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Miss GSU Crowned

Leslie Culbertson, a Communications Arts major, was named this year's Miss Georgia Southern University last Saturday. Seen here, is Culbertson accepting the crown. Culbertson will go on to compete in the Miss Georgia Pageant in Columbus later this year.



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Only In America

Police find gun in suspect's buttocks

LAWRENCEVILLE — A police spokeswoman called it "unusual" that a 19-year-old almost smuggled a loaded pistol tucked between his buttocks into a county jail this week. Clifton Alexander Carter was transported to the Gwinnett County Jail on Tuesday after a school resource officer at Central Gwinnett High School recognized him as a suspect wanted in Barrow County. Upon searching him, officers found a loaded .25-caliber handgun hidden in the man's buttocks. There was a bullet in the chamber, sheriff's spokeswoman Stacey Kelley said. "I don't know how he was able to conceal the weapon in that area. It is very unusual," she said. Carter was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, carrying a weapon on a school campus and possession of a weapon by a jail inmate.

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Quote of the Day

"I'd like to think that when I sing a song, I can let you know all about the heartbreak, struggle, lies and kicks in the ass I've gotten over the years for being black and everything else, without actually saying a word about it."

- Ray Charles

Weekday Weather

Monday



HIGH 68°
LOW 44°

Tuesday



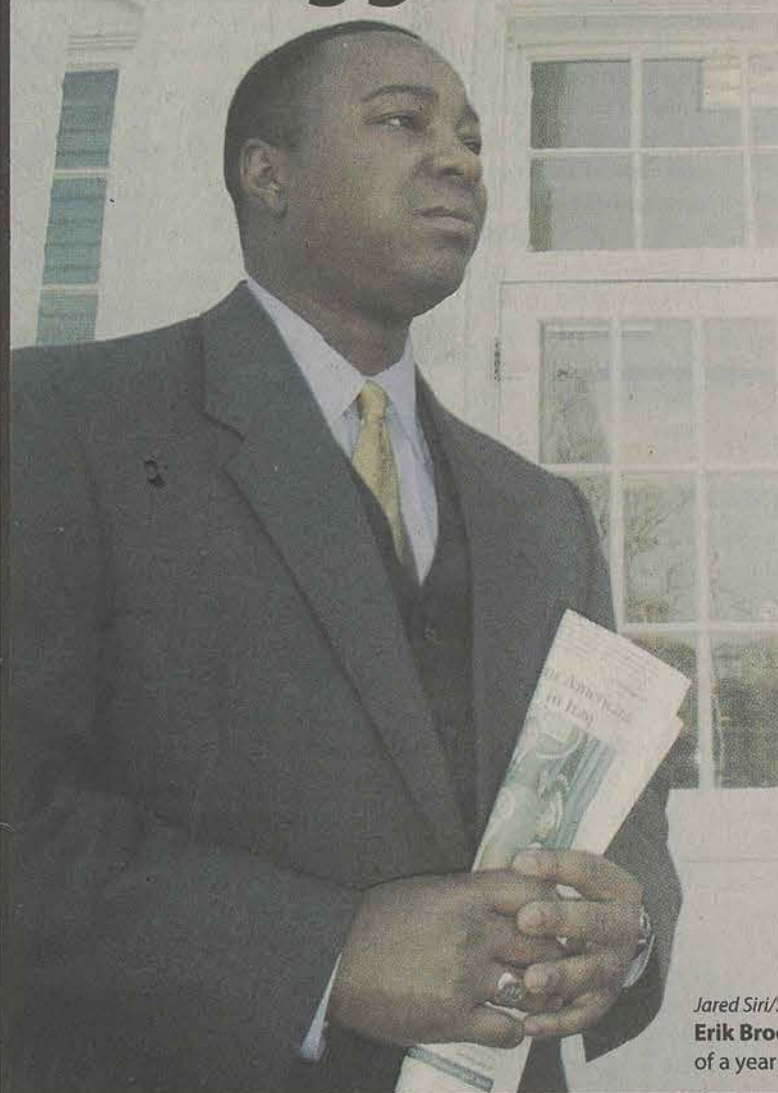
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Professor's research notes struggles of GSU minorities

By Adam Crisp • aac123@yahoo.com



During the early 60s, blacks desperately tried to gain entrance to the South's largest public universities.

In Arkansas, Alabama and even here in Georgia, protests, legal disputes and military intervention marked a troubling milestone in the journey for racial equality. The largest of the state schools were mostly integrated by 1963.

At Georgia Southern, the first black students would enroll in 1965 and for many, that's when blacks began to play a meaningful role in this small, sleepy school. But for Erik Brooks, a political science professor at GSU, the story begins much earlier and runs much deeper.

Brooks is documenting the history of blacks and the role they have played in shaping the history of GSU. For him, his research is a journey that is as much about preserving the past as it is about getting closer to his own roots.

"When you come to a new place, you want to learn about the people who have come before you," said Brooks, who joined the faculty at GSU two-and-a-half years ago. "You start searching for, and trying to uncover, the achievements of those that have come before you."

Brooks has spent the better part of a year searching through the 99-year history of African-American struggles, achievements and failures at GSU. He hopes to publish his research in a book, which could be released in 2006 on the 100-year anniversary of the university.

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Jared Siri/STAFF

Erik Brooks, a GSU professor of political science, has spent the better part of a year documenting black history at GSU. He hopes to publish his work.

Black History MONTH

Today *The George-Anne* begins a two-week series that will examine the history and future of blacks at Georgia Southern.

TODAY

Today, we begin our series on Black History Month. We will look at the history of blacks at Georgia Southern.

DAY 2

Carolyn Hobbs, who was among the first black graduates at GSU, talks on her experience.

DAY 3

We examine the history of black entertainers who visited GSU and the discrimination they faced.

DAY 4

Aside from Georgia State, GSU has the largest minority enrollment in the state. We examine what that means.

DAY 5

GSU has had active minority groups and strong black leaders. We examine if that is still the case.

DAY 6

GSU scholars talk on the current state of race relations. We get their take on what issues matter most.

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Restrictions on cold medicines a possibility



Hillary Jones/STAFF

Sudafed, NyQuill, Claritin-D and Tylenol Flu, all medicines that contain pseudoephedrine, would be held behind the counter at pharmacies if Senate Bill 24 and House Bill 19 pass. Consumers would have to show ID and sign a log before being allowed to purchase these drugs.

Illegal use may cause some over the counter drugs to be moved behind the counter

By Jennifer Maddox

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Georgia General Assembly is currently considering tighter restrictions on cold and sinus medications that contain the ingredient pseudoephedrine - which can be used to make methamphetamine, an illegal home-made stimulant.

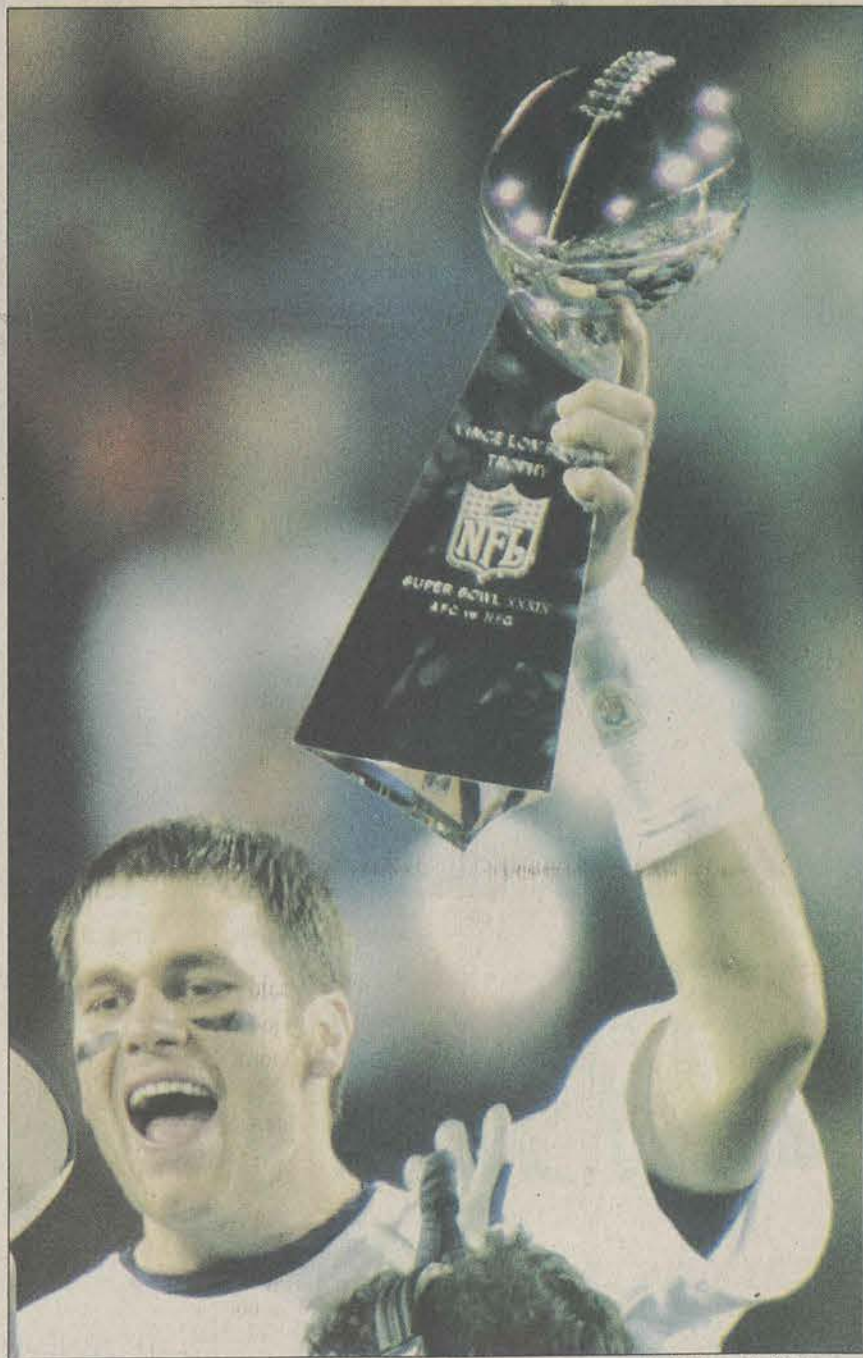
Methamphetamine is an addictive stimulant drug that strongly activates certain systems in the brain. It does this by releasing high levels of the neurotransmitter dopamine. The result

is stimulation of brain cells, which in turn enhances body and mood movement. Users normally use this drug in the smokeable form. Those that depend on this drug can easily develop an addiction problem.

According to Dr. Joanne Chopak-Foss of Georgia Southern's School of Public Health, addicts of methamphetamine experience a short-acting "rush" after use. Since it is in the nature of a stimulant drug to develop a short-acting response, the tendency is to use it

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Patriots win third Super Bowl in four years



AP Photo/Jeff Roberson

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds up the championship trophy after defeating the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21 to win Super Bowl XXXIX in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sunday. Some dynasties are pretty, some are perfect. The New England Patriots never worry about style points. The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years with a dominant second half Sunday, wearing down the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21. It wasn't overpowering and at times it was downright ugly.

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"It's well documented that at mid-sized, non-flagship universities (like GSU), the stories of blacks and their contributions sometimes get lost," said Brooks, whose doctoral research focused on integration. "Since the 100 years of the university was approaching, I wanted to ensure that blacks weren't forgotten here."

Alleged race mixing causes scandal in the 30s

In Brooks' near-completed book, he outlines key points in the university's history, where blacks have faced obstacles and overcome adversity. He also looks ahead and examines where blacks are headed.

He discusses an incident in the 1930s in which a university president was dismissed after allegations that he was trying to integrate the school. According to Brooks, Marvin Pittman, the president of then Georgia Teachers College, had five black professors from Tuskegee Institute tour the campus to observe GTC's innovative teaching practices. When a professor complained to Georgia Governor Eugene Talmadge, Pittman was dismissed from his job.

Throughout the scandal, which lasted more than three years, Pittman asserted that he was against integration of the school.

"It was a great crisis for GSU," said Del Presley, a retired professor who is researching GSU's history. "Prior to his dismissal, GSU was progressive and growing. His firing was a terrific blow. People rallied around Pittman and demonstrated against Talmadge any time he was in town."

Brooks says Pittman's stance on integration is backed up by numerous documents. He uses the text from a speech in which Pittman delivered after being cleared of the charges and reinstated in his job at the university.

"I am a southerner by birth and rearing," said Pittman in his speech. "I am the grandson of a slave owner, the son of a Confederate soldier. I have the same attitude on that question (integration) as has every other intelligent, right-spirited southern white man."

Brooks says that while Pittman welcomed visiting black professors, he was not the architect behind the invitation.

"Pittman was just continuing the practice of other presidents," said Brooks, pointing out that the black professors, which included George Washington Carver, had been coming to Statesboro for a number of years.

The Pittman incident is well documented by GSU historians. In many ways, Pittman is seen as the patriarch of GSU. Today, the administration building, with white columns, which are the trademark of the school, is named for Pittman. Other buildings, and even an exhibit at the library, serve as a memorial to the former president.

Discrimination was a fact for southerners, GSU students

While Brooks thought the Pittman incident important enough to headline his book, he says other lesser-known facts are just as intriguing. Pittman was white and he faced opposition for allowing blacks to speak on campus. Brooks says the same sort of persecution is common throughout GSU's history.

"Georgia Southern isn't an anomaly," said Brooks. "It was right in the middle of an area that wasn't supportive of civil rights. Students here didn't want the school to be integrated and neither did the people in the community."

During the 50s and 60s, Brooks says it wasn't uncommon for black entertainers to come to GSU to perform. What he says is less common is the practice of letting other blacks sit in on, or even watch, the performances.

"These black groups would come and perform for the white sororities and fraternities, but they'd have to enter through the colored entrances and they couldn't even eat with white people," said Brooks.

Integration was turbulent

The same sort of discrimination was common and perhaps more prevalent when nine black students integrated the school in 1965, says Brooks.

"There is a myth that integration of the school occurred gracefully," said Brooks, who admits that GSU blacks were spared the sort of abuse that was common at larger schools. "My book discusses the passive-aggressive resistance put up by students and faculty to ensure that African-American students faced an uncomfortable campus

atmosphere."

Later, after black students began to have a more prominent enrollment, Brooks says a revolution began to take place.

"We had a very active African-American student body," said Brooks. "They were very aware of social issues."

Brooks details a number of protests that included black students.

"If you look back through old copies of *The George-Anne*, you see gobs and gobs of pictures of student with afros and lots of protests," said Brooks, who laments that now many of the organizations that were most active in the civil rights movement are now almost strictly social groups.

"This generation of students, and even the last couple generations, are among those who have not seen the civil rights movement first hand," he said. "They don't get as involved in activism because of that."

"We've had strong black leaders at GSU," he said, pointing out that over the last six years all but one student government president has been black. "But what black people need is a strong set of national black leaders to move people."

Present, future is brighter

A good portion of Brooks' work outlines the discrimination blacks have faced at GSU, but he ends the book by discussing GSU's large minority enrollment, which he says is the second highest in the state, only eclipsed by Georgia State University.

Brooks examines the growth of black enrollment over a 40-year period. Today, he says, the blacks equal about 23 percent of the enrollment here. He hopes the final chapter will highlight how far blacks have come, while addressing what the future might hold.

Brooks has submitted a synopsis of his book to a prominent scholastic publisher in hopes the group will publish the book when it's completed. If picked up Brooks' book could see large-scale distribution, which the GSU professor says would be great exposure for the cause of race relations.

In all, Brooks says he wants his work to shed light on an often forgotten part of the school's history.

"I want to tell an untold story. Often, these stories can get overlooked."

Ossie Davis, the imposing, unshakable actor, dies at 87

GSU professor recalls Davis' recent visit to Georgia Southern

From staff and wire reports

NEW YORK - Ossie Davis, whose rich baritone and elegant, unshakable bearing made him a giant of the stage, screen and the civil rights movement - often in tandem with his wife, Ruby Dee - has died. He was 87.

Davis was found dead Friday in his hotel room in Miami Beach, Fla., according to officials there. He was making a film, "Retirement," said Arminda Thomas, who works in his New Rochelle office and confirmed the death.

One Georgia Southern professor holds Davis in high regard. Mical Whitaker, a communication arts professor—who worked for Davis and produced him and his wife's nationally syndicated radio show in the 1970s—says that America has lost a great champion.

"He was such a great role model—and what a role model he was—not just to me, but to many people," Whitaker said. "He helped me and so many more get to where we are now, and has written his name in the fabric of this nation."

Davis wrote, acted, directed and produced for the theater and Hollywood.

Davis and Dee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1998 with the publication of a dual autobiography, "With Ossie & Ruby: In This Life Together."

The oldest of five children, Davis was born in tiny Cogdell, Ga., in 1917, and grew up in nearby Waycross and Valdosta.

He left home in 1935, hitchhiking to Washington, D.C., to enter Howard University, where he studied drama, intending to be a playwright.

His career as an actor began in 1939 with the Rose McClendon Players in Harlem.

After the outbreak of World War II, Davis spent nearly four years in service, mainly as a surgical technician in an Army hospital in Liberia, serving both wounded troops and local inhabitants.

Back in New York in 1946, he debuted on Broadway in "Jeb," a play about a returning soldier. His co-star was Dee.

Besides Dee, Davis is survived by three children Nora, Hasna and Guy, a



Associated Press

Actor Ossie Davis, who has spoken at GSU in recent years, died Friday.

TRIBUTE

Actor Ossie Davis dies

Ossie Davis, the imposing, unshakable actor who championed racial justice on stage, on screen and in real life, often in tandem with his wife, Ruby Dee, died. He was 87.

Selected career highlights

Films

"No Way Out" (1950), "The Joe Louis Story" (1953), "The Cardinal" (1963), "The Hill" (1965), "The Scalphunters" (1968), "Cotton Comes to Harlem" (director - 1970), "Countdown at Kusini" (director - 1976), "Do the Right Thing" (1988), "Jungle Fever" (1991), "Malcolm X" (1992), "Grumpy Old Men" (1993), "The Client" (1994), "Dr. Dolittle," (1998)

Theater

"Anna Lucasta" (1946-47), "The Wisteria Trees" (1950), "No Time for Sergeants" (1955), "Jamaica" (1957), "Purlie Victorious" (also playwright - 1961), "Ballad for Bimshire" (1963), "The Zulu and the Zayda" (1965), "Purlie" (musical version of Purlie Victorious - 1970), "I'm Not Rappaport" (1986)

Television

"The Defenders" (1963-65) "Roots: The Next Generations" (1979), "Evening Shade" (1990-94), "The Stand" (1994)

Notable

Delivered eulogy for Malcolm X in 1965; received the Kennedy Center Honors in 2004

Illustration by Janet Hamlin • AP

blues artist, and seven grandchildren.

Davis and his wife Dee were in Statesboro at the city's bicentennial celebration in December of 2003.

For those interested in signing a

book of condolences to be sent to his wife, Dee, a table will be set up from Tuesday until Friday at Tremble & Sons Funeral home, located on Main Street in Statesboro.

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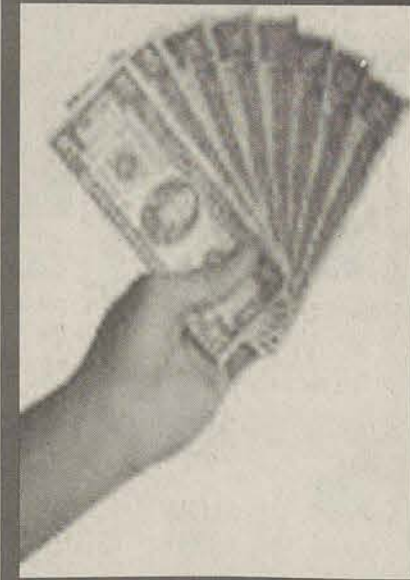
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it often in order to sustain a high. According to Chopak-Foss, abuse of this drug can lead to brain damage, irreversible blood vessel damage, respiratory problems, cardiovascular collapse and even death.

There are already signs up in drugstores to remind shoppers that the federal government limits how much pseudoephedrine they can buy at one time. However, there have been proposals as how to modify such restrictions. The strongest versions call for removing over-the-counter cold pills from store shelves in Georgia and requiring them to be dispensed only by a pharmacist, or a technician under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. Less severe proposals would call for questionable medications to be kept behind counter or locked up in a cabinet.

There have been two bills introduced to Congress (Senate Bill 24 and House Bill 19) that call for buyers of cold medications (such as Sudafed, NyQuil, Claritin-D, and Tylenol Flu) to show photo ID and sign a log maintained by the pharmacy so as to allow those dispensing the drug to keep track of how much people are buying.

MAP, FROM PAGE 1

The GOP's motivation is clear. Some of the districts meander through a dozen or more counties, with bizarre shapes meant to carefully pick up certain voters.

Democrats openly said the lines were drawn to boost the number of Democrats sent to Congress, and they did. In 2000, only three of the state's 11 seats were held by Democrats. Now, Democrats hold six of Georgia's 13 seats. (The state gained two more congressional seats following the 2000 census.)

GOP leaders have long said the map is wrong and should be fixed to make districts more compact. As a bonus, the Republicans might even pick up a seat or two in Congress.

If Republicans try to redraw the map, they'll get a fight from Democrats. The minority party will argue

The ultimate goal of these proposed restrictions would be to limit methamphetamine makers' access to pseudoephedrine. Thus there would be less cold medications making their way to methamphetamine labs - where this illegal drug is produced. Even though this may seem as an inconvenience to customers, these restrictions are being proposed for their best interest. A customer walking out of a drugstore with a couple of packs of Sudafed is one thing, trying to buy over 500 pills is something else.

Chopak-Foss seems to agree, saying that she "would feel more comfortable having this drug being dispensed this way than having them abused."

The properties of this drug are what make it ideal for those in need of a decongestant drug. However, there is a population of addicts in every community, and methamphetamine is a fairly easy and inexpensive drug to make. Therefore, according to Chopak-Foss, even though it might not be a direct threat to most people, it is important to be aware of the risks involved. "When used as intended methamphetamine is not a danger," she said.

that a Republican lawsuit to try to throw the maps out failed - a federal judge ruled the map was OK - and that any attempt to redistrict will be a waste of state resources for political purposes.

Legislators would also open themselves to intense scrutiny from current members of Congress, who send packs of staffers to watch over each redistricting process in hopes of getting an easier-to-win district. Incumbent congressmen would be understandably leery of changing a district they've already proven they can win.

When Franklin, the House Reapportionment chairman, gathered his committee for the first time last week, he said he had no idea whether they'd meet again. But he vowed that Republicans would do a careful job if they decide to tackle the map.

National News Briefs Rumsfeld says Iraq needs time to develop forces

WASHINGTON — Iraq will need time to build up forces sufficient to handle a potential threat from its neighbors — specifically Iran — even after Baghdad proves capable of overcoming the insurgency at home, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Sunday.

Both Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney, in comments during Sunday talk shows, brushed off concern that Islam could guide Iraq's new government. Cheney said Iraq will shape its own government, and Rumsfeld predicted that choosing a system mirroring that of Iran would be "a terrible mistake."

Rumsfeld said he doesn't believe President Bush's State of the Union

declaration that U.S. troops will leave Iraq when the country "is democratic, representative of all its people, at peace with its neighbors, and able to defend itself" means American forces will be there for years to come.

"What he meant was that the Iraqis' internal security forces would be capable of managing the security situation inside the country," Rumsfeld told ABC's "This Week."

Rumsfeld said no one can know how long it will take to train various forces to secure Iraq internally, dismissing analysts' predictions of at least two years. One of several factors, he told ABC, is the behavior of Iran and Syria and "the extent to which they're going to be unhelpful or helpful."

Syria has not done all it can to ease the insurgency in Iraq, Rumsfeld said, nor has it released millions of dollars in Iraqi assets.

"There is no doubt that the Baathists are located in Syria, from Iraq," the secretary told "Late Edition" on CNN.

Some religious leaders in Iraq say they want Islam to be a guiding principle of the Iraqi constitution to be written. Cheney urged caution in forecasting what a future Iraqi government might do. He said Iraqis will determine the role of religion in their government as well as its others tenets.

"This is going to be Iraqi, whatever it is. It's not going to be American," Cheney told "Fox News Sunday."



Donald Rumsfeld talks about Iraq during the taping of 'Meet the Press' Sunday.

Abducted teen found unharmed in Florida

MACON — A 14-year-old Macon girl abducted from her home on Friday was found unharmed in Kissimmee, Fla., on Saturday, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said.

The FBI rescinded its Levi's Call for Kendralyn Radford after she was found in a car in the parking lot of a Wal-Mart store. Authorities said Michael Dewitt Hightower, 39, was arrested.

Other details were not immediately available.

Macon police detective David Patterson said Radford was home with her 80-year-old adoptive grandfather, Hugh Hunnicutt, when Hightower forced his way in through the side door.

The suspect, who is married to Kendralyn's biological mother, struck Hunnicutt in the back of the head, took his wallet and keys and forced the teen from the house.

Authorities said they are not sure what the motive was for the kidnapping. But they noted that Kendralyn's

biological mother, Tracy Hightower, filed for divorce from the suspect Thursday.

Students suspended for homemade rap CD

JOHNSTON, R.I. - Fourteen students at a Rhode Island high school have been suspended for producing a rap music CD that administrators say

is offensive and has angered parents in town.

The musicians rap about violence, binge drinking and mention some female students by name, and that they are prone to have sex.

The CD started circulating around the school this week and about 50 were sold, according to school officials.

Parents caught wind of it and alerted administrators.

Schools Superintendent Margaret Iacovelli gave each student a five-day suspension.

They also must perform 10 hours of community service and receive some in-school sensitivity training.

The CD was made off school grounds, according to school officials.

A final report on the school investigation should be released on Monday, according to Iacovelli.

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02/10/05	Nestle Waters North America	Resume Drop	Transportation Coordinator	02/10/05	Resume Collection
02/17/05	Centex Construction, Inc.	Open	Internship/Co-op	02/15/05	Carruth
02/17/05	Akxo Nobel	Resume Drop	Engineering Co-op	02/17/05	Resume Collection
02/18/05	Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractor	Open	Estimator/ Full Time; Co-op & Internships	02/16/05	Carruth
02/18/05	C.L. Services, Inc.	Open	CSR/Dispatcher	02/16/05	Williams Center
02/18/05	Brasfield & Gorrie LLC	Open	Estimator/.Full Time; Co-op & Internships	02/16/05	Carruth
02/18/05	Expeditors International of Washington	Preselect	Transportation Writer	02/04/05	COBA 3336
02/24/05	Hormel Foods Corporation	Preselect	Production Supervisor	02/10/05	Williams Center
02/24/05	BB&T	Preselect	Management Associate for Management Development Program/Full Time	02/10/05	COBA 3336
02/24/05	K-Mart Corporation	Preselect	Loss Prevention Mgr/Management Trainees	02/10/05	Williams Center
02/24/05	College Directory Publishing	Open	Account Executive	02/22/05	Russell Union
02/24/05	Disney	Open	Walt Disney World Host/Hostess; Internships	02/22/05	Russell Union
02/24/05	Knight Transportation Services	Open	Resource & Customer Service Manager	02/22/05	COBA 3336
02/24/05	Turner Construction	Open	Field Engineer	02/22/05	Carruth
03/01/05	Progressive Insurance	Preselect	Claims Representative	02/15/05	Williams Center
03/04/05	AXA Advisors - Retirement Benefits Group	Open	Financial Consultant	03/04/05	Williams Center
03/08/05	Sherwin-Williams	Preselect	Management Trainee	02/22/05	Williams Center
03/08/05	Walgreens	Open	Retail Management Internship and Full-Time	03/08/05	Williams Center
03/08/05	Buckeye International, Inc.	Preselect	Sales Representative	02/22/05	COBA 3336
03/09/05	Target	Open	Assets Protection Team Leader, Executive Team Leader, & Store Management Internship	03/07/05	Williams Center
03/10/05	Norfolk Southern Corporation	Preselect	Management Trainee	02/24/05	Williams Center
03/16/05	GA Department of Audits	Preselect	Staff Auditor	03/02/05	COBA 3336
03/31/05	United McGill	Preselect	Regional Sales Associate/ Sales Engineer/HVAC	03/17/05	Williams Center
04/04/05	ABF Freight System, Inc.	Preselect	Management Trainee	03/21/05	Williams Center
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Our Opinion

No need to redraw Georgia districts

In Georgia, politicians can't let sleeping dogs lie. In an attempt to one-up the already dying Democratic dog, Georgia Republicans are stepping up their attempts to redraw Congressional districts.

In 2001, after getting new census numbers, the Georgia legislature voted to redraw congressional district lines. At the time, Democrats ruled the state capitol and they drew the lines to send more of their like-minded candidates to Washington and Atlanta.

They did it by putting strong Democratic candidates in districts with weaker Republicans and trying to throw in as many minority and urban voters into districts they thought needed to be Democratic.

Perhaps the best example of a district meant to send a donkey to Washington is right here in the third congressional district. The district winds and bends over a hundred miles, but just as Georgia Democrats had hoped, voters here selected a Democrat to go to Washington last November.

The change four years ago was quite chaotic. After all was said and done, there were disputes from both sides of the aisle, complaining that certain districts were gerrymandered and drawn unfairly. Some of these disputes wound up in court, costing millions and millions of unnecessary dollars.

This same situation is bound to happen again if the state legislature decides to get out their red pens and try to "fairly" re-draw the state's congressional district lines.

Some say the current districts are drawn to favor Democrats. But upon looking at the current congressional representation of Georgia, there are seven Republicans and six Democrats that comprise the state's 13 congressional seats.

We may not be political experts here, but it sounds like the current map is about as fairly drawn as it can be. Granted, when the map was drawn in 2001, there were many fewer Democrats in congress than there are now, but that seems to be the most logical reason why the map was redrawn that year.

We hope that this talk of redrawing the congressional district map is just talk and not something that the legislature seriously plans to do. If they do go with it, however, they will only encounter partisan bickering and waste a lot of time.

letters to the editor

New college recruitment methods pique interest

This is in response to the article printed in *The George-Anne* concerning new recruitment tactics by the university system.

I thought it was very interesting that schools are now trying to find new ways to get students to apply and enroll. This seems to reiterate my theory that propaganda is everywhere. I do not intend to say that it is a bad idea for the school to try and attract the best and the brightest in the country. I am interested to know whether or not Georgia Southern also looks at the students' records before they are contacted or are they randomly picked.

I found that early propaganda from college throughout my high school career seemed to attract me more to those schools. It makes the

typical high school student feel special when a college seems interested in them. I believe that both the birthday cards and phone calls are also a great tactic to attract potential students. It would have been pretty informative for current GSU students if you would have also included information on how we can get involved with these activities.

I remember actually having a discussion about this article with some of my acquaintances and wanting to know how we could make a difference. Overall, I thought it was a compelling article.

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Equating abortion with genocide goes overboard

I am a student at Georgia Southern. I am a member of Georgia Southern's Young Democrat's Society and am still licking wounds from the unfortunate outcome of November's presidential election.

I recently picked up a copy of *The George-Anne* for the first time and was appalled by an article I read. It portrayed an amount of ignorance I was surprised to see in a college newspaper. It was Randy Dobson's article on partial-birth abortion.

I understand completely that this is an extremely controversial issue. I also respect

the beliefs and opinions of others. However, it was extremely difficult to overlook the use of the word "genocide" in this article. How dare he or anyone else compare the mass hatred and slaughtering of a group of people to a woman's right to choose whether or not she wishes to terminate a pregnancy that she does not wish to continue or is harmful to her own health? I feel that this is a complete disgrace to our school's newspaper.

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DJ crew should be fired for playing tsunami song

I recently read an article about a New York radio morning crew that was suspended for "airing a tasteless song parody that mocked victims of the catastrophic south Asia tsunami." I felt automatic disgust.

I feel that Miss Jones of Hot 97 thoughtlessly disrespected millions of victims, family members, and ordinary people who care about the outcome of the tragedy. I believe, and most will agree, that a suspension and a week's salary is not enough.

If she went over there or even talked to a child who no longer has a family, I feel she and her crew would feel a sincere remorse for what they have done. It will take a long time for them to be forgiven for saying such snide remarks about the deaths of thousands of innocent people.

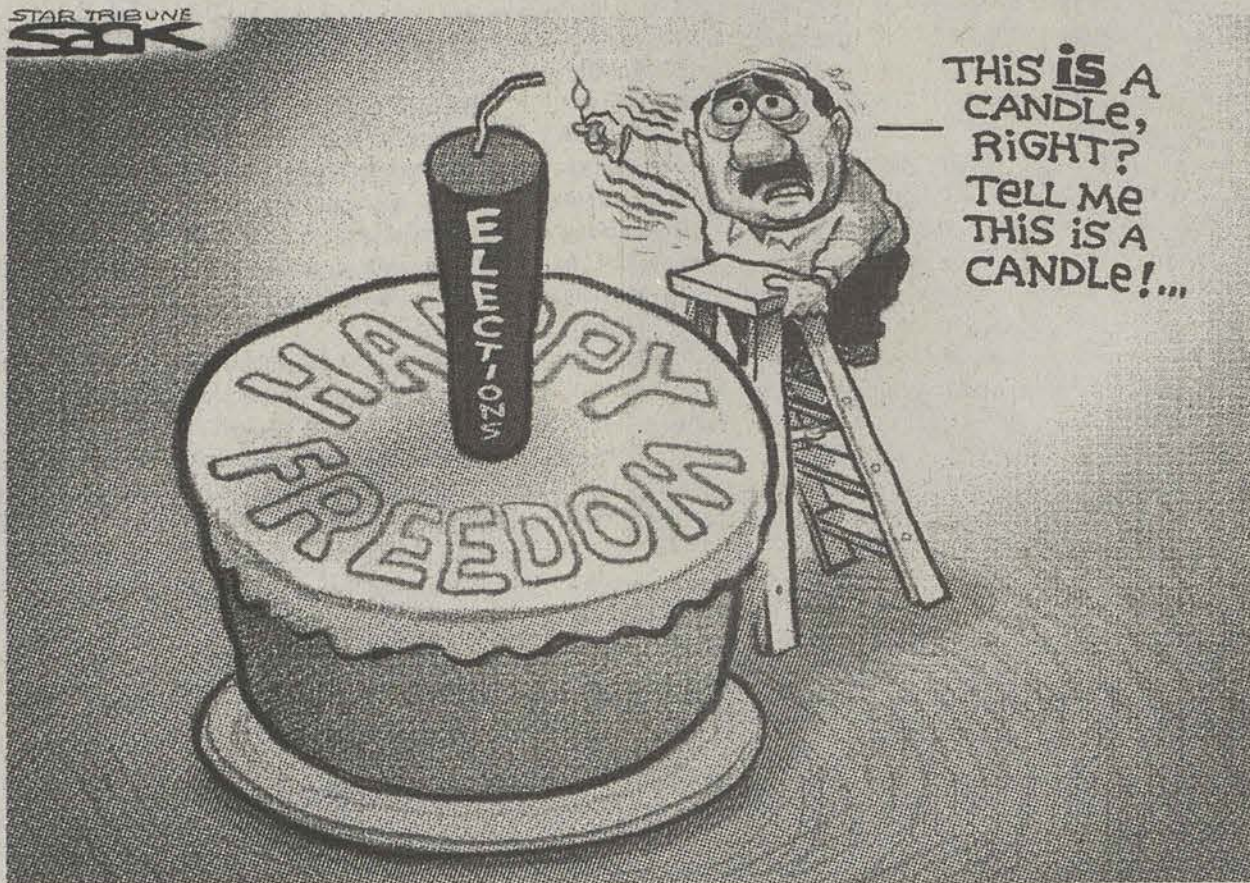
Of course, the first amendment would instantly be involved, but I think they should

be suspended indefinitely. They will have to learn that just because you have the freedom to say something does not necessarily mean it should be said. It makes the reader of the article wonder if they thought about making a parody song about the tragedy when the Pentagon was attacked and the World Trade Center was destroyed. They at least had one thing in common - they both had death tolls so high that amount of people who died in both incidents is the same as, if not higher than, the populations of some small or even medium-sized countries. All in all, I believe that the song invoked instant hate for her. I hope that she and her crew have learned a valuable lesson about self-censorship.

I also hope that people will find it in their hearts to forgive her for the things she said.

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Democrat ponders party switch

I'm a reasonable person who can admit whenever I am wrong (well, most of the time).

Yes, my party did lose their bid for the White House last November and had an overall poor showing at the polls. So maybe I've been wrong; maybe the Republican Party is the party for me. But before I move my letter from the discontented Democratic Party to the party of the good ol' boy Republicans, I need some clarification on some issues.

The Value of Life

The GOP is known for being pro-life. They are anti-abortion, and feel it is not a pregnant woman's right to choose whether or not she wants to carry a baby. Essentially, Republicans value life in the womb at conception.

However, they seem to not care about that life once it has journeyed through the birth canal. Over and over, the party has cut spending for the poor, be it through social programs for poverty-stricken people or Medicaid, a healthcare program for poor Americans.

They have also cut spending for government subsidized housing, making sure that the homeless stay in their boxes on the streets and under bridges. Oh, and let's not forget their stance on the death penalty: "Kill 'em, and kill 'em good." Be it through lethal injection or frying in a chair, Republicans say it's OK.

The Party of Democracy

Republicans claim to be the party that wants to preserve and spread democracy, not only in America, but also across the world. Hell, they love democracy so much that they even force it on other countries, like they did in Iraq. Oh, and here's another great example of how much they love democracy: They totally canned it in the 2000 Presidential Election.

Freedom: What a Great Idea

President Bush must have used the word "freedom" and its synonyms in his Inaugural and State of the Union Addresses at least three million times. And why shouldn't he? How profound! What better way to spread freedom than to invade a country and force

the people to vote in democratic elections (there's that democracy again)? And what about those smart bombs? They've been spreading freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan since March 2003.

"The Party of Lincoln"

Some Republicans have tried to label their party as the one that Lincoln would have been involved with, and I would have to say they have done this to try and appeal to black voters. I must say, the ideals of Lincoln's Republican Party and the current one are a little different. Answer me this, though: If a racist were to subscribe to a current political party, do you think it would be the Democratic Party or Republican? (In case you don't understand the question, the answer is the latter of the two.)

Less Government Interference in the Lives of Americans

Isn't this a good one? Republicans are always touting how much they are working to keep Big Brother out of the business of Americans. But their policies don't seem to parallel this stance. They may be out of our lives, but they sure do want to be in our bedrooms, making sure we're having sex with someone of the opposite gender and in the exclusive position of Mary and Joseph. Again, they want to be out of our lives, but seem to want to be in the minds of American's children. "No sex before marriage"; "Don't do drugs" their tax-funded campaigns read. These are essentially all the encouragement a child needs to try such things.

Again, I can admit when I'm wrong. But looking over this list I would say I am right, and so are all others who subscribe to the ideals of the Democratic Party.

And about the clarification I said I may need in the first paragraph of this column, disregard that; all the clarification that I need to make my decision is here in my list above. So, dear Republicans, I will not be moving my letter from my party to yours.

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Higher education: Boys will be boys?

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The following editorial appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on Wednesday, Feb. 2:

For a smart guy in charge of a smart place, Harvard President Lawrence Summers said an awfully dumb thing last month when he suggested that boys may do better in math and science because they are boys.

Summers made the remarks to a conference of 50 scholars at Cambridge addressing the topic, "Diversifying the Science and Engineering Workforce: Women, Underrepresented Minorities and Their S&E Careers."

There was no transcript of his remarks, but Summers is reported to have put forth three hypotheses for why women lag in math and science careers: They have children to raise and are unwilling or unable to put in the long hours to succeed like their male counterparts; they are discriminated against; they are less likely than men to score at the very top of math achievement tests. In mentioning that

more boys than girls score at the very top and the very bottom of these tests, Summers cited the work of sociologist Yu Xie.

Among scholars taking issue with that observation was Xie, who was at the meeting. "The evidence is not there on innate ability," he told *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Xie noted that there has been a steady increase over the past decades in the number of women pursuing math, science and engineering careers.

Though Summers has apologized for his comments, others say there's truth to the innate ability theory and that the outcry over his remarks is just another case of political correctness run amok.

Harvard's president certainly is free to say what he pleases. Intellectual exploration uninhibited by censorship is one of the hallmarks of the academic pursuit of knowledge. But just as important is the ability to identify tired stereotypes and to get past them.

It's one thing to call, as Summers did, for more scholarly research on this sensitive issue; it's quite another to discuss it as if researchers already have turned up a gene that causes girls to favor Barbie dolls over science kits.

There is a chicken-and-egg question here. Do more girls want dolls because they are girls or because the powerful river of popular culture pushes parents and girls in that direction? Certainly, it is harder for a girl to swim against that river to make it into an engineering school, than it is for a boy to go with the flow.

Summers might be able to get out of the jam by trying to solve this word problem: Now that women account for almost half of the bachelor's degrees in math and chemistry, why do they comprise only 10 percent of faculty positions? For extra credit, Summers might try to solve the question of why there were only four women among the 32 professors offered tenure at Harvard last year.

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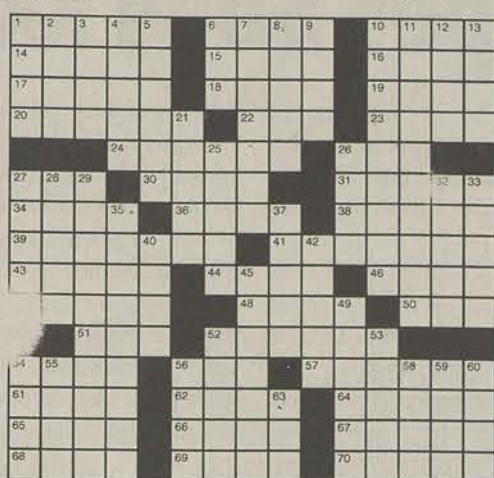
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Patriots clip Eagles' wings, take Super Bowl XXXIX

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Dynasties don't have to be perfect or pretty. They just have to win - like the New England Patriots.

The Patriots won their third Super Bowl in four years with a dominant second half Sunday night, wearing down the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21.

It wasn't overpowering and at times it was downright ugly. But it was more than enough to match the Dallas Cowboys' run of the 1990s and certify the Patriots of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady as the NFL's latest dynasty.

With MVP Deion Branch tying a Super Bowl record for receptions with 11, Brady efficiently running the offense and Rodney Harrison sparking a smothering defense, the Patriots won their ninth successive postseason game. That ties the record of Vince Lombardi's Packers of the 1960s and there's hardly any

better company a team can keep.

The difference once again was an Adam Vinatieri field goal, this one a 22-yarder with 8:40 to go. New England won its other two Super Bowls by the margin of Vinatieri's kicks.

Philadelphia (15-4) got the ball back at its four with 46 seconds remaining. It was hardly enough time and far too much territory to cover against such a formidable foe.

Harrison got his second interception with nine seconds remaining to end it.

Playing before a sea of mostly green jerseys in the crowd of 78,125, the Patriots made sure Philadelphia would not get its first pro sports title since 1983. Indeed, it's been 45 years since the Eagles won the NFL crown. And even though they made it to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 seasons - after three straight conference championship flops - their season still ended in disappointment.

Corey Dillon, a newcomer to the championship game, scored the go-ahead points on a

two-yard run early in the fourth quarter. And when Branch wasn't running free and catching passes, the Patriots flaunted their versatility by again using linebacker Mike Vrabel to find the end zone.

Brady wasn't as fluid as he was when he won the MVP awards in the 2002 and 2004 games, but he was on-target much of the time, finishing 23-for-33 for 236 yards and two TDs.

When the offense bogged down or turned over the ball, Harrison and his mates forced four turnovers, including a goal-line interception by the veteran safety. The Patriots (17-2) also had four sacks, making Donovan McNabb look ordinary, even skittish at times.

And while Terrell Owens' return from a seven-week injury layoff was an individual success - he had nine catches for 122 yards - it was not nearly the star turn that Branch made.

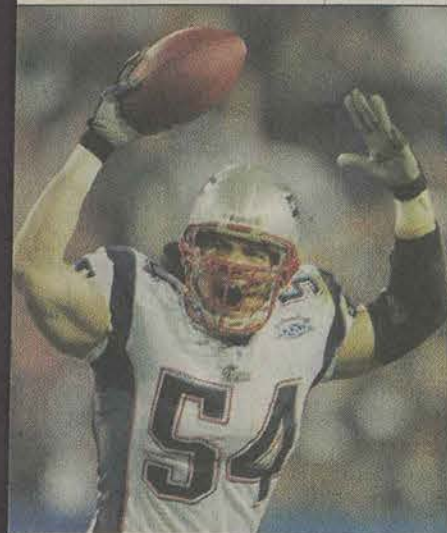
Branch's 11 catches covered 133 yards as he victimized one of the league's best secondaries. The Eagles showed resilience by responding

with a 74-yard drive on which Brian Westbrook accounted for 39 yards, including the 10-yard score. McNabb whipped a pass over the middle between two defenders for the TD.

Still, as winners always do, the Patriots reasserted themselves, effectively using screen passes against a tiring defense. Even when Eagles defenders shouted to each other to watch for the screen, New England made it work, particularly on Kevin Faulk's 14-yarder that preceded Dillon's two-yard run to make it 21-14.

Vinatieri, who made last-second kicks to win the previous two Super Bowls, hit his chip shot to make it 24-14. When the Eagles came back on Greg Lewis' 30-yard TD reception with 1:48 remaining, things got tight.

Their victory gave New England its second team championship since the fall. This was hardly as dramatic as the long-suffering Red Sox winning the World Series. Still, Boston is the hub of champions.



Julie Jacobson/AP Photo

New England Patriots' Ted Bruschi celebrates after intercepting a fourth-quarter pass intended for Philadelphia Eagles' L.J. Smith during Super Bowl XXXIX.

GSU softball begins 2005 season at the 'Bama Bash'

By Trevor Long

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The Eagles began their 2005 softball campaign this weekend with four straight losses at the Bama Bash, hosted by the University of Alabama.

After the four upsets, the team finally got it all together in the fifth and final game of the weekend, putting up six runs to defeat Evansville, 6-2.

In their first two games on Friday, Georgia Southern fell to Evansville 2-0 and was then upset in extra innings 5-4 by Alabama-Birmingham. Saturday picked up right where Friday left off, with the Eagles dropping back-to-back games to No. 12 University of Alabama.

The Crimson Tide took game one 8-4 and shut out the Eagles 6-0

in game two.

On Sunday, the clouds parted and GSU turned things around against the Purple Aces from Evansville. The arm of sophomore pitcher Logan Free (1-1, 1.27 ERA) along with the clutch bats of catcher Sam Steiner and dh A.J. Street gave GSU all they needed to bring home a win.

Free pitched seven innings of one-hit softball, while striking out eight and walking four. It was the first one-hitter for GSU softball since May 6 of last season. She also lowered her staff leading ERA to 1.27, allowing only two runs in 11 innings pitched.

GSU (1-4) will try to build on their win this Wednesday at their home opener with a doubleheader against No. 21 Georgia Tech. First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Eagle Field.

Lady Eagles drop third in a row

By Bryan Metcalf

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The Georgia Southern Lady Eagles basketball team dropped their third game in a row Saturday afternoon at Hanner Fieldhouse, losing to the UNC-Greensboro Spartans 77-63.

Trailing by three just into the first half, GSU put five unanswered points on the board to get their only lead of the game. The Spartans responded with a 9-2 run to take the lead. After a three-point bucket from Greensboro's Amanda Eaton put the Spartans up by 11, the Lady Eagles went on their best run of the first half, scoring 11 unanswered points to tie things up at 27. It was the last time GSU would get that close. With a two point lead and 2:10 to play in the half, the Spartans went on another run to extend their lead to 43-31 at the break.

Spartans starting forward Ashley Current lead all scorers at the break with 11 points on four-of-five shooting with four rebounds. Senior Dana Benemon and junior Lee DuBose led the Lady Eagles, who shot 44 percent from the field, with six points each. Eaton made three of four shots from behind the arc for Greensboro.

The second half opened with a quick GSU bucket by senior guard Kelli Tiller followed by a three pointer

by Kaylin Wells as the Lady Eagles closed the gap to seven. Up by 11 at the second media timeout, Greensboro seemingly put the game out of reach by scoring eight unanswered points. GSU closed the gap back to seven with a 14-2 run. It wasn't enough, however, as the Spartans went on another 8-0 run to extend their lead to 15 with 2:27 to play. Greensboro would hold on to win 77-63.

Current added seven points to her first half total to lead all scorers in the game with 18 points and a team-high seven rebounds. Eaton added another trey and finished the game with 14 points. Freshman guard Fallon Lee led GSU with 14 points coming off the bench.

"They're very good athletes," said head coach Rusty Cram about his freshmen. "Right now they're hitting in spots. They just aren't ready for every ballgame right now and that's part of the growing process they have to go through."

Benemon added 12 points and a game-high nine boards in a losing effort that saw the Lady Eagles turn the ball over a season-high 30 times.

The Lady Eagles' (10-11, 7-8 SoCon) next game is tonight in Hanner Fieldhouse at 7 o'clock against Elon.

Eagles slam Paladins, 81-63

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The Eagles basketball team (14-8, 7-3 SoCon) continued their home court domination Saturday afternoon at Hanner, defeating the rival Paladins 81-63. The win marked the Eagles ninth straight home victory and moved them back into a second place tie in the Southern Conference South division.

Georgia Southern came out firing early. Senior guard Terry Williams' first of five three pointers put the home team into an early 8-4 lead. The Eagles stayed hot through the first half, dominating both inside and outside.

Williams hit a buzzer beating three point shot to put an exclamation point on a dominant first half and gave the Eagles a 45-29 lead, shutting down one of the most potent three-point shooting teams in the nation and outscored the Paladins 18-4 in the paint.

Freshman Louis Graham set the tone for the second half with a rim-rocking dunk at one end of the floor followed by a block on the defensive end, sending the crowd into a frenzy.

An Elton Nesbitt lay-up put the Eagles into a comfortable 62-46 lead midway through the second half. Just to make the game a little more interesting the GSU snipers cooled off enough to allow the Purple Paladins (12-9, 5-4 SoCon) to dwindle the lead to ten, 62-52.

The Eagles then righted the ship with tough defense and Williams' ability to get to the free throw line. This game was never really in jeopardy and the Eagles cruised to an 81-63 victory.

The Eagles came out with great energy and kept the crowd in the game. All of the Eagles' games from here on out are "must wins" if the Eagles want to obtain a bye in the Southern Conference Tournament.

"We know these next six or seven games are important, but we take things one game at a time and try not to pay the standings too much attention," said Williams on the pressure of being in a race for the number two spot.

The Eagles still have a game remaining against the sole undefeated team in the Southern Conference, Davidson. The Blue Devils were able to beat the Eagles at Hanner, but Terry Williams is sure that the Eagles are confident in their ability to get some revenge.

Elton Nesbitt finished with 20 points shooting a 7-15 clip from the field.

Impressive freshman standout Louis Graham grabbed a team high seven rebounds and 11 points. Graham also had two blocks making him the most prolific freshman shot blocker in Eagle basketball history.

Terry Williams lead the team in points and assists with 21 and five respectively.

The Eagles go on the road to UNC Greensboro to take on the North division leaders for what should be a great battle Tuesday night at 8 p.m.



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GSU junior forward Willie Dunn adds two of the Eagles 81 points in the defeat over the Furman Paladins on Saturday.

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