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the intelligence
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Long-awaited Writing & Linguistics major approved

By Amanda Permenter

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As of last Wednesday, a large banner reading, "Our major is here!" nearly covers the entire window of the Writing & Linguistics departmental office.

The Board of Regents officially approved the major Wednesday, after over five years of planning, preparation and paperwork on the part of the Writing & Linguistics Department.

Students may now declare a major in Writing & Linguistics with a concentration in one of four specialized areas: Creative Writing, Technical Writing, Writing Theory and Practice, or

Linguistics.

The concentration in Creative Writing will focus on courses in poetry writing, fiction and non-fiction writing, and playwriting. Technical Writing will feature upper-level requirements in technical and workplace writing, as well as a course in technologies of writing.

Writing in Theory and Practice, which may soon be called Writing and Culture, offers courses in teaching writing, theory of composition, twentieth century rhetoric, and language theory. Requirements for a concentration in Linguistics include courses in syntax, semantics, phonology, and linguistic theory.

"Faculty have worked extremely hard to prepare for this day," said Dr. Larry Burton, head of the Writing & Linguistics Department.

The department conducted research two years ago to determine interest in the major in freshman composition courses and amongst upper-level students whose majors were already declared. Out of the 1,500 results received, 800 freshmen reported some interest in the major, 240 said they would strongly consider the major, and over 100 said they would definitely declare a

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Democrats
now lead
race against
Bush

KRT Campus

Two days after the South Carolina Democratic Primary, President George W. Bush addresses several thousand people at Union Pier in Charleston, South Carolina, where he discussed port security and homeland defense on Thursday, February 5.

By Steven Thomma
KRT Campus

If the 2004 election were today, polls suggest that President Bush probably would lose. But the election isn't until November.

Today Democrats are energized and optimistic in ways unfathomable just weeks ago. Driven by their loathing for Bush, they're turning out for primary elections in record numbers and seem ready to rally with unusual unity behind Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. Their attacks on Bush – rather than on one another – dominate their presidential-candidate debates and the news.

Bush, meanwhile, has hit a rough patch. The former chief weapons inspector in Iraq says U.S. intelligence was wrong about nearly everything in Iraq and that Iraq probably didn't have weapons of mass destruction. January was the second deadliest month for U.S. soldiers in Iraq since the president declared major combat over last May. Forty Americans died, along with hundreds of Iraqis.

The economy remains 3 million jobs down from when Bush took office; Friday's report of 112,000 new jobs in January was short of expectations. And the president's record budget deficits and soaring debt have even some conservatives shaking their heads.

The result: Five new polls show Bush losing a general election match-up with Kerry. While the general election isn't today, this is the first time an incumbent has entered an election year in such shape since Gerald Ford in 1976. He went on to lose a close race to Democrat Jimmy Carter.

"The race is quickly coming down to a two-person race," said Terry Holt, the chief spokesman for Bush's re-election campaign, adding that the president always expected a tough race. "As that happens, we expect this will be a very close contest."

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VAGINA
MONOLOGUESControversial play brings
emotional extremes to GSUBy Rhonda McLeod
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If your vagina could talk, what would it say?

That is the question playwright Eve Ensler presented to over 200 women. She compiled the answers into a series of monologues in the off-Broadway play "The Vagina Monologues."

Georgia Southern's chapters of the National Organization for Women (NOW) and ReVISION will host their own version of the play Tuesday and Wednesday in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Audiences all over the world have experienced the emotional extremes of "The Vagina Monologues," with tears and laughter. In "My Angry Vagina" a woman stresses over all the things women do to their bodies, while "Crooked Braid" exposes women's struggles with domestic violence.

Dr. Lori Amy, director of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, says that the v-word is used in every sense except the literal and it is time to take it back. She stresses that the word vagina is heard in men's locker rooms and in pornography but is rarely used by women themselves.

Vice president of ReVISION and treasurer of GSU NOW Crystal Noll, who directed the play, says, "Women have to realize that they do not own their own bodies. Until we can talk about our vaginas our bodies do not belong to us."

The play is the leading fundraiser for V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. Through V-Day campaigns, local volunteers and college students produce annual benefit performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their own communities. This year NOW and ReVISION have selected the Bulloch County Sexual Assault Task Force (BCSATF) to benefit from the proceeds of the play. The BCSATF was set up to help and counsel victims of sexual assault. They also sponsor a hotline for victims, which can be reached at 912-531-1771.

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"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall on Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Photo By Jessica Langley

Weekday Weather

Monday

HIGH
59°LOW
43°

Cloudy

Tuesday

HIGH
59°LOW
44°

Rain

Only in America

- Outlaw crows in New York are hunted for their thievery
- Connecticut wedding cake to make the record books
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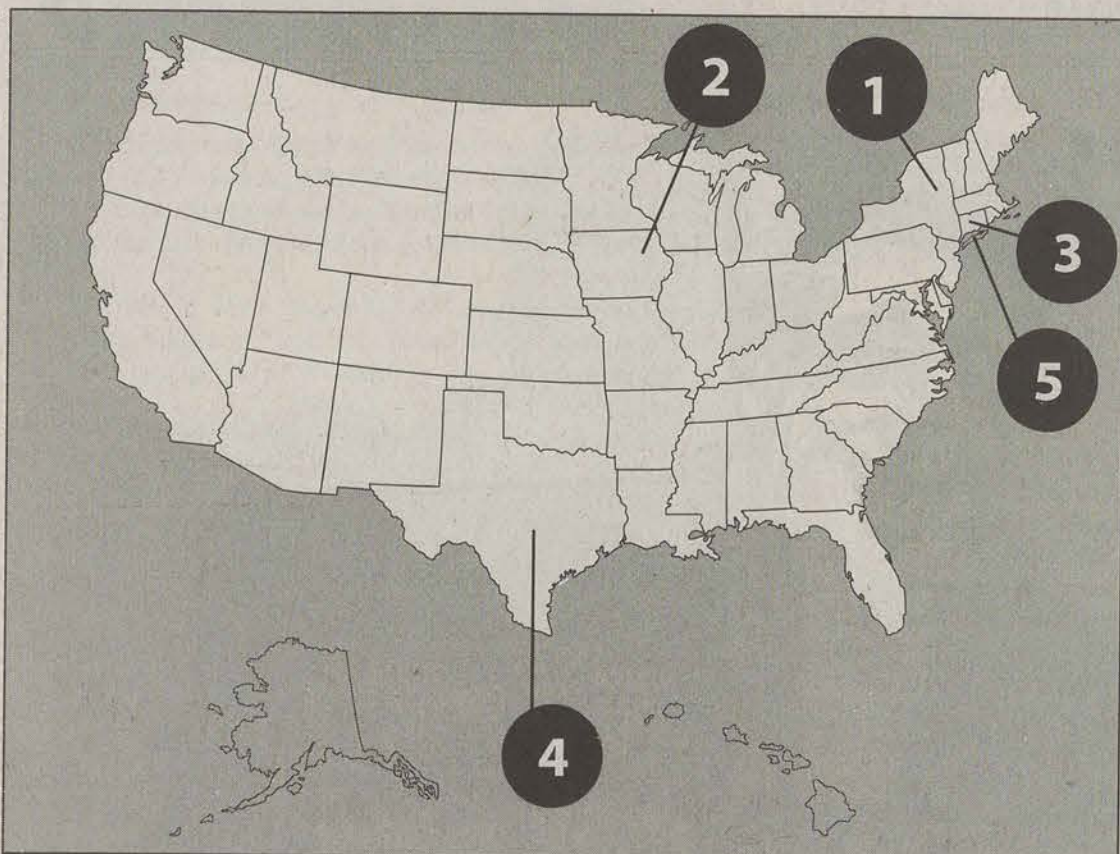
- Lady Eagle basketball routed at UNC Greensboro
- Baseball opens season by winning two of three with High Point
- Men's tennis tops Gardner-Webb, Florida A&M



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1 New York

Small city in New York ponders crows

AUBURN – Declared traitors in World War II for their thieving ways, crows are now outlaws of a different sort in a small city in upstate New York, where thousands of wintering birds have become quarry for hunters.

A crow hunt scheduled for this weekend is expected to draw a crowd that includes people from as far away as Kentucky and Arizona, said Tom Lennox, one of the organizers. It also has drawn local critics, who say the contest gives the city a black eye.

"We don't like the image it gives our city," said Rita Sarnicola, who heads The Crow Committee, a local group protesting the second annual crow hunt. "It's not hunting. It's killing for killing's sake. And then they throw a party."

Sarnicola said a protest is planned for Sunday, the final day of the contest.

Residents in Auburn, a small city 20 miles west of Syracuse, have spent years grousing about huge numbers of crows roosting all winter long. About 15 years ago, Auburn became home to as many as 50,000 crows each winter, outnumbering the human population of 28,574.

Many residents complain the crows, which flock into the city at dusk after daily feedings in the country, are noisy nuisances that soil the city with their droppings.

A crow-hunting contest that was held informally for several years became organized and publicized last year, when nearly 150 hunters bagged 348 birds in a weekend.

Instead of a hunt, Sarnicola wants the city to put together a crow festival featuring music, entertainment and antiques while honoring someone who's done "something to crow about." Sarnicola also envisions the crowning of a crow princess.

Auburn Mayor Timothy Lattimore supports the crow hunt.

"If these were deer, there would be no objections to thinning the herd," Lattimore said. "The population here is overwhelming. It is affecting business downtown and the quality of life here."

Crow hunting reached a zenith in the 1940s and 1950s. The federal government put a bounty on the birds during World War II, designating them as a public enemy and traitor for robbing the nation's farms of grain, according to the group's Web site.

Kitchen sinks have enjoyed a reputation as the last thing left when all else has been taken away. Maybe it's because most of them are bolted into the plumbing, sealed with caulk, and wedged tightly into a counter.

That's changing. "They are stealing everything, including the kitchen sink; it's a very prevalent problem," said Steve Staub, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Greater Des Moines.

Staub said construction sites are being hit harder and more often, fueled in part by a building boom and the high cost of materials.

Forty-one construction burglaries were reported in Des Moines in the last eight months of 2003.

Staub said thieves have stolen washers and dryers, furnaces, faucets, fixtures, even doors and windows.

"Sinks can be heavy to carry out. And they do it in the middle of the day," he said. "There are so many subcontractors on a job, it's hard knowing who is supposed to be there sometimes. 'Some of these people pull in during the middle of the day, load up, and just drive away.'"

marked for pickup by an undisclosed pet store in El Paso.

However, the crate sat unclaimed at the airport for nearly a week. Customs officials finally took the cargo and contacted Grapevine animal control to take the dying reptiles to the Fort Worth Zoo, Grapevine police Sgt. Todd Dearing told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for its Saturday editions.

Authorities do not know why the reptiles, worth an estimated \$850, weren't picked up. They appeared to have been shipped legally, said Robert Wiese, the Fort Worth Zoo's director of animal collections.

The snakes included nine puff adders, seven Usambra mountain vipers and a green mamba.

Three snakes and 52 lizards had already died by the time zoo officials were able to remove them from the crate on Friday morning.

The remaining 14 snakes and 24 lizards were placed under heat lamps and given food and liquids.

"Not how we imagined spending our evening when we got up this morning," Wiese said. The surviving animals will either stay at the zoo or be shipped to other zoos.

3 Connecticut

'My big fat wedding' cake

HARTFORD – You can have your cake and eat it too.

That's what pastry chefs at the Mohegan Sun casino are out to prove.

They are building what they hope will be the world's largest wedding cake. The seven-tier cake weighs more than 14,000 pounds and measures about 17-feet tall, and is making its debut at the American Indian casino in Uncasville on Sunday.

"It just keeps going up," executive pastry chef Lynn Mansel said. "I still can't believe we did it."

Mansel is hoping to top the Guinness Book world record set by a 5,334 pound cake baked in June 2003 at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

Mansel and his crew began assembling the massive white cake last Sunday. The top ingredients include 10,000 pounds of cake batter and 4,810 pounds of frosting, he said. The cake rests on a gigantic scale for measuring purposes, and each tier is separated by steel discs.

"I had to think a lot," Mansel said of the design. "I had to think of all the wedding cakes I've already done and then multiply that by 100."

5 New York

Snowboarder injured during stunt on 'Late Show with David Letterman'

NEWYORK – A champion snowboarder performing a routine stunt for David Letterman's late-night TV show veered off a ramp outside the show's theater and fell 25 feet to the ground Thursday.

Snowboarder Tara Dakides was taken to a hospital and was listed in stable condition after receiving stitches—and a visit from Letterman.

"The only thing I am upset about is that the French judge only gave me a 5.6," Dakides quipped from her hospital bed, according to her spokesman.

Witnesses said the 28-year-old Dakides, of Mammoth Lakes, made two successful jumps on the U-shaped ramp, set up on 53rd Street in Manhattan outside the Ed Sullivan Theater, and then fell off the ramp on her third attempt. "She came down at an angle and she just went off the side of the ramp and landed on her back," said Dave Riddle, of Orlando, Fla., a bus driver.

Dakides, a snowboard competitor since 1993, was in New York to showcase her talents on the Letterman show and discuss the silver medal she just earned at the 2004 X Games.

Dakides has finished first in several X Games events, dominating slopestyle, according to the EXPN.com site.

Letterman's executive producer, Rob Burnett, said he hoped that Dakides "makes a full and complete recovery and that she'll be back on the 'Late Show' soon."

The CBS show regularly tapes stunts on the streets outside the studio.

Because of the accident, the 'Late Show' stopped taping Thursday and planned to air a repeat episode Thursday night.

2 Iowa

Thief steals the kitchen sink

DES MOINES – A burglar who got into a house under construction took the stainless-steel sink and garbage disposal with chrome faucet – but nothing else.

"I can retire now," joked Des Moines police Lt. Ray Rexroat after officers took a report Wednesday from Jerry's Homes Inc.

4 Texas

Crate of reptiles abandoned at DFW Airport

FORT WORTH – Nearly 100 snakes and lizards found abandoned in a crate at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport have been sent to the Fort Worth Zoo.

The reptiles, many of them venomous, arrived at the airport in a crate on Jan. 31 from Tanzania. The crate was

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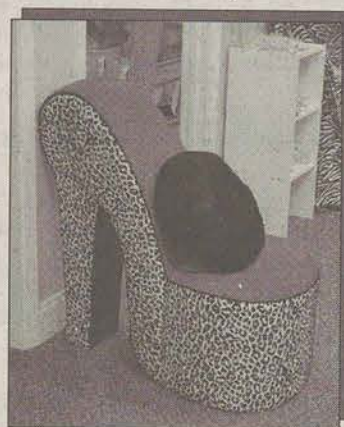
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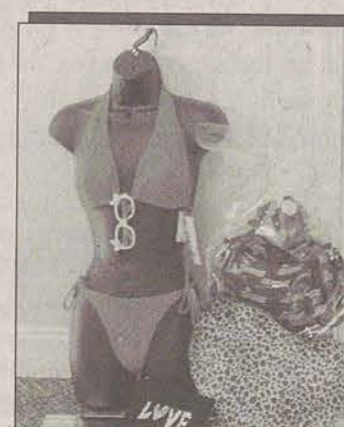
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Our Opinion

Our newsprint brings all the boys to the yard

Almost every week, some member of *The George-Anne* staff hears something to the effect of "Hey, my journalism professor went through *The G-A* in class today and found [insert number here] errors."

There are dozens of ways we could defend ourselves against such criticism, not the least of which would be to throw twelve random students into the newsroom, tell them not to come out until they've successfully produced a newspaper, and see how long it takes them.

But the most tangible evidence of our quality hangs on the wall in our newsroom.

We just added to our already-full wall of awards six new first-place plaques from the Georgia College Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. In this annual competition, we submit stacks of material for evaluation. Our division, Four-year Division A, is the highest division, and includes large schools like Kennesaw State and Georgia Tech. We go up against them for recognition in layout & design, editorial content, advertising, photography, news, sports, features and general excellence. This year, we won first place in six of those eight categories, including the highest honor of general excellence.

These achievements probably don't seem monumental to just anyone. But, for us, they justify months – and, sometimes years – of hard work. They reassure the editors who paved the way before us that we learned from them, and that we are respecting the triumphant legacy of this newspaper. They also strengthen our stature and credibility in the eyes of our readers.

It is unfortunate that so few journalism majors come to us to gain experience due to the inaccurate belief that *The George-Anne* is somehow lacking. The regret will be theirs when they graduate and future employers demand to see clippings of their work.

It is equally unfortunate that so many who complain about what we do never send their suggestions directly to us so that we may incorporate the desires of our readers into this publication.

The George-Anne doesn't work to win awards so that we can get more funding. Around eighty percent of our funding comes from advertising – ads our very own student employees sell to local businesses and organizations.

The George-Anne staff members don't work solely for paychecks. It's only gas money for a lot of us. We've added it up and averaged it out. When divided by the extensive hours we put in at the newsroom each week, some editors make less than eighty-three cents an hour.

It simply isn't about the money.

It is about the 77-year history of greatness trailing behind us.

We do it for the experience. We do it for the love. And, most importantly, we do it for you.

What more can we say? We could teach you, but we'd have to charge.

LETTER AND SUBMISSION POLICY

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor, story submissions and guest columns from people both inside and outside the GSU community. All copy submitted should be typed, preferably via email or on Macintosh disk in Microsoft Word format. All submissions must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission. There is no word limit on submissions. A writer may request to remain anonymous. However, it will be the editor's decision whether or not to print the name. Submissions are run on a space-available basis.

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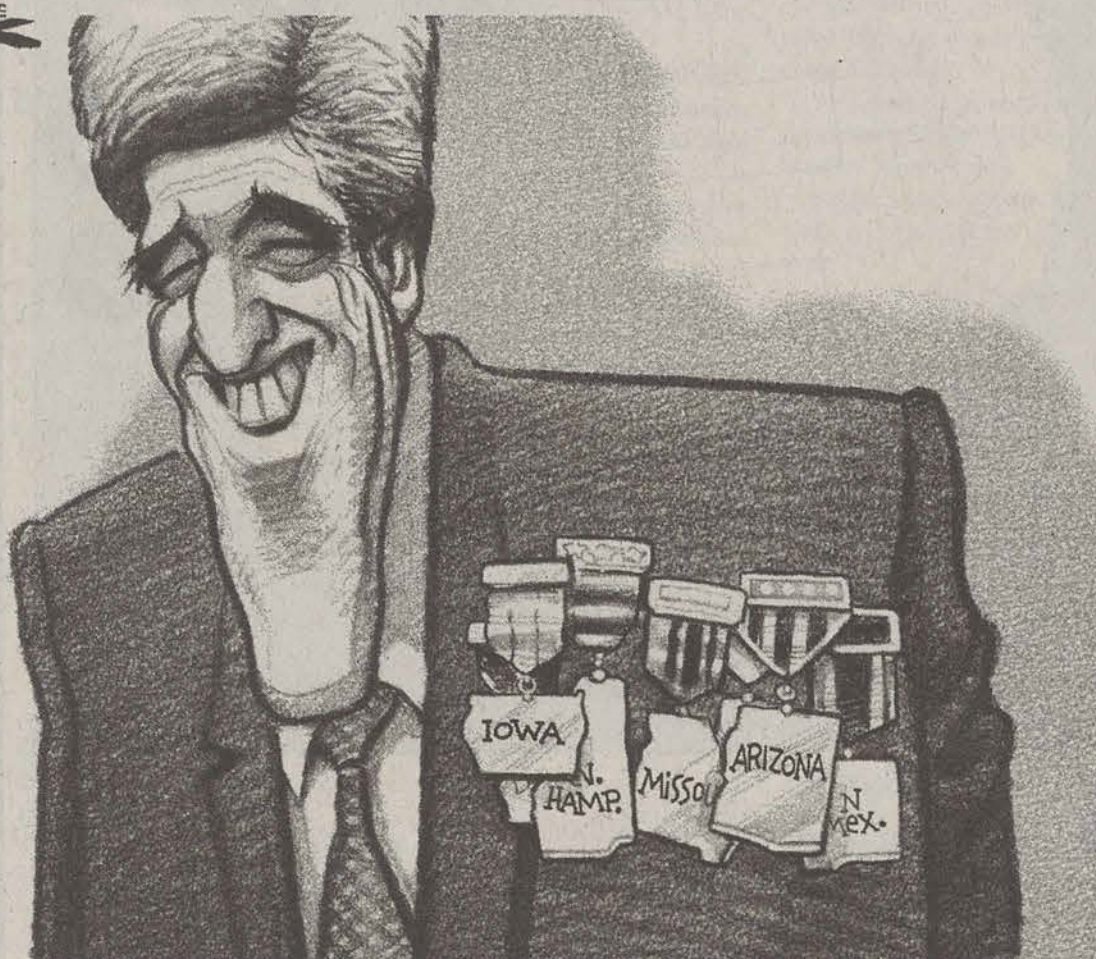
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Annually-taught courses hold up students' lives

Many students who attend Georgia Southern University have been touched by the problem of annually taught classes.

The reasons may be that enrollment is not large enough to offer the class more often, or staff is not available to teach every class every semester. These are both legitimate reasons, but still not good enough.

Students often do not find out about these annually taught classes until they are in their major classes and preparing to graduate. University policy should state the following: All annually taught classes should be brought to students' attention in some form or fashion in student publications such as Georgia Southern course catalogues, major check sheets or WINGS.

Countless students have had to delay graduation due to this situation. If students were told about annually-taught classes, they might not be forced to attend school an extra semester.

Advisors should warn students of these classes as soon as they declare their major. I was told at graduation clearance that two of my major classes would not be available for me to graduate in December.

As a victim of annually taught classes, I had to graduate a semester later than I anticipated. If I had been made aware of this policy before I cleared for graduation, I would have not taken elective classes during the semester the classes were taught.

The university already ignores my area of study in Journalism enough, and this is just another slap in the face. I doubt this happens in the almighty COBA, or, God forbid, in the Information Technology fortress that raised from the dirt only feet away from the trailer that houses my beloved major of Journalism.

As an alternative to this situation, students could be allowed to take the unavailable class as an elective during the semester they need it. Students are usually in their major classes when this problem arises, so the extra course work of an independent study or directed study could be

given to them with confidence.

Another solution could involve allowing students to take the class or classes transiently. University officials do not allow students to take major classes at another university. If the university failed to tell students of the annually taught class policy, they could agree to let the student participate in graduation ceremonies and complete the class elsewhere.

Another alternative: Courses could be substituted for a course related to the student's major of significant content. A class in another discipline could be taken with the department's approval. The class would need to, in some way, relate to the student's major or to the class he/she is substituting it for.

A university department chair gave me the alternative to drive four hours a week to campus to take six hours of course work instead of allowing me to take the classes at another university 20 minutes away from where I lived. I stay in Macon, for goodness sake; I do not like traveling down I-16 regularly. With the speeding tickets and my lead foot who would? "Where would I live?" I asked her, "I have already signed a six month lease and am paying \$400 a month to live here."

"Stay with some friends," she replied callously.

This policy should be rectified because it hurts far too many students each semester. Either one of the alternatives mentioned should be implemented, or the university should warn students about these classes prior to graduation clearance.

Students should not be held liable for the university's lack of employees. They also should not be liable for the university's mistake of not telling them about these situations before they arise.

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Teresa Southern
news editor

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Janet's got nothing on Budweiser

By Lenore Skenazy
KRT Campus

The following column has been previewed and approved for all genital audiences.

Oops! Did I say "genital"? I meant general! Hey – it was a completely unscripted, unforeseen vocabulary malfunction. Don't sic the FCC on me!

But ... now that we are talking about body parts, how 'bout that Super Bowl? Janet's peekaboob may be getting all the attention (and how do you think her other boob feels?), but actually it was just one brief entry in the evening's gala Salute to Sexual Humiliation.

Shaken, shattered and shaved – that's how CBS served up all-American manhood on Sunday. And much of the credit must go to Budweiser, which seems single-handedly to have invented the new marketing strategy "Buy our beer and something terrible will happen to your whoozit."

In one ad, for instance, Man No. 1 has his dog fetch a Bud Light, then asks his friend, "What can your dog do?" Whereupon Man No. 2's dog chomps into Man No. 1's privates, causing him to relinquish his beer and, presumably, any hopes of having children.

Makes me scared to get anywhere near a Bud, and I don't even have a you-know-what.

Working that emasculation magic for all it's worth, another Bud ad features Cedric the Entertainer sauntering into what looks like a massage parlor only to learn, too late, he is in for a bikini wax. Ooh! Painful and girly. Two points!

As for the ad where the carriage horse pulling a romantic couple cuts more cheese than Kraft, what can I say? Sure, it reinforces the crucial pass-some-gas/pop-a-Bud connection, but it delivered no real crippling sexual consequences. How did CBS let it slip

in? Perhaps next year the horse can mistake part of the man for a carrot.

Fortunately, the ad in which a monkey puts the moves on a major babe makes up for any dip in Bud's deviancy level by suggesting that a guy who leaves his girlfriend on the couch may face serious competition from a primate. Message: Drink Bud – lose out to a monkey.

These ads were interspersed with about a million more for ED drugs (not to be confused with LED drugs, which make your penis light up). One even warned viewers to call the doctor if their erection lasted more than four hours.

And then, of course, there was the halftime show, which featured so much bumping and grabbing, most men were left wondering, "Am I the only one without a four-hour erection?"

It's enough to make a guy grab a beer. Or a Levitra. Or ... never mind.

Today around the world

Lebanon: St. Maron Day
China: Chinese New Year - Year of the Rooster (2005/4703)

Today in history

On this day in 1997, "The Simpsons" became the longest-running animated series in cartoon history.
On this day in 1863, The fire extinguisher was patented by Alanson Crane.

Dance Ensemble performs at PAC

By Crystal Ware
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On February 7th, Deeply Rooted Dance Theater made a guest performance in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

For those individuals not familiar with Deeply Rooted Dance Theater, it is a dance production that dedicates itself to the "process of art making."

The roots in which Deeply Rooted Production spring from is that of African influence. The Deeply Rooted Dance Production is directed by Kevin Igea Jeff and he is assisted by Gary Abbot and Andrea Haynes Johnson.

The performance was comprised of four different sections that focused on different aspects of the human life. The first section, "Nia Keii- A gift of Life," was both visual and musically enticing. The vibrant colors as well as the facial expressions were emphasized perfectly by the upbeat tempo of Joe Sample, a jazz artist. Kevin Igea both wrote and choreographed the performance.

Followed by "Nia Keii," "Flack" was performed.

"Flack" itself was a portrait of strife, despair and ultimate triumph.

The six different ideas that were used were Trying Times, Ballad of a Sad Young Man, Do What You Gotta Do, I Told Jesus, Train and For All We Know. Each of these ideas told a story and the dancers were portrayed as both characters and the voices of the music.

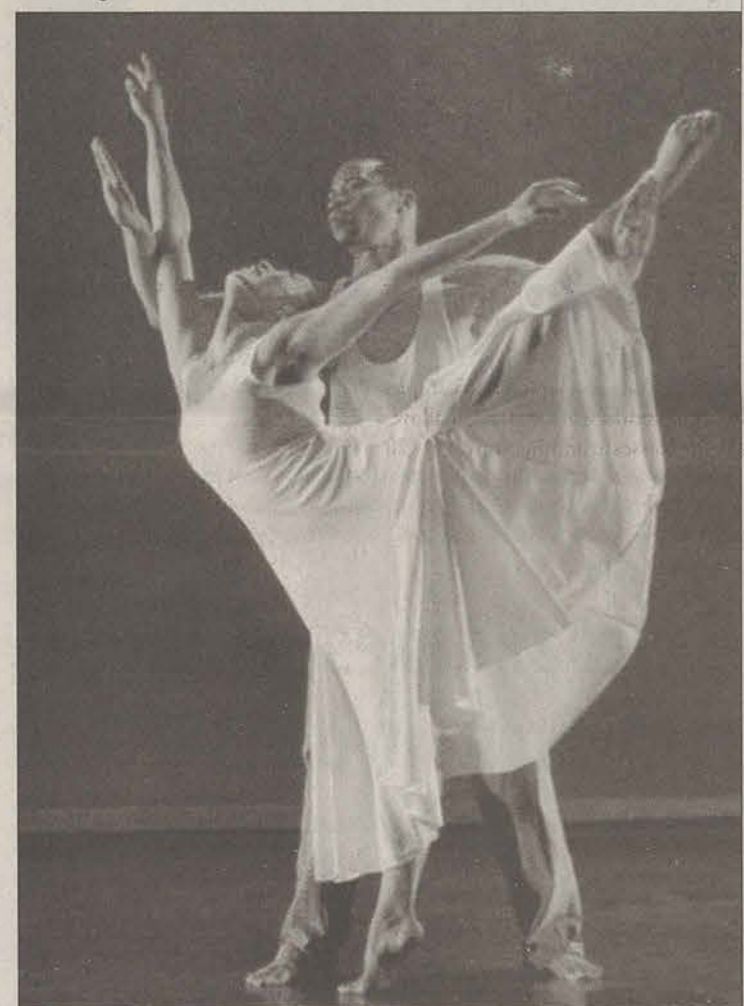
"In His Name" was a story of birth, life, and ascension. The performance opens with one individual on stage, a male, with a blue light on him. His movements are very sharp and it almost looks as if they're not choreographed, however, it is all connected. Both of these elements grow more complex as well as the performer's performance.

During the ascension stages the performance becomes even more serious, but it also portrays the celebration of life after death.

The dancer performs to the sounds of Africa which show that he has become one with nature.

The last and final performance was called "Jagged Edges," and this segment dealt with the politics of the world.

The performance was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Southern Arts Federation and the Georgia Council for the Art.



Special Photo

Deeply Rooted Dance Theater embodies the rich traditions of African-American dance theater and music and presents innovative and inspiring expressions of contemporary life.

Student Government Association amends Constitution, plans for elections

By Luke Hearn
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The Student Government Association (SGA) has proposed changes to Articles VI and VII of their Constitution. These changes can be viewed at their Web site at <http://studentorg.georgiasouthern.edu/sga/> or by visiting the Student Activities Center located on the bottom floor of the Russell Union. The changes were approved by the Senate at last Wednesday's meeting.

As stated in the SGA Constitution, students have 14 calendar days to petition against the changes. If two percent of the student body petitions, the proposed changes will become essentially void.

Students have until 5 p.m. on February 23 to submit their petitions.

SGA is also gearing up for their elections. Anyone interested in running for a position within SGA is encouraged to fill out an application.

Applications will be available on February 23. For more information, contact the Student Activities Center at 681-0655.

WRITING, FROM PAGE 1

in Writing & Linguistics.

A surprising 30 percent of juniors and seniors replied that, if they had it to do over again, they would major in Writing & Linguistics.

The long officiating process began over a year and a half ago, when the preliminary proposal went to the Board of Regents in Atlanta for approval. That proposal received approval in April of 2003.

The final proposal, which took nearly four months to perfect, went to the Board of Regents last August.

"They typically promise to give you an answer within 90 days... But, as our luck would have it, they didn't meet in December," Dr. Burton said.

The topic of the major ended up buried under budget cut issues in the January meeting, but finally made it to the agenda this month. Approval went off without a hitch.

"I found it to be a landmark - a major event in the experience of our department," said Dr. Frank Arasanyin, a professor in the Writing & Linguistics Department and head of the Yoruba Online Dictionary Project.

According to Dr. Burton, the department has hired 14 new tenure-track faculty members over the past five years in preparation of the degrees.

MONOLOGUES, FROM PAGE 1

Proceeds will also go to Juarez, Mexico where women have faced horrid brutality.

Over the last decade hundreds of young women of Juarez have been brutally murdered and hundreds more are missing.

The Mexican police and government have been unable, or unwilling, to put a stop to the ongoing atrocity.

Advanced tickets to The Vagina Monologues are \$3 for students and \$5 for faculty and the community. At the door, the tickets will be \$5

"Most of them came here because I told them we'd have a major someday. There were times of doubt, but we made it through."

Students already involved with the department have been anticipating the major since its preliminary stages. Many began taking relevant courses and forming study groups when the major was still a mere suggestion.

One of those groups grew to become Linguistics Circle, which became an officially recognized student organization this semester. Linguistics Circle will hold its second meeting of the semester Monday, February 9, at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Newton Building. The group's adviser, Dr. Thomas Klein, can provide more information on the organization.

Students interested in declaring a major in either of the four versions of the Writing & Linguistics degree may contact Kay Turner at kayjohn@georgiasouthern.edu or Dr. Klein at tklein@georgiasouthern.edu.

"We don't know how many students are going to come our way, but we're ready for them," said Dr. Burton. "I think this is one of the best things to happen to Georgia Southern students in a long time."

for students and \$7 for faculty and community. The last chance to purchase advanced tickets is today at the Russell Union Rotunda and at Lakeside Cafe between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

At the booths everyone will be able to purchase V-Day and Vagina Monologues t-shirts for \$10 each.

Also, they will be selling chocolate vaginas that you can purchase for that special someone for Valentine's Day.

V-Day: victory, Valentine, vagina.

Fourth-grader suspended for having plastic gun

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Ga. - The suspension of a fourth-grader in Hall County for bringing a plastic BB gun on a school bus was overturned, although it will remain on his record.

The 9-year-old was suspended Thursday after an investigation by the school system and the Hall County Sheriff's Department. Since the gun was fake, the boy will be allowed to return to school Monday.

"The item no longer had a trigger, it was no longer operable and it could not be loaded," school spokesman Gordon Higgins said. "Even though the gesture was essentially harmless, it was something that caused a disruption."

He brought the gun on the bus to show his friends, Higgins said.

DEMOCRATS, FROM PAGE 1

Former Democratic Sen. George Mitchell of Maine, whose state holds its presidential caucuses Sunday, said his party was stronger against Bush than it was just months ago. Then, Bush was riding high with the capture of Saddam Hussein, the economy gaining steam and the Democrats leaning toward former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, whose fervent opposition to the Iraq war and support for broad tax increases had some Republicans dreaming of a landslide that would give them the White House and even more control of Congress.

Now Iraq looks more like a quagmire with no good end in sight, and Kerry looks like a much more formidable opponent than Dean did.

But Mitchell cautioned against assuming the Democrats will hold their strong position straight through to November.

"There will be ups and downs," said Mitchell, a former Senate majority leader.

For now, the Democrats are up.



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Luck ends at thirteen as Eagles fall

By Kenny Cofer
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All good things must come to an end.

Unfortunately for Georgia Southern, their 13 game winning streak and undefeated mark at home ended Saturday night at Hanner Fieldhouse.

The Paladins from Furman University came to visit Saturday night and handed the Eagles a loss 77-72. The loss marked the first at Hanner Fieldhouse for Georgia Southern this season.

It was also the first loss for the Eagles since Dec. 17, against Southern Mississippi in overtime.

Georgia Southern started the game quickly with Elton Nesbitt hot from three-point land. Nesbitt scored 11 points in the first half, going 3-6 from the three point line. The Eagles jumped out to a 32-17 lead with 6:25 remaining in the first half before they became cold from the field.

Furman made a run to close the first half, outscoring the Eagles 16-5 in the remaining six minutes. Furman forward Maleye Ndoye was on fire in the first half going 7-for-10 from the field, scoring 20 points. The score at halftime was 37-33 in favor of GSU, as the Eagles only shot 38.5 percent from the field in the first half, compared to Furman's 42.3 percent.

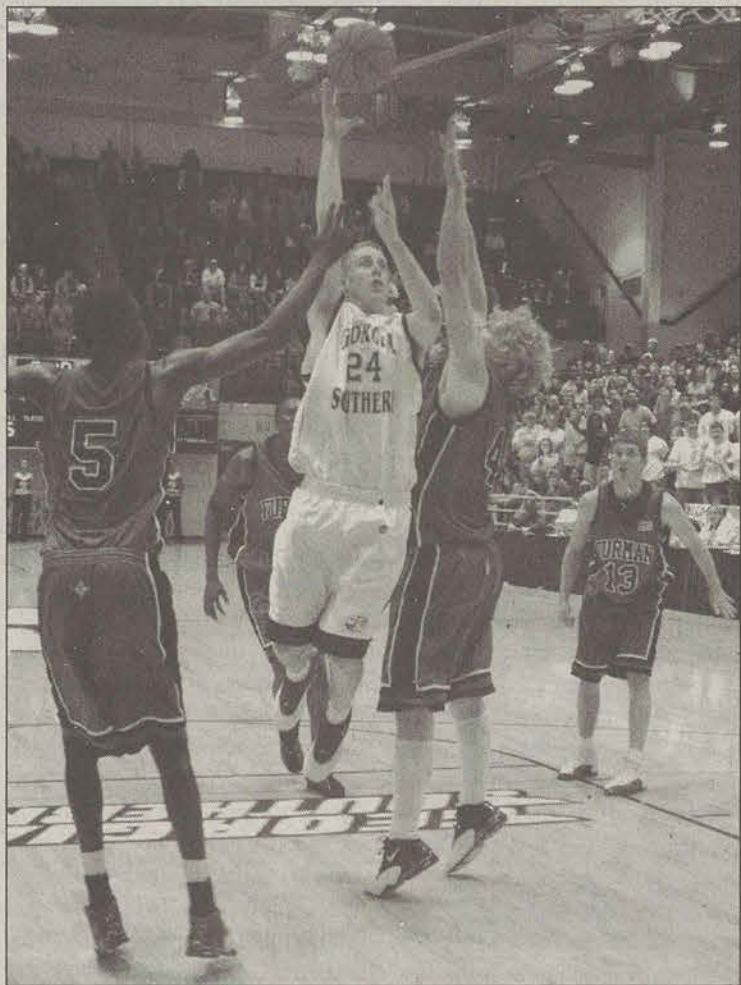
The second half was not any different for Georgia Southern. The shooting woes continued for the Eagles, as Furman was able to gain their first lead of the game at 48-45 with 12:33 remaining the second half. For a 20-minute stretch from the middle of the first half to the middle of the second half, Georgia Southern was only able to convert on six field goals.

The Paladins and Eagles battled back and forth for the next few minutes before Furman started to pull away, as GSU fell behind by twelve, 66-54 with 2:51 remaining in the second half.

Frank Bennett tried his best to bring the Eagles back in the game, scoring 13 of his 22 points, in the remaining minutes. Bennett was able to bring the deficit six at one point before the clock became a factor. Furman was able to convert on their free throws down the stretch to ice the game and give the Paladins a 77-72 victory over Georgia Southern.

The Eagles fall to 17-4 overall and 8-2 in the SoCon while the Paladins improve to 12-9 overall and 4-6 in the SoCon.

Georgia Southern will look to start a new streak when they welcome the Catamounts from Western Carolina Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Chad Fleming puts up a shot attempt in Georgia Southern's 77-72 loss to Furman Saturday. The loss snapped the Eagles' 13-game winning streak, which stood as the fifth-longest streak in the nation.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MEN						
NORTH DIVISION				OVERALL		
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
ETSU	11	0	1.00	19	4	.826
Chattanooga	6	4	.600	13	8	.619
W. Carolina	4	6	.400	11	10	.524
Elon	4	6	.400	8	14	.364
UNCG	4	6	.400	7	13	.350
App State	3	7	.300	8	15	.348

SOUTH DIVISION						
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Ga. Southern	8	2	.800	17	4	.810
Charleston	8	2	.800	16	4	.800
Davidson	6	5	.545	11	11	.500
Furman	4	6	.400	12	9	.571
Wofford	3	7	.300	7	14	.333
The Citadel	0	10	.000	4	17	.190

WOMEN						
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Chattanooga	14	0	1.00	19	2	.905
Furman	11	4	.733	14	8	.636
Davidson	10	5	.667	13	9	.591
ETSU	10	5	.667	10	11	.476
Elon	8	6	.571	12	9	.571
UNCG	7	7	.500	7	14	.333
W. Carolina	6	7	.462	7	13	.350
Ga. Southern	6	9	.400	10	11	.476
App State	3	10	.231	4	16	.200
Charleston	3	12	.200	5	17	.227
Wofford	0	13	.000	0	20	.000



MEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

FURMAN (77)
Ndoye 9-14 5-6 26, Sanders 2-6 1-2 5, Pojatina 0-1 1-2 1, Carter 4-7 4-5 12, Bostain 3-8 5-6 11, Diagne 3-6 1-2 7, Webb 2-3 2-2 8, Earle 0-0 0-0 0, Prowell 2-6 2-4 7. Totals 25-51 21-29 77.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (72)
Olivier 3-5 3-4 9, Bennett 9-10 4-9 22, Nesbitt 5-19 2-16, Williams 2-10 1-2 7, Fleming 3-8 0-16, Gennie 1-20 0-2, Mobley 1-10 0 2, Gibson 0-6 1-2 1, Francois 2-9 3-4 7, Byams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-71 14-24 72.

Halftime—GSU 37, Furman 33. Three-point goals—GSU 6-26 (Nesbitt 4-11, Williams 2-8, Fleming 0-2, Gennie 0-1, Gibson 0-4), Furman 6-14 (Ndoye 3-4, Sanders 0-2, Carter 0-1, Bostain 0-1, Webb 2-3, Prowell 1-3). Rebounds—GSU 43 (Bennett 11), Furman 41 (Carter, Diagne, Sanders 6). Assists—GSU 14 (Williams 9), Furman 13 (Sanders 6). Total Fouls—GSU 23, Furman 24. Fouled Out—Carter. Technicals—None. A-3,242

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL BOX SCORE

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (43)
Everett 4-10 4-6 12, Benemon 1-5 1-2 3, DuBose 3-9 2-2 8, Early 3-8 0-2 6, Tiller 2-11 0-0 4, Pijaux 0-2 2-4 2, Wells 0-3 2-2 2, Edgerton 0-0 0-0 0, Spoon 0-3 0-0 0, Newton 3-4 0-0 6, Krellner 0-1 0-0 0, Melvin 0-1 0-0 0, Jessie 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-57 11-20 43.

UNC GREENSBORO (78)
Lambert 3-11 0-0 6, Reed 3-6 1-1 7, Blair 2-4 7-7 11, Byrd 6-12 1-2 18, Eaton 4-10 3-4 13, Otamiri 4-6 3-4 11, Jackson 3-5 0-0 8, Honeycutt 1-2 0-0 2, Britt 0-0 0-0 0, Lowe 0-0 0-0 0, Current 0-2 0-0 0, Latham 0-0 2-3 2, Law 0-1 0-0 0, Joyner 0-1 0-1 0. Totals 26-60 17-22 78.

Halftime—UNCG 38, GSU 20. Three-point goals—UNCG 9-20 (Lambert 0-3, Byrd 5-10, Eaton 2-4, Jackson 2-3), GSU 0-11 (DuBose 0-4, Early 0-1, Tiller 0-4, Wells 0-1, Krellner 0-1). Rebounds—UNCG 43 (Reed 8), GSU 40 (Everett 9). Assists—UNCG 18 (Eaton 5), GSU 5 (DuBose 2). Total Fouls—UNCG 20, GSU 20. Fouled Out—None. Technicals—None. A-646

Lady Eagles routed by UNC Greensboro

GSU Athletic Media Relations

GREENSBORO, N.C. – Freshman Jasmine Byrd went 6-of-12 from the field and 5-of-10 from the 3-point line en route to netting a career-high 18 points, as the UNCG women's basketball team defeated Georgia Southern, 78-43, Saturday afternoon in Fleming Gym.

With the win, UNCG improves to 7-14 overall and 7-7 in Southern Conference play with the victory, while Georgia Southern drops to 10-11, 6-9.

Byrd carried the offensive load for the Spartans during the opening

minutes of the contest connecting on two long range 3-point field goals to keep the scored tied, 6-6, heading into the first media timeout. After the timeout, UNCG exploded going on a 10-0 run capped-off by a layup and free throw from Amanda Eaton to push the lead to 16-6.

Lee DuBose ended the Spartan spurt with a runner in the lane, but UNCG continued to hound the Lady Eagles with tenacious defensive pressure which held the Eagles to just 30.8% shooting. UNCG would outscore Georgia Southern 22-14 over the final minutes of the half to take a 38-20 lead into halftime.

After trading baskets throughout

the beginning stages of the second half, UNCG began to pull away from the Lady Eagles. A Lindsey Reed three-point play and a Byrd breakaway layup pushed the Spartans advantage to 52-30. A Jessica Everett three-point play pulled Georgia Southern back to within 21, 54-33, at the 10:33 mark. The Spartans, however, answered with a 5-0 run to put the game out of reach, 59-33.

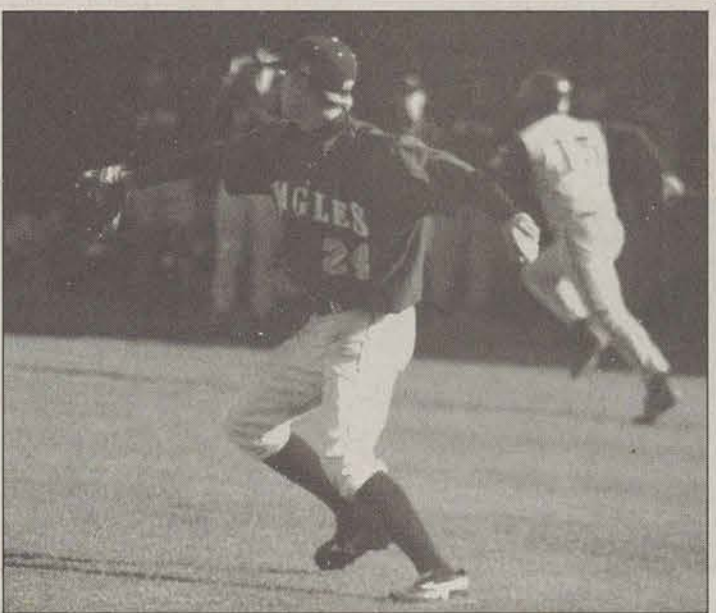
UNCG would close the game with a strong effort, just as they had started, outscoring GSU 19-10 to cruise to the victory.

Eaton, Blair and Irene Otamiri each joined Byrd in double figure scoring. Eaton registered 13 points,

while Blair and Otamiri reach tallied career-highs with 11. The Spartans shot 43.3% (26-60) from the field for the game, while holding the Lady Eagles to just a 16-for-57 effort (28.1%).

Jessica Everett led Georgia Southern with 12 points and nine rebounds. DuBose added eight points and two assists.

UNCG will look for its third consecutive home victory Monday night as the Spartans take on College of Charleston. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Fleming Gym. Georgia Southern will return to the hardwood to face Elon, Monday at 7 p.m..



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Freshman pitcher Everett Teaford attempts to throw out High Point outfielder Matt Gorman in Georgia Southern's 8-3 win Sunday afternoon. The Eagles took two of three games from the Panthers in their season-opening series.

Baseball takes two from High Point in opener

By Eli Boorstein
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It may have not been quite as one-sided as last year's season-ending humbling of Morris Brown, but the Georgia Southern baseball team came out of the first weekend fairly well.

The Eagles split a Saturday doubleheader with High Point, falling 14-7 and winning 17-4, and took a Sunday game 8-3, at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Junior rightfielder Jason Hurst was the unquestioned star of the weekend, going 5-for-9 with a double, triple, two home runs and nine RBI in Saturday's twin-bill. Hurst missed all but two games last year after suffering a broken bone in his left hand, but showed no signs of rust in his first action in a year.

"I can't tell how tough it was to sit out all season," said Hurst, who transferred from Jacksonville prior to last year.

"I'm happy for Jason," said head coach Rodney Hennon. "I don't know anyone who was more excited to get out there."

Game 1: High Point 14, Ga. Southern 7

In Saturday's opener, Georgia Southern (2-1) was victimized by shaky defense throughout, committing seven errors on the day. That proved to be the Eagles' demise as High Point (1-2) jumped out to the initial 11-1 lead.

After Panthers' second baseman Rey Rojas led the game off by reaching on a Brandon Burnsed bobbie, he stole second and moved to third on a Dustin Evans wild pitch before scoring on a Corey Stang double. Two batters later, Seby Renta drove in Stang with a double of his own.

In the second inning, High Point extended their lead to 2-0 on a Rojas

double and then scored another pair in the third on a two-run double by Josh Doane.

Eagles' centerfielder Brandon Long responded by driving in freshman catcher Flint Wipke on a sacrifice fly before the Panthers posted five more runs in the fifth inning. With the bases loaded with one out, Matt Calcagni drove in one on a single before Rojas added a sacrifice fly. Doane made it home on a Mike Thompson wild pitch before Stang singled through the infield to drive in two.

High Point saw their lead to grow to ten runs in the sixth, but Georgia Southern cut it back down to eight when Hurst homered to left with a runner on.

Hurst then accounted for three more RBIs in the very next inning as the Eagles scored four more to cut High Point's lead to 11-7. With runners on first and second, Greg Dowling doubled home the first run before Hurst belted the Clayton Gordner pitch out to right for a three-run homer.

However, that was as close as Georgia Southern would get as the Panthers added three more runs to put the game away.

Renta batted 3-for-6 to guide High Point while Doane added four RBIs.

On the mound, Evans, a true freshman took the loss in his collegiate debut, allowing eight runs, only three earned, before he was removed one out into the fifth. Relievers Thompson, Joe Maley and David Cogswell did not fare much better as each allowed runs to the High Point bats.

Matt Kniginzky was the winning pitcher for the Panthers.

See Baseball, Page 7

UPCOMING EAGLE ATHLETIC EVENTS

MONDAY

Women's Basketball at
Elon, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs.
Western Carolina,
Hanner Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Men's Tennis at
Charleston Southern, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

Men's Tennis vs. Jacksonville,
Hanner Courts, 10 a.m.

Track & Field at
Iowa State Classic
(runs through Saturday)

SATURDAY

Men's Basketball at
Davidson, 1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Georgia Tech,
J.I. Clements Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Wofford,
Hanner Fieldhouse, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

Baseball vs. Georgia Tech,
J.I. Clements Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

WHAT DID THEY SAY?

Sports quotes you wouldn't use to inspire your team

"Do you mean now?" – Baseball legend Yogi Berra when asked about the time

"Unstoppable, baby!" – NBA player Marc Jackson after hitting a lay-up during a 29-point loss

"(We) should be able to wear shorts. God almighty, (LPGA) women are allowed to wear 'em and we've got better legs than they do." – Golfer Greg Norman

Clarett should stay in school, wait for NFL

By Tom Reed
KRT Campus

Maurice Clarett did not exactly project a pioneer's image in a Thursday news conference when reacting to a district court judge's decision to rule him eligible for the NFL Draft.

Not since Beavis and Butt-head has there been so much nervous laughter in a 30-minute format.

The mercurial Ohio State sophomore did not grasp the magnitude of the moment, the significance of the landmark ruling.

It's not surprising, however, because it's always been about Maurice, the tailback who put the I in Buck-I.

That doesn't make him a bad person. It makes him an immature one, a vulnerable one. One who should consider another year of college, even if it means playing somewhere other than Ohio State.

You won't find any objections here to 20-year-olds being declared eligible for the draft. LeBron James has proven he belongs. Rick Nash, all 19 years of him, leads the NHL in goal scoring.

Athletes should be judged on aptitude, not age.

But making an immediate impact in pro sports often requires talent, durability and maturity. Clarett possesses only one.

Hopefully his attorneys and those closest to him are looking out for his best interests. Color me skeptical.

One of the people who had the greatest impact on Clarett hasn't spoken to him in five months. Warren G. Harding football coach Thom McDaniels has never been afraid to tell Clarett he was wrong, or that he should rethink a course of action.

He believes Clarett is making a mistake if he elects to go pro.

What does McDaniels know about the NFL? He has sent five players into the league from Canton McKinley, and his son, Josh, just won his second Super Bowl ring as a New England assistant coach.

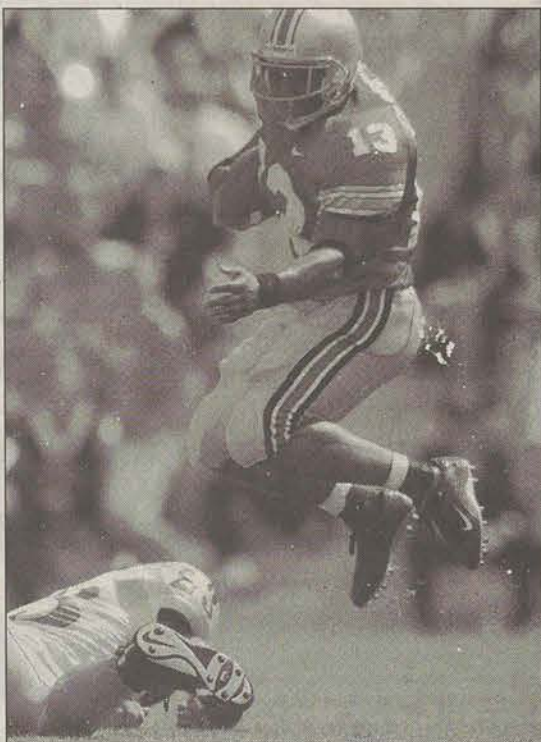
"I knew Maurice would have no problem making the transition to Ohio State from an athletic or academic standpoint," McDaniels said. "My biggest concern was how he would fit in socially."

Clarett did not adjust to college life. He lived off campus. He alienated teammates with his aloofness. He squabbled with coaches and criticized OSU administrators and policies.

Clarett's superb play made him tolerable. He was a major reason the Buckeyes won the national championship and his absence, due to a university-imposed suspension, was a major reason they failed to defend it.

You can argue Clarett is better off not having to deal with university standards and NCAA regulations.

But consider this: Clarett was given ample freedom in Columbus and where did it get him? He would have even more latitude if he turns pro, to say nothing of the tempta-



KRT Campus

Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett won a lawsuit against the NFL that will allow to enter the NFL Draft early. However, many feel that Clarett should stay in college.

tions that accompany money and celebrity.

The kid needs more structure, not less.

Clarett and James are often linked by friendship, background and proximity. Both are talented and intelligent, but James is much more mature.

If any youngster were capable of handling pressure, it was James. Do you get the same feeling about Clarett?

It says here, University of Pittsburgh sophomore receiver Larry Fitzgerald – granted permission to enter the draft – is more likely to succeed. In part because Fitzgerald is carrying less baggage and a smaller medical file.

The injury-prone Clarett has played an entire season once in the past five years.

Will he be drafted if the NFL is unable to obtain an injunction? Absolutely. There's no denying his ability, size and drive. But how will someone accustomed to getting his own way react to adversity, injury, criticism?

Trailblazers such as Curt Flood and Spencer Haywood were viewed as pariahs at the time they bucked the system. Clarett will be no different.

Clarett had better grow up quickly. It was nice to hear him accept some responsibility for his actions in the news conference.

It would be nicer still if Clarett the Pioneer tabled his manifest destiny for another year of maturity.

Don't bet on it.

Eagle tennis breaks losing streak in matches over Gardner-Webb, Florida A&M

GSU Athletic Media Relations

Gardner-Webb at Georgia Southern
Georgia Southern captured victories in all 12 singles sets and earned the doubles point with convincing 8-4, 8-2 and 8-2 wins on the way to a 7-0 non-conference triumph over Gardner-Webb Saturday afternoon at the Hanner Courts.

The Eagles recorded impressive wins in all six singles positions, using straight-set decisions by Vincent Patry (6-0, 6-1), Doruk Baglan (6-1, 6-4), Danie van den Heever (6-4, 6-2), Tom Green (6-2, 6-1), Lasha Janashia (6-0, 6-4) and Charles-Henri Trottet (7-5, 6-2).

Georgia Southern (2-4) also got doubles wins from the tandems of van den Heever/Patry (8-4) at No. 1, Dubiensi/Baglan (8-2) at No. 2 and Green/Germano Knorr (8-2) at the No. 3 slot.

Florida A&M at Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern used singles victories by Doruk Baglan, Danie van den Heever, Tom Green and Charles-Henri Trottet to overcome a doubles point loss and record its first win of the season, a 4-3 non-conference decision over Florida A&M Saturday afternoon at Hanner Courts.

The Eagles recorded three-set singles triumphs from Baglan at the No. 2 position (6-1, 5-7, 6-1), van den Heever at No. 3 (4-6, 6-4, 6-4), Green at No. 4 (6-7, 6-1, 6-0) and Charles-Henri Trottet at No. 6 (1-6, 6-1, 6-2).

Florida A&M captured the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles matches but the Eagle tandem of Stephen Dubiensi and Baglan posted an 8-4 victory over Davin Russell and Jarrel Williams.

GSU will return to action Tuesday, when it travels to Charleston Southern for a 2 p.m. match against the Buccaneers.



David Casselli/STAFF

Georgia Southern men's tennis managed their first wins of the spring season, topping Gardner-Webb and Florida A&M.

Women's tennis notches first win of spring

GSU Athletic Media Relations

The Georgia Southern women's tennis squad earned the doubles point with impressive 8-1, 8-5 and 8-2 victories and recorded wins in all 12 singles sets on the way to a 7-0 non-conference shutout over Gardner-Webb Sunday afternoon at the Hanner Courts.

The Eagles recorded convincing

wins in all six singles positions and captured the match when Charlotte Bruneteaux dispatched Molly Hoeffner 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 2 position. Other straight-set decisions were posted by Ciara Finucane (6-2, 6-2) at No. 1, Krystel Sauvageau (6-1, 6-3) at No. 3, Szilvia Zsakay (6-0, 6-2) at No. 4, Amy Pazahanick (6-1, 6-1) at No. 5 and Heather Reynolds (6-3, 6-1) at the No. 6 slot.

Georgia Southern (1-2) got doubles wins from the tandems of Finucane/Pazahanick (8-1) at No. 1, Sauvageau/Zsakay (8-5) at No. 2 and Callie Ward/Kimberly Wollett (8-2) at the No. 3 slot, which also served as the clinching point.

GSU will return to action Feb. 21 when it travels to Furman to open Southern Conference play with a match beginning at 11 a.m.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN TENNIS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

MEN'S TENNIS VS. FLORIDA A&M

Singles

No. 1 -- Pfungwa Mahefue (FAMU) def. Vincent Patry (GSU) 6-2, 6-2

No. 2 -- Doruk Baglan (GSU) def. Davin Russell (FAMU) 6-1, 5-7, 6-1

No. 3 -- Danie van den Heever (GSU) def. Zurab Zhvania (FAMU) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4

No. 4 -- Tom Green (GSU) def. Yves Sinson (FAMU) 6-7, 6-1, 6-0

No. 5 -- Frank Green (FAMU) def. Stephen Dubiensi (GSU) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4

No. 6 -- Charles-Henri Trottet (GSU) def. Jarrel Williams (FAMU) 1-6, 6-1, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1 -- Mahefue/Sinson (FAMU) def. Patry/van den Heever (GSU) 9-8 (5)

No. 2 -- Baglan/Dubiensi (GSU) def. Russell/Williams (FAMU) 8-4

No. 3 -- Green/Zhvania (FAMU) def. Green/Germano Knorr (GSU) 8-6

MEN'S TENNIS VS. GARDNER-WEBB

Singles

No. 1 -- Vincent Patry (GSU) def. Phil Skelton (GWU) 6-0, 6-1

No. 2 -- Doruk Baglan (GSU) def. Roberto Vasques (GWU) 6-1, 6-4

No. 3 -- Danie van den Heever (GSU) def. Bryan Edmonds (GWU) 6-4, 6-2

No. 4 -- Tom Green (GSU) def. Mike Osborne (GWU) 6-2, 6-1

No. 5 -- Lasha Janashia (GSU) def. Kim Ellis (GWU) 6-0, 6-4

No. 6 -- Charles-Henri Trottet (GSU) def. Dabiel Abrahao (GWU) 7-5, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1 -- Patry/van den Heever (GSU) def. Skelton/Kern Phillip (GWU) 8-4

No. 2 -- Baglan/Dubiensi (GSU) def. Osborne/Vasques (GWU) 8-2

No. 3 -- Green/Germano Knorr (GSU) def. Ellis/Abrahao (GWU) 8-2

WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. GARDNER-WEBB

Singles

No. 1 -- Ciara Finucane (GSU) def. Melissa DeJong (GWU) 6-2, 6-2

No. 2 -- Charlotte Bruneteaux (GSU) def. Molly Hoeffner (GWU) 6-1, 6-1

No. 3 -- Krystel Sauvageau (GSU) def. Loriele Ferlita (GWU) 6-1, 6-3

No. 4 -- Szilvia Zsakay (GSU) def. Krystina Sigmon (GWU) 6-0, 6-2

No. 5 -- Amy Pazahanick (GSU) def. Elena Ilchevas (GWU) 6-1, 6-1

No. 6 -- Heather Reynolds (GSU) def. Carrie Yerkes (GWU) 6-3, 6-1

Doubles

No. 1 -- Finucane/Pazahanick (GSU) def. Hoeffner/Ferlita (GWU) 8-1

No. 2 -- Sauvageau/Zsakay (GSU) def. DeJong/Sigmon (GWU) 8-5

No. 3 -- Callie Ward/Kimberly Wollett (GSU) def. Yerkes/Sara Zirnheld (GWU) 8-2

BASEBALL, FROM PAGE 6

Game 2: Ga. Southern 17, High Point 4

Saturday's nightcap started off in similar fashion to the opener, as High Point took the initial lead, but Georgia Southern quickly put the visitors away in an offensive exhibition.

After Rey Rojas led the first inning off with a double to left, he scored soon after on a Chris Ramirez single. Following an out, High Point loaded the bases on an Eagle error and a single before Matt Gorman brought in the Panthers' second run on a ground out. In the next at-bat, Matt Keever built the Panther lead to 4-0 on a two-run double to right-center.

Keever's double proved to be High Point's final runs as they were held scoreless the rest of the ballgame, while the Eagles bats awoke.

Hurst's offensive prowess continued as he tripled to right in the third inning to cut the Panther lead in half.

Georgia Southern then overtook High Point in the fourth with four runs. Logan Phillips accounted for the first run when he sacrificed Flint Wipke home before Brandon Ponder and Brandon Long both came home on a Greg Dowling single. James Payne then scored from third when Panthers' pitcher Mark Shorey threw a wild pitch as he was attempting to intentionally walk Justin Klinger.

Long and Dowling each drove in runs in the fifth before Hurst and Wipke added a run-scoring double and single, respectively, to score runs in the sixth.

Four more Eagle runs came around in the seventh inning thanks to an RBI-double from Klinger, RBI-single from Hurst, and from freshman Cam Caldwell, who drove in two with a pinch-hit single in his collegiate debut.

Fellow freshman Luke Gordon also debuted in a big way in the eighth, sending a three-run homer out to left for the Eagles' final runs.

Overall, Georgia Southern accounted for 21 hits in the game, led by three hits apiece from Dowling, Hurst and Wipke.



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Eagle outfielder Brandon Long fouls a ball off as he attempts to swing against High Point on Sunday. Long could not muster much from the plate this weekend, collecting just one hit in 11 at-bats in three games.

Junior pitcher Brian Harrison took the win for Georgia Southern, allowing just one earned-run off six hits in seven innings of work. Freshman Josh Lairsey tossed two shutout innings in his first game.

Shorey was given the loss after allowing six runs in four-plus innings.

Game 3: Ga. Southern 8, High Point 3

Sunday's battle also went the way of Georgia Southern, but not nearly as convincingly as the previous battle.

After Grant Burruss singled home James Payne in the first inning, High Point tied the game up in the top of the third on a Matt Calcagni single.

However, the Panthers quickly fell back behind, as the Eagles added three in the bottom half of the third on a James Payne single, and a two-run Greg Dowling home run.

After the two teams traded runs in the fourth, High Point added one in the fifth when Josh Doane, who tripled, came home when the relay throw from the outfield went into the dugout.

Georgia Southern put the game well into their favor with three final runs in the bottom of the fifth. After High Point loaded the bases on a hit batsmen and a pair of walks, Burruss scored from third when a harmless Logan Phillips grounder was bobbled by shortstop Calcagni. Ponder then came up in the next at-bat and singled to left to bring around Jason Hurst from third



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and Flint Wipke from second.

Brandon Burnsed paced the Eagle offense, as the senior batted 3-for-4 with a run batted in. Payne added two hits while five others had one hit.

Doane was the only Panthers to grab more than one hit, with two on the day.

Freshman Everett Teaford was the victor in his debut on the mound, throwing six innings while John Carroll, one of the Eagles' deadliest starters last year, added three shutout innings out of the bullpen to get the save.

After winning two-of-three from these Big South rivals, Georgia Southern will have a challenge ahead of them next weekend when they welcome fifth-ranked Georgia Tech to Statesboro for games on Saturday and Sunday.

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PLACING THE BLAME: What went wrong with intelligence on Iraq?

By Warren P. Strobel and Jonathan S. Landay
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The Bush administration's case that Iraq had chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs before the U.S. invasion weakened further this week, with new revelations from CIA Director George Tenet about problems with U.S. intelligence.

Increasingly, the question from here on out will be: What went wrong and who's to blame?

That's the focus of the new independent commission that President Bush named Friday. It's also the subject of a round of finger-pointing that pits the CIA against the White House, intelligence professionals against their political masters and Republicans against Democrats.

It's a question that Bush will face when he makes an unusual solo appearance Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

There's no single answer, according to current and former intelligence officials, the administration's own public statements and a review of the publicly available documents on Iraq's weapons programs.

In what now appears to have been a cascade of errors, U.S. intelligence overestimated Iraq's weapons progress in several key areas. That was in part because analysts, mindful of Iraq's long history of deception, had to assume the worst, according to Tenet and others.

Compounding the damage, top officials including Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and others exaggerated what the available intelligence said about Iraq's nuclear, chemical, biological and missile programs and left

out important caveats.

The process was warped by the Pentagon's creation of an alternate intelligence channel that fed questionable data on Iraq's weapons and links to the al-Qaida terrorist network into the system.

The White House's charges that Saddam Hussein's regime had links to al-Qaida are missing entirely from

the current debate, although they were key to the administration's argument for war. Tenet never mentioned them in his Thursday speech at Georgetown University in which he defended the CIA, which has argued consistently that there's no compelling evidence of anything more than occasional contacts between Iraq and al-Qaida. Some of the questionable material,

which came largely from Iraqi defectors, some of whom were considered unreliable by intelligence professionals, was weeded out. But not all.

Each of these factors was to blame, according to Walter P. "Pat" Lang, a former top official from the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency and critic of the administration's handling of Iraq.

The administration, former chief weapons inspector David Kay and Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, have all denied that intelligence analysts were subjected to political pressure.

Here's a summary of the administration's prewar claims on Iraq's weapons and what's now known:

Nuclear weapons

Bush, Cheney and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice raised the specter of Saddam working feverishly to get the bomb. The vice president may have gone the furthest, saying in an August 2002 speech that "many of us are convinced that Saddam will acquire nuclear weapons fairly soon."

But a major intelligence report, called a National Intelligence Estimate, or NIE, two months later said Iraq could make a nuclear bomb "within several months to a year" only if it acquired plutonium or uranium from abroad. Without that huge assist, it would take until 2007 to 2009, declassified portions of the document said.

Tenet said Thursday that the CIA now doesn't know whether Iraq was reconstituting its nuclear weapons program, "but we may have overestimated the progress Saddam was making."

Several key pieces of evidence in the nuclear file have proved false, such as administration claims that Saddam was seeking uranium in Africa, or highly questionable, such as claims that Iraq was acquiring aluminum tubes to make centrifuges to purify uranium for nuclear arms.

Cheney, in the August 2002 speech, said some of the information on Iraq's nuclear program came from Iraqi defectors.

Unmanned aerial vehicles

In an October 2002 speech, Bush said the United States had discovered that Iraq "has a growing fleet of manned and unmanned aerial vehicles that could be used to disperse chemical or biological weapons across broad areas. We're concerned that Iraq is exploring ways of using these UAVs for missions targeting the United States."

That statement came from the NIE. But the document adds an important caveat that Bush never mentioned: The Air Force, the leading expert on such vehicles, disagreed that Iraq was developing the drones "primarily" for delivering chemical or biological weapons.

Another key piece of evidence has since been proved false: that the Iraqis were trying to acquire mapping software so they could target the United States.

Tenet, in his speech, said the U.S. intelligence community's record on UAVs was mixed. It detected prohibited and undeclared Iraqi programs, he said, "but the jury is still out on whether Iraq intended to use its newer, smaller unmanned aerial vehicle to deliver biological weapons."

Biological weapons

One of the most dramatic parts of Secretary of State Colin Powell's Feb. 5, 2003, presentation to the U.N. Security Council on the Iraq threat was his detailed description of mobile facilities for producing and researching germ weapons.

Powell said there were three human sources who described the mobile production labs and a fourth who revealed the mobile research facilities.

A senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the reference to the research labs was the only claim in Powell's speech based on a single type of information: human sources, or spies.

But, in a snafu hinted at by Tenet, the source of the information on the labs was believed to have fabricated information and an alert stating this went unnoticed. The source was a defector provided by the Iraqi National Congress, an Iraqi exile group favored by hard-liners in the Pentagon and the vice president's office.

In his speech, Tenet said questions also have been raised about the veracity of sources who described Iraq's alleged biological weapons production facilities.

Intelligence agencies now disagree over whether two trailers found in Iraq after the war were intended for making biological weapons – the CIA's original assessment – or hydrogen for military balloons. State Department and Defense Intelligence Agency experts favor the latter explanation.

Chemical weapons

Powell, Cheney, Bush and numerous other officials either said or suggested before the war that Iraq had large stocks of chemical weapons, a claim based in part on Saddam's failure to account for known caches of ingredients used to make poison gas.

The NIE said Iraq probably had renewed production of mustard gas, sarin and other deadly substances, and it estimated that Saddam has stockpiled between 100 and 500 metric tons of chemical weapons.

But a September 2002 report by the Defense Intelligence Agency, while agreeing that Iraq probably had a covert chemical weapons program, said there was "no reliable information" about whether Iraq was producing or stockpiling the weapons.

Tenet indicated that a key moment came when CIA analysts saw "what they believed to be" satellite photos of material being moved from Iraqi ammunition sites. The photos appeared to be evidence of revived chemical weapons production. But the reasons for the movements have never been determined.

Who said Iraq had banned weapons

Some Bush administration allegations that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, as quoted by Sen. Karl Levin, D-Mich., in a Senate hearing:



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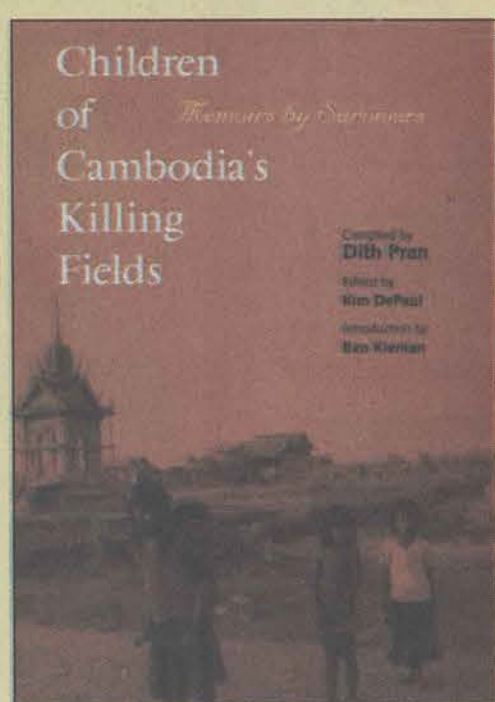
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