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Covering the campus like a
swarm of gnats

Weather

Friday

Partly cloudy
with a high
of 65°F and a
low of 53°F.

Saturday

Cloudy with
a high of 74°F
and a low of
57°F.

Sunday

Cloudy with
a high of 72°F
and a low of
41°F.

Only in America

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Gas prices continue to
increase in Statesboro

Will GSU students change habits?

By George Runkle
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Over the past several months, the price of gasoline across the nation has undoubtedly skyrocketed.

It is almost impossible now to find gasoline for sale in Statesboro for less than \$1.50 per gallon, regardless of what grade of fuel your car requires. Why have gasoline prices increased so much?

The answer to this question is not as simple as some would like it to be. Opinions on the cause of gas price increases are as varied as the GSU student body.

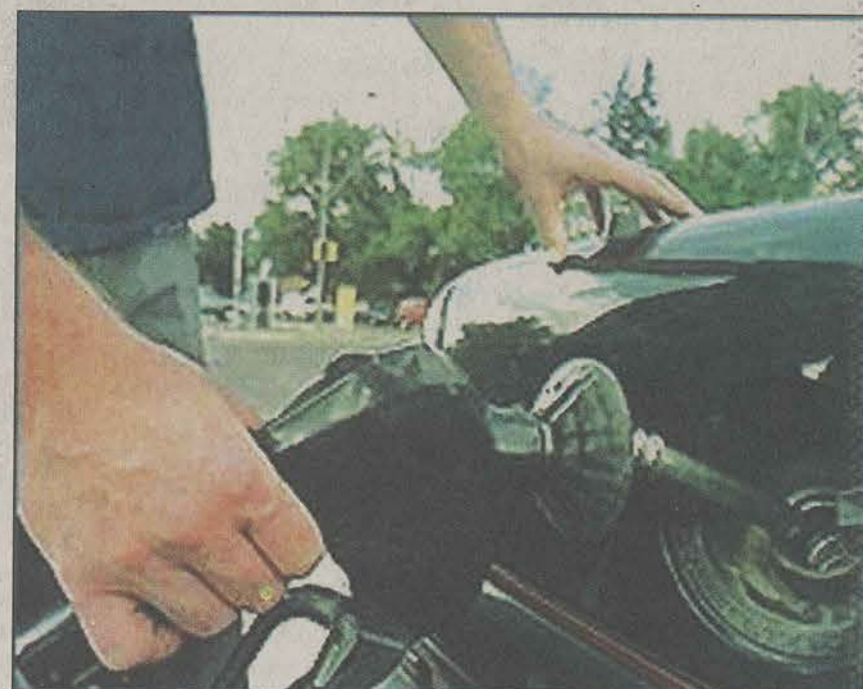
Dana Millville, a sophomore that works for

the University Store, believes that the gas prices are due to "this whole war thing." Undoubtedly, she is referring to the ever growing crisis situations that are currently developing in both Iraq and North Korea.

Millville's views are reinforced by Winburn Hall resident Katie Anderson, who admits that while she is unsure of the reason that gas prices are increasing, feels that a U.S. occupation of Iraq would definitely help prices of gas and the economy in general.

Countering these opinions is Gene Smith, a University Housing employee. He believes that

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Special Photo

Gas prices in the GSU area reflect the same increases as those in the rest of the nation. The prices depend on numerous political and economic factors.

'SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES'

The march toward war with Iraq

U.S. completes biggest artillery
exercise in Kuwait since 1991

KRT Campus

UDAIRI RANGE, Kuwait – The Army's 3rd Infantry Division wrapped up the biggest U.S. artillery exercise in Kuwait since the 1991 Gulf War Thursday, amid signs that the buildup for a possible invasion of Iraq is accelerating rapidly.

The five-day exercise, which took place about five miles from the Iraqi border, involved 2,400 troops and culminated with a two-day series of thundering barrages from nearly 70 artillery pieces including 155 mm M109 Paladin self-propelled howitzers and 132 mm multiple-launch rocket systems.

The exercise was one of the most massive displays of combat power yet in the U.S. and allied buildup that is designed to oust Iraqi president Saddam Hussein. Senior military officers said the demonstration illustrated that 3rd Infantry Division troops were primed and ready for war if President Bush orders military action.

"These past couple of days have made me very comfortable with doing whatever we may need to do to support the goals of the country," said Col. Thomas Torrance, 46, of Milledgeville, Ga., the division's top artillery officer. "The soldiers are well-trained. Morale is high, and these soldiers are

ready to do the heavy lifting if they are required to do so."

Many soldiers, especially younger ones, admit they are a little nervous by the prospect that combat may be only a few weeks away, but they are also ready for whatever happens.

"I'm honored to be with this unit," said Pfc. Wayne Dixon, 21, of Elgin, Ill., a field artillery computer systems operator in B Battery, 1-10 Field Artillery.

The 3rd Infantry Division is based at Fort Stewart and Fort Benning, Ga. During the Gulf War, the unit was designated as the 24th Infantry Division.

The exercise took place as long convoys of American and British trucks rumbled through the Kuwaiti desert around the clock, hauling soldiers and equipment to sprawling camps that have sprung up near the border in recent months. At Camp New York, the 3rd Infantry's headquarters, huge stacks of ammunition, spare parts and other supplies now blanket areas that were little more than bare sand a few weeks ago.

Vehicles moving up the highway

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Lt. Col. Doug Harding, center, Battalion Commander of the 1-10 Field Artillery from Fort Benning, Georgia, looks over the Udairi Range as shells land after being fired from Paladin M-109 A6 Howitzer guns during a division wide firing exercise with the 1-10 in northern Kuwait Thursday February 13.

On eve of U.N. report, U.S.-led
war on Iraq appears inevitable

KRT Campus

WASHINGTON – Diplomats at the United Nations, newly divided Thursday over allegations that Iraq possesses prohibited missiles, prepared for a pivotal report Friday from U.N. weapons

inspectors, but the ultimate course of events already seemed clear.

At Naval Station Mayport near Jacksonville, Fla., President Bush wore a green Navy flight jacket as he stood among thousands of blue-shirted sailors and left little doubt

that soon he will call Americans to war. Nearby, U.S. troops prepared helicopters for transport to the Persian Gulf.

"In this challenging period, great

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Students vote for Professor of the Year

By Brittany Gates
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Have you ever wanted to thank that great professor you had one semester? Well, here's your chance.

Sponsored by the Gamma Beta Phi honor society, the Professor of the Year Award highlights the best teachers on GSU's campus chosen by the students. The voting began on February 3 and ends on the February 14.

The only requirement for a teacher to be considered for the award is he/

she must have taught at GSU for at least three years.

The professor will be honored with the award on April 2 (Honor's Day), where he/she receives a plaque and a monetary gift of \$700. Last year's Professor of the Year was Dr. Craig Roell, Professor and Director of Graduate Studies of History.

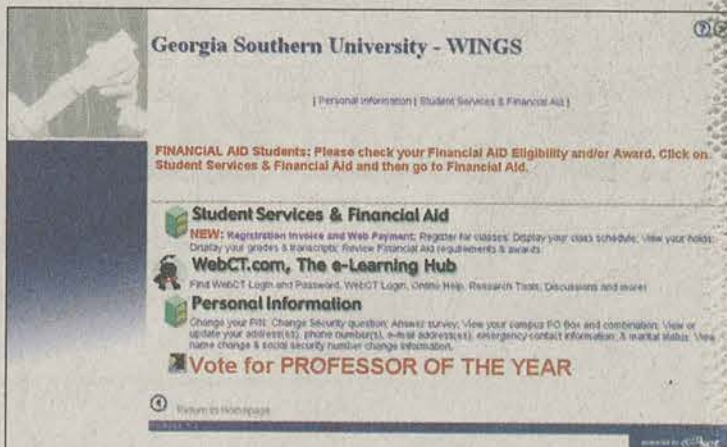
The voting takes place on WINGS, which is a first for the award. Before, students would vote by filling out ballots at tables placed around campus. The change was made to improve

the collection process, and to make the voting process more accessible to students.

But, the students' votes are just the first phase of the process. The top three to five professors with the highest votes must go through Gamma Beta Phi's executive committee.

The committee requests the professors' student evaluations from the last two years, along with the short evaluation written by the department

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Special photo

Students can place a vote for Professor of the Year by logging into their WINGS account and opening a ballot form from the provided link.

Nuclear agency refers crisis over North Korea to Security Council

KRT Campus

UNITED NATIONS – The United Nations' nuclear agency referred the confrontation over North Korea's nuclear program to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday as a senior U.S. intelligence official told Congress that North Korea has an untested missile capable of reaching the western United States.

The U.N. move opens the door to broader diplomatic engagement in an effort to defuse the growing crisis, and

to possible economic sanctions against the communist nation if it does not back down. Yet sanctions don't appear imminent, not least because North Korea has said it would consider such punitive treatment an act of war.

The gravity of the situation was evident in testimony Wednesday before Congress, in which U.S. intelligence officials told the Senate Armed Services Committee that North Korea has an untested ballistic missile capable of reaching Alaska, Hawaii and

the western United States.

The missile is a three-stage version of the Taepo Dong 2, said Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. It has not been flight-tested, Jacoby said, so it's not certain to work. But previous U.S. intelligence reports have said such a missile probably could carry a nuclear weapon-sized payload across the Pacific Ocean.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the Vienna, Austria-based International

Atomic Energy Agency, emphasized the need for intensive diplomacy after his agency declared North Korea in violation of its treaty obligations and referred the crisis to the Security Council.

"The declaration today is we want to make use of the Security Council, to make use of all of the options available to the Security Council to find a diplomatic solution," he said. "It doesn't mean that we are automatically jumping to sanctions. In fact, all

members of the board made it clear that it is not the intention to jump to sanctions right now."

Richard Williamson, a deputy U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said the United States was pleased by the IAEA's decision.

"The United States first feels that this should be dealt with diplomatically, and we are confident we can deal with this issue diplomatically," Williamson said. He wouldn't comment on what steps the United States might seek.

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Police Beat

2-11-2003

A resident of Veazey Hall reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Officers issued three traffic citations and three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, and assisted four motorists.

02-12-2003

Corey Boone Griffin, 22, of 122 Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with criminal trespass.

Adam David Malmin, 19, of 122 Lanier Drive, Statesboro, was charged with criminal trespass, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol and obstruction of an officer.

Quantavis Duron Turner, 17, of McDonough, Ga., was charged with battery.

Officers issued one traffic warning, investigated two traffic accidents, assisted nine motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

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

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Lucrecia Johnson, Assistant News Editor.

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rather than Iraq, the United States need to be concentrating on Venezuela, an Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) member that has been unable to export oil for several months do to a nationwide strike intended to force the Venezuelan President to resign.

In addition, Mr. Smith feels that the oil companies are playing on the American public's fears and inflating oil prices in order to increase their own profits.

With yesterday's announcement by United Kingdom Prime Minister Tony Blair that the discovery of missiles in Iraq that have a range greater than what is allowed by the United Nations could accelerate planning for war in Iraq, the price of one barrel of crude oil closed yesterday 63 cents higher at \$36.40 per barrel, the highest price since September 20, 2000.

While most educated Americans know that the Middle East is a prime area for the production of crude oil, most people do not know that 65 percent of the world's reserves are in that region and that the nations that make up OPEC are currently operating at almost full capacity.

While normal economic laws would dictate that gas prices would be cheaper as production increases (the law of supply and demand), the amount of crude oil available in the United States is currently at a 28-year low. This means that there is less crude

oil now in the United States than at any time since the Arab Oil Embargo of 1974-1975. One expert, George J. Gaspar, has been quoted by Bloomberg News as saying that a war with Iraq could easily further increase the price of oil to \$40 to \$45 per barrel.

So, if capacity is at full output, why are prices so high? It is likely that the oil producing countries are overcharging barrels of oil due to fears that a war with Iraq would damage or possibly even destroy their own oil wells - thus eliminating the primary (and sometimes, only) export of many Middle Eastern countries.

Another thorn in the side of American's wallets when it comes to gas prices is the ongoing 73-day strike in Venezuela, the world's fifth largest oil exporter. Since the beginning of the strike, oil production in Venezuela has decreased from 3 million barrels per day to a mere 610,000 barrels a day. Prior to the strike, the United States received approximately 1.5 million barrels per day from Venezuela.

In addition to providing the United States with a large amount of petroleum, Venezuela also gave the United States the advantage of cheaper petroleum, due to reduced transportation costs. While it could take up to two to three weeks for an oil tanker from the Middle East to reach the United States, oil pumped in Venezuela can reach the United States by tanker ship in less than one week.

Unfortunately, Iraq's oil production counts for only a mere 3 percent of world production, producing approximately 2.48 million barrels of oil per day. It is likely that while the profits gained by U.S. control of Iraqi oil would be useful in helping to ease the burden placed on American taxpayers for the rebuilding of Iraqi infrastructure, the control of Iraqi oil by the United States would have only a marginal direct effect on gas prices for Americans.

In view of the United States' ever degrading relationship with Saudi Arabia, it is probable that an occupation of Iraq by the United States would most directly help oil prices by creating more

stability in the region, but there is no scientific or factual basis for this, for it is merely a hypothesis.

Historically, Americans are wasteful with resources and are not conservation minded. This has been especially true in the past twenty years, since the end of the last energy shortage. According to the Motors & Equipment Manufacturers Association, the average fuel economy of cars and light trucks in 2001 hit their lowest levels since 1980.

To further compound this problem, the average amount of gasoline consumed by each American per year has increased almost 100 gallons, from 506 to 603 gallons per year over the past ten years, while average fuel economy has remained steady at twenty miles per gallon. So while the cost of gasoline is increasing with no end in sight, fuel conservation is continually decreasing.

While few alternatives or viable ideas have been put forth, many politicians continually demand the United States reduce its dependency on foreign oil.

How much does the United States depend on foreign oil? According to the Department of Energy, in 2000, the United States only produced approximately half of its petroleum needs. While there is the option of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), it is doubted by many experts that the reserves available in ANWR would last more than one to three months if it were used as the sole source of energy for the United States. Furthermore, it would take years to develop the needed pipelines and refineries to service the area.

Regardless of why gas prices are increasing, they are definitely changing the ways GSU students behave. As Katie Anderson put it, "My cell phone bill and my gas bills are eating me alive." She once drove home to Atlanta every weekend, which cost her \$20 per way. Now, it costs her as much as \$25 per way and she no longer plans to go home every weekend.

Whether or not a war with Iraq will reduce oil prices, only time can tell.

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chair of each professor. Through-out this, the committee never sees the name of any of the professors on the materials they receive. Only after they decide on a winner does the committee know which teacher they choose for the award.

The official name for the award is the Wells-Warren Award for Excellence in Teaching Professor of the Year. Dr. J. Norman Wells, a GSU teacher of mathematics, won the award in 1984, which caused his wife, Rosalyn Warren Wells, to realize the importance of the award. Dr. Wells and his wife endowed the Professor of the Year award in 1986, which provides the monetary prize.

Jennifer Campbell, Vice President of Gamma Beta Phi and organizer for the event, says students should vote for their favorite professor because, "professors give us so much. It is a way that students can show their appreciation to the professors."

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way from the port at Camp Doha, where military transport ships unload tons of cargo daily, bear unit markings from across the United States and Europe, including one Humvee that was apparently shipped straight from the NATO peacekeeping mission in Bosnia. Many soldiers are so fresh to Kuwait that they have not been issued desert uniforms, and most new military vehicles still lack desert tan paint.

In an apparent sign that senior commanders are worried about the possibility that Saddam might launch a pre-emptive Scud missile attack, a battery of Patriot intercept missiles were spotted moving Thursday in the direction of one desert camp where they could be deployed to protect U.S. and allied troops.

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1 California

LA carjacker caught by Florida Judo team pleads guilty

LOS ANGELES - A 20-year-old man whose brief crime spree was halted by a college judo team that pummeled him when they caught him trying to take the keys to their van pleaded guilty Thursday to kidnapping, robbery and carjacking charges.

Tyrone Jermain Hogan was sentenced to 11 years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Kim said Hogan had just robbed a man of his shoes and carjacked a woman when he encountered the Florida International University judo club at a Hollywood gas station.

Hogan's carjacking victim had escaped, Kim said, and he was trying to ditch her car at the gas station when he saw the judo team's van.

Team members said Hogan asked one of them for money before reaching into the van to take the keys.

The club's instructor, Nestor Bustillo,

said the students punched Hogan, then held him "like a pretzel on the ground" until police arrived.

The judo club's members were in Los Angeles to teach a self defense class.

2 Virginia

Man who used banana in robbery sent to prison

LYNCHBURG - A Lynchburg man who robbed a convenience store by pretending a banana was a gun was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Patrick Jason Mann, 29, entered the 7-Eleven store last July 4. He took a banana, put it in his pocket like a gun and demanded that the clerk give him money from the register. Mann left the store with about \$10 and was arrested soon after leaving.

Before Mann robbed the 7-Eleven, he broke into another shop where he had worked for about three years and stole about \$700.

His sentence imposed Friday included time for that burglary.

Mann said he had a crack cocaine

addiction that was costing him up to \$300 a day.

"There really wasn't much logic to what I did that night," Mann said. "When you're in the grip of that drug, it doesn't make you a very rational person."

Along with imposing the prison term, Circuit Judge J. Leyburn Mosby Jr. ordered Mann to pay back the money he stole, undergo 18 months of supervised probation and get substance abuse treatment.

3 Illinois

Snowy footprints lead police to alleged snowmobile thief

GRANITE CITY - Madison County Sheriff's police say a snow blower thief's snowy footprints led them right to his hiding place.

Police said that as Donald E. Farris Jr., 21, and his father, Donald E. Farris Sr., 40, drove away from a Granite City apartment complex, with two stolen snowblowers Thursday night, the owner of the machines jumped into the bed of their truck.

The owner called 911 on his cell phone

and summoned the sheriff's department just as a deputy spotted the commotion and started following the truck, said Lt. Rick Weissenborn.

As the father rolled to a stop, his son bolted from the cab and ran off, Weissenborn said.

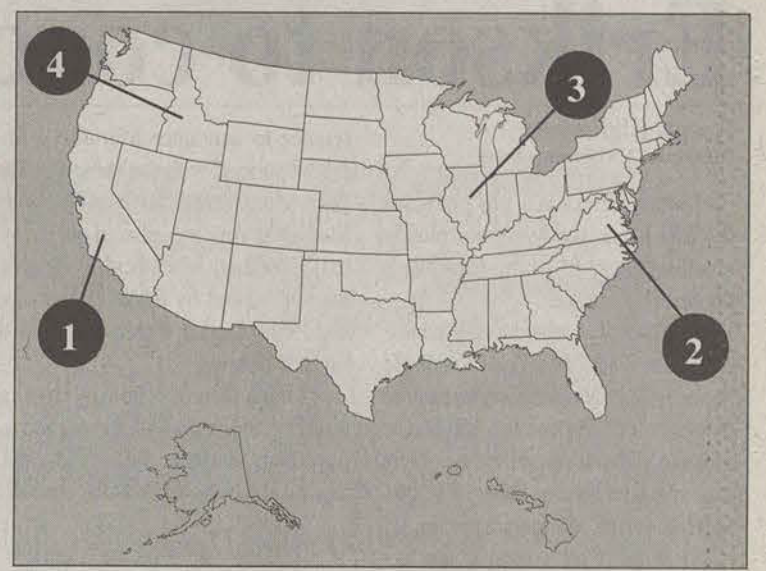
Police followed the younger Farris' footprints to a nearby shed, where he was arrested, Weissenborn said. He was treated at Gateway Regional Medical Center for a broken arm that he suffered after tumbling out of the moving truck, Weissenborn said.

The Farris, both of Collinsville, were charged Friday in Madison County Circuit Court with theft of over \$300. They were being held Friday at the Madison County Jail, with bail set at \$25,000.

4 Idaho

Hamburger made from Idaho cattle sells for \$41

BOISE - A \$41 Kobe beef hamburger at the Old Homestead Steak House in New York City has done wonders for Idaho-based Snake River Farms and



other producers.

Snake River Farms and other Kobe producers have been raising Japanese Wagyu cattle in the United States for a decade. The breed provides what the Boise company labels "butter knife beef."

While most people associate the meat with Japan, it is more likely to come from Idaho cattle. But producers are still struggling to put it on menus in

the Boise area.

Old Homestead put a \$41 hamburger on its menu, creating a media stir. Snake River provided the burger.

"The \$41 hamburger really jolted our business. The phone has been ringing off the hook," said Jay Theiler, marketing director of Snake River Farms. "We had no idea it would get this crazy. We thought: Who would be silly enough to pay \$41 for a burger?"

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tasks lie ahead for the Navy and for our entire military," Bush told the sailors.

One day before a defining moment arrives at the United Nations, where Bush seeks support – but not permission – for a U.S.-led strike on Iraq, the president bluntly challenged the U.N. Security Council to display its resolve and preserve its credibility.

On Friday morning, chief U.N. arms inspectors Hans Blix and Mohammed ElBaradei are scheduled to deliver their latest assessments of Saddam Hussein's compliance with U.N. mandates and Iraqi cooperation with weapons inspections.

Aides said the inspectors planned to deliver even-handed "interim" updates, but the United States and Britain hope the reports will persuade reluctant allies that Saddam will not disarm and that

military action is required.

In the end, though, the only question appeared to be whether the United States could win a new resolution from the Security Council, or, failing that, explicit backing from as many of its members as possible.

Either way, with or without new U.N. support, war with Iraq seems inevitable, probably by early March, or sooner if Saddam attempts to strike first.

The significance of Friday's meeting of the 15-member Security Council is reflected by who's coming. Among the attendees: Secretary of State Colin Powell, who issued a strong indictment of Saddam in the same forum last week. At least eight other foreign ministers also were planning to attend the meeting, including those from the four other veto-wielding permanent members – China, France, Russia and

the United Kingdom.

The United States does not plan to follow Blix's report with the immediate introduction of a new resolution authorizing military force, according to a State Department official.

Instead, Powell will try to use the report to sway other council members to the U.S. view that Saddam's chance to disarm peacefully has expired, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"At this point, why give them a resolution they can take aim at?" said the official, referring to France, Germany and others who oppose a war.

In November, the Security Council passed Resolution 1441, which presented Iraq with a "final opportunity" to comply with demands that it disarm itself of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and programs.

Noncompliance would be met with "serious consequences" – diplomatic code for war.

Fresh support for the U.S. and British view that the time for action has arrived came in response to word that Iraq possesses a missile that can reach well beyond the 93-mile limit imposed by the Security Council after the 1991 Gulf War.

An independent panel of experts, convened this week by Blix, analyzed information submitted by Iraq on tests of the al Samoud 2 missile and determined a range that reportedly exceeded the limit by as many as 24 miles.

But in another sign that war is fast approaching, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan met with ambassadors from all 15 Security Council nations to discuss humanitarian contingency planning for post-war Iraq.

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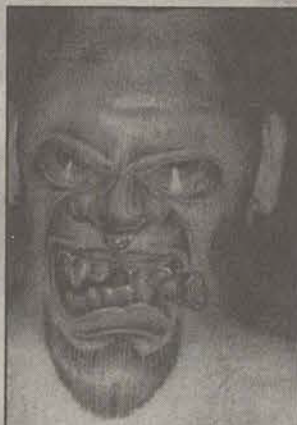
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Erikson to coach 49ers

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Dennis Erickson's big plans for the San Francisco 49ers are mostly small adjustments to the franchise's successful formula.

Erickson was introduced Wednesday as the 49ers' 14th head coach. He replaces Steve Mariucci, who was fired by owner John York on Jan. 15—and he plans to add one element to the 49ers that consistently was thought to be lacking during Mariucci's tenure.

"I think it all comes down to aggressiveness," Erickson said. "I want us to be aggressive on offense and on defense. I want to throw the ball down the field. I want us to hit hard, tackle hard, block hard. That mental aspect is the most important thing I can pursue."

The 49ers hired Erickson on Tuesday after their lengthy coaching search culminated in two intense interviews during the final four days.

Erickson met with York and General Manager Terry Donahue at the team's training complex in Santa Clara on Saturday, then hammered out contract details in Portland, Ore., on Monday.

York and Donahue firmly believe Erickson can improve on his 31-33 record with the Seattle Seahawks from 1995-98. Though the 49ers retained several assistant coaches, kept their venerated West Coast offense in place and gave Erickson no say in personnel matters, the team's bosses insist Erickson will have the leeway to build the 49ers in his image.

"I would be very disappointed if he didn't approach this team with a sense of independence and freedom to do what he wants to do," Donahue said. "This is his team to coach, and we're just here to work together with him."

York, who skipped the news con-

ference to announce Mariucci's firing, is pleased with the choice. After years of organizational infighting with Mariucci, York has cleared out every major football-related component of the 49ers hired by Eddie DeBartolo, the 49ers' former owner and York's brother-in-law.

"I think Dennis is going to have a better relationship with the organization (than Mariucci did), and I think

"I think Dennis is going to have a better relationship with the organization (than Mariucci did), and I think he's going to be more aggressive in his offensive approach."

—John York, Owner

he's going to be more aggressive in his offensive approach," York said. "Dennis wants to be here, and he wants to win."

Erickson has known Donahue since 1982, but his best memory of their relationship was a 1988 game in which Erickson's last Washington State team beat Donahue's No. 1-ranked UCLA squad.

Months later, Erickson was hired by the University of Miami, where he won two national titles.

"I really appreciated that day, thank you," Erickson said to Donahue with a grin. "Made my career."

True to York's desire in a strictly regimented organizational plan, Erickson has no interest in being involved in player personnel decisions.

Donahue and his front office staff will conduct the draft and all free-agent signings.

"I don't want the power to make every decision personnel-wise," Erickson said. "I want to coach football. That's what I was hired to do."

The players apparently approve of the choice, as well. On his flight from Portland to San Francisco on Tuesday night, Erickson was surprised in the first-class cabin by All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens. They had an amiable chat—a good first sign between the coach and his most talented player, who will be a free agent after next season.

"I think he was definitely the right person for this job," said Pro Bowl quarterback Jeff Garcia, who earlier criticized the 49ers' long search as embarrassing. "I look forward to working with him. We finally have a coach in the fold, and I think it's somebody who definitely deserves to be here."

Erickson also got the approval of Walsh, the former coach and general manager who's a top consultant to Donahue and York. Walsh tried to stay out of the hiring process after he was widely rumored as a driving force behind Mariucci's departure.

"I don't think they're that much different," Walsh said of his West Coast offense and Erickson's offense. "I just think he'll emphasize a part of our offense that we haven't emphasized much recently. I think he'll throw the ball down the field."

"His track record is as good as anybody out there. It's impeccable. Dennis is the guy that can get this offense turned around. Last year, the ball just wasn't getting released to our receivers downfield."

"It wasn't for me to coach it, or to complain and try to change it. Our coaching staff was doing the same things it always did, but it just wasn't happening. Our downfield game was nonexistent. I think he can shake things up and get us going again."

Eagles falter at Furman

G-A News Service

GREENVILLE, S.C. -- Guilherme Da Luz scored a season high 24 points and Karim Souchu added 22 points to lead Furman to a 77-69 win over Georgia Southern in Southern Conference men's basketball action Tuesday night at Timmons Arena.

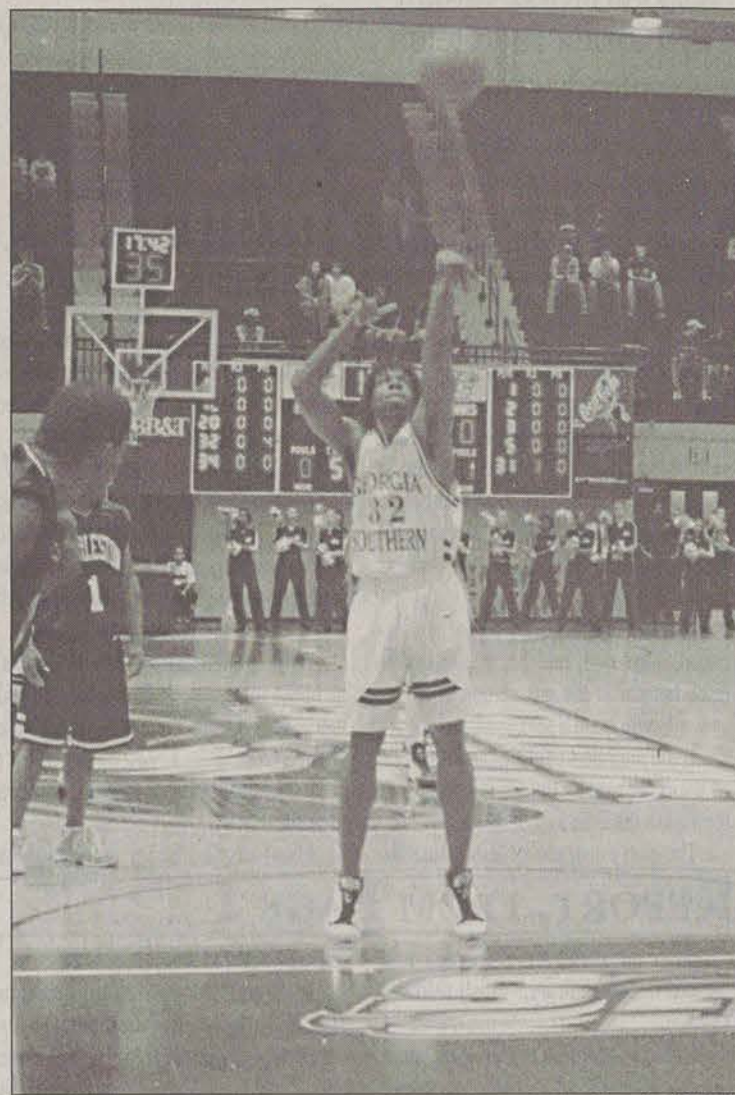
Da Luz, a senior point guard from Sao Paulo, Brazil, also tallied a game high eight assists, seven rebounds, and three steals in 36 minutes of action to help Furman (10-16, 4-8 SoCon) to only the fourth win in its last 12 games.

Georgia Southern (12-10, 5-6 SoCon), which got a career high 24 points and game high 10 rebounds from Frank Bennett, fell for the fourth time in its last five contests.

"We've relied on comebacks all year—probably too much—and tonight we were in that position again but we were too inconsistent to get the job done," said Georgia Southern head coach Jeff Price, whose team remained in fourth place in the Southern Conference South Division, one and a half games ahead of Furman.

Furman, which shot 48.1 percent from the field (26x54), blistered the nets from three-point range, converting 9-of-17 treys (52.9 percent). Da Luz made 6-of-10 field goals, 3-of-5 three-pointers, and went 9-of-11 at the free throw line to improve from 25th to 23rd on the Paladins' career scoring chart (1,192 points). His eight assists also moved him into fourth place on the Southern Conference's all-time assists ledger (639), ahead of Appalachian State's Tyson Patterson (638). Souchu's 22 points upped his career total to 1,882 points, leaving him just three points shy of Jerry Smith (1,885 points, 1961-63) as Furman's fourth all-time leading scorer.

The Southern Conference's field goal percentage leader entering the game, Georgia Southern was held to 41.5 percent from the field (27x65) and only 5-of-19 from three-point range (26.3 per-



Jessica Langley/STAFF

The Eagles traveled north to Greenville, SC only to bring home a 77-69 loss to the Paladins.

cent). Senior guard Julius Jenkins, the league's leading scorer (23.8 ppg), was held to a season low 10 points in 39 minutes of action but still managed to become the first player in Georgia Southern history to earn school Top 10 career rankings in points, steals, assists, and rebounds.

Furman grabbed the upperhand midway through the first half, using a 10-0 spurt to forge ahead 33-24 following a pair of Karim Souchu free throws with 4:01 left. Able to stretch its advantage to 12 points by halftime, Furman led 48-41 just over five minutes into the second half when it fashioned a 16-2 run on the strength of five three-pointers, to take what appeared to be a commanding 64-

43 lead following a trey by Jason Patterson at the 10:29 juncture.

Georgia Southern, which overcame a 21-point deficit to beat the Paladins 71-64 in Statesboro on Jan. 7, appeared poised to complete a similar comeback after a 19-2 run, highlighted by fastbreak layup by Julius Jenkins with 4:58 left, made it a 66-62 game.

But Furman blunted the Eagle rally with buckets from Souchu and Maleye Ndoeye and with solid work at the free throw line by Da Luz, who scored the Paladins' last six points at the line to preserve the victory.

Georgia Southern will host Wofford at Hanner Fieldhouse this Saturday, with tipoff slated for 7:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis holds off Mercer

G-A News Service

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team defeated Mercer, 5-2 Wednesday afternoon to improve to a 2-2 overall record.

The doubles pair of sophomore Charlotte Bruneteaux and freshman Marion Leuillier defeated Hannah Carter and Nicole Porterfield by a score of 8-1. Freshmen Karen Somm and Kim Wollett fell to Emma Pettersson and Jessica Osteen 9-8, losing the tiebreaker 10-8 as the Eagles lost the doubles point.

Freshman Stephanie Tyrell, Junior Callie Ward, Wollett and Somm

all took wins over Mercer at the No. 1, 4, 5 and 6 positions giving Georgia Southern a 4-1 lead over the Bears. Tyrell won by a score of 6-4, 6-2 over Lia Fabiano, Ward defeated Porterfield 6-3, 6-2, Wollett took a 6-3, 6-2 win over Osteen and Somm marked a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Hannah Carter. With the win clinched for GSU Bruneteaux and freshman Marion Leuillier played a super tiebreaker at the No. 2 and 3 positions.

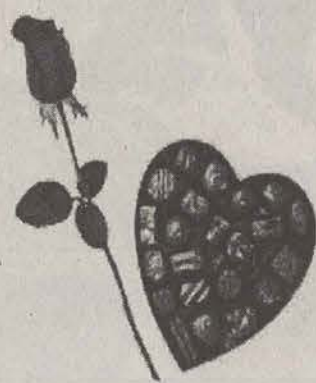
The Eagles travel to South Florida, Saturday, February 15 and will remain in Florida as they take on Florida A&M Sunday, February 16.

Results

Singles

Tyrell (GSU) def. Fabiano (MU), 6-4, 6-2
Bruneteaux (GSU) def. Pazsoldan (MU), 5-7, 6-1, 10-8
Pettersson (MU) def. Leuillier (GSU), 4-6, 7-6, 12-10
Wollett (GSU) def. Osteen (MU), 6-3, 6-2
Ward (GSU) def. Porterfield (MU), 6-3, 6-2
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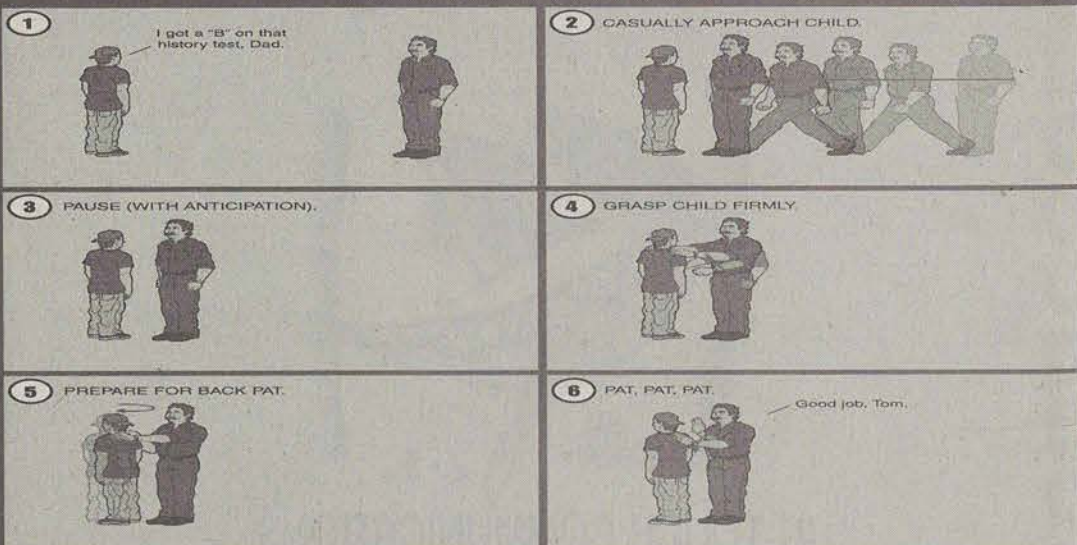
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Verdehr Trio performs at GSU

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The Verdehr Trio performed at Carol A. Recital Hall Wednesday at 8 p.m. The trio played selections from Ludwig van Beethoven, George Gershwin, Max Bruch, Alexander Arutunian, Marc Satterwhite, and Bright Sheng.

These selections were played with

a sincere and elegant tone. The Verdehr Trio, rooted in 1972, has presented 150 works in most of the United States, the former Soviet Union, and 16 European countries.

This music is not just a performance, but also a violent rebirth of some of the world's most exciting composers, which leaves the audience awestruck.

Pianist Yuri Funahashi is a native of Japan and has a Bachelor of Music. Funahashi also studied with Adele Marcus at the Julliard School and with John Perry at the University of Southern California.

Yuri's piano playing was something spectacular. The wave of crashing keys set the mood of the various selections presented with and by the Verdehr Trio. It was clearly shown that the piano could easily demonstrate a parallel relationship with vibrant and colorful sounds. These sounds seem to swim elegantly with the rest of the trio.

On violin was Walter Verdehr, born in Yugoslavia, who was also a student at the Julliard School and became the first student to receive a doctorate as a Fulbright Scholar. Walter has made numerous appearances as a soloist with orchestras and teaches music at Michigan State University.

Walter Verdehr's violin makes a sound that resonates like no other. At times the instrument could be compared to a weeping child, and then in an instant push all boundaries.

The tight collection of strings and the sway of the bow sounded like a quick gush of wind, and then the violin eased back with a steady breeze. With all combinations of aggressive violin and piano playing, the comforting sound of the clarinet brought a refreshing taste to the performance.

Elsa Ludwig-Verdehr carried the rest of the musical gathering with her sincere echo of the clarinet. Elsa studied at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and at the Eastman School from which she received a Performer's Certificate and the DMA degree. As a member of the Richards Wind Quintet, she has played in more than half of the United States, Canada, and even was invited to play in the White House.

Elsa also has solo recordings on Mark and Grenadilla labels. The performance of The Verdehr Trio is something that cannot be expressed or drawn. These three equally talented musicians are brilliant. Walter and Elsa Verdehr and Yuri Funahashi must be seen and heard to get the real meaning behind the music.



Special Photo

Verdehr Trio (from left to right), Elsa Ludwig-Verdehr (clarinet), Walter Verdehr (violin), and Yuri Funahashi (piano).

Hip Hop returns to its roots this weekend at Legends

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As hip-hop steadily becomes the driving force in today's pop culture, it is refreshing to see that not all of hip-hop culture has lost its way.

This is evident by an event that is being touted as "A battle of epic proportions." This Saturday at legends Dem YeP boys will present a DJ battle between two of the top DJ's in the area, DJ Vicious and C-Dubb the Hustla.

YeP-Executive member Chris Williams said that the group, which began in 2001 decided to present something that Georgia Southern has never seen. Since its inception, YeP, which stands for Young Entrepreneurs, has steadily become one of the premier entertainment companies on the club scene in Statesboro.

The Group has 16 members with six being the executive board. We wanted to do more than just open up the club," said Williams. They wanted to have events where they handle everything from the door to the acts that perform. Other acts that Dem YeP boys have presented have been Field Mob, Pastor Troy, and Killer Mike.

The event that they are presenting this weekend will be something that resembles the DJ battle from the hip-hop culture film *Juice*. The two participants, Vicious and C-Dubb, will each get 1 hour to perform on the 1's and 2's. Then there will be a final battle, where the two will battle it out for title of "King of Crunk."

DJ Vicious says that he sees the event as a return to the essence of

hip hop—The Battle. Vicious who began DJ at the age of 13 is originally from Philadelphia. He moved to Hinesville four years ago to work for Phat 104 fm and last year was a DJ for E93 Jamz. He now works at 6 clubs during the week in Atlanta, Savannah, and South Carolina.

C-Dubb will likely be the hometown favorite, since he is a current GSU student, who is also Programming Director at the campus radio station 91.9. C-Dubb also hosts his own radio show every Monday night. He has been a regular as a DJ for the past two years here at Georgia Southern.

No matter the outcome of the Battle YeP promises more events to come in the future that will continue to reshape the club scene here in Statesboro.

Out This Weekend In Theaters:



Special Photo

'Daredevil'

This movie tells the story of the Marvel Comics hero Daredevil, for whom the movie is named. Blinded by a toxic explosion as a child, Daredevil receives heightened sense and abilities. He uses these abilities in order to fight crime. PG-13.



Special Photo

'The Jungle Book 2'

This sequel to the classic Disney movie continues with the adventures of Mowgli and his bear friend Baloo. This time they are coming out of the jungle to go back to his old village to save them from his nemesis Shere Khan. G.

Bands in the 'Boro

Feb. 14

Tishamingo, Retrievers (1 University Plaza, 681-2444)

Originally from Tallahassee, FL, Tishamingo is a group of reunited friends whose blues-based rock and roll. Their inspiration of 60's and 70's rock can be heard through their guitars and vocals.

Wallace Green, Mellow Mushroom (6 University Plaza, 681-8788)

Wallace Green surfaced from the vast wreckage of a market over-saturated with glam-pop media. Releasing their third album, Superstar, on the Pladd Dot Records label, the sagacious trio has single-handedly proven that genuine art exists in all colors of the musical spectrum.



Special Photo

Local favorites Wallace Green will perform a special show at Mellow Mushroom Feb. 14.

Feb. 15

Four Stories, Buffalos (120 Lanier Dr., 681-3030)

This band has been playing gigs

for about four years together. Playing great covers and awesome originals, this band is no doubt one of the 'Boros favorites.

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