eller, and Frank McGarvey figure out how to position the infield against the Georgia Bulldogs in the season finale May 10 at Panthersville. The contest marked the final game of Eller's four-year career at GSU. *Photo by Brandy L. Ivins.*



Catcher Frank McGarvey was in contention for the Trans America Athletic Conference batting championship for most of the season. He finished at .374 and became the first GSU baseball player in a decade to be named to the all-conference team. *Photo by Brandy L. Ivins.*

The addition of pitcher David Giancarlo solidified the Panthers' pitching staff in 1995. Giancarlo set a school record for most strikeouts in a season with 90 and missed the school record for most wins in a season by one victory. *Photo by Brandy L. Ivins.*

It's the end of an era for these four Panthers: (from left) Willie Stroud, Kevin Campbell, Brock Radaker, and Jason Eller finished their fourth seasons with GSU baseball in 1995. Their freshman season was GSU's first since 1986. The Panthers won only two games in 1992, but the victory total has risen ever since, topping out at 20 in 1995. *Photo courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*

1995 marked a very important year in the progress of the GSU baseball program. At the start of the season, head coach Mike Hurst and the Panthers set a goal of reaching 20 wins. They finished 20-33, the most wins GSU has had in a season since restarting the program in 1992. *Photo by Brandy L. Ivins.*



Softball '95

Third baseman Michelle Parker anchored the hot corner again for the Lady Panthers in 1995. The junior from Lithonia was among the conference league leaders in several offensive categories. *Photo by Brandy L. Ivins.*



Softball '95: Game-by-game

GSU 0 S. CAROLINA 2	GSU 0 TOLEDO 2
GSU 0 S. CAROLINA 3	GSU 6 GA. TECH 2
GSU 0 TROY STATE 3	GSU 5 GA. TECH 2
GSU 1 MID. TENN. ST. 0	GSU 3 S.E. LOUISIANA 0
GSU 15 LIMESTONE 0	GSU 7 S.E. LOUISIANA 4
GSU 7 TENN. CHATT 0	GSU 3 SAMFORD 0
GSU 11 MERCER 4	GSU 3 SAMFORD 2
GSU 2 IOWA ST. 4	GSU 12 S. FLORIDA 7
GSU 1 S. ILLINOIS 7	GSU 0 NICHOLLS ST. 7
GSU 4 E. MICHIGAN 3	GSU 6 E. KENTUCKY 4
GSU 7 OHIO ST. 2	GSU 0 S. CAROLINA 4
GSU 1 PRINCETON 8	GSU 5 MARSHALL 2
GSU 0 CAL. ST. FULLERTON 2	GSU 5 VIRGINIA 8
GSU 0 BOWLING GREEN 6	GSU 4 CENTENARY 2
GSU 4 OKLAHOMA ST. 9	GSU 9 CENTENARY 1
GSU 1 S.W. LOUISIANA 4	GSU 9 SAMFORD 0
GSU 2 KANSAS 6	GSU 5 SAMFORD 0
GSU 2 FURMAN 0	GSU 9 S.E. LOUISIANA 0
GSU 4 FURMAN 3	GSU 7 S.E. LOUISIANA 6
GSU 11 MARYLAND 3	GSU 5 CENTENARY 1
GSU 15 TENN. MARTIN 0	GSU 2 CENTENARY 3
GSU 3 TROY ST. 4	<u>TAAC Tournament:</u>
GSU 2 TOLEDO 1	GSU 1 FLA. ATLANTIC 2
GSU 3 UNC CHARLOTTE 2	GSU 5 CENTENARY 3
GSU 5 BRADLEY 2	GSU 1 CAMPBELL 2

Baseball '95: Game-by-game

GSU 3 TULANE 12	GSU 0 GA. SOUTHERN 1	GSU 2 CHARLESTON 8	GSU 12 S. WESLEYAN 7
GSU 3 TULANE 14	GSU 2 FLA. ATLANTIC 7	GSU 3 CHARLESTON 2	GSU 7 FURMAN 8
GSU 3 TULANE 5	GSU 2 FLA. ATLANTIC 4	GSU 3 CHARLESTON 1	GSU 17 S.E. LOUISIANA 6
GSU 6 PRESBYTERIAN 2	GSU 1 FLA. ATLANTIC 7	GSU 3 GA. SOUTHERN 14	GSU 2 GA. TECH 11
GSU 8 EMMANUEL 3	GSU 3 FLA. INT'L. 5	GSU 4 GA. SOUTHERN 3	GSU 7 EMORY 5
GSU 3 MERCER 8	GSU 7 FLA. INT'L. 2	GSU 3 CENTRAL FLA. 14	GSU 9 CENTENARY 15
GSU 6 MERCER 1	GSU 8 FLA. INT'L. 9	GSU 4 CENTRAL FLA. 7	GSU 12 CENTENARY 6
GSU 7 MERCER 8	GSU 4 NY TECH 15	GSU 3 CENTRAL FLA. 12	GSU 1 CENTENARY 3
GSU 13 FURMAN 0	GSU 9 S. ALABAMA 10	GSU 7 SOUTHERN TECH 8	GSU 5 TENNESSEE 13
GSU 4 OAKLAND 5	GSU 3 CAMPBELL 5	GSU 1 TENNESSEE ST. 11	GSU 13 SAMFORD 5
GSU 4 ST. LOUIS 3	GSU 8 CAMPBELL 7	GSU 3 STETSON 8	GSU 2 SAMFORD 8
GSU 6 ST. LOUIS 3	GSU 5 CAMPBELL 6	GSU 13 STETSON 3	GSU 6 SAMFORD 4
GSU 12 GA. SOUTHERN 10	GSU 7 GA. TECH 10	GSU 4 STETSON 3	GSU 5 GEORGIA 11

Baseball '95



Although the Georgia State Lady Panthers fell short in their bid for a fourth straight Trans America Athletic Conference championship in 1995, the team still won the Western Division championship. *Photo courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*

Coach Bob Heck has won over 300 games in his coaching career, and his teams had won five of the past seven conference championships entering the 1996 season. *Photo by Brandy L. Ivins.*

Best in the West

Winners of the previous three Trans America Athletic Conference titles and coming off only the school's second trip ever to an NCAA Tournament in any sport, the Georgia State Lady Panthers softball team entered 1995 gunning for a fourth-straight TAAC championship.

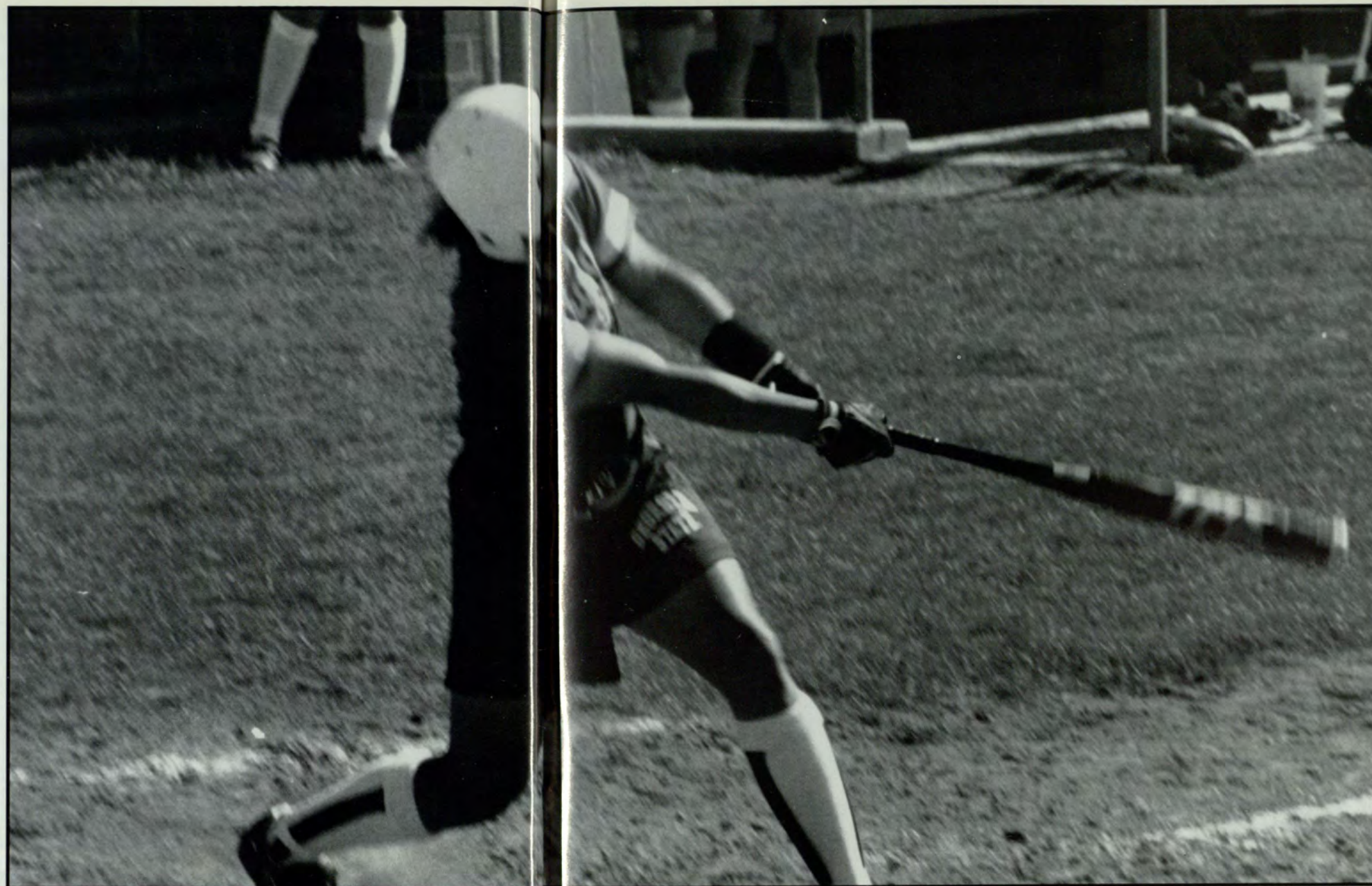
Coach Bob Heck had a large group of returners and mixed them effectively with a strong cast of newcomers. With the transfer of number-one pitcher Kaci Clark to UCLA the pitching load fell on Missy Radaker. The senior responded, leading GSU on the mound and providing solid leadership. Leading the team on offense were senior Susan Fryer and junior Michelle Parker. They stayed near the top of the conference in hitting most of the year.

Following an early-season stretch against some of the best teams in the nation, the Lady Panthers dove head-first into its conference schedule. They blasted their way through the TAAC during the regular season, winning game after game. Radaker spun a one-hitter at Samford in the regular season's final days to give the Lady Panthers the Western Division championship and the right to host the conference tournament.

GSU finished 11-1 in the conference and entered the tournament as the team to beat. However, GSU ran out of miracles. After falling in the opening game of the double-elimination tournament, the Lady Panthers rallied to stay alive for the final day of competition.

But the clock struck midnight, ending the championship streak at three.

-Bud L. Ellis



Michelle Parker lines a single for the Lady Panthers. Parker hit .433 with seven doubles, one homer, and 68 runs scored. Her 13-game hitting streak was the longest by a Lady Panther this season. *Photo by Erik Slaven.*



Sophomore Mel DelGallo scores a run for the Lady Panthers in the TAAC tournament. DelGallo went 6-2 on the mound and hit .328 with seven triples and four homers. *Photo by Erik Slaven.*

Senior pitcher Missy Radaker looks in for the sign during a Trans America Athletic Conference tournament. Radaker had 22 wins, an ERA of 1.84, and 91 strikeouts for the season. *Photo by Erik Slaven.*



Freshman Dani Polley swings as GSU tries to rally at the 1995 Trans America Athletic Conference tournament, hosted by the Lady Panthers in April. Polley hit .316 in her first season of college softball. The Lady Panthers fell short in their attempt to win their fourth straight conference crown. *Photo by Erik Slaven.*

Gettin' into the swing of things...

The Georgia State Panthers men's golf team entered the 1995 season with high hopes for a successful year and a strong showing in the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament.

The highest point of the season came at the Brent Brook Blazer Invitational. GSU won the tournament team title and David Engram took home first-place individual honors. The win came by one stroke over South Alabama, and the Panthers defeated five teams bound for the NCAA tournament at the event.

The team win marked the first meet win for the Panthers golf program since GSU won the Hal Sutton Invitational in 1991. Coach Kevin Propst called the meet the biggest win in GSU men's golf history.

But the Panthers couldn't repeat the feat at the TAAC Championships. After falling out of contention early, the Panthers finished seventh out of 11 teams. Steve Meyer, who turned in the best outing by a Panther, finished in 15th place.

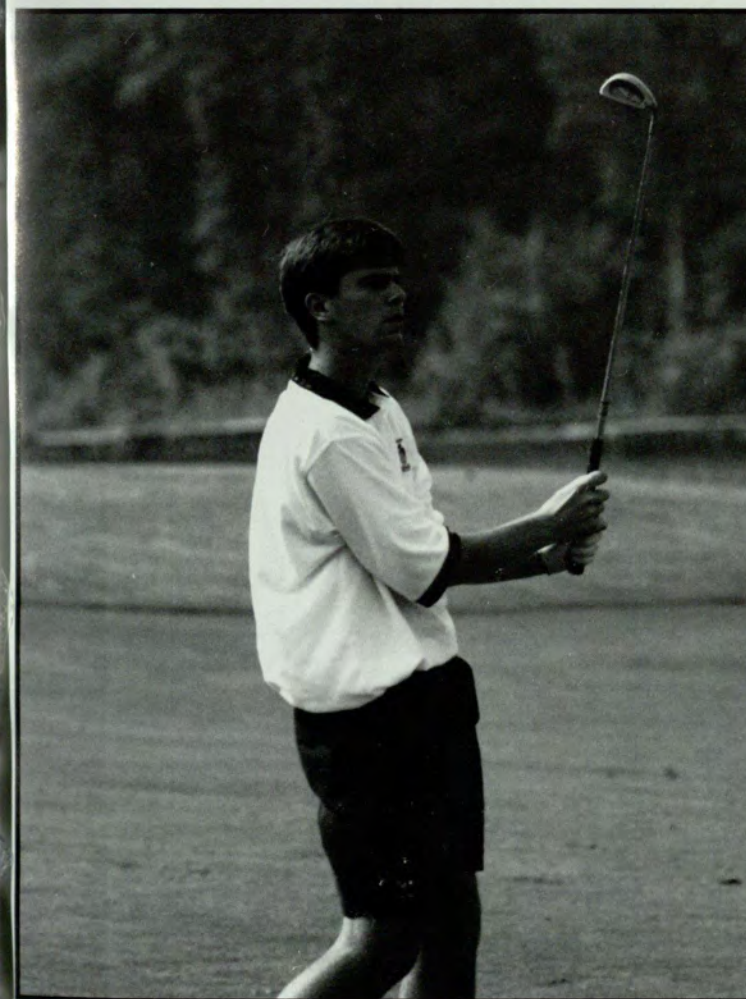
-Bud L. Ellis



One week prior to finishing seventh at the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament, GSU's golf team captured the Brent Brook Blazer Invitational, the program's first team win in four years. *Photo courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*



The superstars of GSU golf: (from left) Panther Petter Skantze, Lady Panther Marla Bunning, and Panther Steve Meyer were three of the players to watch in Trans America Athletic Conference golf in 1995. Meyer and Skantze were pre-season all-conference selections for the Panthers, who finished seventh at the TAAC championships. Meyer finished 15th and Skantze 18th in the conference meet. *Photos courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*



Steve Meyer eyes a drive during a meet. Meyer finished 15th at the 1995 TAAC championships in Macon, the highest finish by a Panther this year. *Photo courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*

Men's golf '95: Meet-by-Meet

BEN HOGAN INTERCOLLEGIATE	4th out of 24
SOUTHERN JR. SR. COLLEGIATE	3rd out of 8
BENT BROOK BLAZER INVITATIONAL	1st out of 18
TAAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	7th out of 11
WOFFORD INVITATIONAL	11th out of 12

Improving each day

Talk about lofty expectations. Entering only the third season of women's golf at Georgia State University, the Lady Panthers were ranked third in the Southeast by *Golf World* magazine.

But the youthful Lady Panthers put together a solid season, improving as they had in each of the previous two seasons. Junior Marla Bunning led the squad, but was assisted by a host of young players like freshmen Pam Levine and Trelle Kite. Camilla Hyden and Jennifer Scott were also key members of the squad.

Levine tied for sixth overall out of 58 participants at the South Alabama Lady Jaguar Invitational in February, and she placed 21st at the conference tournament.

The Lady Panthers wrapped up their season with a fifth-place finish at the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament. GSU finished ahead of Samford, Florida Atlantic, Mercer and Stetson in capturing the fifth-place spot.

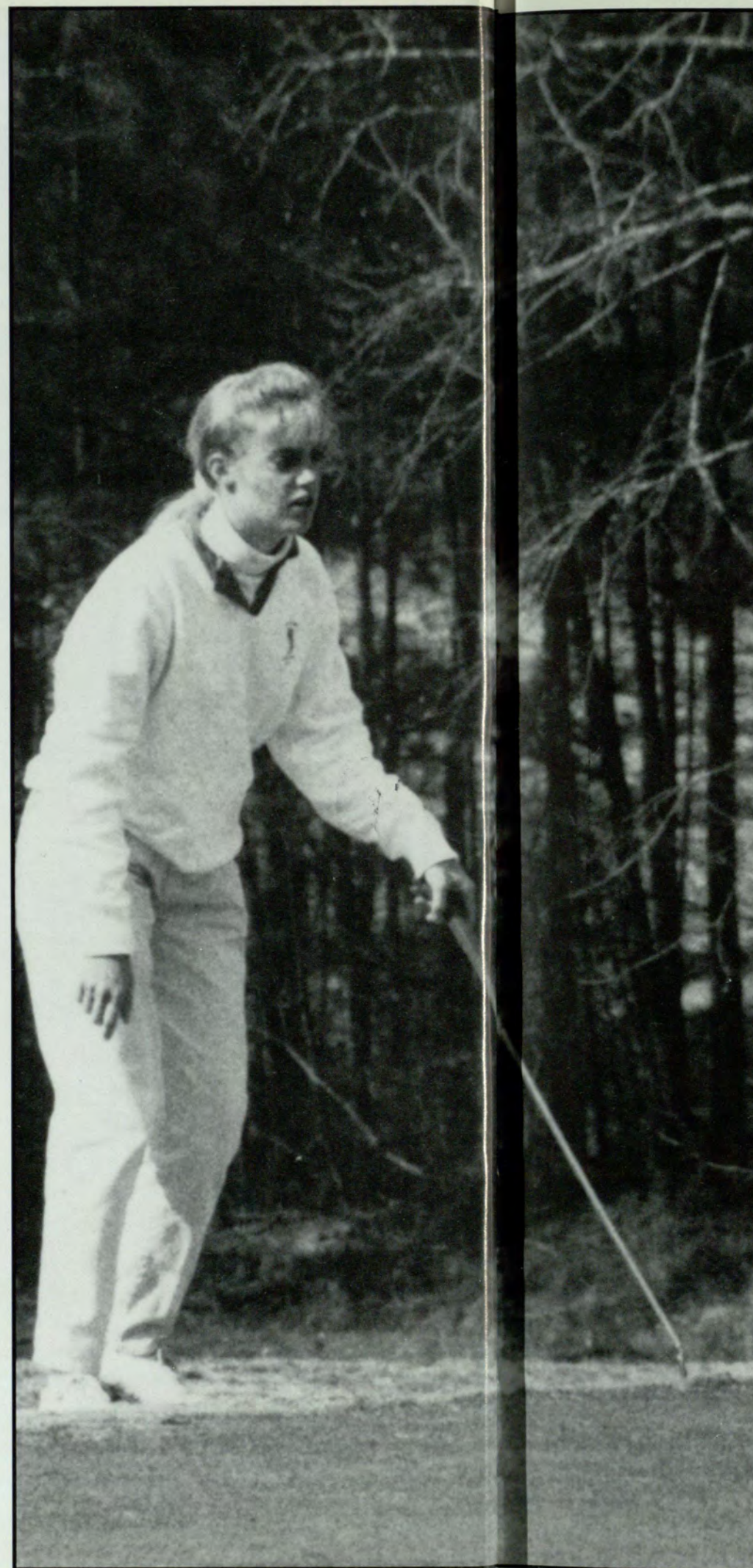
Bunning led the way at the tournament, finishing in eighth place and gaining all-conference honors. Kite also broke into the top 25, finishing in 25th place.

— Bud L. Ellis



Camilla Hyden, observing the action during an early-season tournament, was a solid veteran for the Lady Panthers. *Photo Courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*

Junior Marla Bunning lines up a putt for the Lady Panthers. Bunning, in her junior season, finished eighth at the TAAC Tournament, earning her all-conference honors. *Photo Courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*



Picked third in the Southeast by *Golf World* magazine at the start of the season, the Lady Panthers had a solid year, finishing fifth in the conference tournament. *Photo Courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*



Women's Golf '95: Meet-by-Meet

MARDI GRAS INVITATIONAL	9th out of 11
LDDS OWL PREVIEW CLASSIC	11th out of 18
EDWIN WATTS/CHARLESTON SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT	4th out of 18
LADY GOLDEN EAGLE INVITATIONAL	5th out of 18
TAAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	5th out of 9
LEXEL GOLF/USF INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT	11th out of 13

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Gaining experience

The Georgia State Lady Panthers tennis team finished fifth in the 1995 Trans America Athletic Conference tournament. Although the team had hoped to finish higher, the Lady Panthers performed well considering their lack of collegiate playing time and relative youthfulness.

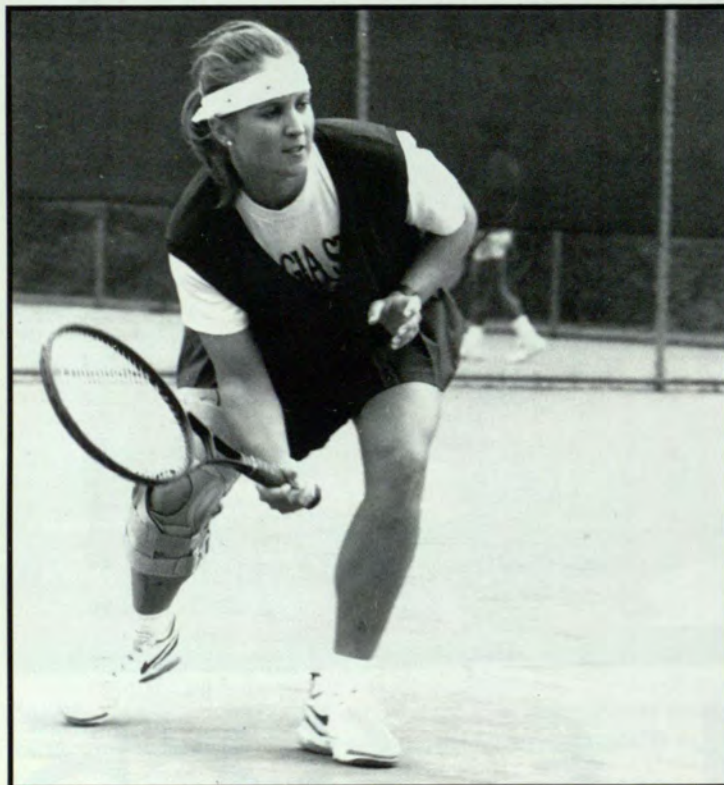
With a squad consisting of only one senior, head coach Sheryl Rouse had the task of bringing together eight women who had never played together and had not even known each other before the season began. Three of the members had never before played on a tennis team.

Despite the lack of experience, this team was able to put together an impressive record and fielded several rising collegiate tennis stars.

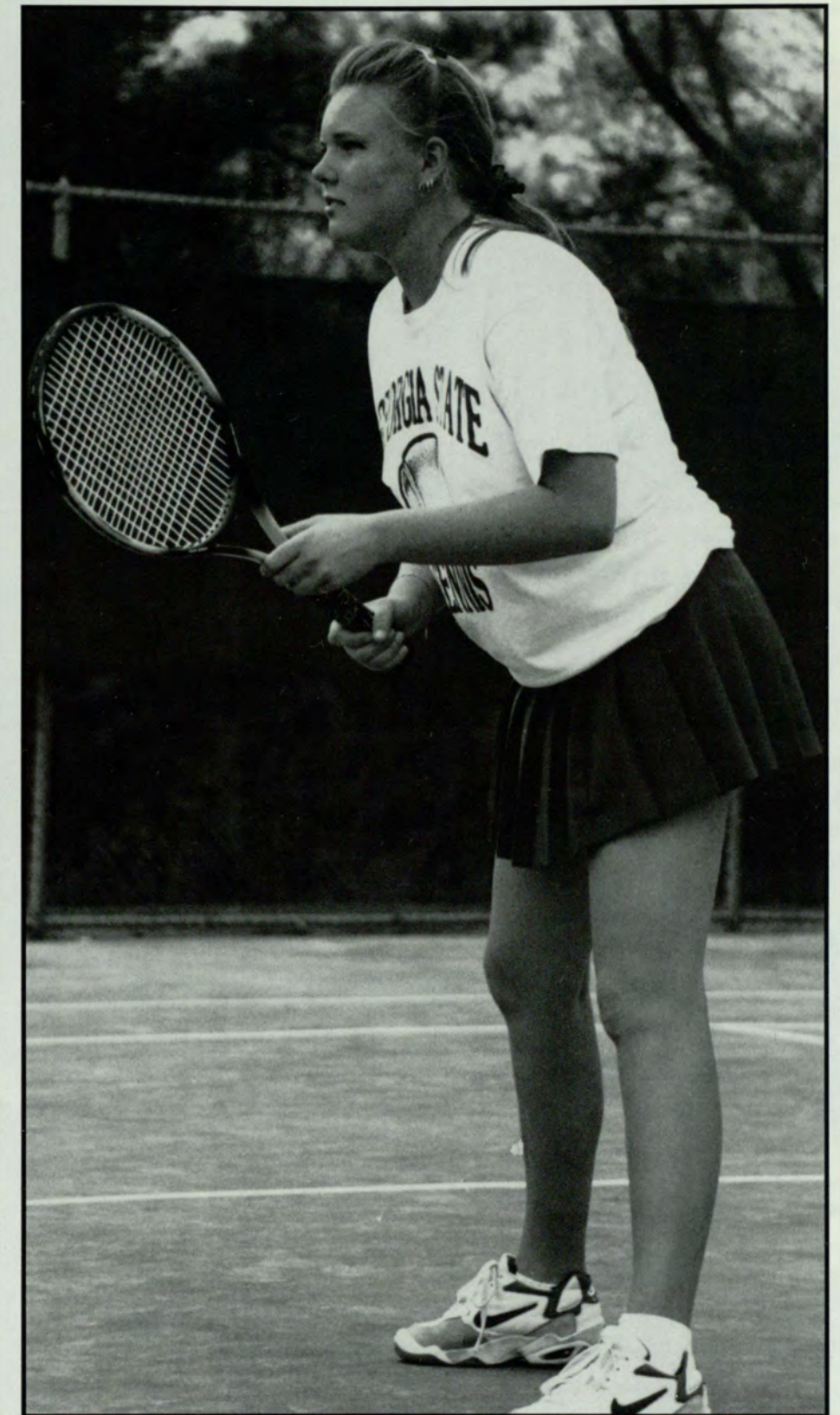
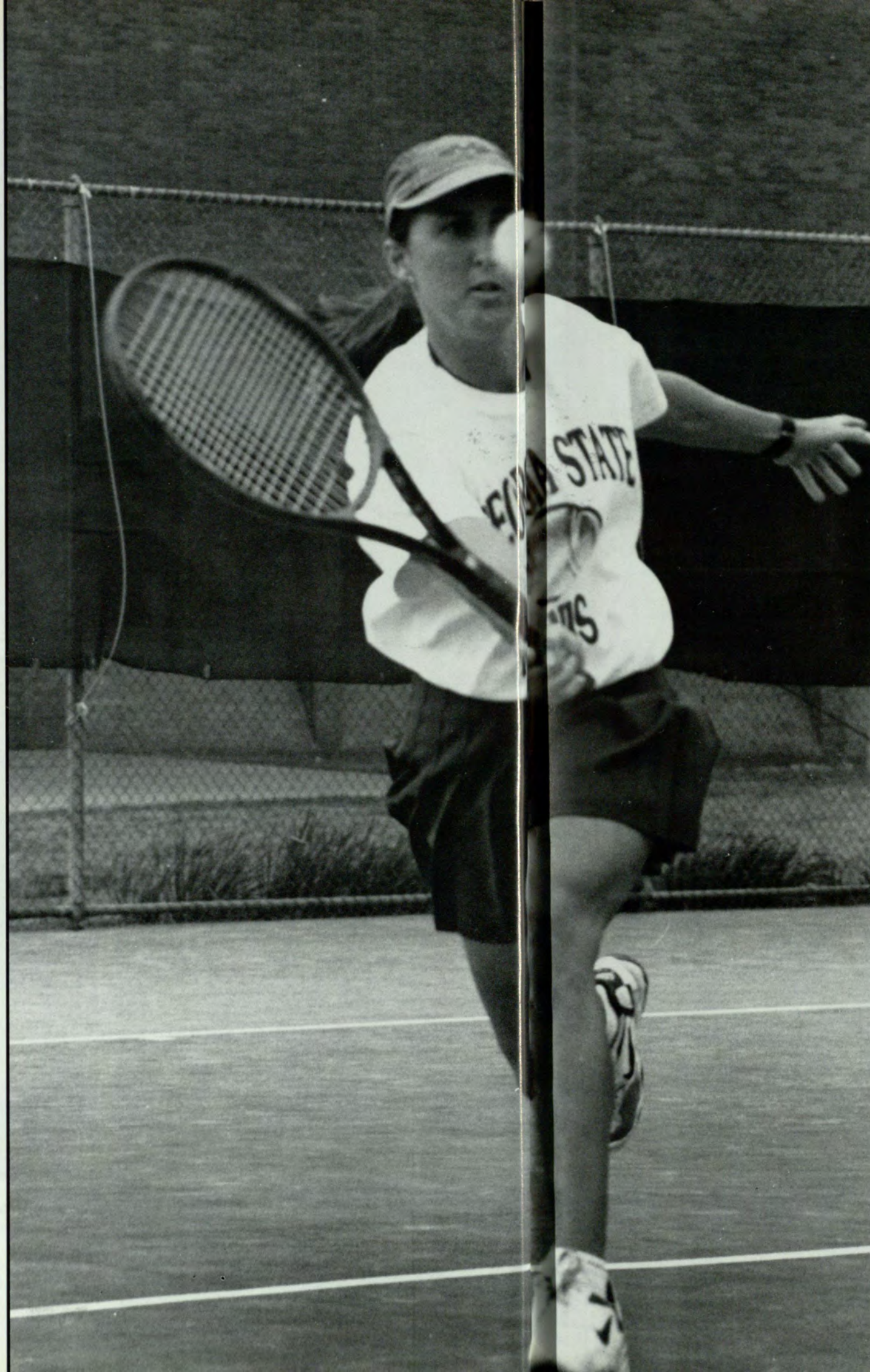
Top performers for the team in singles play were Uta Dittmer, Kerry Morton and Anna White. The doubles teams of Dittmer and Morton, and White and Georgina Vega had the best records in doubles play.

After a successful regular season which saw GSU defeat Centenary, Southeastern Louisiana and Mercer, the team finished fifth at the TAAC tournament.

— Rob Manley



Janina Erhart gets set to return a shot for the Lady Panthers. *Photo by Kasumi Akamine.*



Freshman Anna White led the Lady Panthers in singles play with a 14-3 record. *Photo by Kasumi Akamine.*

Kerry Morton returns a shot for the Lady Panthers. Morton was a solid performer for GSU in 1995. *Photo by Kasumi Akamine.*

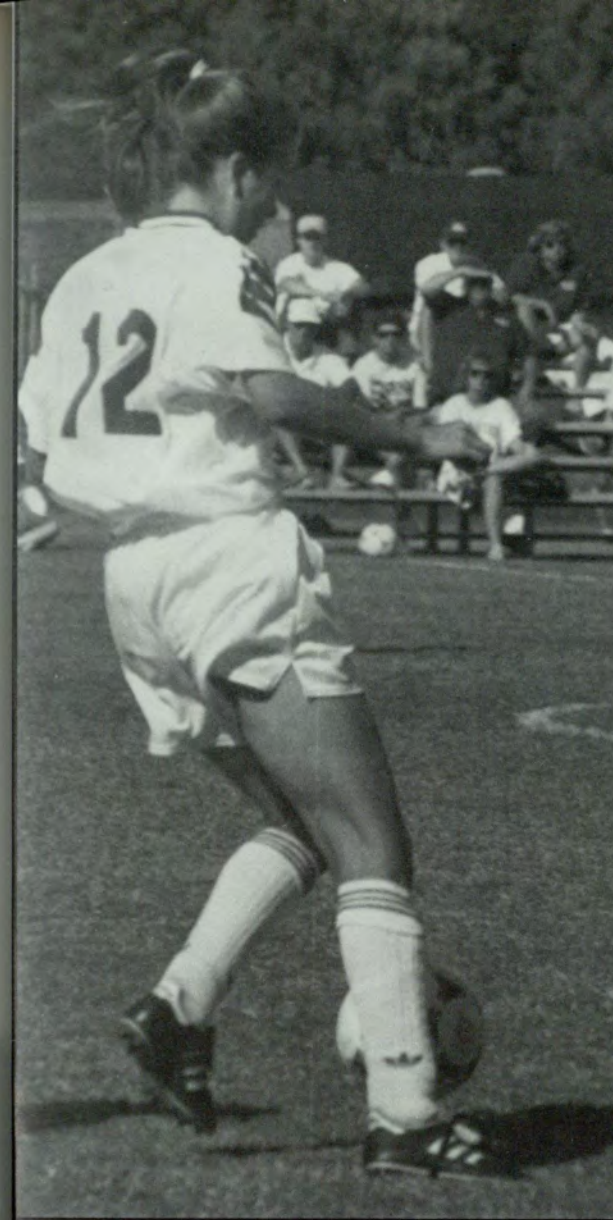
Tennis '95

Women's Tennis '95: Game-by-Game

GSU 7 FLORIDA ATLANTIC 2	GSU 5 CENTRAL CONN. 4
GSU 6 JACKSONVILLE 3	GSU 7 EASTERN MICHIGAN 2
GSU 6 SE LOUISIANA 1	GSU 8 TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA 1
GSU 4 SAMFORD 5	GSU 1 CENTRAL FLORIDA 7
GSU 3 WEST VIRGINIA 5	GSU 8 FLORIDA ATLANTIC 0
GSU 9 SAMFORD 0	GSU 6 STETSON 3

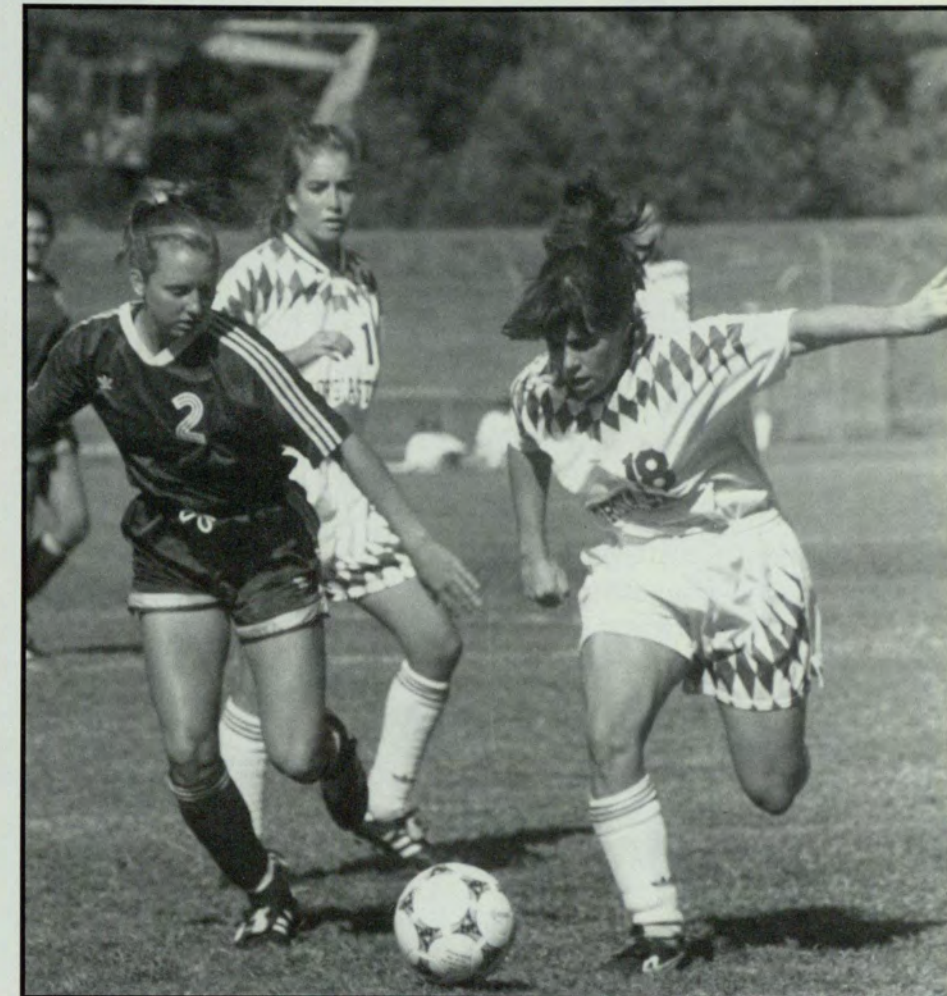


Not only did Kerry Morton and Uta Dittmer (right) excell for the Lady Panthers in singles, they teamed up (above) to win more matches than any other GSU doubles team in 1995. *Photos by Kasumi Akamine.*



Forward Sue Bobel, one of six returning starters, put together a solid 1995 season for the Lady Panthers. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*

Caroline Riehl (18) was one of several newcomers to make an immediate impact for the Lady Panthers in 1995. *Photo by Adina Baer.*



Women's Soccer '95: Game-by-Game

GSU 2 CHARLESTON SOUTH. 1	GSU 3 S.E. LOUISIANA 2
GSU 0 GEORGIA 4	GSU 0 UNC-CHARLOTTE 4
GSU 0 CAMPBELL 0	GSU 4 JACK. STATE 1
GSU 0 N.C. STATE 5	GSU 0 MERCER 1
GSU 0 CENTENARY 2	GSU 1 WOFFORD 0
GSU 2 S.E. LOUISIANA 1	GSU 0 CENTENARY 4
GSU 1 S. ALABAMA 3	GSU 0 CAMPBELL 3
GSU 1 MERCER 3	GSU 5 APPALCHIAN ST. 1
GSU 12 JACKSONVILLE 0	GSU 0 DAVIDSON 2
GSU 3 JACKSONVILLE STATE 3	

Soccer '95

A step closer to contention

After posting a 2-16-1 record in their debut season, the Georgia State Lady Panthers soccer team brought back six starters for the 1995 campaign. Not coming back was the coach, as Jodie Smith moved from men's assistant to women's head coach for the second season of women's soccer at GSU.

The Lady Panthers were promised by their new coach that if they won eight matches, they could shave off Smith's hair.

That goal seemed unreachable at the start of the season, but GSU finished with seven wins, allowing Smith to escape with his hair and the Lady Panthers to gain experience for an expected run at the Trans America Athletic Conference title in 1996.

One of the returning starters from the 1994 season, Heather English, was moved from the field and into goal. English had never played goal before, but finished eighth in the TAAC in goals-against-average.

Meanwhile, on offense, returners Kara Fitzgerald and Ashley Brooks led the way for the Lady Panthers. Other returning players such as Maureen Maxted, Sue Bobel and Paige Dirscherl helped GSU to its second-season success.

The bulk of the team was made up of newcomers. Players like Mary Feistl, Anne Glees and Caroline Riehl contributed in a big way for GSU in 1995. Most of the newcomers were freshmen who, after the 1995 season, still had three years of eligibility left.

-Bud L. Ellis

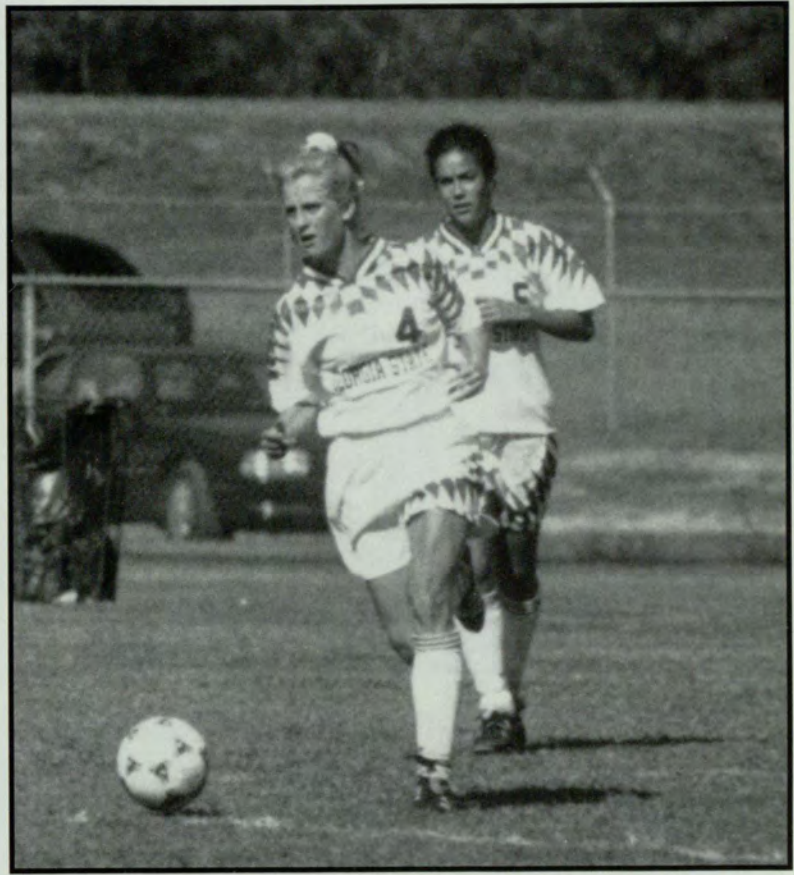


Michelle Sacco (5), one of several newcomers to have an immediate impact for GSU, sends the ball towards the box. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*



Heads up: Sara Emerson keeps her eye on the ball during a match. *Photo by Adina Baer.*

Sara Emerson pushes the ball up through the midfield as Michelle Sacco follows. *Photo by Adina Baer.*



Heather English and a much-improved defense were two important reasons for the team's increase in total number of wins from two to seven. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*

Fighting to s u c c e e d

Working in several newcomers into the lineup and battling injuries, the Georgia State Panthers soccer team fought both the injury bug and their TAAC foes in 1995.

Despite winning just one conference game, the Panthers lost several close contests and entertained a tough non-conference schedule.

Head coach Brett Teach had to constantly juggle his lineup due to injuries. Several players had to play in different positions than they were accustomed to, and the Panthers' bench saw plenty of playing time.

Senior Vince Perri teamed with sophomore Scott MacKenzie to lead the GSU offense up the field. The Panthers received key contributions from newcomer Jimmy Nardello, forward Brandon Jenkins and senior defender Todd Mordecai.

Paul Holjak, the number-one goalkeeper, played well in stretches of the season. But GSU struggled to score at times, losing several low-scoring contests.

MacKenzie and Mordecai were honored by the TAAC at the end of the season for their excellent play.

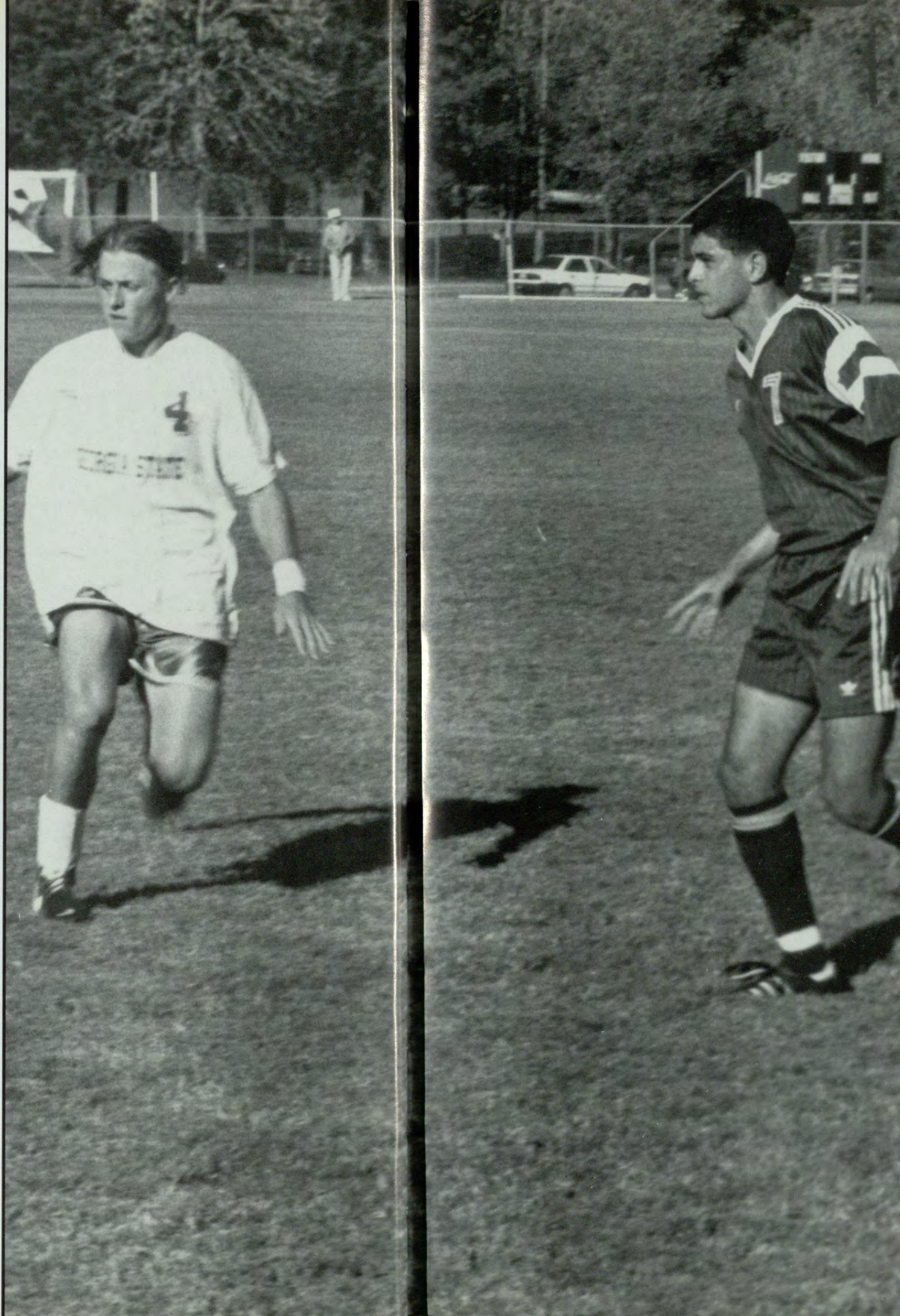
Although the Panthers didn't make a run at the conference championship this year, the lessons and experiences the team underwent in 1995 will only help the team improve in the coming seasons.

-Bud L. Ellis

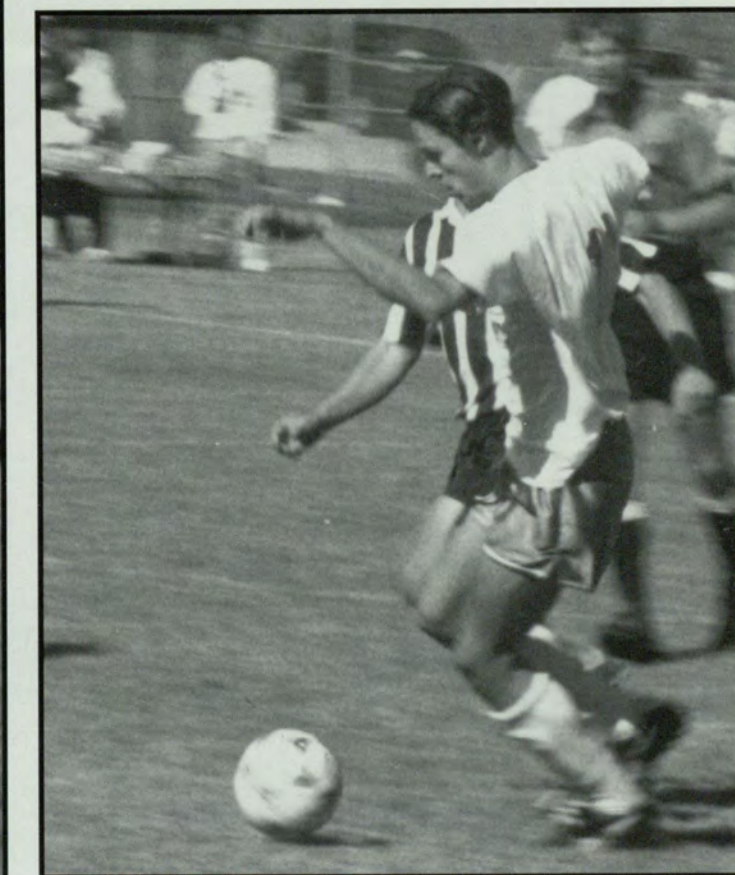
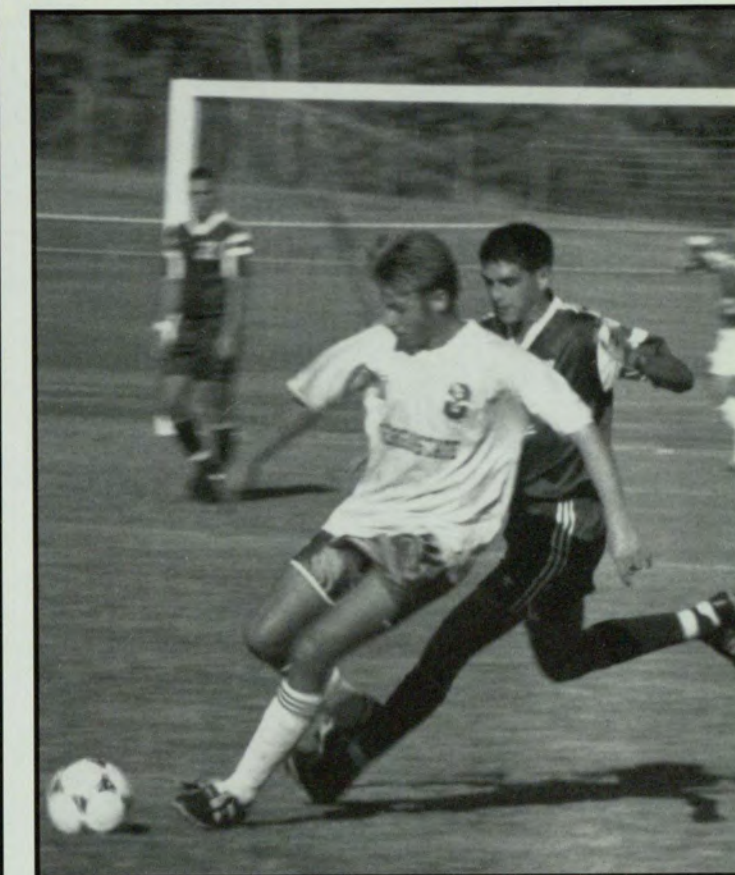


Brandon Jenkins stays between an opponent and the ball. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*

Brekke Mahis (4) converges on an opponent. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*



Scott MacKenzie beats his man to the ball. The sophomore was honored by the Trans America Athletic Conference at season's end. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*



Brian Nobiltt gains control of the ball and leads GSU up the field. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*

S o c c e r '95

Men's Soccer '95: Game-by-Game

GSU 2	CHARLESTON SOUTH. 0	GSU 3	GA. SOUTHERN 3
GSU 2	ST. BONAVENTURE 1	GSU 1	VANDERBILT 2
GSU 1	CENTENARY 2	GSU 2	MERCER 5
GSU 3	MERCER 0	GSU 1	CAMPBELL 2
GSU 0	CAMPBELL 7	GSU 0	CENTENARY 1
GSU 0	S. ALABAMA 2	GSU 5	WOFFORD 0
GSU 2	CHARLESTON 4	GSU 1	DEPAUL 2
GSU 2	BERRY 1	GSU 2	UNC-ASHEVILLE 1
GSU 0	CHARLESTON 3	GSU 0	UAB 3
		GSU 5	EMORY 3



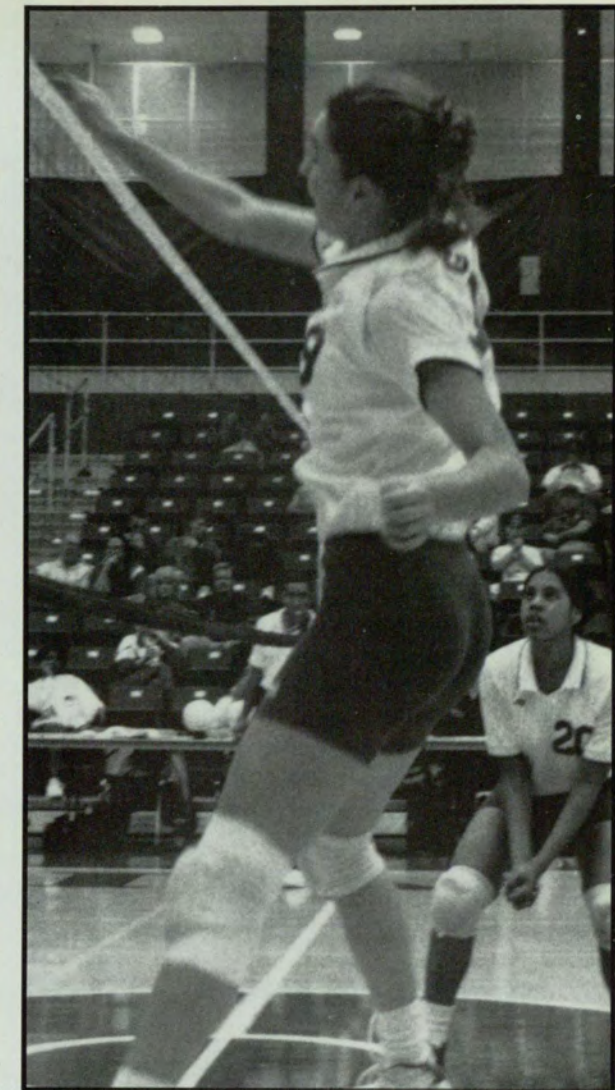
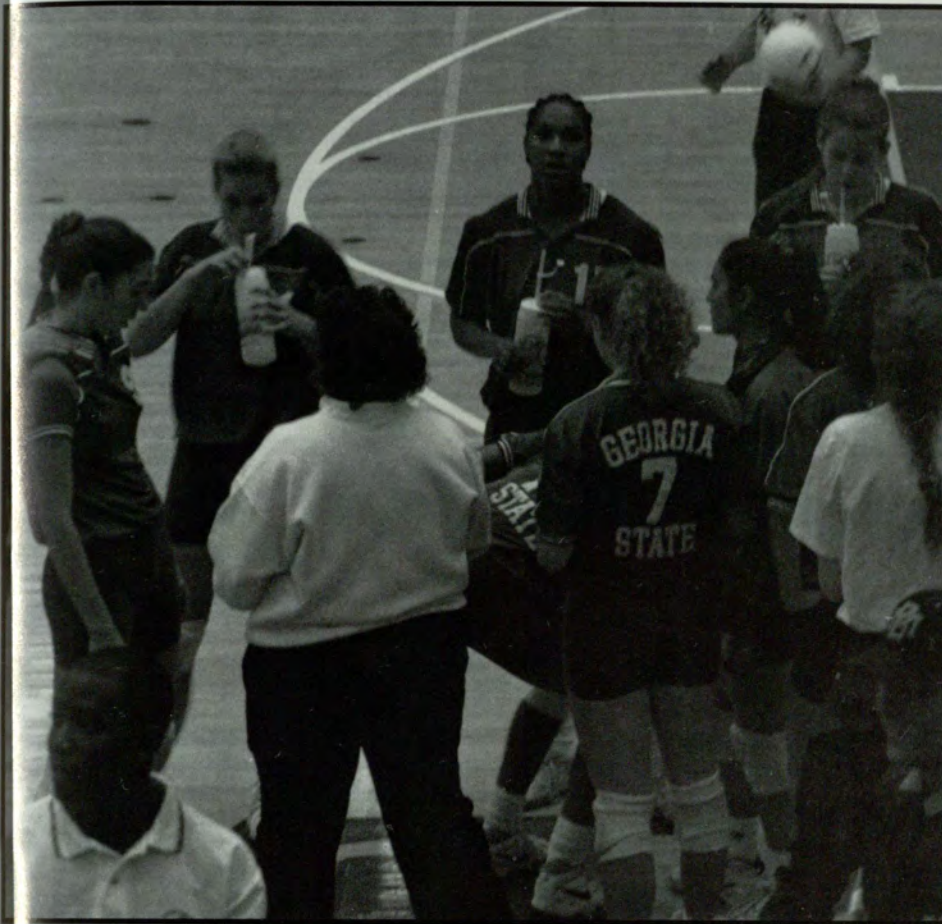
John Gomez squeezes through two opponents on his way to the goal. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*

Paul Holjak leaps high to deflect a shot. The sophomore goalkeeper started every game and anchored the Panthers' defense in '95. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*



Beth Van Fleet spikes home a point for the Lady Panthers, the 1995 Trans America Athletic Conference Eastern Division champions. *Photo by Steve Williams.*

Head coach Sandi Stein addresses the team during a timeout. *Photo by Todd James.*



Volleyball '95: Game-by-Game

GSU 1	TOLEDO 3	GSU 1	TROY ST. 3	GSU 3	CAMPBELL 2
GSU 0	INDIANA ST. 3	GSU 0	CENTRAL FLORIDA 3	GSU 0	AUSTIN PEAY 3
GSU 3	UT-MARTIN 1	GSU 1	UNC-ASHEVILLE 3	GSU 1	JACKSONVILLE ST. 3
GSU 2	EVANSVILLE 3	GSU 1	ALABAMA ST. 3	GSU 3	CHARLESTON 2
GSU 0	ALABAMA 3	GSU 3	CAMPBELL 0	GSU 0	GEORGIA TECH 3
GSU 0	UAB 3	GSU 2	RADFORD 3	GSU 0	GEORGIA 3
GSU 0	SAMFORD 3	GSU 1	N.C. STATE 3	GSU 3	UTC 0
GSU 1	PROVIDENCE 3	GSU 3	VCU 4	GSU 0	AUBURN 3
GSU 1	BOSTON COLLEGE 3	GSU 3	MERCER 2		
GSU 3	SAMFORD 0	GSU 1	CHARLESTON 3		
GSU 0	JACKSONVILLE ST. 3	GSU 0	CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 3		
GSU 0	TROY ST. 3	GSU 0	GEORGIA TECH 3		

1995 TAAC Tournament
 GSU 2 CHARLESTON 3
 GSU 0 CENTRAL FLORIDA 3

Volleyball '95

Beast of the East

They were 2-14 at one point in the season. They struggled, especially early in the year. They had losing streaks and poor execution.

But once inside the Trans America Athletic Conference portion of the schedule, the Georgia State Lady Panthers volleyball team looked like a champion.

By winning five of their six TAAC Eastern Division matches in 1995, the team won the division title and hosted the conference tournament in November.

And although the Lady Panthers couldn't complete the run to the NCAA Tournament, it was definitely a tale of two seasons.

GSU struggled through the non-conference portion of their schedule early in September. But with the exception of a loss at Charleston, the Lady Panthers were flawless in their division matches.

Leading the way for the Lady Panthers was Kiki Okeke. A senior, Okeke was named all conference at the end of the season. She was GSU's biggest offensive weapon. She led the team in kills and finished her career third on the all-time GSU kill list.

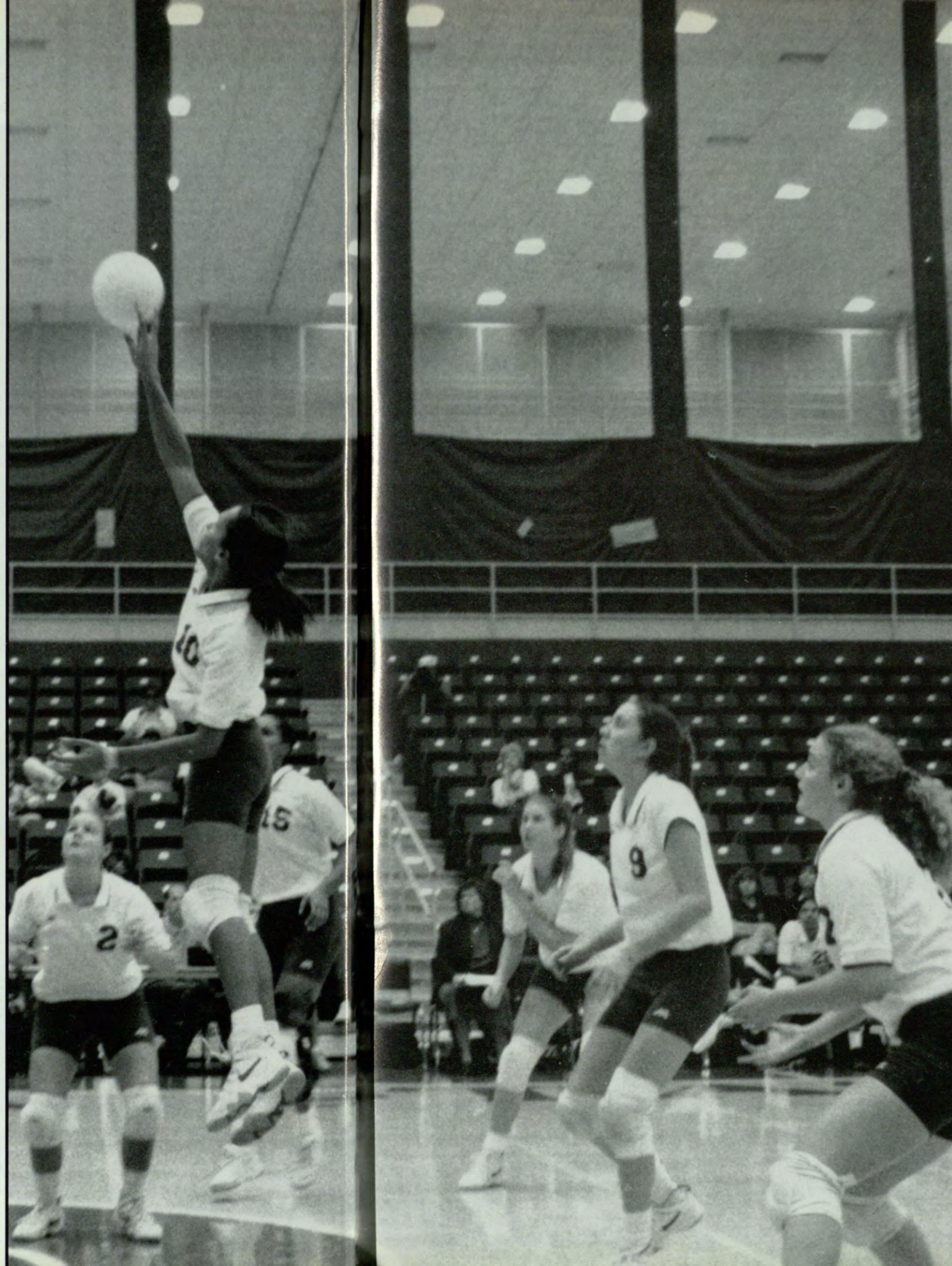
Freshman Beth Van Fleet served notice that she may be able to replace Okeke. Along with Torrance Wilson, Su Humphrey and (late in the year) Samantha Walker, the Lady Panthers had a solid front line.

Missy Stawick led the team in assists, while senior Kim Albritton provided gritty defense for head coach Sandi Stein's squad.

-Bud L. Ellis



Head coach Sandi Stein and the Georgia State Lady Panthers captured the TAAC Eastern Division championship and hosted the conference tournament in November. *Photo by April Parrish.*



Kiki Okeke lets loose with a ferocious spike. The senior finished her career third in school history in kills. *Photo by Bo Swiney.*

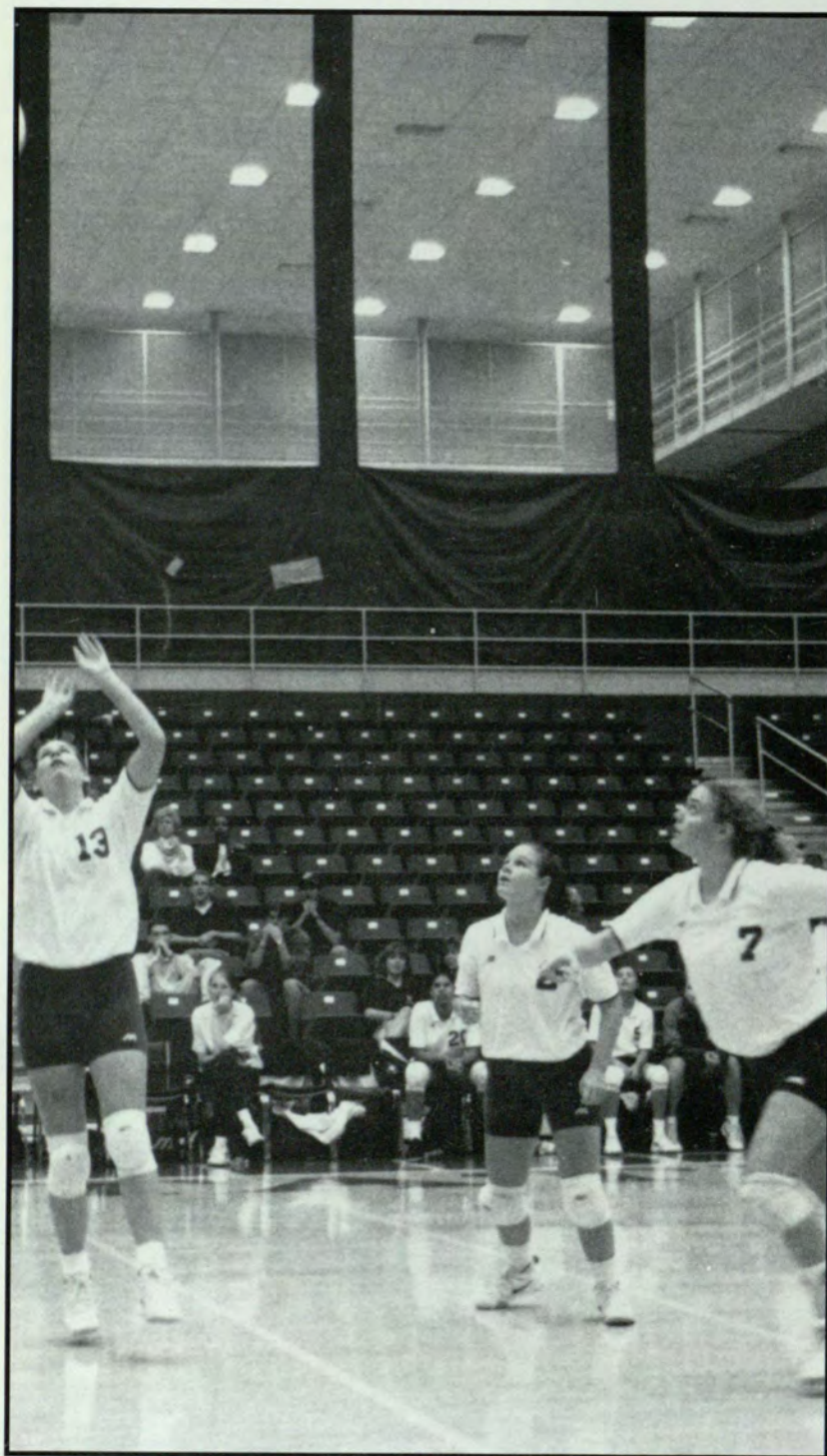


Missy Stawick (2) sets the ball for Beth Van Fleet. Stawick led the Lady Panthers in assists in '95. *Photo by Steve Williams.*

Volleyball

1995 eastern division

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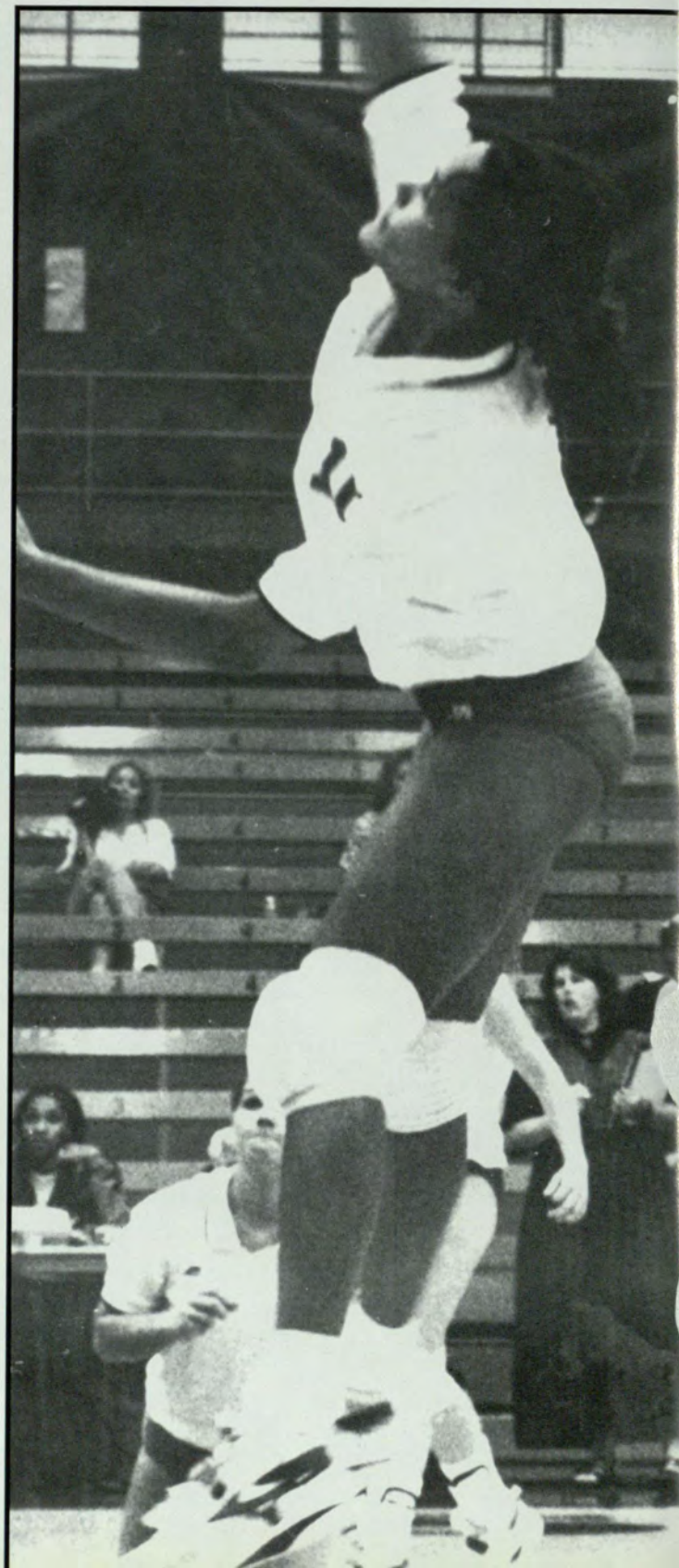
Su Humphrey (13) sets the ball as Samantha Walker (7, far right) prepares to spike it home. *Photo by Steve Williams.*

Kiki Okeke was one of the conference's top performers in 1995. *Photo by Todd James.*

Cross Country

trans american athletic conference

CHAMPIONS



Men's Cross Country '95: Meet-by-Meet

TECH/STATE DUALS	1ST PLACE
W. CAROLINA INVIT.	4TH PLACE
GSU INVITATIONAL	1ST PLACE
GEORGIA COLLEGIATE	1ST PLACE
TAAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	1ST PLACE
NCAA DISTRICT III	15TH PLACE

Women's Cross Country '95: Meet-by-Meet

TECH/STATE DUALS	2ND PLACE
W. CAROLINA INVIT.	9TH PLACE
GSU INVITATIONAL	Didn't post score
GEORGIA COLLEGIATE	1ST PLACE
TAAC CHAMPIONSHIPS	5TH PLACE



Head coach John Rowland was honored as TAAC coach-of-the-year. *Photo by Bo Swiney.*



LaTasha Garland heads to the finish line. *Photo by April Parrish.*

FINALLY!

The guys bring it home

Simply the best.

After nine second-place finishes in the Trans American Athletic Conference in the last 12 years, the Georgia State Panthers finally brought home the conference championship in 1995.

Led by a trio of impressive Australian runners — Julian Dwyer, Andrew Letherby and Stuart Lyall — the Panthers outsprinted their conference foes on October 28 in Macon to bring the men's program its first conference championship in the school's history.

Dwyer earned top individual honors. Letherby, who was TAAC individual champion as a freshman in 1994, came in second. Lyall and Jeff Clayton also finished in the top 10.

But there were other firsts in this championship season. GSU opened the season with their first-ever victory over cross-town rival Georgia Tech. The Panthers would also beat the Yellow Jackets on two other occasions in 1995, an impressive feat considering GSU had tried for 32 years to beat Georgia Tech to the finish line.

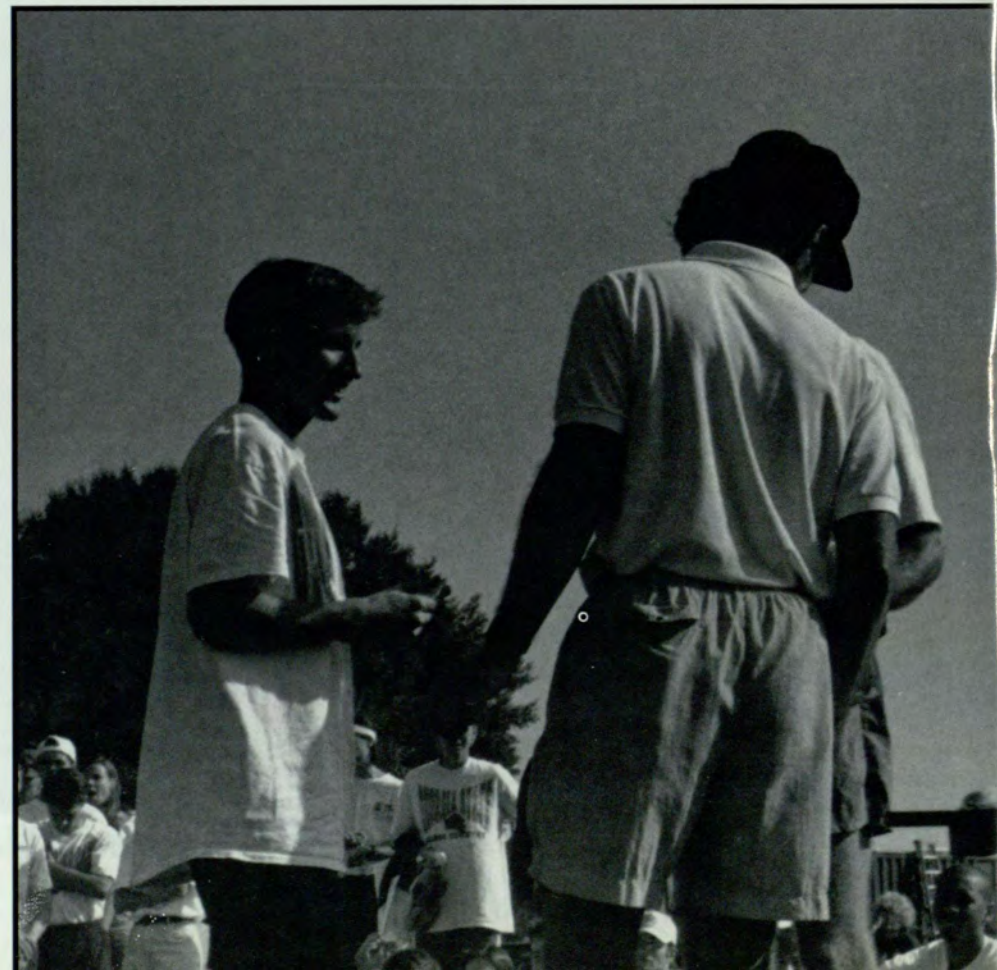
Following the conference championship, the Panthers headed to the NCAA District III meet in South Carolina. Letherby and Dwyer became the first Panthers since 1966 to qualify for the NCAA championships by finishing sixth and eighth, respectively. Dwyer won the final qualifying spot by one second. As a team, the Panthers finished in the top 20, defeating some of the top programs in the south.

Letherby finished in the top 50 at the NCAA championships in late November.

The Panthers won the GSU Invitational and the Georgia Collegiate meet in September, serving notice that they would be a force to be dealt with.

-Bud L. Ellis

Andrew Letherby accepts one of the many awards he earned in 1995. Letherby, combined with fellow Australians Julian Dwyer and Stuart Lyall, helped bring the Panthers the first men's cross country TAAC championship in GSU's history. *Photo by April Parrish.*



Andrew Letherby, Sara Acraman, Julian Dwyer and (kneeling) Stuart Lyall, all from Australia, helped push Georgia State cross country to a new level in 1995. Dwyer and Acraman were the men's and women's individual conference champions; Letherby and Lyall finished in the top 10, earning all-conference status. *Photo courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*

Keeping up with the pack

The Georgia State Lady Panthers cross country team, led by an Australian transfer, put together a solid season in 1995, finishing fifth in the Trans American Athletic Conference.

The big story with this team was Sara Acraman, who transferred to GSU from Australia. Acraman was so impressive that even back in August, head coach John Rowland thought she could win the conference's individual championship. Acraman, capturing first place at the TAAC Championship October 28 in Macon, proved Rowland prophetic. Despite being slowed with an ankle injury in the middle of the season, Acraman was solid for the Lady Panthers all season.

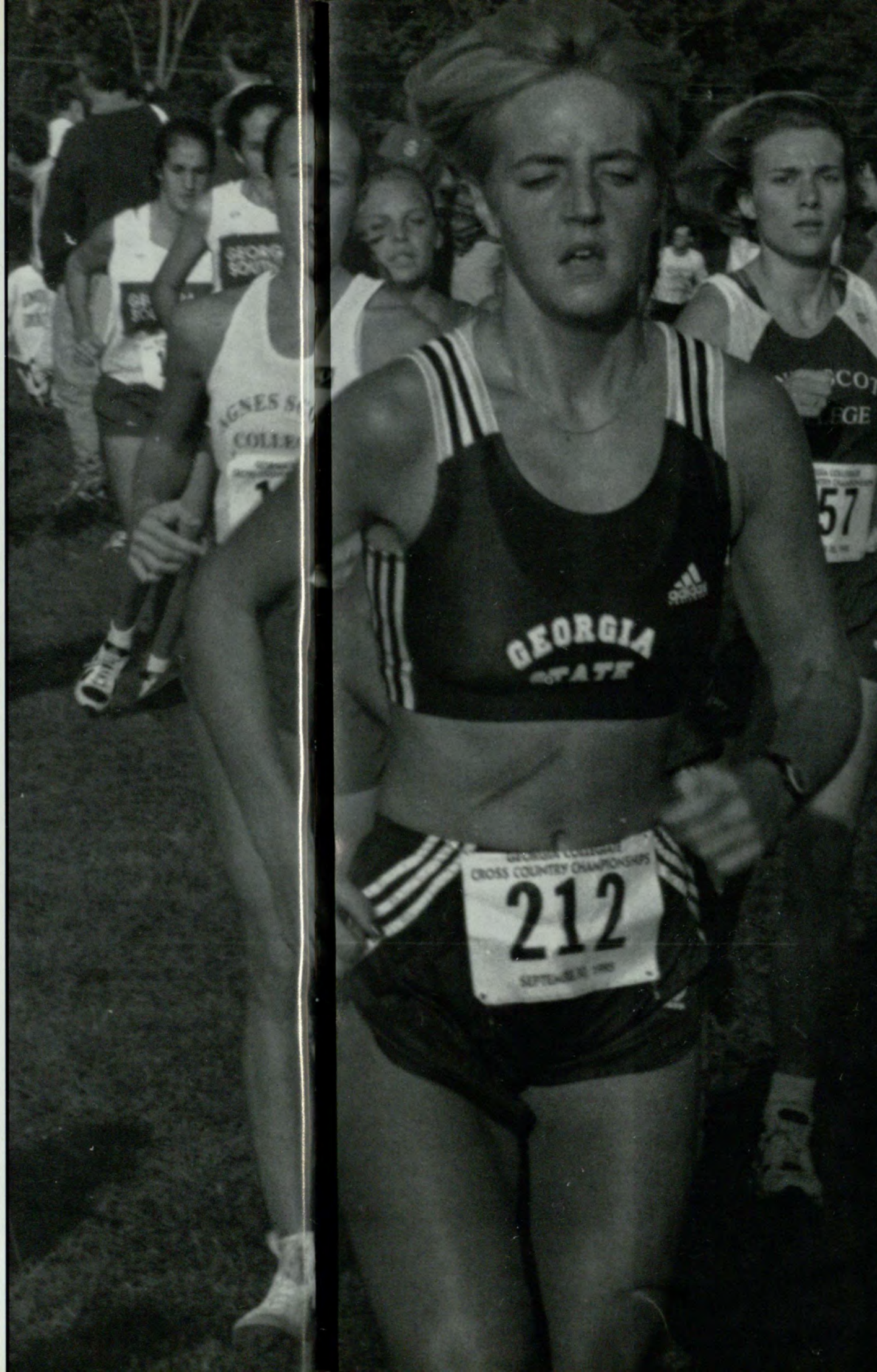
Shelly Price, who finished 28th at the 1994 conference meet, cracked the top 10 to earn all-conference honors. Christy Nelson, Brandi Watson, Julie Ourada, LaTasha Garland and Keri Scroggins all ran well at times, providing a solid nucleus to the team.

The Lady Panthers fell to Georgia Tech in the season opener, and although nagging injuries wouldn't allow Rowland to field a full team at the GSU Invitational, the team responded two weeks later with a win at the Georgia Collegiate meet. GSU capped its season with the fifth-place finish at the conference meet.

-Bud L. Ellis



The Lady Panthers are off and running at the Georgia Collegiate championships. *Photo by April Parrish.*



Brandi Watson pushes herself towards the finish line. *Photo by April Parrish.*



Australian transfer Sara Acraman was sensational in 1995, winning the Trans America Athletic Conference individual women's title at the conference meet. *Photo by April Parrish.*

Serving up *success*

After losing their first-round match in the Trans America Athletic Conference championships, the Georgia State Panthers' tennis team could technically have finished as high as fifth via consolation wins. The team was able to accomplish this feat by winning its last two matches.

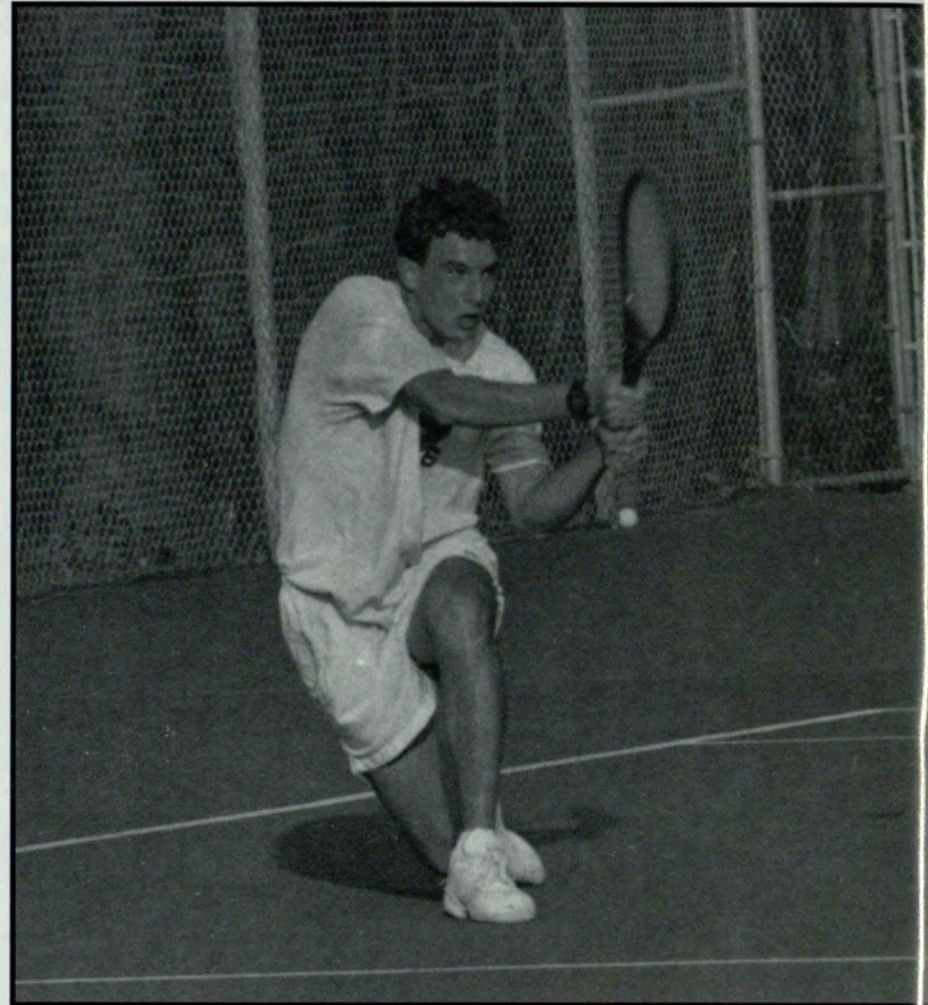
The initial loss to the College of Charleston, by a score of 4-1, was a disappointment to all of the players because just a week earlier, GSU had defeated the Cougars by a 4-3 score.

The Panthers were also hampered by injuries late in the year. Despite these odds, the Panthers defeated Florida Atlantic 4-0 and Southeastern Louisiana 5-1 in consolation rounds to finish in fifth place.

Looking back on the season as a whole, team members were pleased that GSU posted a winning record (12-5), but disappointed with the first-round loss at the conference tournament in Macon, Ga.

Top performers during the season for the team in singles play were Nick Eterovic, who won 13 and lost just six at the number-six singles spot; Pontus Aldell, who went 14-8 at number-five singles; and Thomas Karlsson, who finished the season with a 9-7 record.

— Rob Manley



Brian Huesman (opposite page) scores a point for the Panthers. *Photo by Adina Baer.*

Thomas Karlsson (left) went 9-7 in singles play in 1995. *Photo by Adina Baer.*

Nick Eterovic (below) fires a return for GSU during a match. *Photo by Adina Baer.*



Men's Tennis '95: Game-by-Game

GSU 5	FLORIDA A&M 4	GSU 1	CENTRAL FLORIDA 6
GSU 0	FLORIDA STATE 7	GSU 4	CAMPBELL 3
GSU 2	AUBURN 5	GSU 7	EMORY 2
GSU 1	GEORGIA TECH 8	GSU 2	TENN. CHATT. 5
GSU 6	MERCER 2	GSU 6	CHARLESTON SOUTH. 1
GSU 5	S.E. LA. 1	GSU 4	CHARLESTON 3
GSU 2	SAMFORD 5	GSU 7	GA. COLLEGE 0
GSU 1	HAMPTON 6	GSU 1	CHARLESTON 4
GSU 1	FLAGLER 5	GSU 4	FLORIDA ATLANTIC 0
GSU 6	FLORIDA ATLANTIC 1	GSU 5	S.E. LA. 1

Men's Tennis '95

Come out and *play!*

GSU intramurals give everyone a chance to participate

As each year rolled along at Georgia State University, the students and faculty found ways to enjoy their college life. One of those ways was to participate in an evergrowing program: intramurals. As the participants became more involved in intramurals, they learned how to enhance their playing skills, team effort and spirit.

Melissa Buchheit, coordinator for GSU's intramural program, believed the idea behind intramurals was that "it is an avenue for students to be able to relieve stress, relax and interrelate with students. Also, intramurals is a good learning experience for its participants. It has been proven to enhance the players' leadership skills and their sense of teamwork." Asked if the intramural program was a good thing, Buchheit responded, "Yes. It is definitely a positive benefit."

Intramurals in 1995 began during the winter quarter with sports such as basketball, volleyball and bowling.

Pi Kappa Alpha won the Inter-Fraternity Council championship after defeating Sigma Nu. Zeta Tau Alpha defeated Alpha Omicron Pi for the United Sorority Council championship. The SA EXpress team defeated Ben's Brigade to become the B-league champions. Also, Unlimited II defeated D-Train to capture the coveted A-league championship.

Also during the winter quarter of 1995, soccer matches were played in the USC and IFC. Alpha Omicron Pi played Phi Mu in the USC soccer league and Pi Kappa Alpha won due to a protest in the IFC league.

Chris Norris breezed to a victory in the three-point shootout. Norris made 21 of 30 three pointers, including 12 in a row.

Then, as the grass turned green and the flowers blossomed, spring quarter arrived at GSU. All softball activities were carried out at Panthersville, home of the Lady Panthers' softball team. The street hockey league carried out its matches on the asphalt of the Wade Walker Courts in Dekalb County.

Pi Kappa Alpha defeated Pi Kappa Phi in IFC softball for the championship. The Human Primates and the SA EXpress be-

came the co-champions in the Co-rec softball league due to a rainout. Also, the Draft defeated the Menshivicks in the men's softball league. In the IFC street hockey league, Pi Kappa Alpha came out on top, defeating Sigma Nu.

On a beautiful sunny weekend in late May, Pi Kappa Phi became champions during a great two-day golf tournament at Brown's Mill Golf Course. Members of the team were Ron Sirard (77), Fran McGarvey, Marcus Evans, and Lane Ferguson. The Sharpshooters won the independent team championship with a 241. Jay Bowen captured the individual championship with a three-under 69.

During the summer, six teams participated in the softball league. The Police team defeated the Menshevicks for their second straight championship.

Also, as Buchheit describes golf as "consistently one of our most popular sports," the Dossiers defeated the two-time champion Straight Shooters in a 10-team golf league that quarter.

In the fall of 1995, Pi Kappa Alpha defeated Sigma Nu for the IFC volleyball championship. Alpha Omicron Pi defeated Zeta Tau Alpha for the USC volleyball championship. Not only was volleyball a popular sport, but flag football was as well. Pi Kappa Alpha defeated Sigma Nu for the IFC flag football championship. Alpha Omicron Pi defeated Delta Zeta for the USC flag football trophy. Finally, the Raiders defeated the Tortfeasors for the men's Independent league championship.

On November 18, the 1995 Turkey Trot was held at Georgia Regional Hospital. Top men finishers of the 5K race were Jones Kirui, Mark Barton, and Bruce LaBudde. Top women finishers were Paige Dirscherl, Caroline Rhiel and Heather English. The top three team finishers were ROTC, Rupps Runners and Total Recs. All finishers were awarded T-shirts and the top three women and men were awarded turkeys.

When asked of what the theme of intramurals was this past year, Buchheit said "Intramurals is meant to be a good time had by all."

-Shawn Haney



York Singleton sets the ball during a volleyball match at Indian Creek Recreation Center on Memorial Day weekend. *Photo courtesy of GSU Recreational Services.*

Tony Matthews tees it up during the two-person lauderdale golf tournament. *Photo courtesy of GSU Recreation Services.*

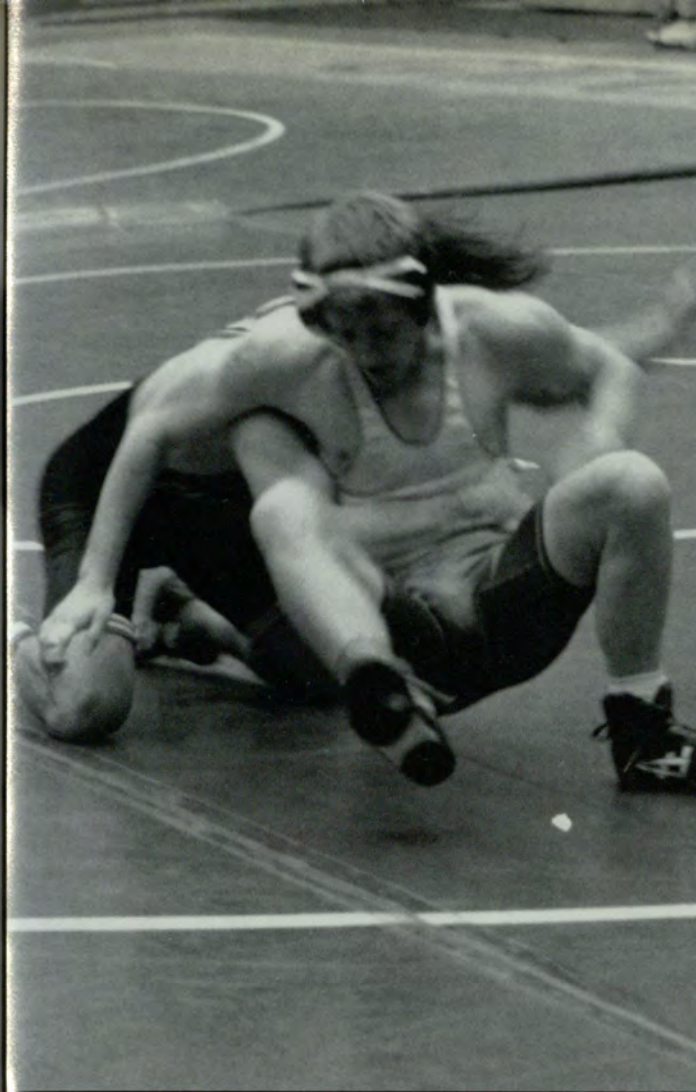
Intramurals '95



Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity won the intramural street hockey championship. *Photo courtesy of GSU Recreational Services.*

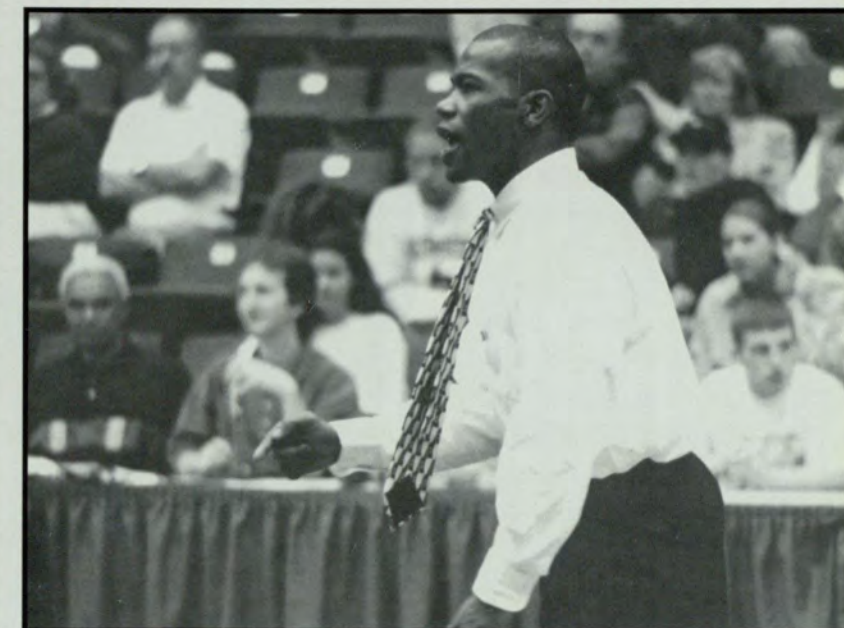
Dr. James Scott takes a plunge in the dunk tank during the annual Day in the Park festivities. *Photo courtesy of GSU Recreational Services.*

Gary Andrews (foreground) boxes out an opponent during an intramural basketball game. *Photo courtesy of GSU Recreational Services.*



118-pound grappler Todd Lambert escapes the hold of an opponent. The four-time state champion from McEachern High School was a key member of GSU's team in 1995-96. *Photo by Adina Baer.*

Head coach Keith Walton had some big shoes to fill entering his first season as the Panthers' coach. But after legendary Gary Kurdelmeier retired, Walton took over and led the Panthers through a solid 1995-96 campaign. *Photo by Adina Baer.*



Wrestling '95-'96: Match-by-Match

GSU 29	CITADEL 12	GSU 32	CITADEL 6
GSU 21	JAMES MADISON 20	GSU 15	TENN.-CHATT. 17
GSU 45	PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN 3	GSU 25	TENN.-CHATT 13
GSU 6	NORTH CAROLINA 45	GSU 38	DAVIDSON 6
GSU 10	N.C. STATE 22	GSU 22	CARSON NEWMAN 16
GSU 12	MARYLAND 21	PEMBROKE OPEN	18-14 OVERALL
GSU 12	OLD DOMINION 23	MOUNTAINEER OPEN	31-20 OVERALL
GSU 9	NORTHWESTERN 26	UNC OPEN	42-38 OVERALL
GSU 30	PENSACOLA CHRISTIAN 18	SUNSHINE OPEN	42-39 OVERALL
GSU 12	CORNELL 24	PEACH STATE DUALS	25-14 OVERALL
GSU 15	PURDUE 25		
GSU 34	CAMPBELL 6	NCAA Eastern Regionals	3rd OUT OF 10

Wrestling '95

Preparing to repeat in the East

Facing a tough dual meet schedule which included nine ranked teams, the Georgia State Panthers had to settle for a 10-8 dual meet record in the 1995-96 season.

"The idea was to get the guys better prepared for the NCAA Championships by putting them out there against ranked opponents nearly every match," said head coach Keith Walton. "By first facing tough opponents like North Carolina, Cornell, Purdue and Northwestern during the dual meet season, we were able to control the tempo of the Eastern Regional NCAA qualifier at the end."

Among the individual wrestlers, Pat Lynch led the team through the regular season, posting an unblemished 21-0 record with 11 falls to his credit. The All-American grappler also won the Mountaineer Open and the North Carolina Open wrestling tournaments, without allowing a single offensive point to be scored against him.

"Pat is the type of wrestler that coaches dream of having on their squads," continued Walton. "On the mat, he stays focused, never loses his cool and leads by example with an aggressive but conservative tempo. Off the mat, he helps run a Boys & Girls Club wrestling program in the inner city. He is also enrolled in one of the toughest majors at GSU — Biology."

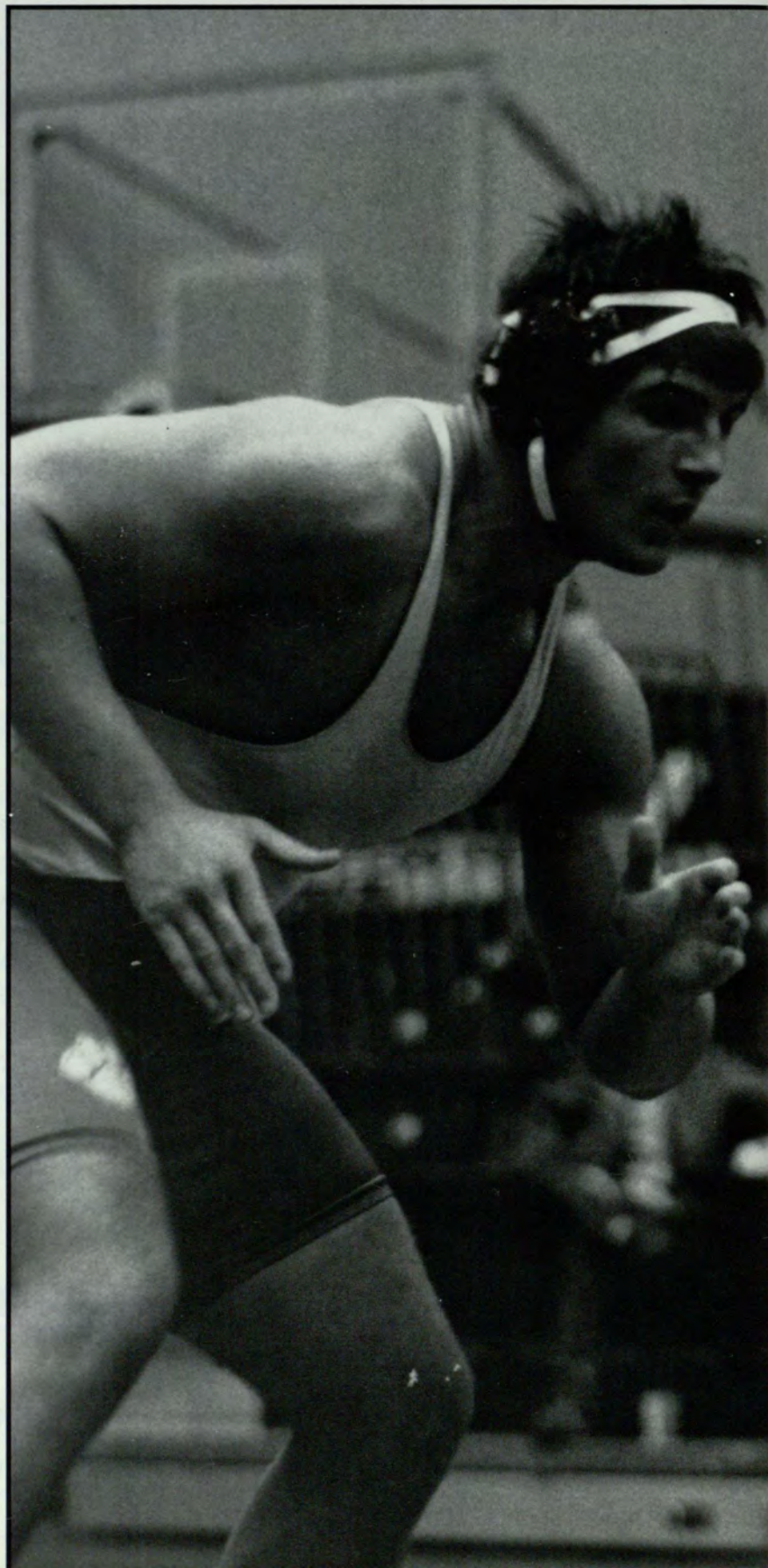
Australian Olympic team member and 167-lb. GSU grappler Rob MacArthur was another key leader on the squad. In a dual meet against N.C. State, MacArthur redeemed himself from his early ouster in the first round of last year's NCAA Championships by crushing Ken Johnson 10-1. Johnson was the same opponent who had ousted him from the nationals in 1995.

"I either reach my goal of being an All-American this year or never reach it at all," commented the senior midway through the season.

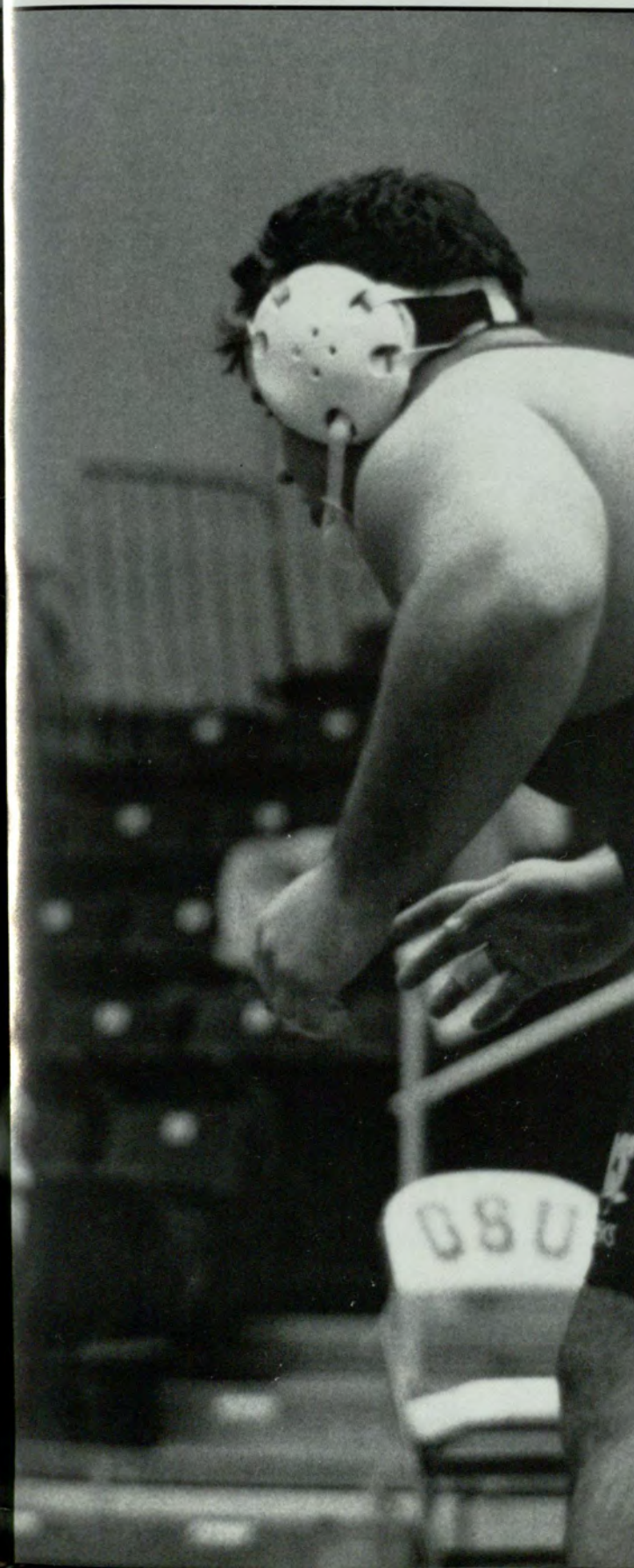
Freddy Rodriguez, a 150-lb. starter was also strong for the team. Rodriguez set the record for career wins and career falls in his final year in a Panther uniform.

— Rob Manley

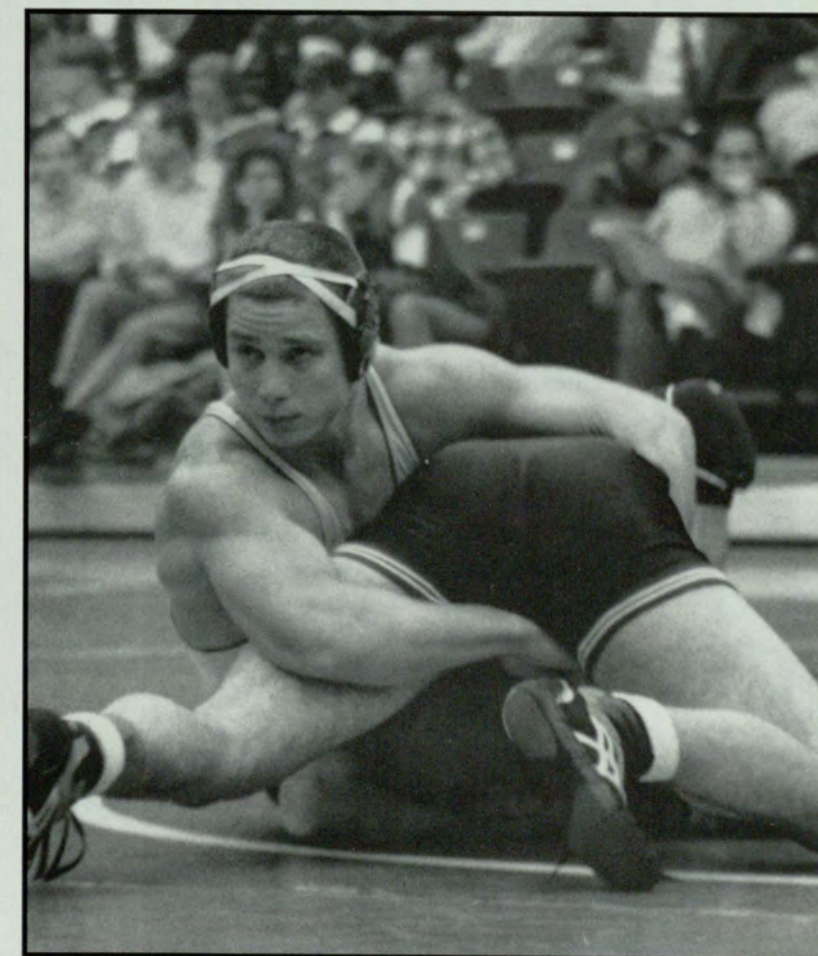
Heavyweight Josh Bryan (left) was just one part of GSU's success in 1995-96. Bryan clinched exciting victories against James Madison and Carson Newman in the final match. *Photo by Adina Baer.*



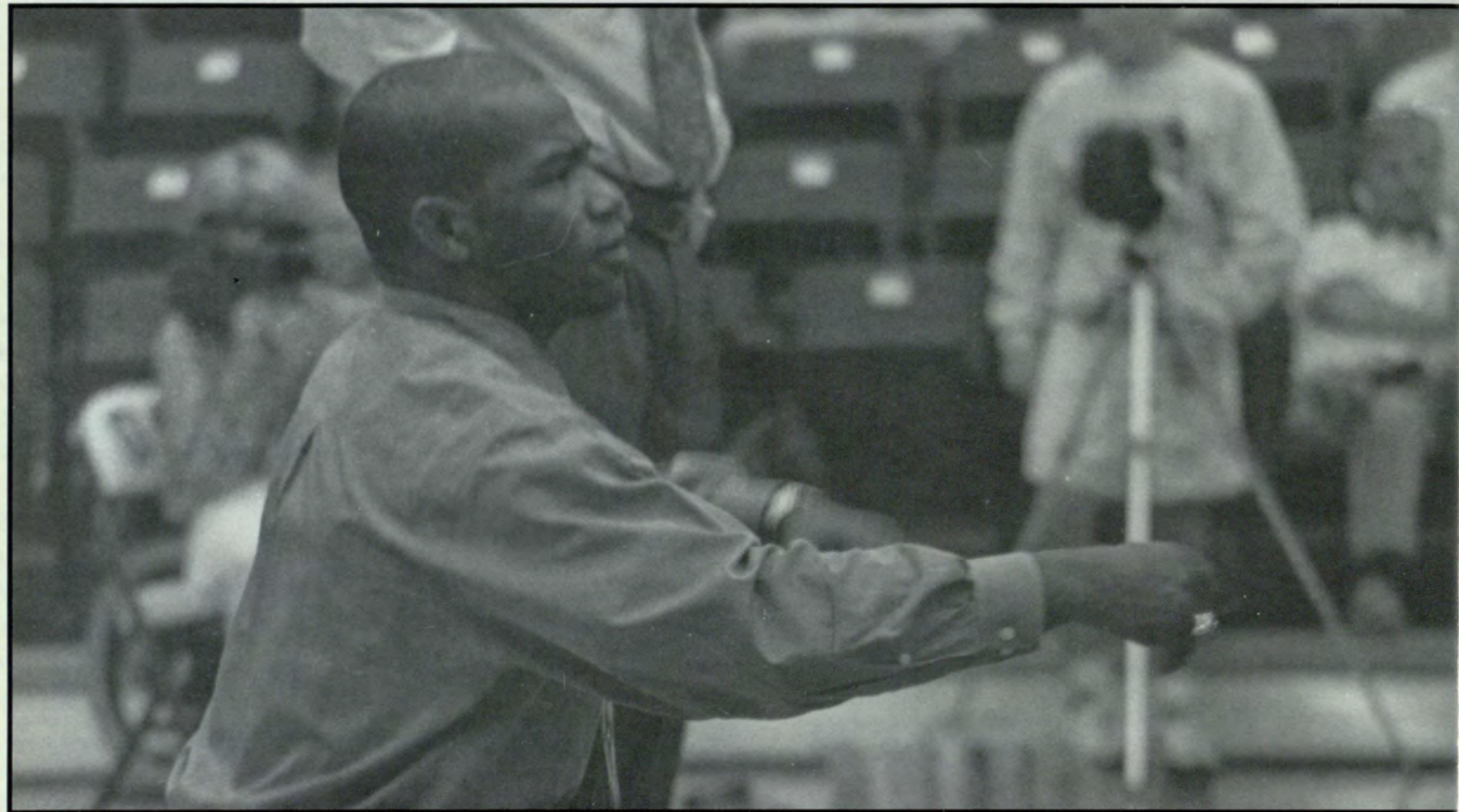
CAA qualifier Rob MacArthur waits for a stalemate call from the ref. *Photo by Chelsea Shepberd.*



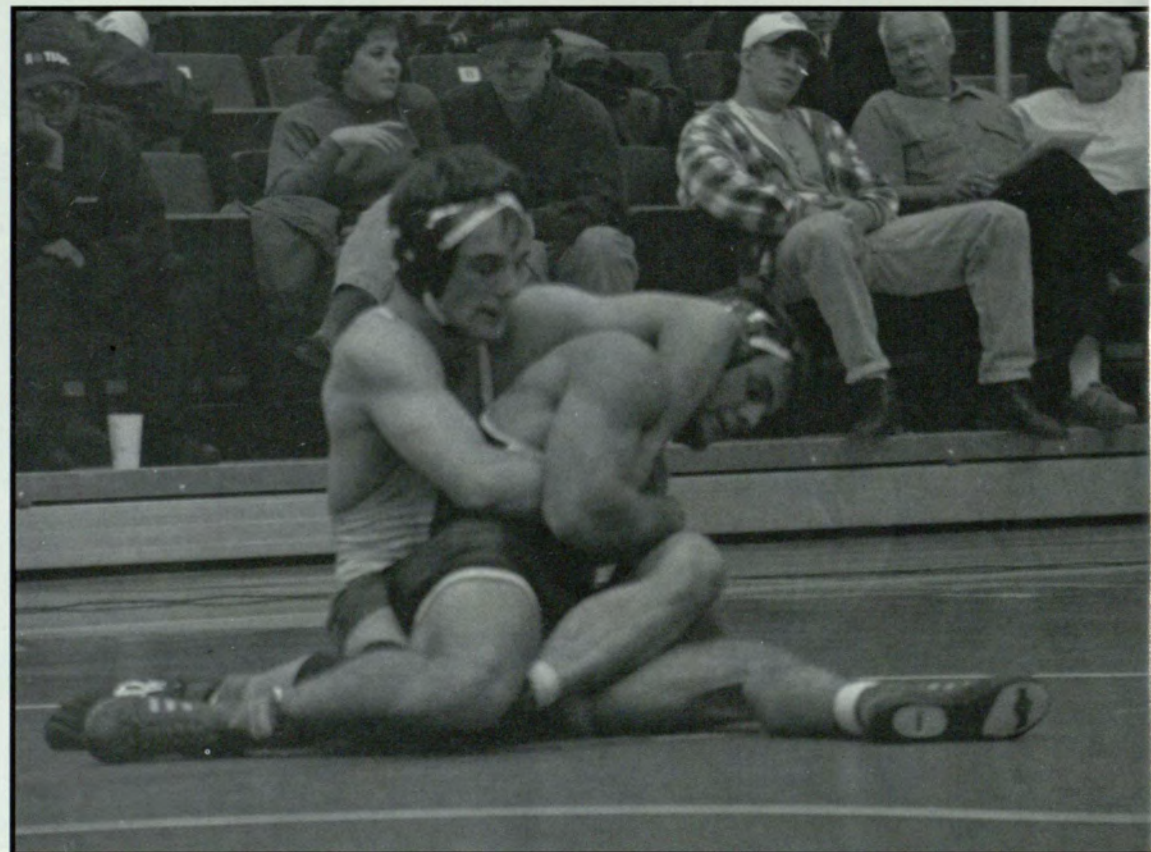
Chris Barrios (top) works a near-side body ride at the first-annual Candlelight Dinner meet against the Citadel on January 13. Highlights of the meet and an overview of the GSU program were broadcast on ESPN two weeks later. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*



Defending Eastern Regional Champions



Keith Walton studies the action during a match. The first-year head coach, well-liked by his team and their fans, was a star at the University of Oklahoma in the mid 1980s. *Photo by Chelsea Shepherd.*

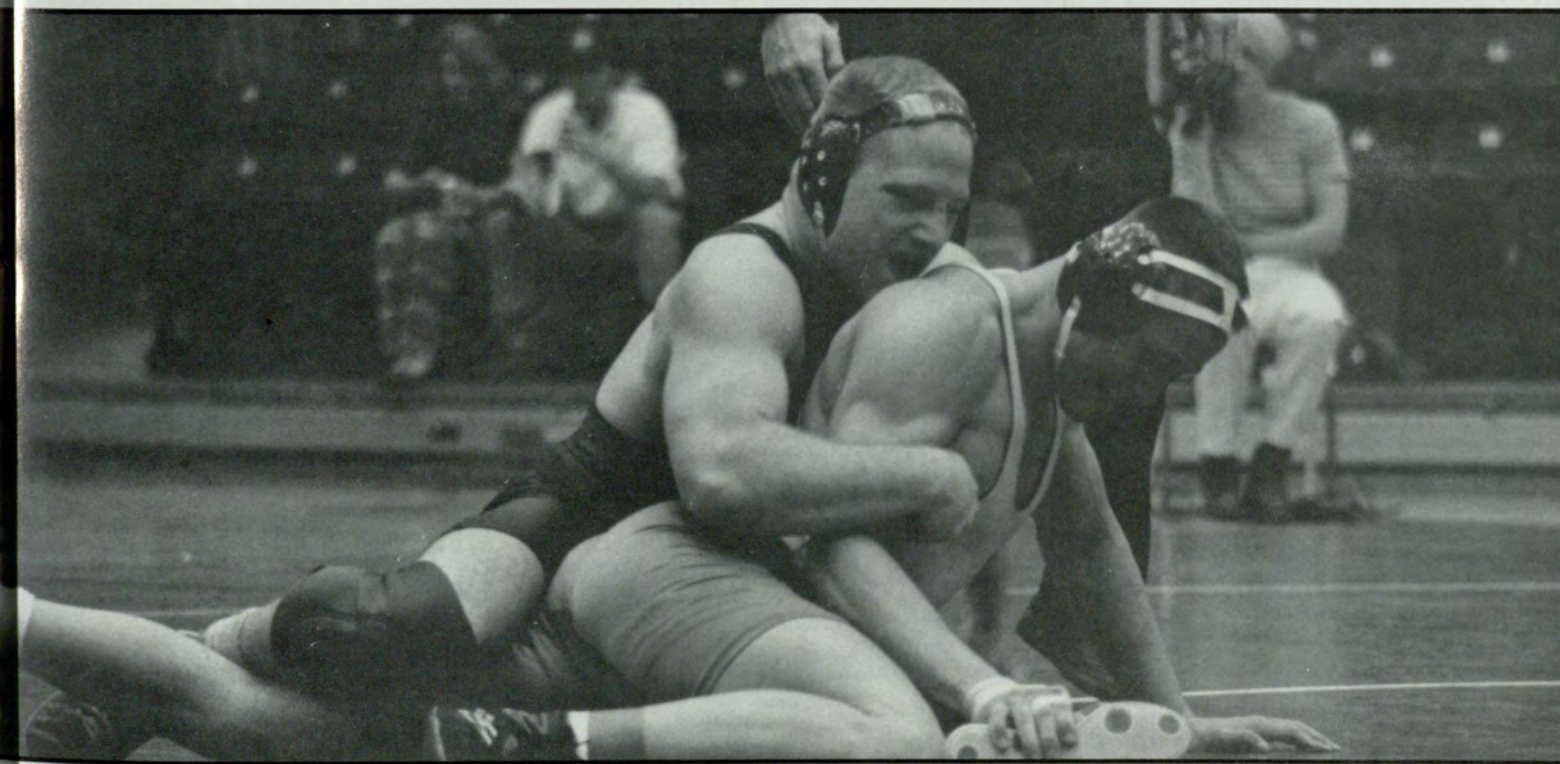


Junior Kevin Robinson (left) works a cross-body ride and tilt combination against Tennessee-Chattanooga. *Photo by Chelsea Shepherd.*



Chris Barrios gets in deep on a single-leg shot. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*

Freshman Jeremiah Low peels a leg out while attempting to build up to his base. *Photo by Adina Baer.*



Eyes on the prize

The Georgia State Panthers' basketball team had an up-and-down season record-wise in 1995-96, but there was plenty of reason for fans to cheer despite the team being under .500.

Senior Terrence Brandon earned All-Trans America Athletic Conference honors in the preseason. He did not disappoint in his final year, averaging around 20 points and 10 rebounds while becoming one of the top players in the conference.

Sophomore point guard Rodney Hamilton continued his emergence as one of the more-exciting players to watch. Hamilton took over games at times, hitting the game-winning shot against Georgia Southern and coming up big for head coach Carter Wilson time and time again.

Sophomore shooting guard Shellord Pinkett set up perhaps GSU's most-needed win of the year, forcing overtime on February 1 against Southeastern Louisiana with a buzzer-beating three pointer. Pinkett added 19 points in a big win over Centenary late in the season, as the Panthers pushed for a berth in the conference tournament.

Senior forward Travis Williams, after earning his degree in December, showed why he had perhaps the biggest heart of any player in the TAAC. Always battling ... always hustling ... always playing like "the Travis Williams we all know," a phrase used again and again by radio play-by-play man Dave Cohen.

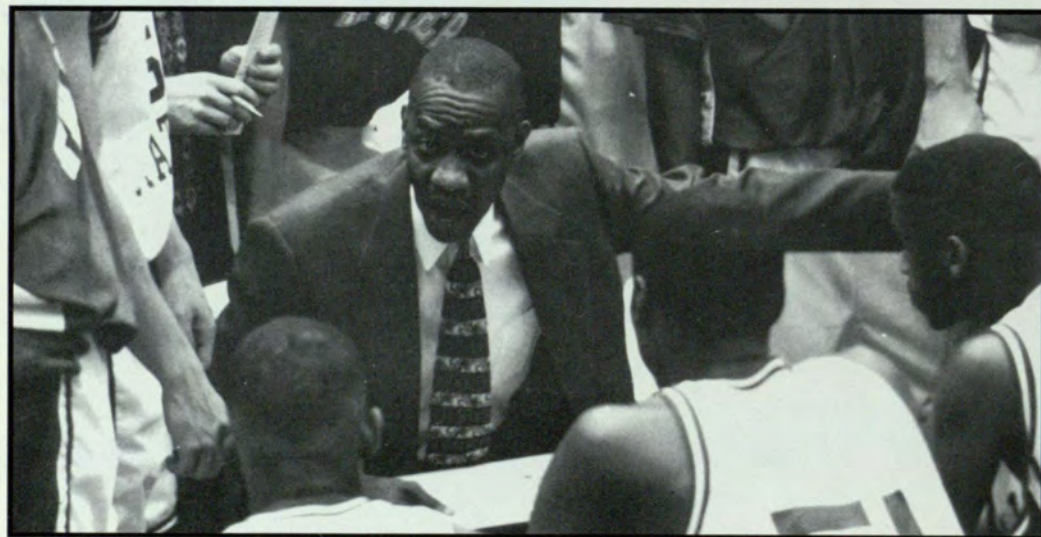
Contributors differed from game to game. There were Tony Rhine's solid performances against Grambling State and Winthrop. There were Tildon Wright's 16 points to help GSU get its first win of the year at Arkansas State. There were Terrence Evans' solid defensive and offensive efforts through the conference battles.

And then there were the newcomers: at times, players like Rico Pearson, Chris Gentry, Alex Savvidis and Anthony Toomer showed the future was indeed bright for a team losing just four seniors.

After a rough start, the Panthers put together four wins in their final six contests of 1995. As the conference schedule started, however, another rough period began. But the team held together through adverse times to give fans a breathtaking ride down the stretch towards the postseason.

Unfortunately, the Panthers fell just short of a postseason bid, losing their final regular season game and not getting the help needed from Central Florida or Florida International on the season's final day.

— Bud L. Ellis



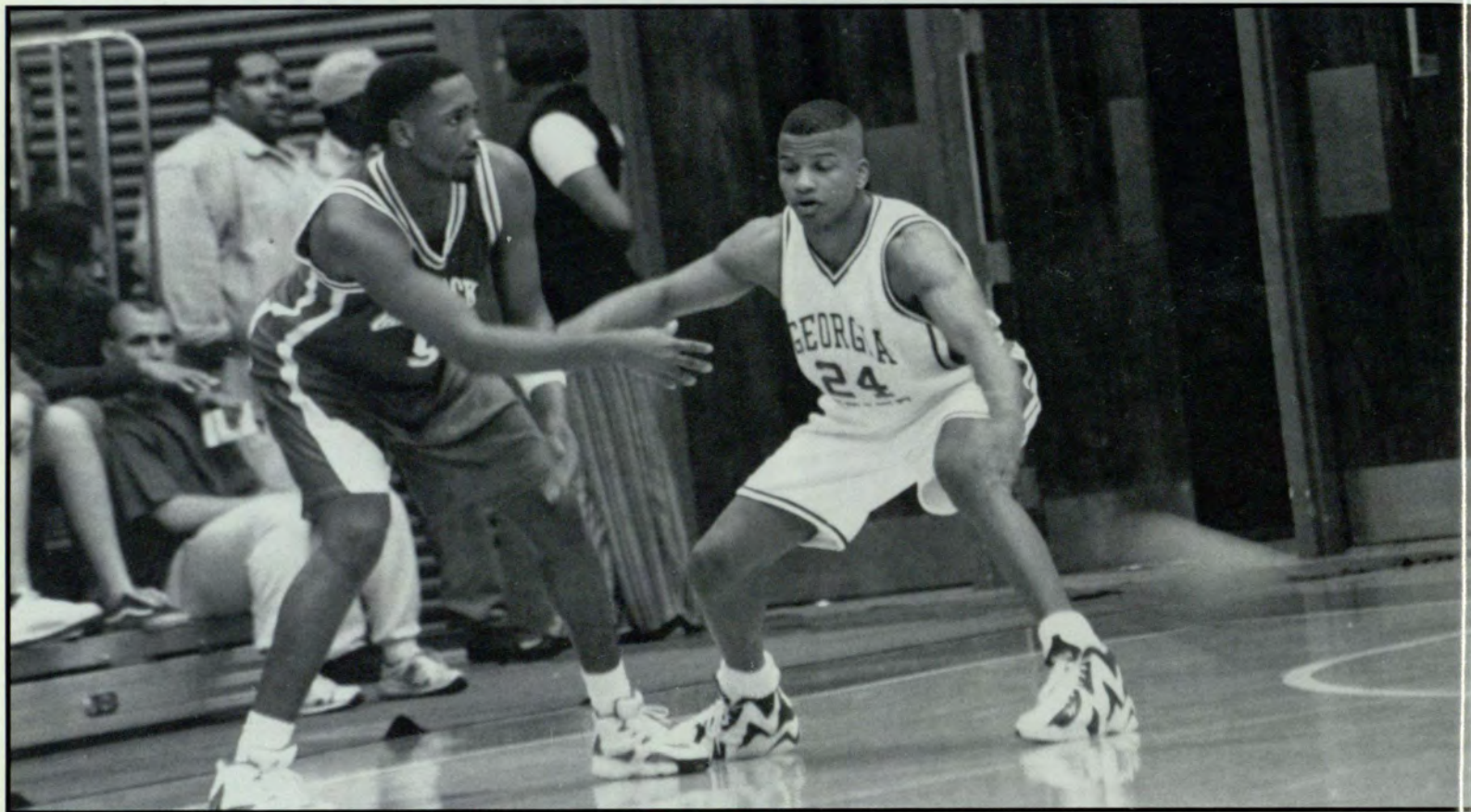
Head coach Carter Wilson tells the Panthers to step up the defense during GSU's season-ending loss to Samford on February 24. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*



Terrence Evans takes it to the hole. The junior from Miami played well for the Panthers, earning the starting nod at center. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*

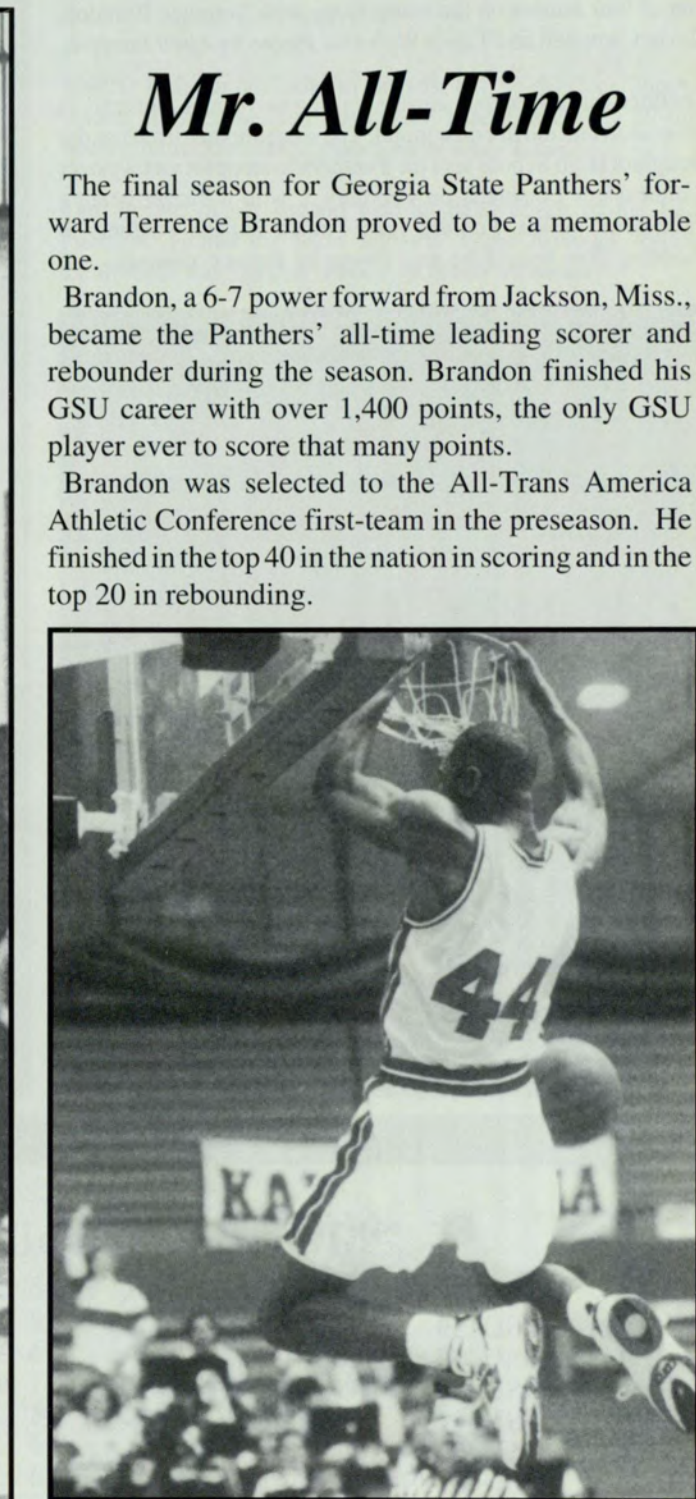
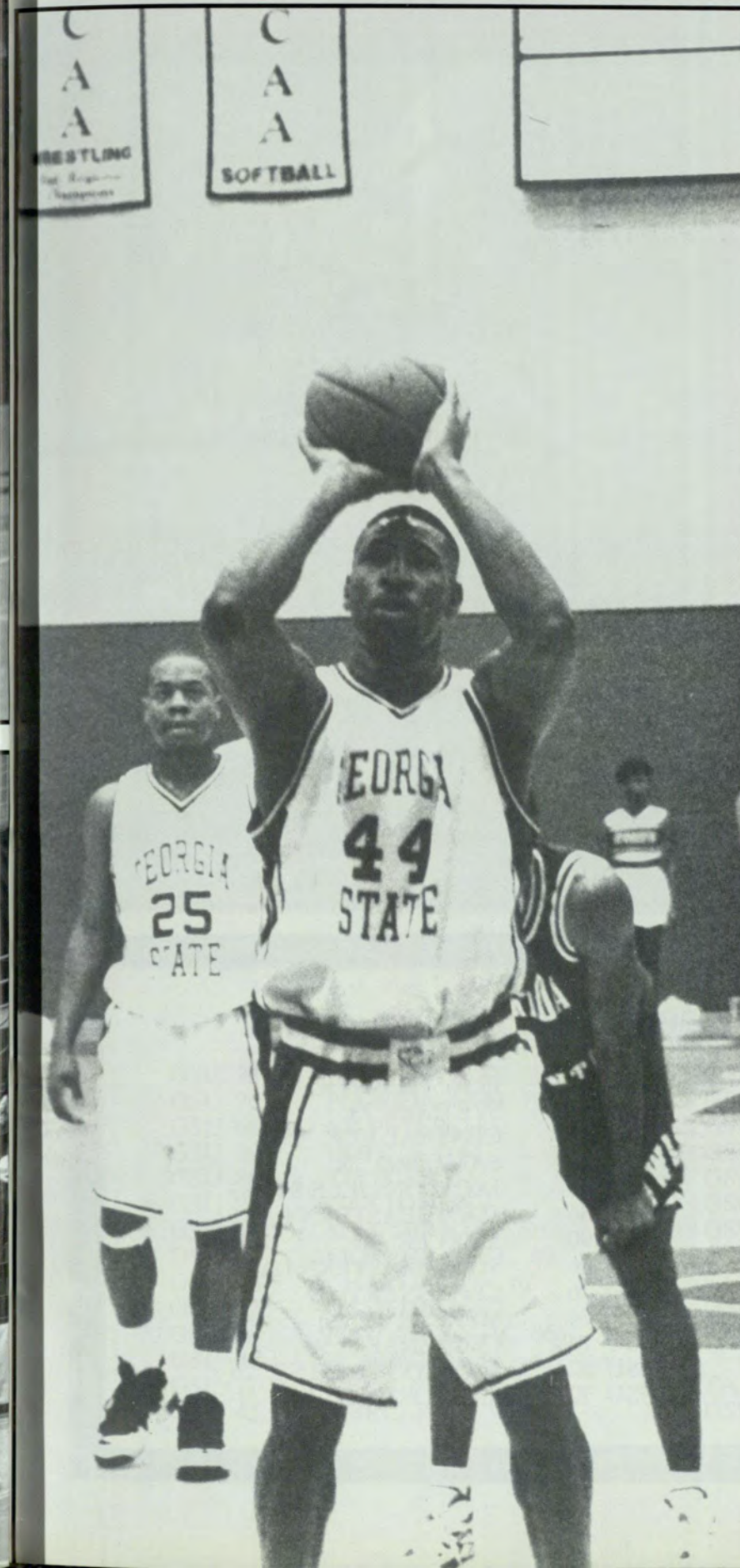
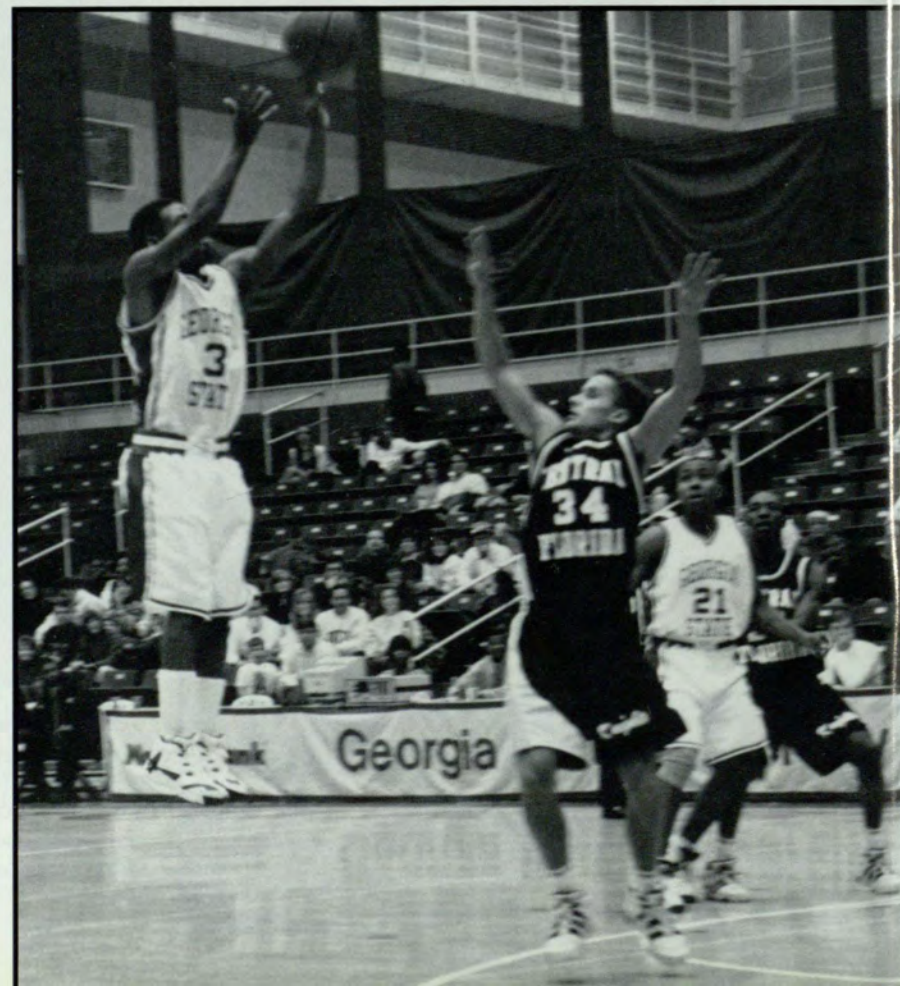
Anthony Toomer puts up a jumper for the Panthers. Toomer spelled Rodney Hamilton at point guard and added to GSU's three-point shooting attack. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*

Men's Basketball '95



Travis Williams embodied everything good about competition, class and the game of basketball. A hard-nosed defender and one of the better rebounders in the Trans America Athletic Conference despite being only 6'3" tall, Williams was one senior the Panthers would be hard-pressed to replace in 1996. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*

Point guard Rodney Hamilton emerged as one of the most-exciting players in the Trans America Athletic Conference in 1995-96. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*



Mr. All-Time

The final season for Georgia State Panthers' forward Terrence Brandon proved to be a memorable one.

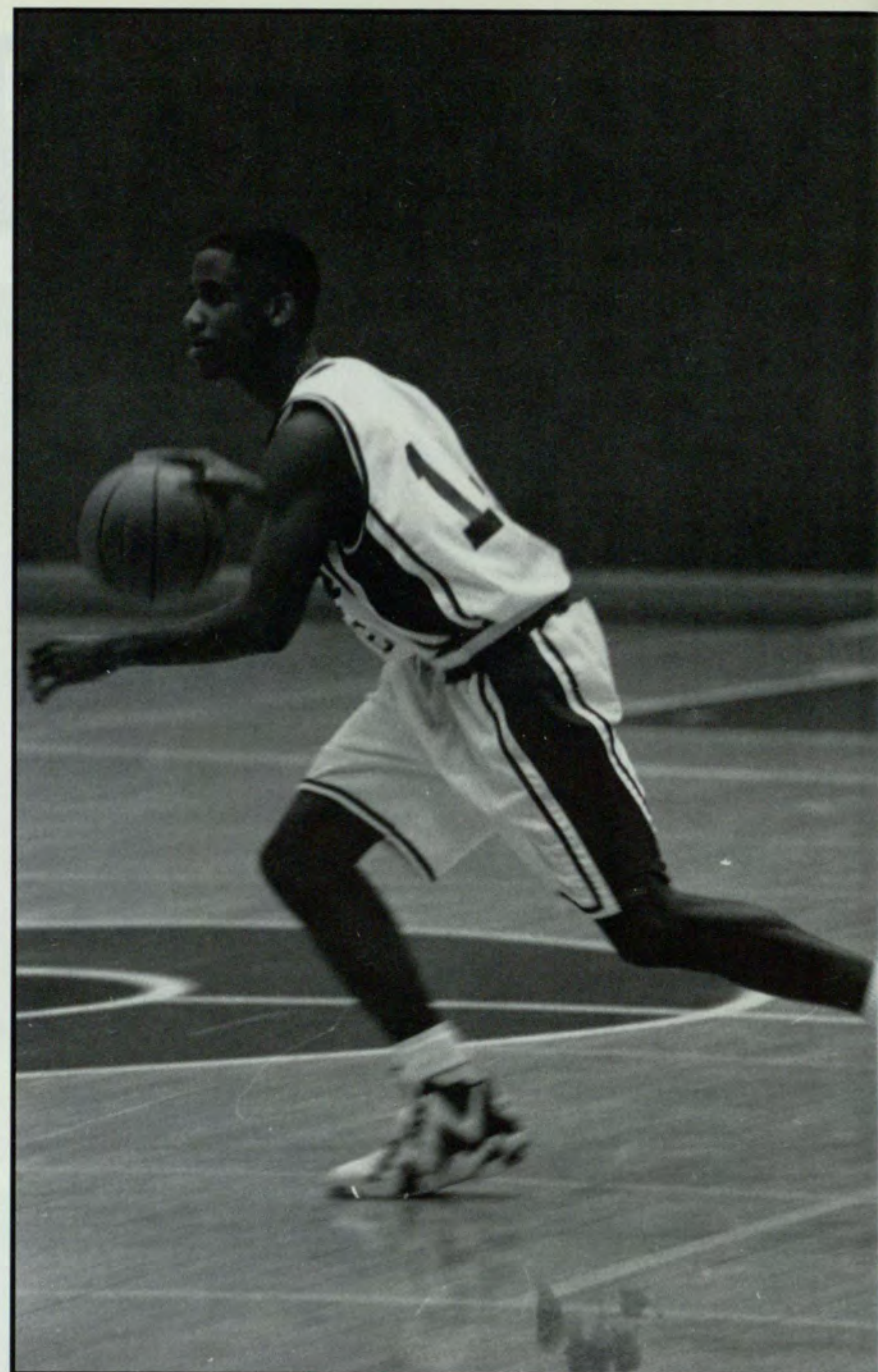
Brandon, a 6-7 power forward from Jackson, Miss., became the Panthers' all-time leading scorer and rebounder during the season. Brandon finished his GSU career with over 1,400 points, the only GSU player ever to score that many points.

Brandon was selected to the All-Trans America Athletic Conference first-team in the preseason. He finished in the top 40 in the nation in scoring and in the top 20 in rebounding.

Terrence Brandon did it all for the Panthers in 1995-96. The senior power forward forced defenses around the nation to double and triple team him, opening up other players. Brandon, whether at the foul line, spinning off the block or pulling up for a jumper, was GSU's most-dangerous offensive threat. *Left photo by April Parrish. Photo above courtesy of GSU Sports Information.*

Tony Rhine looks to drive against Florida Atlantic. Rhine was one of four seniors on the team, along with Terrence Brandon, Kevin Campbell and Travis Williams. *Photo by April Parrish.*

Shellord Pinkett stepped into the starting two-guard spot early in the season and did not disappoint. The sharpshooter from nearby Douglass High School sent the Panthers to an upset victory over Southeastern Louisiana on February 1 with a buzzer-beating three-point basket. For the year, Pinkett led the Panthers in shooting from behind the arc. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*



Center Rhian Jones looks to push the ball up the floor. Jones, a senior, finished her Lady Panthers' career as GSU's all-time leader in blocked shots. *Photo by Brandy Ivins.*

Lea Henry, in her second year as head coach of the Lady Panthers, guided the team into the Trans America Athletic Conference tournament. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*



Men's Basketball '95-'96: Game-by-Game

GSU 78	MORRIS BROWN 80	GSU 62	FLA. ATLANTIC 60
GSU 59	TENNESSEE 74	GSU 61	STETSON 73
GSU 69	MEMPHIS 89	GSU 75	CENTRAL FLA. 95
GSU 68	UT-MARTIN 90	GSU 73	SAMFORD 75
GSU 72	ARKANSAS ST. 57	GSU 65	JACKSONVILLE ST. 83
GSU 60	GA. SOUTHERN 58	GSU 86	SOUTHEASTERN LA. 81
GSU 67	ARKANSAS ST. 74	GSU 90	MERCER 96
GSU 76	GRAMBLING ST. 66	GSU 86	SOUTHEASTERN LA. 91
GSU 55	TULANE 62	GSU 76	CENTENARY 79
GSU 87	WINTHROP 76	GSU 74	MERCER 66
GSU 57	CAMPBELL 60	GSU 74	CENTENARY 58
GSU 78	CHARLESTON 91	GSU 82	JACKSONVILLE ST. 76
GSU 75	FLA. INT'L. 68	GSU 72	SAMFORD 93

Women's Basketball '95-'96: Game-by-Game

GSU 93	KENNESAW ST. 57	GSU 55	SOUTHEASTERN LA. 70
GSU 76	FLORIDA A&M 78	GSU 85	JACKSONVILLE ST. 84
GSU 64	ST. PETERS 83	GSU 60	GEORGIA TECH 76
GSU 59	HOFSTRA 64	GSU 71	FLORIDA INT'L. 77
GSU 80	TROY ST. 56	GSU 54	MERCER 62
GSU 71	DAYTON 55	GSU 64	JACKSONVILLE ST. 69
GSU 64	MID. TENN. ST. 80	GSU 65	SOUTHEASTERN LA. 54
GSU 83	MOREHEAD ST. 49	GSU 81	CENTRAL FLA. 73
GSU 66	CHARLESTON 62	GSU 67	STETSON 68
GSU 52	CAMPBELL 67	GSU 56	CAMPBELL 72
GSU 78	FLA. ATLANTIC 66	GSU 75	CHARLESTON 68
GSU 72	FLA. INT'L. 80		
GSU 71	LYNN 57		
GSU 45	MERCER 51		

TAAC Tournament
GSU 62 FLA. INT'L 68

Shooting for the top

The 1995-96 season began with great optimism for the Georgia State Lady Panthers.

Head coach Lea Henry returned for her second season at the helm, three junior-college transfers, Stacy Nesbitt, Shannetta Reid and Misty Rolle, returned for their senior year, two transfers from Pensacola Junior College, Tammy Felton and Etolia Mitchell, and a solid freshman class, July Mehaffey and Montrine Thomas, came together to produce a feeling of promise.

The team had their share of ups and downs. There was a three-game losing streak in early December. At the same time, they gave a solid performance against Dayton in the Days Inn Classic, as well as a valiant effort against Middle Tennessee State.

As December turned to January, one thing was apparent — GSU had something special in Mehaffey, the diminutive point guard who was ranked in the top 15 in the nation in assists. Sadly, her season ended with a knee injury on January 20 against Mercer.

Felton stepped in at the point and the Lady Panthers pulled together. After falling at Southeastern Louisiana in its first game without Mehaffey, GSU beat Jacksonville State in Anniston in overtime. Felton scored 18, Nesbitt 24 and Angela Anderson hit four three pointers to send the game to OT. Misty Rolle sealed the win with two free throws.

And so it went for GSU ... somebody always stepping up. GSU took care of Southeastern Louisiana in the rematch in Atlanta. A road trip late in the year produced a solid win at Central Florida and a heartbreaking buzzer-beating loss to Stetson, the second-place team in the Trans America Athletic Conference.

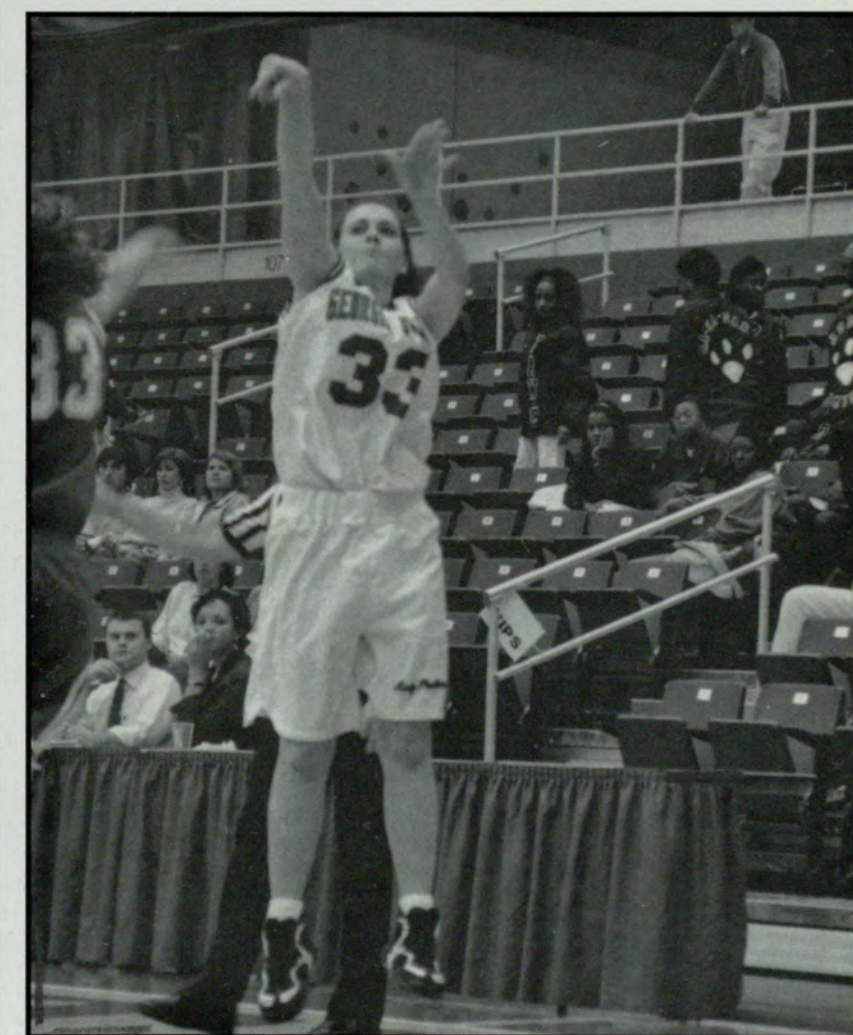
Entering the season's final day, the Lady Panthers needed a win to assure itself of a berth in the TAAC tournament. GSU took care of its business on Senior Day, beating Charleston 75-68 to head to the postseason.

— Bud L. Ellis

Rhian Jones puts up a jumper from the high post against Florida International on January 13. *Photo by April Parrish.*



Stacy Nesbitt draws a double-team. The senior from Macon, Ga., led the Lady Panthers in scoring for the second straight season. *Photo by April Parrish.*



Angela Anderson connects on a three-point shot. The junior guard from Sweetwater, Tenn., helped the Lady Panthers' attack with her long-distance shooting, including four three pointers at Jacksonville State. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*



JUCO steps in to help Lady Panthers

When GSU head coach Lea Henry needed a point guard after Julie Mehaffey's season-ending injury, she turned to junior-college transfer Tammy Felton.

Felton responded, running the Lady Panthers' offense for the final two months of the season.

One of Felton's teammates at Pensacola Junior College, forward Etolia Mitchell, transferred to GSU in December. Mitchell helped bolster GSU's front line and was on the receiving end on more than one of Felton's lobs into the post.

Etolia Mitchell, here at the free-throw line, helped solidify GSU's front line after transferring from Pensacola Junior College in December. *Photo by April Parrish.*

Tammy Felton stepped in at point guard in mid-season and did a solid job of running the Lady Panthers' offense. *Photo by Rob Fearon.*



Senior Shannetta Reid played a big part in the Lady Panthers' success. Reid, who transferred to GSU in 1994, was one of five Lady Panthers to play their final season in 1995-96. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*

Freshman point guard July Mehaffey was putting together a sensational season when she suffered a season-ending knee injury against Mercer on January 20. Mehaffey was ranked in the top 15 in the nation in assists when the injury occurred. *Photo by Chelsea Shepherd.*

Women's Basketball '95

A Braves new world!

Atlanta's first World Series title highlights year in sports

Losersville no more!

For the first time in the 29 years professional sports have been played in this city, the champion of a major league sport called Atlanta home in 1995.

Two blocks south of Georgia State University, the Atlanta Braves ended the city's dry spell on October 28, defeating the Cleveland Indians 1-0 in Game 6 of the World Series to win the title 4 games to 2.

Fans and students took to the streets two days later, as the Braves paraded the World Series' trophy through downtown Atlanta, past GSU and down to Atlanta Fulton County Stadium.

Six blocks west of campus, inside the Georgia Dome, the Atlanta Falcons stunned the defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers on Christmas Eve, sending the club to the NFL playoffs for just the fifth time in franchise history.

Inside the Omni, the Atlanta Hawks ran off 10 straight wins in early January but still lagged behind the Chicago Bulls' record-setting pace in the NBA's Central Division.

The Atlanta Knights of the International Hockey League fired coach John Paris in January, replacing him with Scott Gordon. But the Knights, who won a championship of its own two seasons ago, still struggled for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

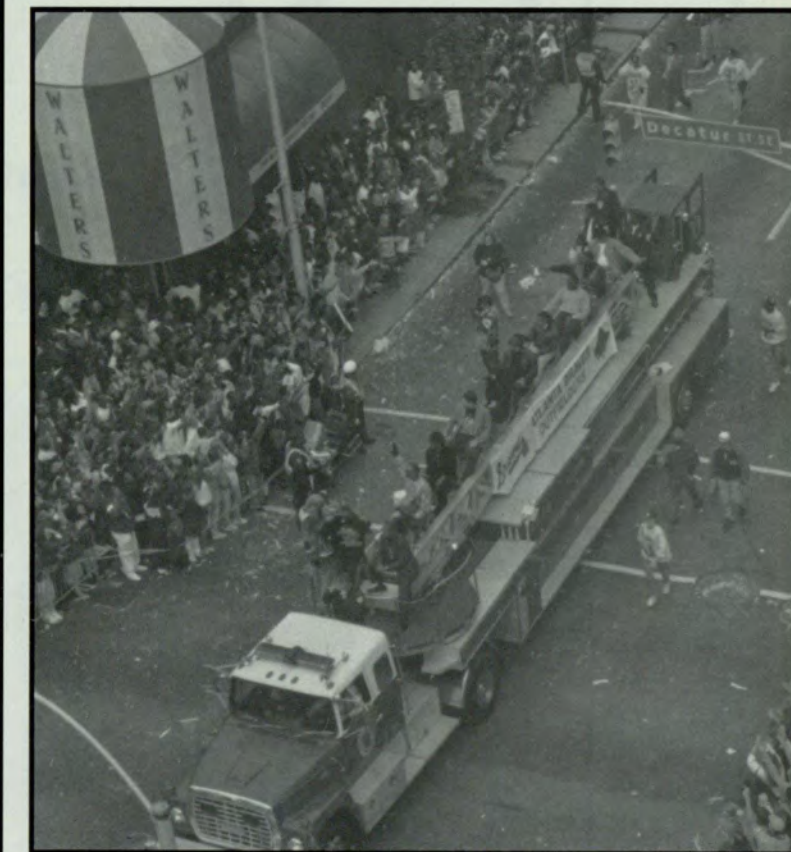
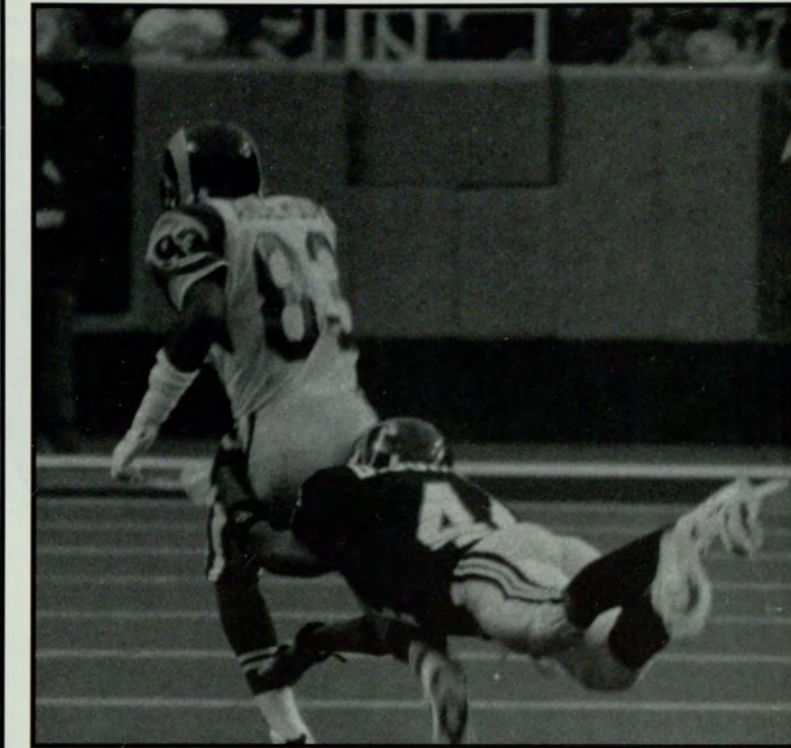
- Bud L. Ellis



Underground Atlanta, next door to campus, was flooded with Braves fans after Atlanta defeated Cleveland 1-0 in Game 6 of the World Series, giving the city its first world championship in a major league sport. *Photo by Trina O'Connor.*



Atlanta defensive back DJ Johnson catches St. Louis wide receiver Flipper Anderson from behind during a game in the Georgia Dome. The Falcons went 9-7 and qualified for the NFL playoffs for just the fifth time in franchise history. *Photo by Kevin Ervin.*



The Atlanta Braves' outfielders wave to fans at the corner of Peachtree Central Ave. and Decatur St. during the Braves' World Series championship parade on October 30. *Photo by April Parrish.*

FINALLY!! The Atlanta Braves rush the field to celebrate after Carlos Baerga's fly ball settled into the glove of center fielder Marquis Grissom at 10:27 p.m. on October 28, ending the World Series and giving the Braves their first world championship. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*



Photo by Allen McCall.

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Greek Chapter *of the year*

Zeta Tau Alpha was an active organization at Georgia State University since 1961. ZTA's national philanthropy was the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. ZTA held two annual fund raisers to benefit the philanthropy, a winter crush party, and a spring Diamond Challenge Softball Tournament. In 1995, the sorority was able to raise enough money to become a major donor to the foundation.

Every member of ZTA participated in a campus activity outside of the sorority. These activities included the Water-Ski club, Spotlight, Order of Omega and the Panhellenic Council.

The sorority was recognized as Greek Chapter of the Year in 1995, as well as the All Sports champions. They also placed first in the Greek Week competition, won the Crown Chapter Award and finished in second place in the Sigma Nu Sweepstakes. A member of the sorority was named Executive Officer of the Year and an Alum was named Alumni of the Year.

The sorority was also recognized by their national office for achieving overall financial improvement as well as grade point average improvement.



Mary Ellen Jerge, Laura McKnight and Beth Ann Randall enjoy dinner at Planet Hollywood with former "Brady Bunch" star, Barry Williams. *Photo courtesy of Zeta Tau Alpha.*



Sorority Bid Night: Stephanie Plumecocq, Jennie Johnson, Susan Bridges, Liz Wagner, Lisa Isbell, Jennifer McClure, Stephanie Kampel, Lara McKnight, Heather Pine, Carrie Findling, Julie Dotson, Amy Gago, Kathleen McIntosh, Beth Ann Randall, Mary Ellen Jerge, Salima Jiwa, Liz Henderson, Stephanie Weeks, Carrie Dodson, Kadee Austin, Candi Waldrop, Jessica Handley, Kelly Reed, Julie Moore. *Not Pictured:* Lisa Bradford, Mandi Glowacki, Mandi Grimes, Katie Goth, Meredith Harris, Nikki Held, Michelle Harris, Jennifer Humphries, Carolyn Moore, Jill Pertain, Carmen Routen, Shannon Stephens, Missy Sims, Paige Stewart, Claire Whitaker, Amy Perdue, Rita Martin, Susan Norton, Christie Mitchell, Georgia Lefsos. *Photo courtesy of Zeta Tau Alpha.*

Zeta Tau Alpha



Above and right: The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta enjoy their Christmas Formal in 1995. Photos courtesy of Alpha Xi Delta.



Forming Ties *on campus*

Alpha Xi Delta was founded on April 17, 1893 at Lombard College in Galesburg, Illinois. The Delta Xi chapter of Alpha Xi Delta came to Georgia State University on October 26, 1963. The "brother" fraternity for Alpha Xi Delta was Sigma Nu. Sigma Nu helped the sorority's founding sisters extend their sisterhood beyond Lombard to other colleges. When Alpha Xi Delta wrote their National Constitution, Sigma Nu helped advise them. Alpha Xi Delta was continually trying to strengthen their ties with Sigma Nu through events such as the Sigma Nu Sweepstakes, the fraternity's annual fundraiser, which was held November 13-18, 1995.

Alpha Xi Delta's philanthropy was Choose Children. The sorority dedicated its time and efforts to serving the children in their community. They gave proceeds from their fundraisers to Scottish Rite and Egleston Children's Hospital. On October 31, 1995, they held a Halloween party, with all proceeds going to the philanthropy. The sorority's annual fundraiser, Bear Affair, also helped sponsor Choose Children.

The Delta Xi chapter received many awards throughout its years at Georgia State. For example, the chapter received the Dean's Cup for both Athletics and New Member. Many members of Alpha Xi Delta belonged to a national honor society called Gamma Sigma Alpha and others were active in activities such as Emerging Leaders.



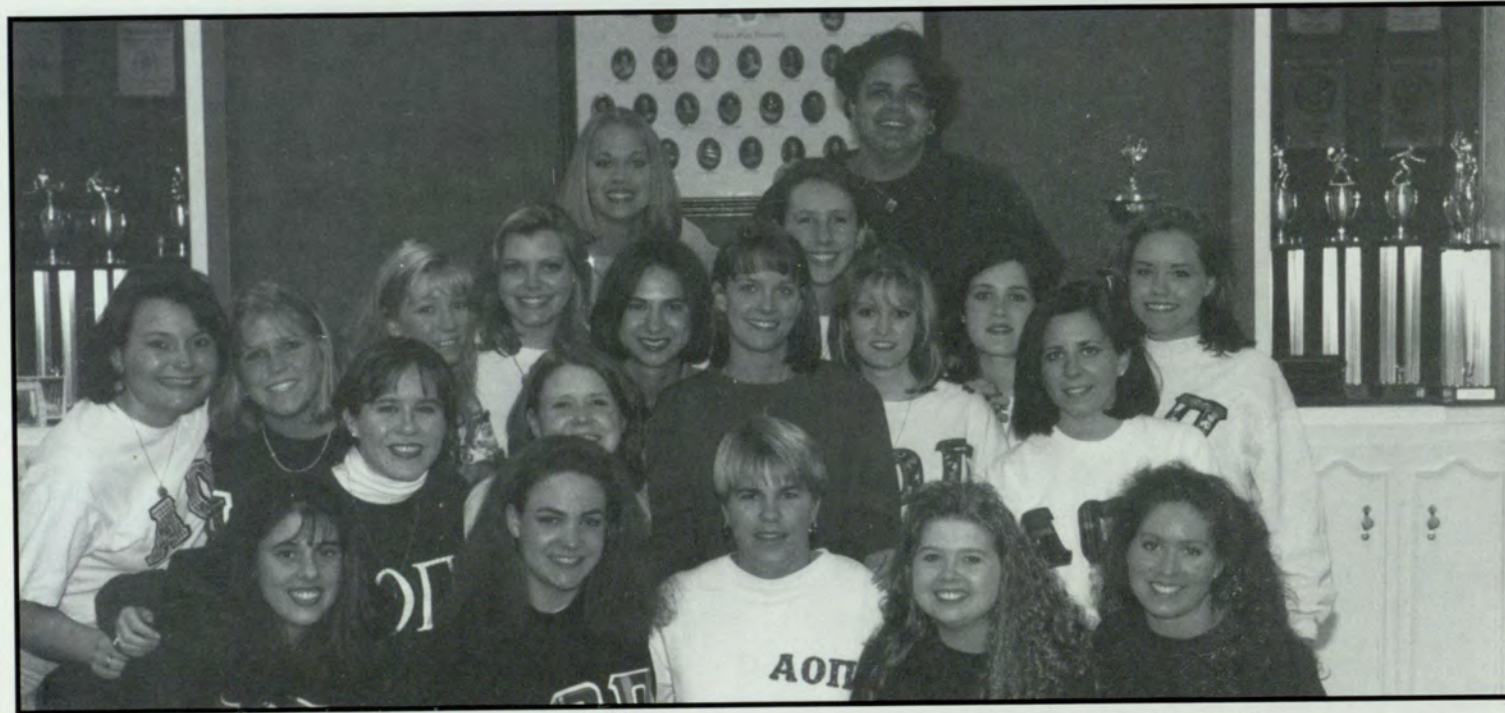
Sorority Bid Night: Back Row: Leslie Marshall, Candace Kleparek, Anne Hutcheson, Programs Vice-President, Wendi Buis, Membership Vice-President, Stacy Dobbins, Chapter Life Vice-President, Brantley Smith, Jenifer Nicholson, Pamela Serra, Lori Colatosti, Jacqueline Smith, Karen Straub, Kerry Roberts. Middle Row: Beth Baker, Karin Barber, Ashley Hammond, Alicia Woo, President, Tina Lewis, Michelle Yates, Financial Vice-President, Amanda Ernst, Christie Snapp, Angie Smallwood, Kim Shearouse, Lori Johnson. Front Row: Julie Cook, Kara Lynn, Public Relations Vice-President, Angela Kading, Recording Secretary, Glenda Gardere, Nicky Ray, Heidi Spitzig, Vanessa Kosky, Tricia Weathers, Anna McAlister. Photo courtesy of Alpha Xi Delta.

Alpha Xi Delta

Helping the Community *around them*

Alpha Omicron Pi was founded in 1897 at Barnard College, Columbia University. The sorority planned to celebrate their Centennial in 1997. The Gamma Sigma chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi was established at Georgia State University in 1956. The sorority's color was cardinal red and their mascot was the panda.

Alpha Omicron Pi's philanthropy was Arthritis Research. Members participated in many greek philanthropy events and co-sponsored an event to raise money for the Oklahoma City bombing victims. Alpha Omicron Pi was committed to sisterhood and helping the community around them.



Alpha Omicron Pi: Front Row: Briana Sims, Allyson Phillips, Becky Weidler, Leah Nelson, Tiffany Sanchez. Second Row: Robin Rowe, Melissa Fowler, Holly Cochran, Melissa Cotton, Sarah Newman, Lori Goosef. Third Row: Laura Laliberte, Erin Deibeg, Kerri Stotte, Michelle Hayes, Jenny Cranford, Leslie Glover. Back Row: Kellee Hilliard, Hannah Walker, Christina Hernandez. *Not Pictured:* Amy Martin, Rosalie D' Andria, Natalie Serefli, Lori Lamarca, Patty Navas, Shannon Koshinski, Paula Wilkes, Brigette Zloklikovits, Kelly Rasbury, Stacey Rowell, Rhanda Gramm, Nicki Sheets, Terra Perrone. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*

Alpha Omicron Pi

Giving Back *to a worthy cause*

The Theta Beta Chapter of Phi Mu was founded at Georgia State University in 1987. Although that made Phi Mu one of the youngest sororities on campus, the positive attitudes and hard work of each of the sisters made it one of the best, in the opinion of Phi Mu.

The members of the chapter were very diverse in cultural backgrounds, majors and ways of life, but they all came together because they believed in the three main ideals of Phi Mu: love, honor and truth.

In order to reach the ideal womanhood, the sisters of Phi Mu believed in giving back to their founding philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network. Not only did they participate year round in phon-a-thons, radio-thons, and telethons, but each spring they also hosted a golf tournament to support this worthy cause.



Phi Mu: Front Row: Trish Coady, Sonya Harmon, Ashleigh Dixon, Allyson Reeves, Angie Hill, Sarah Miller, Stacey Essinger. Middle Row: Suzanne Shoffitt, Lisa Lawler, Sarah McBride, Amanda Wood, Michelle Collier, Bridgett Traywick, Lori Behunin. Back Row: Heather Cofer, Jennifer Bonti, Melanie Fisher, Jaime Holdren, Lisa Grant, Julie Salter, Kim Malham, Kelley Calhoun, Jessice Griffen, Tammy Feinrich, Nicole Clark. *Not Pictured:* Christa Edgar, Jennie Halenza, Brandi Rowland, Courtney Frye, Stacey Emery, Jean Shim, Jennifer Baker, Megan Taylor, Kim Attaway. *Photo by Kelly Vandiver.*

Phi Mu

Active on Campus and in the community

Delta Zeta sorority was founded at Miami University on October 24, 1802. Founded at Georgia State University in 1955, Delta Zeta was always busy working to weigh out all of the important things involved in sorority life.

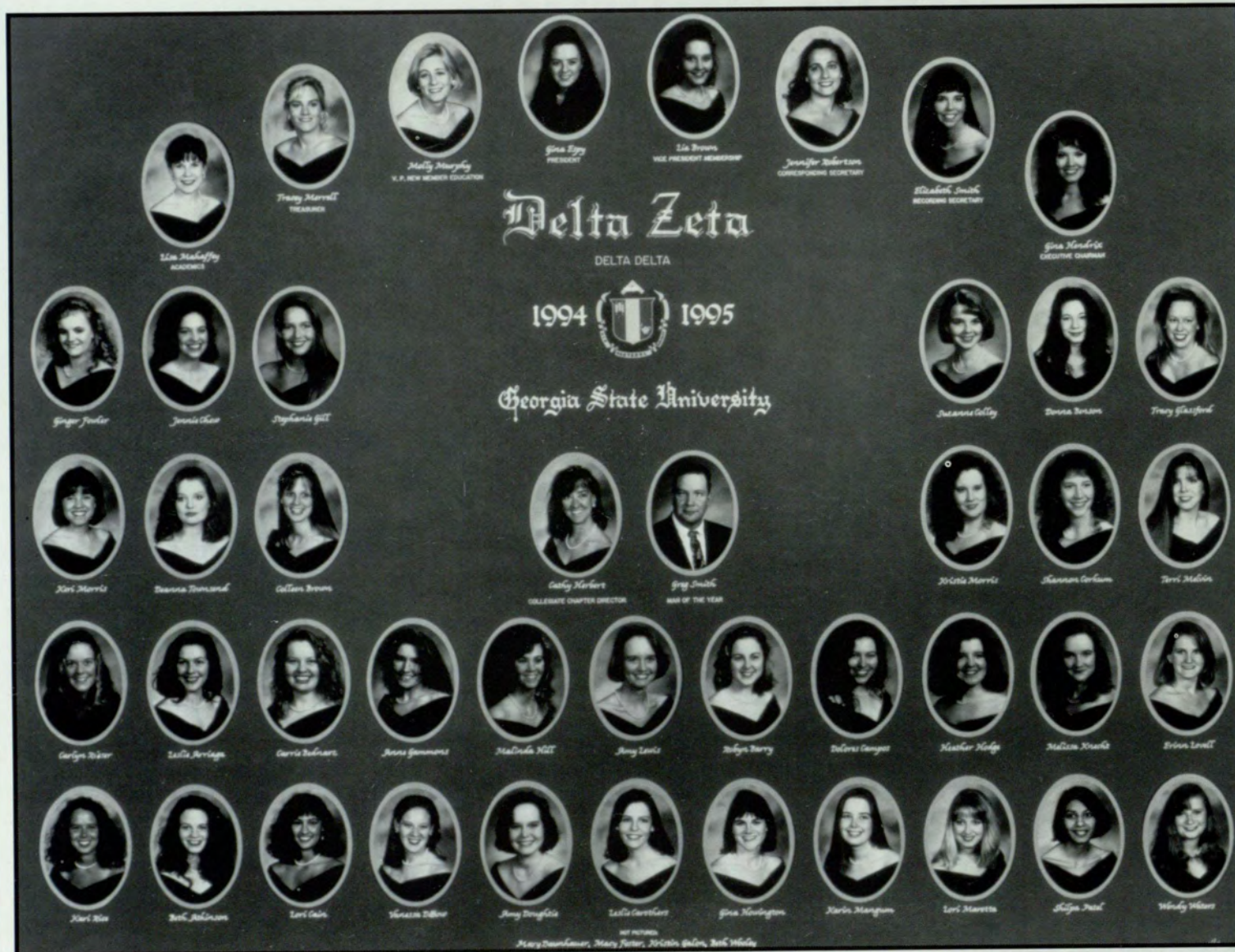
The sorority sponsored an annual "Turtle Race" in which fraternities competed to raise money for Delta Zeta's philanthropy, the speech and hearing impaired.

Members of the sorority were also active in other community activities such as participating in a clothes drive for a women's shelter and sponsoring a family whose house burned down.

Delta Zeta also stayed active in greek life on campus. They participated in Greek Week activities and planned mixers with the fraternities on campus. In addition, the sisters of Delta Zeta participated in activities such as bowling, chapter retreats and weekly chapter meetings.



The sisters of Delta Zeta participate in the sorority's New Member Debut and Christmas Formal. *Photo courtesy of Delta Zeta.*



Delta Zeta. *Photo courtesy of Delta Zeta.*

Delta Zeta

Helping Out *at area hospitals*

Sigma Nu fraternity was founded at the Virginia Military Institute in 1869. It was chartered at Georgia State on May 17, 1959, making it one of the oldest fraternities on campus in addition to being the largest fraternity on campus.

Over the last year, Sigma Nu participated in a large amount of social events as well as philanthropy events. Sigma Nu socially participated in seven mixers and was chosen for the fourth straight year as fraternity of the year by Delta Zeta. Sigma Nu also had two formals in the past year: the Christmas Formal and the White Star Formal.

Sigma Nu's philanthropy was Scottish Rite Children's Hospital. The fraternity had worked with the hospital for over 20 years and had donated over \$200,000. In 1995-96, the fraternity donated \$7000 to Scottish Rite through events such as a road block to raise money. Members of the fraternity also volunteered at Crawford Long Hospital and helped Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta in their annual philanthropy events. Sigma Nu also sponsored their annual Sigma Nu Sweepstakes which raised over \$700. All six sororities participated and Delta Zeta won first place overall.



Sigma Nu. Photo courtesy of Sigma Nu.

Sigma Nu

Kappa Sigma

Founded: 1869-University of Virginia

Chartered at GSU: September 15, 1958

Chapter Name: Epsilon Omega

Philanthropy: Egleston Children's Hospital



Kappa Sigma. Photo courtesy of Kappa Sigma.

Kappa Sigma



Members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. help at the Voter Registration Drive in the library plaza. *Photo courtesy of Phi Beta Sigma.*

Members of Phi Beta Sigma are adimate about community service and campus events. Here, Calvin Brown, Shawn Mitchell, Clifton Walker, Carlos Williams and Ron Robinson participate in the First Annual Fall Kickoff. *Photo courtesy of Phi Beta Sigma.*



Giving Back to the community



The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. were committed to working with and for the community and the university. The chapter was involved in activities to help strengthen the school, the community, and the other Greek organizations.

Community service was vital to the organization. Their main focus was on the Hosea Williams Feed the Hungry Crusade. Members of the fraternity, along with members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. participated in the Crusade's Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. The chapter also hosted an event in which canned foods were collected and donated to the crusade.

The chapter was also involved with Career and Job Search Services. Several members helped during the department's Teachers Recruiting Day, held in Alumni Hall.

The chapter received an award from the university for its participation in GSU's Second Annual Community Service Day.

Phi Beta Sigma: Top Row: Gary Lomba, Treasurer, Calvin Brown, Secretary, Ron Robinson, Vice-President. Center: Yohance (Shawn) Mitchell, President. Front Row: Ladez Ingram, Financial Chair, Clifton Walker, Community Service Chair, Courtney Powell, Parliamentarian. *Photo courtesy of Phi Beta Sigma.*

Phi Beta Sigma

News around GSU

Georgia State Sponsors WAGA's "Campus Live"



Society of Professional Journalists: George Shantzek, Diversity Chairperson, Judy Putnam, Vice-President, Reggie Stuart, 1994-95 National President, Connie Mayberry, President, Mike Fishman, Doug Barthlow. *Photo courtesy of the Society of Professional Journalists.*

SPJ

Camera crews were on campus in 1995 to tape a series of commercials about Georgia State to air during the Saturday morning television program, "Campus Live." The program was aimed at high school students and was sponsored in part by the university.

The first of the commercials focused on the benefits of attending college in an urban environment. The second commercial focused on practical experience gained at the university. All of the commercials featured interviews with students, who gave their feelings on the university.

Georgia State was later named the winner of the Grand Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education for one of these 30 second commercials. The winning commercial was titled "What It's Like Going to College Downtown" and was a joint effort between the Department of University Relations and the Division of Student Life and Enrollment Services. The commercial was produced by Michael Baxter and Kara Sproles-Mock.

Georgia State also won CASE awards for the other three commercials in the series. "Who Says College Is a bunch of Lectures?" was also produced by Baxter and "Student Life" and "The University Village at a Glance" were produced by Georgia State graduate student Elizabeth Azar.

In addition to the commercials, Georgia State was also featured in one 30 minute "Campus Live" episode. Georgia State was the only university to be featured on the program.

-Jennifer Behnke

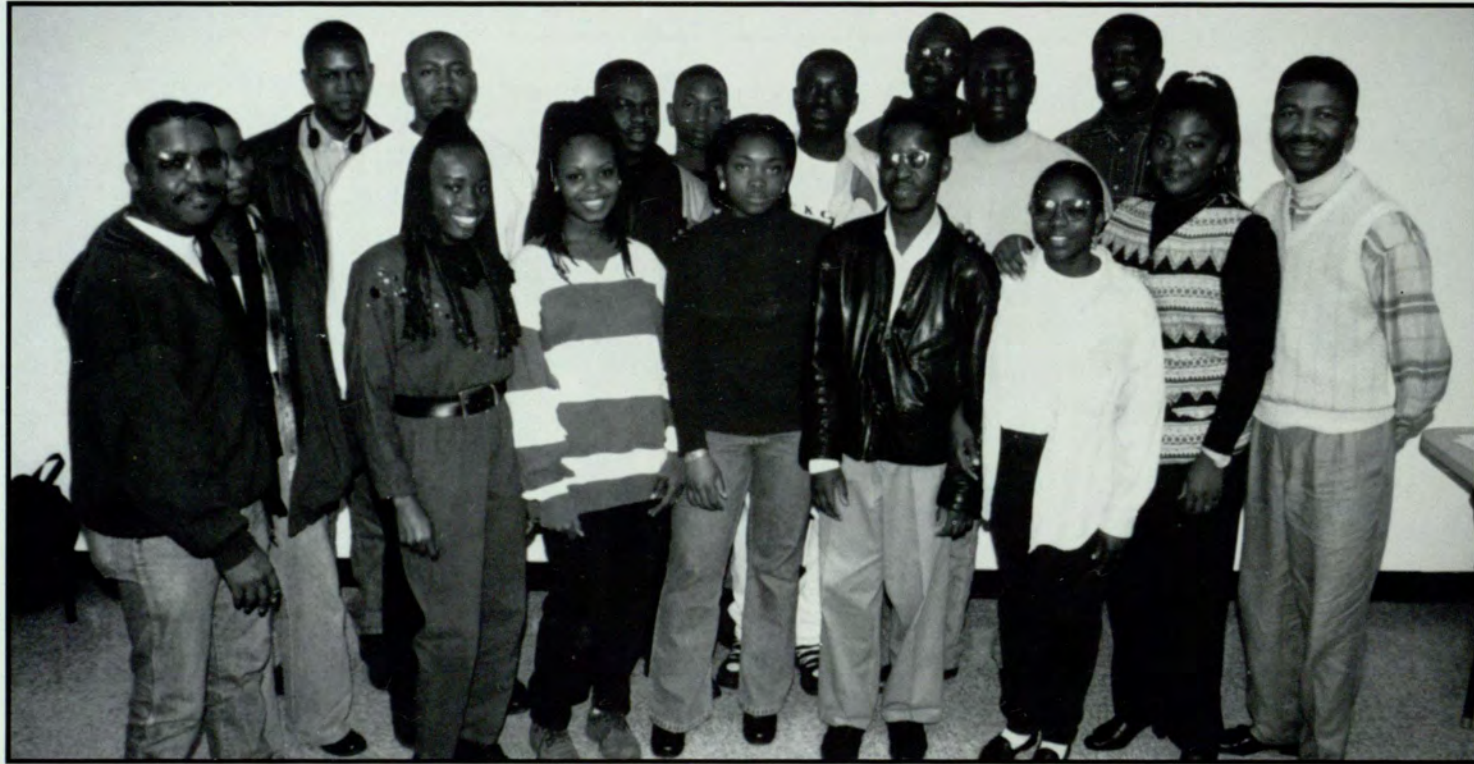


National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association: Top Row: Tracy Mosteller, Jenni Weeks, Melanie McGriff, Pam Nitto, Greg Kato, Kristy Carcara. Second Row: Mimi Macmurdo, Helayne Pressman, Randi Skolsky, Vice-President, Lisa Traviesa, President, Stacy Stewman, Secretary, Chondra Malson, Treasurer, Dr. Reed, Advisor, Karen Heard. Front Row: Paul Salyers, Shonna Wisdom, Lisa Gentry, Wendy Sundgren, Tricia Zoeller, Secretary. *Photo courtesy of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association.*

NSSLHA

News *around* GSU

Fire Damages Three Cars in G Deck



African Student Association. Photo by Allen McCall.

African Student Association

Student leaders and members of the faculty and staff who parked in G deck were surprised to find a burned-out car and a black ceiling when they arrived on campus one day in early October. A malfunctioning motor in a Ford Mustang was apparently to blame for the fire, which occurred on the fourth level of the deck.

In addition to the Mustang, the two cars parked on either side of it, a Ford Escort and a Plymouth, were also damaged.

According to reports in the *Signal*, the fire burned for approximately 30 minutes. Georgia State police officers attempted to extinguish the fire using eight fire extinguishers but were unsuccessful. The Atlanta Fire Department was called and used a dry chemical mix of ammonium phosphate to put the fire out.

No one was injured in the fire and it was extinguished before any major damage occurred.

G deck does not have a sprinkler system because of the danger of spreading a fire in the case of an oil or gas leak.

The Mustang remained in the deck for several days before it was able to be removed. The black floor and ceiling remained, however, evidence of the fire and a constant reminder of the remote possibility that it could happen again there or in any other parking deck.

-Jennifer Behnke



Indian Student Association. Photo by Allen McCall.

Indian Student Association

News *around* GSU

Discount MARTA Cards Offer Students a Cheaper Ride Downtown



Caribbean Student Association. Photo by Allen McCall.

Caribbean Student Association

Georgia State began selling discounted MARTA transcards to students in March 1996. The monthly cards, which would normally cost \$45.00, were available to students for \$41.40, an eight percent discount.

The discount became available after a series of discussions between the Student Government Association, university administration and MARTA officials. There were also serious discussions about making quarterly cards available to students. MARTA did not offer quarterly cards, but had negotiated with the university to offer a card to students which would allow students to purchase a transcard at the beginning of the quarter and ride MARTA for the remainder of the quarter without having to worry about paying again.

The cards allowed for unlimited travel during the month of purchase. Assuming that a student rode MARTA to school five days a week, that student would normally pay \$1.50 each way, \$15 per week, \$60 per month, without the MARTA card. Therefore, a monthly MARTA card saved students nearly \$20 per month, assuming that they only rode MARTA to school. The savings of course would be greater if the student rode MARTA to other places such as work during the month as well.

Officials were also trying to negotiate a deal with the university to allow students who would be living in the new dorms to ride MARTA to school for a discount, according to a MARTA representative who spoke to members of the faculty, staff and student leaders at a Panter Roundtable dinner during winter quarter.

-Jennifer Behnke



Latin-American Student Association. Photo by Allen McCall.

Latin-American Student Assoc

News *around* GSU

Board of Regents Votes to Increase Tuition



Bangladesh Student Association: Mashuk, Halim, Haron, Sheuly, Said, Nazem, Mir. Photo courtesy of the Bangladesh Student Association.

Bangladesh Student Assoc.

The Board of Regents of the State of Georgia voted in April, 1996 to increase tuition for Georgia universities by five percent.

The increase was effective summer quarter 1996, raising the cost of attending Georgia State University to \$47.20 per quarter hour for in-state undergraduate students, up from the previous \$44.50 per quarter hour. For out-of-state undergraduates, the price was \$139 per quarter hour. In-state graduate students paid \$49.50 per quarter hour and out-of-state graduate students paid \$146 per quarter hour. The cost of tuition was also increased for law students, who paid \$91 per semester hour if they were Georgia residents. If they were not Georgia residents, law school students paid \$223 per semester hour.

Tuition increases were not limited to colleges and universities in Georgia, however. According to the American Association of State Universities and Colleges, tuition and fees at state colleges and universities increased by 6.4 percent in 1995. Nonresident tuition and fees increased by 7.8 percent. Eight states reported an increase into the double digits in percentage in that year as well. And so, while the state of Georgia was not alone in tuition increases, the increase was lower than the national average. This increase, however, still drew a mixed response from students.

-Jennifer Behnke



Alpha Kappa Psi. Photo by Steve Folkers.

Alpha Kappa Psi

News around GSU

Longtime Golden Key Advisor Retires



Golden Key National Honor Society: June Kim, Secretary, Latasha Williams, Social Chair, Michele Doucette, President, Kelly Kullick, Treasurer, Jacqueline Lynch, Vice President, Lisa Chamebrs, Vice President. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*

Golden Key

Dr. Willaim Baggett, long-time advisor to the Golden Key National Honor Society, retired from Georgia State University in 1996. Dr. Baggett had always been an advisor who was there to help out and give support whenever it was necessary. Dr. Baggett had been involved with Golden Key since its inception in 1977, when Jim Lewis, the founder and Executive Director of Golden Key, came to Dr. Baggett, then the Dean of Students, with a proposal to form an honor society for juniors and seniors with a grade point average of 3.5 and above.

Dr. Baggett became, and contionued to be, an avid supporter of Golden Key, even following his retirement. Dr. Baggett had served as chapter advisor for three years. He would be missed.

The faculty member who took over for Dr. Baggett as advisor for the organization was Barb Hopkins, a Clinical Instructor in the Nutrition Department of the College of Health Sciences. Barb (as she liked to be called by her students) was highly respected by her peers and students alike.

Golden Key participated in many service projects in Atlanta. Last spring at the regional conference, the GSU Chapter was awarded first place for the Best Service Award for its volunteer work with the Atlanta Food Bank. The Chapter also put in over 150 hours of service with Project Open Hand. The GSU Chapter membership for last year included approximately 500 juniors and seniors. International membership was on the rise, with numbers nearing 1 million.



Members of Blue Key recruit new members at the Day in the Park. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Blue Key

Freshmen

Total Attendance: 642

Average Age: 17.9

Gender: Males: 39.4%

Females: 60.6%

Ethnic Background: White/Caucasian: 50.5%

African American: 33.3%

Asian American: 7.5%

Latino/Hispanic: 4%

International: 1.4%

Other: 3.3%

Academic Area: Arts and Sciences: 39.4%

Business Administration: 19.3%

Health Sciences: 9.6%

Education: 3.4%

Learning Support: 26%

Public and Urban Affairs: 2.2%

Transfer Students

Total Attendance: 1877

Average Age: 23.1

Gender: Males: 34.6%

Females: 65.4%

Ethnic Background: White/Caucasian: 58.3%

African American: 31.4%

Asian American: 4.3%

Latino/Hispanic: 1.9%

International: 1.5%

Other: 2.6%

Academic Area: Arts and Sciences: 37.6%

Business Administration: 27.4%

Health Sciences: 11.6%

Education: 7.4%

Learning Support: 11.1%

Public and Urban Affairs: 4.9%

**These figures were supplied by Incept and are intended to be used as an informational tool only.*

Every quarter, students who were accepted into Georgia State University were encouraged to attend Incept. Incept was a program which was geared toward facilitating new student progress through Georgia State. While the program was often referred to as new student orientation, a program often associated with entering freshmen, Incept was offered to all new students: freshmen, non-traditional and transfer.

Freshmen students were encouraged to attend a two day conference held during the summer. These conferences provided freshmen with a glimpse into college life. In addition, students who attended these conferences were given campus tours and academic advisement in an effort to acquaint them with the university. Students stayed overnight in a downtown hotel and were given an opportunity to meet other new students at a pool party.

Transfer and non-traditional students were encouraged to attend a one-day conference. These conferences were held every quarter and students who attended these conferences were given a tour of the campus as well as a chance to register.

All of the Incept conferences were conducted by student Inceptors. Being an Inceptor meant knowing quite a bit about the university (such as how the *Rampway* got its name) as well as knowing where everything was located on campus.

-Jennifer Behnke

Incept...

*showing new students GSU
and making them feel at home*



Incept: Front Row, Left to Right: Sonya Harmon, Associate Director, Bobby Reid, Elizabeth Heidler, Holly Cochran, Angelia Smallwood. Second Row: Jennifer Kreidler, Team Director, Donald Hall, Associate Director, Curtis Armour, Ron Lockwood, Associate Director, David DeMarco, Angela Kappler, Jean Shim, Kauvon Andrews, Kara Wilkes, Luciana McCurdy, Camille Blakely, Sandra Gribkoff. Third Row: Ryan Elliot, Julio Barahona, Kelly Grieves, Stephanie Sain, Jeremy Crosby, Billy Gibboney, Frankie Hennessey, Bernadette Clark, Kim Malham, Valerie Holpp, Wallace White, Regina Howell, Associate Director. Fourth Row: Tamika Harper, Marc Hood, Heather Pine, Meredith Harris, Kenneth Burrell, Nikeitra Benton, Travis Copeland, Cavondra Williams. Back: Romelle Lewis. Photo courtesy of Walter Kimbrough for Incept.

Incept

Student Government Association

provides services for students

The Student Government Association was a source of many services, many of which most students did not know about. For example, did you know that you could get free copies in the SGA office? Or that you could use a computer or typewriter free of charge? In addition to these services the SGA also offered students free blue books, the opportunity to use the office fax machine or make local phone calls with the office telephone.

The SGA also operated several telephones around campus which could dial only to on-campus extensions such as the Financial Aid Office or the Registrar.

The SGA, of course, did more than offer students free services. For example, representatives were involved in the allocation of student activity fees. They also investigated and attempted to resolve student complaints and concerns.

The following students were either elected or appointed to the SGA for the 1995-96 academic year: C. Said Schwarz, Jim Whidden, Afif Cherif, Sonya Harmon, Jenny Halenza, Jorge Bastro, Tameka Stephens, Cary Griffin, Ronald Mims, Willie Williams, Robert Flournoy, Kendra Palmer, Theresa Sullivan, Wallace White, Koshea Scott, Bill Adkins, Sarah Mosley, Brian Winston, Bil Boozer, Tameka Harper, Corey Robinson, Hoda Eghrari, Regina Howell, Peter O'Reilly, Sandra LeBrun, Erik Love, Magda Barua, Babajide Akanbi, Aurora Chen, Dave Davis, Shawn Mitchell, Chris Neilson, Jamie Parker, Theresa Sullivan, Juan Turner, Patricia Amon, Tara Lytton, Thomas Stone, Angie Tang, Michael Wade, Lisa Argo, Ronnie Davis, Anna McAlister, Engrid Washington, LaTasha Willaims, Tennyson Mesquitte, Mike Cash and Scott Poole.



Student Government Association. Front Row: Kevin Propst, Robert Flournoy, Theresa Sullivan, Koshea Scott, Erik Love, Tara Lytton, Thomas Stone. Second Row: Engrid Washington, Tennyson Mesquitte, Latasha Williams, Michael Wade, Dr. Carl Patton, C. Said Schwarz, Jim Whidden, Aurora Chen, Magda Barua. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*

SGA



SGA President Said Schwarz sits in the dunk tank at the Day in the Park, waiting for the next volunteer to try his luck. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*



Baptist Student Union. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Baptist Student Union

Recreational Services...

one of the fun sides of the university

Recreational Services, a division of the Dean of Students Office, provided students with a number of opportunities to participate in recreational activities. For example, the department oversaw 14 sports clubs, including tennis, badminton, cycling, fencing, ice hockey, judo, raquetball, rowing, rugby, soccer, sailing, triathalon, volleyball and water skiing. Most of these clubs required students to have some training or competitive experience in order to participate. However, some clubs provided interested students with instructional programs.

Recreational Services also operated the Touch the Earth program. An outdoor recreation program, Touch the Earth offered students the opportunity to participate in a number of instructional clinics as well as recreational trips. Some of these trips included rafting, hiking, deep sea fishing and snow skiing. While students were required to pay a fee in order to go on one of these trips, they received a discount if they were currently enrolled.

The department also operated the university's intramural program. Intramural events were conducted both on campus and off campus at the Panthersville fields. Intramurals were offered every quarter and some of the sports included volleyball, tennis, golf, swimming, bowling, basketball and wrestling, to name a few.

In addition to providing students with the opportunity to participate in recreational activities, Recreational Services also operated the Physical Education Complex. Inside the complex, students could participate in basketball, badminton, volleyball, tennis and raquetball. They could also try out the indoor climbing wall, lift weights in the weight room or run on the track.

Off campus, the department operated the Panthersville Intramural Fields and the Indian Creek Recreation Area. Both facilities were used primarily by groups for events but were open to all students.

Some exciting things were happening in Recreational Services in 1996 as the Physical Education Complex was host to Olympic Badminton, Indian Creek re-opened after extensive renovations and plans were underway to build a new state of the art recreation center.

-Jennifer Behnke



Organizing the Day in the Park event was just one of the many responsibilities of the Division of Recreational Services. The event allowed students to learn more about recreational opportunities on campus as well as to learn more about student organizations. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Recreational Services

1995-96 Spotlight Programs Board:

Felix Brown, Director

Eric Bridges, Black Life and Cultural Committee Chair

Doug Rednour, Cinefest Theater Chair

Ramsay Scott, Concerts Committee Chair

Ken Durden, Marketing and Promotions Chair

Chenita Fletcher, Nightlife Committee Chair

Nicole Kernahan, Special Events Committee Chair

Vernetta Head, Spirit Committee Chair

Kenya King, Women's Life and Development Committee Chair



Spotlight Programs Board: Doug Rednour, S. Ramsay Scott, Kenya King and Felix Brown. Photo by Steve Folkers.

Spotlight

News around **G**SU

Student Media Organizations Sponsor Second Annual Media Day



Georgia State University's five student media organizations, WRAS, GSTV, *Signal*, *Rampway* and the *GSU Review*, sponsored the second annual Media Day on February 15, 1996. The event featured a panel discussion which included local journalists such as Angie Dillard, of WAGA's "Campus Live," Marti Chitwood, special projects producer at WABE-FM, Angela Tuck, Dixie Living editor at the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, Don Winbush, owner of Winbush Editorial Services, Adam Brown, director of Internet Marketing with What's Up, Inc. and D.W. Pine, GSU graduate, past editor of the *Signal*, and features design coordinator with the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*.

The panelists spoke to interested students about breaking into the journalism profession, writing a resume and about their own experiences in finding a job in the field.

Following the panel discussion, the panelists and the students and staff in attendance gathered in the VIP room in the University Center to network and enjoy hors d'oeuvres. The food was provided by the student media organizations. Vickie Suggs, Student Media Advisor, organized the event.

Media Day was created as a way for journalism students to learn more about the field of journalism and to learn more about opportunities for them on campus via the student media. While the event was scaled down from the first Media Day in 1995 which featured a party in the student lounge with giveaways and tours of the student media offices, it was still clear who the sponsors were, as a television at the reception guided students through the student media organizations by way of a video produced by GSTV.

-Jennifer Behnke

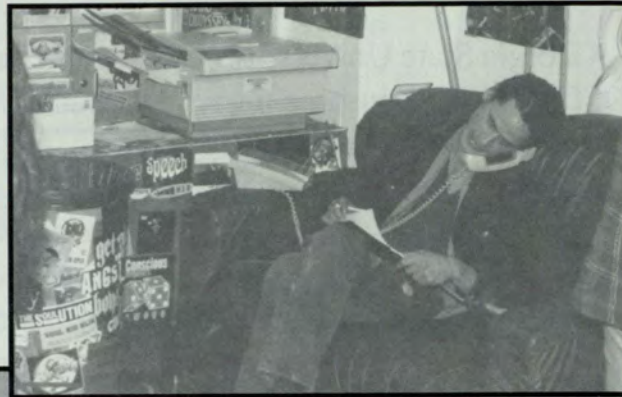


Rampway: Rita Birger, David Sloane, Jennifer Behnke, Steve Folkers, Kelly Vandiver, Bud Ellis. *Photo by a waiter at Planet Hollywood.*

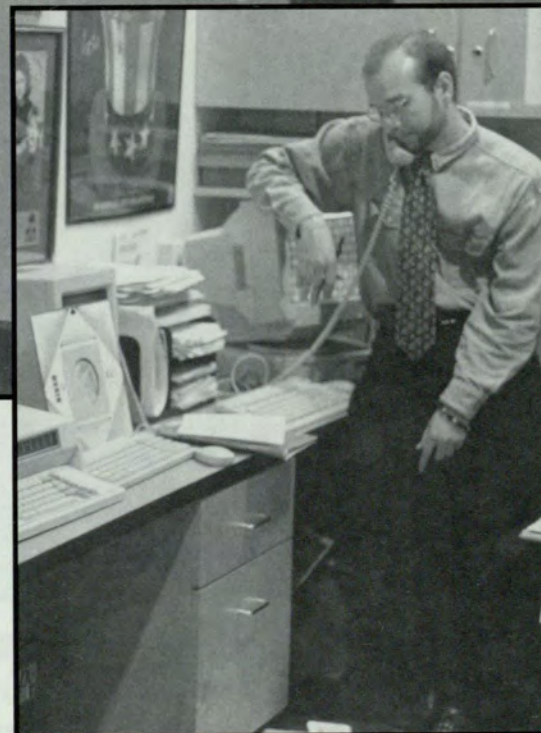
Student Media Advisor Vickie Suggs speaks with *Signal* staff member Donald Hall at the Day in the Park 1996. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Rampway

Students work in Album 88 around the clock. Students filled a variety of positions, including DJ's, program managers and general office help. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*



Yancy Yohannan, Album 88 General Manager, works in the station's main office. Album 88 was the only 100,000 WATT college radio station in the country which was run entirely by students. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



Album 88

The Office of African American Student Services and Programs

The Office of African American Student Services and Programs (OAASS&P) acted as a liaison between the Division of Student Life and Enrollment Services, the Office of Academic Affairs and administrators, faculty and staff.

The office focused on establishing and nurturing friendships with the university community and on developing links with the university's extended families. To achieve this, the office operated a number of outreach programs, including African-American New Student Orientation Services, through which the office collaborated with Incept, the Office of Admissions and the Welcome Center to provide diverse orientation services. The office also participated in Georgia State University Day at DeKalb College. The purpose of this was to recruit African-American students as transfers from two year colleges to four year universities.

The Minority Advising Program was another of the office's efforts. This program was aimed at recruiting and retaining African-American students, faculty and staff. The mentoring component of the program consisted of matching juniors and sophomores with faculty and staff mentors who would serve as role models to the students. The mentors would provide guidance and support to the students in the areas of academics, career and personal development. Peer advising was another of the program's components. This program provided a one-on-one support network for freshmen and transfer students. These students were paired with juniors and seniors.

The office also organized several major campus activities. The African-American Heritage Awards were held each spring. Awards were given to students, faculty and staff members who were nominated for exhibiting the values of a famous African-American. The recipients also made outstanding contributions to the university. The office organized Black History Month activities as well.

In addition to these services, the office provided advisement for a number of student organizations, including the Minority



PreMed Association, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Psi Phi One Fraternity. In addition, the office also provided services aimed at attaining academic excellence. These services included sponsoring the Black Students' Success and Survival Assembly as well as providing areas within the office where students could study and prepare research papers. They also had a library from which students could check out books.

The Office of African American Student Services and Programs provided students with valuable opportunities to learn about themselves and others as well as to form lasting friendships.

-Jennifer Behnke

The African-American Heritage Awards was among the activities sponsored by the Office of African American Student Services and Programs. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Signal Brings Home 33 Awards

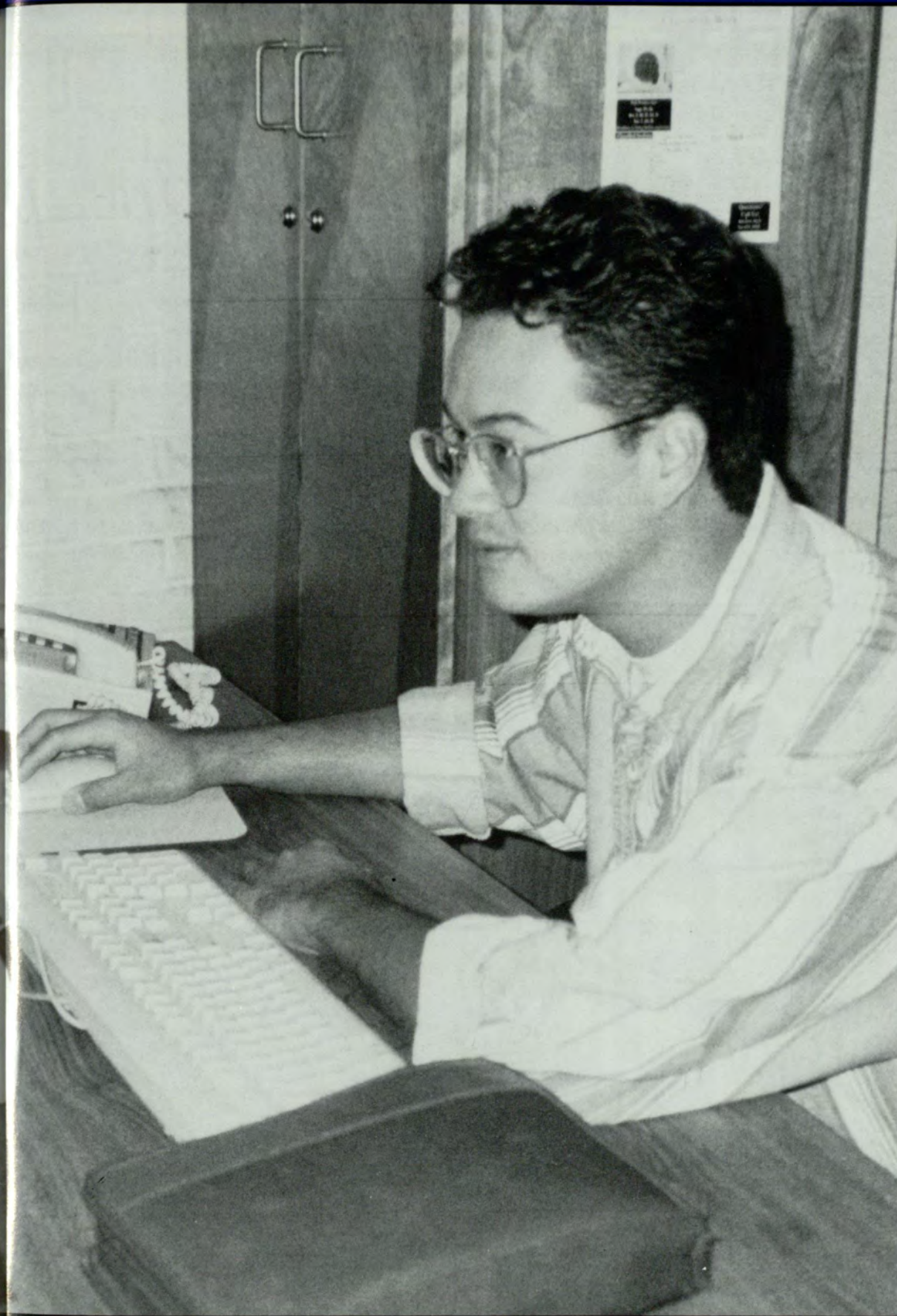
The staff of the *Signal* was recognized at the Southeastern Journalism Conference and at the Georgia College Press Association conference in 1996, bringing home a combined total of 33 awards from the conferences.

The Southeastern Journalism Conference was held in Jackson, Mississippi in February and schools from Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana were represented. The *Signal* won 19 awards at the conference, including awards for best newspaper, best news section, best sports section, best news layout, best sports layout, best news artwork, best feature artwork, best indepth or investigative story, best news series, best sports column, best sports story, best sports news story, best ad series, best ad and best artwork in an original ad.

The *Signal* was a weekly newspaper which was produced entirely by students. While the *Signal* especially encouraged journalism students to work at the paper, all students were welcome to work as photographers and writers.



Signal: Back Row: Donald Hall, Bud Ellis, Michael Weil, Jessica Harper, Lauren Swartsentruber, Victoria DeCastro. Middle Row: Derrick Peavy, Matthew Wright, Shannan Cutler, Louie Maria Valdivieso. Front Row: Lee Miller. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*



Signal Ad Manager Lee Miller works on an advertisement on the computer. The *Signal* was funded by student activity fees and ad revenue. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

Signal

GSTV... *moving on up*

In 1995-96, GSTV successfully launched a weekly newscast. Students studying journalism and film now had a great opportunity to work on the station's news show.

The station solidified its presence in Panther Village when it opened as dorms for GSU students. GSTV's signal would run through the village via fiber optic cable through the computer center.

GSTV was also working with Dean of Students, Dr. Kurt Keppler in planning positions for monitors in the new student center. They hoped to have several strategically placed monitors so that their presence could become more apparent among students.

A GSTV producer and recent GSU graduate was a finalist at the National Association of College Broadcasters in the category of Best Documentary. The documentary, titled "Independance" was produced through GSTV.

GSTV also began a dialogue with the mayor of Atlanta's office in order to gain city-wide cable access for the station.

All of these developments in only one year meant that GSTV would hopefully become a major force on campus. The staff at GSTV hoped to attract more students who were interested in working at the station and they also hoped to improve their equipment in order to improve their programming and attract a wider audience of viewers.



Georgia State Television: John Babcock, Producer, Shane Meador, Program Director, Will Mobley, Technical Director, Dina Garrett, General Manager/Production Coordinator, Brandy Ivins, Program Assistant, Marc Crifasi, Video Resources, Heather Woods, Video Resources. *Not Pictured:* Brenda Felger, News Director, Chelsea Shepherd, Video Resources, Michael Ivey, Computer Management, Alex Burmenko, Former General Manager. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*



Marc Crifasi watches as Dina Garrett mans the camera in GSTV's studio. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*

GSTV

Focus On...

The Office of the Dean of Students

Services Offered

Campus Judicial Issues

Hardship Withdrawl Appeals

Refund Deviation Appeals

Overees Construction of New Student Center

Oversees Administrative Council

Oversees University Senate

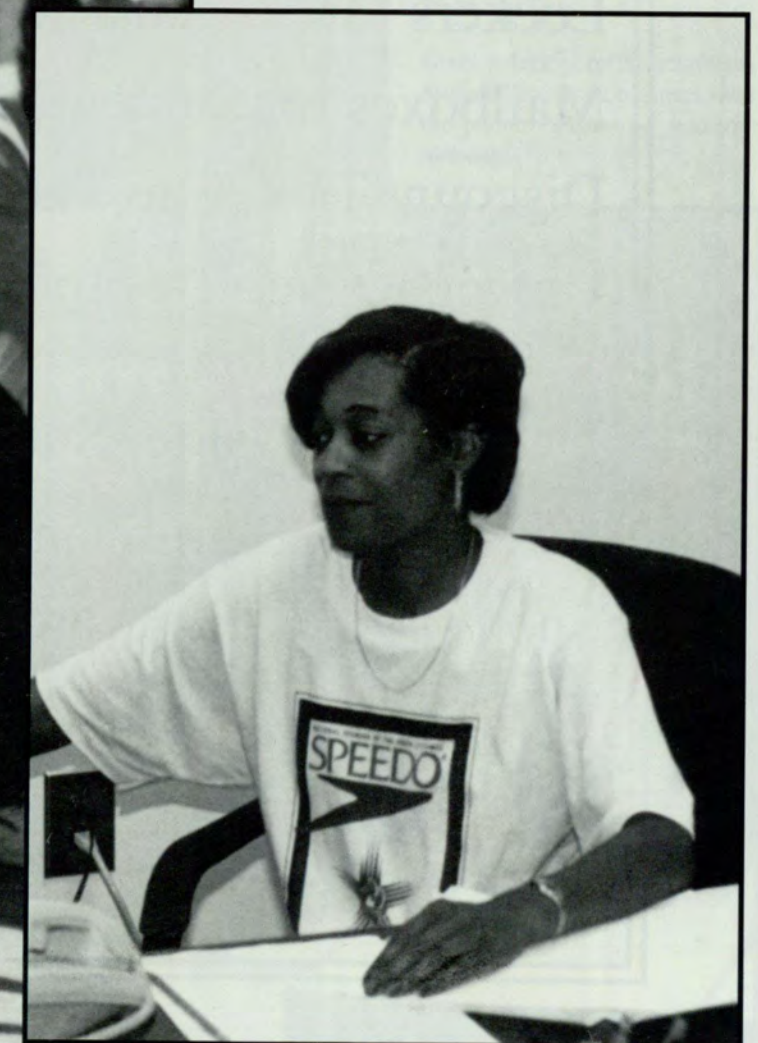
Handles Student Grievances and Non-Academic
Student Concerns

The Dean of Students Budget Office Handles
Accounting for Student Organizations Which
Are Operated Under Student Activity Fee
Budgets



Dean of Students, Dr. Kurt Keppler, participates in the balloon toss at the Day in the Park festivities. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*

Janet Perry balances accounts in the Dean of Students Budget Office. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*



Focus On...

The Office of Student Activities

Services Offered

Lockers for Students

Mailboxes for Student Organizations

Discount Tickets to Theaters and Restaurants

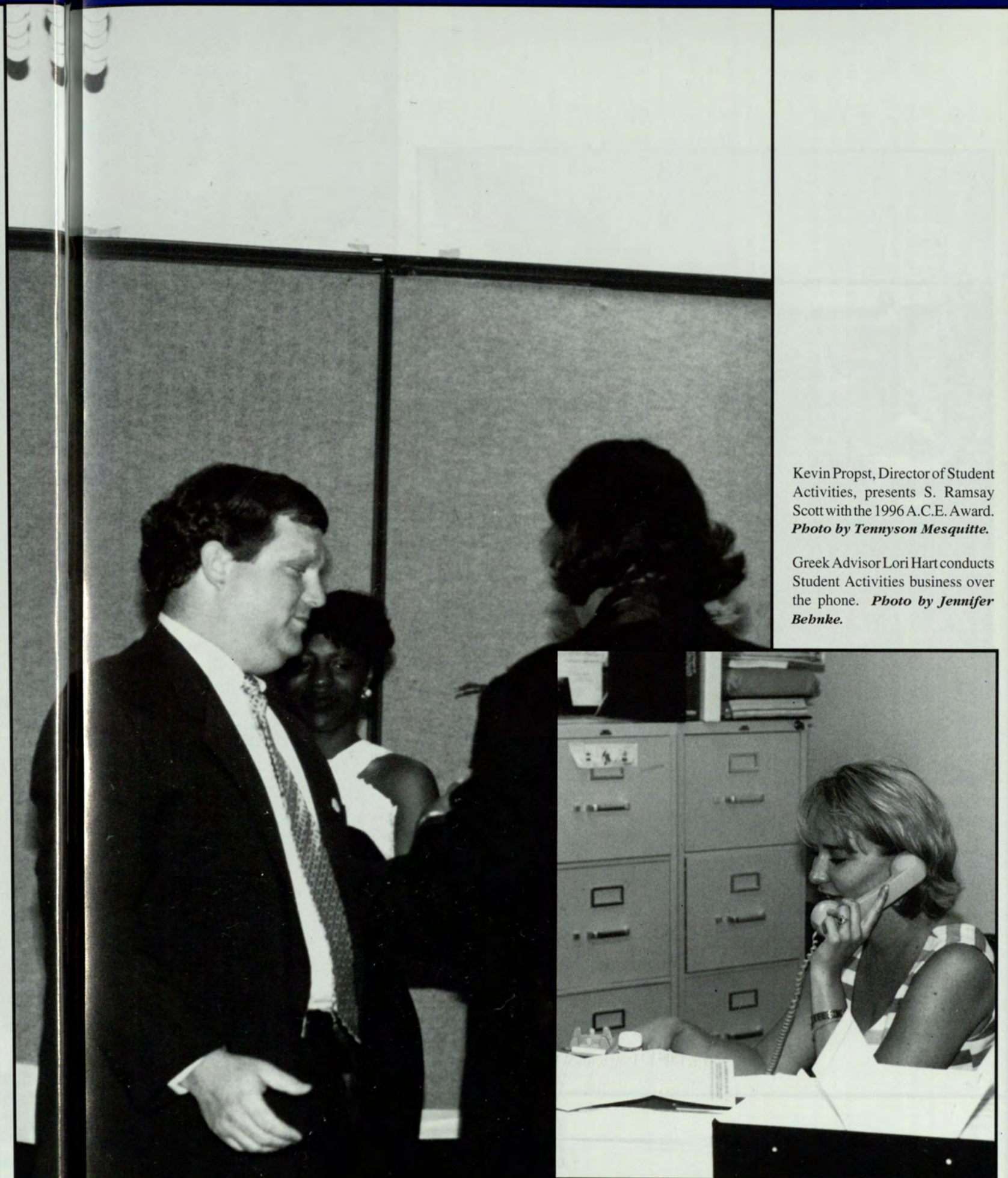
University Vehicles for Fee Funded Student Organizations

Petitions to Charter Student Organizations

Awards for "Significant Other" Supporters

Sponsors A.C.E. Awards

Provides Digital Display Boards for Student Organization Events



Kevin Propst, Director of Student Activities, presents S. Ramsay Scott with the 1996 A.C.E. Award. *Photo by Tennyson Mesquite.*

Greek Advisor Lori Hart conducts Student Activities business over the phone. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*

Focus On...
The Office



Members of the Latin American Student Association perform in the Library Plaza. *Photo by Allen McCall*

Magdalena Barua interacts with Lekan Hussein at one of the International Student Information Booths in the University Center. *Photo by Allen McCall.*



A staff member distributes balloons during the International Spring Festival. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

International

Spring Festival

Week

Caribbean Week

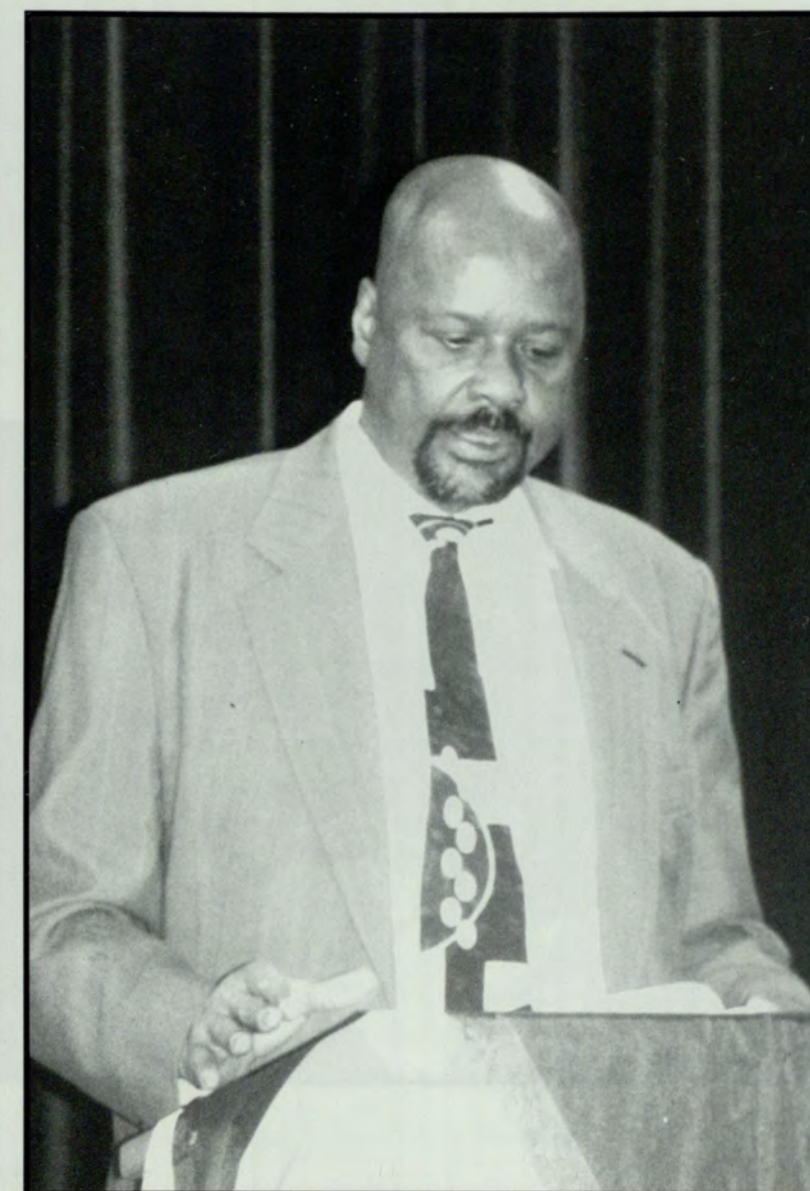
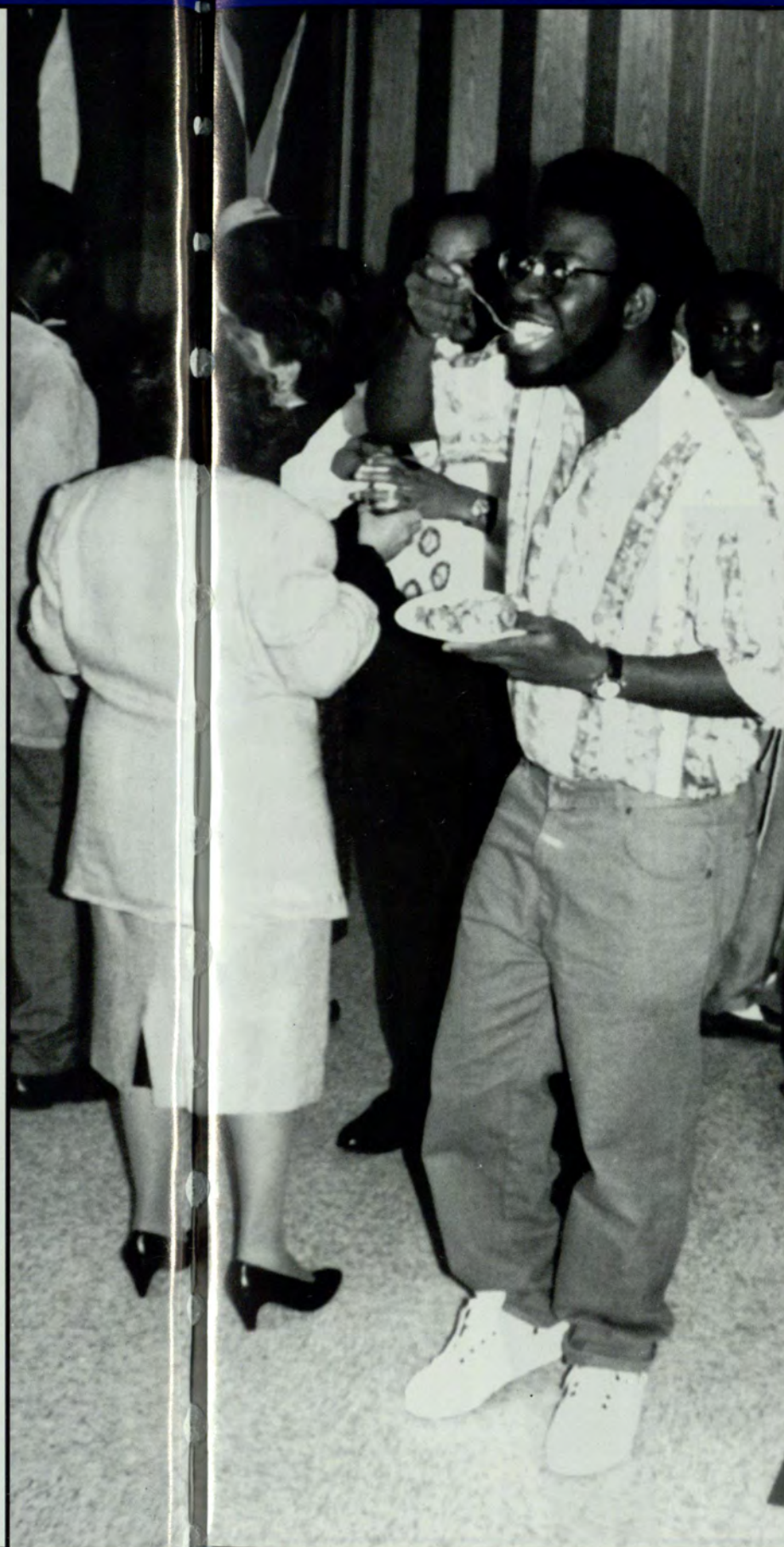
*features food, music
and more*

The Caribbean Student Association, in conjunction with Spotlight Programs Board, sponsored Caribbean Week in February 1996.

The week long celebration opened with guest speaker Frederick Jackson, who spoke to students about "The Caribbean Experience," the Caribbean culture and background. The celebration also featured food tasting, which drew the most interest from students. Cinefest showed "The Stepping Red Razor X" during the festival and GSU student Jason Walker acted as a DJ, playing Caribbean music in the University Center.



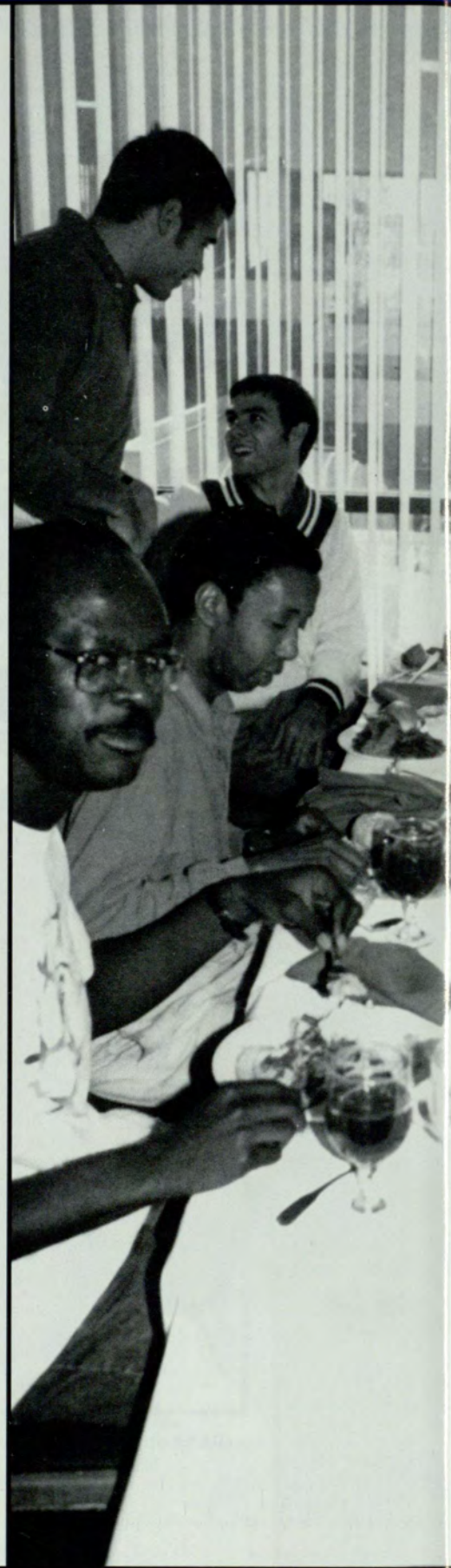
Jason Walker and "Prince Jamal" provide musical entertainment for students at the Caribbean Week festival. *Photo by Allen McCall.*



Frederick Jackson, a lawyer from Guyana, speaks to students about the Caribbean way of life. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Dwight Hutson tries a sample of food from the Caribbean. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Caribbean Week



Photos by Allen McCall.

International Tha

nksgiving Dinner

Chartered Student Organizations at GSU

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| Actuarial Science Club | Ex Lucis | Nursing Students of GSU |
| African Students Association | Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy | Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. |
| Alpha and Omega | Forerunners for Christ | Order of Omega |
| Alpha Eta Rho | Friends of Spartacus Youth Club | Pakistan Students Association |
| Alpha Iota Delta | Gameroom Club | Panhellenic Council |
| Alpha Kapa Alpha Sorority, Inc. | Geology Club | Peer Mediation Center |
| Alpha Kappa Psi | Georgia State Television | Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. |
| Alpha Omicron Pi | Golden Key National Honor Society | Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity |
| Alpha Psi Omega | Graduate Business Association | Phi Kappa Phi |
| Alpha Xi Delta | Graduate Students in Educational Research | Phi Mu |
| American College of Healthcare Executives | Greek Student Association | Philosophy Forum |
| American Marketing Association | GSU Review | Pi Kappa Alpha |
| American Society of Interior Designers | Hong Kong Student Association | Pre-Law Club |
| Anthropology Society | Ice Hockey Club | Public Interest Law Association |
| Art Students Union | INCEPT | Public Relations Student Society of America |
| Association for Computing Machinery | Indian Cultural Exchange | Rampway |
| Association of Educators | Indonesian Student Association | Rock Climbing Club |
| Association of Latin American Students | Interfraternity Council | Sigma Nu |
| Association of Women Law Students | International and Comparative Law Society | Sigma Phi Epsilon |
| Bangladesh Student Association | International Business Alliance | Sigma Theta Tau International |
| Baptist Student Union | International Student Hospitality Association | Signal |
| Beta Alpha Psi | Ivorian Student Association | Social Work Club |
| Beta Beta Beta | Japanese Student Association | Society for the Promotion of Accessible Theory |
| Black Law Students Association | Kappa Delta Pi | Society of Professional Journalists |
| Blue Key National Honor Society | Kappa Sigma | Sports and Entertainment Law Society |
| Caribbean Student Association | Khmer Student Association | Sports Administration Club |
| CBA Doctoral Fellows Committee | Korean Student Association | Sports Clubs Council |
| Chinese Students Association | Korean Undergraduate Student Association | Spotlight Programs Board |
| Chinese Student/Scholar Friendship Association | Lambda Alpha | Squash Club |
| Christian Legal Society | Law Review | Student Alumni Ambassadors |
| Co-Op Club | Lesbian and Gay Law Student Association | Student Bar Association |
| College of Law Moot Court Society | Limbaugh Institute of College Conservatives | Student Government Association |
| College Republicans | Malaysian Singaporean Students Association | Student Trial Lawyers Association |
| Collegiate Association for Research of the Principles | Mature Adult Students of GSU | Tau Alpha Chi |
| Council on Inter-Faith Concerns | Middle Eastern Cultural Exchange | Tennis Club |
| Crew Club | Minority Pre-Med Association | Thai Students Association |
| Cricket Club | Mu Rho Sigma | The Players |
| Cycling Club | Music Industry Association | The Printer's Workshop |
| Dance Troupe | Muslim Student Association | Triathlon Club |
| Delta Sigma Pi | National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers | Turkish Students Association |
| Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. | National Pan-Hellenic Council | WRAS-88.5 FM |
| Delta Theta Phi | National Student Speech, Language, Hearing Association | Wrestling Club |
| Delta Zeta | | Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. |
| Environmental Law Society | | Zeta Tau Alpha |

** This list was provided by the Office of Student Activities and is meant only as an informational tool for students. It was current as of fall quarter, 1995. Some organizations which are not listed may have received a charter since then just as some of the organizations on the list may have lost their charter.*



Members of Alpha Xi Delta pose at their Christmas Formal. *Photo courtesy of Alpha Xi Delta.*



Soweta Street Beat performs in the student lounge during Pan African Week. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Organizations

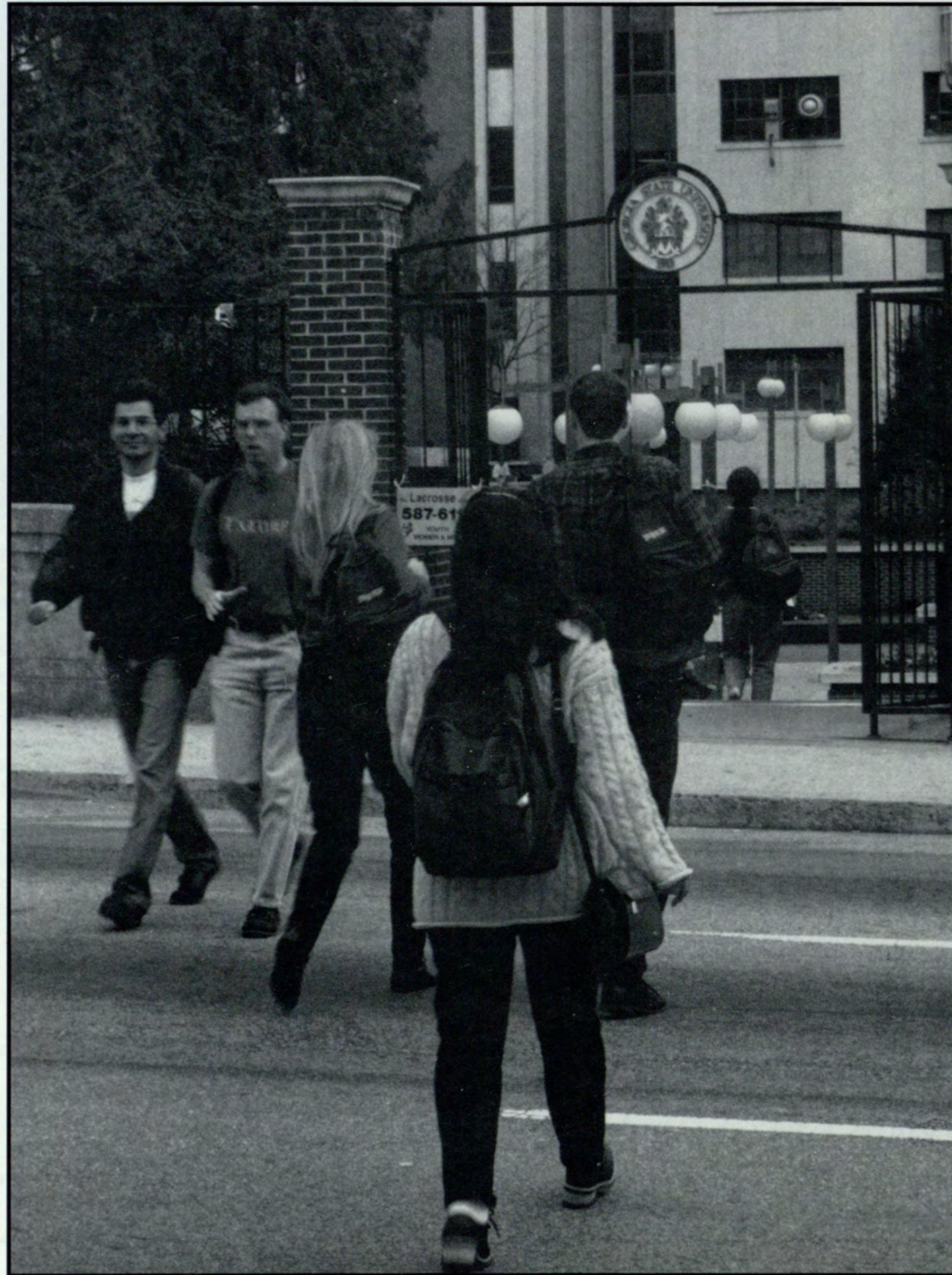


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*...professors...telescopes...honors...
projects...classes...graduates
...grades...credit...departments
...leaders...scholarship...*

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Academics Editor
David I. Sloane

GSU REACHING FOR THE STARS



Last winter, Georgia State University's Center for High Angular Resolution Astronomy (CHARA) was granted \$5.5 million from the National Science Foundation. The grant, in addition to another \$5.8 million to be raised by GSU, was to be used to build an array of telescopes at an observatory located on Historic Mount Wilson in California.

The telescopes were expected to be fully operational by the year 1999. Consisting of five one-meter telescopes, the resolution of this array will be more than 200 times finer than the Hubble Space Telescope, and will allow astronomers to resolve detail more than 300,000 times finer than the human eye. This is equivalent to seeing the disc of a nickel from 10,000 miles away! Eventually, the CHARA array will consist of seven telescopes, including the famous 100-inch telescope (built in 1927) which was used by Edwin Hubble to discover the expanding universe and evidence which supported the BIG BANG theory.

Scientists will use the array to search for other planets, to study spots on distant stars, to witness star birth and to observe stars orbiting one another. The array of telescopes will also help scientists determine more accurately the size of the universe and how the sun may affect long-term changes in the Earth's climate. "We'll be able to see things we've only been able to imagine before" said Dr. Harold McAlister, Director of CHARA at GSU.

-David Sloane

Photo courtesy of the Astronomy Department.

LAW SCHOOL RANKS EIGHTH NATIONALLY

For the first time in its short, thirteen year history, Georgia State University's College of Law was ranked in the top ten in the 1995 *Princeton Review*. The ranking recognized the school's high admissions standards. Because of its location in downtown Atlanta, its program which allowed students to take classes part-time, and its relatively low cost compared with other law schools, the college received many more applications for admission than could be accepted.

Dr. Cheryl Jackson, director of admissions for the College of Law, attributed the school's success to the wide range of programs that the department offered to both part-time and full-time students.

Like the other colleges within the university, the college of law had a large number of part-time students. In fact, nearly 1/3 of the law students were enrolled in the college part-time and worked full-time jobs.

The college also had a good financial aid department which allowed the students to concentrate more on their studies and to worry less about their finances.

Another reason for the high recognition given to the College of Law was the high success rate of its graduates. Most graduates went on to work in their chosen fields after graduation.

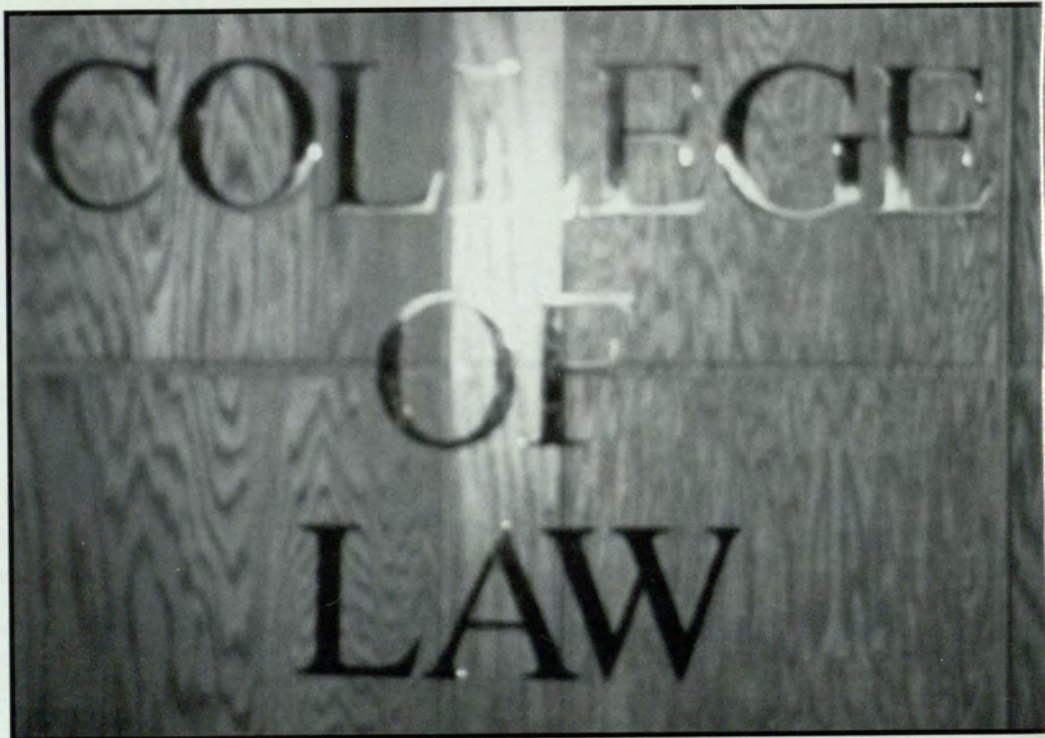
In 1990, the law school became accredited to the American Bar Association, in 1993 students from the college won the National Moot Court Competition and in 1995 the college was accepted into the American Association of Law Schools.

When asked about being in the top ten, Dr. Jackson said "This is only the beginning".

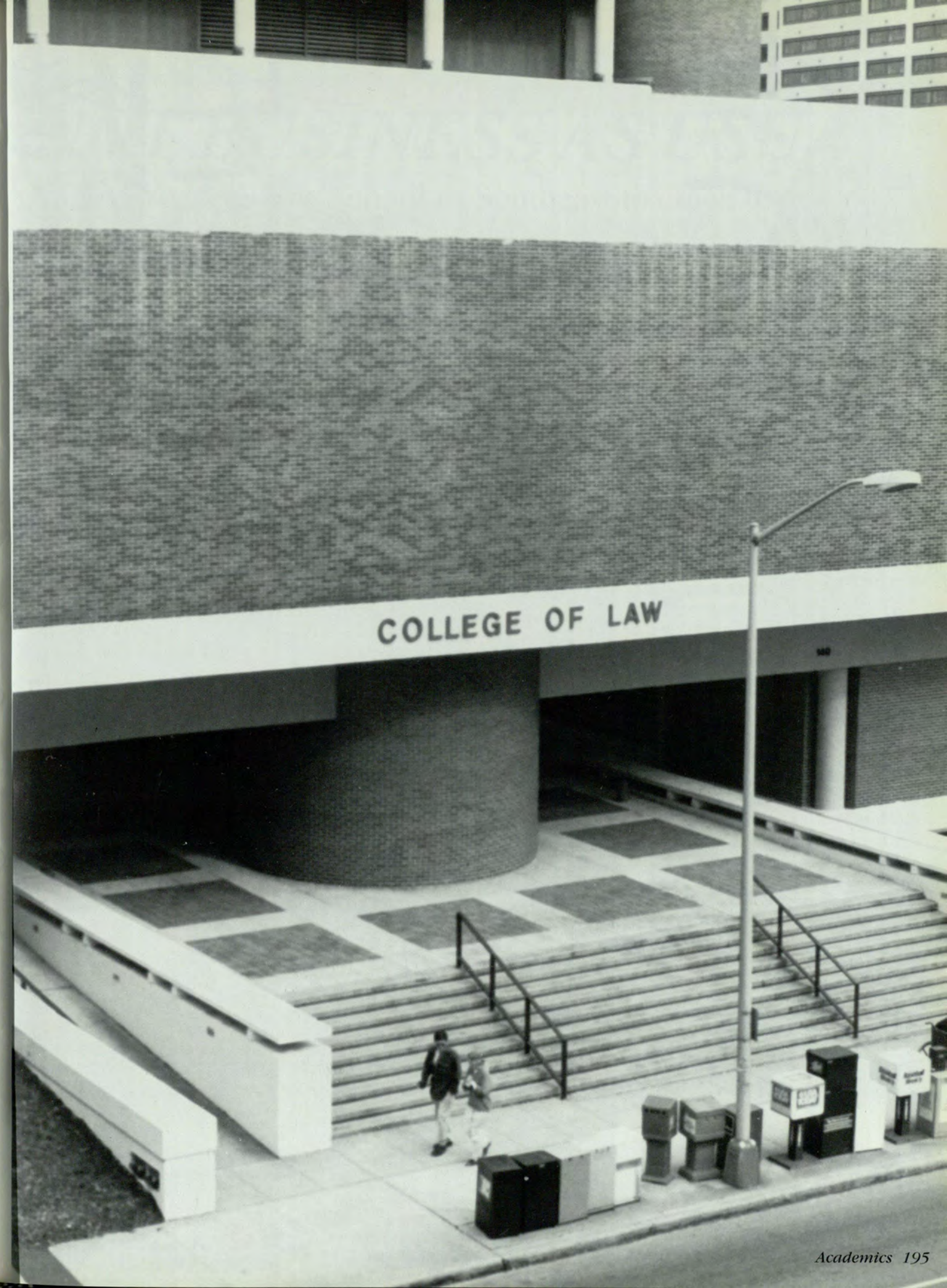
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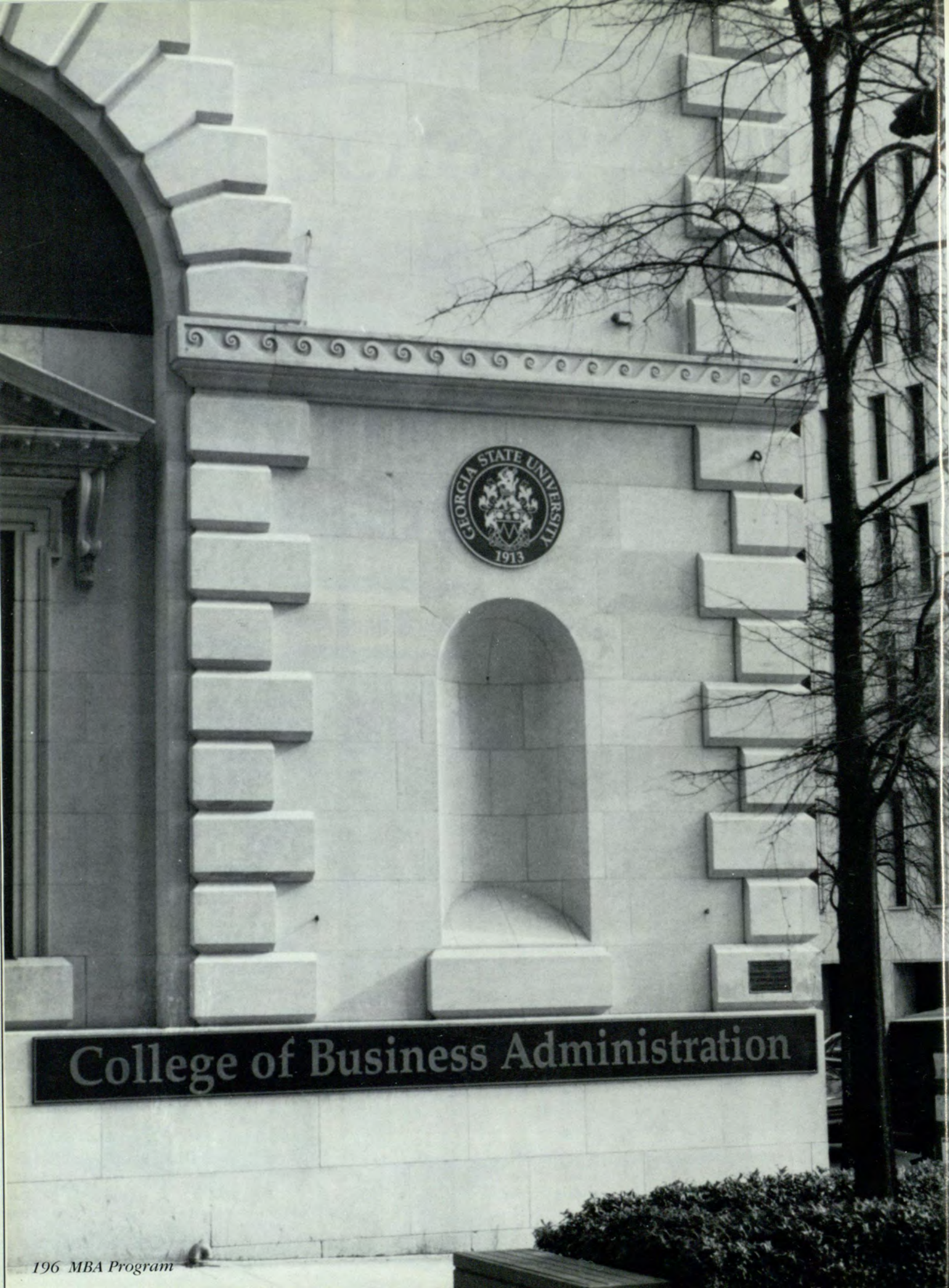
What's So Special About the College of Law at Georgia State?

- in 1994, 2,841 people applied to the college
- of these, only 480 were accepted
- 1/3 of the students in the college were enrolled in a part-time program
- students ranged in age from 21-55
- the average age was 30



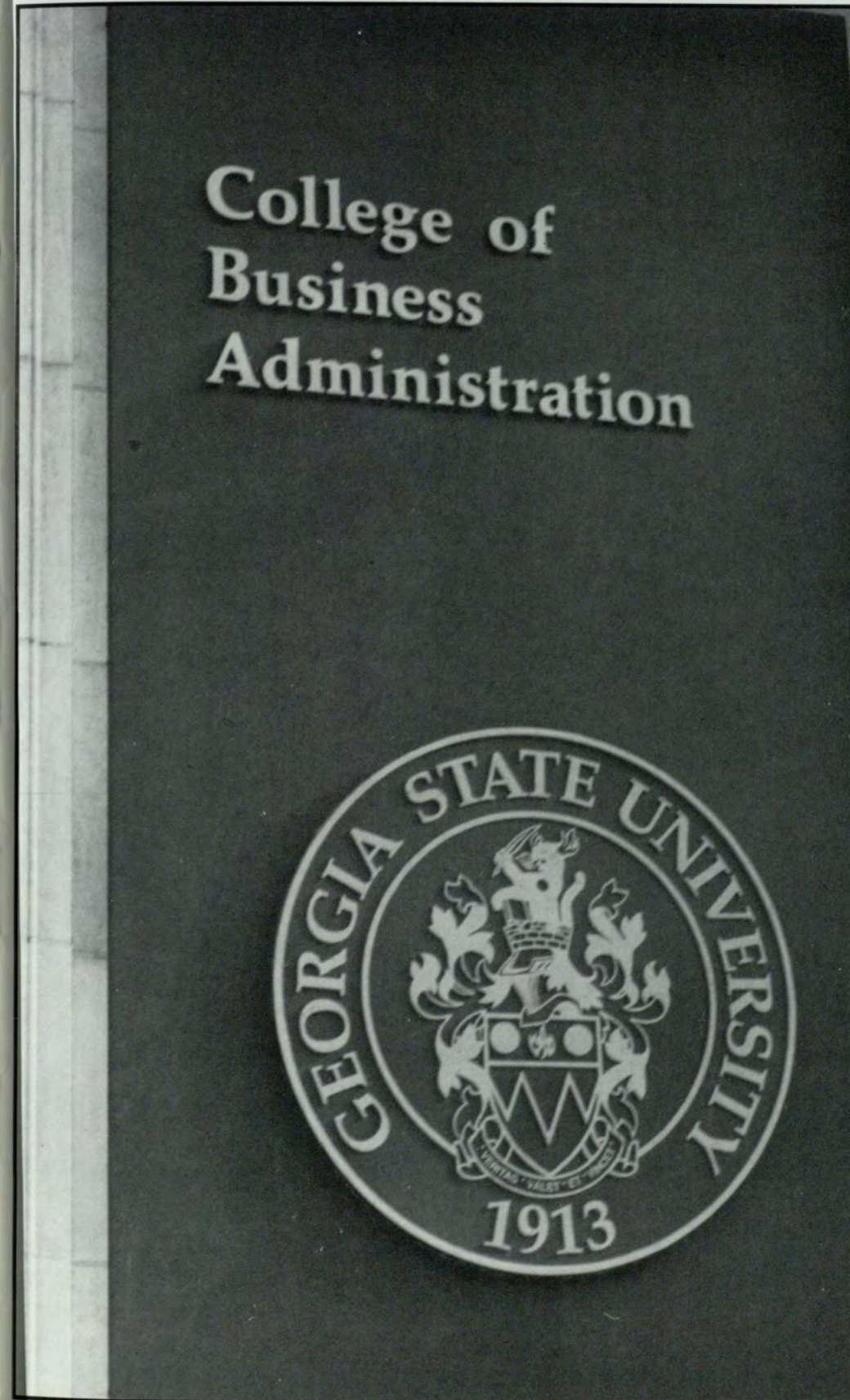
One of the reasons the College of Law was ranked in the top ten nationally was its program which allowed students to take classes part time while working full time. *Photos: Opposite page by Jennifer Bebnke; this page from Rampway files.*





NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL

MBA program only school in Southeast to crack top twenty



The Georgia State University Master of Business Administration program was ranked fifteenth in the country by the *US News and World Report* annual survey of top business programs. Georgia State was the only school in the Southeast to be ranked in the top twenty this year.

Part of the program's success was attributed to the flexibility on the part of the school to offer part-time MBA programs to students who were seeking an advanced degree in business. In fact, according to the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the Business Administration program at GSU was the largest part-time MBA program in the nation. It offered a wide variety of classes which allowed its students the time to be flexible with their scheduling, permitting them to work while attending classes. In addition, GSU business students were shown to have a high success rate outside of school, after graduation.

Dr. Yezdi Bhada, associate dean of academic assistance, was very proud of the rankings. He said, "We are very happy that the rest of the nation recognizes the quality of our program. We have always attempted to meet the needs of the business community for quality education."

-David I. Sloane

The Master of Business Administration program at Georgia State was the only program in the Southeast to be ranked nationally in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual survey. **Photos by David Sloane.**

Building A Solid **FOUNDATION**

Students Explore the Evolution of Journalism

Students enrolled in Journalism 304, 300 Years of American Journalism, taught by Dr. Leonard Teel, got a little bit more than they bargained for.

Dr. Teel, who also organized the World Media Forum, International Media Exchange and was the Director of Arab U.S. Association for Communication Educators, required his students to produce and perform a play each quarter.

The plays, which were based on journalists who lived during different periods in American history, were not only required, they were also the final exam. The students were graded on their knowledge of their characters and on their performance.

Students were required to choose a topic for a research paper early in the quarter. They then had to select a character from that topic to perform in the play. The students were then placed in groups with other students whose characters were

related with theirs in some way. For example, they could have lived in the same area, or they could have had very similar or very different views on a subject. Therefore, students were required to interact with other characters in their skit.

Deb Calabria, a graduate student in the drama department, helped the class with the dramatic aspects of the play and also helped them to find ways to interact with one another.

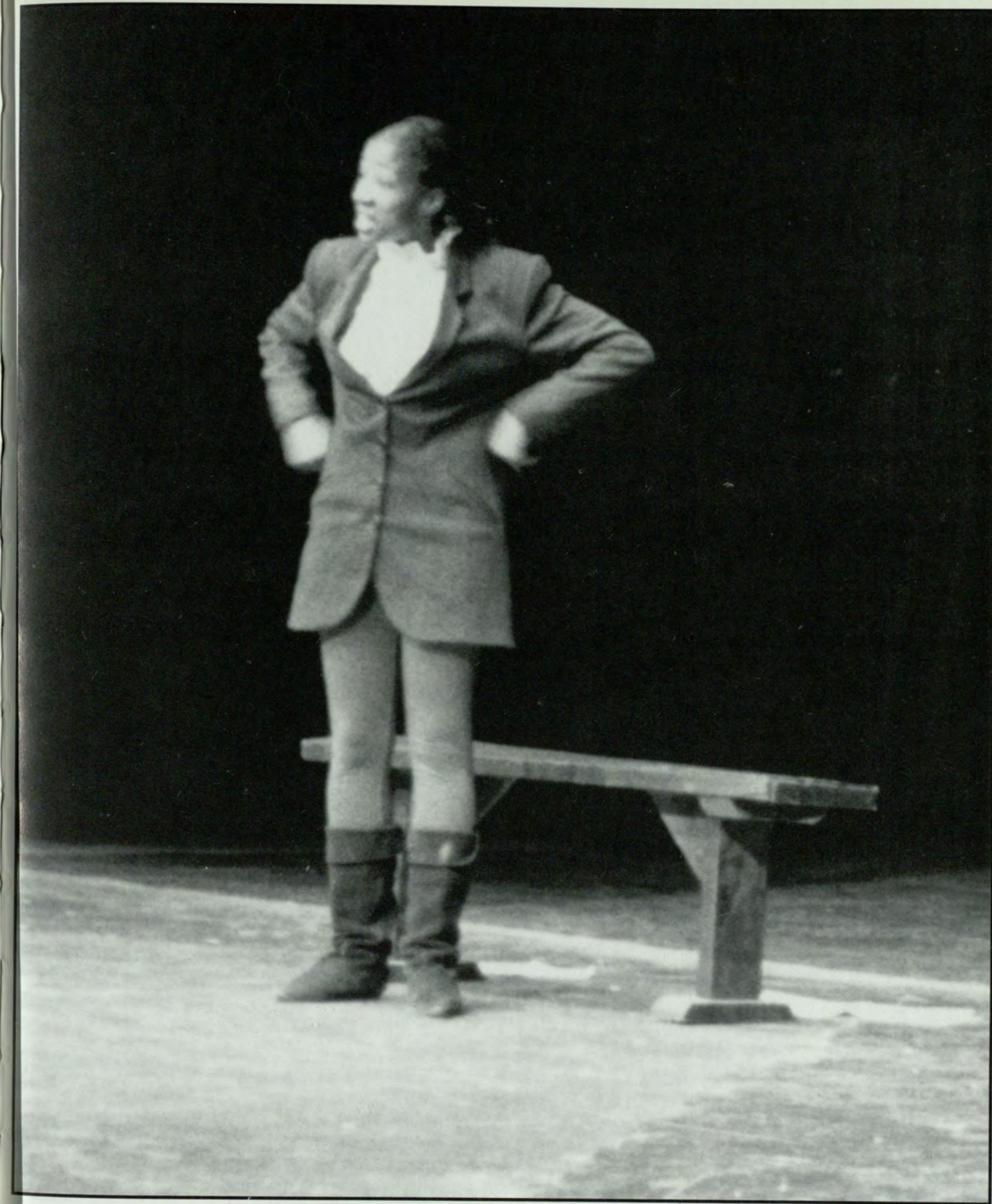
The class, which was a requirement for all journalism majors, was intended to help students see how the world of journalism had evolved from its early days. This knowledge in turn was a foundation for their understanding of all aspects of the media.

The plays were performed at the end of every quarter in the Alumni Hall Theater and were open to all faculty, staff and students.

-Jennifer Behnke and Octavia Davis



Students were required to interact with other characters during their play. They were also encouraged to use props, like the cane and bench shown here. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



This Journalism 304 student performs a monologue during a final exam play. The student "actors" were encouraged to perform their characters in costume. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

A Dream **EXPLODES**

On January 24, 1996, students, faculty and staff began a new era at Georgia State University, as ground was broken to make way for a new, 118,000 square foot student activities center scheduled to open in the fall of 1997. The student center, designed to be the centerpiece of the campus, was expected to be "a model for student centers across the nation" according to Dr. James Scott, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Designed by the Atlanta-based Turner & Associates architectural firm, the new activities center would bring a "very important addition to GSU" said Dr. Kurt Keppler, Dean of Students. Aside from numerous recreational facilities, the activities center will have an 11,000 square foot ballroom, which means the university will no longer have to reserve a hotel to hold special functions. The center will also hold a 420 seat auditorium, 8 new meeting rooms, and a 3 story, 40 foot wide atrium in which students will be able to congregate. This would be a comfortable improvement from the 8 foot wide hallways in the existing university center. "It will form a nucleus for GSU, a living room, our town center" said GSU's President, Dr. Carl Patton.

The new center is special not only to GSU, but to the downtown area as well, "...it will stand as a living legacy to GSU students" said Steve Brock, Assistant Director of Golden Key National Honor Society, another legacy which was founded at GSU in 1977. "This has been a dream of Georgia State for many years," said President Patton at the groundbreaking ceremony in January.

-David Sloane

Photo Courtesy of the Housing Office.



Drs. James Scott and Kurt Keppler are among those breaking ground for the new university center. *Photo by Allen McCall.*



Bringing Together Voices of THE WORLD

The World Media Forum, hosted by Georgia State University was a way "...to bring journalists from diverse backgrounds to help internationalize the campus" said Dr. Leonard Teel, a professor of Journalism at GSU, and the coordinator of the World Media Forum.

Since the program began in 1993, the forums have focused on topics ranging from "Media and Politics, and the Effects of Public Opinion on Modern Journalism" to "Freedom of Expression and the Future of Palestinian Media".

The World Media Forum did more than just create a link between students and the international media. It also brought people closer together. In the spring of 1995, for example, a new organization, called the Arab-US Association for Communication Educators, was formed at World Media Forum X. This new association was made up of US, Arab, Middle Eastern and North African journalists.

Panelists at the summer forum included journalists from Croatia and South Africa. Tena Perisin, a journalist from Croatia, spoke out about the war in her country and blamed the media there for intensifying existing problems between opposing ethnic groups in the former Yugoslavia.

The forums were sponsored by the International Professional Program of CNN, GSU's departments of Communication and History, the Middle East Study Group and Spotlight Programs Board.

The World Media Forum series promoted the ongoing effort of journalism exchange between Arab countries and the United States.

-David I. Sloane



Elic Marad, a journalist from Jonasse, and Fatima El Moumen, from Morocco, speak to students at the World Media Forum. *Photo by Allen McCall.*



Njide Okaro, a journalist representing Nigeria, answers students' questions. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

A foreign journalist participates in the World Media Forum, which was sponsored in part by the Department of Communications. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

THE SHOW GOES ON...

GSU opens new center for performing arts

Located on the corner of Forsyth and Luckie streets, Georgia State's Center for Performing Arts in 1996 moved into the Fairlie Poplar district, west of campus.

The Rialto, which reopened in March 1996 after extensive renovations, housed a 70-seat auditorium for performances and lectures, a new stage and orchestra pit, full catering facilities, a lobby performance stage, and intermission space.

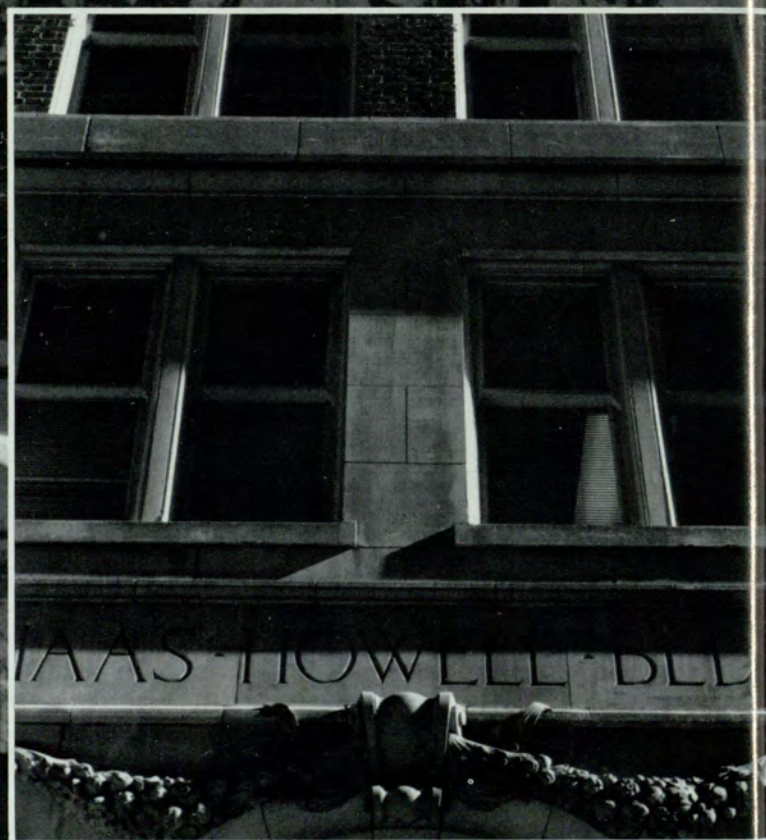
The Haas-Howell Building, also located in the Fairlie Poplar district, housed the Music Department. Features in the building included a recording studio, administrative offices, classrooms, practice rooms, and faculty offices.

The new facilities officially opened in January with a parade and celebration marking Georgia State's presence in the Fairlie Poplar district. Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell was present at the celebration and made a speech welcoming the university to the district.

The total cost of the new facility was in the neighborhood of \$14 million, \$10 million of which came from a private fundraising effort coordinated by GSU alumnus A.W. "Bill" Dahlberg.

Parking around the new music facility was limited and most faculty and students had to walk the five blocks to the facility from campus. While the GSU police were available to escort students and faculty to the campus or the parking decks, many students were concerned about their safety while they were in the Fairlie-Poplar district. To help solve the problem, a shuttle service, similar to the one which ran from campus to the stadium, was proposed, and police call boxes were expected to be installed in front of GSU's three main buildings in the area.

-David I. Sloane



The Haas-Howell Building, pictured above, and the Rialto Theatre, shown here in a pre-renovation photo, were exciting new additions to the GSU campus in 1995. Located in the Fairlie-Poplar district, the buildings expanded GSU's presence into the heart of Atlanta. *Photos by Maree Connary.*



Lodge Gets Much Needed

FACELIFT

A new era began at Georgia State University in November 1995. To go along with plans for a new multi-million dollar Student Activities Center opening on campus in the fall of 1997 and a recently renovated and fully operational Center for Performing Arts in the Fairlie-Poplar District, Georgia State finished renovations on the Indian Creek Recreational Lodge, located across the street from the Indian Creek MARTA station, in DeKalb county.

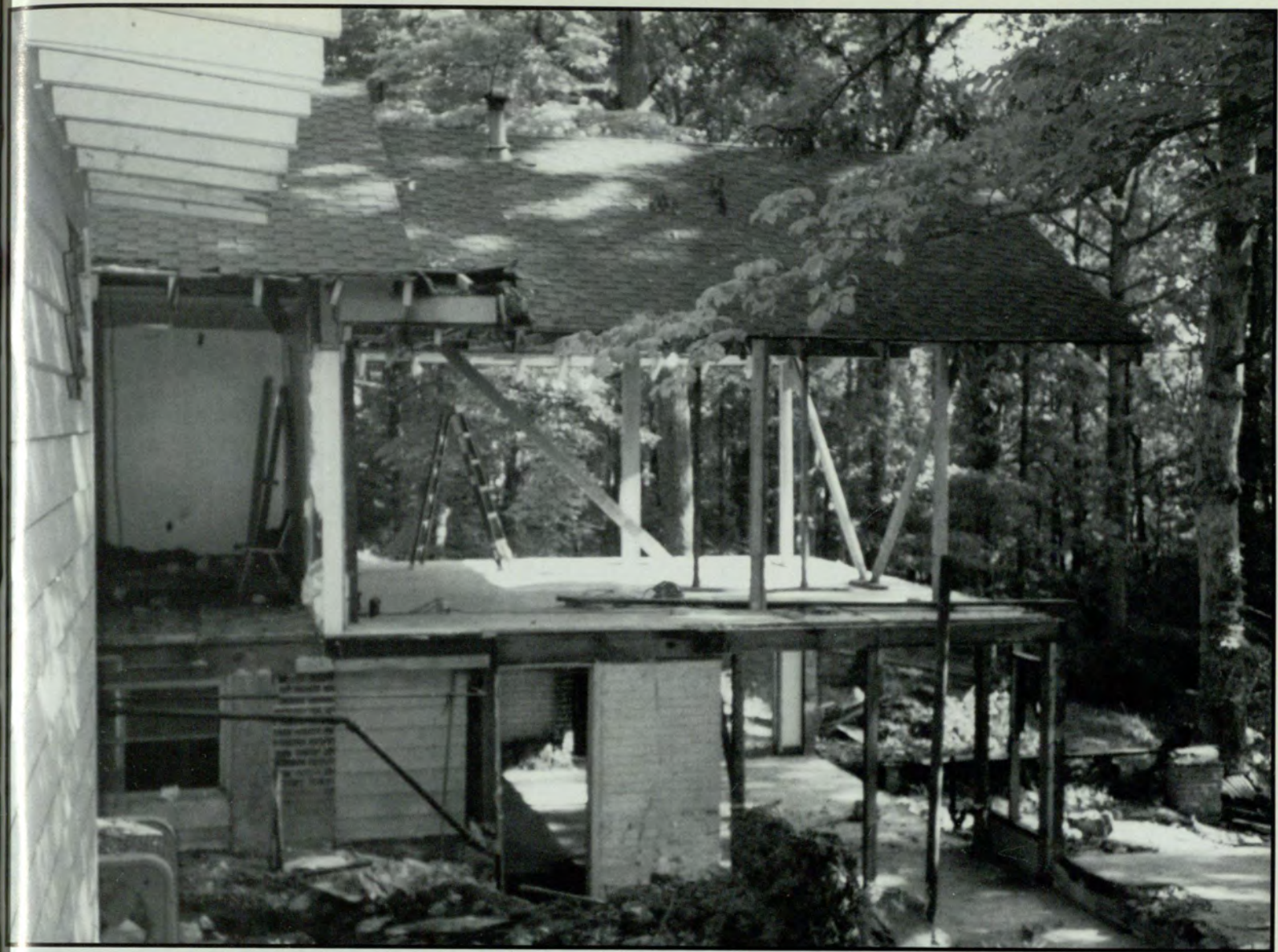
The lodge, a GSU facility since 1939, was home of the university's "Challenge" program and was the site for many retreats, workshops and social functions for both students and faculty. The renovations were necessary in order for the facility to meet ADA requirements to allow for the lodge's use by people with physical handicaps.

The facility had been ignored and virtually left to ruin. However, with the renovations came many improvements, including a new foundation because the original building did not have one. Total cost for the renovations was in the neighborhood of \$250,000. Funding for the renovations came from a general contingency fund from leftover recreation budget monies as well as ADA committee contributions.

In addition to the foundation, the renovations also provided a new kitchen, restroom facilities and a wrap-around deck. The Indian Creek Lodge also had a swimming pool, picnic grounds, tennis courts and sand volleyball courts.

Although all of these new additions made the lodge more modern, the aim was to keep the same traditional style of the surrounding area in order for the lodge to continue to fit into the history and atmosphere of the area. The lodge was yet another piece in the grand puzzle called Georgia State. Things were just starting to come together.

-David I. Sloane



The renovations at Indian Creek included a new foundation and a new, wrap-around deck. *Photo courtesy of Recreational Services.*

The lodge was large enough to accommodate student organizations and faculty workshops. It featured a large sitting room with a fireplace. *Photo courtesy of Recreational Services.*



Georgia State's Indian Creek Lodge, located in DeKalb County, underwent a major renovation in 1995. The lodge housed the university's "Challenge" program was the site of many workshops. *Photo courtesy of Recreational Services.*



Making a Strong **IMPRESSION**

CIS Programs Ranks in Computerworld's Top 25

Last winter, Georgia State University's Computer Information Systems Department, which offered a degree for "techno-business," a field of study which combined curriculum from both business and technological disciplines, was ranked among the top 25 programs in the country by *Computerworld* magazine.

The program was ranked 20th out of over 300 programs across the country. The CIS program, which began at GSU in 1970, had already been ranked first in the area of research.

"My ambition is to be first across the boards nationally," said Dr. Richard Welke, chairman of the CIS department, in an interview with the *Signal*.

"Techno-business" prepared graduates for a career involving more and more dependency on information systems. The program was most beneficial to the student who aimed for a career in management or in technical areas. If the focus was on a highly technical career, students were cautioned to avoid the double-focus of this particular program.

In its article, *Computerworld* stated that a good MBA program should include a strong IS program, which GSU had. In fact, GSU was cited along with NYU and the University of Minnesota as having strong undergraduate and graduate programs within the IS department.

In 1995, 700 undergraduates and 215 graduate students were enrolled in the department.

-David I. Sloane

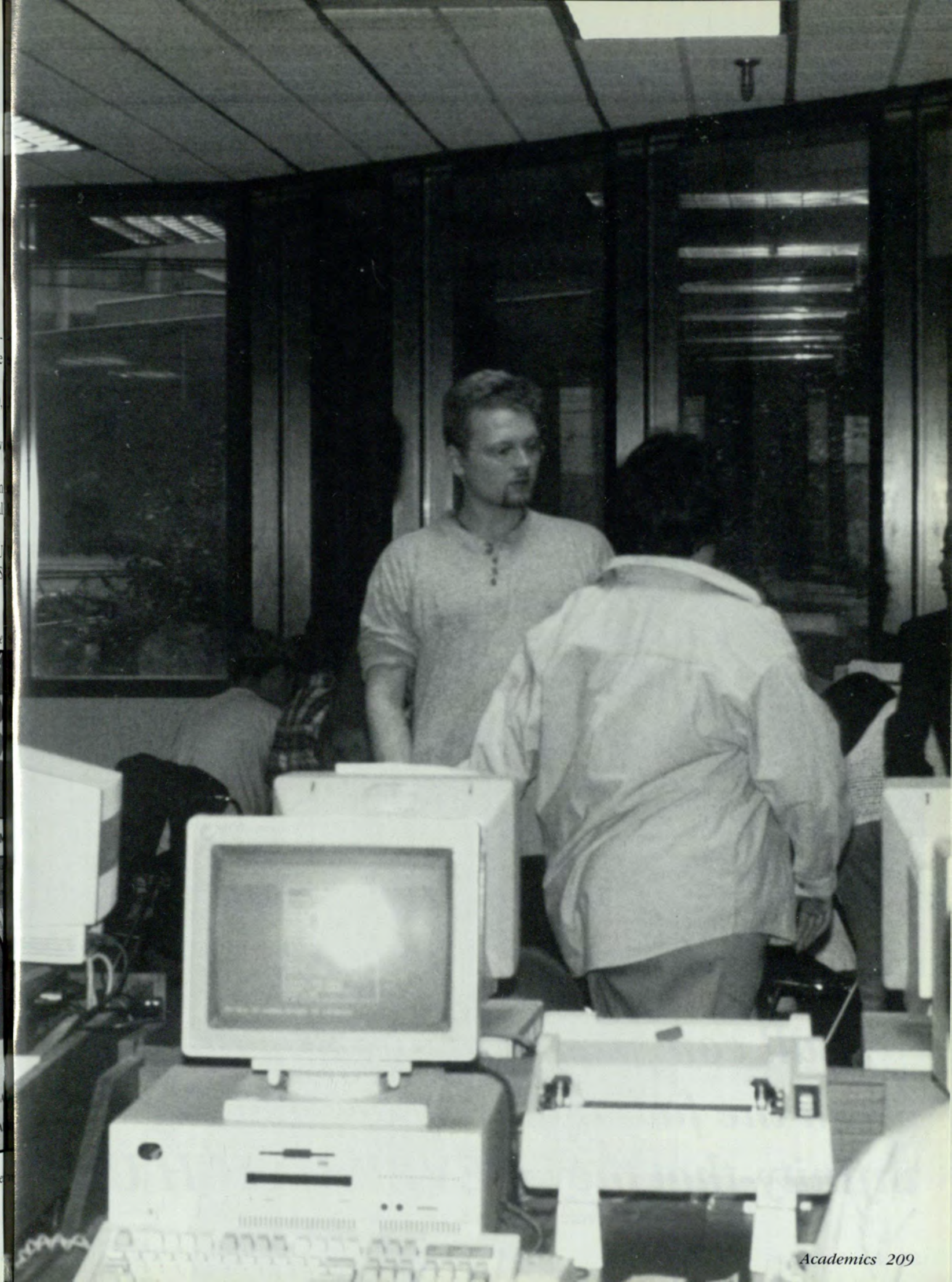
GSU COMPUTER CENTER
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The computer lab, located on the lower level of Library South, was open to all students free of charge. Students could even hook up the university's computer system from their homes. *Photos by David Sloane.*





*“...all competent faculty members live with the fact that they are dealing with infinity-that they **NEVER CATCH UP...**”*

-American Professors Jack Schuster and Charles Bowen

Faculty Authors

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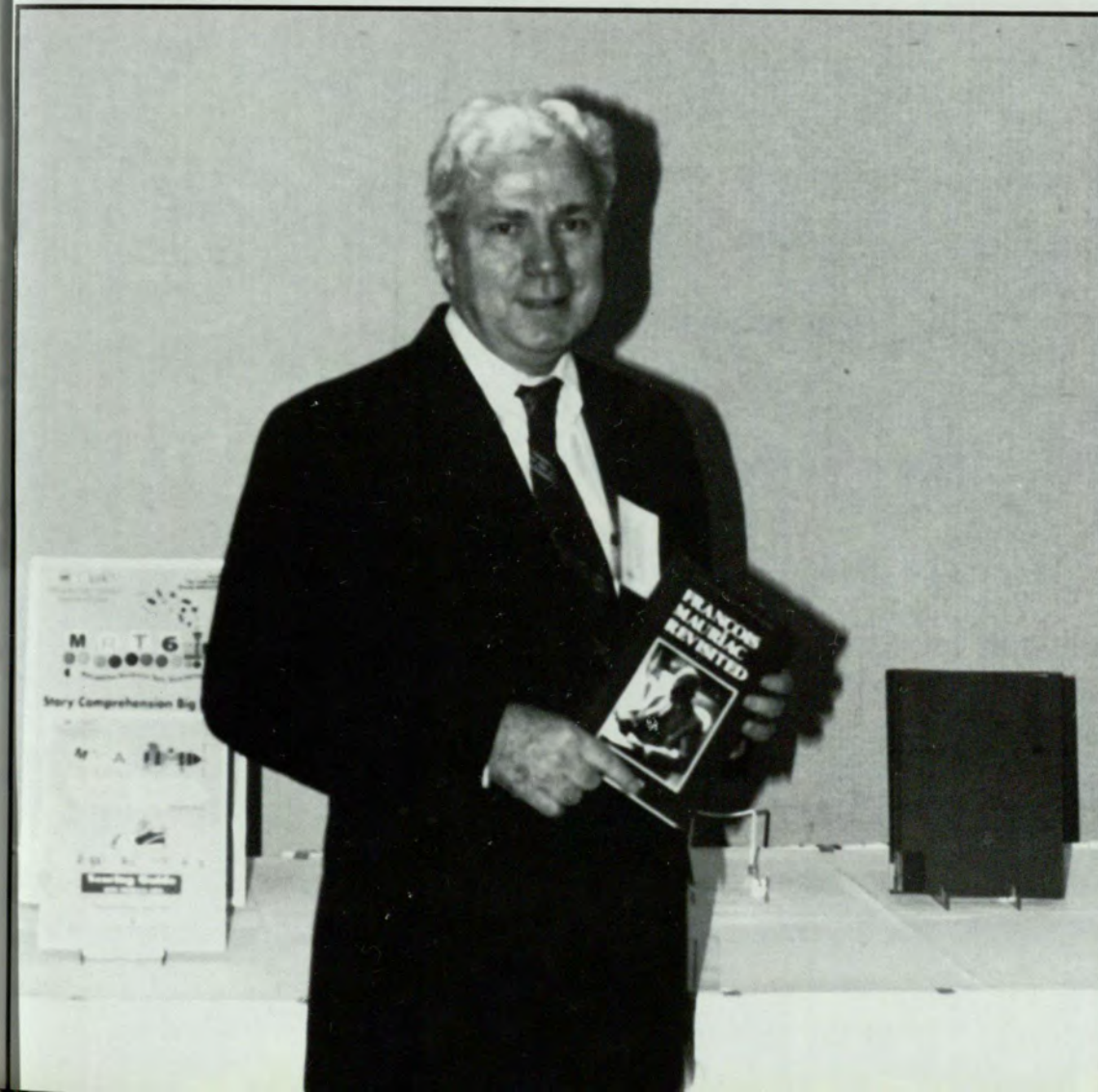
In February, 1996, the Pullen Library and the office of the president sponsored a reception which recognized over one hundred faculty members who had been published during the past year. Published works included books on topics such as education, nutrition dietetics, racial relations and life insurance. One book that received recognition was by Professor David O'Connell. O'Connell, a professor in the department of Modern and Classical Languages, published the book titled *Francois Mauriac Revisited*.

In addition to recognizing faculty authors, the reception also honored faculty members who had created works in non-print areas such as video tapes, sound recordings, and sculptures. For example, Junco Sato Pollack, a faculty member from the school of Art and Design, was recognized for his 3-D sculpture, *Venus I*.

Dr. Carl V. Patton, president of GSU, spoke at the reception and challenged the authors to “..never catch up...” referring to the writings of two American professors, Jack Schuster and Charles Bowen. Both of these men wrote that “all competent faculty members live with the sense that they are dealing with infinity,” meaning that they can never possibly do all of the things which they want to do nor can they ever stop learning. Dr. Patton thanked the faculty members for their dedication outside of the university, and asked them to not to give up their goals, but to strive for the top and to never reach a point of termination, but to continue the quest for new knowledge.

In addition to receiving recognition at the reception, the faculty authors were also recognized in the 1994-95 Annual Report.

-David I. Sloane



Opposite Page: Junco Sato Pollack's 3-D fabric sculpture, *Venus I*, sits on display in the Urban Life center during the faculty authors reception. The 1996 reception marked the first time that non-print material such as this sculpture and video tapes and sound recordings were recognized. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

This Page: David O'Connell, a professor in the department of Modern and Classical Languages, displays his book, *Francois Mauriac Revisited* at the reception honoring over 100 faculty authors. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Giving Students a **CHALLENGE**

Course Challenges Perceptions and Potential

Georgia State University's Division of Recreational Services offered a wide variety of activities to students, faculty and staff. Among these many activities was the Challenge Program, which consisted of a series of experimental learning activities designed to foster personal as well as professional development.

The tasks accomplished in the program helped groups focus on issues such as self confidence, trust in one's self and in others, teamwork, effective communication, creative problem solving, leadership, risk taking and, most importantly, having fun!

Activities in the program involved working as a team to meet challenges and to overcome mental and physical obstacles at both low and high altitudes in an outdoor learning environment.

The program was designed to teach problem solving and initiative-building skills which were easily transferred to everyday situations and professional working relationships. No special skills were required to participate in the Challenge Program. Participation was geared to the intensity desired by the group regardless of ability, age, shape, or size. The Challenge Program was located at the Georgia State Indian Creek Recreational Facility in Dekalb County.

-David I. Sloane



A student balances herself on a tree at the Challenge Program. *Photo courtesy of Recreational Services.*

Group members encourage a participant as she accepts the "Challenge" at the Indian Creek Recreation Facility. *Photo courtesy of Recreational Services.*



Ph.D. Program

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Other Programs Cut by Board of Regents

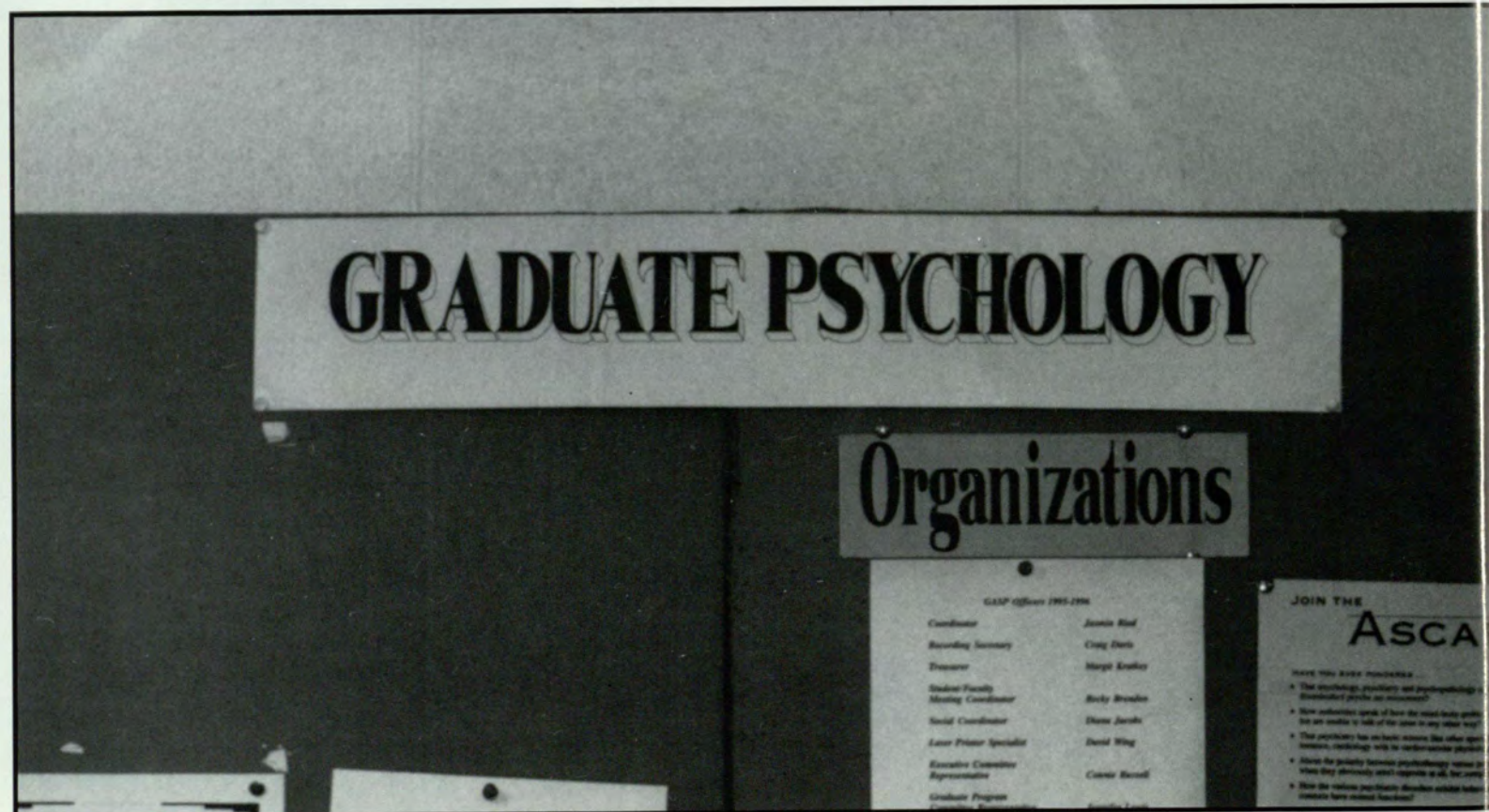
The Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia met in February 1996 and approved full accreditation for two programs at Georgia State University.

The Doctoral program in the School of Psychology was accredited to the American Psychological Association (APA) through the year 2000. Another program given the go-ahead by the Board was the baccalaureate degree program in social work which would run an eight-year-cycle through the year 2003.

Due to the fact that they had been inactive since December of 1994, the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science programs would be discontinued at the close of summer quarter 1996, as requested by GSU President, Dr. Carl V. Patton. Although these programs were discontinued through the Department of Public and Urban Affairs at GSU, they could still be taken at other institutions within the University System.

The College of Education lost the most in February, with six programs in all discontinued, effective fall quarter 1996. Among them, the Bachelor of Science in Education for Students with Mental Disabilities, the Master of Education in Prevocational Education of Students with Mild Disabilities, the Ed.S. in Foreign Language, the Ed.S. in Special Education Administration, the Ph.D. in Communicative Arts Education and the Ph.D. in Reading Instruction. These programs were cut because they had been inactive since 1994 and had had no students enrolled in them since that time.

-David I. Sloane



The doctoral program in the Department of Psychology at Georgia State was reaccredited in 1996 by the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia. *Photo by David I. Sloane.*



The College of Education lost the most in 1996, losing six programs in a decision by the Board of Regents. *Photo by David I. Sloane.*

GSU Offers **WORLDVIEW**

Technologically Advanced Travel Agency Opens

The Department of Auxiliary Services opened a new travel agency that served the travel needs of both students and the corporate environment in February 1996. The new agency, Business Travel, offered a highly technological service called World View Access. The new service allowed students, faculty and members of the business world access to valuable travel information.

World View Access consisted of a computer terminal with a printer that provided the user with push-button access to anywhere in the world as well as to a wealth of information about modes of transportation via ground, air and water. "You will be able to print out just what you want to know about a specific place" said Cheryl Lundquist, account executive for Business Travel.

Business Travel was especially helpful to students and faculty during the quarter breaks because it took the guess-work out of planning vacations as well as trips home. It also made it easier for faculty and staff members to plan conference, group and leisure travel.

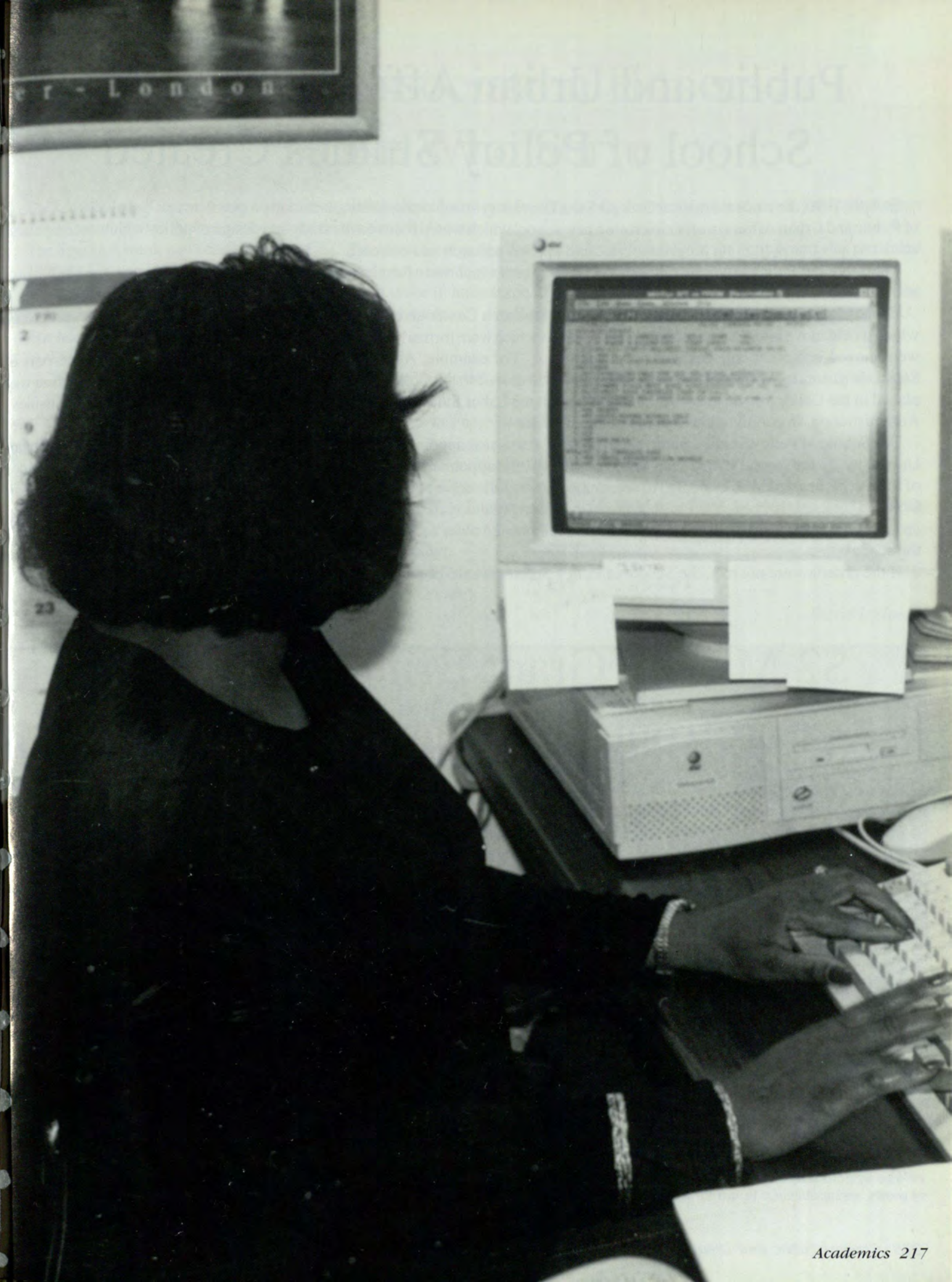
Although GSU already had a travel agency, Business Travel was more technologically advanced than the existing agency on campus, and was available to all those who wished to travel in a hassle-free way. Business Travel was located on the 2nd floor of the University Center, next to Auxiliary Services.

-David I. Sloane



Business Travel opened next to Auxiliary Services in February 1996. The agency featured World View Access, a computer which gave users access to a wealth of travel related information. *Photo by David Sloane.*

An employee of Business Travel works on an order. The agency catered to students, faculty and members of the business community. *Photo by David Sloane.*



Public and Urban Affairs Dissolved, School of Policy Studies Created

In April 1996, the student senate at Georgia State University voted to pass a reorganization proposal which dissolved the College of Public and Urban Affairs in order to create a new school which would focus on the study and design of policy which encompassed academic programs, training programs, basic and applied research and outreach.

The School of Policy Studies would consist of programs which were formerly offered through other colleges in the University, and would become active on July 1, 1996.

Economics, Public Administration, the Applied Research Center and the Policy Research Center were among the programs which would move into the new school. The programs which were formerly offered through the College of Public and Urban Affairs were moved into other colleges within the university. For example, Applied Linguistics was placed in the College of Arts & Sciences, Criminal Justice and Social Work were both moved to the College of Health Sciences, Hospitality Administration was placed in the College of Business Administration and the Labor Studies program was also placed within the College of Business Administration, in coordination with the Beebe Institute.

The School of Policy Studies would be set up with a two-year appointment for a dean, selected from candidates from within the University. In the second year, a dean would be selected and appointed to a five-year term. In the fifth year of existence, the School of Policy Studies would be evaluated to determine if it should receive college status. Criteria for the establishment of a new college included the establishment of a Ph.D. program in Policy Studies, interdisciplinary programs that were broader than fiscal policy, an academic mission that differed in form, but complemented other colleges and the development of a five-year strategic plan for the school.

If the criteria were not met, the School of Policy Studies would be placed within an existing college.

-David I. Sloane

\$2 Million Grant Brings GSU to the Forefront of Cinema Technology

Did you ever see movies like *Forrest Gump*, *Water World*, *Outbreak*, *Judge Dredd*, *Lawnmower Man 2*, or *James Bond 007: Goldeneye*, and wondered "How'd they do that?" Well here's how. A new type of film technology, called Cineon, was used.

Cineon worked by taking 35mm film and translating it into a digital format that was then read and manipulated by a computer to produce the desired image or special effect. That was how Tom Hanks could be seen shaking hands with Presidents John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon in the Academy Award winning film *Forrest Gump*, in which Hanks won his second consecutive Oscar.

In 1996, Georgia State University became the first university in the nation to house the digital editing system. "We'll bring the (film) industry to the city" said Dr. Gary Moss, a film professor here at GSU. Because the technology had previously been unavailable outside of California, there had been many private interests involved which would help create partnerships between state institutions such as Georgia State and the private sector. Among those interested in forming partnerships with GSU were companies such as IBM, Multimedia, Bell South, Turner Entertainment and Eastman-Kodak. Cineon would also bring together the Georgia State Department of Communications and the Georgia Institute of Technology, whose mathematics and physics departments were expected to have direct hook up to the system. Clark-Atlanta University was also expected to have access to the technology.

The university received a \$2 million grant from the Georgia Research Alliance, a partnership between the state's research universities, the state government and the business community. This grant would cover the cost of one scanner, two work stations, a lab and eventually a curriculum to be taught in the communications department to allow students to learn about, and become experienced with, Cineon.

The system was expected to be housed on the first floor of the One Park Place South building.

-David I. Sloane

Alumni Association Honors Those Who Serve

Back in 1985, the Georgia State Alumni Association created an award for service in order to recognize students, faculty members and staff members for their exceptional service to the GSU community.

The Sparks Award, named after former GSU President, George Sparks, was awarded annually in the spring, and was presented in 1995 by Grover Thomas, President of the Alumni Association, to ten members of the GSU populous.

GSU President, Dr. Carl V. Patton also addressed those in attendance. Dr. Patton quoted *Paradise Lost* in his speech to the honorees, when he said "freely we serve because freely we love." Dr. Patton stressed the love that each honoree had for GSU.

The honorees included:

-Dianne Becht, a faculty member for seven years.

-Tim Bookout, who used his own resources to help build studios to help make the GSU environment more enjoyable for students since 1967.

-Jerrey Ferrell, Plant Operations Superintendent who was nominated by 36 of his colleagues.

-Becky Graham, who had been at GSU for 23 years.

-John Harris, manager of Department of Audio-Visual Services for 20 years.

-Robert (Randy) Jones, staff member in the College of Education, computer support.

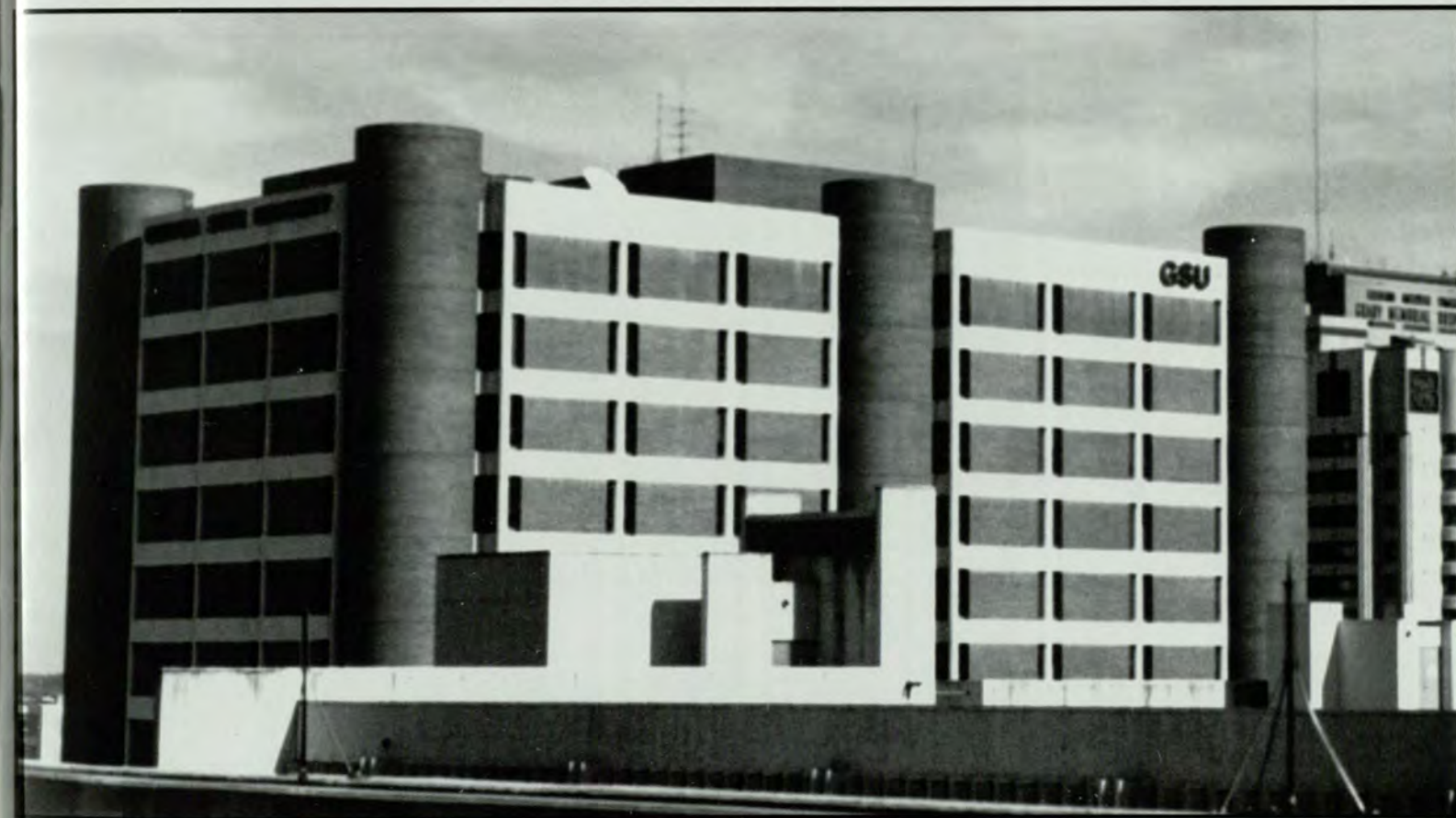
-Maggie McMillan, Pullen Library staff member who coordinated activities for 50-plus co-workers. Maggie had been with GSU for 16 years.

-Trevor Sookedo, a staff member in the computer center.

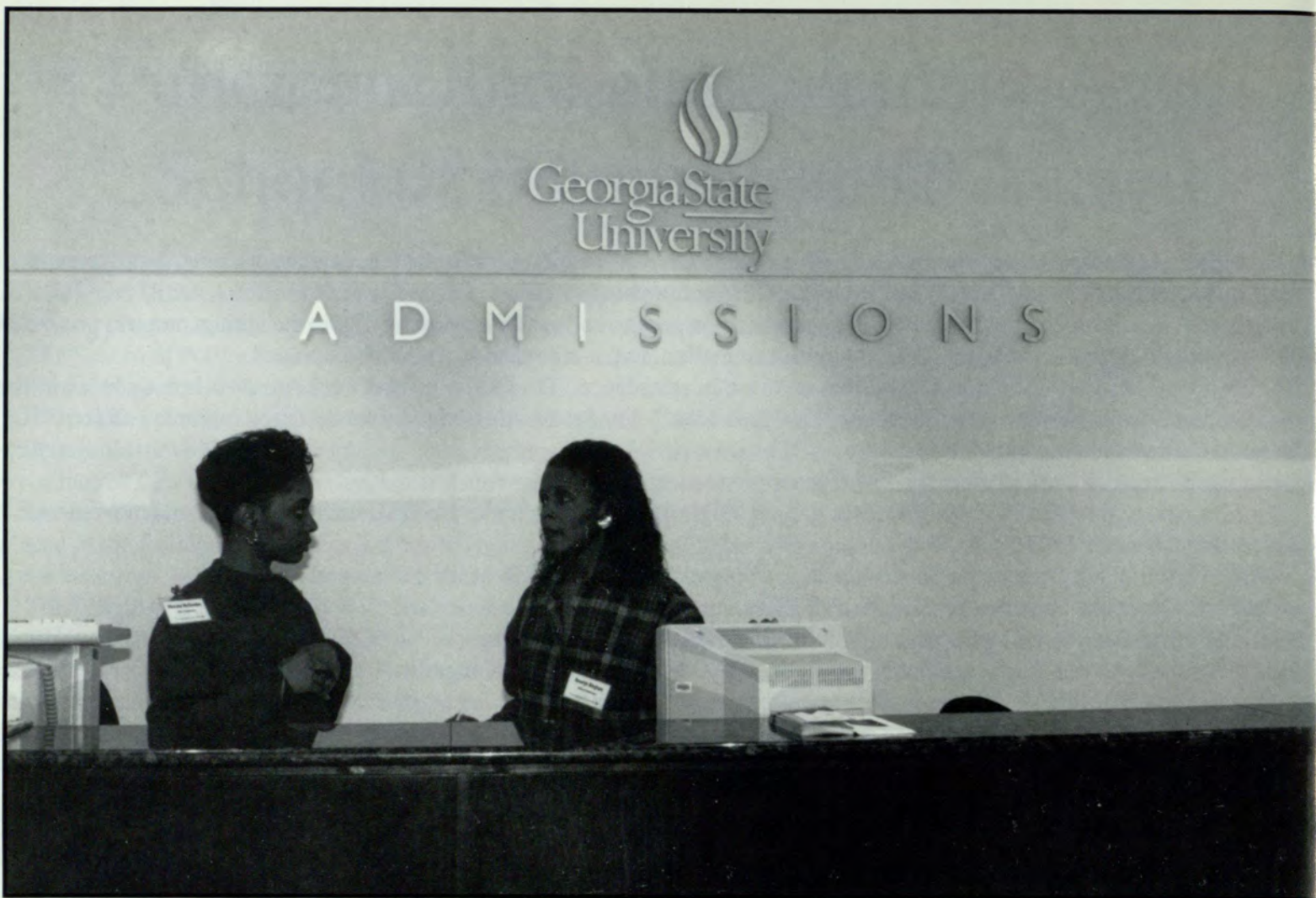
-Cecily Walker, a member of the Student Government Association.

-William Walker, Department Manager in Property Control.

-David I. Sloane

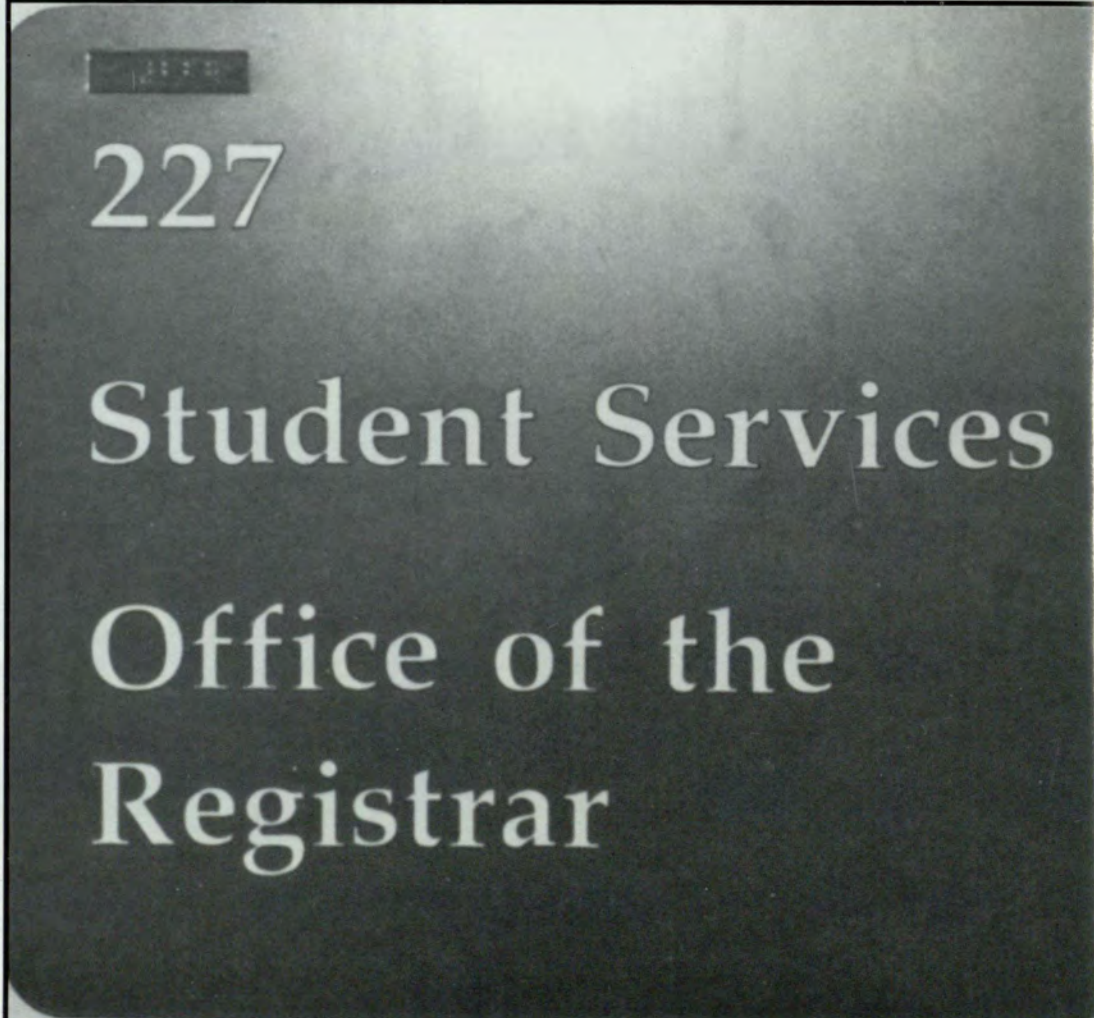


Change was on the horizon for Georgia State University, as one college within the University was dissolved in order to make way for a new School of Policy Studies. At the same time, the Department of Communications acquired a piece of technology which would change the face of communications. **Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.**



The Office of Admissions moved up to second floor of Sparks Hall, making the office more visible to visitors. *Photo by David Sloane.*

The Office of the Registrar also underwent renovations in 1995. The Office of Admissions was moved to the second floor, adjacent to the Registrar. *Photo by David Sloane.*



Sparks Hall Gets FACELIFT

Students Expected to Benefit From Renovations

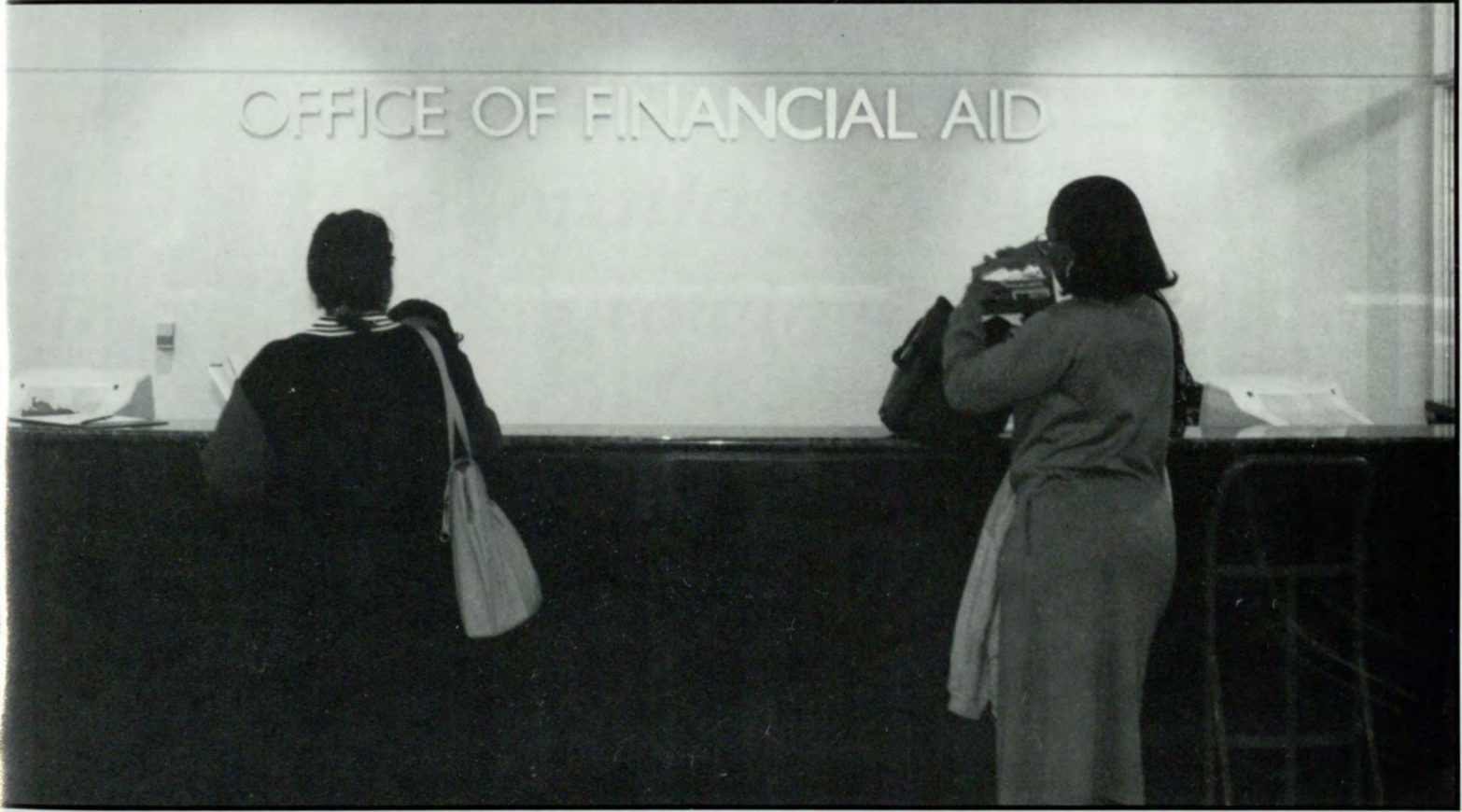
Nearly 20 years after Sparks Hall underwent major renovations, the first and second floors of the building which housed several important offices were all but gutted in 1995.

Sandra Storrar, Assistant Vice President of Student Life and Enrollment, said that the renovations were "long overdue." The renovations included moving the Admissions Office to the second floor, moving the Financial Aid Department to the former Admissions office and renovations to the Registrar's office.

Moving the Admissions Office to the second floor made it more visible and more easily located than it had been on the first floor. The new Financial Aid Office brought the entire department into one office and gave students who had to wait in line more room for one on one conversations with Financial Aid Counselors. Thus, students no longer had to discuss their concerns while standing in the hall in front of a long line of other students.

The project was divided into two phases, the first of which was completed when the registration office became operational in the fall. Phase II involved moving the Admissions Office to the second floor and was completed in April. The design of the new offices, which included removable walls and modular furniture, also allowed for greater use of space, as well as for the influx of new students over the next five to seven years.

-David I. Sloane



The Office of Financial Aid, which had its share of problems in 1995, underwent major renovations as it moved across the hall into the former Admissions Office. The new space allowed students to meet with Financial Aid Counselors on a more personal basis. *Photo by David Sloane.*

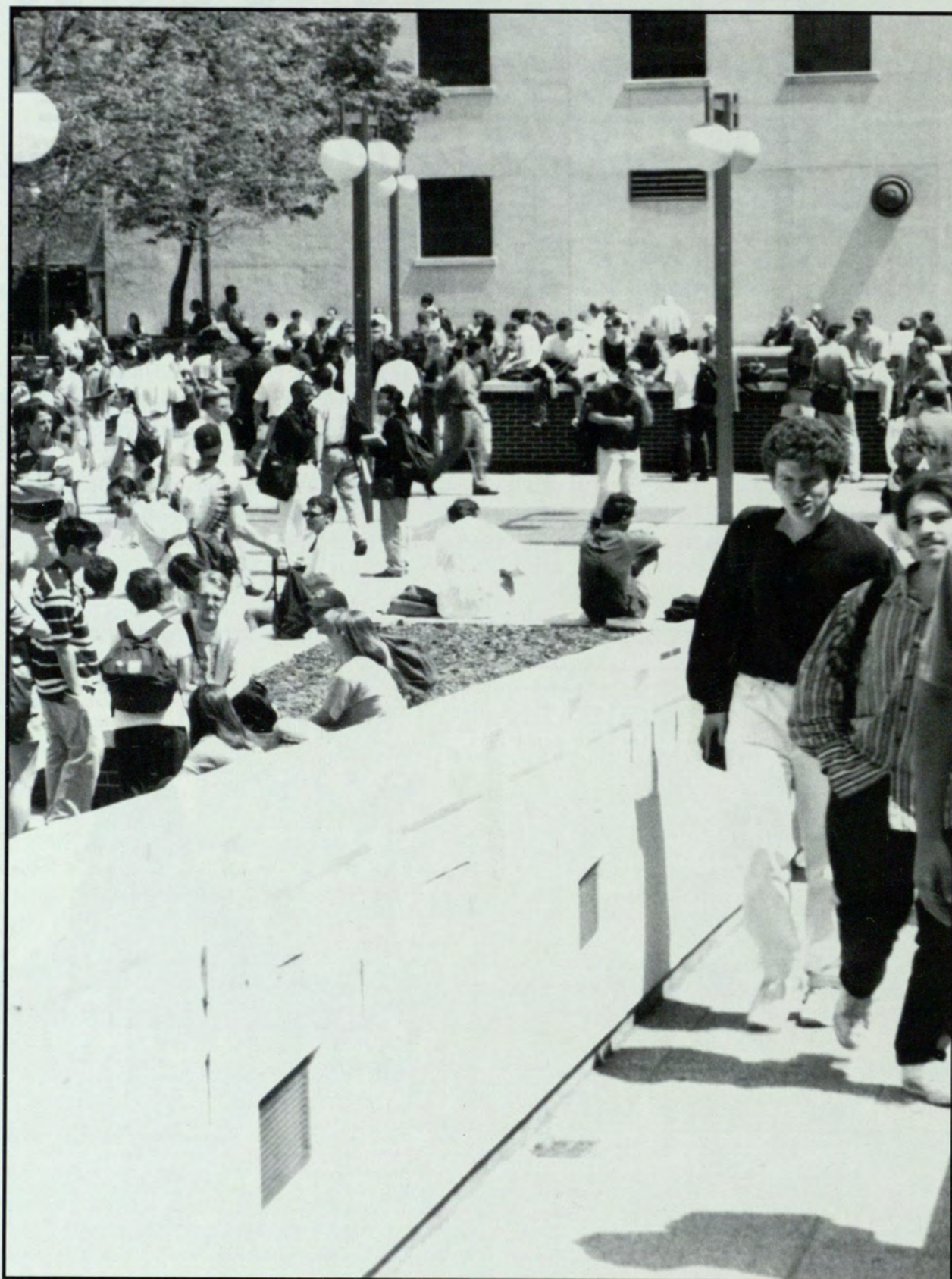


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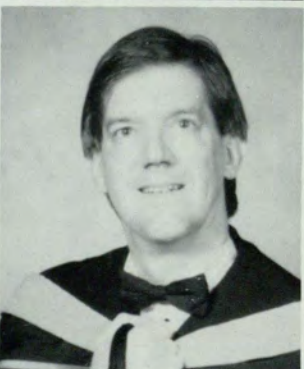
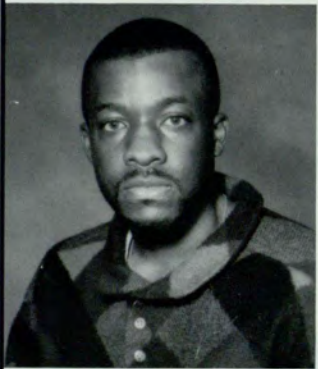
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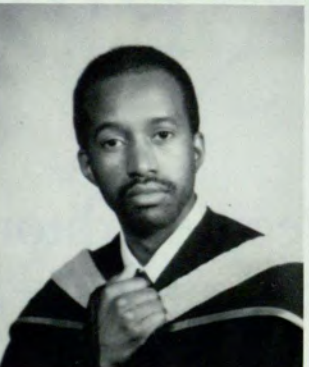
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Not even this wide angle arial shot could capture the massive numbers of African American men who gathered together in Washington to participate in the Million Man March. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*

A Million Men Coming Together

Hundreds of thousands of African American males of all ages, occupations, and from all over the United States poured into Washington D.C. in October, 1995. For nearly seven hours, they gathered for the purpose of pledging themselves to self reliance as well as to having more respect for women. However, for many in attendance, the purpose of the march was psychological indication and comradeship.

Although the National Park Service initially estimated a crowd of 400,000 demonstrators at the National Mall, they later withdrew that estimate and said that the count may have been higher. Marchers who were there said the count was close to a million, if not more, and promised that they would go to court to prove their figures.

Called the largest family values rally in the history of America, the Million Man March was organized by Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan. While the march lacked specific goals, Farrakhan planned to launch a voter registration drive to make African Americans into a political power.

The march, which occurred just two weeks after the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial, was a reminder that race was an inescapable part of American society. In a society where the life expectancy for black men was eight years less than that for white men, and where one in three black men between the ages of 20 and 29 was in jail, on probation or on parole, the Million Man March was a much needed reminder that relations between the races needed to improve and that the statistics needed to be changed.

-Steve A. Folkers



A republican congressman from Georgia, Newt Gingrich was Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1995. Although considered to be a presidential candidate in 1996, Newt declared that he would not run for the presidency. Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.

Newt, Love Him or Hate Him?

Newt Gingrich, a Republican Representative from Georgia and Speaker of the House, was named Man of the Year by *Time* magazine in 1995.

Gingrich worked ruthlessly, brilliantly and, at times, obnoxiously at issues facing Americans such as a balanced federal budget and health care reform. Gingrich was criticized soon after he was named Speaker of the House because he had never even chaired a committee in Congress.

Gingrich's decision not to run for the presidency in 1996 appeared to have been a good idea. Polls indicated that close to half of Americans disapproved of him and his actions. According to *Time*, Gingrich's unfavorable rating jumped from 29% to 56% in 1995.

Referred to as the "most disliked member of Congress" by the *Washington Post*, Newt favored a government shut-down over accepting President Clinton's budget terms. In August, 1995, Gingrich pushed a spending bill through the House by a vote of 219 to 208. The bill, designed to cut spending in 1996, was one the 10 items in Gingrich's "Contract with America," which he brought to vote within his first 100 days as Speaker.

Gingrich's "Contract" also included a measure to limit appeals in death penalty cases, a tough welfare reform law, a tax break to middle class families, a defense spending bill, a cut in the capital gains tax and a constitutional amendment to limit the terms of members of Congress, which, incidentally, never came close to passing in the House.

-Steve Folkers

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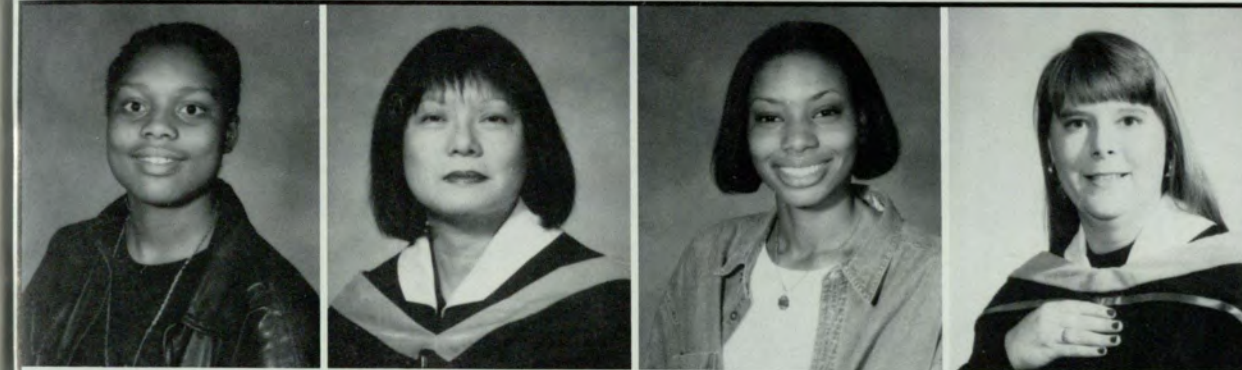
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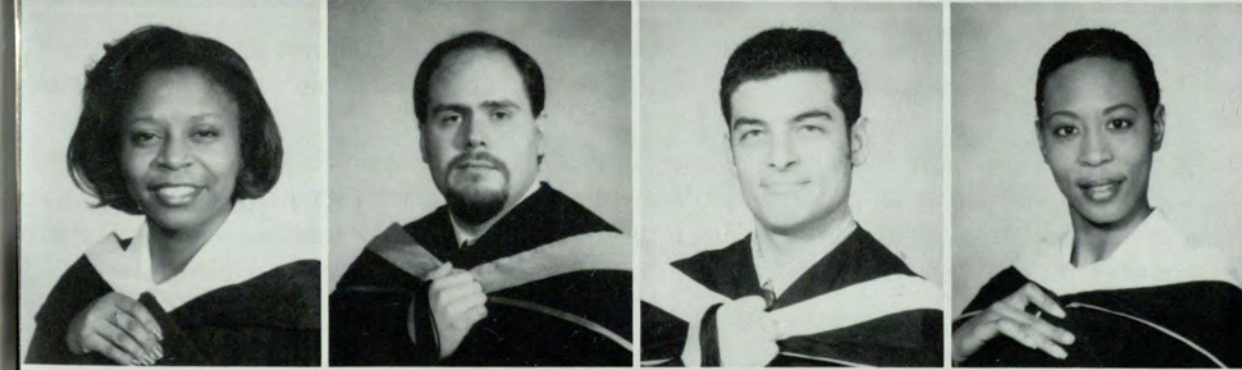
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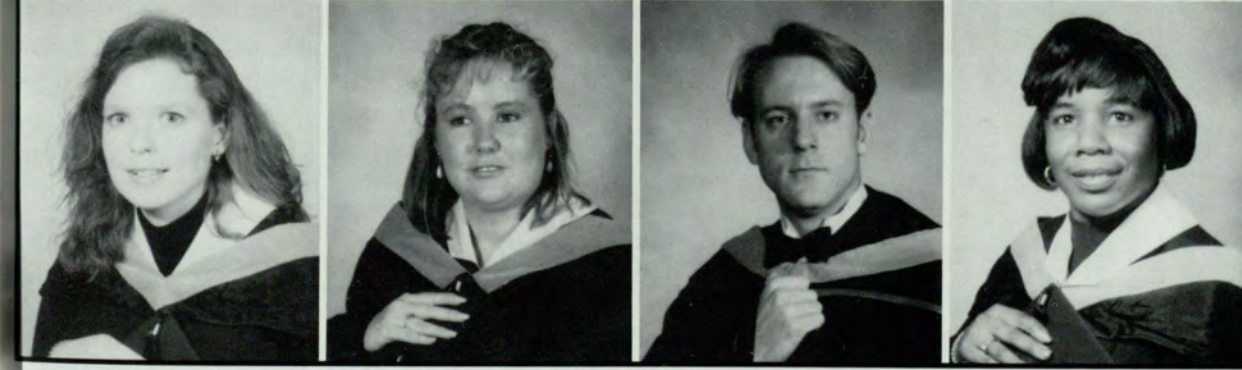
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Journalism, SR
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CIS, SR
Brennan, Anthony
Spanish, SR
Briggins, Rhonda
Law & Society, SR



Bright, Kris A.
Hospitality Admin., SR
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Social Work, SR
Brooks, Bret
Management, SR
Brow, Melanie
Criminal Justice, Grad.





Yitzhak Rabin, whose efforts to bring peace to the Middle East won him both followers and enemies, was brutally assassinated by a 25 year old Israeli who believed he was on a mission to save Israel. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*

The Loss of A Great Leader

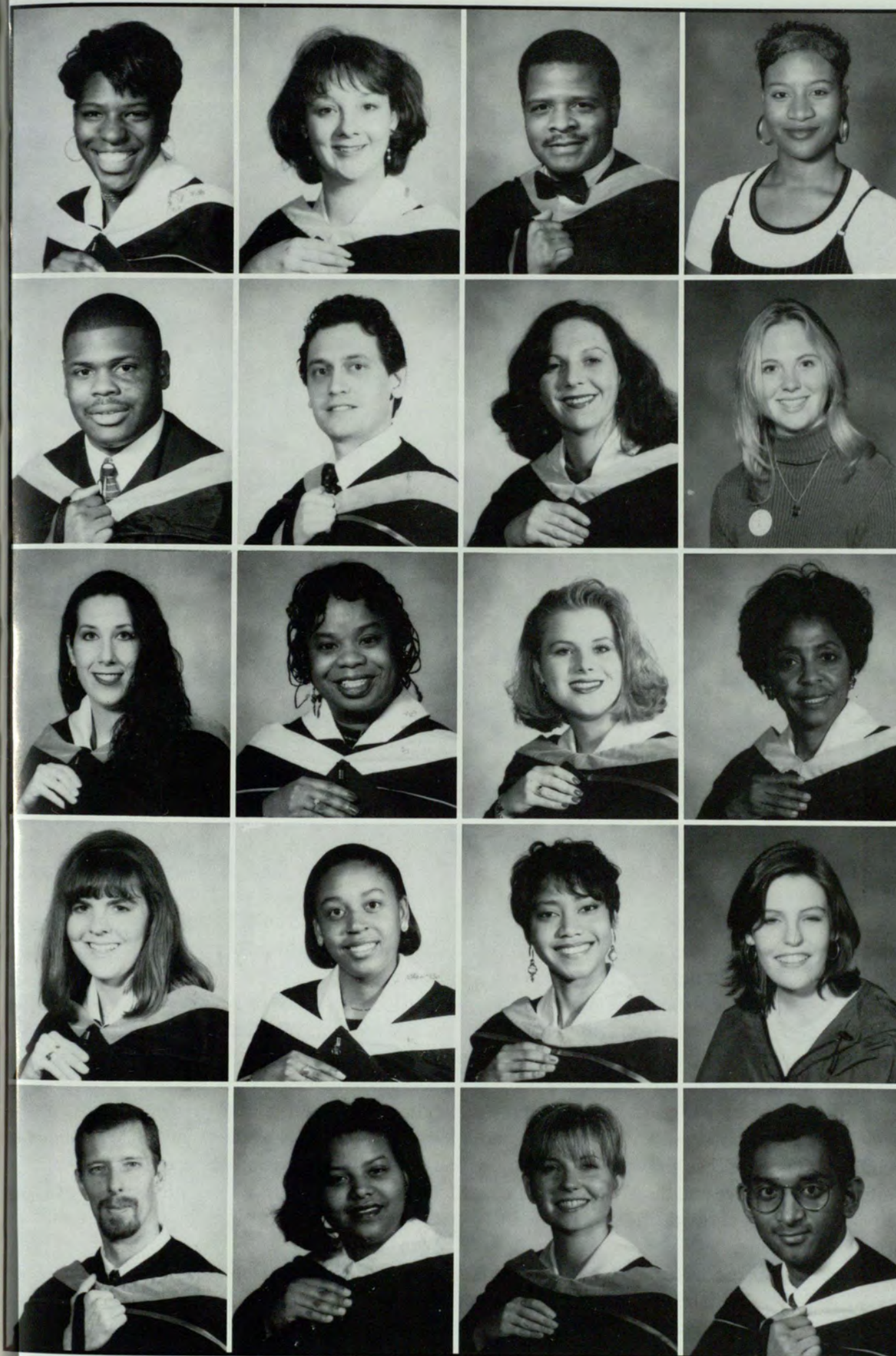
Just as Yitzhak Rabin's latest work, his search for peace, had begun to show some prominence, he was assassinated near Tel Aviv's city hall in 1995. Israelis were shocked to learn that the assassin was in fact one of their own. Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, was known as one of Bar-Ilan University's brightest students.

With all of the death threats that were hurled at Rabin and other supporters of the Mideast peace process, many Israelis saw the assassination as a consequence of their political debate for peace. Rabin's attempts to make peace with the Palestinians allowed Israel to absorb a number of new Jewish immigrants, while also reducing inflation and building new trade ties with some former Arab enemies. According to *Time* magazine, 74% of Israelis felt that they should move ahead with the peace plan after Rabin's death.

President Clinton, who supported the peace process sought out by Rabin, attended Rabin's funeral along with other political figures including Jimmy Carter, George Bush and 40 members of Congress. Also in attendance were leaders and officials from close to 80 other countries. Heads of Arab nations, who, only a short time ago were some of Israel's worst enemies, also attended. Yasser Arafat, however, did not attend the funeral because of security reasons. He did, however, visit the Jewish state to offer his condolences to Rabin's wife, Leah, at her Tel Aviv home.

Rabin's death made it clear to Israel that the negotiations for peace were dangerous. Even citizens in their own country were against it. However, the country was determined to move on with their efforts.

-Steve Folkers



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Marketing, SR
Calloway-Florence, P.
English, SR
Calvert, Ashley M.
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Sociology, Grad.

Cannon, Shelia
Accounting, SR
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Carmichael, Charlotte
Nutrition, SR
Carothers, M. Leslie
Chemistry, SO

Carpenter, Clyde T.
CIS, SR
Cartwright, Carleeze
Accounting, SR
Caruthers, Maureen
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Chaudhury, Nazem M.
CIS, SR

Chiem, Mandy
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Chivers, Angela R.
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Chow, Peter Tat Ming
CIS, SR
Chun, Becky H.
Finance, SR



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Bus. Management, SR



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Corkum, Shannon
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Corrigan, Jeff
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Journalism, SR
Couch, Victoria
Psychology, SR
Craddock, Timothy D.
Business Admin., SR



Craft, Evelyn
Economics, SR
Crick, Suzanne
Management, SR
Crossland, Paula M.
Political Science, SR
Cuestas, Victor M.
Economics, SR

Dominating Computer World

For almost ten years, self-made billionaire Bill Gates had controlled and developed the software that ran most of our home computers. In 1995 Bill Gates, chairman and co-founder of Microsoft, went above and beyond the call of duty and became a world wide celebrity.

With the release of his book, *The Road Ahead*, as well as the launch of Windows 95, his net worth rose to almost \$15 billion, making him the wealthiest self-made man in the world. Even with Gates' success, the ever rising popularity of the Internet and World Wide Web worried him. Gates feared that the Internet and the Web, by switching control from computers to the network which connected them, were going to threaten the software monopoly which he had worked so hard to create.

Because of the possible threat caused by the Internet and the World Wide Web, Gates decided to combine Internet-access software to go along with his Windows 95, ignoring objections by America Online, CompuServe and the U.S. Justice Department. Wanting to secure some high profile material to put on his own network, Gates recruited CNN commentator Michael Kinsley to begin an online political magazine.

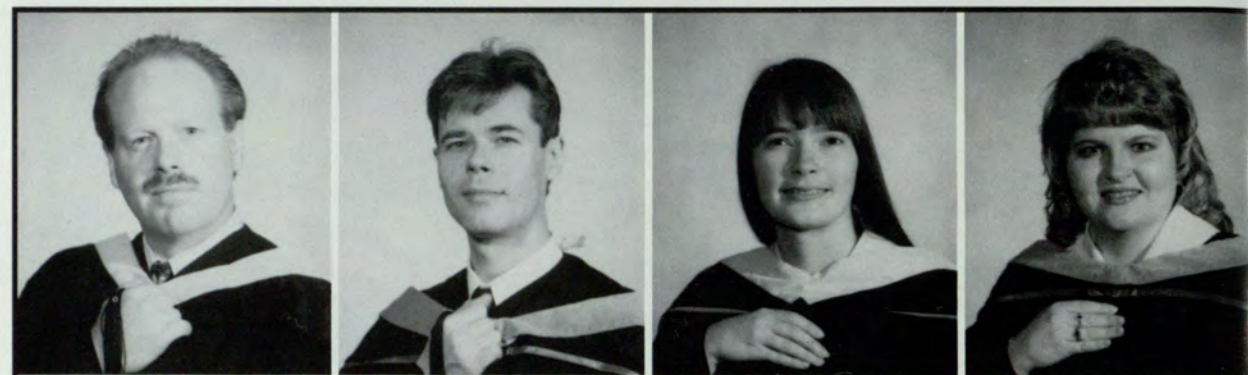
Because of his success in creating a software monopoly, the Justice Department issued subpoenas for an investigation into Microsoft's Internet strategy in December 1995. This action followed a complaint that people who were using Windows 95, in attempting to connect to the Internet, lost all of Microsoft's rivals sites. Microsoft, however, offered no apologies. In fact, Microsoft insisted that the problem was not caused by any flaws in its software, but rather by the weakness of its competitors'.

-Steve A. Folker



In 1995, Bill Gates was crowned the world's richest self-made man with a 14.8 billion dollar net worth. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service, Inc.*

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Education, SR
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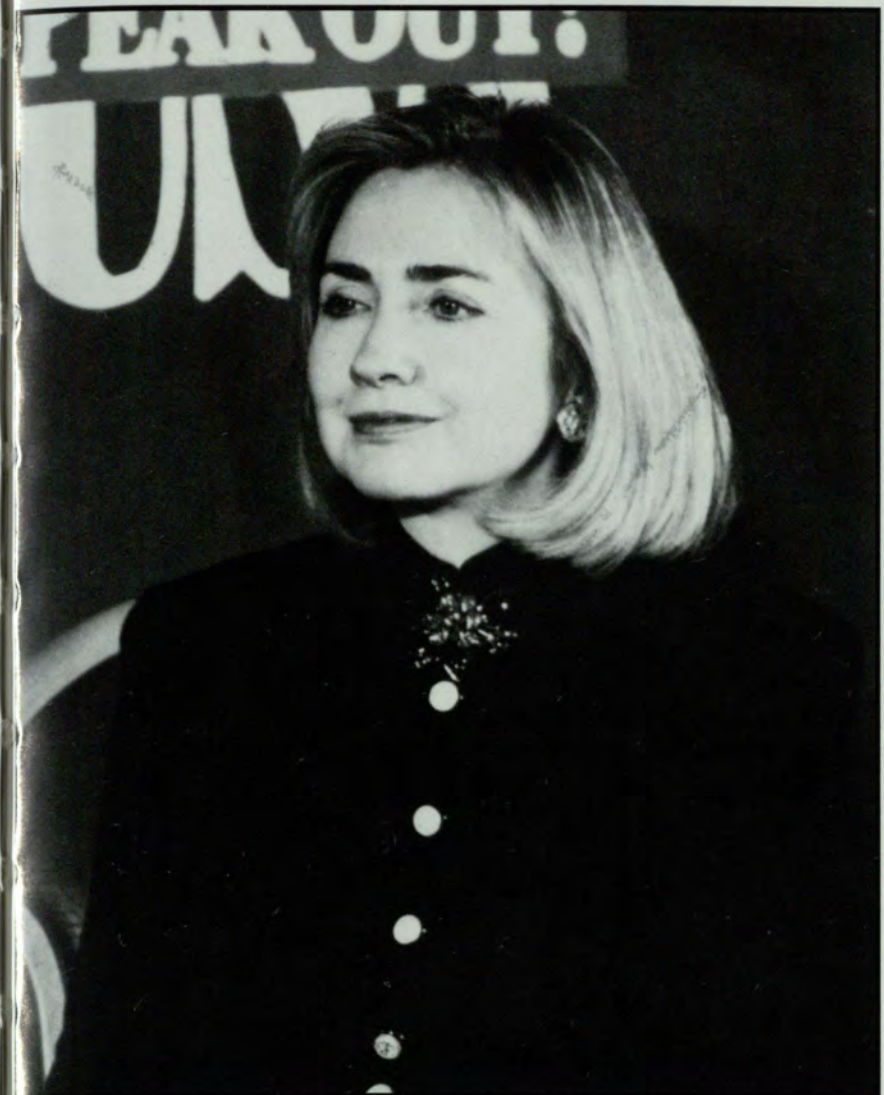
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Farley-Thompson, S.
Accounting, SR
Felton, Amy L.
Biology, SR
Finley, Rhonda
Psychology, SR



After Hillary Clinton's attempt at leading the health care reform program failed, her troubles only got worse with the continuing investigation into the Whitewater scandal.
Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.



Whitewater Rocks Washington

The word Whitewater first arose during Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. The Whitewater controversy arose over the alleged corrupt sale of land involving Clinton's wife, Hillary, and her Little Rock, Arkansas law firm.

A Congressional investigation into Whitewater made voters wonder if the Clinton's were involved in the controversy and the First Family's reluctance to turn over 50,000 pages of evidence to Whitewater investigators made Congress wonder if the Clinton's were more involved in Whitewater than they were willing to admit.

On December 15, 1995, former White House attorney William Kennedy III was to turn over notes taken during a meeting between White House lawyers and the President's personal lawyers in 1993. Kennedy, however, refused to turn over the notes on the grounds that they were protected by the attorney-client privilege. This led to more speculation of involvement by the Clinton's in Whitewater. White House officials and Whitewater investigators later came to an agreement that the White House would turn the notes over as long as the White House could still use the attorney-client privilege concerning the conversations between the Clintons and their personal lawyers.

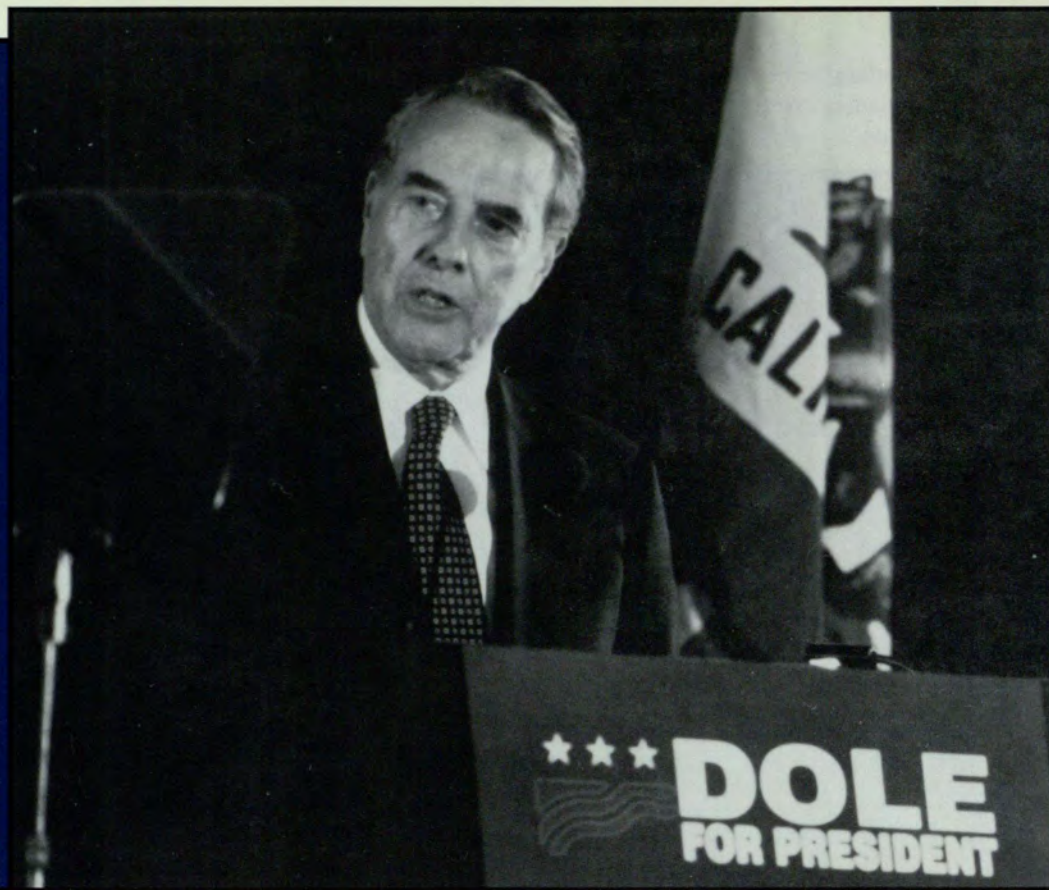
The one person Whitewater could have had the most effect on was Bill Clinton. With his approval rating hitting an all time high, the last thing he needed was the public perceiving that he was trying to hide something.

-Steve A. Folkers



Bill Clinton's largest fear about the Whitewater scandal is how it will affect the public's perception of him. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*

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If elected president, Bob Dole, 73, would be older than any newly elected president. Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.

The Republican Choice For President

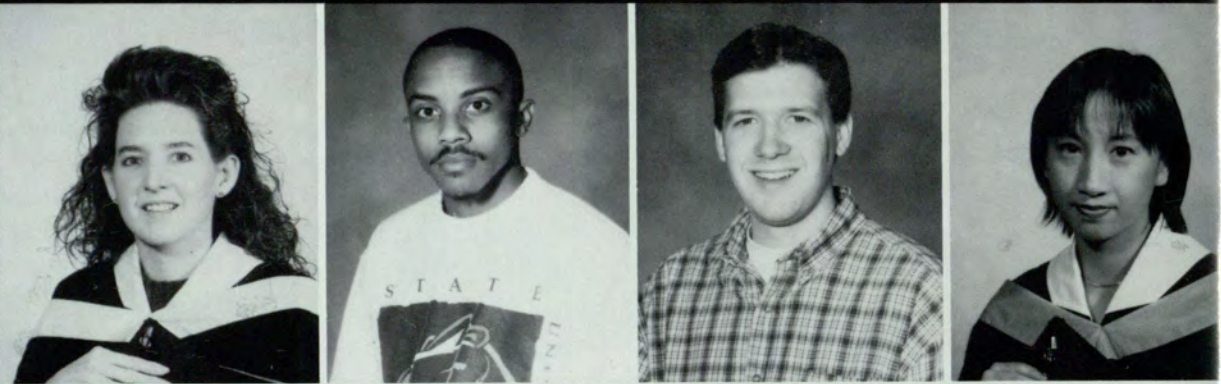
With Steve Forbes dropping out, the race for the Republican nomination for the presidency was down to just two candidates: Pat Buchanan and Senator Bob Dole. With Dole winning the majority of the primaries, including Iowa, one of the most important of the states, Dole seemed to have the Republican nomination won.

Dole became the most likely candidate to receive the Republican nomination as soon as Colin Powell decided not to run. Even though he always trailed President Bill Clinton by at least 20 points in two way polling matchups, Dole towered over his Republican counterparts by at least 30 points or more in the key states as well as in the national polls.

If Dole had anything to be worried about it was the fact that his support among conservatives was not very high. However, it was expected that the number of social and religious conservative voters planning to vote in 1996 was double of those conservatives that voted when Dole won the nomination in 1988. Dole's campaign committee hoped to win the votes of about one fifth of those conservatives. They believed that would equal out to approximately 40% of the overall vote, enough to get Dole the Republican nomination.

-Steve A. Folkers

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Criminal Justice, JR
Fong, Carol
Finance, SR



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CIS, SR
Gaines, Dawn
Social Work, SR



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Psychology, SR
Gerald, Susan
Physical Therapy, SR
Gibson, Bridgett S.
Exercise Science, SR



Gibson, C. Antoinette
Nursing, SR
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Marketing, SR
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Respiratory Therapy, SR
Giddens, Michele J.
Economics, FR



Glover, Stephanie
CIS, SR
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Psychology, JR
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Bus. Management, SR
Goring, Sharon C.
Nutrition & Diet, SR



Gragg, Chynethia F.
Bus. Management, SR
Griffin, Tiffany
Accounting, SR
Griffith, Lynn E.
Marketing, SR
Grimes, Michelle
English, JR





Tragedy in Oklahoma City

169 Die in Bombing of Federal Building

On April 19, 1995, a rental truck, filled with several thousand pounds of explosives, exploded outside of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The worst instance of domestic terrorism in United States history, the bombing resulted in the deaths of 169 people. Of those 169, 19 were children who had been dropped off earlier that morning at the building's daycare center.

The daycare center, located on the second floor of the building, was the hardest hit, as the seven floors above it came crashing down on the innocent children and workers who occupied the room. Rescue workers who frantically searched for survivors in the rubble were unable to hide their emotions as they heard cries from the children who were trapped in the rubble. Pictures of rescue workers carrying the dead and injured children became tearful memories of the lives lost on that day.

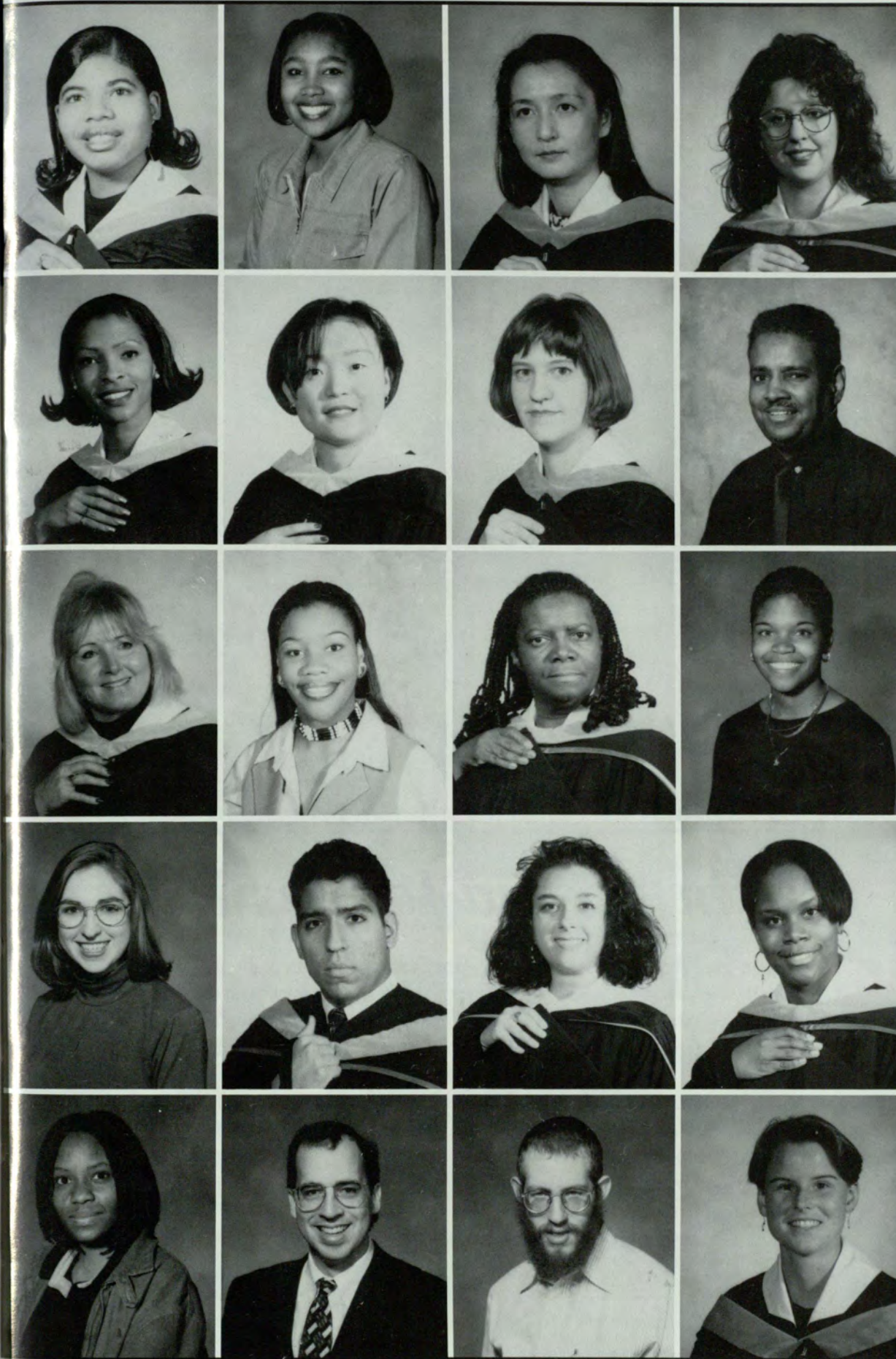
Early speculation as to the motivation for the bombing centered around the incident in Waco, Texas which had occurred exactly two years before the bombing. On that date in 1993, ATF agents stormed the building in which David Koresh and his followers, the Branch Davidians, had been living. Once everything was over, Koresh and 70 of his followers were dead. The ATF had offices in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and many speculated that the bombing was in retaliation for the ATF's actions in Waco.

On April 21, Americans got their first glimpse of the accused bomber. Shackled and wearing a bullet proof vest, Timothy McVeigh was escorted past the press and angry mobs. McVeigh later told interviewers that he had expected to be shot as soon as his face was made public.

After failing a Green Beret qualification course in 1991, McVeigh left the army with an honorable discharge. He later met and became close friends with Terry Nichols. Nichols would later be charged as an accomplice in the bombing. Believed to be a member of a Michigan militia, McVeigh claimed to have visited the Branch Davidian compound near Waco during the federal siege in 1993. It is believed that this visit began his plot of revenge against those responsible for the deaths of the Branch Davidians.

-Steve A. Folkers

After being accused as the man behind the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing, Timothy McVeigh said he feared he would be shot as he was brought before the public for the first time. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*



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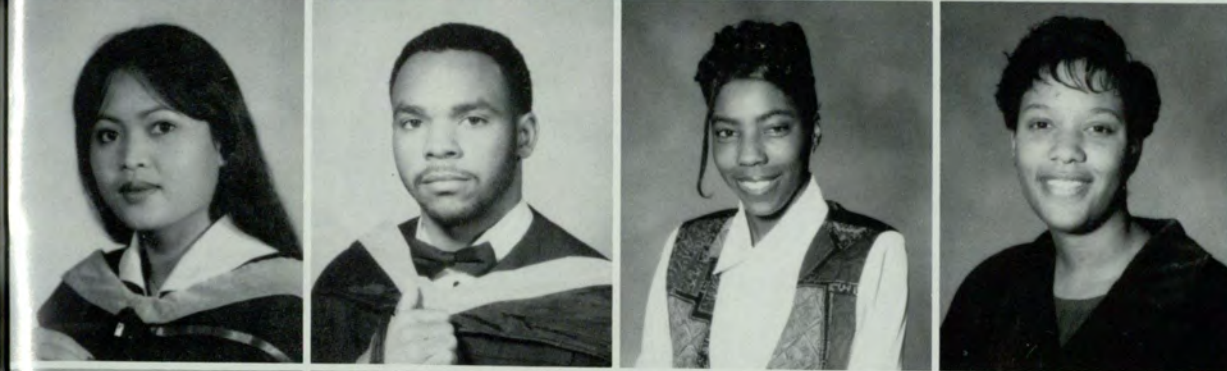
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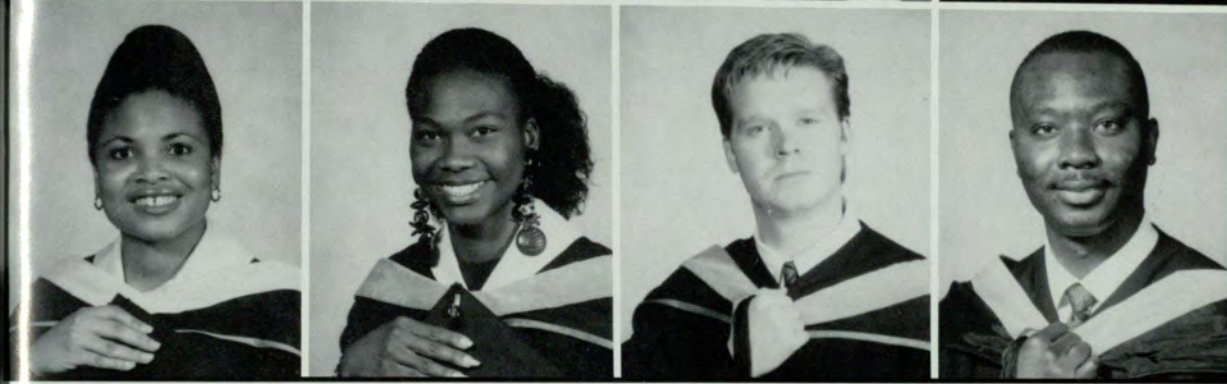
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War in Bosnia Ignites Debate

Public opinion was mixed about possible American involvement in the Bosnian war. Many Americans felt that American troops had no business in Bosnia. However, at the same time, it was very difficult for the United States to stay out of the war. With the Serbs downing an American F-16 fighter plane and taking some United Nations peacekeepers hostage, it seemed inevitable that the United States would enter the war.

In a *Newsweek* poll, 55% of Americans surveyed did not want the United States to get involved in the war. However, 78% of Americans polled said they would support the United States' involvement if the efforts were to help rescue the United Nations forces being held hostage. President Bill Clinton promised to send as many as 25,000 American troops to aid the United Nations peacekeepers if they were forced to retreat from Bosnia under fire.

Another issue concerning the war in Bosnia was the arms embargo. President Clinton felt very strongly that lifting the embargo would be the wrong thing to do because he felt that the conflict would then become America's war. The United States' allies had also made it clear that if the United States took action to have the arms embargo lifted, it would result in the immediate withdrawal of the allied troops from Bosnia.

The only action taken by the United States was President Clinton's order to send American troops to Bosnia in order to help the United Nations forces protect relief operations.

-Steve A. Folker

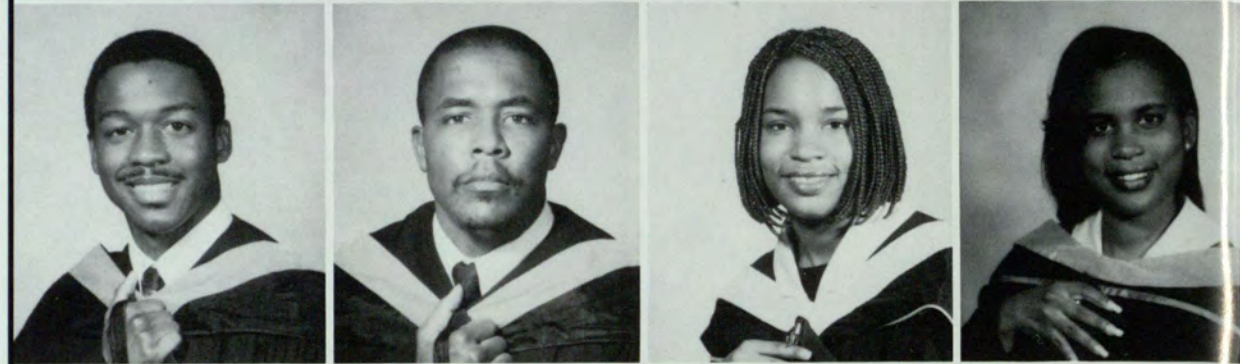


Four years after the war in Bosnia had begun, there was little hope for peace. During those four years of war, three million people had lost their homes and more than 200,000 lives had been lost. Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.

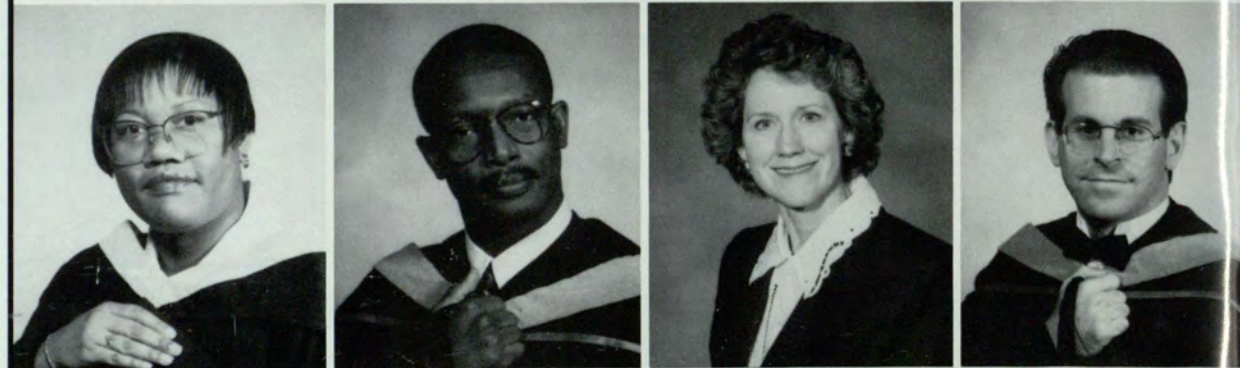
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Journalism, SR



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Communications, FR



Record Year for Hurricanes

On the morning of Thursday, October 5, 1995, residents of metro Atlanta and its surrounding counties awoke to find the destruction left behind by Hurricane Opal. On the previous evening, Hurricane Opal had blown through Atlanta with winds reaching as high as 80 miles per hour, uprooting trees and tossing them around as if they were twigs.

It was estimated that some 400,000 people statewide were without power. Two people were killed when trees fell on them while they were in their cars. Georgia Governor Zell Miller declared a state of emergency in 45 counties, including metro Atlanta.

Hurricane Opal began to pick up strength as it moved over central Florida and into the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. On Wednesday evening Opal came ashore at the small town of Pensacola, Florida. With winds gusting at 145 miles per hour, Opal was responsible for killing one person and forcing the evacuation over 100,000 people.

The Atlantic region's hurricane season was so active in 1995 that it produced the most named storms since the National Hurricane Center began naming storms in 1953. Storms are named in alphabetical order, however, names beginning with Q, U, X, Y and Z are not used because of their scarcity. Because of the high number of storms, officials were preparing to reach the end of the list and begin naming storms after the Greek alphabet starting with Alpha this year.

-Steve A. Folkers



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Hurricane Opal came ashore at Pensacola, Florida, packing winds that reached as high as 145 miles per hour. These winds, on top of huge tidal surges, caused much property damage to beach front homes and businesses. Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.

Federal Agents

Make Arrest in Unabomber Case

He was a professor at Harvard who lived in a 10 by 12 shack off of \$200 dollars a year. Could Theodore Kaczynski really have been the infamous Unabomber?

Arrested on Wednesday, April 3, 1996 by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Kaczynski was alleged to have been responsible for a string of bombings over 18 years which killed three people and injured 23 others. Kaczynski's family hired a lawyer to do an internal investigation after Kaczynski's brother David noticed some similarities between the whereabouts of his brother and the sites of the bombings in the summer of 1995. David also noticed some familiar phrases between letters written by his brother and the Unabomber's manifesto. David Kaczynski, against his families wishes, finally decided to speak with the FBI in February of 1996.

Upon Kaczynski's arrest, FBI agents found evidence in his small shack in Montana which was believed to link him to being the Unabomber. They found bomb making materials, two live bombs, notes on how to make bombs and a typewriter, which appeared to be the one used to type the manifesto which the Unabomber had sent to various media organizations around the country. FBI agents also allegedly found a list containing the Unabomber's targets and victims' names.

Kaczynski was initially charged with possession of bomb making materials. It was then up to federal agents to use this evidence to convince a court that he was in fact the Unabomber. There were also many questions as to how he would be tried for crimes that occurred over such a large span of time.

-Steve A. Folkers

Showdown in Montana

Agents Attempt to Avoid Loss of Life in Standoff With Freeman

The last thing the Federal Bureau of Investigations wanted to happen with the Freeman was another Waco incident. In 1993, members of the Branch Davidian cult died in their compound in Waco, Texas following a long standoff with federal agents. The government received much criticism for their handling of the incident.

The Freeman, an extremist group, were held up in a make shift town in Montana called Justus Township. The FBI alleged that the Freeman had committed crimes such as fraud, check forgery and tax evasion. The Freeman said they had learned from their brothers mistakes at Waco and had armed themselves very heavily. The FBI hoped to persuade as many of the Freeman as possible to surrender. As of April 12, 1996, fewer than 20 Freeman remained inside the compound.

The FBI hoped to end the standoff by separating the local Freeman from the more radical outsiders who joined the camp from Roundup, Montana. The two men who declared themselves the leaders of the Freeman were Dale Jacobi and Rodney Skurdal. FBI agents had planted informants in meetings organized by Jacobi and Skurdal on how to forge checks and money orders.

As of April, 1996, there had been no episodes of violence between the Freeman and federal agents. However, one federal agent was killed when his car skidded off a dirt road that had been turned into mud. Agents were hoping and praying to avoid a violent outcome. It seemed as though their wish might come true.

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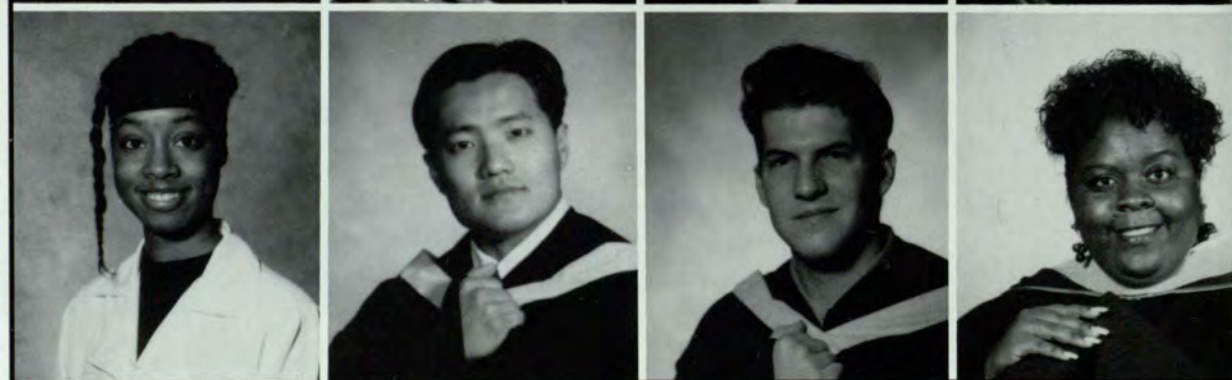
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Mackey, Darius
Risk Mgt. & Ins., SR



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Martin, Gerold
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Affirmative Action

Is it Getting Weaker?

Affirmative action was a time bomb waiting to explode in the middle of the American political system.

Federal courts were discussing cases which challenged racial discrimination in the firing of teachers, the awarding of contracts and in college admissions. One of the main focal points of the Republican presidential candidates was to do away with affirmative action. These Republicans hoped to change the way in which many businesses and institutions hired, fired, and handled business and benefits. According to a *U.S. News & World Report* poll, two out of three Americans who voted for President Clinton in 1992 opposed affirmative action.

The fight over affirmative action gained some steam from factors such as a slow growth economy, constant middle class incomes and a rise in corporate downsizing. All of these issues had made the question of who was hired or fired more volatile. Women and minorities continued to argue that affirmative action was necessary because discrimination still existed. They also said that this discrimination caused African Americans and other minorities to lag far behind white Americans on an economic level. However, some of affirmative action's critics were conservative minorities and women leaders who believed that affirmative action would have a destructive effect on their home communities.

Lyndon B. Johnson was a defender of affirmative action. He believed that people held back by generations of bias could not compete equally. That made sense to most Americans 30 years ago. It seemed that the new question was whether race, religion, gender or birthright should determine who gets the job. Or if, on the other hand, work and merit should be the main factor in the hiring process.

-Steve A. Folkers

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Affirmative action began to weaken in 1995 when the Supreme Court issued decisions making it harder to justify giving minorities and women preferences in the awarding of federal contracts. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*



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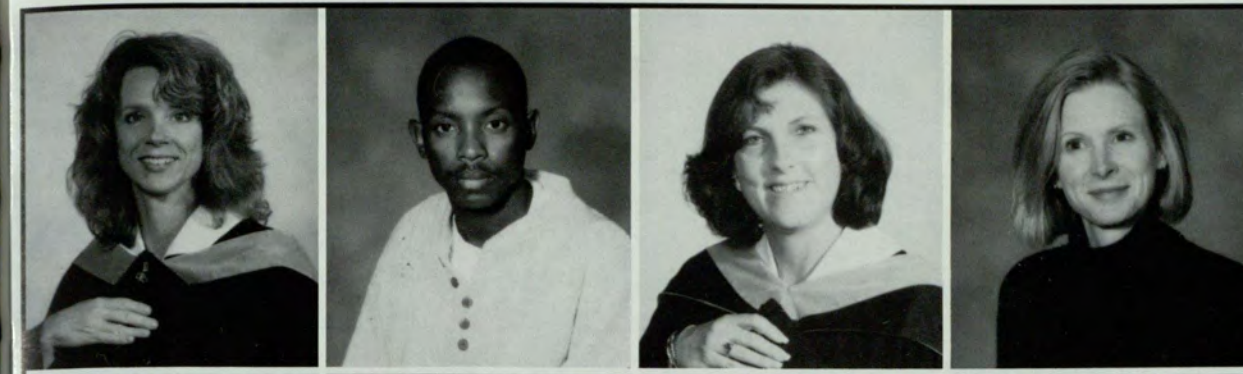
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Rahil Momin, Sofiya Momin,
Ali Baba and friends enjoy
one of the first days of warm
weather together in the plaza.
Photo by David I. Sloane.



Daniel "Snake" Earnest, Terri
Massell, Ellis Dee and Scott
Massell take a well deserved
break between classes. *Photo*
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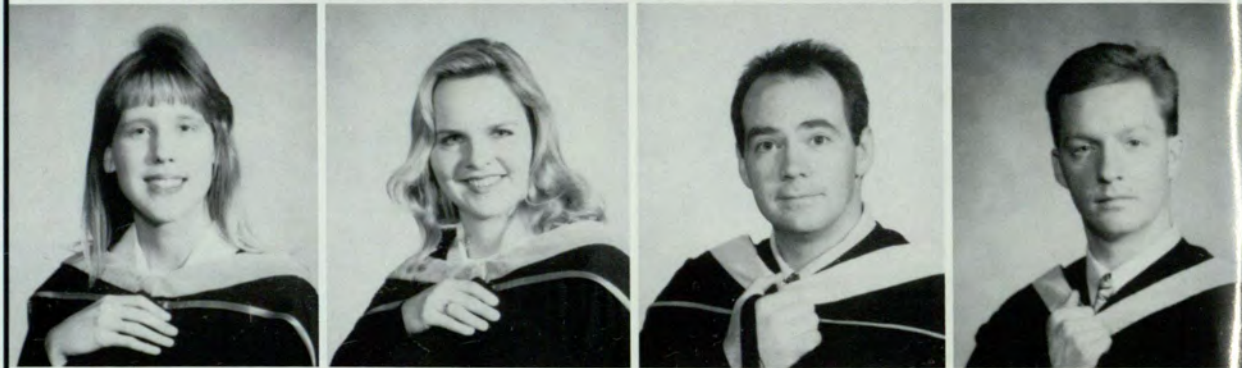
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Powell Chooses Not to Seek Presidency

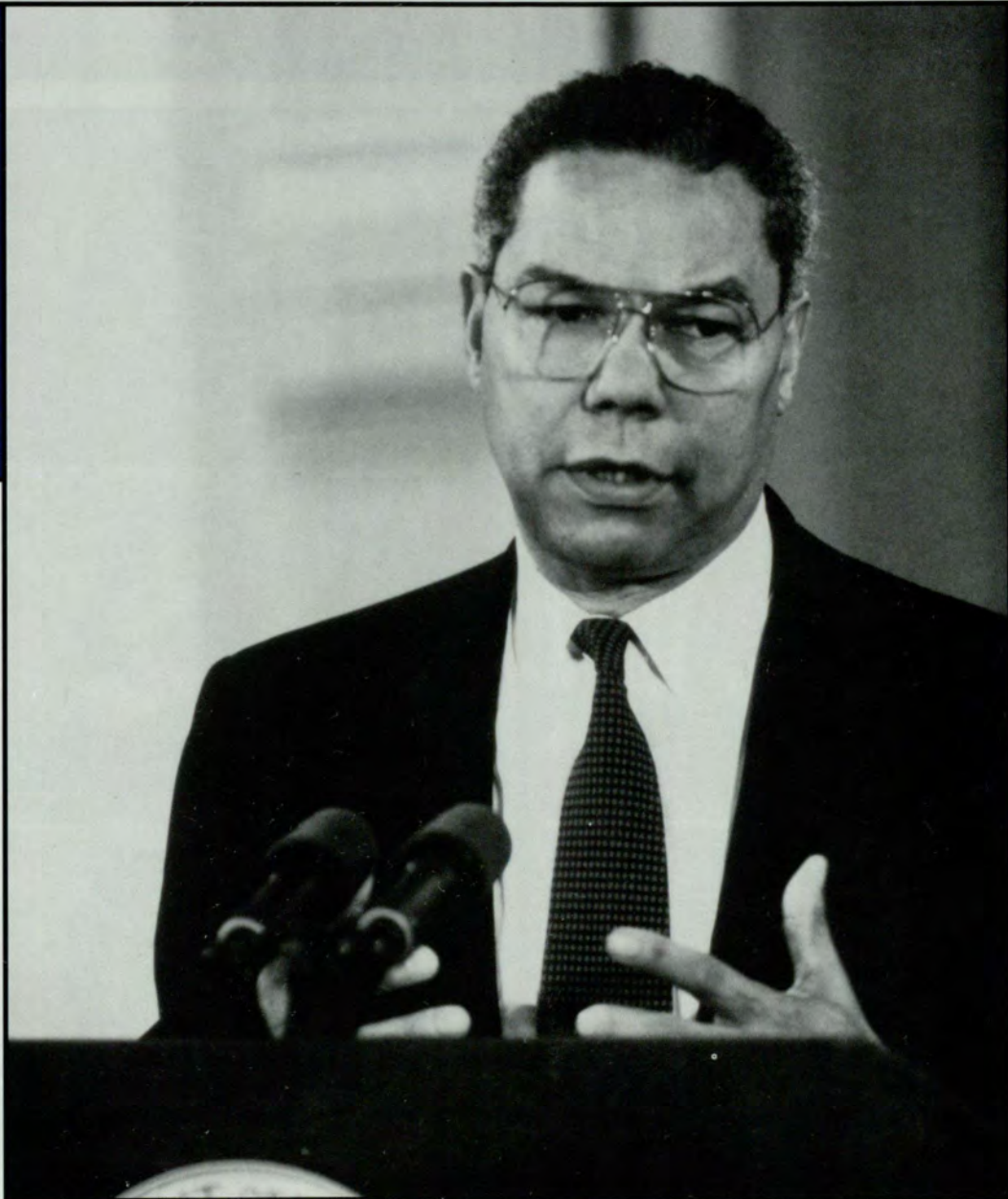
Colin Powell, considered by many to be a frontrunner early in the 1996 campaign, disappointed many of his supporters when he announced that he would not run for president in the 1996 election.

Powell, formerly one of the joint chiefs of staff during the Persian Gulf war, said that his decision was based on his family's concerns over the possibility of his actually becoming president. Powell had been considered to be a major threat to both the Democratic and the Republican parties. Early polls indicated that if Powell would have decided to run, he could have easily won the election. During several speeches and interviews, Powell spoke of his devotion to instilling family spirit and family values into American society.

Despite Powell's public support, the sacrifice of his family's privacy, as well as the public exposure which his family would face during the campaign was enough to make him decide against running.

With the release of his new book in 1995, Powell was still in the public eye and travelled around the country attending book signings. This led many supporters to believe that Powell would not disappear from the world of politics for good.

-Lauren Runge

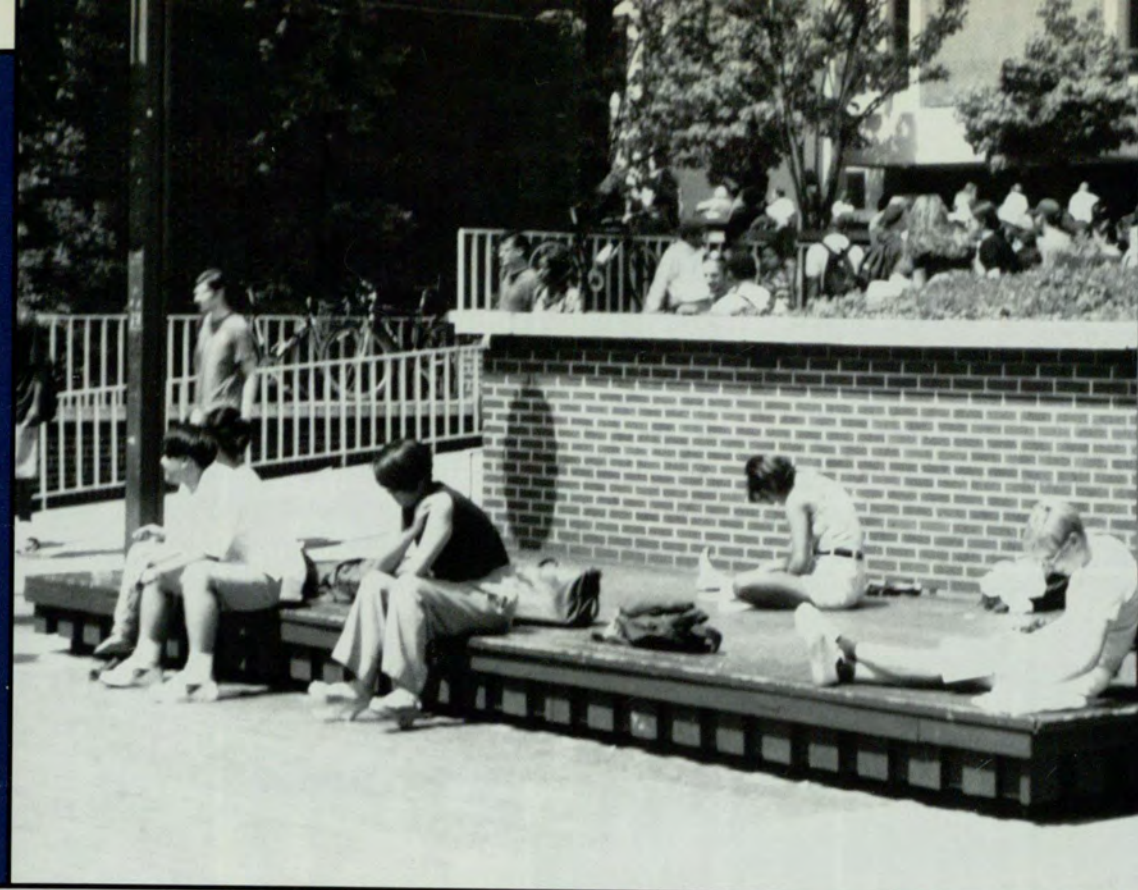


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A 58 year old career Army officer, General Colin Powell came to national attention during the Persian Gulf War and never left the public eye. Many thought that he would run for president in 1996. However, he later announced that he would not seek the presidency. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*



Greek Advisor Lori Hart sits with Dean of Students Dr. Kurt Keppler as they wait to hear Charlayne Hunter-Gault speak at the Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*

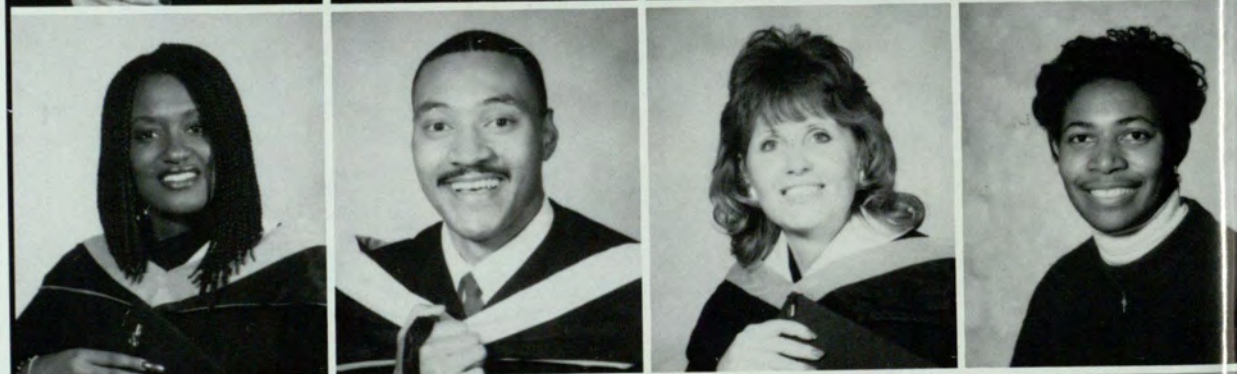


The stage that is normally used for concerts also serves as a nice place for students to catch up on reading and homework. *Photo by David I. Sloane.*

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Baseball Legend Dies

The mood was surprisingly uplifting at Mickey Mantle's funeral. The 2000 mourners who gathered at Lovers Lane United Methodist church were both crying and laughing at the same time.

Driven to alcoholism, Mantle was rude and sometimes obscene to the public which adored him. After years of alcohol abuse and realizing what he was doing to his friends and family, Mantle checked himself into the Betty Ford Center in 1994.

On May 28, 1995, Mantle was diagnosed with liver cancer. He underwent a liver transplant on June 8, which seemed to solve his problem. However, he later got word that the cancer had spread to his lungs, heart and other vital organs. After Mantle's death, controversy arose about how swiftly he had received a donor liver. It took doctors only 48 hours after Mantle's name was placed on a waiting list to find him a liver. Many speculated that Mantle had received preferential treatment as he jumped ahead of 250 other Texans who were also awaiting liver transplants. However, doctors argued that he received his liver so quickly because he was the sickest of the patients on the waiting list.

Before Mantle died, he established a donor awareness program called Mickey's Team. Once established, Mickey's Team reported an almost 100% increase in the number of donor cards signed in the state of Texas. As sad as it was, Mickey Mantle's death may have contributed to saving hundreds of lives due to an increased number of donors.

-Steve A. Folkers

In Memory of Those Who Died in 1995-96

Ron Brown, Secretary of Commerce
 Jonas Salk, Founder of Polio Vaccination
 Warren Burger, Supreme Court Justice
 George Burns, Actor
 Wolfman Jack, Radio Personality
 Sergei Grenkov, Olympic Ice Skater
 Yitzhak Rabin, Israeli Prime Minister
 Rose Kennedy, Mother of John F. Kennedy

Eva Gabor, Actor
 Burl Ives, Musician
 Dean Martin, Actor
 Alexander Godunov, Actor
 Krissy Taylor, Model
 Gene Kelly, Actor
 Howard Cossell, Sports Announcer
 Eric "Eazy E" Wright, Musician

Shannon Hoon, Musician
 Jerry Garcia, Musician
 Selena, Musician
 Elizabeth Montgomery, Actor
 Robert Cole
 Lana Turner, Actor
 Katherine Hepburn, Actor
 Ginger Rogers, Actor

Mickey Mantle inspired generations of fans and players with his power and ability. He died of a fast spreading liver cancer at the age of 63, two months after receiving a liver transplant. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*



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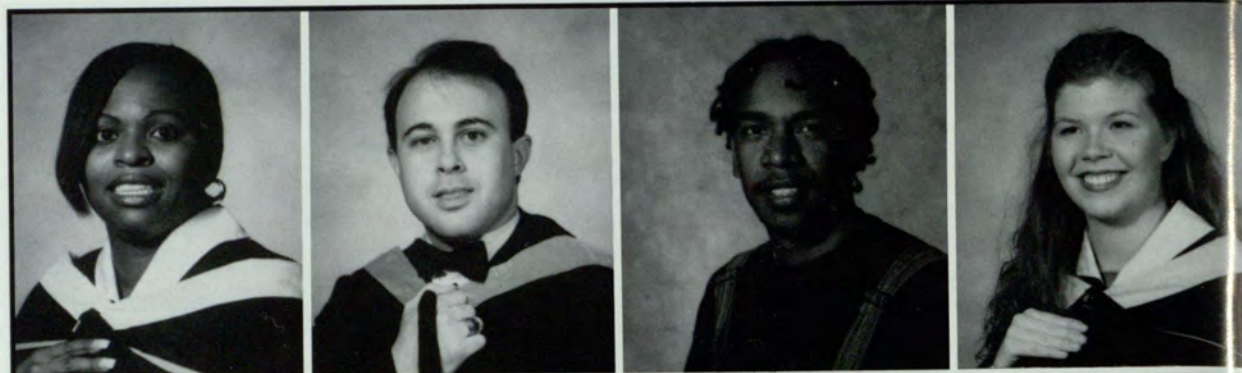
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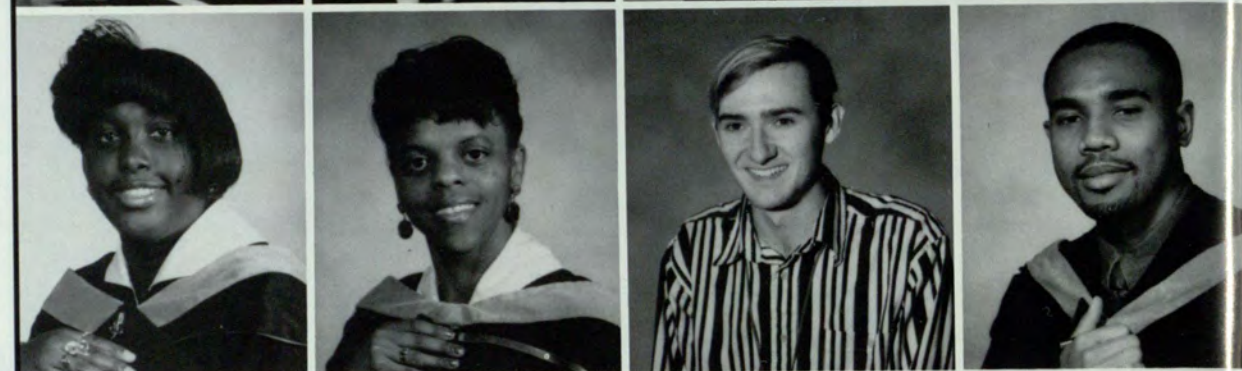
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Dance Education, SR
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Criminal Justice, SO



As the weather warms up,
more students begin using the
plaza as a place to relax again.
Photo by David I. Sloane.



Students usually do not have
much time in between classes
and have to hurry through the
plaza in order to make it to
class on time. *Photo by David
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Baseball's Most Reliable Player

Cal Ripken Jr. would someday make it into the Hall of Fame as one of the best power hitting short stops in the history of baseball. He would not be remembered as the greatest short stop to ever play the game, however. Rather, he would be remembered as the most reliable and durable man to ever play the game of baseball.

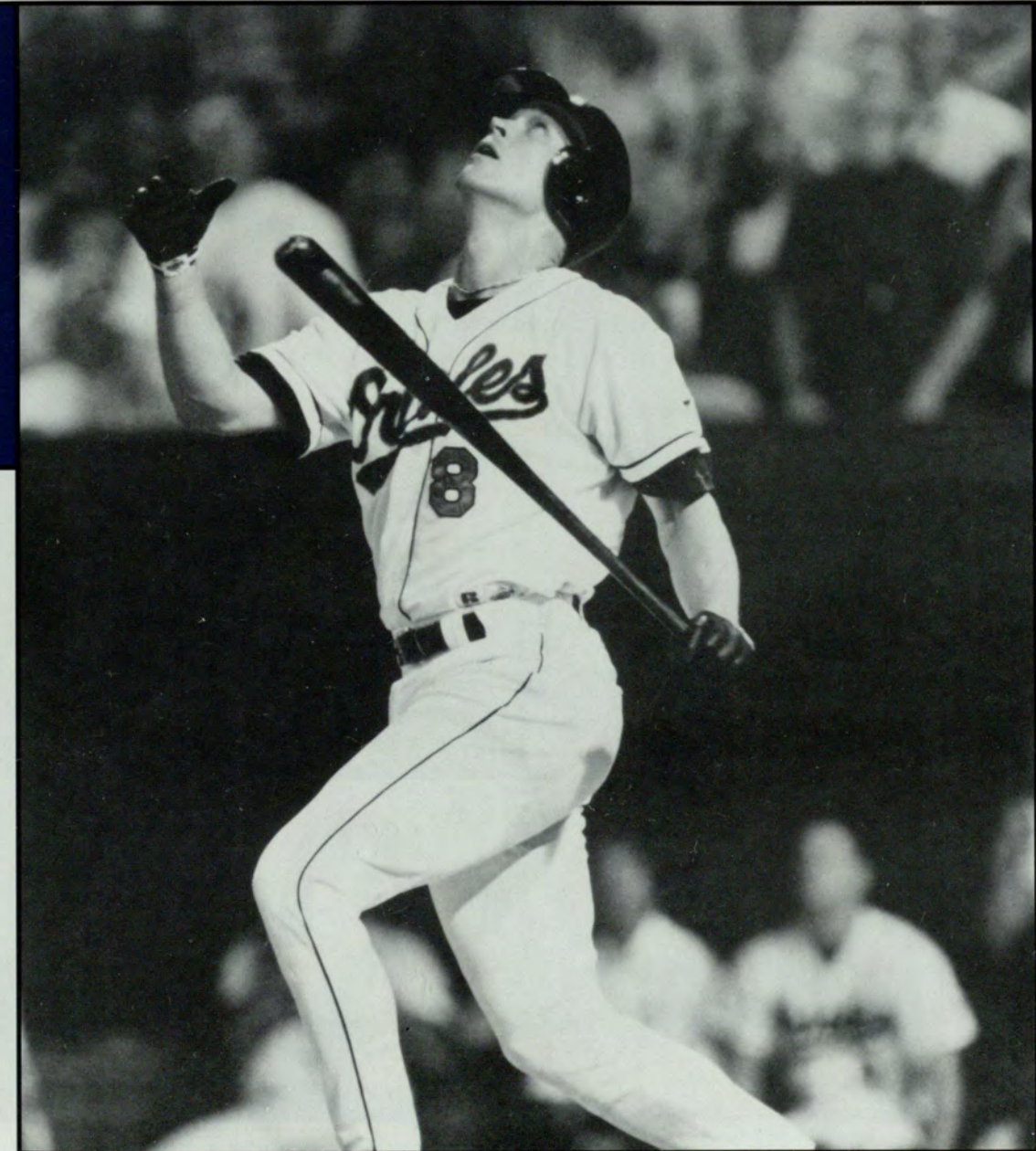
Ripken was solely responsible for restoring the fans faith in baseball. Never in the history of the game had there been a player of Ripken's style. His work ethic, his attitude both on and off the field, and the countless hours he spent game after game signing autographs put Ripken in a league of his own.

Lou Gehrig's consecutive games played record of 2,130 was a record that everyone thought would never be broken. It seemed only right that a man as deserving as Cal Ripken Jr. would be the one person to break it. In a time when players used the smallest of excuses and injuries to not play, it seemed only logical that Ripken's record could never be broken.

After the fifth inning of the game in which Ripken broke the record, he was given a standing ovation that seemed to last forever. He rounded the stadium several times, shook hands and accepted congratulations from fans of all ages.

In a time when sports seemed to be all about money, Cal Ripken Jr. was proof that some athletes still played for the love of the game.

-Steve A. Folkers



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Outrageous salaries and strikes were all but forgotten on the night when Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games played. Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.

Freaknik '95

Atlanta's Own Spring Break

Freaknik, a spring break for African-American college students made it's way into Atlanta one more time in 1995. Atlanta's citizens and business owners were once again in an uproar over the annual event which drew approximately 200,000 college students. The citizens of Atlanta were upset about traffic jams and knowing that they were either going to be stuck in their homes for a weekend or were going to have to deal with the traffic if they wanted to go anywhere. As a result of this, many citizens had made plans to go elsewhere while the Freaknik festivities took place. Many businesses closed.

Mayor Bill Campbell tried to cancel Freaknik by telling those who were considering attending that they would not be welcome. Despite all of the roadblocks and closed exits, the crowds of college students began to slowly trickle into Atlanta. Most of the students were wearing Freaknik t-shirts. In a reversal of plans announced months before Freaknik, Atlanta University officials said their campus would be open to visitors during Freaknik. At first, the AUC leadership had said that only students enrolled at the colleges in attendance at Freaknik would be allowed onto the campus. Officials then said that no guests would be turned away from entering the local college campuses.

Many Atlanta residents were concerned about the possibility of violence at the festival. However, there was only one episode of looting in which most of the perpetrators were teens who lived in Atlanta.

Freaknik was an event that grew more popular with each year that passed. The citizens of Atlanta had to deal with Freaknik's growing popularity as well as with the growing number of college students in attendance. With plans underway for Freaknik '96 in April, Atlanta again faced large crowds and traffic jams. However, the city approved all requests for festivities by Freaknik organizers and later rejected one due to a lack of insurance. Students, however, were quoted in local newspapers as saying that they would not return to the festival in 1996 after the lack of local support in 1995.

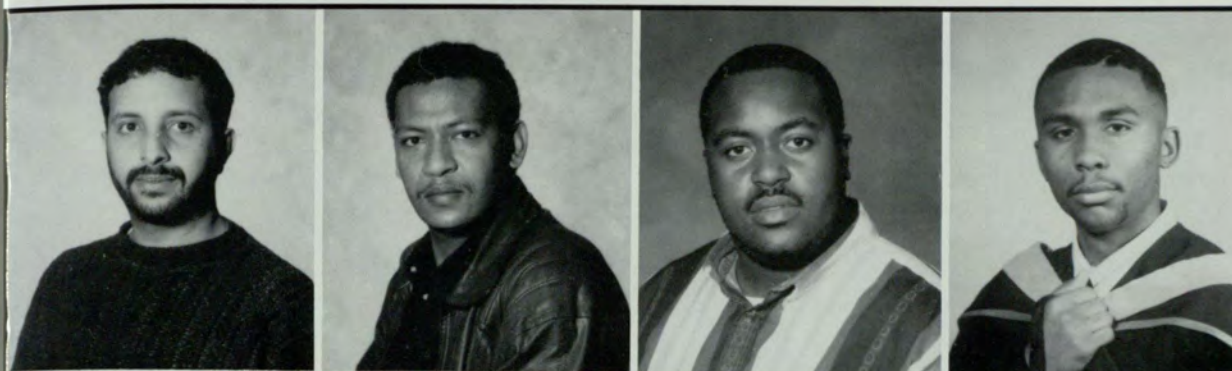
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Smith, Robert



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Taylor, Leslie
Thibodeaux, Chantel
Whitaker, Tunya



Williams, Core



Having to deal with the constant bickering between the prosecution and defense was hard enough. However, Judge Lance Ito's most difficult task was trying to keep enough jurors available so that a verdict could be reached in the O.J. Simpson trial. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*

Simpson's defense team relied heavily on evidence that Detective Mark Fuhrman made several racial slurs both on and off the job. *Photo courtesy of RM Photo Service.*



Facts About the Trial

Little Things You Probably Didn't Know

The following statistics were compiled by US News & World Report Magazine.

Days O.J. Simpson spent in jail: **474**

Total days from beginning of jury selection to verdict: **372**

Share of time jurors spent in deliberations compared with the time they spent in sequestration: **0.06%** (four hours of deliberations divided by 6,384 hours in sequestration)

Number of times the lawyers spoke during the trial: Marcia Clark: **37,000**

Johnnie Cochran: **33,000**

Christopher Darden: **15,000**

Robert Shapiro: **12,000**

Length of the official court transcript: more than **50,000** pages

Number of times Nicole Brown Simpson's name was mentioned during the trial: about **6,700**

Ron Goldman's name: about **5,000**

Number of objections raised during the trial: **16,000**

Number overruled: **9,000**

Number sustained: **7,000**

Number of apologies (by the lawyers) on record: around **500**

Most significant words of the trial: **blood**, mentioned **15,000** times

glove, mentioned **13,000** times

DNA, mentioned **10,000** times

The number of suspects pursued by police other than O.J. Simpson: **12**

Total amount spent by Simpson on his defense team: **\$2.75 million**

Amount Los Angeles County estimates it spent prosecuting Simpson: **\$9.1 million**

Amount each juror was paid for jury duty for 266 days of sequestration: **\$1,330**

Total cost of sequestering the jury: **\$3 million**

Estimated dollar loss in worker productivity during the whole trial: **\$10 billion**

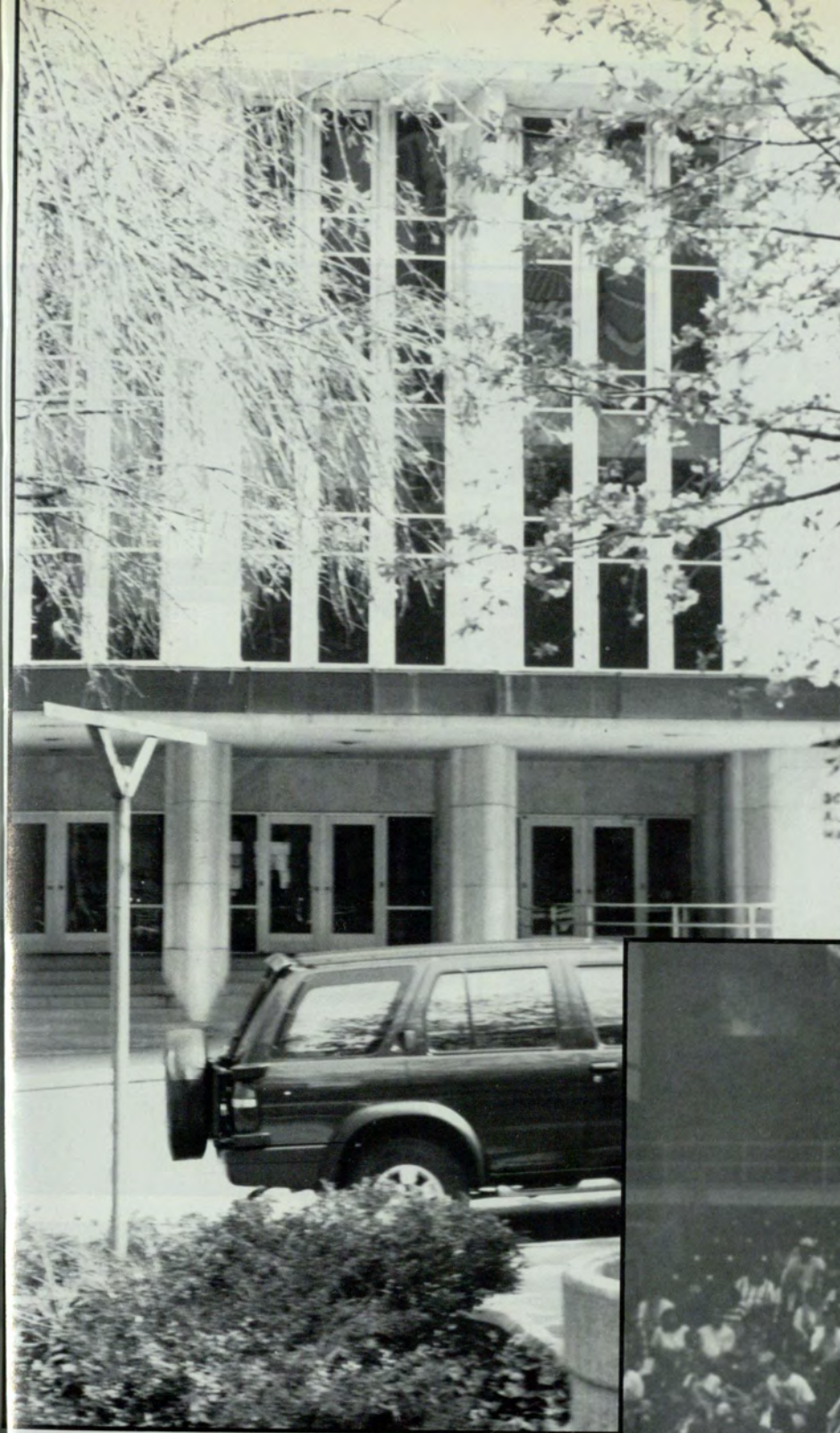
Number of Americans who watched the verdict on television: **150 million**

Drop in AT&T long-distance calls at the precise time of the verdict, compared with the prior week: **60%**

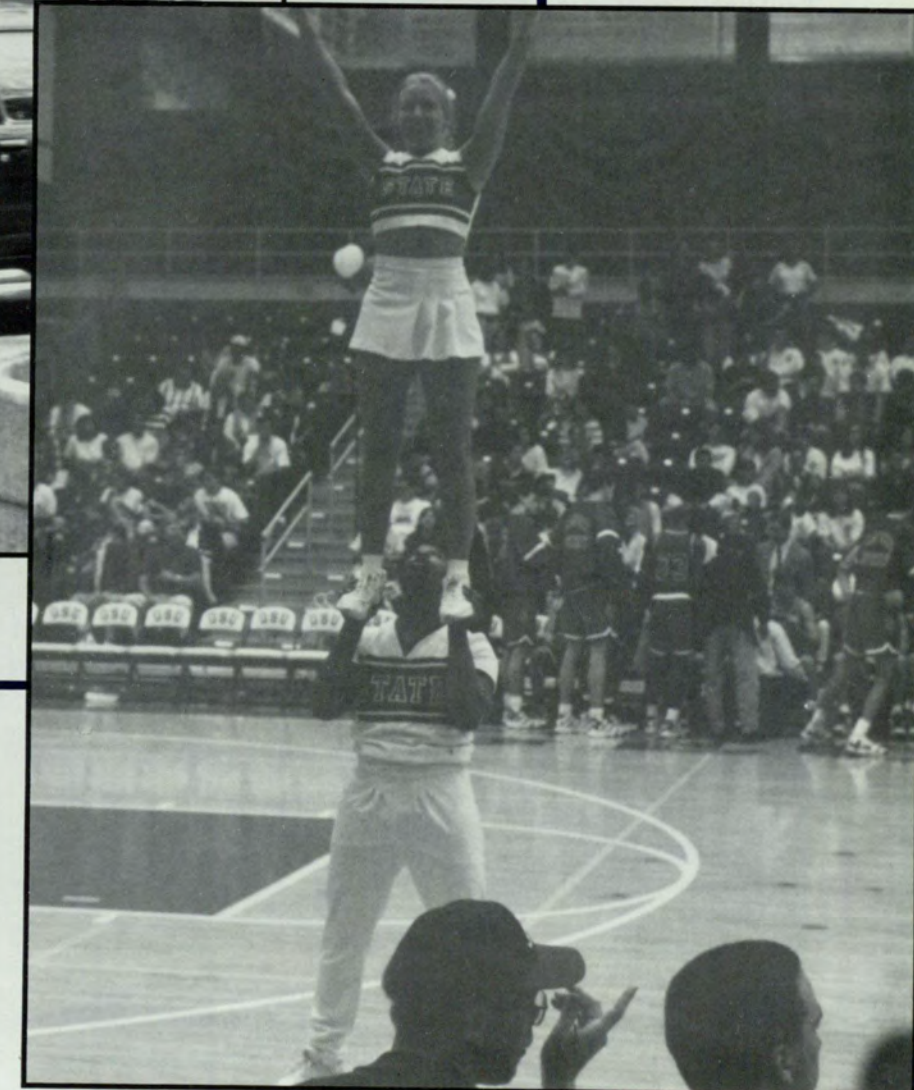
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A music group performs at the African American Heritage Awards. *Photo by Allen McCall.*



A view of the Alumni Building from Hurt Park. *Photo by David Sloane.*



The Georgia State cheerleaders perform a routine during one of the men's basketball games. *Photo by Steve Folkers.*



A view of the University Center from the top of G Deck shows the building's great size. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*



This view from Gilmer Street shows students and members of the staff participating in the volleyball tournament at the "Day in the Park" in Hurt Park. *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*



Students involved with the International Festival invite other GSU students to learn more about other countries. *Photo by Allen McCall.*

A new addition to the GSU area, this trolley takes visitors to Atlanta to Underground. *Photo by David Sloane.*



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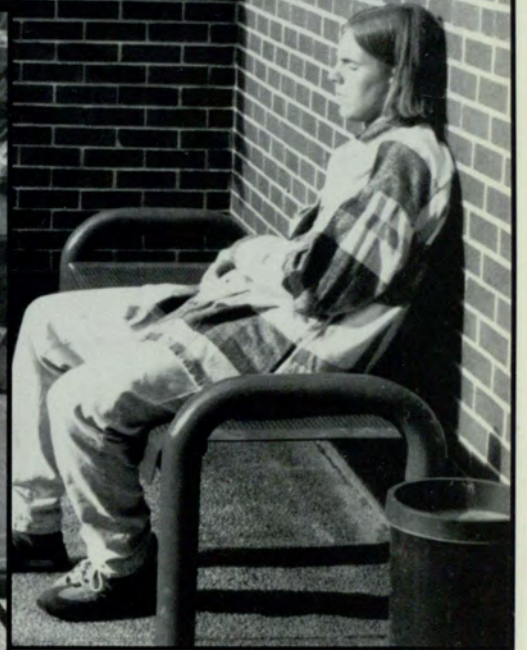
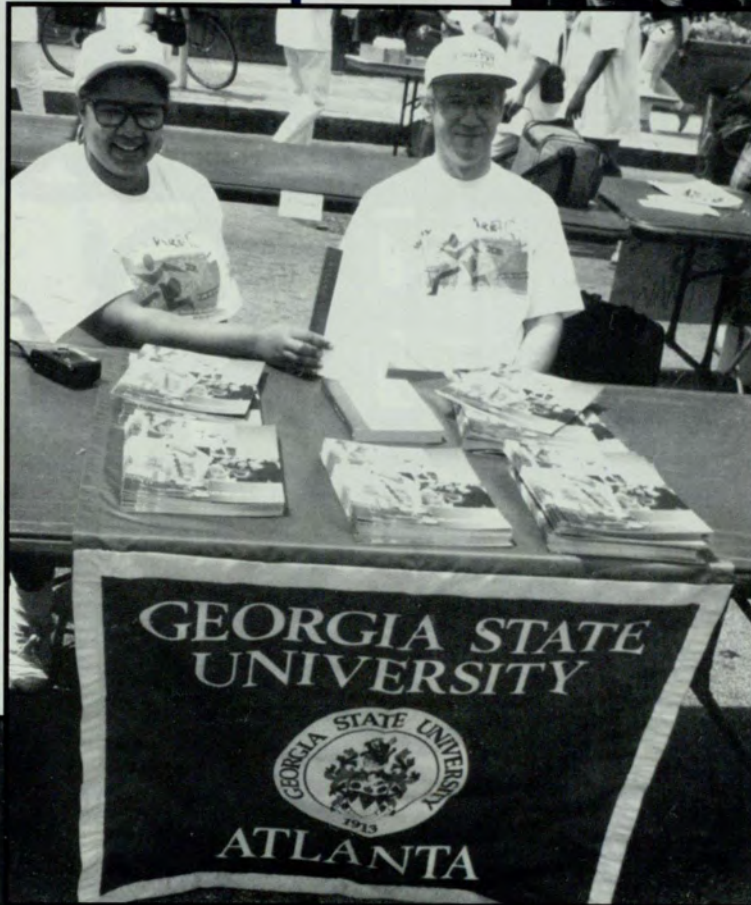
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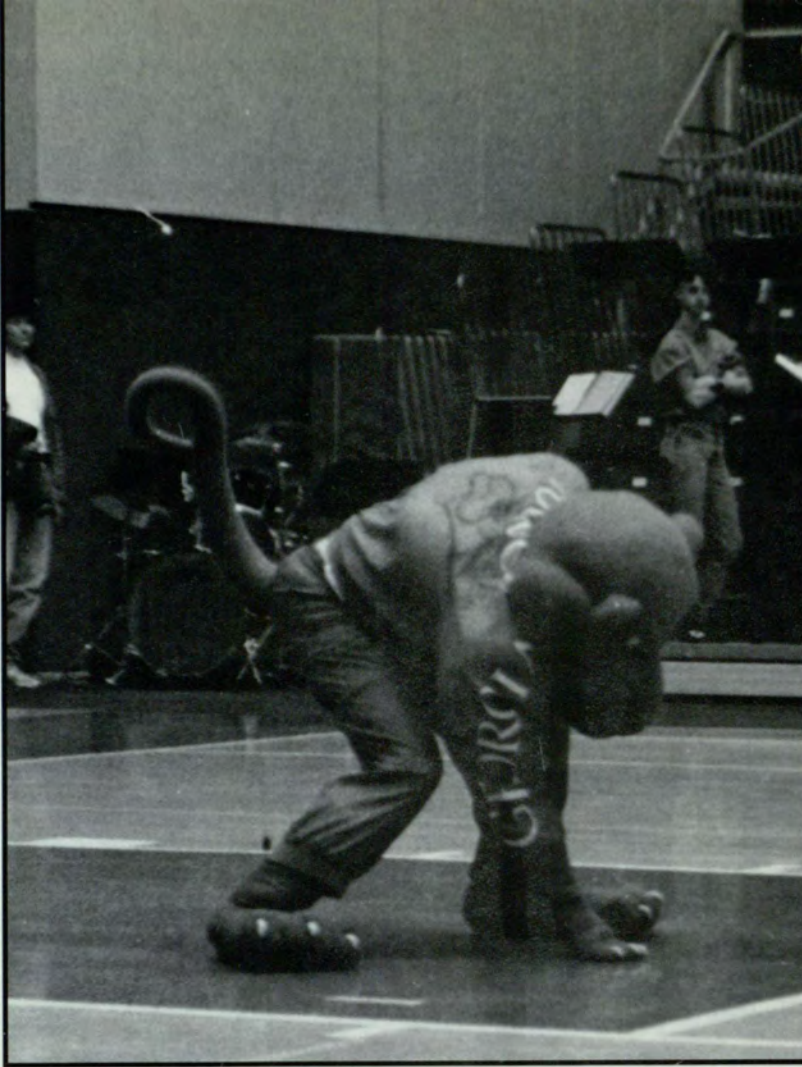


Students use the 10:00 break to relax, study, smoke a cigarette and even take a quick nap in the library plaza. *Photo by Maren Connary.*

GSU staff members distribute literature about the university at the "Day in the Park." *Photo by Allen McCall.*

Dr. Kurt Keppler, Dean of Students, successfully catches his balloon in the water balloon toss at the "Day in the Park." *Photo by Jennifer Bebnke.*

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Pounce performs at a home basketball game. *Photo by Maren Connary.*



Members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity pose in their fraternity room. *Photo by David Sloane.*

Students participate in the pie eating contest at the "Day in the Park." *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

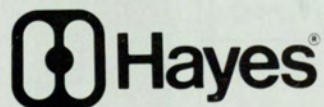


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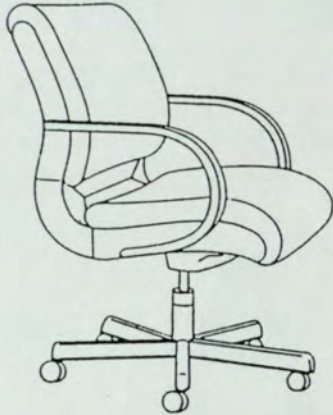
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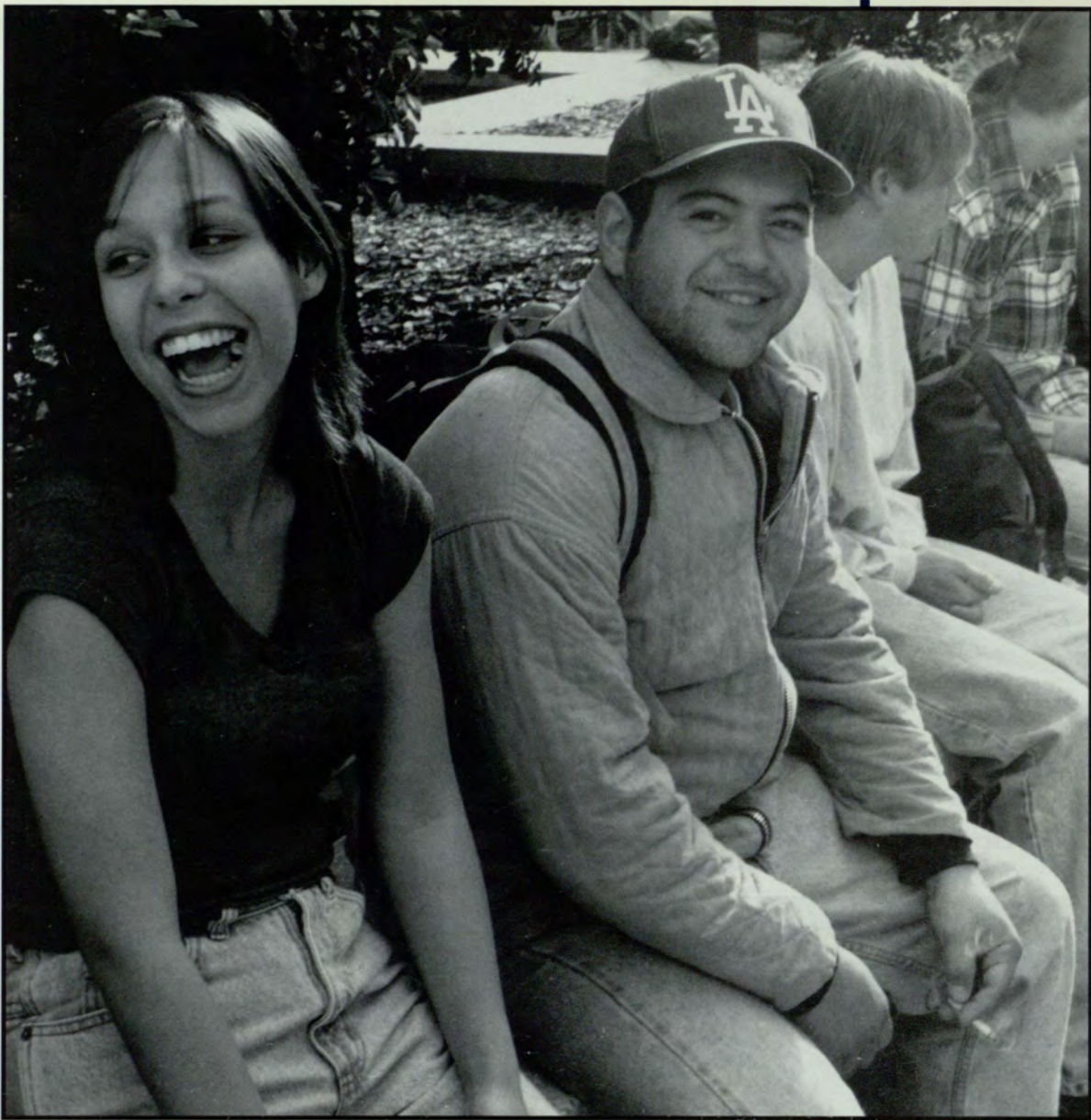


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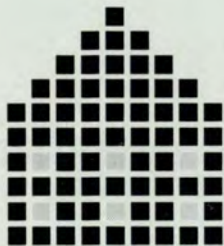


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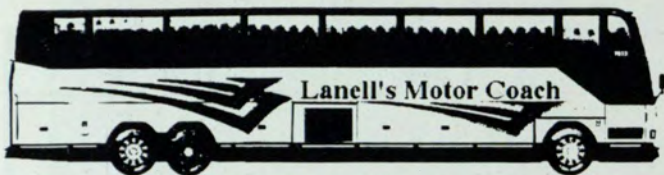
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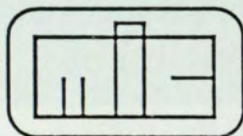
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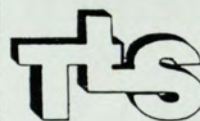
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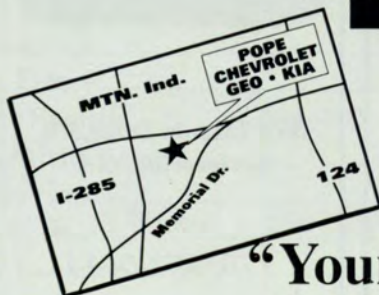
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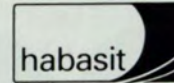
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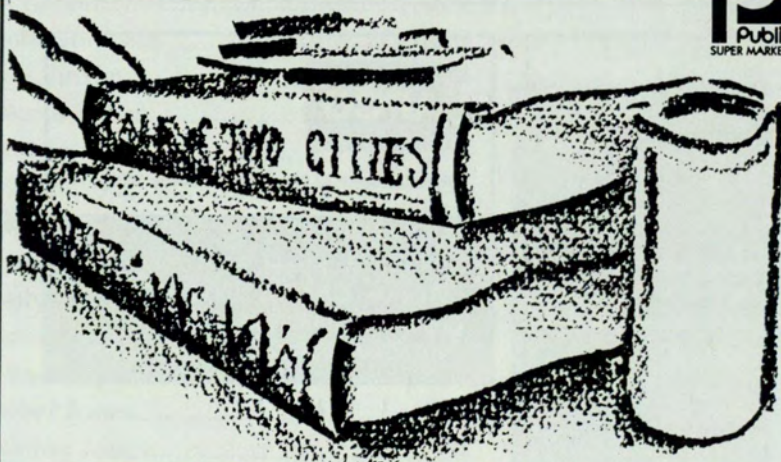
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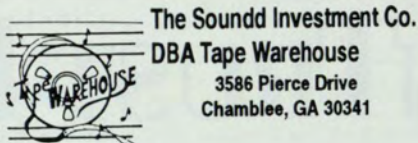


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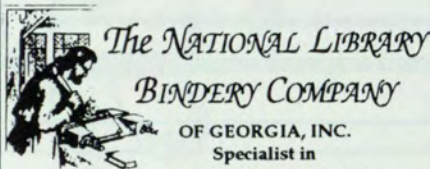
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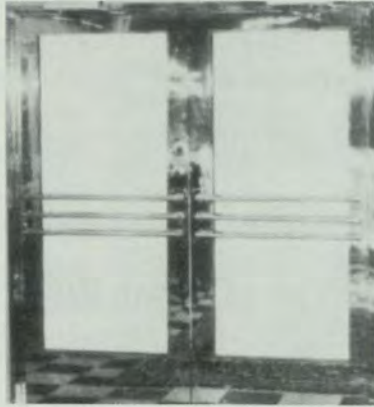
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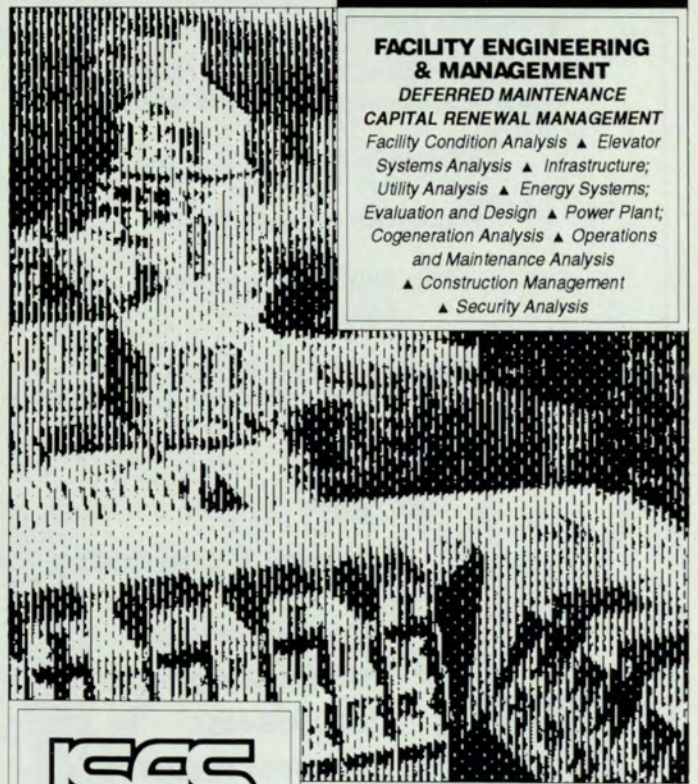
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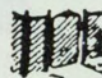
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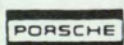
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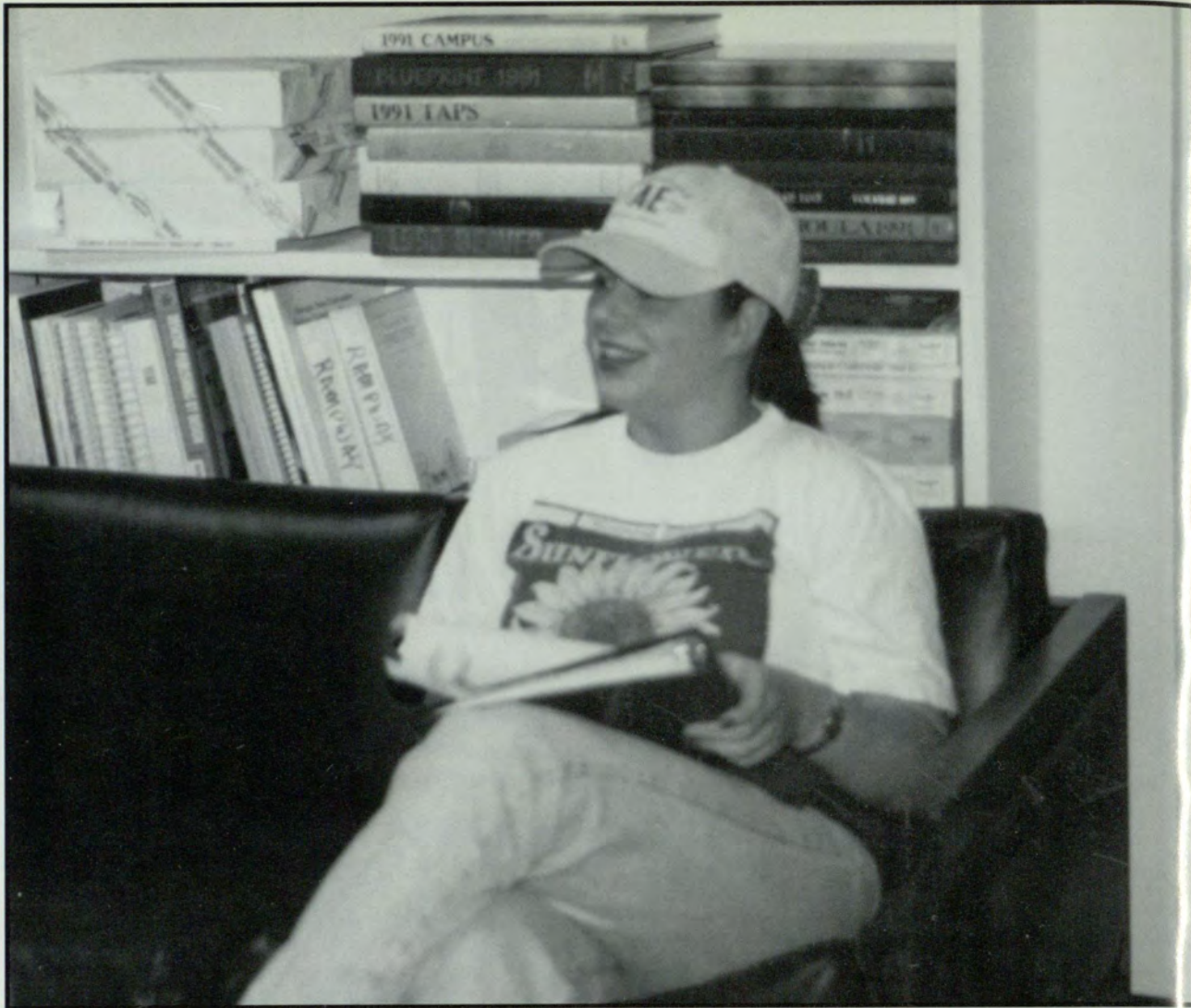
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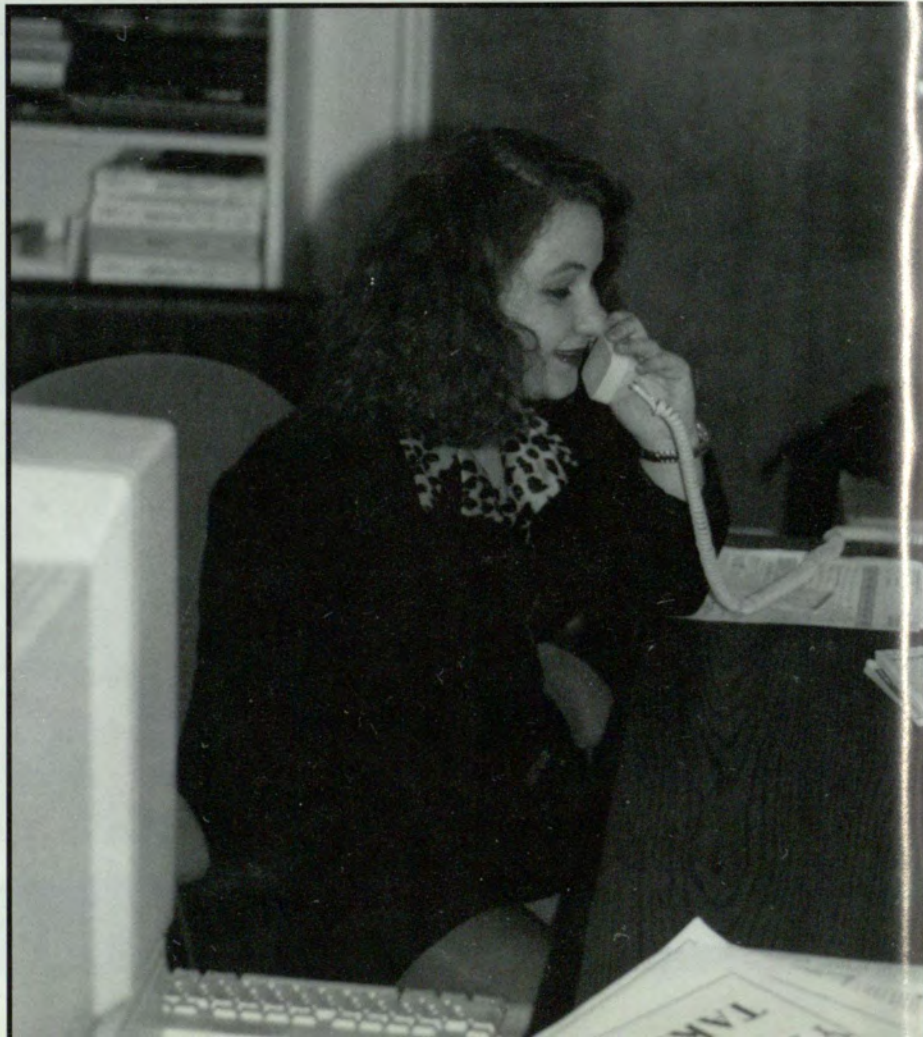


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Kelly Vandiver listens intently at a staff meeting. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Rita Birger answers questions about the Rampway for a caller. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*



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David Sloane and Steve Folkers distribute copies of the 1995 yearbook at the "Day in the Park." 5000 copies of the *Rampway* arrived on campus the first week of March and over half were distributed within the first week. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*

Editor's Note

I have been asked many times during my three years at GSU why I choose to attend this particular university. It is true, as an 18 year old, fresh out of high school, I chose a different path than most of my friends. And yet I feel that, although my college experience has definitely been quite different than theirs, it has been just as rewarding.

I'm sure that every student at Georgia State has their own reasons for choosing to come here. And this is really what makes us so unique. We are all so different. We come from different backgrounds. We all go home to different areas in Atlanta. And yet, we all have one thing in common. We come together, all 24,000 of us, to this relatively small area in Atlanta every day.

When the *Rampway* staff sat down in September 1995 to decide the theme for this book, we all had similar ideas about the message that we wanted to put out. We thought that, with the Olympics coming to town, Atlanta was going through a time of great change. As a city, we were preparing for visitors from all over the world to come to Atlanta. Georgia State would be right there in the center of it all. At the same time, Georgia State was also going through a time of great change. The Rialto Theatre was undergoing renovations, a new student center was planned, we were preparing for our first dorms. And so, the situation at Georgia State was much like that of Atlanta. So much has been said about the diversity at Georgia State that it seemed natural that the campus was "common ground" for some 24,000 students.

And so "Common Ground" it was. Of course, it wasn't as easy

as I have made it appear to be. We fought about the title endlessly. It seemed at one point that we would never agree. We wanted this book to be special. We all wanted to make our mark on the university. Eventually, we all agreed (some not quite as eagerly as others) and we began work on the new book.

Of course, some of you may remember that the 1995 *Rampway* was not finished at that time. And so, it seemed that the staff had an enormous weight on their shoulders. While most of the staff had had nothing to do with the 1995 book, they still politely responded to criticism and questions regarding the status of the book. Of course, we were all delighted in March when the book arrived and we were finally able to present a yearbook to students who had not seen one at this university in several years.

Needless to say, this year was not easy for myself or for my staff. There were many times that I truly thought we would never finish. And yet, I wanted to do it again. I applied for my position again and was selected. Why? I often ask myself that same question. The truth is that the *Rampway* has become a part of me. The other students on staff are not just people that I work with, they are like family to me. This is what college is all about. Of course, I also wanted another opportunity to finally get the *Rampway* out on time (something which we were close to doing this year, but still off by a few months). My goal is to establish the *Rampway* as something which all students on campus can identify so that I never hear another student say, "I didn't know we even had a yearbook."

-Jennifer Behnke

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And finally, to all of the students, faculty and staff for your support of the *Rampway*.

Colophon

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A Macintosh Quadra 800 was used for prepress desktop publishing. All layouts were prepared on Adobe's Pagemaker 5.0

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Times Roman was used for all body copy and captions. Each section used a spot color. The opening, closing and features sections used Tempo 349. The entertainment section used Tempo 194. The sports and organizations sections used Tempo 287. The academics section used Tempo 222. The people

section and "Images of GSU" used Tempo 540. Sixteen pages of four-process color were also used in the opening and features sections.

Portraits in the people section were taken by Earl Howard Studios of Washington, D.C. "Newsmakers" photos in the people section were supplied by RM Photo Service, Inc. Ads were sold by Pentagon Publishing, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga.

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Rampway staff members Jennifer Behnke, Steve Folkers, Kelly Vandiver, David Sloane and Bud Ellis pose with their awards at the Student Activities Awards Banquet. *Photo by Tennyson Mesquitte.*

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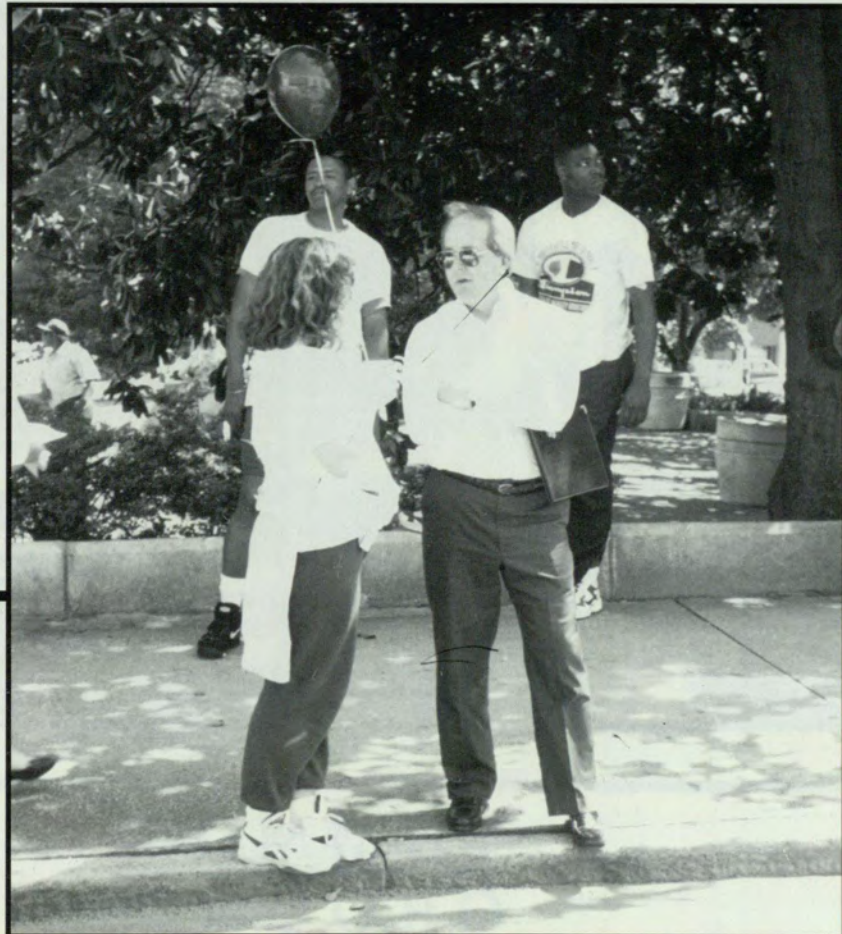
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Students perform at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Village, Georgia State University's first dorms. *Photo by Jeff Walker.*

Students and faculty members enjoy some relaxation at the Day in the Park. *Photo by Jennifer Behnke.*



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