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Bush says time is running out

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WASHINGTON – President Bush seemed ready Tuesday to give up on U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq, saying he is now convinced that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein isn't cooperating.

"It's clear to me now that he is not disarming," Bush said. "This business about more time – how much more time do we need to see that he's not disarming? This looks like a rerun of a bad movie, and I'm not interested in watching it."

The president's blunt comments, his toughest to date, came amid other signs that the administration is moving closer to war. The White House also issued a 32-page document on Iraq's disinformation and propaganda activities, titled "Apparatus of Lies."

Built largely on long-existing reports, the document cites a pattern of misdeeds by Saddam's regime, including parking military hardware at civilian sites to protect it from U.S. airstrikes, exaggerating the humanitarian impact of U.N. sanctions and pretending devotion to Muslim ideals while demanding money from Iraqis who want to go on pilgrimage to Mecca.

And in a speech delivered with Bush's blessing and advance White House promotion, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said the United States had "just about exhausted" diplomatic alternatives to military action.

Armitage's speech was the opening salvo in a Bush administration campaign to make the case that Iraq isn't complying with U.N.

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Chris Horne/STAFF

GSU joins in peace rallies

Staff and Wire Reports

Students gathered on the steps of Henderson Library and marched to the Russell Union last night in a demonstration of students' and faculty members' hopes for peace. Natifa Mustafa, Dr. Laurie Amy, Dr. William McIntosh, Dr. Debra Sabia, and the President of the Hispanic Student Association all worked together to help organize a rally to speak out against a war with Iraq.

"The purpose of this rally is to bring people who are not advocates of war together to show others on campus that we should care about what is going on internationally and that we should take a stance and let anyone who is watching know how we feel about the possibility of a war with Iraq or other countries," said Mustafa, one of the coordinators for the peace rally.

Amy was one advocate who spoke out against the war on Iraq. During her speech she stated, "War will not accomplish the objectives for which this administration is fighting, that is reason enough not to go to war." Amy also complimented the students of GSU for showing up and not being afraid to voice their opinion.

Sabia, another advocate who disagrees with war with Iraq, expressed her concerns for the lives that would be lost because of a needless war. Not only will American soldiers die, there will be innocent women and children who die: "90% of casualties from war are women and children," added Amy.

The peace rally also included an open mic session for people from the community,

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GSU celebrates youngest U.S. national holiday

By Lucrecia Johnson
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Each year on the third Monday of January across America, we all stop to celebrate our youngest national holiday. We celebrate the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. However, in the beginning many opposed the idea of a holiday for King. For the bill to be past, it had to overcome obstacles such as the arguments of a Senator from Georgia who had denounced Dr. King as a communist. Other obstacles were the fears of some Americans that the holiday was meant as a way to make up for slavery. Other people feared the cost of the holiday, with the extra overtime paid to federal workers who had to work on the holiday as well as millions to those federal employees who were paid for the day. To those critics Senator Bob Dole simply said, "I suggest they hurry back to their pocket calculators and estimate the cost of 300 years of more, followed by a century of more of economic, political and social exclusion and discrimination."

It took many years for Congress to decide to pass the bill, but prior to its approval, some states declared King's birthday as a state holiday. The bill was finally passed in Congress and was signed into law on November 2, 1983.



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After much debate, Congress deemed Martin Luther King Jr. Day a state holiday twenty years ago. In 1986, the U.S. celebrated the great civil rights leader for the first time as a nation.

However, the first national celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was not until January 20, 1986.

This year the holiday was celebrated again on January 20. All over the United States, people used

different methods of honor including marching in parades, listening to some of King's sermons, and here on GSU's campus, many celebrated by having a

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Music and movie associations target GSU file sharers

By Brittany Gates
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The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), becoming more aggressive in their roles of stopping file-sharing programs, have set their sights on GSU.

Actually, both groups sent letters to nearly every higher education institution in the U.S. about the increasing popularity of file sharing programs, such as KaZaA and LimeWire, asking for the schools' help in combating the problem. GSU received the aforementioned letter and sent emails to every student describing the legal penalties one could receive if caught downloading or uploading copyrighted files.

The emails were aimed mostly to the students living in Residence Halls with Internet access. However, this warning did not come soon enough because both the RIAA and the MPAA traced some of the Residence Hall students' Internet Protocol (IP) Addresses downloading or uploading files. As with most IP Addresses, a person's name is attached. Those that were tracked had their names, and the infringing materials they shared on various file sharing programs, sent to Jeffrey McLellan, the University Attorney for Georgia Southern and

designated agent to receive Copyright Infringement letters. McLellan then contacted the students in question about their violations.

Since the infringements happened in the residence halls, the Department of Housing took action along with Information Technology Services and Judicial Affairs. The violators had their cases heard by Dr. Edward Bayens, University Judicial Officer in Judicial Affairs.

Greg Schlierf, Assistant Director of Administrative Services in Housing, presented various penalties that any student may get if caught downloading or uploading files. First, the student will lose their Internet access, but it could be reinstated after Technical Support inspects the computer to make sure that all traces of the infringing materials and file sharing programs were removed. Second, the student could lose their current placement in their Residence Hall. Finally, the students could be suspended from school.

Bayens added that students could receive disciplinary probation along with the afore-

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Police Beat

1-14-2003

• Officers issued two traffic citations and six traffic warnings, investigated three traffic accidents, assisted four motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

1-15-2003

• A purse was reported missing from Brannen Hall.
• A purse was taken from a vehicle in the Johnson Hall parking lot.
• Several gallons of paint were reported missing from the old Marvin Pittman School.
• Officers issued three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident, assisted six motorists and responded to two fire alarms.

1-16-2003

• A bicycle was reported missing from the Kennedy Hall bike rack.
• Officers issued one traffic citation, investigated one traffic accident, assisted seven motorists and responded to one fire alarm.

1-17-2003

• A Watson hall resident reported

someone scratched the passenger side of his vehicle and damaged the hood ornament in the Watson Hall parking lot.

• Officers issued one traffic warning and assisted eight motorists

1-18-2003

• Robert D. Allen, 18, of 1313 Magnolia Drive, Statesboro, was charged with DUI and failure to maintain lane.

• Terrance Eason Wommack, 21, of Millen Ga., was charged with simple battery.

• Officers issued three traffic warnings, assisted two motorists and responded to three fire alarms.

1-19-2003

• Robert Craig McConnell, 19, of Winburn Hall, was charged with possession of marijuana.

• Tyler Alvin Morris, 19, of Dorman Hall, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

• A case of battery was reported at Brannen Hall.

• Officers issued one traffic warning and assisted one motorist.

1-20-2003

• A Johnson Hall resident reported \$200 was taken from her purse in the Johnson Hall computer lab.

• Officers issued one traffic citation and three traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

--All Police Beat information is compiled by Adam Brady, News Editor.

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Campus Calendar

Jan. 22

• COBA Blood Drive, William's Center, noon to 6 p.m.

Jan. 24

• An Evening With Emile Pandolfi, Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. For tickets call 681-7999.

• Native Seasons, Botanical Garden, call 681-1149 for information

Jan. 25

• Southern Conference on Children, Neesmith-Lane Continuing Education Building, 9 a.m.
• Women's Basketball, Wofford at GSU, Hanner Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.
• Native Seasons, Botanical Garden, call 681-1149 for information

Jan. 26

• Magellan String Quartet,

Carol A. Carter Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Jan. 27

• Women's Basketball hosts Chattanooga, 7 p.m.
• Cinema Arts presents "Back and Forth" in the Union Theater, 7:15 p.m.

Jan. 29

• Guest Artist Recital Crescent Trio, Carter Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

• Campus calendar events compiled by Adam Brady.

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recognition program in remembrance of King. GSU's Multicultural Student Center and the Xi Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc sponsored the program. The guest speaker, Dr. Otis Johnson is the former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Savannah State University.

"Alpha Phi Alpha decide to sponsor the event because not only was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a remarkable person, he was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha," said Marco Pitts the president of the Xi Tau chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

To Pitts, Martin Luther King Day

is, "A day for African Americans to gather and to celebrate what we have accomplished, and it's also a day for African Americans to ponder on how to overcome the challenges that we have today and the challenges that are yet to come."

Dr. Johnson expressed a special connection to the work of Dr. King because he graduated from high school in 1960, and knows what it was like to grow up in a segregated South while trying to earn an education.

"I chose to speak at this event because I was invited, and I never turn down the opportunity to speak

to young people. When considering what to speak on at this event I considered the address that Dr. King gave at Bennett College in 1958. I see Martin Luther King as not just a protector of civil rights, but also a protector of human rights. MLK day is an opportunity to recommit to the ideas that Dr. King and others stood for. It is also a chance to raise the level of consciousness about work to be completed," said Johnson.

In addition to the address given by Dr. Otis Johnson, the Alpha's gave away a scholarship to J.R. Neely for winning their essay contest on the inspirations of Dr. King.

One American killed, another wounded in Kuwait ambush

KRT Campus

KUWAIT CITY—An American contractor working for the U.S. Army was killed and another was wounded Tuesday when gunmen fired on them on a highway south of Camp Doha, the main U.S. military base in Kuwait.

No group claimed responsibility and no arrests have been made. U.S. Ambassador Richard Jones condemned the shooting as a "terrorist incident."

The attack occurred about 9:15

a.m. local time at a stoplight near the Doha Spur, about five miles south of the camp, as the Americans waited to turn off the main highway onto a road leading into Kuwait City.

Kuwaiti police said one gunman, possibly two, opened fire near a small wooded area with an AK-47 rifle, pumping at least 24 rounds into the passenger's side of the Toyota sport utility vehicle in which the men were riding. The passenger was killed instantly. The driver sustained multiple

gunshot wounds and was taken to two local hospitals for treatment. Doctors said he was in stable condition after five hours of surgery.

U.S. Embassy officials identified the man who died as 46-year-old Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, of San Diego. He worked for Tapestry Solutions, a San Diego-based software development firm under contract to the Army.

Officials withheld the identity of the wounded man, pending notification of next-of-kin.

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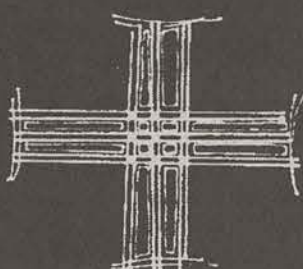
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weapons inspections, despite outward appearances of cooperation.

But the president's efforts to lay the groundwork for military action continued to meet strong resistance from most allies. After declaring its opposition Monday to war anytime soon, France began an effort to enlist the 15-member European Union in an international antiwar movement.

France, Germany, China and other leading powers on the U.N. Security Council maintain that U.N. arms inspections should continue at least two more months before making a judgment on war. Chief U.N. nuclear inspector Mohamed ElBaradei said last week-

end that he would recommend that inspectors get "a few more months" to do their work.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Tuesday that Germany wouldn't support a U.N. resolution in favor of war on Iraq. France has suggested that it may use its veto power as a permanent Security Council member to block any early effort to win such a resolution.

The Security Council is expected to debate the issue next week after receiving a report from its weapons inspectors Monday, although it remains unclear if anyone will push for a war resolution then. The Bush administration has maintained that a new resolution

isn't necessary, arguing that last fall's U.N. resolution and others already authorize it to act. Bush has said he is ready to act unilaterally but prefers to go through the United Nations. Polls show most Americans don't want a war unless the United Nations and major U.S. allies approve.

Bush appeared Tuesday to reject calls to give inspectors more time.

"Surely, our friends have learned lessons from the past. Surely we have learned how this man deceives and delays," he said. When asked how he will decide when to go to war, he said, "I will let you know when the moment has come."

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nity, students, and faculty all got the chance to speak out against the war with Iraq.

As the war drums grow louder in Washington, an anti-war movement is emerging on college campuses across the country.

Last week, students from more than 150 colleges - from UCLA to Harvard University - also staged various peace rallies, candlelight vigils and petition drives.

In the Carolinas, more than 180 Davidson College students are painting messages of peace onto cloth squares they are joining into a giant "Peace Quilt." Others signed letters urging American leaders "not to duplicate these horrors."

At Duke University, dozens of students, faculty members and staff participated in a peace rally Friday with the slogan: "No more victims."

The events, evoking muted images of 1960s activism, were aimed at encouraging a restrained response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The efforts are united

by what students call a need for "peaceful justice."

"We wanted to bring people together who are interested in finding alternatives to war," said Chris Paul, a student organizer at Duke. "We're not implying there shouldn't be any action, but it

"THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO USE THEIR CREATIVITY AND LEAVE THEIR MARK."

**GRANT BLEECHER
DAVIDSON COLLEGE
STUDENT**

should be with the awareness that others will be hurt if we do take military action."

Davidson students said they considered a rally, but decided a quilt would be more appropriate, said student organizer Grant Blecher.

"This is an opportunity for students to use their creativity and leave their mark," Blecher said. "We can hang it up and it will be around for a while. We hope it will get people to think."

Blecher said he's working to get permission to hang the quilt in the college's student center, and he would eventually like to rotate it to different locations.

Pieces were covered with peace signs and quotes from Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr. and JFK. On one, the words, "It's in our hands," encircle a large globe.

Another is addressed to the president: "Bush, only fools rush in."

A third proclaims, "THINK" in bold white letters on a red background.

"Retaliating with violence for violence is just going to lead to more violence," said Mary Donoghue, 19, a sophomore whose colorful square simply reads, "Shalom." "The lives of people in Afghanistan are just as important as the lives of people in New York."

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tioned punishments. But, as Bayens pointed out, Judicial Affairs judged each violation of Copyright Infringement "case by case," and the student's punishment depended on the "severity of the offense."

However, any student could be removed from housing immediately if they are prosecuted with a felony, which Copyright Infringement might present. Plus, that felony charge might get the student expelled from GSU.

It might seem to many students that GSU, not the RIAA or the MPAA, punished the students caught, but according to McLellan, GSU staff members, "...are not the police men. The students have a responsibility in this." Lisa Spence, Director of Information Technology Services, echoed the same sentiments. "Georgia Southern is notified by outside affairs. They don't police student web pages or monitor their bandwidth"

McLellan also said that students should care about committing Copyright Infringement because "it is illegal and there are consequences from breaking it. Copyrights give artists the incentive to be creative and keep producing music." The students received reprimands from Georgia Southern because of the policies about misusing computer use.

However, these consequences will not stop all students from using file-sharing programs in Residence Halls, and Schlierf admitted that, "we physically cannot stop them. We can only educate them." For the students that wished to keep downloading and uploading music and movie files, The Department of Housing along with Information Technology Services posted flyers on their websites about how to disable certain features in file sharing programs to stop uploading of copyrighted files. Schlierf also said that Housing will "educate students where downloading files breaks the law, as students has the right to download certain files." Spence added that Information Technology Services are "trying to educate the students on the

risks and what possible actions the RIAA and the MPAA might try to take."

A Copyright, according to the U.S. Copyright Office, "is a form of protection provided by the laws of the United States ... to the authors of 'original works of authorship,' including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works." Copyright Infringement, also according to the U.S. Copyright Office, is when "anyone who violates any of the exclusive rights of the copyright owner ... is an infringer of the copyright or right of the author, as the case may be."

Since the RIAA and the MPAA copyrighted the songs and the movies that they and their artists produced, they held the copyrights. When a person, in this case a student, downloaded or uploaded any music or movie files they broke Copyright Law, which included heavy fines and a prison sentence.

Some of the students that were tracked by the RIAA and the MPAA had their cases dropped, while others are currently under investigation. If

any of the students were prosecuted by the RIAA under the No Electronic Theft Act (NET), they could be "punished by up to three years in prison and \$250,000 in fines ... Repeat offenders can be imprisoned up to six years." Plus, any student can be sued through Civil Court, and under the NET Act, could be liable for "statutory damages up to \$150,000 per infringed copyright."

GSU, unlike the students under investigation, will not be held accountable for the actions of their students because of two reasons. First, under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA), Georgia Southern was seen as a "provider of online services or network access, or the operator of facilities therefor," or, in laymen's terms, an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

Second, GSU's ISP status allows them limitations not to be prosecuted under the DMCA if they report anyone that commits infringement, and allow copyright owners to use "standard technical measures," which allow them access to track their copyrighted materials.

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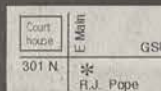
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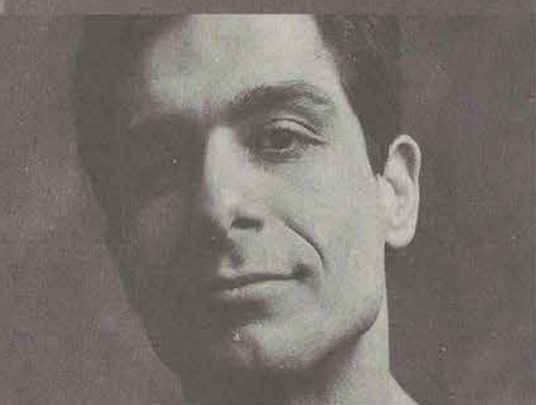
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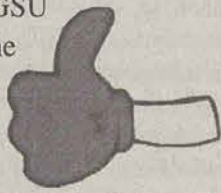


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The GEORGE-ANNE THUMB

•THUMBS UP to GSU

athletes who excel on the field *and* in the classroom.

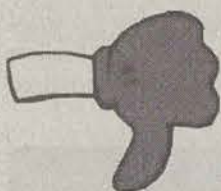


•THUMBS DOWN to

smokers who won't admit that the problem is their own (read: the 1.5 million smokers in Louisiana suing the tobacco companies).

•THUMBS UP to GSU students protesting the American military effort.

•THUMBS DOWN to yesterday's killings of Americans in Kuwait.



• THUMBS UP to a Super Bowl of pirates.

• THUMBS DOWN to no snow in the 'Boro.

Thoughts of the day

• War is a by-product of the arts of peace. Peace is a short period of cheating between fighting.

— Ambrose Bierce

• Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours.

— Yogi Berra

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

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OPINIONS

Just another fabricated derision

A new word has come to my attention.

The mere fact that it is a new slang word in the English language has enough to do with my interests as it is. However, it also has to do with a topic I have often fiercely debated. People are using this new word. And, like many words, it was spawned by a media personality.

The creator of this word is Mr. Neal Boortz, talk radio host and staunch Libertarian. (Allow me to take this opportunity to clear up a common misconception. There is a whopping difference between a Libertarian and a Liberal. Look it up.)

Now, I am analyzing this word linguistically, Mr. Boortz's political views aside. I don't happen to agree with him on very much, aside from his dislike for the radical religious-right. But, one thing all intelligent people seem to have no trouble agreeing on, regardless of party affiliation, is the state flag issue in Georgia.

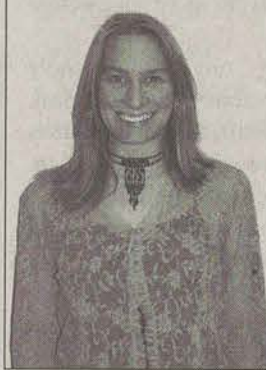
Here's a little background catch-up, for those unfamiliar with the drill. There is a sect of people, largely uneducated, who want their old Georgia flag back. The old one—that's the one bearing the Confederate battle symbol commonly called "the rebel flag." These folks feel that they were cheated out of it, that they should have had the right to vote on the design for the flag, and that... well, dammit, they should just get to have their flag back. Needless to say, I don't agree with them.

This particular group of citizens, for the most part, simply don't know the following facts.

- 1) No state flag has ever been voted on in Georgia.
- 2) The old state flag had only been around for 40 years when it was changed in 2001. In fact, the state flag has been without the battle symbol twice as long as it has depicted it. Therefore, it is NOT a case of heritage.

(For more useful information on this history of the

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Georgia state flag, visit this webpage from Secretary of State Cathy Cox: http://www.sos.state.ga.us/museum/html/georgia_flag_history.html.)

In any case, Neal Boortz has termed these aforementioned people *Flaggots*. As he describes: "Their last meaningful employment was as extras on the filming of 'Deliverance' in the North Georgia mountains about 35 years ago. Since that time, they have earned meager sums recycling Bondo from auto junkyards and recapping mobile home tires. They're called 'Flaggots.' They're the less-than two percent of Georgians who eat, drink, sleep and breathe the Confederate battle flag from the time they push aside the empty beer cans and roll off the couch in the morning until they spit out that last plug of tobacco and turn over to go to sleep at night."

Boortz is obviously a fan of stereotype. That's okay. I'm not going to dog him too much for that. I'm offended by the megar context in which he places the Southern masterpiece 'Deliverance.' But, my beef is with the word *Flaggot*.

This idiotic idiom is not your ordinary case of mistaken derivity. It isn't like the case of the urban-legendary word *picnic* being misconstrued as meaning "pick-a-nigger." Nor does it too closely resemble the woefully misinterpreted word *niggardly*. What we have to ask ourselves is this:

Would this word, used with such disparaging connotations as it is, actually be *flaggot* if there wasn't already the word *faggot*?

My educated guess and not so humble opinion is no. It wouldn't. In any other case, it would most likely be *Flaggitte*, what linguists refer to as a "portmanteau word." *Flaggitte* would be more linguistically logical, combining *flag* and the popular suffix -ite, which attaches people to territory (or dependents to hosts, as in *parasite*).

I am convinced that what gives Boortz's word its zing is the fact that it rhymes with *faggot*. It is a term used only to ridicule the flag-pining sect to which it refers. The slang use, today's most popular use, of the word *faggot* in American English is literally as a derogatory term for a homosexual man.

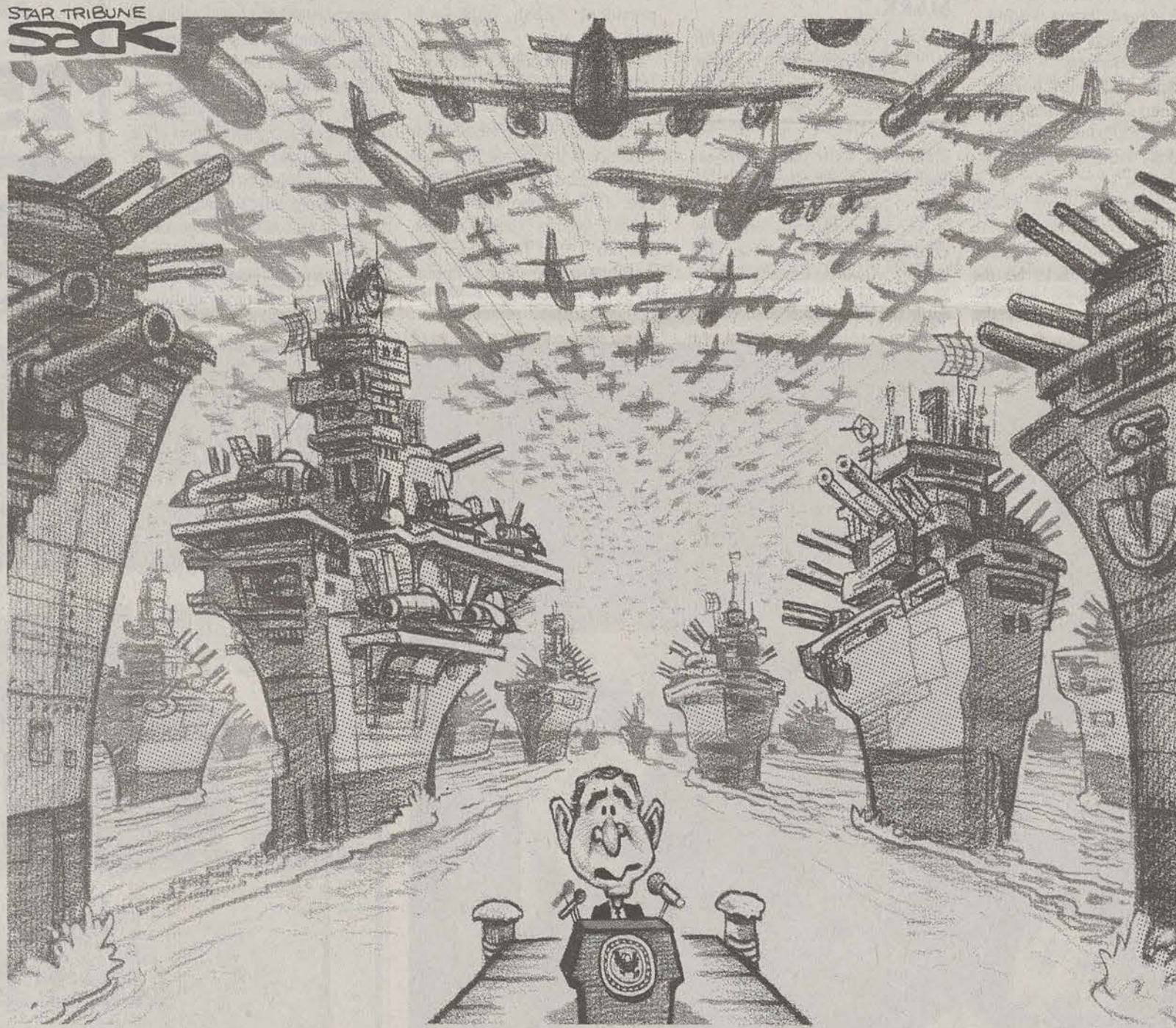
From my research, the term *flaggot* is not entirely new. But, its other use is sparse and esoteric, and has now been overshadowed. Before it Boortz made it mean "snuff-chewing redneck," it served as a self-descriptive sort of occupational title among members of a school's colorguard. That would be a prideful usage, and an element that fights *flaggot*'s natural ability to be a disparaging term. When cut free from all relationship to the word *faggot*, the word is not disparaging at all.

Boortz wanted the term to be derogatory. So, subconsciously—or even purposefully, perhaps—it made more sense to Boortz to attach the -ot suffix, specifically because it sounds more derogatory.

Curiously, Boortz was rather disgruntled by the fact that the first baby of 2003 was born of two lesbian mothers.

But... That's another column for another day.

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"NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE..."

Why can't it be everyone's dream?

The weather in Statesboro, for those of you who went home for the long weekend holiday, was as beautiful as Mother Nature could possibly afford.

The temperature was perfect in both the sun and the shade, with the wind blowing just enough to add comfort to the serenity. The sky was cloudless, and the sun did nothing more than illuminate the beauty of our campus. Squirrels played in the trees while the few birds, recently returning from their winter exile, sang to the sky.

I suppose the scenery and weather only added to what Monday's holiday was meant to observe: peace.

Even with the near certainty of war looming on the horizon, and the gross injustices to human rights being reported from all over the world, it was hard to think of anything other than the tranquility the day afforded me.

The headlines for weeks now have told of nothing but conflict from around the globe. America has sent almost 250,000 troops into the Middle East, with more arriving every day. Even The United Kingdom has begun deployment to the sands of Kuwait and other allies of the "free world." North Korea, a country too poor to even provide for its own people, has been identified as a nuclear threat after reopening plutonium-processing facilities in Pyongyang. Their foreign relations with the rest of the world waiver

from threatening to needful on an almost daily basis.

Even here, in our own "land of the free," disagreement and hate have torn the country in two. The bipartisanship of our government has only served to develop obstacles to overcome, with each side disagreeing, it seems, just to disagree. It took one of the greatest catastrophes ever recorded in the history of our nation to bring our people together, and even then, the unity we embraced has begun to fade

away with the memory of the many lives that were lost on that day.

A nation that once opened its doors to anyone seeking the liberty and justice it afforded to all those who had sought it out now prosecutes its own people out of fear and mistrust. A country built on the principle that all men are created equal no longer stands on its foundation. Petty arguments over

personal privilege and individual gain control our nation's legislators, while leadership weak to the needs of the few all too often overlook the necessities of the whole.

How can we as a country celebrate a holiday created for the observance of peace, when we no longer even endorse the concept?

Why must disagreement always result in the loss of life?

Go ahead and call me an idealist if you'd like. Idealism is built from dreams, and as human beings, dreaming is one of the greatest gifts we possess. It was a dream that brought us to celebrate the birth of one of our country's greatest leaders, so why shouldn't we dream?

There is no proverbial finger to point at anyone in this situation, because the truth of the matter is we're all to blame. Tolerance and respect for different ways of life and varying opinions is what we all lack.

Our recorded history spans a great deal of time, and never has any problem or disagreement been completely solved through the reckless loss of life.

Perhaps it's time that we as a human race stop trying to ask why, and start asking why not.

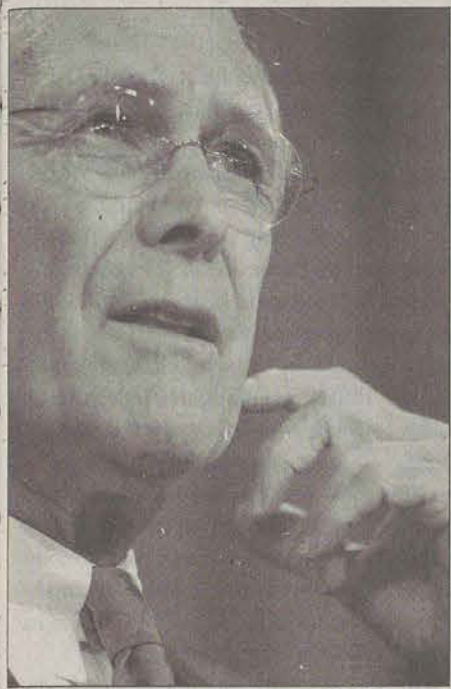
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National News Brief

Rumsfeld supports asylum for Saddam to avoid war



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Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld supports exiling Saddam Hussein without prosecution.

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WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sunday he would support granting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein immunity from prosecution if he would leave his country in order to avoid a war.

Despite Rumsfeld's comments, he and other administration officials continued what appears to be a march toward war. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell said the question was not whether United Nations weapons inspectors find a "smoking

gun" in Iraq—which they say they have not—but whether Saddam is assisting the international effort to find and dismantle weapons of mass destruction.

"The test is, is Saddam Hussein cooperating or is he not cooperating?" Rumsfeld said Sunday on Fox. "That's what the U.N. said—file a correct declaration, open things up, show the world what you have. He's not doing that. I mean, you could spend years and years roaming around a country that size trying to find underground tunnels and see where he's located things."

Both Rumsfeld and Powell said separately Sunday that the United States expects to know quickly whether Saddam is fulfilling his obligations under a

United Nations resolution calling on him to disarm. If Iraq is going to cooperate, "that's something you're going to know in a matter of weeks, not in months or years," Rumsfeld said.

"Time is running out," Powell said on CBS.

"We can't just keep bouncing this ball down the street."

On a weekend of large antiwar demonstrations in America and abroad, Powell, Rumsfeld and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice made the rounds of Sunday talk

shows to signal President Bush's frustration with what they said was Saddam's lack of cooperation. They said that when weapons inspectors update the U.N. Security Council Jan. 27, the U.N. and the administration will have to judge whether Iraq's cooperation is sufficient to avert war.

Meanwhile, Rumsfeld and Powell endorsed a notion reportedly being floated by the Saudis and others that Saddam should consider seeking asylum for himself, his family and top Iraqi officials in another country.

Rumsfeld told ABC that although he is neither in the White House nor the Justice Department, he "would recommend that some provision be made so that the senior leadership in that country and their families could be provided haven in some other country. And I think that that would be a fair trade to avoid a war."

But Rice was not optimistic. "I just think that it is unlikely that this man is going to come down in any other way than to be forced," she said on NBC.

Last week, weapons inspectors found a cache of 12 chemical warheads, in unopened boxes that Iraq had failed to report to the U.N. They also found 3,000 pages of documents in the home of a nuclear scientist, said chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix.

"The question we have to ask ourselves is are these just sort of remnants left of a program of the past, or are they tips of an iceberg?" Blix said on CNN.

State News Brief

GSU's SAT scores make biggest gain in the state

Special to the G-A

Georgia Southern University gained the biggest increase in SAT scores in the University System of Georgia this year, according to the final Fall 2002 Enrollment Report issued this week by the Board of Regents.

"Georgia Southern in Statesboro—which has made huge strides in SAT performance since 1999—catalyzed another 24 points to 1052 this year," the report noted.

Georgia Southern's freshman SAT scores have gained at least 20 points in each of the past three years, totaling an increase 65 points since 1999. The University's current average is 22 points above the University System composite of 1030.

Twelve of Georgia's 34 public

colleges and universities have average SAT scores exceeding 1,000.

"One year after completing the phase-in of higher admission standards, the University System is able to affirm that not only are a record number of students enrolling in its 34 institutions, more are staying after their freshman year, more are attending college full time, and the System's students are academically stronger," the report said.

Georgia Southern improved its retention rate of first-time freshmen to 77 percent, a seven-point increase since 1999. The System average for freshman retention is 73.9 percent.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Linda Bleicken said the increased test scores and improved retention

rate go hand-in-hand.

"Georgia Southern's profile of academic distinction makes us more attractive to a highly academically qualified student," said Bleicken. "As our SAT scores have increased incrementally, we've seen a positive effect on our retention rate, our overall student success and graduation rate."

Georgia Southern's overall headcount jumped 5 percent to 15,075, fourth largest enrollment among the USG's four-year colleges and universities. However, the campus ranks third when enrollment is figured in full-time students rather than part-time commuters. Full-time students comprise 82.2 percent of Georgia Southern's student body, one of the highest percentages in the University System.

World News Brief

Russian envoy optimistic after meeting with North Korean leader

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SEOUL, South Korea—A Russian diplomat held six hours of talks with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il on Monday and said he was optimistic about a peaceful resolution of the North Korean weapons crisis.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov presented Kim with a three-part proposal: a pledge by North Korea to honor its previous commitment to remain nuclear-free; a guarantee of North Korea's future security and sovereignty; and humanitarian and economic aid.

The talks could be the first sign of a possible breakthrough in a standoff between Pyongyang and Washington over nuclear weapons that has put all of Northeast Asia on edge.

The Russian envoy emerged from the talks in Pyongyang and told the Russian ITAR-Tass news agency, one of the few foreign news organizations operating in the isolated North Korean capital, that the meeting was "very substantive" and the atmosphere "very warm."

"Moscow is optimistic that a solution to the crisis around North Korea can be found through peaceful means," he said. He did not disclose details, but said more talks were needed.

The United States welcomed the Russian initiative. The Bush administration has said that China, Russia and other countries should work with the United States to convince Pyongyang to back down from its threat to produce nuclear weapons.

North Korea is believed to have as many as two crude nuclear weapons already. In a 1994 agreement it promised to end its nuclear weapons programs in exchange for help in meeting its energy needs. But in October North Korean officials told a U.S. diplomat that their country had restarted a uranium-enrichment program, a violation of the 1994 agreement.



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This undated satellite image from DigitalGlobe, a satellite imaging company, shows a dormant construction site of a nuclear reactor at Taechon, North Korea.

The crisis escalated as Pyongyang kicked out U.N. nuclear inspectors, removed surveillance cameras and took seals off a nuclear plant at Yongbyon that was suspected of producing weapons-grade plutonium. North Korea then said it would pull out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation treaty, a global pact to prevent the spread of nuclear arms.

In Beijing, U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton said Monday after meetings with Chinese officials that he believed that China would support tough actions by the U.N. Security Council to punish Pyongyang for stepping out of its agreement not to produce nuclear materials.

Bolton said the International Atomic Energy Agency later this week is expected to refer the North Korea crisis to the Security Council, which could call for economic sanctions or military action.

Bolton, undersecretary of state for arms control and international

security, said the United States concluded that the IAEA, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, has done all it can to try to bring North Korea into compliance with international agreements. North Korea has ignored two IAEA resolutions. It is time for the Security Council to take over, Bolton said.

The council has a range of options to put pressure on North Korea, Bolton said. "The issue we face now is finding the best mechanism," he said.

North Korea, which has a million-man army and missiles that can reach anywhere in South Korea and most places in Japan, has warned loudly that economic sanctions would mean war.

Bolton said sending the matter to the Security Council would not necessarily mean sanctions, hinting that the United States would propose something less, at least initially.

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GSU News Brief

COBA to host fourth annual blood drive

By Angela Jones
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Get ready to roll up your sleeves, because it's time for the College of Business Administration's 4th annual Blood Drive.

This year's event will be held in the Williams Center today from noon to 6 p.m. "Even though appointment times are still available, we want to encourage everyone who can to come and make a donation," said Jimmie Earle, COBA's event coordinator.

"As always, our goal is to get 100 units of blood donated." You must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds to be a blood donor.

According to the American Red Cross, schools and universities provide 15 percent of all donated blood supplies. Young people are the best source of blood for infants and children.

This year, everyone who gives blood will receive an invitation to a pizza and Coke party on January 29 at 6 p.m. at Coca-Cola plaza, on the first floor in the COBA building.

Invitations will be handed out in the canteen area following donation.

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GSU baseball picked to win SoCon

G-A News Service

SPARTANBURG, SC -- Defending Southern Conference Tournament champion Georgia Southern has been picked to win the 2003 SoCon baseball regular season title in voting by the league's coaches and sports information directors.

Georgia Southern received six first place votes and 93 total points from the coaches and four first place votes and 91 points from the SIDs. The Citadel was picked second in both polls followed by the College of Charleston in third.

The coaches and SIDs disagreed on the fourth place team with the coaches picking UNC Greensboro

and Western Carolina to finish fifth. The SIDs reversed the order.

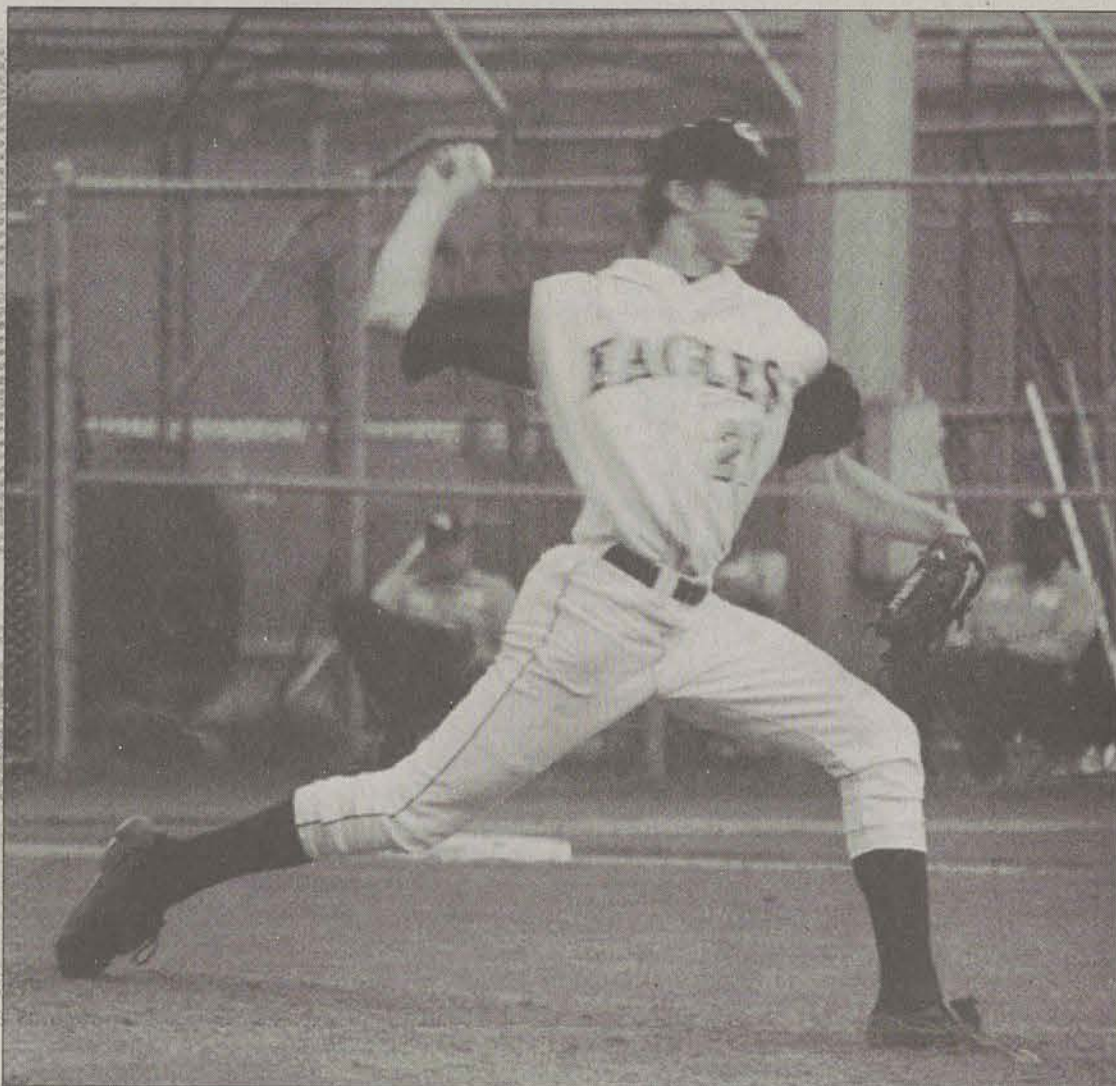
Georgia Southern was 39-25 overall last year and finished fourth in the regular season. The Eagles won five games in the postseason tournament and beat the College of Charleston in each of the last two games to win the Tournament and the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

The Eagles will be led by returning second team all-SoCon catcher Brendan Gilligan who hit .317 with 3 home runs and 22 RBIs last season. Georgia Southern also returns starting pitchers Dennis Dove (7-4, 3.52) and Brian Rogers (7-4, 5.06) and reliever Jason Cadenhead (3-2, 2.60, 9 saves).

SoCon Coaches
Baseball Poll

(1st place votes) Points

- 1 Georgia Southern (6) 93
- 2 The Citadel (2) 84
- 3 College of Charleston (1) 81
- 4 UNC Greensboro (2) 79
- 5 Western Carolina 78
- 6 Furman 49
- 7 East Tennessee State 46
- 8 Davidson 32
- 9 Wofford 29
- 10 Appalachian State 18
- 11 VMI 16



LaVene Bell/STAFF

After a successful 2002 season, the Eagles are once again seeded to finish first in the conference in the coaches poll and in the SID poll. The Eagles finished the 2002 season with an overall record of 39-25 and a Southern Conference Crown.

GSU hosts fencing tournament

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The 31st annual Geoff Elder Open Fencing Tournament was held over the weekend at the Marvin Pittman Gymnasium.

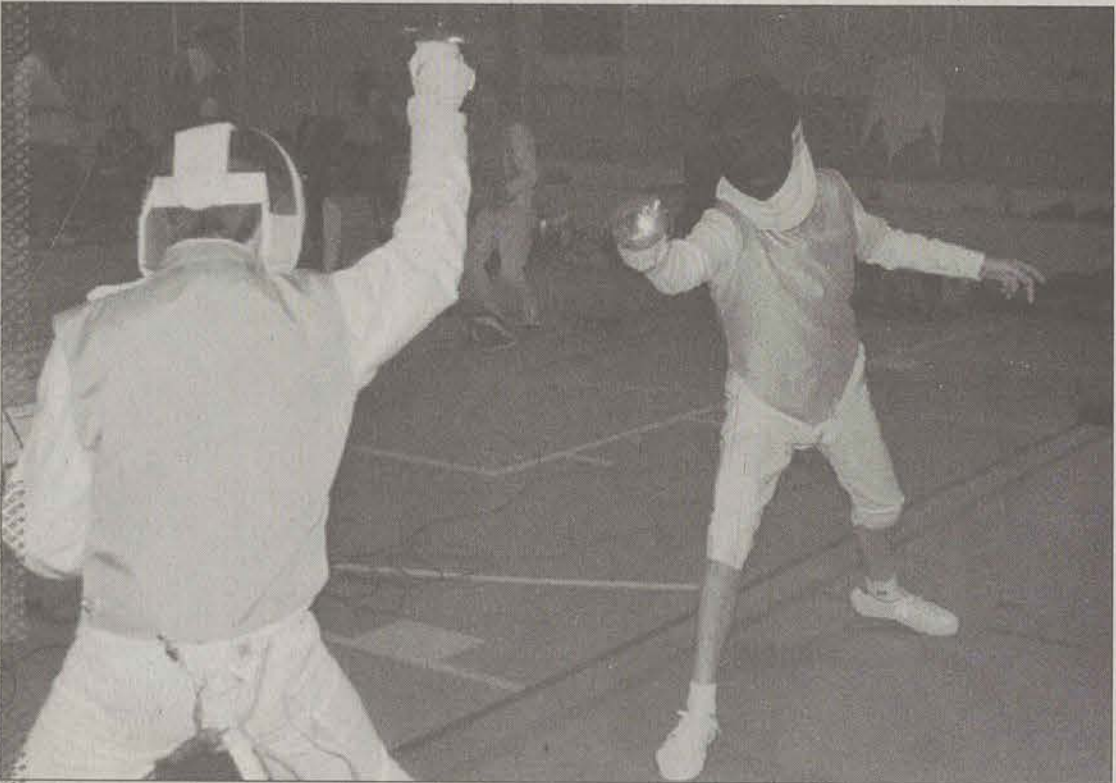
The event consisted of several collegiate teams including Georgia Southern, Clemson, and the University of Georgia. A couple of area fencing clubs competed as well, including Savannah Fencing Club, Augusta Fencing Club, Warner Robins Fencing Club, and the Charter Conservatory School. All participants were obligated to be members of the United States Fencing Association in order to compete. The competitors were then divided into different classes and age groups.

The veteran's competition was held early Saturday morning. The winner of the veteran's group was Stuart Johnson, a Georgia Southern fencing coach. Frank French, also

of Georgia Southern finished in 4th place. Following the veterans was the class D and under FOIL competition. FOIL is a type of fencing in which each competitor wears a vest and the opponent must strike the vest with the tip of their sword in order to receive a point. There were a total of 38 fencers that competed in this competition. They were all divided into 6 pools and then given seeds based on performance. The winner of the class D and under FOIL competition was Paul Herin of the Augusta Fencing Club. Following the FOIL competition was the Open Epee' group. Epee' is a form of fencing in which no vest is worn but the first to strike the opponent with the tip of their sword receives a point. Collin McCoy, also of Augusta Fencing Club, was the winner of the Open Epee' tournament. The Open Epee' concluded the first day's events.

Sunday started off with the Open FOIL, in which members

of all classes could compete. Collin McCoy was able to take the competition and his second victory of the Geoff Elder Open against his fellow Augusta Fencing Club member, Paul Herin. Losing the Open FOIL did not hold Herin back however, as he was able to take the 16 and under FOIL tournament for his second victory of the Geoff Elder Open. Following the 16 and under FOIL tournament was the mixed class D and under Epee'. Mitchell Lane of Clemson University claimed the title of this competition. The final event of the Geoff Elder Open was the Open Sabre. Sabre is the most aggressive form of fencing in which points can be scored by simply striking your opponent with any part of your sword. John Codega of the University of South Carolina was able to hold off his fellow competitors to claim the title of this competition and conclude the 31st Annual Geoff Elder Open.

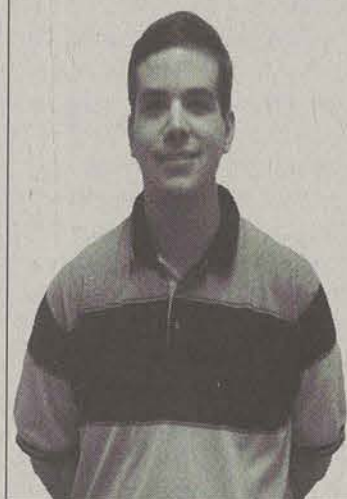


Chris Horne/STAFF

Georgia Southern hosted the 31st annual Geoff Elder Open Fencing Tournament this weekend in the Marvin Pittman Gymnasium.

Respect for collegiate coaches

Eli Boorstein



In 1974, a graduate student by the name of Pat Summitt was asked if she wanted to coach the women's basketball team at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

And why not? Summitt had an impressive résumé in her own right as a player at Tennessee-Martin. So the 22-year old decided to take the reins of the team so she could stay close to the game she loved.

Almost three decades and six national championships later, Pat Summitt has established herself into one of the legendary basketball coaches — men's or women's — of all time. On Jan. 14, Summitt joined the exclusive 800-win club when her Lady Vols took care of DePaul.

Now, she is part of a four-person club that includes former North Carolina coach Dean Smith, late Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp, and Mount St. Mary's coach Jim Phelan. Just beyond the horizon of 800 is Texas women's coach Judy Conradt and Texas Tech men's coach Bob Knight. There remain scores of other coaches who did not reach 800, but still carved out their own niche in the college basketball coaching manual, such as John Wooden and Phog Allen, to name a few.

Summitt could break Smith's all-time record of 879 wins with three more strong seasons. But as the time passes, it's becoming much more evident that the great coach is a dying breed.

In these days of shoe contracts, sweet-talking agents, and big money contracts, there are fewer and fewer Summitts, Knights, and Smiths remaining in college basketball.

One coach, Georgia State's Lefty Driesell announced his immediate retirement just after New Year's. The "Ol' Left Handers" finished with 786 wins in 41-plus seasons on the sidelines. Driesell is one of just two coaches to guide four teams — Davidson, Maryland, James Madison, and Georgia State — to the NCAA Tournament. Despite the controversy and tragedy that clouded his last years at Maryland, Driesell remained one of the foremost figures in the coaching fraternity up until his retirement.

Jim Phelan, who has coached in relative obscurity at Mount St. Mary's, a tiny college in Maryland, will retire at the end of the season after 49 years with 825 wins and counting.

Say what you want about Bob Knight's chair-throwing, obscenity-spewing, neck-wringing tirades. In nearly 40 years on the bench, Knight's teams at Army, Indiana, and now Texas Tech, never have had to worry about NCAA sanctions. He has always stressed academics just as equally, if not more, as basketball.

While coaching at the Army, Knight had a player who turned out to have an impressive coaching career in his own regards. Duke chief Mike Krzyzewski has put together almost 650 wins, winning three national titles and reaching the Final Four nine times. Even with the added obstacle of coaching at a college known just as much for their high academic standards as

their athletic feats, Coach K has succeeded on all counts.

With so many players nowadays declaring for the NBA draft as freshmen and sophomores (or just skipping college altogether), it seems that academics are becoming nothing more than an afterthought at many universities.

At the University of Cincinnati, Bob Huggins might be able to flaunt winning records year after year.

One thing he may not want to gloat about is the fact that at one point not too long ago, his team had a graduation rate of zero. Among the players that entered as freshmen, not one lasted at Cincinnati all four years.

Recently, the NCAA has recommended a couple of possible remedies to try and solve the problem. One suggestion brought the idea of stripping various incentives such as television games, scholarships, and even tournament bids to academically poor teams. A more far-fetched idea was to sew a patch on the uniforms of these schools saying that they were underachieving in the classroom.

What's next? Having tutors on the bench to give math lessons during halftime? How about, instead of shooting free throws, teams have to recite Shakespearean sonnets.

The NCAA needs to find a solution help curb the problems some schools have with academics and other factors. This could be easier said than done. The appeal of the big money and bright lights of the NBA is unmatched.

But before things become irreversible, it's refreshing to see the coaches out there like Pat Summitt, Bob Knight and Mike Krzyzewski patrolling the benches. These three figures not only get their players to produce, but also manage to get something that seems to become rarer and rarer these days — respect.

Ward earns academic recognition

G-A News Service

STATESBORO, Ga. — Georgia Southern junior midfielder Genevieve Ward was named to the All-South Region Academic Second Team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

The Georgia Southern women's soccer team earned the Women's Soccer Team Academic award from the NSCAA for the sixth time in seven years in an announcement made by the NSCAA on Thursday.

Ward garnered her award after accumulating a 3.53 grade point average in Business and Accounting during her first two years as an Eagle. The Mississauga, Ontario native was third on the Eagle squad with 15 total points in 2002, tallying six goals and three assists on the season.

"This is a great honor for Genevieve," said Georgia Southern head coach Tom Norton. "It caps off a wonderful year for her. It is exciting to see her receive recognition for working as hard off the field as she does on it."

The NSCAA's team award is pre-

sented to those schools whose team accumulates a 3.00 GPA or greater. Georgia Southern, which was one of five Southern Conference teams to earn the honor, combined for a 3.17 GPA.

"This is also a great honor for our team," added Norton. "It is reflective

of our team's hard work off the field. I can think of no more prestigious award that better symbolizes the true meaning of the term student-athlete."

The Eagles were 12-5-2 during the 2002 season and finished third in the Southern Conference with a 7-2-1 league record.



Ryan Moore/STAFF

The Lady Eagles soccer team earned national academic recognition for having a combined GPA of an impressive 3.17.

Soccer programs earn national academic award

G-A News Service

STATESBORO, GA. — Georgia Southern University was one of just 42 schools nationwide to place both men's and women's soccer programs on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Academic Award list.

The award is presented to programs ranging from NCAA Division I to NAIA and junior colleges

who keep a team cumulative grade point average of 3.0.

Georgia Southern joins Davidson as the only Southern Conference schools to have both teams honored. It was the second straight year that the men's team has been honored and the Eagles are one of just 26 Division I programs represented.

"This is a tribute to our guys

for their work on and off the field," said Head Coach Kevin Chambers. "Academics has always been a great priority for us, and to be recognized for our work is very rewarding."

The awards will be presented at the College Coaches Luncheon at the 2002 NSCAA Convention on January 16 at the NSCAA Convention in Kansas City.

Arnold, Cunningham lead Eagles at ASU

G-A News Service

Boone, N.C. — The Georgia Southern Track and Field team was led by freshman Rashedah Arnold and sophomore Giselle Cunningham at the Appalachian Indoor Meet Friday and Saturday. Arnold won the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.41 while Cunningham placed second with a time of 25.58.

Junior Kellie Mitchell finished second in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, nine inches. Mitchell also placed second in the high jump (5 feet, 5.75 inches). Also placing second was junior Amber Tiggs in the weigh throw with a throw of 50 feet and 3.25 inches. The Eagles distance medley relay team placed third in the meet with a time of 12:47 and the 4x400 team placed fourth with a time of 3:58.49.

Other GSU runners placing in the top five were Arnold in the 55-meter dash (6.97), freshman Brittany Swick in the Mile (5:23), and junior Marlo Mincey in the 400-meter dash (58.58). Mincey's sister, Margo, finished sixth in the 400 with a time of 58.75.

Georgia Southern travels to ETSU for the Walker Invitational, January 31-February 1 in Johnson City, Tenn.

Lady Eagles slide to Davidson, WCU

G-A News Service

DAVIDSON, N.C. — Emily Callahan scored a career-high 26 points to lead four Wildcats in double-figures as Davidson downed Georgia Southern 85-72 on Thursday night at Belk Arena.

Georgia Southern (10-5, 4-2 Southern Conference) began the second half on a 12-2 run, keyed by eight of Shawnica Hill's 14 second-half points to erase a 10-point halftime deficit and tie the contest at 49 with 15:38 to go in the game.

Davidson (7-8, 2-4 SoCon) answered with an 11-2 run of its own and reestablished the lead at 66-57 with nine minutes remaining on Megan Flewelling's jumper. The Eagles got as close as three with 5:05 to play, but the Wildcats hit 15 free throws in the last 4:49 of the contest to provide the final margin.

Davidson jumped out to a 20-13 first half lead before the Eagles got two buckets from Jessica Everett and a three-pointer from Rachel Loiacono to tie the game at 20 with 10:44 to go in the period.

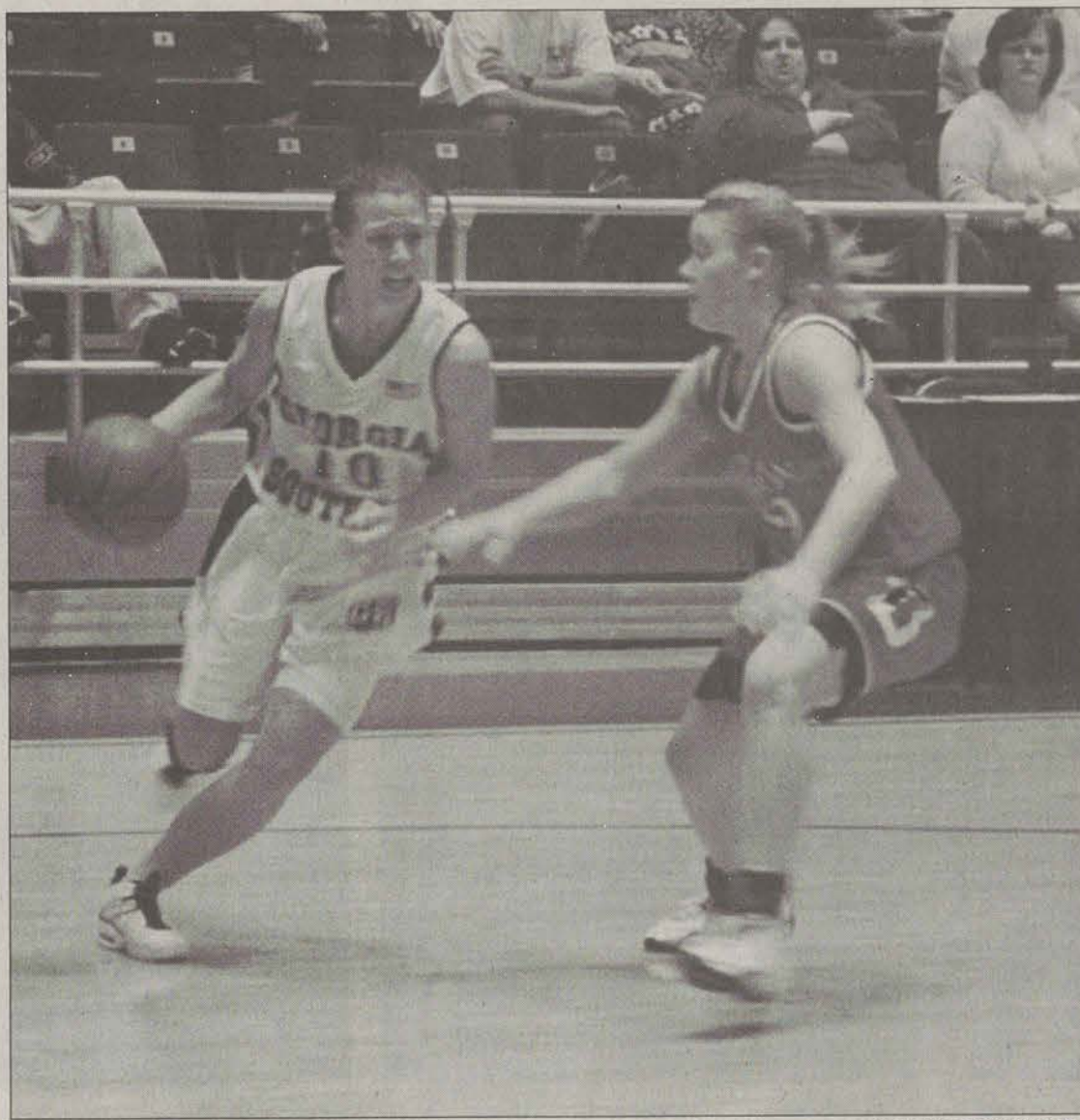
The Wildcats closed the half on a 9-2 run to grab its biggest lead in the opening stanza at 47-37. Callahan, who scored 14 points in the opening half, hit a three-pointer and followed with a short jumper to close the run. The Wildcats shot 57.1 percent in the opening frame.

Hill led the Eagles with 21 points, while Everett finished with 14. Tiffany Lanier scored 11 points and tallied six assists and six steals, while Kristy McCorkle posted 10 points in her second game since returning from knee surgery.

Ashley Hallstead scored a season-high 18 points for Davidson, while Bethany Schott added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Georgia Southern returns to action on Saturday at 2:00 p.m., traveling to Western Carolina.

CULLOWHEE, N.C. — Western Carolina survived a frenetic final minute of the contest to hold off Georgia Southern 60-58 Saturday afternoon at



Christina Ritch/STAFF

The Lady Eagles traveled to both Davidson and Western Carolina, only to bring home two losses in a row. The Eagles host Wofford Saturday evening at 7 p.m.

the Ramsey Center in Cullowhee.

Western Carolina (11-4, 4-2 Southern Conference) took a 59-52 lead on its final field goal of the game, a Jennifer Gardner basket with 4:14 to play. The Lady Eagles' Shawnica Hill hit two free throws with 3:28 left to cut the lead to five, and Jessica Everett's jumper made the score 59-56 with 1:20 left.

Georgia Southern (10-6, 4-3 Southern Conference) then followed by cutting the Catamount advantage to one on Tiffany Lanier's leaper in the paint with 57 seconds left.

Yoneko Allen was fouled off a

steal with 12.7 seconds showing and managed to split two free tosses to give WCU a two-point cushion. The Eagles had one more chance, but Everett's jumper from the baseline went long.

The Eagles erased Western Carolina's second half lead and tied the game at 48 on Hill's runner with 8:15 to go. The Catamounts grabbed the next seven points and re-established the lead at 55-48 with five minutes remaining.

Western Carolina scored the first seven points of the contest before Hill broke the drought at the 15:04 mark.

The Eagles battled back to take their first lead of the contest when Dana Benemon hit two free throws with 5:15 to go in the period at 20-19.

The Catamounts rattled off nine straight points to take a 28-20 advantage, but buckets by Lanier and Hill with under a minute to go closed the GSU halftime deficit to 28-24.

Hill led the Eagles with 17 points, while Lanier added 11. Gardner paced the Catamounts with 23 points.

Georgia Southern returns to action next Saturday, as the Lady Eagles host Wofford at 7 p.m.

Eagles top UNCG 83-78

G-A News Service

GREENSBORO, N.C. — GSU shot a sizzling 55.6 percent from the field en route to a hard-fought 83-78 victory over UNC Greensboro in Southern Conference men's basketball action Saturday afternoon in Fleming Gymnasium.

With the victory, Georgia Southern improves to 10-5 overall and 3-1 in Southern Conference play. UNCG slips to 4-12 on the season and 1-4 in league play.

Jay Joseph's layup to open the game was just a glimpse of things to come. After trailing 2-0, Georgia Southern's all-conference performer Julius Jenkins nailed a 3-pointer that gave the Eagles a lead they would not surrender. The Eagles pushed their lead to 11 at the intermission, 40-29, for their largest lead of the half.

In the second half of play, UNCG came out and outscored the Georgia Southern, 16-6. Georgia Southern

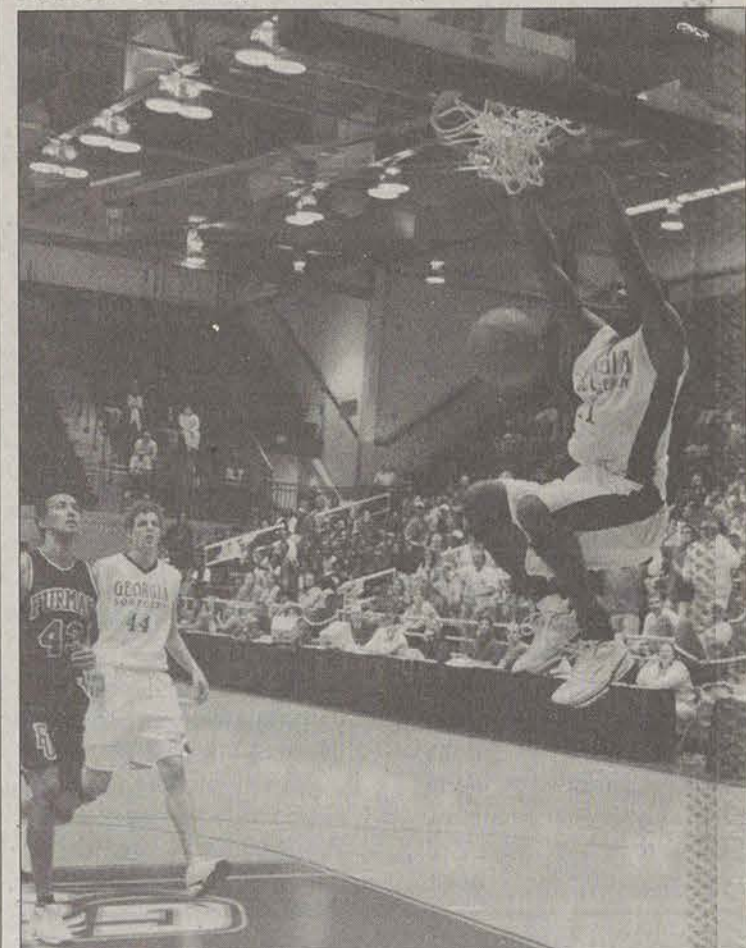
would once again rally and pull ahead by as many as 13, 71-58, with just 5:03 remaining in regulation.

Just when it looked as if the Eagles would cruise home to the victory, the Spartans' Jay Joseph connected on two 3-pointers in a six-second spar to pull UNCG within five points, 78-75. Clutch free throw shooting helped Georgia Southern hold on to their lead and stave off the Spartans' rally.

Jenkins scored a team-high 15 points to lead five Eagles' in double-figures. Frank Bennett scored 18 points and reigning SoCon Player-of-the-Week Jean Francois added 15 points and nine rebounds.

The loss is UNCG's third in the last three seasons (24-3). Georgia Southern is responsible for two of the Spartans' losses in that span.

The Eagles will look to the hardwood on Tuesday, January 21, at home against The Citadel.



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The Eagles hit the road to the UNC Greensboro Spartans and traveled home with an 83-78 victory.

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A Sobering Picture of Early American Life

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Picture it.

It is turn of the 19th century New York. A time before skyscrapers, concrete, and taxis that have come to symbolize the "city that never sleeps."

Before Manhattan, Brooklyn, or even Queens there were the five points of the lower part of the city by the Hudson that were ruled by many factions considered to be the "Gangs of New York." One leader ruled each of the five points. Each fight that inevitably ensued between the heads and their gangs was to earn respect and territory. Constant bloodshed, power struggles, and horrible living conditions were a daily fact that many in this city dealt with. These factors and the realistic portrayal of life in the early days of New York City are shown clearly in Martin Scorsese's new-

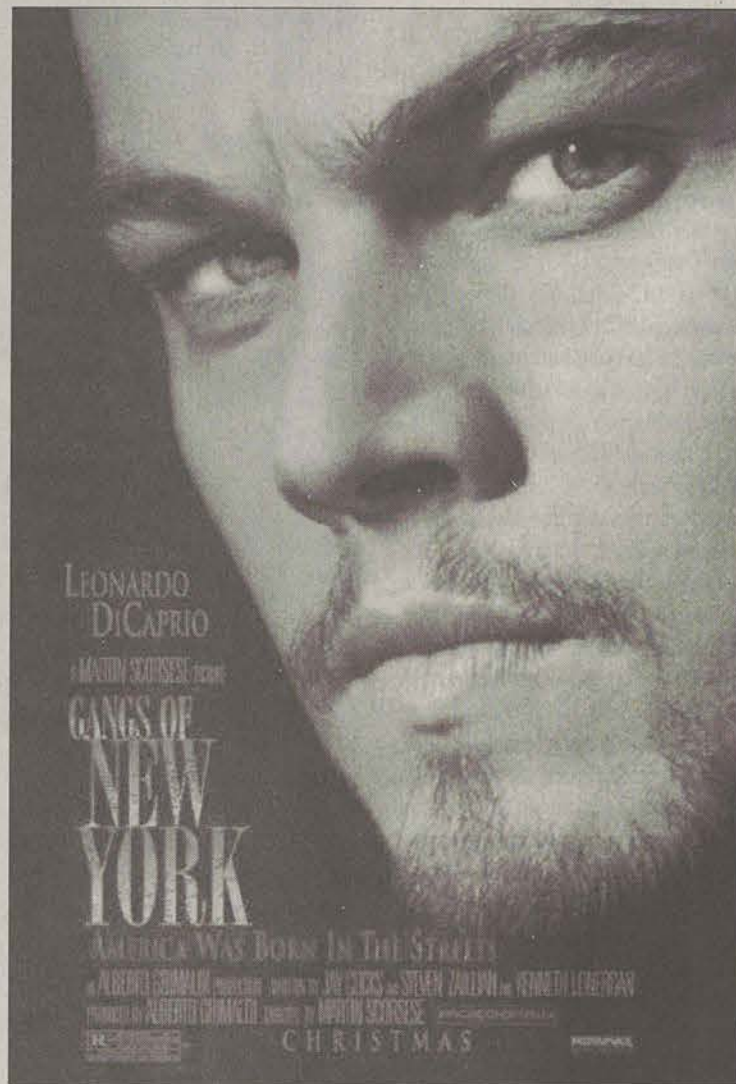
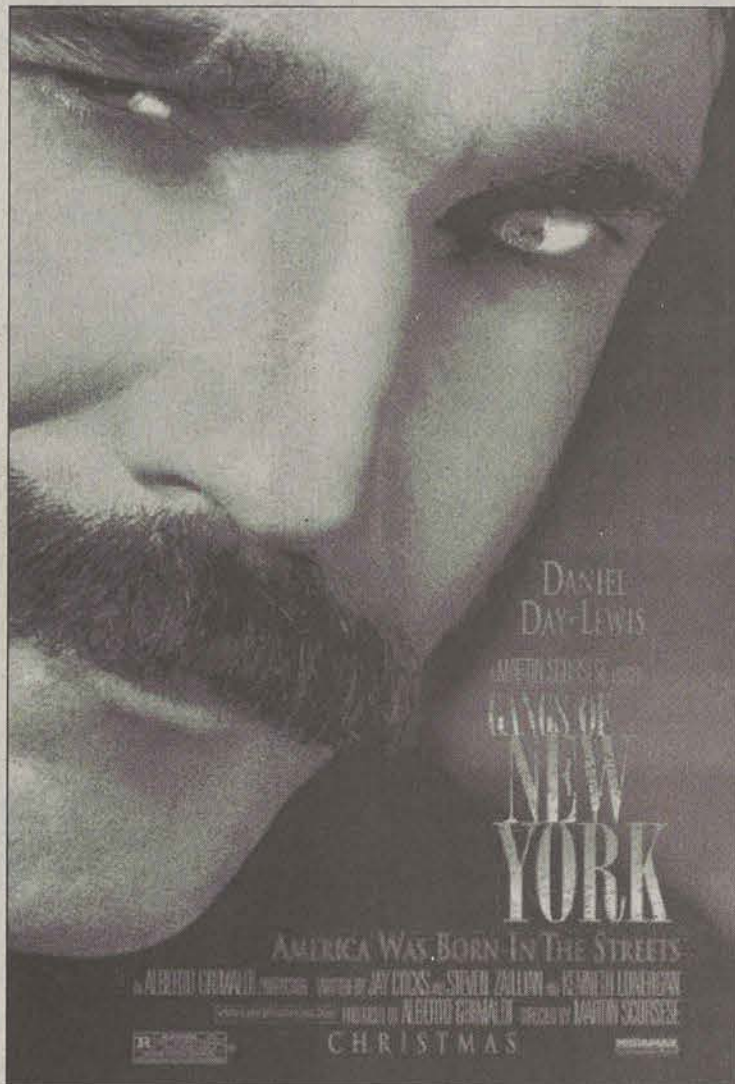
est film, "Gangs of New York."

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio, this film is a groundbreaking epic of proportions that have not been seen in theatres in quite awhile.

With its detailed sets, costumes, and an emotionally driven story, the film transports its audience to the beginning of the American dream for many in the mid 1800's. The film's story takes its roots in the huge migration of many Irishmen to the United States searching for food, shelter, and new opportunities during the great potato famine in Ireland.

With their immigration came the hate that many "Native Americans" felt towards them, and the political unrest that they caused on the island of Manhattan.

Woven into this story of migration is the story of a young man's, Amsterdam's (DiCaprio) lust for revenge



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Daniel Day Lewis stars as Bill the Butcher (left), one of the clan heads in Scorsese's 'Gangs of New York.' Meanwhile, Leonardo DiCaprio (right) plays the role of Amsterdam, the son of a man murdered by Day Lewis's 'Bill the Butcher.'

against the man who killed his father, Bill The Butcher (Daniel Day-Lewis). This hatred leads Amsterdam to assume the guise of an apprentice of sorts to Bill the Butcher, and he plots his revenge in secret.

This lying and deceit leads to an action packed 165 minutes that will leave the audience wanting more. Along with the revenge that

Amsterdam seeks for his father's death, he also must to fend off the advances of a slick pickpocket Jenny Everdeane played by Cameron Diaz, which innately becomes his love interest in the film.

The acting in this film is a tour de force that will be sure to have many talking for years to come. From the needfulness with a

mixture of hate and love of Leonardo DiCaprio's Amsterdam, to the pure evil and unbridled passions of Daniel Day-Lewis's Bill The Butcher, "Gangs of New York" represents a rarity of film today.

Cameron Diaz is not short on her performance as she portrays Jenny Everdeane, a character outwardly rigid and unfeeling but inside very vulnerable and in need of love.

This film joins the ranks of "Goodfellas," "Casino," "Taxi Driver," and "Raging Bull," as one of the great Scorsese films. The beautiful color utilized to enhance gang wars, rallies, and immigrations into the New York harbor seen throughout the film add grit and authenticity.

The angles that were employed screamed classic Scorsese as each dramatic close-up, wide-pan, and quick smash cut brought the audience deeper into

the story than expected. And almost thirty years after its inception, "Gangs of New York" becomes one of Scorsese's finest works to date.

With such consciousness to detail throughout each scene that represented an accurate portrayal of life at the time, he adds his signature style that is often imitated and never duplicated.

"Gangs of New York" is worth the time. It has all of the makings to become a classic that will be talked about by many film historians, buffs, and audiences for years.

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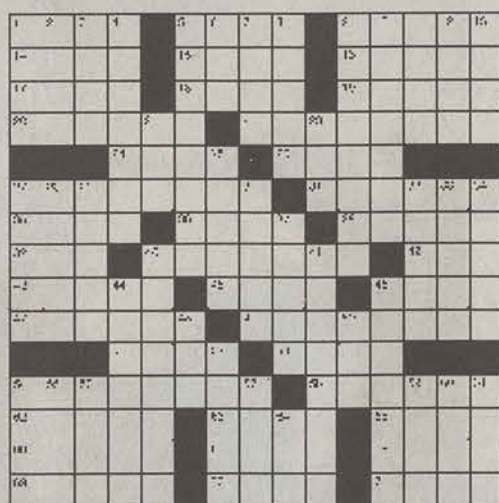


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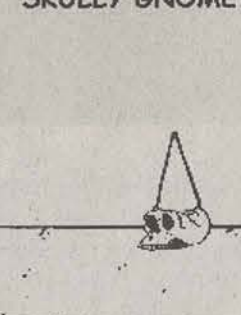
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'POWER POLES': Gallery 303 welcomes the colorful work of Alonzo Davis

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Georgia Southern's Art Department is currently sponsoring an exhibit of Alonzo Davis's "Power Poles".

The "Power Poles" are long lengths of bamboo that are variously embellished. Most of the poles contain burned-in patterned designs, which alternate with wrappings.

The wrappings include twists of painted canvas, copper bracelets and cowhide.

"The poles evolved from mixed media paintings that incorporated sweat lodge poles, branches, arrows and twigs, that have now been worked with as a single medium," said Alonzo Davis.

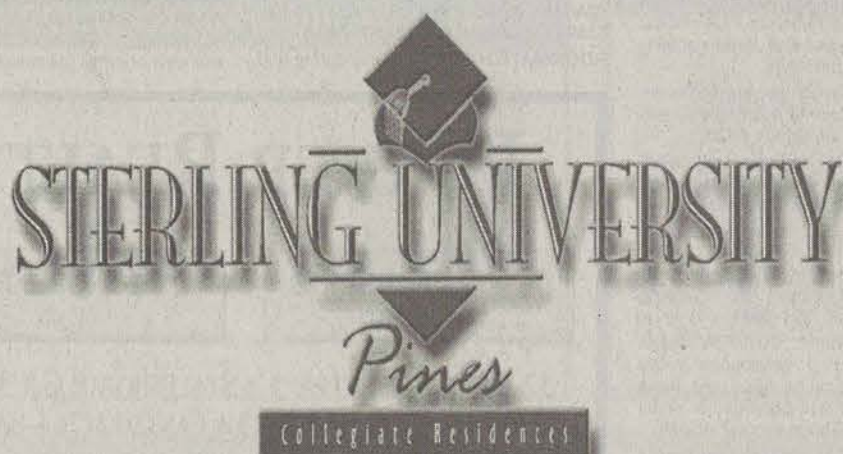
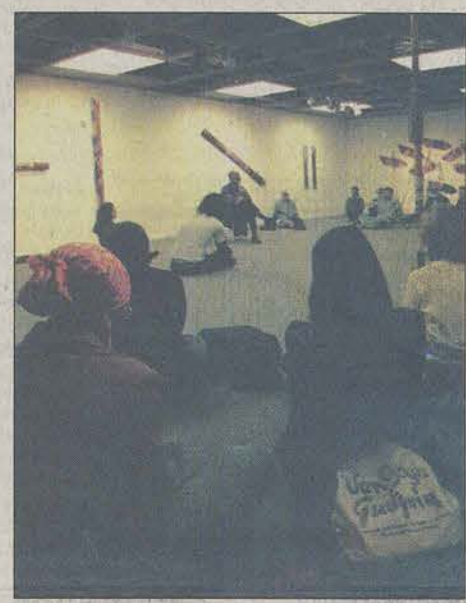
Davis states that, "My influences have come mostly from my travels to South America, West Africa and the Southwest United States. I have been motivated by the many cultural expressions of indigenous peoples of these areas."

Davis's "Power Poles" will be on display in Foy Fine Arts' Gallery 303 until February 14, 2003.



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Gallery 303, in the Foy Fine Arts Building, is hosting "Power Poles," a collection of works by artist Alonzo Davis. Davis is influenced by the widespread artistic traditions of West Africa, South America and the southwestern United States, all of which can be seen in his work.



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Indie films to shine at Sundance

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For most of the filmmakers whose movies are accepted at the Sundance Film Festival, which opens Thursday in Park City, Utah, and wraps on Jan. 26, it's all about what happens in those 11 days.

If you arrive without a distributor for your film, it's all about finding one; if you arrive with distribution taken care of, it's about creating a buzz the distributor can get behind. If you're entered in competition, it's about winning a prize.

For Travis Wilkerson of Ann Arbor, Mich., it's about being there.

"Simply having my film in the festival has already eclipsed any expectations I might have had," says Wilkerson, director of "An Injury to One," a documentary that will screen in the festival's Frontier sidebar, devoted to experimental filmmaking.

"An Injury to One" uses the story of how Wilkerson's hometown of Butte, Mont., devolved from the sort of boomtown the West was all about — "the richest hill on earth" — to what he calls an ecological death trap, recipient of the biggest payment ever made by the federal environmental Super Fund to clean up a 2-mile-wide hole filled with toxic water. But, while Wilkerson's film is full of historical fact and myth, it is anything but a traditional documentary.

"It's a very personal narrative, mostly just me wandering around with a 16mm Bolex (camera) picking out pieces of the landscape, using it to ask questions as much as to explain anything," he says. "It's a film that's probably too rigorous and austere for the traditional documentary types, yet it's still a narrative that tells a story, which probably makes it too commercial for the experimental crowd."

Though director Gilmore says Sundance will always remain true to its American independent spirit, there is no shortage of star power at the 2003 edition.

Salma Hayek, who's on the Oscar short list for her title role in the Frida Kahlo biography "Frida," will be on hand to introduce her first film as a director. "The Maldonado Miracle"



Special Photo

The 2003 Sundance Film Festival, a very prestigious celebration of independent film, will be held in Park City, Utah from Jan. 23-26.

is about a small town where a statue of Jesus appears to be shedding tears of blood. Matt Dillon is coming to promote "City of Ghosts," in which he plays a con man on the run in a cast that also includes James Caan, Stellan Skarsgard and Gerard Depardieu.

And rumors are rife that Bob Dylan will show up to play a private concert connected to "Masked and Anonymous," the feature-directing debut of former "Seinfeld" director Larry Charles. Dylan stars as a cult figure who is sprung from prison to play a benefit concert in Latin America; his costars include Penelope Cruz, John Goodman and Luke Wilson.

The festival's opening-night film is "Levity," a drama starring Billy Bob Thornton as an ex-con seeking redemption for a long-ago murder and costarring Morgan Freeman and Holly Hunter, who will receive the festival's annual Independent Vision Award.

Hunter is also in another premiere, "thirteen," starring Evan Rachel Wood. Other premieres include a remake of the British miniseries "The Singing Detective," starring Robert Downey Jr. as a writer hospitalized with a rare skin disease; James Foley's "Confidence," with Edward Burns as a cop trapped in a deadly game with con man Dustin Hoffman; "It's All About Love," a sci-fi drama directed by Dogme 95's Thomas Vinterberg about an attempt to clone a famous ice skater played by Claire

Danes, and "The Event," starring indie queen Parker Posey as a New York D.A. who's convinced a spate of suicides aren't what they appear to be.

All together, 85 feature-length fiction films, 35 feature-length documentaries and 60 short films will be shown over the 11 days; they were chosen from more than 2,000 features and more than 3,300 shorts.

A few, like Jim Sheridan's poignant "In America," have been shown at previous festivals, including Toronto; and a few, like Daniel Algrant's "People I Know," starring Al Pacino, have been seen theatrically overseas. But for most of the 20,000 people expected to attend the festival this year, Sundance is a place to discover films like "Weather Underground," "An Injury to One" and "Rhythm of the Saints."

"When I was younger, it never crossed my mind that I would be capable of making a film," says Wilkerson, who majored in comparative literature at U-M. "I didn't think it was something actual human beings did; it was more like this huge corporate undertaking. Then I started seeing odd films and developed this weird set of influences, and slowly I started to think, 'I could do this.'"

"Now here I am showing my work at a major film festival. What can I say besides, 'Great, good, thanks a lot; hope you get something out of it!'"