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Covering the campus like a swarm of gnats

Weather

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Afternoon thunderstorms with a high of 83°F and a low of 61°F.

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RECITAL

• Faculty Recital Series
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall
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Chris Walker/STAFF

Player's Ball turn-out sparse this year

Holiday weekend curbs crowds

Crowds were thin on Chandler Rd. over a weekend during which Statesboro normally expects thousands of visitors. Although Player's Ball was small compared to previous years, assumedly due to its coincidence with Easter weekend, religious entertainment integrated the festivities. A group called God's Son, hailing from Atlanta, played at the BSU in the midst of increased security and police presence surrounding the area.

Hong Kong suffers 12 more deaths during clean-up campaign in fight against SARS

Associated Press

HONG KONG -- Twelve more SARS patients died in Hong Kong, pushing its toll to 81, officials said Saturday, following a largely symbolic cleanup organized by government leaders struggling to restore the territory's badly tarnished image.

The 12 deaths were the most in a single day in Hong Kong since the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome flared last month.

Thirty-one new cases were reported Saturday, bringing the total

number of infections in the territory to 1,358.

Seven of the new fatalities were elderly people who had other chronic illnesses, health officials said. But the rest were younger, fitter patients, joining a group of SARS victims whose recent deaths have raised worries about how deadly the little-understood disease can be.

Earlier, Hong Kong's health secretary used a bleached mop and rags to help scrub down a vegetable market during a massive cleanup staged by

officials and volunteers in hopes of helping Hong Kong bounce back.

"Personal hygiene and environmental hygiene are two important objectives," Dr. Yeoh Eng-kiang said. One surprised stall owner said she'd seen Yeoh many times on television during the SARS crisis but that the mop-wielding health chief looked skinny in person -- perhaps from working too hard.

Yeoh wore no surgical mask as he cleaned the floor and wiped the sides of an escalator, but many others in the

cleanup did, hoping to avoid SARS.

Environment Secretary Sarah Liao drank tea at a Chinese restaurant at Telford Gardens, a housing development that has been infected, to show it was safe.

Elsewhere, thousands of volunteers, from housewives to government officials, fanned out to clean housing, restaurants and shopping malls.

Hong Kong's image and economy

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U.S. troops celebrate Christian Easter holiday in Muslim city

KRT Campus

BAGHDAD -- There were no chocolate bunnies, jelly beans or cream-filled eggs to mark Easter at Baghdad International Airport Sunday, just simple early morning religious services in a hangar and a terminal gate, followed by a hot meal.

Like dozens of military troops across newly liberated Iraq, hundreds of Army soldiers still feeling the fatigue of recently concluded battles gathered at services here, sang hymns and offered prayers for their fallen comrades. Many of the U.S. Army's 200 chaplains accompanying troops in the country

led similar services, according to V Corps chaplain Col. Douglas L. Carver.

But the irony of American forces holding Sunday services to celebrate one of the most important Christian holidays in a predomi-

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GSU graduate student wins award for paper on history of American Army families

Special to the G-A

While Operation Iraqi Freedom has put the United States armed forces in the international spotlight, a graduate student at Georgia Southern University has been honored for her work in detailing the early history of American soldiers and their families.

Stacey Brown won the award for best out of school paper at the 15th annual Graduate History Forum hosted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC).

Entitled "The Birth of the American Army Family," Brown's paper provided a glimpse into the lives of several military wives during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

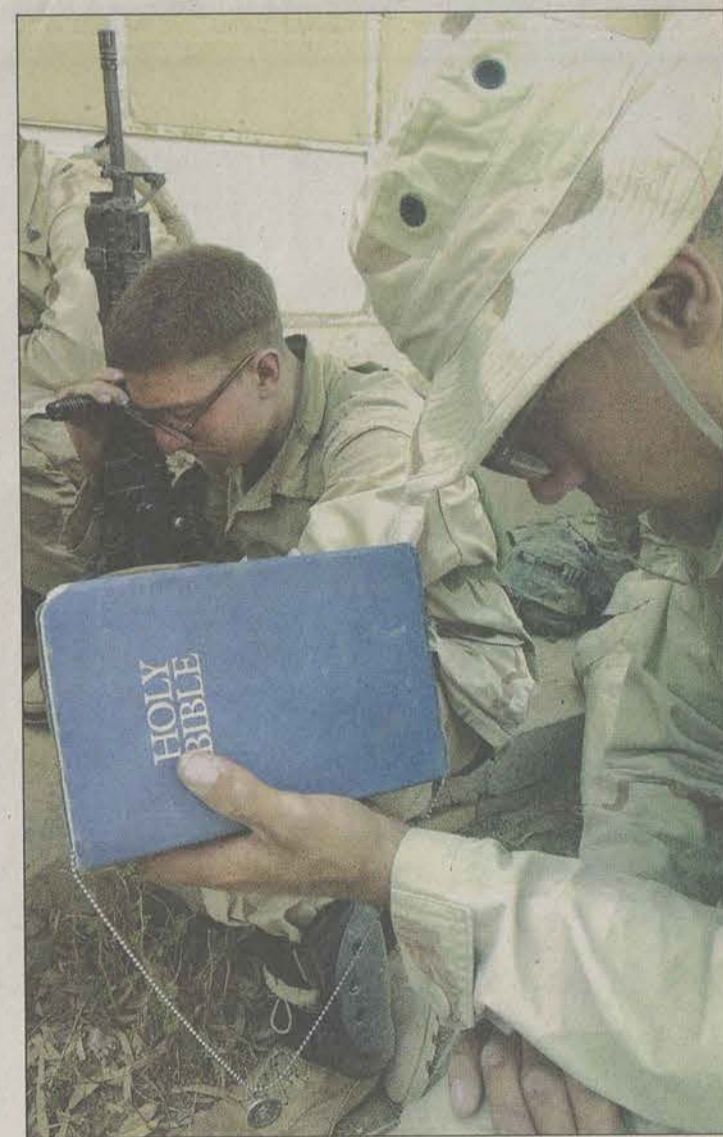
The best out of school paper award at the forum

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A jubilant crowd waves American flags as they welcome home former POW's, Chief Warrant Officer David Williams and Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Young, Jr. during welcome home ceremonies at Fort Hood Army Base in Killeen, Texas late Saturday night, April 19.



KRT Campus

U.S. Marines from the 5th Regimental Combat Team of the 1st Marine Division joined soldiers from the 82nd Airborne for Easter Mass on Sunday, April 20 in Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq.

Georgia Southern presents 'The Pirates of Penzance'



Special Photo

Sean Handley plays the role of Frederic, the male lead in 'The Pirates of Penzance.' He is accompanied by Amanda Smith, Danielle Callan, Amanda McKinney, Jennifer Luikart, Julee Robinson, Erin O'Connell and Sydney Marsh.

Special to the G-A

Pirates will seize the stage at Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern University when the Georgia Southern Opera presents W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's classic comic operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance."

"The Pirates of Penzance" is the only Gilbert and Sullivan operetta to have been written in the U.S.," said Tamara Watson Harper, director of the Georgia Southern Opera. "It was first performed on Dec. 31, 1879, and it has been a favorite with audiences ever since."

This comic tour de force pokes fun at the uniquely Victorian obsession with duty through the story of

young Frederic. When Frederic was a young lad, his parents sent him with his nurse, Ruth, to be apprenticed to a pilot (or ship's helmsman), but Ruth, being hard of hearing, indentured the boy instead to a pirate, the leader of the famous Pirates of Penzance. Mortified when she discovered her mistake, Ruth, too, took refuge with the outlaws, staying to raise the boy.

Now, Frederic is about to turn 21 and will be free to leave the band. Though attached to the pirates individually, and though he has served them faithfully all these years, Frederic deplors piracy and now pledges his life to thwarting their efforts. However, until noon, he is

still a pirate, and in loyalty to the band he identifies their principal mistake in executing raids: the pirates are too kindhearted, especially to orphans, so much so that everyone they meet now claims to be one.

Soon, a group of young women can be heard coming to the shore. Frederic observes them in hiding, but when they prepare to wade in the water, his sense of decency moves him to announce his presence to the maidens. Frightened by this pirate in their midst, the girls all reject his offers of love -- all that is except for Mabel. As the other girls prepare to leave the young lovers alone, they

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Campus Calendar

APRIL 21

Recycled Art Workshop

Tom Amettis will conduct a workshop on making art from found objects on Monday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henderson Library. Materials will be provided or you may bring your own. This Earth Day event is sponsored by the Library Recycling Committee.

State labor commissioner to speak at GSU

Georgia Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond will be the guest speaker at the Annual Senior Honors Program sponsored by Educational Opportunities Program (EOP). The event will be held Monday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

For more information, call the EOP office at ext. 5458.

APRIL 22

Earth Day

For the fourth year, Georgia Southern is hosting an Early Day event on campus. A global event with the purpose to raise awareness of the health of our planet, our Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Union Rotunda. The event will feature information booths, live music, food and activities for adults and children. Speeches by President Bruce Grube and Larry Mutter, associate professor of recreation, will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

A highlight of this year's event will be the unveiling of a new campus initiative called the Alternative Transportation Program (ATP). The purpose of the ATP is to encourage students to reduce their dependence on using vehicles to get to and around campus and instead use their own bodies to walk and bike.

Georgia Southern's Earth Day celebration is organized by SAGE (Student Alliance for a Green Earth). For more information, contact Lorne Wolfe at ext. 0848.

SARS, FROM PAGE 1

have taken a bad beating from the SARS outbreak that has severely hit business, tourism and the territory's international reputation.

Air travelers leaving Hong Kong spread the disease to three countries that have now suffered SARS fatalities—Canada, Singapore and Vietnam. The World Health Organization has warned people against traveling to Hong Kong.

Yeoh and several doctors who have been tackling the outbreak met with reporters early Saturday afternoon and repeated assurances that 95 percent of SARS patients fully recover. Another 41 people have been discharged from hospitals, officials said later Saturday, bringing

that total to 363.

The majority of those who have died—68 percent—suffered from other chronic illnesses such as heart disease or diabetes, said Dr. Yu Wai-cho, a hospital consultant. Almost a third were over 75, Yu said, explaining a breakdown of SARS deaths reported through Tuesday.

Officials were monitoring all buildings where SARS cases have been reported to try to avoid further big outbreaks, said health director Dr. Margaret Chan.

At least 326 people were infected in an outbreak at one apartment complex, the Amoy Gardens.

Critics have accused the government of responding too slowly to

the crisis, and Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa acknowledged Friday officials could have acted more swiftly.

Tung said authorities were initially a bit passive in tracking down people who came in contact with SARS patients, but have since become "very proactive."

Meanwhile, a male flight attendant who worked on an April 15 Cathay

Pacific flight from Singapore to Hong Kong was confirmed to have SARS.

The government urged passengers who took flight CX714 to contact health authorities. The flight attendant is in stable condition at a Hong Kong hospital.

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nantly Muslim world capital was not lost on Carver or his worshipers during the Protestant service in the waiting area of Gate D41 at the airport, formerly called Saddam International Airport.

"It's unbelievable," the chaplain said. "Here we are, celebrating right in the middle of the Islamic world, preaching Jesus Christ."

And in northern Kuwait, the scene was similar for U.S. troops waiting to continue their assignments and enter Iraq.

In the desert encampment of 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, the chaplain

leading the service asked each soldier to say why he was thankful.

When it was Maj. William Walski's turn, he said: "Five hundred and seventy-three soldiers—573 soldiers still alive and healthy."

The tank unit, based at Fort Riley, Kan., has been training and preparing in the harsh conditions for two weeks. The soldiers are eager to move into Iraq and put their tanks to use for whatever assignment they get. For many soldiers, the wait is frustrating.

Still, they found reasons to be thankful. For Easter dinner, they got steak and lobster on a Styrofoam

plate, a can each of non-alcoholic malt beverage and hard candy, trucked in from an Army kitchen a few miles away. The steak was tough, and the lobster lacked butter. Still, it was steak and lobster.

Spc. Roberto Coto had his own reason for being thankful. He learned that on Saturday, his wife, Taneika, gave birth to a son, Alex, who weighed 8 pounds.

Coto, a 24-year-old tank loader from Houston, called the birth his "Easter present."

"Can't wait to meet him," he said.

PIRATES, FROM PAGE 1

are abducted by the pirates.

The men see an opportunity to force the girls to marry them, but before they can get the nuptials started, the girls' father, Major General Stanley, enters and pleads with the pirates not to take his daughters away from him, his being an orphan and all.

The pirates relent, but the Major General is still worried, since his claim of being an orphan was false. The newly independent Frederic promises to protect the women from the pirates. But his sense of duty gets him into trouble when it is discovered

that, in fact, his indentured period is not really over.

This Georgia Southern Opera production features students Sean Handley (Frederic), Amanda McKinney (Mabel), Chris DeRaney (Major General Stanley), David Poulian (the Pirate King), Ashley Saferight (Edith), Amanda Smith (Kate), Rebecca Pollard (Ruth), Ernest McCoy (Samuel) and Justin Ebron (Sergeant of Police).

The production staff includes Marla Johnson (stage manager), Renley Penven (assistant stage manager), Ellen Erickson (costume manager),

Brad Darvas (lighting designer), Rich Clarke (lighting crew) and Dale Jacoby (properties manager).

"The Pirates of Penzance" will be directed by Harper (stage director) and Dr. Kyle Hancock (musical director), with technical direction by Jim Meade (Florida State Opera), Pete Davis (GSU Performing Arts Center) and Ellen Erickson (costumer).

The PAC will host this operetta Thursday and Friday, April 24-25. Curtain time both nights will be at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For additional information, contact Harper at (912) 486-7902.



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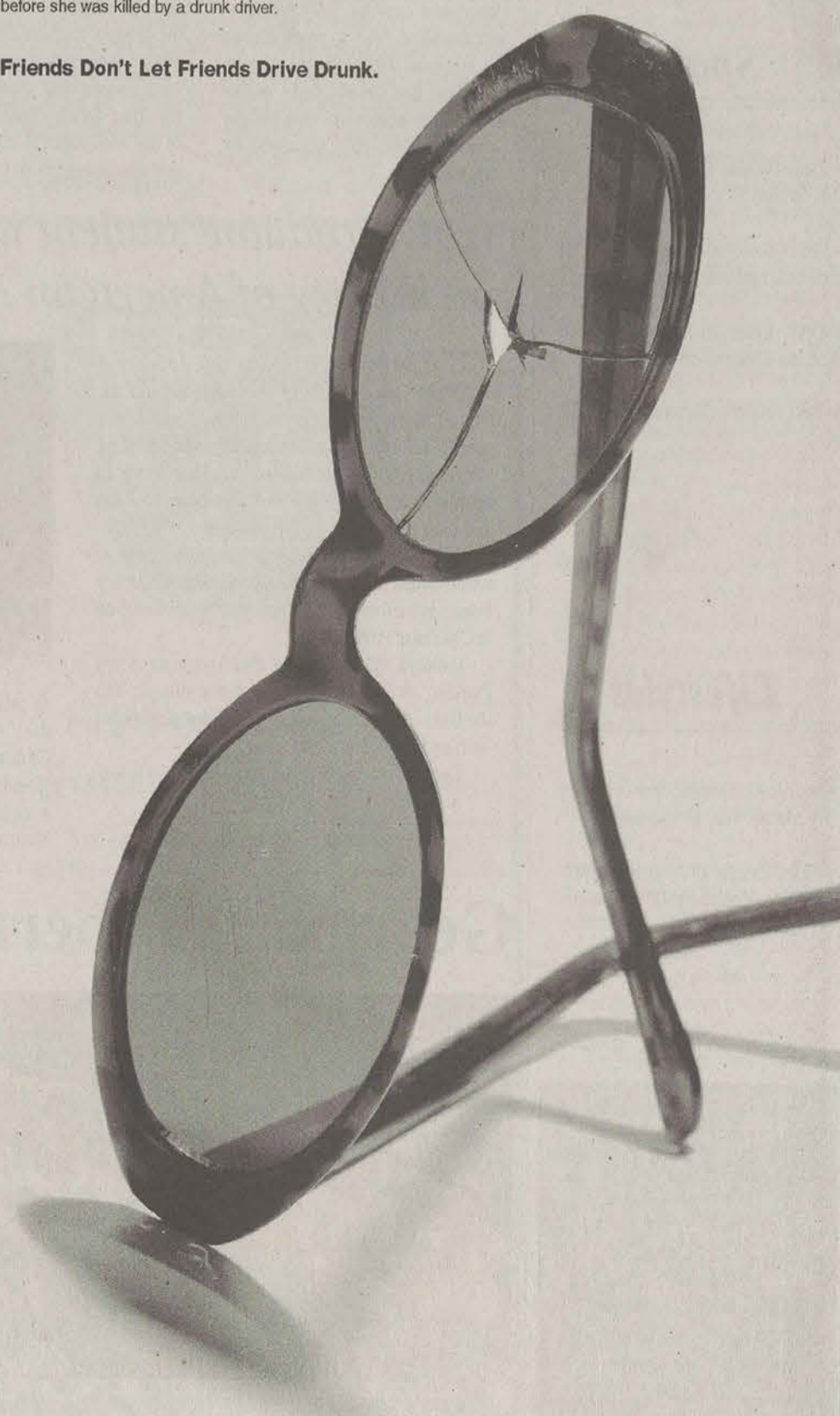


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Amanda Geiger bought these sunglasses to wear on spring break. She wore them only once before she was killed by a drunk driver.

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GSU music students selected for elite group

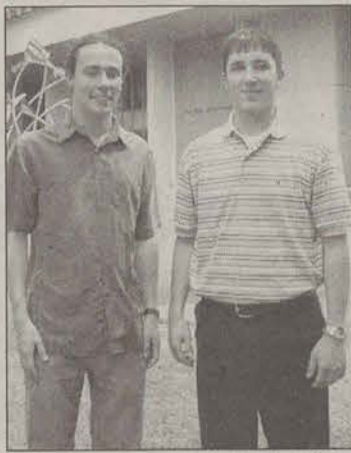
Special to the G-A

Two Georgia Southern University music students have been selected for membership in the International Youth Wind Orchestra.

Brandon Kunka, a percussion player from Savannah, and Kevin Sweatman, a trumpet player from Harlem, Ga., submitted taped auditions and were selected from applications from music students from throughout the world.

The orchestra will meet in Sweden this summer as part of the international conference of the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles. The conductor of the ensemble will be Lt. Col. Timothy Foley, the director of the U.S. Marine Band, known as "The President's Own."

The conference will be held June 29 through July 5 in Jonkoping, Sweden.



Special Photo

Percussionist Brandon Kunka (left) and trumpet player Kevin Sweatman stand outside the Foy Fine Arts Building. Kunka and Sweatman will travel to Sweden at the end of June as part of the International Youth Wind Orchestra.

Abandoned bikes and bike parts to be removed in May

Special to the G-A

Physical plant will be cleaning off the bike racks at the end of every semester.

Students/Faculty will be given a week after each semester to remove any bikes still locked on the racks. The following week, plant employees will remove any that remain and hold them for one week to be claimed.

Anyone wishing to claim a bike during this time may call the Service Response Center (ext.5270) and set up a time to acquire it.

This will be an ongoing project at the end of every semester and the end of the summer sessions, so cooperation in notifying students prior to the end of the semester is crucial.

The physical plant will also be

notifying faculty/staff via GSINFO to inform them as well. The deadline for this semester will be the week of May 5-9; any left as of Monday, May 12 will be removed and held as previously discussed.

For answers to any questions please call Jason Aultman at ext. 5158 or Ms. Queen Eason at ext. 5270.



Internet Photo

Bicycles must be removed from campus bike racks by May 9.

Society of Communication Scholars to become official student organization

By Jennifer Burns
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Known as SoCS, the Society of Communication Scholars was established to provide an avenue for professional and scholastic networking, enhance education, and provide out of class opportunities for research and speech projects for students in the speech communication and communication arts degree programs.

The Student Activity Center will officially approve a new student organization on the Georgia Southern campus on April 24, 2003.

According to the current SoCS president, Senior Andrew Franklin, not only the Communication Arts department in general but particularly the speech communication and communication arts degree programs have been "historically under-represented

on [our] campus."

The Society of Communication Scholars is open to students majoring in either communication arts (B.A.) or speech communication (B.S.) with at least six semester hours. Pre-communication arts students who intend to major in either discipline may join as affiliate members. Affiliate members have all of the privileges of membership, except that they may not hold

office in the organization.

SoCS has a number of events planned for the 2003-2004 school year, including a "how to market your speech communication degree" resume workshop, and a department and/or university wide speech contest.

For more information contact Dr. Wheaton at pwheaton@gasou.edu, or Franklin at afrank12@gasou.edu.

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is presented annually to a student who does not attend UNCC.

"The dependent family has always been a prevalent force in the lives of soldiers," said Brown, a resident of Nevils, Ga., who is pursuing a Master of Arts in history. "In this paper, I described the early influences and creation of the American Army family, and the experiences shared by several families as the Army grew and expanded onto the early frontier and approached the Civil War."

The paper that Brown presented at the forum was taken from a chapter in her thesis, "An Army of One ... with Dependents: A History of the Army Family."

Brown's interest in the subject grew from with her own experiences as a military wife and mother of two sons; her first husband was in the Army and her present husband is a signal officer with the 1/118 Field Artillery Unit of the Georgia Army National Guard.

"I was fascinated by the memoirs of women such as Martha Summerhayes and Katherine Tupper Marshall

and discovered several common themes among them," Brown said. "So, I decided to focus my thesis on the common experiences of Army family members and find out if these experiences created the modern-day Army family community."

"The current experiences of today's families will allow me to bring the story full-fold and demonstrate that the heritage of the Army family is still a driving force in the Army community."

—Stacey Brown, award-winning GSU graduate student

"I also wanted to look at the development of Army family policy and the influences which shaped it over the years."

According to Brown's research, the British military tradition served as the single most influential institution in the history of the American Army. Consequently, the Army family also resembled contemporary English practices.

Known as "camp followers," the soldiers' wives accompanied their

husbands and performed various tasks, including - but not limited to - laundry, cooking, sewing and nursing.

"The early life of an American 'camp follower' whose husband fought with the Army began a

tradition that continues in modern American military establishments," Brown said. "The United States Army family of today functions in a manner that represents community and continuity through a history of common experiences."

Brown said that Operation Iraqi Freedom did not affect the focus of her thesis.

"However, this does not mean that the experiences of the family suffering separation, uncertainty and death are

not relevant to my topic," she said. "The current experiences of today's families will allow me to bring the story full-fold and demonstrate that the heritage of the Army family is still a driving force in the Army community."

It is a community, Brown added, that is too often taken for granted by the civilian population.

"The attention currently focused on Army families, I am afraid, will not last," she said. "I do not think the civilian community as a whole is aware that these same family members have been sending their soldiers off on unaccompanied tours to places like Korea, Bosnia and Kosovo."

"Following the completion of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I believe the Army family will fade from the limelight back into a world where they follow the Army like shadows, always there but never seen."

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OPINIONS

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OUR OPINION

Does it matter where Saddam is, or even if he's still alive?

Saddam Hussein's son-in-law Jamal Mustafa Abdallah Sultan al-Tikriti returned to Iraq yesterday where he surrendered to an Iraqi opposition group.

Officials hope al-Tikriti will be able to provide information as to the whereabouts of Saddam Hussein, which further fuels the debate over whether it matters if Saddam lives or dies after the death of his regime.

In many ways, it does not. The Bush Administration is correct when they claim that Hussein's Iraqi regime is done for. They are also correct when they claim that this fact renders Saddam's physical condition insignificant.

All of us saw the surreal footage of the Iraqi people celebrating in the streets of Baghdad upon Saddam Hussein's fall from power at the hands of the Coalition forces. Just a day earlier, they were likely so terrified of him and his power that they too would have cheered and kissed him on the cheek when he walked past.

But now that he is out of power, the Iraqi people feel more powerful than Saddam, and they would likely kill him themselves if they ever had the chance.

Saddam's condition is rendered inconsequential also by the fact that there are still Saddam loyalists out there still very willing to terrorize both the American and the Iraqi people. And there is no way to ever catch all of the man's loyalists.

What does it matter if Saddam is still alive if his militant faithful are still around?

Well, it could matter a lot. Consider this: if Saddam is still alive, it is quite possible that he could reorganize his forces to plan further action in regaining power.

And how organized could Saddam loyalists ever be if the man to whom they were trying to be loyal was scattered in the debris of American and British bombs?

Even with the fall of the Iraqi regime, it appears that Saddam's whereabouts could remain very important to future relations in the Middle East.

Where will 'liberation' lead?

By Michael E. Latham
KRT Campus

The liberation of Iraq, the White House tells us, is well under way. With Saddam Hussein's regime destroyed, American forces will install a new representative government. Democracy will replace tyranny, and freedom will rise from the ashes of brutality.

That vision certainly is appealing. From the 19th century days of Manifest Destiny through the Cold War, Americans have long thought of themselves as a missionary people, uniquely called to bring the blessings of liberty to the oppressed. As publisher Henry Luce told the readers of Life magazine in 1941, the "American Century" would be one of democratic revolution.

"We have some things in this country," he declared, "which are infinitely precious and especially American—a love of freedom, a feeling for the equality of opportunity, a tradition of self-reliance." The United States, he proclaimed, would now spread those shining ideals throughout the world for the good of all humanity.

As Americans, we like to imagine ourselves in that redemptive role. "Liberation" will always sound better to us than "disarmament" or "containment." It defines a clear victory. It reflects our dream of ourselves, a picture of the nation at its finest hour. It wraps us in reassuring nostalgia. For many of us, the drive into Baghdad is a reprise of the triumphant push into Nazi-occupied Europe at the close of World War II. Administration officials find it easy to explain their current goals by invoking the democratization of Germany or Japan.

But the American record doesn't always match the exalted rhetoric. U.S. policies helped the Germans and Japanese to create robust economies and democratic governments, but American leadership has also suffered from many failures of judgment and principle. In their search for security, U.S. policymakers have often embraced dictatorial governments willing to toe the American line. They have also undermined democratic governments that dared to chart a neutral or adversarial course.

During the Cold War, for example, the United States fre-

quently aligned itself with regimes that ruthlessly suppressed democracy. Choosing to back dictators such as South Vietnam's Ngo Dinh Diem, Nicaragua's Anastasio Somoza, and Iran's Muhammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, American cold warriors helped to arm secret police forces that crushed popular dissent around the globe. And they did this while claiming to defend the Free World.

When the constitutionally elected government of Guate-

new American commitment to democracy? Will the United States accept the risks that a genuinely democratic Iraq might present?

The language of liberation has great political utility. It has galvanized popular support and helped push aside the troubling, unanswered questions about whether going to war was in fact the only recourse in Iraq.

We would do well to remember, however, that democracy is a risky business. To promote it sincerely, American strategists must accept the possibility that a genuinely democratic government might pursue what appear to be uncooperative, suspect or even dangerous policies. If the Bush administration is committed to democracy in Iraq, it will have to accept all of democracy's implications in a region where oil resources, the question of Palestine and the growth of Islamic radicalism present complex challenges.

A long-oppressed Shiite majority and an educated Iraqi middle-class will have objectives of their own. They are as aware of past American support for Saddam Hussein's government as they are relieved to be rid of him. They will continue to look at America's role in the Middle East with a critical eye. A truly democratic Iraqi electorate will most likely seek its own way in the world, find its own allies, and craft its own economic and foreign policies.

Does the Bush administration's definition of democracy mean more than simply doing things the American way? Does liberation truly mean that Iraqis will be able to seek their own aspirations and govern themselves as they see fit? Washington will have to prove to the world that it does, or the war's immense material and human costs will be all the more tragic.

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mala's Jacobo Arbenz dared to undertake a comprehensive land reform campaign, nationalize corporate property and open diplomatic relations with communist countries in 1954, Washington was quick to orchestrate a military coup against it. The democratically elected government of Chile's President Salvador Allende, committed to a sweeping socialist agenda, met the same fate when the Nixon administration moved to destroy it in 1973.

In the 1980s neoconservatives struggled to reconcile these obvious contradictions between democratic promises and repressive policies. The need to combat left-wing "totalitarian" regimes, they insisted, legitimated American support for right-wing "authoritarian" ones. Communists would never change; dictatorships might eventually liberalize under U.S. guidance.

History pointed in another direction. Leaders such as Somoza and the shah of Iran continued to oppress their populations until Marxist and Islamic revolutionary movements rose up to overthrow them. Yet that bastion of communism, the Soviet Union, a few years later turned toward the liberal reforms of glasnost on its own.

The Bush administration now faces a crucial test in its conduct toward Iraq. Will the post-Cold War era mark a

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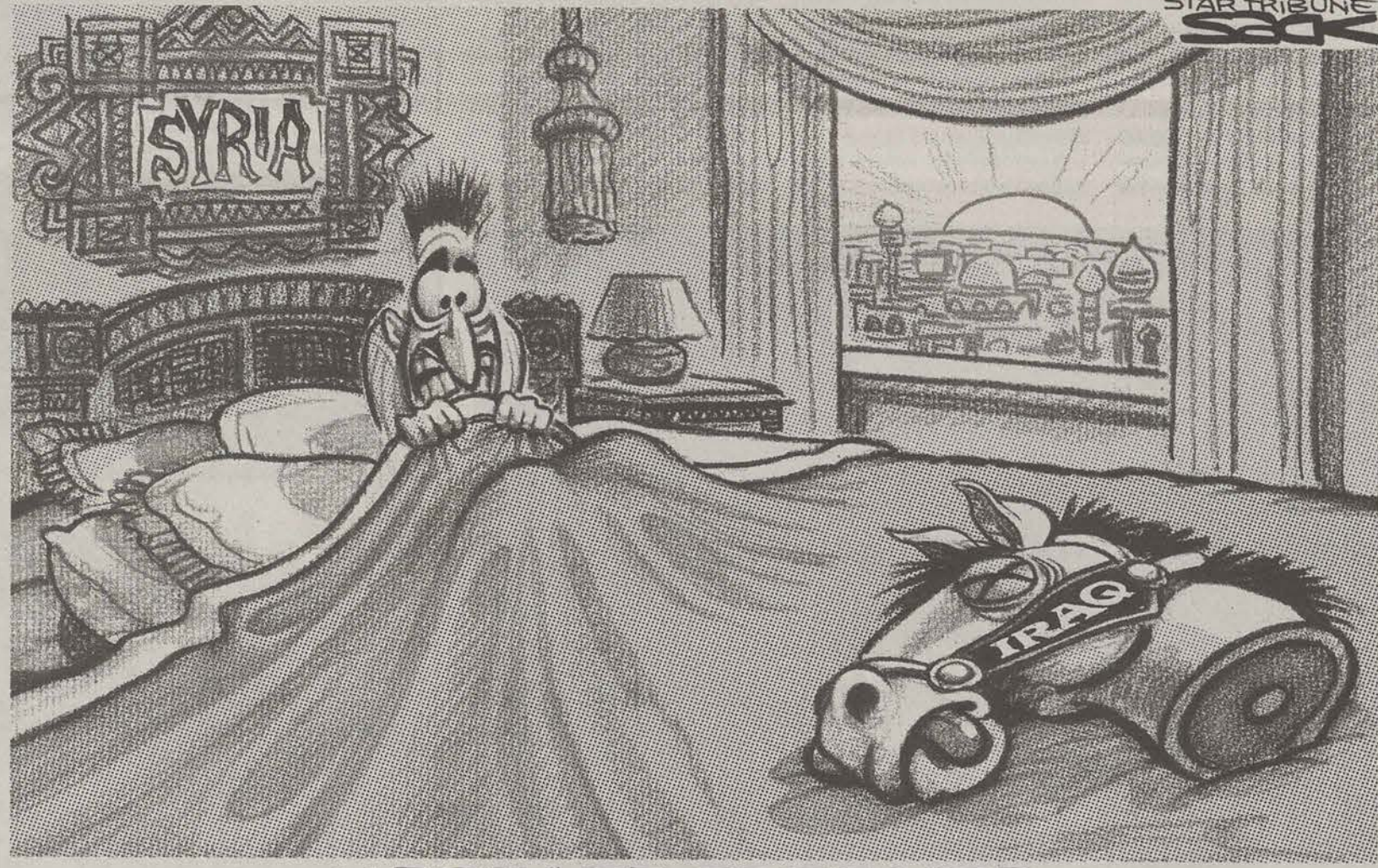
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Checking out colleges has become modern rite of passage

By Carl P. Leubsdorf
KRT Campus

AMHERST, Mass. — It seems like only yesterday when Ben was pretending to be a Teenaged Mutant Ninja Turtle or looking for Woody Woodpecker in the big tree behind our house.

Now, like many other families of high school juniors, we were off with him on a traditional spring break venture, looking at a string of Northeastern colleges on the first of several such outings.

The trip brought back memories of similar expeditions with my older children, as well as the very different process in my own time. I recall visiting several schools, none of which I got into, before discovering in August — after my high school graduation — that I was going to attend one I never had seen, Cornell.

Fortunately, the experience turned out to be positive — I studied government and minored in *The Cornell Daily Sun*. That convinced me one can worry too much about a decision that is as much guesswork and good luck as rational analysis.

Add to this the experience of my wife, Susan Page. She applied to one college (Northwestern), got in and did well — further reason to be low key about this.

Ben, however, has spent hours poring over collegiate Web sites on the Internet, debating the merits of schools with his friends and reading piles of unsolicited brochures he got in the mail.

The itinerary, for the most part, consisted of small

liberal arts schools that seemed like collegiate versions of his high school.

While Ben was eager, his ninth-grade brother, Will, was a somewhat unwilling participant in this FFO (Fun Family Outing). We headed off open rebellion by bribing him with at least one book or T-shirt at every college bookstore on our itinerary; it is hard to complain when the main thing your child wants is another book.

Ben is a good student with good test scores, but the first stop underscored the environment he will face.

It was Swarthmore College in suburban Philadelphia, a beautiful and excellent school that showed poor judgment 48 years ago in putting me on its waiting list. There, we encountered a classmate (there are only 54 in his class), Ben's eighth-grade science teacher and her son, and at least two others from Washington schools, underscoring the fevered competition for places in these colleges.

The young woman who showed us around was so positive about Swarthmore that I felt compelled to break my rule that parents should be seen and not heard to ask what, if anything, was wrong with Swarthmore. Citing her family's Republican roots, she said it perhaps was a little too liberal.

Later that day, at nearby Haverford College, we encountered another classmate and someone from Ben's driver education class. At Connecticut's Wesleyan University, we ran into a prominent Democratic politician, shepherding his 11th-grade daughter.

By Thursday, the schools were blending together. So was our negative reaction to student guides, who all seemed to have studied the art of positive spin at the Bush White

House.

At both Wesleyan and Tufts, we were told how terrific the food was. Surely, things haven't changed that much. All teachers were described as accessible to students. All campus life was fun. All experiences were stimulating. No one had much difficulty in getting desired courses.

Still, we made progress in trimming the list. At Brandeis, in the Boston suburbs, we were turned off by crowded living conditions and the way the guide boasted about the ease of avoiding academic requirements.

At Tufts, we learned that, for our \$35,000-plus per year, Ben could take a course about the White House press office, taught by a midlevel Clinton press aide.

And as we drove west toward Hampshire College, a re-reading of its literature prompted us to drop the visit and instead check out Amherst.

Though Ben steadfastly has ruled out any school attended by a parent or sibling, he seemed interested in Brown, where my cousin teaches French history.

In August, we will visit the Midwestern versions of the schools we saw this week.

Ultimately, Ben will decide where to go — or the schools will decide for him. If he doesn't like his choice, he can transfer. Fortunately, we have no doubt: He will do well wherever he goes. Which is all a parent can hope for.

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Southern States Communication Association presents research at Birmingham conference

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Students and Professors from Georgia Southern University's Communication Arts Department presented research at the 73rd annual convention of the Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) in Birmingham, Alabama April 2-6.

The students who presented papers that had been submitted to the SSCA in the fall semester were Shana Bridges, Tim Brock, Troy Cooper, and Andrew Franklin.

They not only were able to present their research, but were able to listen to their professors



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present research as well. Pamela Bourland-Davis, Christine Feldman, Chris Geyerman, Beverly Graham, Debi Gross, and Don Panther-Yates were the GSU faculty that presented research and/or chaired discussion panels at the professional convention.

The SSCA, which was established in 1930, strives to promote the study, criticism, research, teaching, and application of the artistic, humanistic, and scientific principles of communication through quarterly journals and newsletters as well as the annual convention.

Kansas Governor, university weigh sexuality-class obscenity

By Steve Painter
KRT Campus

TOPEKA, Kan. — Complaints brought by state Sen. Susan Wagle against a University of Kansas human sexuality class are getting the attention of the university and the governor.

The university says it is investigating Wagle's complaints that class materials are pornographic.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, meanwhile, has until Monday to decide whether to sign the budget bill, which would withhold state money from university departments that use materials deemed obscene under state law.

Wagle, a Wichita Republican, attached the provision to withhold the money to the state's main budget bill.

Sebelius has called the amendment "micromanaging" academic material but has not said whether she will use her line-item veto to eliminate it.

Wagle claims materials used by professor Dennis Dailey are pornographic; she says this constitutes harassment of female students.

"I just can't imagine being a female and sitting through that class," Wagle said.

Dailey has declined comment since the issue surfaced three weeks ago during Senate debate.

Wagle detailed her objections in a letter to KU chancellor Robert Hemenway dated April 6 — 10 days after she brought the issue to the Senate.

University officials say Dailey has a long and distinguished career and has taught the human sexuality class for 20 years without complaint. It is one of the most popular classes at the university, regularly filling a 500-seat auditorium.

Faculty at KU and other state universities have come to Dailey's defense,

as have students, three of whom met recently with Sebelius' staff to urge the veto.

"I absolutely do not see any of the class conducted in an offensive manner," said Jen Hein, one of the students who met with the governor's staff.

If Wagle's amendment becomes law, KU could lose \$3.1 million in state funding and universities with similar classes could see their funding cut.

It would cut off money to an entire department — in this case, the School of Social Welfare — if materials used are found to be obscene. A court would make that determination, based on community standards.

Wagle said she started pursuing the issue in January after being contacted by a student taking the class. Later, Wagle said, she contacted other students in the class who she said had similar complaints.

They taped some of Dailey's lectures, which Wagle said confirmed their complaints.

One student in the class — whom Wagle arranged to call the Wichita Eagle newspaper — said Dailey uses a common obscenity when referring to sexual intercourse and uses explicit videos. The student asked not to be identified, saying she feared her grade would be jeopardized.

"It's hard to sit in that class and take it all the time," the student said. "It's disgusting. It's offensive to me."

Her complaints mirror those outlined in Wagle's letter to Hemenway. The letter says Dailey:

Belittled and gave "the finger" to a student who walked out the first day, saying she was dropping the class.

Uses "groping motions" when discussing women's breasts.

Encourages students to contact



Susan Wagle, Kansas Senator

him outside of class to discuss sexual problems.

Made inappropriate comments while showing slides of female genitals, including those of a 5-year-old and a 10-year-old girl.

"I just felt like, this is a concern for the taxpayers of Kansas," Wagle said. "This professor is out of line. I don't think it's a healthy environment."

Kelly Graf, a KU student from Wichita, said she found none of Dailey's course materials nor his remarks demeaning to women.

"He does interject humor, and he does joke about it to keep it light-hearted," said Graf, a business major who plans to pursue a law degree.

Hein, a journalism student, agreed. "If anything, as women we come out of that class feeling better about ourselves," she said.

As for vulgar language, Graf said, "He uses the language that people use to talk about sex with their friends."

"Some of the things did make me feel uncomfortable, but I'm glad I watched them."

GSU Puppetry joins bicentennial celebration

By Jennifer Burns
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Statesboro is celebrating its two-hundredth birthday and everyone is looking for a way to celebrate.

The GSU puppetry class joined in the celebration this semester with the show, "A Little Bit of History of the 'Boro." The script, which was written by the puppetry class Joe Ben Deal and Professor Gary Dart, was adapted from Statesboro stories collected from Kemp Mabry, Larry Anderson, Pat Allen, and Allen Tyson.

Ten scenes made up the 20-minute historical satire, covering Statesboro's history from colonial times until the 1960's.

The class performed 5 shows in Sweetheart Circle on April 5 for the Youth Arts Festival and two shows April 12 for the Annual Family Picnic held by the University. There were also two performances



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Monday night, April 14, at 8 and 9 p.m. The Monday night production had approximately 35 people in attendance, including members from the Statesboro Historical Society.

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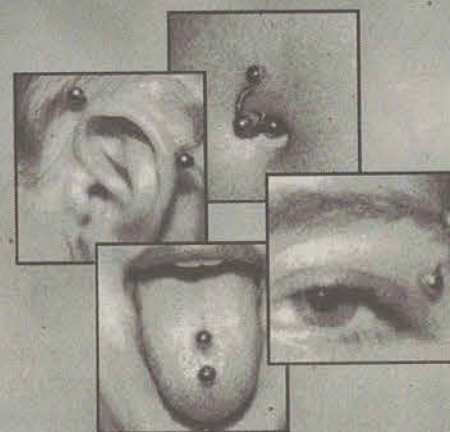
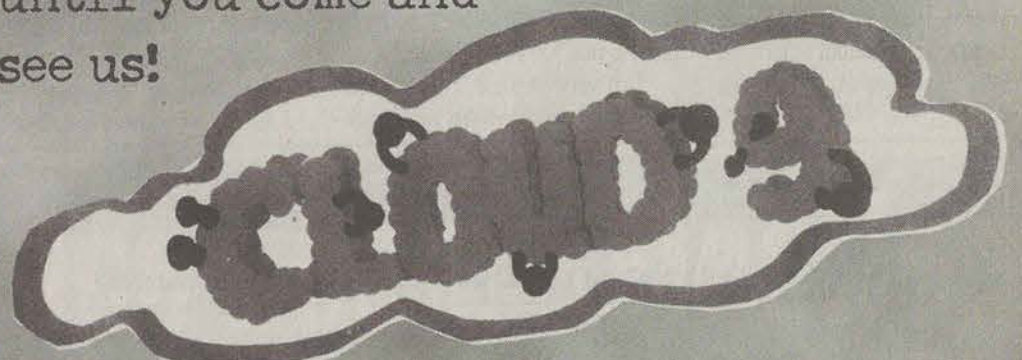
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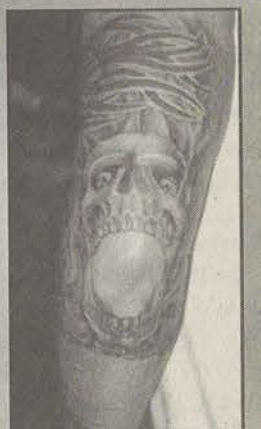
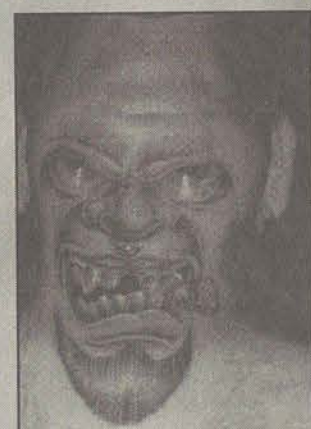
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GSU Golf wins its first ever SoCon title

By Dennis Hightower
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GSU golf coach Larry Mays and the Eagles did the unthinkable.

GSU fired a final round 288 (even) on Sunday to claim a two-stroke victory in the 2003 Southern Conference Men's Golf Championships held at the par-72, 6,962-yard Forest Heights Country Club this weekend.

The Eagles tallied a three-day total of 872 (+8) in winning the tournament, edging the College of Charleston, who also fired a 288 on Sunday to finish at 874 (+10).

The victory proved to be the Eagles first conference title since joining the conference in 1993 and gave the Eagles the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament.

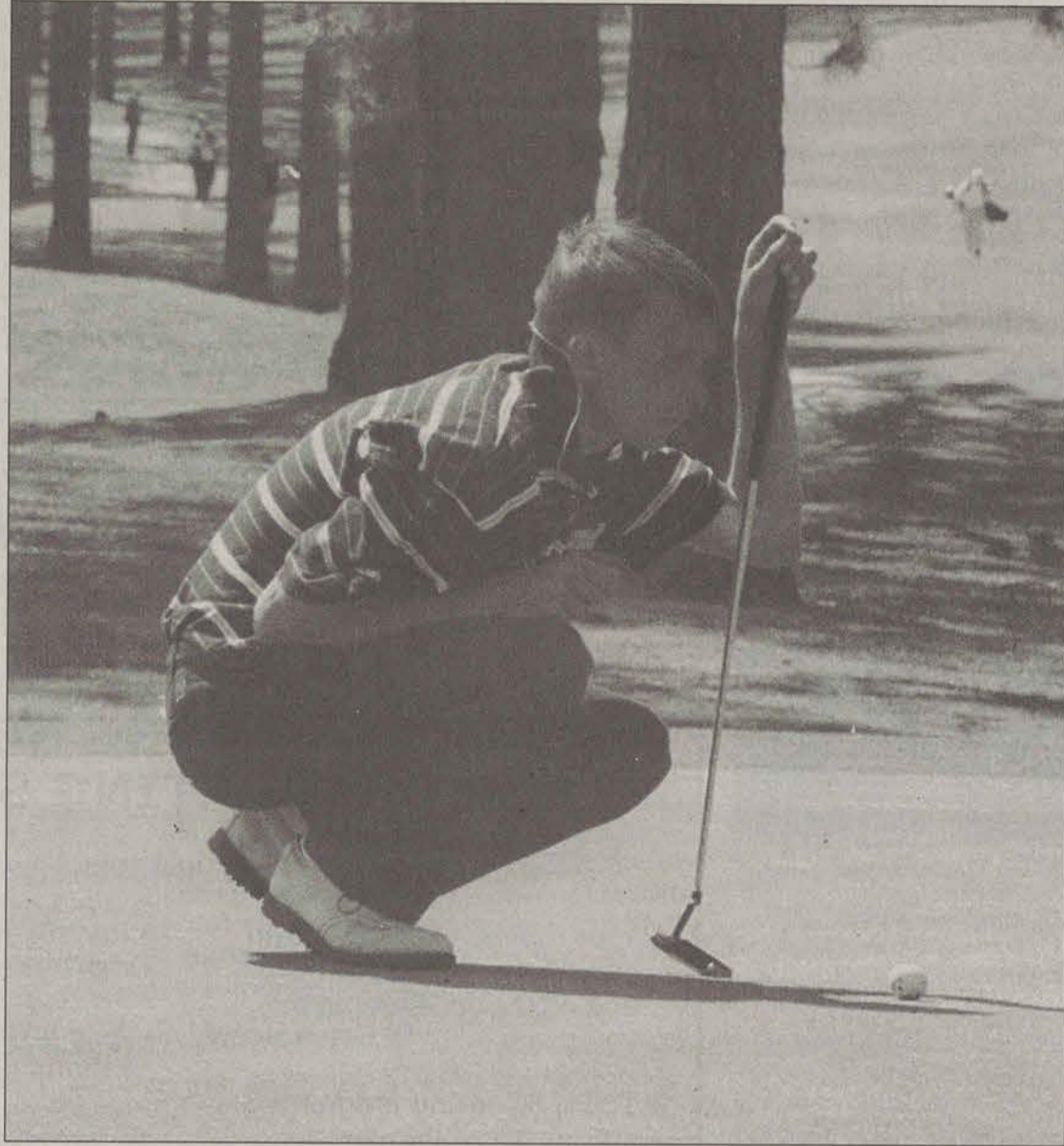
However, Charleston's Bruce McDonald fired a final round 69 (-3) to overcome East Tennessee State's James Johnson for the individual honors. McDonald finished the tournament at four-under par with a 212 while Johnson, who led through the first two rounds, finished with an even-par 216.

Charleston's Adam Grodhaus also tallied a three-day total of 216 to finish tied for second while UNC Greensboro's Jake Lowder came in fourth with a one-over-par 217.

Georgia Southern sophomore Aron Price and freshman Jon David Kennedy as well as East Tennessee State's Chase Baldwin and Wofford's Daniel Sloan all tied for fifth at 218.

East Tennessee State finished with a total of 884 (+20 over par) to claim third in the team standings while Wofford was fourth with an 890 (+26).

UNC Greensboro followed with an 892 (+28) to finish in fifth place while the rest of the field included Furman at 899 (+35), Davidson at 904 (+40), The Citadel with a 910 (+46), Chattanooga at 925 (+61), Appalachian State with a 926 (+62) and Western Carolina at 930 (+66).



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For the first time since joining the conference in 1993, the GSU Golf team won the Southern Conference Championship title. Three Eagles were named to the SoCon All-Conference team and Jon David Kennedy was named Freshman-of-the-Year.

Each of the remaining three Georgia Southern individuals finished in the top 17 as freshmen Drew Bowen, who led the Eagles with a 71 on Sunday, tied for ninth at 220 while senior Travis Mobley tied for 14th with a 222 and sophomore-transfer Chase Jones finished tied for 17th with a 224.

"I'm very pleased with the total team effort we received this week-

end," said Georgia Southern head coach Larry Mays. "Our team has really played strong over the last month of the season and it showed this weekend."

The Southern Conference announced its 2003 All-Conference team as well as the SoCon Freshman-of-the-Year on Sunday.

Georgia Southern and Charleston

placed three members each on the eight-man All-Conference team with the Eagles' Price and Kennedy being joined by Travis Mobley while Cougars McDonald and Grodhaus were joined by Kyle Bradley. East Tennessee State's James Johnson and UNC Greensboro's Andy Bare rounded out the team. Kennedy earned Freshman-of-the-Year honors.

Eagle Baseball takes two of three from App. St.

G-A News Service

BOONE, N.C. - Georgia Southern collected 24 runs and 37 hits over two games and swept Appalachian State 11-4 in game one and 13-9 in an exciting nightcap.

Game two saw Georgia Southern jump out to another 1-0 lead in the first inning as Brandon Long drew a one-out walk and scored on Rocky Baker's base hit to right.

The Eagles exploded for four runs in the third. GSU opened the frame with a walk and two singles before the Mountaineers allowed Long to score on a double play. After Carlos Love followed with an RBI double, Greg Dowling and A. J. Zickgraf smacked back-to-back singles to give GSU a five-run advantage.

GSU responded in the top of the sixth. After a leadoff walk and an Appalachian error, Grant Burruss smashed a three-run homer to right field, his third home run of the season, to give the Eagles a three-run advantage.

The Eagles crossed the eventual winning run in the eighth. Baker singled and moved to second on Burruss' bunt single. After Brent Stephens laid down a sacrifice bunt, Baker came home to score on a passed ball. GSU added three runs in the top of the ninth, with two coming on Burruss' double.

Cogswell (1-1) earned the win, twirling 2 1/3 innings and striking out three. Taylor Craig (1-5) was dealt the loss, tossing 3 1/3 innings of relief and punching out four. Burruss finished the contest 4-for-6 with five runs batted in, while Baker 3-for-6 with four runs scored. Robinson and Smith led the Mountaineers with two hits and Johnson added three RBI's.

In game one, Georgia Southern got on the board in the top of the first. Brendan Gilligan led off the inning with a full-count walk and scored when Long laced a double to center.

The Eagles added two more in the third. Burruss fired a one-out double into right field and Brent Stephens followed with his seventh home run of the season and fifth in his last 27 at-bats to give GSU a 3-0 lead.

Appalachian State scratched for the first time in the bottom of the frame. Ben Marsh led off the inning with a double and scored on Justin Thomas'

one-out double off the centerfield wall. Thomas scored when Johnson coaxed a bases-loaded walk to cut the Mountaineer deficit to one.

GSU added three more runs in the fifth, two in the sixth and tacked on one in the seventh when Stephens' sacrifice fly scored Long. The Eagles closed their scoring in the ninth with two runs. Baker singled and scored on Stephens' base hit to right and Dowling plated Stephens with a sacrifice fly to center.

Appalachian added two runs in the bottom of the ninth when Eric Pittman's base hit to center ushered home Thomas and Travis Hunnicutt.

Scott Tolbert (4-1) tossed seven innings for the Eagles, permitting just three hits and striking out six. Nick Peterson (2-8) was charged with the loss, working 4 1/3 innings. Long, Stephens and Love led the GSU offensive attack with three hits each, while Stephens collected four runs driven in. Pittman finished 2-for-3 with two runs driven in.

The Mountaineers and Eagles completed three-game set Sunday, with first pitch thrown at 1 p.m. at Red Lackey Stadium.

Appalachian State used timely hitting and a strong pitching performance from Scott Clark to upend Georgia Southern 3-1 and take the final game of the three-game set.

Appalachian State (9-25, 4-14 Southern Conference) jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Justin Thomas led off the inning with a base hit and scored when Derek Smith smacked a double down the left field line.

Georgia Southern (24-16, 12-8 SoCon) scratched out one run in the top of the eighth. James Payne led off the inning with a walk and came around to score when Brandon Long reached on an error. GSU moved runners to second and third with one out, but could not score again.

Thomas led the Mountaineers offense with a 3-for-3 performance and two runs driven in. Rocky Baker finished the afternoon 3-for-4, while Brendan Gilligan also had three hits and Grant Burruss added two.

Georgia Southern returns to action on Tuesday as the Eagles travel to Mercer for a 6 first pitch.

Track finishes second at SoCon Championships

G-A News Service

BOONE, N.C. - Georgia Southern mounted a final day rally at the 2003 Southern Conference Outdoor Track Championships to finish second, its best finish ever at the conference meet.

The Eagles compiled 154 points on the day, edging Chattanooga by one point for second place. Georgia Southern jumped into second place by winning the 4x400 meter relay, the meet's final event, in a conference-record time of 3:45.15.

The Eagles claimed four additional wins on the day, led by freshman Rasheeda Arnold who won individual honors in the 100 and 200 meter dashes while also running on the victorious 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams. Arnold was named Southern Conference Freshman-of-the-Year at the conclusion of

the meet while Eagle head coach Todd Lane earned conference Coach-of-the-Year honors. Mario Mincey brought home the final Eagle individual win of the meet, winning the 400 meter hurdles in a conference-record time of 1:00.16.

Overall, Georgia Southern tallied 31 top eight finishes, including six in three events during Friday's first day of competition, in accumulating its point total. Included in that total was 22 top five finishes, also a school record.

Each of the individual winners as well as the two Eagle relay teams qualified for the NCAA East Regionals with their performances at the SoCon meet.

Georgia Southern returns to action Friday, May 2 when it travels to Athens, Ga. for the Georgia Invitational.

Softball tops ETSU 8-7

G-A Service

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. - A late Georgia Southern rally propelled the Eagles to an 8-7 win over East Tennessee State in Southern Conference softball action Saturday at Kiwanis Park.

East Tennessee State (18-22, 4-11) jumped out to an early 1-0 lead with a run in the first. Jeanine Sprague started off the inning with a walk and scored on Jessica Lonsinger's groundout.

The Buccaneers increased their lead to 5-0 in the third. Danielle Spetar singled to rightfield and crossed the plate on an Eagle error on Lindsay Lane's hit. Lane came around to score on a double by Julia Chance. Two more runs were driven in on Rhea Holler's single.

The Buccaneers added two runs in the fifth when Holler doubled in Amy

Moore and Tiffany McVay, making the score 7-0.

Georgia Southern (23-19, 7-7) rallied in the sixth inning as it sent 14 batters to the plate. By the end of the inning, the Eagles had claimed an 8-7 lead. The Eagles collected six hits in the frame, including two by Meghan Correia. Correia, Julie Peel, Janice Savage and Sam Steiner each drove in a run, while Tiffany Urena brought two home with a single.

Correia and Katie Roberts had two hits for the Eagles, and Holler had three for the Buccaneers. Tiffany Urena (10-5) came in for A.J. Street in the third inning to claim her tenth win of the season. McVay falls to 11-8 for the Buccaneers with the loss.

The Eagles will be back in action Monday at 3 pm for a doubleheader against Georgia Tech at Eagle Field.

Blue tops White 14-7 in annual scrimmage

By Eli Boorstein
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It was not the Blue team's 14-7 win that highlighted Saturday's 22nd annual Blue-White Game at Paulson Stadium.

Instead it was an impromptu "trade" the two teams pulled off that will likely stick in many people's minds.

After Blue quarterback Darius Smiley was tackled on a rush, he was forced to leave the game after cramping up. With no quarterback behind Smiley, White wide receiver Melvin Cox, who came through the program as a quarterback, switched sides and went behind center for the Blue team. Cox, a rising senior who was switched to wide receiver before spring practice, had not had a single snap at quarterback during spring practice.

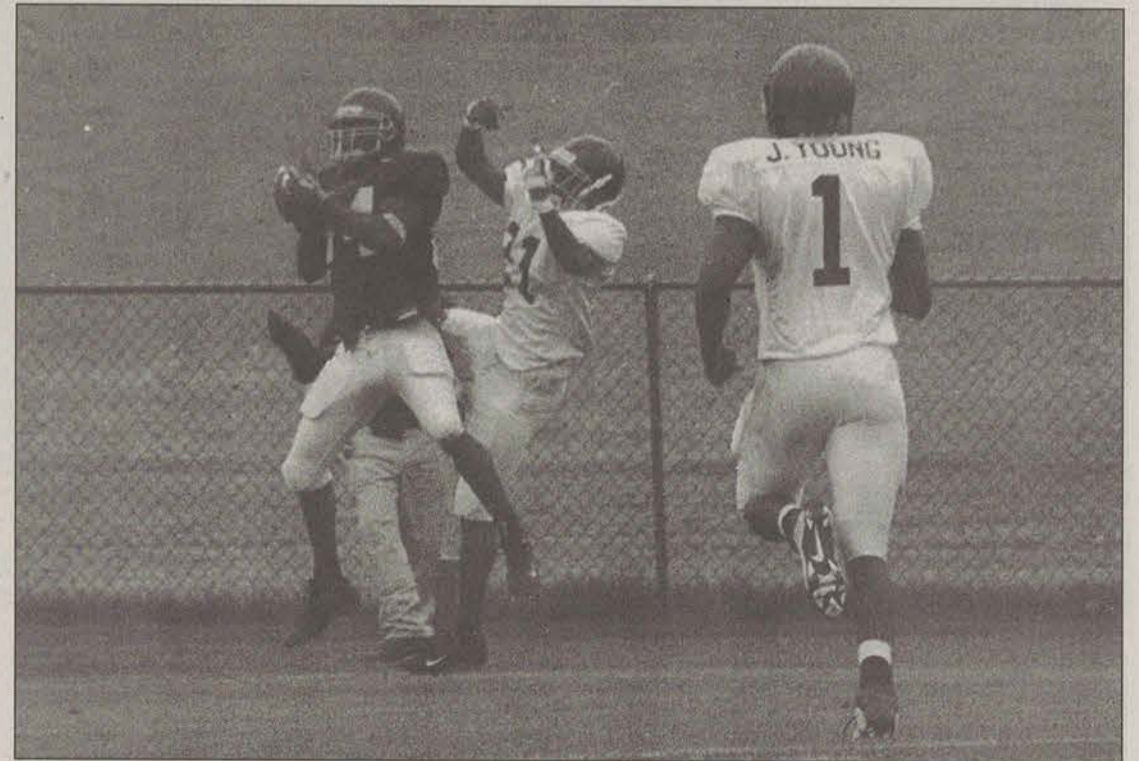
Before the game was over, Cox actually went back to the White team as a receiver and nearly caught a possible game-tying touchdown pass.

"It was fun," said Cox, who ultimately wore three different jerseys as he went back and forth between teams. "Even though the Blue team won, I guess I was still part of [the win]."

After the Blue team failed to score in their first possession, the White squad was able to make their way down the field to the Blue 8-yard line. But they were unable to convert as Sean Holland's 25-yard field goal attempt was wide left.

Later on in the second quarter, the White squad managed to get the early 7-0 lead thanks to some elusive runs from fullback Jermaine Austin. With the ball at the White 32, Austin broke loose on a 65-yard run up the middle to bring the ball just three yards away from the endzone. Soon after, Austin ran in from one yard out to score the touchdown.

Just under two minutes later, the Blue team responded with a score of



LaVene Bell/STAFF

The Blue squad, led by Governor Sonny Perdue, outplayed the White squad, led by Chancellor Dr. Thomas Meredith, to a final score of 14-7. The 22nd annual spring scrimmage was overseen by head coach Mike Sewak.

their own when senior wide receiver Eric Irby caught a slant pass from Smiley for a 30-yard touchdown catch. However, the extra point attempt from walk-on Anthony Pisano was no good and the Blue team remained on the losing end of the score, trailing 7-6.

Not too long after halftime, the Blue team put themselves in excellent shape for another touchdown after a gaffe by White quarterback Wes Turner.

The freshman signal caller escaped on a keeper run, but a James Burchett tackle forced Turnert to fumble the ball, which was recovered by Blue linebacker Jason Earwood and returned 20 yards to the White seven-yard line. Smiley then ran the ball in for the score, following it up with a two-point conversion to give his side the 14-7 advantage.

Turner nearly reprimed himself by scrambling for an 18-yard gain as time expired, but he was tackled just three yards away from the endzone.

The White team finished with nearly twice as much offense than the Blue team, but two lost fumbles is what ultimately hurt them the most.

Austin was the top rusher on the day as he put together 103 yards on 13 carries. Turner also had a strong game on the ground, running for 94 yards.

Smiley was the leader in rushing for the Blue team with 42 yards before leaving the game.

The Eagles were without their two top quarterbacks with Chaz Williams is still recovering from offseason shoulder surgery and Trey Hunter healing from a sprained ankle suffered in a scrimmage last week.

It was a strong game for the White defense as they came out with 10 tackles for loss, but it was Blue linebacker T.J. Rutledge who led the way with 13 total tackles.

"It's not quite up to Georgia Southern standards," said Eagle head coach Mike Sewak following the game. "But it was a good showing for some of the young guys."

The two sides had honorary coaches for the game with Dr. Thomas Meredith, chancellor of the University System of Georgia, leading the White team while Georgia governor Sonny Perdue helmed the Blue team.

"To be here at Georgia Southern was great," said Gov. Perdue, who led the Blue squad to their seventh win in the last eight years. "It's a great community with a great coaching staff. It was a lot of fun."

Monica Lewinsky joins reality TV ranks in 'Mr. Personality'

Associated Press

Monica Lewinsky, who knows about the risks of sharing romantic confidences, sticks to listening in the new reality TV dating show, "Mr. Personality."

Lewinsky gets high marks from Hayley, the 26-year-old Atlanta woman who searches for true love among 20 masked men with Lewinsky by her side for support. The Fox series debuts Monday.

"She's exactly what I needed to get through the whole thing," said Hayley, whose last name was withheld by Fox. "More than a host, she was like my buddy, my best friend, my confidant, the big sister I never had."

Lewinsky didn't talk about her per-

sonal life and Hayley didn't ask.

"What's happened is in the past with her. She's moved on, she's doing other things," Hayley said Friday. "I didn't even go there with her. She probably wouldn't feel comfortable rehashing it."

"She was someone who was a listener. She played the role so wonderfully," Hayley said of Lewinsky. "She's so warm and so thoughtful, and she just wanted me to make the right decision as much as I did."

Is the unlucky-in-presidential-love Lewinsky a good counselor?

"I wouldn't exactly call her a dating guru. A lot of reporters have asked that question, what merits her as someone to give you advice about dating," Hayley said. But Lewinsky served as a sounding

board, not adviser, she said.

"When I had someone there to talk to, it made my decisions easier," Hayley said.

Lewinsky declined a request to be interviewed.

Lewinsky, who has been designing handbags, was picked as host for two reasons, said executive producer Brian Gadinsky.

"First, tune-in, curiosity. We thought she'd be a great choice to garner interest in the show," Gadinsky said Friday. "It's worked. Everybody's talking about it."

Lewinsky also was right for the job, he said: "We wanted to find someone who had the attributes of a great personality, who was very friendly. Someone who was not a cutout, not polished, but accessible."

Lewinsky, a TV novice, worked hard, Gadinsky said.

She became "the darling of everybody associated with the show for her professionalism, her kindness," he said. "She appreciated the people who worked hard to help her do her job properly. She was a joy to work with."

He called the job a "whim" for Lewinsky, who had been in general discussions with Fox when the show emerged as an opportunity.

Lewinsky told Newsweek magazine she's unsure whether she'll continue in television and is considering law school or graduate school in psychology.

"I'm trying to see what is going to work best for me and what is my career," she said. "I'm trying to figure out my life."



Special Photo

Monica Lewinsky hosts Fox's newest reality show, "Mr. Personality," premiering tonight at 8 p.m. on Fox.

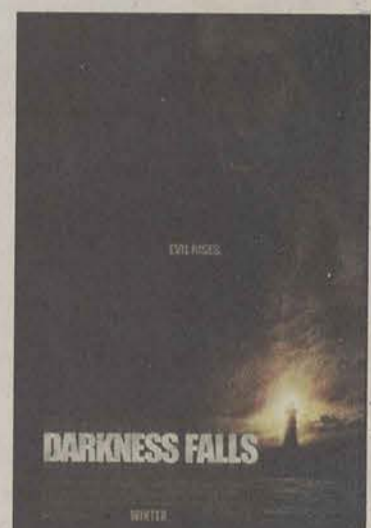
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'The Crime of Padre Amaro'

Father Amaro is a young Catholic priest whose mentor, the Bishop, expects great things from him. However, like all priests, Amaro must first be assigned where he is needed most, which leads him to the small rural community of Los Reyes, where Amaro is to assist Father Benito. To his shock, Amaro discovers Benito is hardly following Holy Law. Amaro is disgusted with Benito's actions, but he soon discovers his own weaknesses when he falls in love with Amelia.

As Amelia finds herself falling for Amaro, she breaks off her relationship with Ruben, a reporter. Ruben responds by publishing a story which reveals the details of Benito's dealings with drug dealers. Benito in turn tries to lay the blame at the feet of noble Father Natalio, whose work with local peasants has been wrongly interpreted as supporting armed revolutionary factions.



'Darkness Falls'

Matilda Dixon was a genially eccentric woman who, in the 1850s, lived in a New England town known as Darkness Falls. Matilda was well known to the local children for her habit of paying them for teeth they'd lost, but when two youngsters mysteriously disappeared, Matilda was lynched by an angry mob wrongly convinced that she had murdered the kids.

In the year 2002, former Darkness Falls resident Kyle Walsh lives in Las Vegas and is still desperately afraid of the dark since a childhood run-in with the ghost of Matilda Dixon left him severely traumatized. While police and psychiatrists scoffed at Kyle's stories about Matilda's spirit, his childhood friend Caitlin is alarmed when her nine-year-old brother Michael begins having nightmares very much like those which disturbed Kyle's rest for years.

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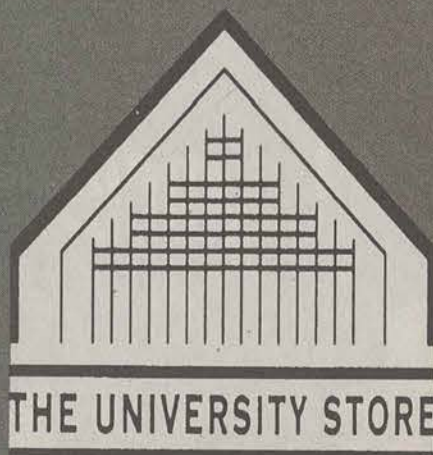
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