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ANGELA JENKINS: FAST BREAK ALL-AMERICAN

Georgia State University freshman forward ANGELA JENKINS has been named a FAST BREAK ALL-AMERICAN. Jenkins, from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, make Fast Break's Freshman First Team.

The 6'3" Jenkins led the Lady Panthers in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots throughout the 1984-85 season.

Averaging 21.2 points per game, this young lady from Alabama ranked in the nation's top 25 for NCAA Division I women and finished the year in the 28th position.

Even more impressive, however, was her rebounding which, at an average of 15.2 per outing, ranked Angela in the NCAA's top ten every week of the season. And she finished the year ranked 6th in the country.

Among other season honors, "Angie," as she is known to her friends, was named to three All-Tournament Teams during the past year. She made the GSU-sponsored Southern Invitational Tournament team, the Georgia Tech-hosted Days Inn Classic team, and near the start of the season, Jenkins was selected as a member of the Mississippi State Cotton Classic team.

Jenkins posted a season high 34 points against the University of South Carolina-Aiken in January and pulled down a record 23 rebounds in Greenville, S.C. against Furman University.

The mild-mannered, easy-going Jenkins was a Converse High School All-American at Central High School in Tuscaloosa, Alabama where she averaged 23 points and 14 rebounds a game. (Her former coach, Jim Holland, said that both of these stats would have been much higher had Angie not been such an unselfish team player!)

Current head coach Rich Keast has nothing but praise to heap on his lucky find from Alabama. "Not only is Angie an exceptional women's basketball player," admits Keast, "but she is also one of the finest young ladies I have ever had the pleasure of coaching." On hearing that his "star player" was selected as a Fast Break All-American, Coach Keast exclaimed, "Finally! I'm really pleased that Angie was selected. It couldn't have happened to a more deserving player. Now," concluded Keast, "maybe some other people will start to notice what a fantastic player we have here at Georgia State."



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LADY PANTHERS END SEASON IN STYLE...

The GSU Lady Panthers ended their 1984-85 season in style as they won the Championship round of their own Southern Invitational Tournament this past weekend at the GSU Athletic Center. GSU defeated the Rattlerettes of Florida A & M 83-81 in a hard fought contest making for an exciting end to the Lady Panthers' first home tournament of the year.

GSU handily defeated second round opponent Central Florida (100-90) on March 2 in a spirited match that was the second meeting of these two teams in as many weeks. The Lady Panthers had won a first round bout with the UCF Lady Knights in the Georgia Tech-sponsored Days Inn Classic just the week before.

First round tournament action pitted the Lady Koalas of Columbia College against the Lady Panthers of GSU. Although the feisty Columbia ladies stayed close in the first half, they were no match for an obviously superior GSU squad and by games' end were down by 42 (103-61).

The Southern Invitational Tournament was the first hosted by GSU in over two years and was Coach Rich Keast's premier tourney. The SIT featured teams planning to form the NEW SOUTH WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CONFERENCE next year. In addition to GSU, UCF, FAMU, Ga Southern and Stetson (all of whom took part in the event), Mercer University also plans to join the New South Conference.

Somehow it seemed fitting that the Lady Panthers took the SIT championship since it was GSU that initiated formation of the New South Conference and Associate Athletic Director Rankin Cooter has served as its interim commissioner for the past year.

In addition to winning the tournament, the Lady Panthers also had three of its members selected for the All-Tourney Team. LORNA JEFFERSON, a 5'8" guard from East Atlanta High School was selected as the Tournament's Most Valuable Player while teammates ANGELA JENKINS and JANNA STRINGER were also tapped for all-tourney honors.

Her selection for MVP was a welcome ending to an otherwise dismal season for LORNA JEFFERSON, as the former freshman All-American was benched most of the season with knee injuries. JEFFERSON scored a total of 66 points and had 21 assists in the three-game weekend bringing her seasonal ppg average to 14 and her assists to 75 on the year. JEFFERSON thus finished the year 2nd in scoring and first in both assists and steals (38--tied with Traci Cheek). Barring injuries next season, JEFFERSON will certainly be a player to watch and perhaps will be vying (again) with teammate ANGELA JENKINS for All-American honors in 1986.

ANGELA JENKINS, of course, has been the Lady Panthers' shining star this past season. A tremendous find from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, this 6-3 freshman forward ended her spectacular frosh season averaging 21.2 points and a remarkable 15.1 rebounds per game. Her point average gives her a solid #21 spot and her rebounds rank her 6th nationally in NCAA Division I competition.

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In addition to JENKINS, two other young women from Tuscaloosa joined the Lady Panthers this past season. Sophomore center VICKIE GRANT became the team's second leading rebounder, finishing off the season averaging 7.5 per game. The 6-4 GRANT was also second to her former high school teammate in blocked shots with 21 on the year (JENKINS led the team with 31), and ranked 3rd for number of steals. The third member of this Tuscaloosan trio, JACKIE BISHOP, did not see much playing time until the last few games of the season when Coach Keastsaid she was "just beginning to come around to her potential." As an example, BISHOP played her best game of the season against Columbia College on March 1 in the opening round of the Southern Invitational. She scored a season high 7 points, pulled down a personal best 10 rebounds, and blocked 6 shots! Now, if that's any indication of how BISHOP will do next year, the "Tuscaloosa Triple Threat" will surely live up to its name!

On the other end of the spectrum, three young women who won't be returning next year are Lady Panther seniors DOLLY JOHNSON, YVETTE McDANIEL and DAWN CASTLIN. All three of these young women will be sorely missed next year, not only for their athletic abilities but also for the spirit that they added to the team. YVETTE McDANIEL, affectionately known to her teammates as "Mo" (as in Moses Malone), will leave a great void on next year's squad not only at the post position but also on the bench with her amusing animations. A native of Rome, Georgia, McDANIEL has been the Lady Panthers best "cheerleader" and has been assisted for most of this past season by fellow senior DAWN CASTLIN. CASTLIN, injured after the sixth game of the season, saw little playing time this year but was tirelessly there to cheer the Ladies on and even served as "honorary p.a. announcer" during the course of the season. Despite little playing time, CASTLIN a graduate of metro Atlanta's Walker High School, started nearly half of the games she played this season and ended the year as the team's 4th leading scorer (averaging 7.3 a game). The Lady Panthers' third senior DOLLY JOHNSON came on like gang busters this past season. As if she had to make up for the absence of fellow guard Dawn Castlin, JOHNSON put forth an effort over the past year like, as her mother put it, "she hasn't done since high school!" In other words, DOLLY JOHNSON "hustled"!!! Averaging 7.9 points per game, the 5-9 guard from Atlanta's Northside High School was the Lady Panthers' third leading scorer, averaging 7.9 per game. JOHNSON was also second in both assists (56) and steals (37) during the Lady Panthers 1984-85 season. On the bench with injuries for most of her sophomore and junior years, this was an especially nice way for DOLLY JOHNSON to end her collegiate career.

Of the remaining Lady Panthers who plan to return, all except one are "hometown girls" from the Metro Atlanta area. Only ROSSIE WADE hails from outside the Atlanta area...Gainesville, Florida, to be exact. WADE, a promising freshman last year, did not live up to her coach's expectations this past season, but has a chance to "redeem herself" next year.

Teammates MARIANNE UPTON, TRACI CHEEK, JANNA STRINGER, and LISA ROWELL all put forth good effort this past season and are looking to return. JANNA STRINGER, a 5-8 Sophomore from Norcross, Georgia, distinguished herself this season by being named to the Southern Invitational's All-Tourney Team. A young lady who shoots 85% from the free throw line, JANNA is also a straight A student at Georgia State. And when she isn't studying or playing basketball, this Greater Atlanta Christian Academy graduate is fielding for the GSU women's softball team. A transfer from Berry College, JANNA played softball last year, but this was her first year with the Lady Panthers' basketball team. Obviously this young multi-talented woman will be a Lady Panther to watch next year.

Newcomer junior MARIANNE UPTON, a transfer from Sante Fe JC (FL) proved a valuable addition to the Lady Panthers' 1984-85 team at both the forward and guard positions. UPTON, a graduate of Morrow (GA) Senior High School, helped on the boards with the team's third highest rebounding average at 5.8 per game. She also scored a healthy 7.1 points per outing and had 32 assists and 18 steals to her credit. MARIANNE UPTON will be the team's only senior next year.

Marietta freshman TRACI CHEEK proved a real boon to the Lady Panthers this past year, particularly as the season progressed. CHEEK, a graduate of Osborne High School, co-led the team in steals with 38 to her credit. She also averaged a respectable 6.7 points and nearly 3 rebounds per game, as well as 44 assists for the year. An increasingly confident ball handler, CHEEK may well become a floor leader to reckon with next year.

Another freshman who, like Cheek, was recruited from the Cobb County (GA) school system is 5-9 guard LISA ROWELL. ROWELL, a graduate of Campbell High School, saw her best game this year at the Southern Invitational. She scored a season best 8 points against Columbia College and helped on the boards with 4 rebounds. Although she did not see much playing time during the past season, this young lady from Smyrna, GA may see more action next year.

All in all, it has been a pretty satisfying season for Rich Keast's Lady Panthers. They finished the season 16-10 and won their Southern Invitational Tournament as well as coming in second in the Days Inn Classic and the Mississippi State Cotton Classic. In addition, Coach Keast's Ladies were one of only three undefeated teams (out of a 52 team field) in the Miami Women's Court Classic.

In terms of season records, the GSU Lady Panthers are in 3rd place in NCAA Division I women's basketball in the "Rebounding Margin" category. Averaging 13.2 more rebounds than their opponents per outing, the Ladies of GSU fall just .1 of a point behind #2 ranked Old Dominion and 3.3 points behind first place Bethune Cookman.

In addition, the Lady Panthers posted several other season bests in the GSU record book this past year. Among these were: Scoring over 100 points five times this season (only in the 1975-76 season did the Lady Panthers break the 100 mark more than once!). In one over-100-point rout, GSU also set several other records. First, they scored the most points ever scored in a single game (GSU=111, USC-Spartanburg=46), breaking the 107 record set last season against Queens College; they had their largest victory margin in this game (65 points), greater than the 64-point margin against Piedmont College last season; they made 48 field goals, breaking the old record of 46 made in a bout with Georgia Tech in 1976, and the amazing ANGELA JENKINS shot 12 for 12 from the field, breaking Terese Allen's 1976 record of 7 for 7. In GSU's game with Columbia College this past weekend, the Lady Panthers also broke their old record for number of field goals attempted; they had 114, as compared to the 112 record set against Queens College last season.

Head Coach RICH KEAST, along with his two assistants MARY RUCKER and TONY GRAHAM are pleased with the overall performance of the 1984-85 Lady Panthers...and are looking forward to an even better 1985-86 season for GSU.



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The GSU Lady Panther basketball team lost in a heart breaker to crosstown rival Tech in overtime this past Thursday in the GSU Athletic Center 68-69.

Up by 10 points at the half (43-33), the Lady Panthers were held scoreless in the first five minutes of the second half and by the time that 15 minutes had lapsed on the clock the Lady Jackets had whittled GSU's lead down to a tie. It was nip and tuck for the last five minutes of play and as the final buzzer sounded, the score was knotted 64-64. But the five minute overtime proved more than the Lady Panthers could handle. After Tech's top scorer on the night, Kim Crawford hit the OT's first basket with 3:58 left on the clock, GSU answered with a quick score by Vickie Grant, but then missed three consecutive free throws. Tech, on the other hand, hit its lone free throw and Crawford added another two points to the total. With 1:45 left to play GSU's Dolly Johnson scored the Lady's Panther's final basket and when the overtime ended, Tech had squeaked by GSU 69-68.

The GSU Lady Panthers still lead the series with Georgia Tech, having won nine out of these ladies last fourteen outings. And, all is not lost for the 1984-85 season as the GSU Ladies may have a chance to avenge themselves when they face the Lady Jackets at the Tech Coliseum during the Days Inn Classic February 22 and 23rd.

In the meanwhile, the GSU Lady Panthers will meet an even more formidable foe--the UGA Lady Bulldogs in Athens this Wednesday, Feb 13 at 7:30pm.

Lady Panthers Move Up in National Rankings

The GSU Lady Panthers have taken the Number 3 slot in "Rebounding Margin" in NCAA Division I women's basketball. With a margin of 13.9, the Ladies of GSU are just .1 point short of second ranked Old Dominion (14.0), but fall 5 rebounds short of top ranked Bethune Cookman (18.9). The Lady Panthers' ranking, of course, has been helped immeasurably by freshman Angie Jenkins who has been averaging 15.4 rebounds a game giving her a solid 7th slot in Division I rebounding. She has also moved up to the 22nd slot in scoring

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LADY PANTHERS SNAP WINNING STREAK

The GSU Lady Panthers (12-7) snapped a five game winning streak this past weekend as they were downed by the Lady Tigers of Clemson (84-73) and the Alabama Crimson Tide (100-67).

The Alabama trip was a "homecoming" of sorts for three of Rich Keast's ladies as Tuscaloosa Central High graduates ANGIE JENKINS, VICKIE GRANT and JACKIE BISHOP came home. Keast started all three of

his "hometown girls" to the delight of over 200 supporters from Central High School who had come to cheer on the GSU Lady Panthers. This was JACKIE BISHOP's first start of the season and she added 3 rebounds to the 26 (13 each) that teammates Jenkins and Grant pulled down. And though the Lady Panthers kept up with Alabama's rebounding, they fell victim to the Tide's shooting percentages from the field (30%-53%) and consequently lost by a 33 point margin. Tuscaloosan ANGIE JENKINS was the Lady Panthers top scorer with 21 (11 of those coming from the free throw line), while former Central High teammate, VICKIE GRANT added 9 to the GSU total against Alabama last Friday.

After leaving behind the ice and snow of Alabama, the Lady Panthers headed for warmer climes in South Carolina where they rallied for their game with Clemson's Lady Tigers. While Keast's Kats couldn't stop an obviously superior team, the Ladies cut their losing margin to only 11. Gwinnett (GA) County sophomore JANA STRINGER was GSU's leading scorer with a season high 16 points, while fellow guard DOLLY JOHNSON added another dozen to the total. JOHNSON, a senior from Atlanta's Northside High School, tallied 12 points in the Alabama game as well.

Keast blamed the inexperience of his guards for the two weekend losses. Not surprisingly since DOLLY JOHNSON is the team's only experienced guard who hasn't been downed by injuries this season. Sophomore All-American shooting guard LORNA JEFFERSON has been out of commission since January 22nd with a knee injury, while senior point guard DAWN CASTLIN hasn't played since the 6th game of the season due to a fractured middle finger on her right hand.

Keast is hoping that both JEFFERSON and CASTLIN will be back in the line up when his Lady Panthers take on the Lady Jackets from Georgia Tech this coming Thursday at 5:15pm in the GSU Athletic Center. It should be a hard fought battle between these crosstown rivals. The Lady Jackets are now 7-12 with all but one of their losses coming at the hands of their tough ACC opponents. Historically, Georgia State has taken the lead in the win column with Tech, having won 9 out of their 13 contests, but two of these losses came in the Lady Panthers 1983-84 season against an obviously superior Lady Jackets team. So at this point, it's a "coin toss game" where anything can happen...and probably will!

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"Angie handles the pressures both on and off the court," concluded Head Coach Keast. And pressure is one thing Jenkins has had her fill of so far this season.

Because of her reputed prowess, Angie consistently draws two or three defenders every time GSU is on the offense. But no opponent this year has been able to keep Jenkins from scoring in double figures, and in only two contests has she been stopped from pulling down less than 10 rebounds.

But what is even more amazing than her ability to handle pressure, is the ease and agility with which Angie Jenkins deals with it. Her 6'3", 165 lb. frame literally glides down the court and her light tap on the glass belies her powerful stature. Perhaps Angie's gentle nature permits such a soft touch with the round ball.

For Angela Jenkins is a gentle woman--a daughter who would please any mother and a child of whom Mary Jenkins is particularly proud.

The middle child of three, Angie's older sister Sonia plays basketball for Louisville while brother Kevin at eleven is an up-and-comer in the Y league. Angie's mother is delighted to see her second daughter doing so well at GSU. "It seems," says Mrs. Jenkins, "that Angie has always been second--you know how it is when the oldest tends to get most of the attention." And now Number 2 daughter is getting the attention and her mother says, deservedly so. "I feel especially blessed to have Angie as my daughter," Mary Jenkins revealed, "she's a quiet, sensitive young lady; very perceptive of the needs of others. She sets high goals for herself and then is bound and determined to reach them."

Of her decision to attend Georgia State, Mary Jenkins says of her daughter, "The minute Angie came back from Atlanta she said 'Mama, this is it! Georgia State is the place that I want to go. I really liked it there and the people seemed to be genuinely interested in me...as a person.'" And so it was the good fortune for both Angie Jenkins and for Georgia State that this young lady from Alabama selected GSU.

The transition from high school to college hasn't been that difficult for Angie, either on or off the court. "I think I've adjusted pretty well," she said, "I thought college might be hard, so I just planned on working hard."

The hard work comes in the classroom as well, since Jenkins plans to major in business management while at GSU. "She knows she's at Georgia State first to get an education and second to play basketball, but she realizes that her education comes first," Coach Keast reported. "The thing about Angie is that she loves to play basketball, but she realizes that her education is paramount." Keast concluded, "She knows she can't play basketball forever."

It's true, Angela Jenkins can't play basketball forever--but she can play at GSU for a little more than three years. And if this young lady from Tuscaloosa, Alabama plays as well in the next three years as she has played so far in the first, she is sure to rewrite the GSU women's basketball record book, and that, my friend, is one thing that will go on forever!

LADY PANTHERS -- A RECORD SETTING TEAM

Now as the 1984-85 season draws to a close, the Lady Panthers can begin to look back on what seem to be a record-setting year.

The latest record of note was clinched on January 22 when the Lady Panthers defeated the University of South Carolina-Aiken 101-74. With 20 seconds remaining in the game against USC-Aiken sophomore guard Jana Stringer (88% from the charity stripe) bagged two to push the Ladies over the 100-point mark for the third time this season---a feat unprecedented in the team's ten year history!

Prior to the USC-Aiken, number two in the Lady Panthers' latest five game winning streak, Keast's Kats racked up 111 points to beat South Carolina-Spartanburg on January 5th 111 to 46. Looks like South Carolina's women's teams are being picked on, doesn't it?

The Lady Panthers, undefeated at home--thus far--(7-0), seemed to have set a precedent for their three over 100-point games this year with their season opener against St. Leo College. The Lady Panthers scored 101 points in this game and held the Lady Monarchs to only 67.

But of all their 100+ point wins, the Lady Panthers really smashed the records in the USC-Spartanburg bout. These record breakers included: Most Points Scored in a Single Game=111 (Record Broken: 107 vs Queens, 1984); Most Field Goals Made in a Game=48 (Record Broken: 46 vs Ga Tech, 1976); Largest Victory Margin = 65 (Record Broken: 64 vs Piedmont College, 1984); and Best Individual Field Goal Percentage in a Single Game = Angie Jenkins shot 12 for 12 (Record Broken was 7 for 7 by Sheryl Martin in 1976).

And last, but certainly not least, the GSU Lady Panthers have ranked consistently in the top 5 NCAA Division I schools in Rebounding Margin, ranking behind such schools as Bethune-Cookman (#1), Oklahoma (#2), Old Dominion (#3) and Missouri (#4). This statistic has been helped immeasurably by two young ladies from Tuscaloosa, Alabama...freshman forward Angie Jenkins and sophomore center Vickie Grant. Jenkins, who ranks 7th in Division I rebounding, is averaging over 15 rebounds per game, while Grant adds another 8 per outing. It's no wonder then that the GSU Lady Panthers are outrebounding their opponents by a healthy 13+ per game.

Stay tuned, by the end of the 1984-85 season, Rich Keast's Lady Panthers may have set some other pretty impressive records.



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ReFRESHing Freshman: ANGIE JENKINS

One of the most refreshing things about Georgia State University's womens basketball this season comes in the person of a freshman named Angela Jenkins.

Ms Jenkins, a striking 6'3" forward from Tuscaloosa, Alabama may prove to be the finest female basketball player GSU has ever had the good fortune to sign. According to the man who signed her, Head Coach Rich Keast, "Before she's finished here, Angie will be the greatest women's basketball player to play at Georgia State." No small feat in light of the fact that GSU has produced two All-American women basketball players in the past ten years: Sheryl Martin (6' forward, 1980-83) and Terese Allen (5'8" guard, 1977-81). But Angela Jenkins may be the best!

In her first year of collegiate ball, Jenkins is already ranked in both scoring and rebounding by the NCAA. She is one of only two frosh in the nation who rank in the top 10 in rebounding and the top 30 in scoring in Division I women's basketball. But what is even more impressive, is that Jenkins' freshman stats are better than Cheryl Miller's were during her first year at Southern California. While Angela, known to her friends as "Angie," is averaging 22.2 points and 15.5 rebounds a game, Miller averaged only 20.4 points and 9.4 rebounds a game during her freshman year.

Jenkins is currently ranked 7th in rebounding and 27th in scoring by the NCAA. She pulled down a season high 23 rebounds in GSU's game with Furman on January 14, 1985, and scored a record high 34 points against USC-Aiken on January 22nd.

But what makes Angie so refreshing is that she is a true team player. So much so, in fact, that some critics claim that her high school stats (23 points and 14 rebounds per game) were not worthy of All American status. What those critics didn't understand is what her former high school coach, Jim Holland, explained simply as: "Angie is a team player. She would sacrifice her talent for the good of the team. She could have easily scored 30 or 40 points a game, but it wouldn't have been for the good of the team," Holland concluded, "Angie was always thinking about the team."

And so Jenkins' current mentor, Head Coach Rich Keast, echoes Jim Holland, "Angie is the type of person every coach likes to have in his program, not just because of her athletic abilities, but because of her personality and team spirit." Keast continued, "She's probably one of the nicest young people I've ever had the pleasure of coaching."

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TUSCALOOSA'S TRIPLE THREAT TREKS HOME

January 29, 1985

Three fine young women from Tuscaloosa, Alabama will be trekking "home" this weekend. But there won't be any "homecoming" for them. Why? Because these three young ladies from Alabama are now playing basketball in Georgia and they're rolling in with the Georgia State University Lady Panthers to face the Crimson Tide Friday afternoon.

Angie Jenkins, Vickie Grant and Jackie Bishop, recent graduates of Tuscaloosa's Central High School, are now the "Pride of the Panthers" and are known affectionately on campus as "Tuscaloosa's triple threat." Alabama's loss has been Georgia State's gain.

In particular, forward Angie Jenkins has become the Lady Panthers' most valuable player. Averaging 22.2 points and 15.6 rebounds a game, this awesome 6-3 lady is ranked 7th in rebounding and 27th in scoring by the NCAA. She is one of only two freshman in the nation who ranks in the top 10 in rebounding and in the top 30 in scoring in women's Division I basketball. What makes Jenkins look even more promising is that her freshman stats are better than Cheryl Miller's were during her first year at Southern Cal. (Miller is now touted as the nation's #1 women's basketball player).

Jenkins was a Converse All American her senior year at Central averaging 22 points and 14 rebounds a game. She will likely do her former head coach, Jim Holland, proud as she improves upon her stats at GSU. Angie has already seen a game high of 34 points (against USC-Aiken on January 22) and pulled down a record 23 rebounds against Furman in December. She also leads the team in blocked shots with 16 on the season. But the nicest thing about the daughter of Mary Jenkins from Tuscaloosa is that she is as fine a lady off the court as she is a player on the court. Angie and her Tuscaloosa teammates are three superb examples of the quality of women athletes on Head Coach Rich Keast's GSU team.

Keast, undoubtedly proud of Angie Jenkins' accomplishments, is also pleased with the progress of his other two Tuscaloosa transplants. Center Vickie Grant, another graduate of Central High who transferred from Jackson State University (Jackson, Mississippi), has started at the post position in all but two games

this season. Grant is averaging 7.6 points and 7.9 rebounds and falls just behind Jenkins in both rebounds and blocked shots, with 14 so far this year. Vickie scored a season high of 18 points against Murray State at the Miami Court Classic on the first day of 1985 and pulled down her season high of 15 rebounds against Florida Southern this past weekend.

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Tuscaloosa's Triple Threat Treks Home--2/2--

Daughter of Laymon and Shirley Grant of Tuscaloosa, this GSU physical therapy major is the perfect compliment to Jenkin's inside game. With Grant and Jenkins on the team it's not surprising that the 11-5 Lady Panthers are ranked 5th in NCAA Division I rebounding, a factor that Coach Keast believes will make his team highly competitive with the Ladies of Alabama.

Coach Keast hopes too that "coming home" will light a spark in Jackie Bishop. Bishop, a 6-3 forward who rounds out the threesome from Tuscaloosa's Central High, started out slowly with the Lady Panthers. And, although she has seen limited playing time this year, Jackie has been coming off the bench to spell Angie as the season has progressed. A more controlled type of ball player, Bishop is beginning to catch on to Keast's fast break style of play and should soon be living up to her high school accolades of MVP and All-Star Honorable Mention. Daughter of Mr and Mrs David Sheffield of Tuscaloosa, Jackie was Central's "Academic Female Athlete" last year and is majoring in physical education at Georgia State.

So it is with mixed emotions that Jackie Bishop and her two highschool buddies return to Alabama. These three young Lady Panthers will likely be looking forward to seeing freinds and relatives in Tuscaloosa. But it will also be a special challenge for them to play against a team for which each might have played had fate not intervened in the person of Head Coach Richard Keast. It will be, no doubt, a "bittersweet homecoming" for GSU's Angie Jenkins, Vickie Grant, and Jackie Bishop. And a bus ride that is only hours away might well seem like an eternity to three young ladies from Alabama.

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GSU INKS TWO LOCAL LADY HOOPSTERS

GSU head coach Rich Keast announced today the signing of two local girls for his Lady Panthers Basketball team. KATIE JORDAN, a 6' forward from DeKalb Community College-Central Campus, and BROWNIE VAUGHN, a 5'7" point guard from North Clayton High School, have signed on to play with the Georgia State University women's basketball team next season.

JORDAN, who graduated from Leon High School in Tallahassee, Florida, has attended DeKalb Community College since she and her mother, Ms. Melanie Campbell, settled in DeKalb County last year. Coached by Barney Johnson at DeKalb, from which she will transfer next year, KATIE has been averaging 17 points and 11 rebounds per game. In 1983, during her senior year at Leon High, JORDAN was named All-American, All-State (First Team), All-City, and was selected as her high school team's Most Valuable Player. "She's an excellent inside scorer and rebounder," says Coach Keast, "and she should offer needed experience to a young front court team in the 1985-86 season." Keast concludes, "We're pleased to have KATIE in our program at GSU and we look for her to contribute immediately."

BROWNIE VAUGHN, who will graduate from North Clayton High School in June of '85, is not only a three-year letterman in basketball, but also a member of the National Honor Society. Daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Vaughn of College Park, BROWNIE, was selected as her team's MVP in 1984. Coached by Joe Brun, VAUGHN was also selected as the girls' basketball team's Best Offensive Player and made the All-Region (6-AAAA) and All-State (Honorable Mention) Teams of 1984. A three year starter at North Clayton, BROWNIE is averaging 13.3 points, 4 rebounds and 4.9 assists per game. About this new recruit, who has already decided on a Physical Therapy major at GSU, Coach Keast says, "Brownie's an exciting player who can play at both the point and shooting guard positions and should develop this year into one of the top guards in the state. We're very fortunate to have Brownie sign."