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Saddam Hussein at the mercy of his people

United States will hand
over legal custody of
Saddam to interim

By Tom Lasseter
KRT Campus

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S.-led coalition in Iraq will maintain custody of former dictator Saddam Hussein until after June 30, the date marking sovereignty for the new Iraqi government, a spokesman said, despite demands by Iraq's prime minister that American forces turn over Saddam and other detainees in the next two weeks.

President Bush, speaking in Washington, said the United States was preparing to turn Saddam over to the new government but wanted to ensure that adequate security could be maintained and that the timing was under discussion.

"He's a killer. He is a thug," Bush said. "He needs to be brought to trial. We want to make sure that the transfer (of Saddam) to a sovereign government is done in a timely way and in a secure way. That's what we're discussing with the government."

The apparent rift with Prime Minister Iyad Allawi brought up a host of issues, chief among them whether the United States can continue to hold Saddam as a prisoner of war. A spokeswoman for the Red Cross in Baghdad has said Saddam should be freed if he isn't formally charged with a crime by June 30.

Dan Senor, the top U.S. spokesman in Baghdad, said Tuesday that American officials "do not have to hand him over until there is a cessation of active hostilities," noting that Iraq is still very much a hostile environment.

Walid Abdul Latif, a minister in the new government and the chief administrative judge for the war crimes tribunal against Saddam, wouldn't confirm that an arrest warrant would be coming this month. He did say, however, that once charged with a crime,

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Violence persists as date for Iraq sovereignty approaches

By Tom Lasseter and Hannah Allam
KRT Campus

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Calling the U.S. decision last year to dissolve the Iraqi army "a big mistake," Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi promised Sunday to mold the nation's beleaguered security forces into a guerrilla-fighting network with the brawn of the former regime, minus the brutality.

On the same day that Allawi outlined his plans for improving security measures, there was widespread violence throughout Iraq.

Two Iraqi civil defense corps soldiers were killed and eight wounded in a roadside bomb attack in western Baghdad, U.S. military officials said. A bombing near Baghdad's Central

Bank wounded several Iraqis, witnesses said. Small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades wounded two U.S. soldiers Saturday night, and U.S. aircraft counterattacked in Baghdad's Sadr City, a military

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SOAR fills GSU with new faces

By Rachel Weeks
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Southern's Orientation, Advisement and Registration, also known as SOAR, is in full flight once again. So far this summer, eight freshman sessions of 330 students have been through GSU's SOAR, a program required for all new students.

According to SOAR leader Jonathan Buckner, "We teach them all that is GSU. We show them how to use WINGS, teach them about academic programs, campus offices and campus life in general."

Students are helped with purchasing parking permits, receiving a GSU student ID, finding university or off-campus housing, vaccination programs, financial aid, academic advisement, registering, campus recreation, fraternities and sororities, music ensembles, campus tours, study abroad, Statesboro banking and much more.

Jessica Smith, SOAR participant, said, "Everybody's really helpful and they answer all your questions. It's very convenient that there are computers in every building."

Ashlyn Paige said that the orientation was helpful, but could be improved on. She said, "They need to switch up groups. Instead of having small groups that meet each time, the groups should be switched up so we can meet more people."

Families are encouraged to attend

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Cox addresses Boys and Girls State on citizenship, voting and volunteering

By Luke Hearn
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Secretary of State Cathy Cox was on campus last Thursday and Friday, speaking to both Boys and Girls State. On Thursday evening, she installed the new officers for Boys State and after the installation, addressed the group as a whole.

Cox opened with praise for Boys State, calling it "one of the best programs for youth in the state." She challenged the boys to not only make academic excellence a top priority in their lives but to also include citizenship.

"Our nation needs dedicated citizens as it never has before," she said. "Students of today need to take the lead to face the difficult problems of society."

In an effort to recognize citizenship each year, the Secretary of State's Office presents The Excellence in Citizenship award to one senior from each high school in the state.

Cox next addressed what she called the two Vs: voting and volunteering. She explained how much sacrifice has gone into giving the people of the US the right to vote, and how important voting is to society.

She gave the statistics that about



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Boys State's Douglas Harrell (right) has a word with Secretary of State Cathy Cox after her speech last Thursday night.

80 percent of 80 year olds voted in the last election, while only about 18 percent of all 18 year olds voted. "80 year olds get the fact that their vote matters, and that their vote is translated into an elected person to make decisions," Cox challenged the

Boys State delegates to change these stats. "[Voting] is too important to ignore," she said.

She encouraged everyone in the room to volunteer at their local polling

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Upward Bound students sample college life at GSU

By Rachel Weeks
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GSU provides 105 high school students from Bulloch, Candler, Emanuel, Evans and Screven County high schools with the opportunity to experience college life. To be eligible, students must either be first-generation college students or meet income guidelines.

According to Sue Hawks-Foster, Director of GSU's Educational Opportunity Programs, "The purpose of Upward Bound is to impact certain area high school students who are economically disadvantaged or potential first-generation college graduates so they will earn their high school diplomas, go on to college and earn their degrees."

During the school year, students meet twice monthly, and then participate in a six-week residential program during the summer.

Upward Bound offers students a variety of opportunities from academic counseling, tutoring and career counseling, to SAT and ACT preparation and fees, as well as workshops on Financial Aid and study skills.

Upward Bound Bridge Students are high school graduates that are attending classes during the summer. The classes do not count as college credit hours, but rather help the student to prepare for their first year of college.



LaVene Bell/STAFF

Upward Bound Bridge participants Sheila Mosley (left), Jeffrey Grant (center) and Zenovia Kirkland (right) listen to a speaker at a consultation yesterday. Grant is the Educational Program Specialist for Upward Bound. One highlight of the program, the Upward Bound Olympics, begins this weekend.

Zenovia Kirkland is a recent high school graduate who has been enrolled in Upward Bound for three years. "The program helps you prepare for college. Right now I'm taking College Algebra, Political Science, and GSU Orientation. We meet twice a week with counselors to discuss studying and school," she said. Kirkland wants to major in Art at GSU in Fall 2004.

Educational Program Specialist Jeffrey Grant said, "I think this program deserves an un-sung hero award. Not a lot of people know about it. You don't realize the impact it has on these students. Lawyers and doctors came

through this program who wouldn't have had the opportunity."

Yesterday students held a pep rally at the RAC to prepare for the Upward Bound Olympics to be held at Savannah State on Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Olympics take place each year, and it is tradition for students from Paine College, Savannah State, and GSU to compete in the Scholars Bowl, Speech, Writing, Math, Chess, Scrabble, Volleyball, and other events. Other special events include a talent show and a play that begins at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Russell Union Ballroom.

Weekday Weather

Thursday



HIGH
92°

LOW
74°

Scattered
Thunderstorms

Friday



HIGH
90°

LOW
73°

Isolated
Thunderstorms

Opinions

• Amanda Permenter finds the system of organization in Wal-Mart's book department thoughtless

• Seattle Times writer Anne Kim comments on the benefits of teaching students to be global citizens

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• 'Dodgeball' and 'The Terminal' top this week's box office

• John Harris previews five summer movies so you don't have to guess

• Chuck Thomas reviews Andrew W.K.'s most recent Atlanta

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Sports

• Construction continues on J.I. Clements stadium

• GSU head cross country coach Turena Johnson-Lane finishes just six minutes shy of Olympic qualification at U.S. Women's Half-Marathon Championship

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Police Beat

- 06-16-04**
• Officers issued two traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and assisted two motorists.
- 06-17-04**
• Officers issued two traffic citations and three traffic warnings, investigated one traffic accident and responded to one fire alarm.
- 06-19-04**
• Jonathan Westbrook Bell, 23, of University Places, Statesboro, was charged with public drunk.
- Officers issued four traffic warnings and assisted one motorist.
- 06-21-04**
• A pair of tennis shoes and several shorts and shirts were taken from Hanner Fieldhouse.
- 06-22-04**
• Officers issued one traffic citation and six traffic warnings and assisted three motorists.

— All Police Beat information compiled by Luke Hearn, News Editor.

Campus News

National HIV Testing Day



The Amethyst Project is sponsoring "National HIV Testing Day." The project that provides free, confidential testing for HIV. The event will be held at Blitch Street Park in Statesboro from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. Food and drinks will be provided, as well as music by DJ Terry. The Amethyst Project is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to those living with HIV and also raises awareness of the virus. For more information, contact the Amethyst Project at 912-764-6923.

Puppet Show at the Museum

The Museum will present its popular summer puppet shows on Tuesdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27. The shows will begin at 3 p.m. in the Museum. Admission is free. There will also be a craft project following each show.

This summer's shows include:

- July 6—"Snail Started It"
- July 13—Eric Carle's "The Clumsy Click Beetle"
- July 20—Dr. Seuss' "The Sneetches"
- July 27—"Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Dog Obedience School"



For more information, contact the Museum at 681-5444.

Community Nursing Center

The GSU School of Nursing is sponsoring the Community Nursing Center, open Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The services include blood pressure screenings, laboratory screenings, osteoporosis screening, glaucoma screening and a health promotion clinic, which includes physical exams. Appointments are suggested, but the center does accept walk-ins. All services are currently free of charge. For more information on the center or to make an appointment, call 912-681-5166.

Faculty/Staff Recognitions

- Godfrey Gibbison, assistant professor of economics, presented a paper at the international symposium on Globalization and Urbanization in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Karl E. Peace, director for the Center of Biostatistics, professor, and Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, recently gave an invited lecture at the Dose/Exposure Response Optimization Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Bob Chambers, director of Parking and Transportation, has been elected to serve a two-year term as president of the Parking Association of Georgia.
- John A. Weaver, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, recently had an edited book published titled "Science Fiction, Cyborg Teachers, and Youth Cultures."
- Caren Town, associate professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy, has published an article in the Spring 2004 issue of *The Journal of Men's Studies*.

News Briefs

Nader selects Green Party activist as running mate



Special Photo

Green Party activist Peter Camejo.

WASHINGTON – Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader selected longtime Green Party activist Peter Camejo to be his running mate on Monday, a move sure to boost his chances of winning the Green Party's endorsement this week and its access to ballot lines in 22 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

Camejo, a California investment adviser, had been one of two leading contenders for the Green Party's presidential nomination.

The announcement came before the Green Party convention beginning Wednesday in Milwaukee. Nader, who ran as the Green Party candidate in 2000, is not seeking the party's nomination but he has pursued an endorsement from the third party.

One Green Party leader said a Nader-Camejo ticket would have a very strong chance of winning the party's endorsement.

Nader also has been endorsed by the national Reform Party, which gives him access to the ballot in at least seven states, including the battlegrounds of Florida and Michigan.

Nader garnered nearly three percent of the vote in 2000, when he was viewed by many as having cost Democrat Al Gore the White House by taking votes in the deciding state of Florida. But he chose not to run under the party banner this election year.

Nader was polling about six percent nationally, according to a recent Associated Press poll conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

Bush claimed right to waive anti-terror laws; Rumsfeld OK'd prisoner threats



Special Photo

President George W. Bush (left) and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

WASHINGTON – President Bush claimed the right to waive anti-terrorism laws and treaties covering prisoners of war after the invasion of Afghanistan, and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld authorized guards to strip detainees and threaten them with dogs, according to documents released Tuesday.

The documents were released at the White House in an effort to blunt allegations that the administration had authorized torture against al-Qaida prisoners from Afghanistan

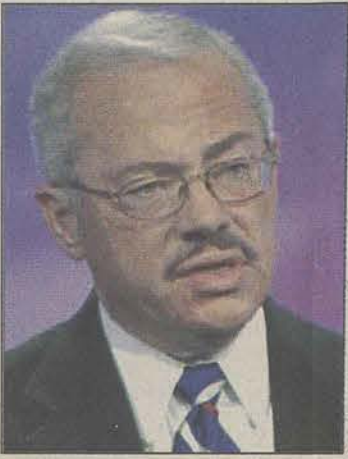
and Iraq. "I have never ordered torture," Bush said a few hours before the release.

The Justice Department, meanwhile, disavowed a memo written in 2002 that appeared to justify the use of torture in the war on terror. The memo also argued that the president's wartime powers superseded anti-torture laws and treaties.

That 50-page memo dated Aug. 1, 2002, will be replaced because it contained overbroad and irrelevant advice, senior Justice Department officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A new memo will instead narrowly address the question of proper interrogation techniques for al-Qaida and Taliban detainees, the officials said, citing department policy for requesting anonymity on their comments.

Impeachment manager Barr set to publish rebuttal to Clinton's book



Special Photo

Former Congressman Bob Barr.

WASHINGTON – Bob Barr, the first congressman to call for President Clinton's impeachment, plans to publish a book next month detailing his own version of the events.

The Georgia Republican and House impeachment manager made the announcement Monday, one day before Clinton's autobiography was set to hit the shelves. Barr's book, being released in mid-July from Stroud & Hall, is entitled, "The Meaning of Is: The Squandered Impeachment and Wasted Legacy of William Jefferson Clinton."

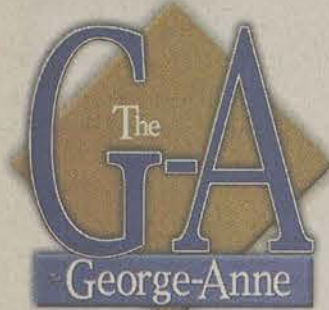
In the book, Barr presents a rebuttal to Clinton's position that his impeachment was a "badge of honor." He calls it a "disgrace of historic importance."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Barr alleges a conspiracy of his own, but far different from the one Hillary Clinton said was targeting her husband during the Lewinsky scandal. Rather, Barr says top Senate Republican leaders worked out a deal to assure Clinton would stay in office despite his impeachment, figuring he was "too wily a politician" to completely fall.

Barr said he plans to read Clinton's book to compare notes.

Last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rebuffed Barr's attempts to revive a \$30 million defamation lawsuit he filed against Clinton, Democratic political adviser James Carville and publisher Larry Flynt. Barr had alleged they conspired to smear him by publishing information about his private life, but a three-judge panel said he failed to file the lawsuit within the necessary three years.

— All News Briefs compiled from wire reports by Luke Hearn, News Editor.

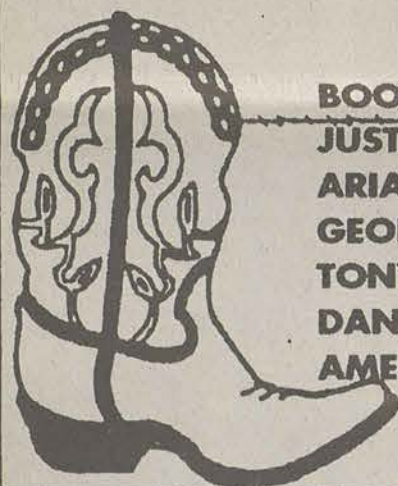


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place, noting that the law had been changed to allow polling workers to be at least 16 years of age.

Cox also mentioned the new electronic voting machines that the state started using after the 2000 Presidential elections and the chaos that the old voting machines caused. She explained that each machine goes through rigorous security tests and precautions, helping to ensure that they cannot be tampered with.

Cox next addressed volunteerism, the second of her "two Vs." She stressed that volunteerism is an important component of citizenship. Despite the bad press that teens are often given, Cox noted that area teens contribute about 2.5 billion hours to volunteering each year. "The most advanced civilizations are those that have people who will step aside for others," she said.

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Saddam could be held indefinitely.

"Saddam Hussein will be designated as an ordinary criminal," he said.

Asked what would happen to other detainees in American custody, military spokesman Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said it was his understanding that the United Nations Security Council resolution that passed last week gave the United States the authority to continue detaining people currently in custody and those picked up in future operations.

Saddam, who ruled with tyrannical force, has been held by Americans in an undisclosed location since he was captured in December. During his time as leader of Iraq, he oversaw a chemical attack that killed thousands of Kurds, and an ongoing repression of Shiite Muslims that included torture, rape and murder.

It was unclear Tuesday whether the subject of his transfer to the Iraqis represented a conflict between the new Iraqi government and the U.S. administration, or whether Allawi was merely grandstanding.

Both sides agree that Saddam will be tried by an Iraqi court, but the timing could have symbolic and practical implications.

A quick hand-over of the despot could be a boon to Allawi, a freshly minted prime minister without wide name recognition.

There are questions, though, about where the Iraqis would hold Saddam, and how well they could provide security for him in confinement and at trial.

The Kurds in northern Iraq are particularly concerned over the issues because of the chemical weapons attacks against them.

"As long as Saddam is in American hands, he's OK. Nobody could bribe an American guard enough to let him escape," said Mohammed Ihsan, the minister of human rights in the Kurdish regional government. "That wouldn't be true if he's in Iraqi hands."

Iraqi security forces frequently have been unable to defend themselves in postwar Iraq, and a recent spate of bombings has left many on the street feeling insecure.

Iraqi President Ghazi al Yawer acknowledged those concerns Tuesday. President Bush, al Yawer said, spoke with him about the matter at the G8 summit last week.

In Baghdad, Senor said the Americans would decide when to hand over Saddam, and downplayed reports of conflict between Allawi and coalition officials.

Ordinary Iraqis are of mixed minds about a trial for Saddam, wanting to see justice done but more concerned with the lack of security.

"Saddam Hussein ruined my life when he sent me to the Army. My wife died because of him - there was no medicine," said Jinan Mehti, a 40-year-old Christian. "Whether or not they're going to put him on trial, that's their problem. For me it's an old issue."

Feelings against the deposed dictator are stronger in the northern town of Halabja, which Saddam gassed.

"I'd rather have him kept alive," Fateh Abdullah Ahmed, a 42-year-old carpenter, said Sunday. "They should make him watch a video of his sons being killed, 24 hours a day, for the rest of his life. That kind of torture would be a fitting punishment."

After her address, she entertained a few questions, most dealing with voting machines and voter registration.

When asked about same day voter registration and if Georgia would ever have that type of registration system, Cox said that there is currently a lack of technology to link polling places. She said that with the current lack of technology, people could essentially go around voting at many different locations.

When asked about a run for Governor in 2006, Cox said that such a decision is "yet to be determined," and that she will make a decision sometime after the upcoming November elections.

Cox's name has been among others in the state - including Lt. Governor Mark Taylor - that will seek the Democratic nomination for Governor in 2006.

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spokesman said.

And to the north, in the town of Samarra, 10 Iraqis were reportedly killed and about 12 injured in fighting Sunday with U.S. troops, figures that military officials in Baghdad said they could not confirm.

Insurgents "have attacked bases in and around Samarra several times over the past few days," a U.S. military spokesman said. "We aren't keeping comprehensive casualty counts of enemy fighters."

Allawi told journalists in Baghdad that Iraq's new security forces would be organized into police and national guard units to root out insurgents, far-flung patrols to seal the border, a coast guard to secure vital ports, an air force to watch over electrical and oil lines, and even special forces to "strike terrorists before they have a chance to hit innocent people."

He said the units would be coordinated through regional and national offices under a committee for national security, an effort to centralize what is now a scattered Iraqi security operation.

But asked for specifics of how many troops he hopes to have - versus how many there are now - and exactly how all the military units would operate, Allawi said he didn't have time to explain.

He acknowledged, however, that he is counting on a partnership with U.S.-led troops to fight the nation's persistent insurgency even after the return of sovereignty to Iraqis on July 1.

"Definitely, dissolving the army was a big mistake," Allawi said. "We do not have full capabilities. That's why we've asked the multinational forces to remain."

Allawi pleaded for much-needed equipment and support from neighboring countries, some of which have been accused of funding Iraq's deadly insurgency and allowing foreign fighters to cross their borders into Iraq.

"The enemy we are fighting is truly evil, they have nothing to offer the Iraqi people except death and destruction," Allawi said.

So far, Iraqi security troops and police have been hit hard by attacks. A bombing at a recruitment

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their prospective student's orientation.

Parents and family can enjoy many activities on the SOAR schedule. In the Union Ballroom, SOAR team members put on a skit addressing how parents can help with student transition issues.

Other activities include campus safety meetings, fee payment, health services, question and answer sessions and a University Store Fashion Show.

Parent of SOAR student Sonia Eakins said, "I think it's really helpful. I'm impressed by how organized it is. We've covered a lot of materials and have answered all our questions. I think it has made our son more comfortable about coming here as a student."

center last week killed at least 36 and wounded 138, leaving body parts and debris scattered across four lanes of traffic. Much of the Iraqi military apparatus is under-trained, short of supplies and unpopular with many Iraqis, who see it as an arm of the U.S. occupation.

Told of Allawi's plan, Mahmoud Alaa Mahmoud, a Baghdad grocery store worker and former first lieutenant in the Iraqi Army, said he missed the military life but wouldn't join under the present circumstances.

Asked what would have to change for him to sign up, Mahmoud said he would put on a uniform again "only if there was a good government that represents the people. I am an officer, and I will not take orders from an American because that is against my dignity."

Allawi said his proposed restructuring of the military had been approved by his top-level national security committee, which includes the finance, defense, interior and foreign affairs ministers.

Abdul Latif Rashid, water resources minister and a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, was cautious about the proposal. The Kurds were violently oppressed by Saddam Hussein and his military, including a chemical weapons attack that killed thousands.

"You can regroup divisions, you have to have military structure and discipline, but I don't think the Iraqi people will accept Saddam's army back," Rashid said.

"It's not the shape of the plane or the color of the uniform. The Iraqi people were against the message of the old regime," Rashid said. "We hope this new army will work in defense of the Iraqi people."

The plan seemed popular with some on the streets of Baghdad, where those interviewed said they'd be willing to accept the risk of the new military if it could stop the car bombings that have rocked the capital.

"It's hard for me to believe that there are some people in the Army whose hands are not covered with blood," said Ali Abdullah, a customs worker. "But it is necessary that they return because only the army can bring back our security."

Militants in Iraq behead South Korean hostage

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Islamic militants Tuesday beheaded a South Korean who pleaded in a heart-wrenching videotape that "I don't want to die" after his government refused to pull its troops from Iraq. He was the third foreign hostage decapitated in the Middle East in little over a month.

Hours later, the United States launched an airstrike in Fallujah on what the U.S. military said was a safehouse used by followers of the country's most-wanted terrorist: Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian whose Monotheism and Jihad movement was believed behind the beheading of the hostage, Kim Sun-il.

Fallujah residents said the strike hit a parking lot. Three people were killed and nine wounded, said Dr. Loai Ali Zeidan at Fallujah Hospital. It was the second attack against the terror network in three days, the U.S. military said.

Elsewhere, two American soldiers were killed Tuesday and another was wounded in an attack on a convoy near Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad. The dean of the University of Mosul law school was murdered in another attack against the country's intellectual elite. Gunmen also killed two Iraqi women working as translators for British forces in Basra, Iraqi officials said.

The Arabic language satellite television channel broadcast a videotape of a terrified Kim kneeling, blindfolded and wearing an orange jumpsuit similar to those issued to prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Kim's shoulders were heaving, his mouth open and moving as if he were gulping air and sobbing. Five hooded and armed men stood behind him, one with a big knife slipped in his belt. One of the masked men read a statement addressed to the Korean people: "This is what your hands have committed. Your army has not come here for the sake of Iraqis, but for cursed America."

The video as broadcast did not show Kim being executed. Al-Jazeera said the tape contained pictures of Kim, 33, being slaughtered but the channel decided not to air it because

it could be "highly distressing to our audience."

The South Korean Foreign Ministry confirmed Kim's death but did not say he was beheaded. However, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, coalition deputy operations chief, said the body of an Asian male was found west of Baghdad on Tuesday evening.

American troops found Kim's body between Baghdad and Fallujah about 5:20 p.m. Iraq time, South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Shin Bong-kil said. The body was identified by a photograph sent by e-mail to the South Korean embassy.

Kim, who spoke Arabic, worked for Gana General Trading Co., a South Korean company supplying the U.S. military in Iraq. He was believed kidnapped several weeks ago.

In a video released by his captors Sunday, Kim begged his government to end its involvement in Iraq.

"Korean soldiers, please get out of here," he screamed in English. "I don't want to die. I don't want to die. I know that your life is important, but my life is important."

The kidnappers gave South Korea 24 hours to meet their demand that Korean forces stay out of Iraq or "we will send you the head of this Korean."

The grisly killing was reminiscent of the decapitation of American businessman Nicholas Berg, who was beheaded last month on a videotape posted on an al-Qaida-linked web site by the same group that claimed responsibility for Kim's death.

In Saudi Arabia, American helicopter technician Paul M. Johnson Jr., 49, was beheaded by al-Qaida militants who had threatened to kill him if the kingdom did not release its al-Qaida prisoners. An al-Qaida group claiming responsibility posted an Internet message that showed photographs of Johnson's severed head.

Although Kim's kidnappers initially set a deadline of sundown Monday for Seoul to meet its demands, they postponed the execution as South Korean diplomats and intermediaries sought negotiations.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency, in a dispatch from Baghdad, quoted

an "informed source" as saying that negotiations collapsed over the South Korean government's refusal to drop its plan to send troops.

After Kim's death was confirmed, South Korea convened its National Security Council before dawn to discuss the government's reaction, said Shin, the Foreign Ministry spokesman. Later, the government reaffirmed plans to keep its 600 troops in Iraq and send 3,000 more by August.

But the government ordered all its nonessential South Korean civilians to leave Iraq as soon as possible.

President Bush condemned the beheading as "barbaric" and said he remained confident that South Korea would go ahead with plans to send the troops to Iraq. South Korea will be the third-largest troop contributor after the United States and Britain.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said no cause could justify the "heartless" murder of the South Korean hostage.

A car bomb exploded in a Baghdad residential neighborhood near the international airport Tuesday, killing three people, including a 3-year-old girl, and wounding six other Iraqis, said Maj. Phil Smith, a U.S. military spokesman.

U.S. troops sealed off the area after the late afternoon explosion, but neither American nor Iraqi security forces were in the area at the time of the blast, witnesses said. Three cars were burned and several shops were damaged in the Amiriya neighborhood.

The recent abductions and attacks appear aimed at undermining the interim Iraqi government set to take power June 30, when the U.S.-led occupation formally ends.

Coalition spokesman Dan Senor said that by week's end, all Iraqi government ministries would be under full Iraqi control.

The coalition official who briefed reporters about the prisoner custody issue said the Americans will keep Saddam and others under U.S. guard even after the June 30 handover because the Iraqi government does not yet have capacity to hold such prisoners, the official said.

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Our Opinion

What will really
change on June 30?

June 30 has the prospects to be a big day, a day that—to rationally minded people—should end the war in Iraq.

Sadly though, this day will probably be nothing more than a day of big headlines with no real meat to back them up. June 30 is the day that the U.S. is to hand over sovereignty to the Iraqi government.

However, despite the newly formed government taking over, there will still be thousands of foreign troops there to maintain peace and fight the terrorists that are still in the country, causing destruction there almost every single day.

The place is literally a Hell zone. Despite those who are fighting against the U.S. led coalition of troops, there are those cowards who are bombing crowded city squares and hospitals, doing all that they can to bring harm to others. The sad thing is they are killing many innocent people, those who don't have a thing to do with any of the causes for which these people use to justify their tirades.

And if that isn't enough, terrorist groups have beheaded three people on the side of the U.S.—two of them being Americans—with intentions of stopping more troops from coming into the war.

We're in a mess. This war is nothing but a big mess. It's like spilling a whole gallon of sweet tea: regardless of how much you wipe and clean, you'll still find a sticky spot here and there.

If we're fighting a war on terror, then why was it released Tuesday that "significant terror attacks" are at a 21-year high? A bit puzzling, to say the very least.

On June 30, Saddam Hussein will become the "legal custody" of Iraq, but will remain in the United States, essentially because Iraq has no real way of keeping him detained.

So if June 30 is so special, then why is nothing really happening on this day? Why will Hussein still be in some secret U.S. prison, why will our troops still be in Iraq, and why will there still be terrorist attack after terrorist attack with no end in sight?

Million dollar questions we presume. The main reason that nothing will change is because the war in Iraq is an un-winnable war. Just like the Vietnam and Korean Wars, they are wars of mediation and the hopes that the ones we are against will come to their senses and agree with the U.S.

To be honest, there will probably never be a day when the U.S. sits down with the Iraqi government and the terrorists in the Middle East and they all sign a treaty saying that they'll all be buddies forevermore. That roundtable declaration of peace will not come.

But Wednesday, June 30, 2004 will come, and it will go. The sad thing is that besides on some "legal sovereignty deed" somewhere, nothing else will have changed.



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Excuse me, where can I find the dictionaries?

I can't decide whether to cry or laugh.

All the dictionaries and thesauri in Wal-Mart are shelved in the African-American section.

There's not much to do in a summer Statesboro, and there are only so many options when the coffee pot runs dry at Huddle House. So, last weekend, renowned G-A sex/advice columnist DeMarc Campbell and I made one of our popular, semi-useless midnight runs to Wal-Mart. (This particular time we went on the premise of scouting for some great "Shrek 2" merch in the book department.) In between reading kids' books, shoe shopping, and contemplating buying random action figures in the toy department, we found a little more than we bargained for in the book section.

Surefire column material beckoned to me from between the Harlequins and the Bible cases.

I know the books at our over-stuffed 24-hour emporium probably wind up getting shelved at 4 a.m. by tired, underpaid employees with bloodshot eyes. But, it wasn't far from 4 a.m. when a bone-weary DeMarc and I noticed something rotten in the state of Wal-Mart. It only takes a glance.

I want to believe it's purely accidental, but that forces me to accept the idea that employees use absolutely no common sense while stocking items. That customer service representatives walk blindly through their work environment day after day after day. That managers simply haven't given it a first thought, let alone a second one.

I'm sure many local blacks would think it's a nitpicky complaint and would sooner blame me for calling attention to it than blame Wal-Mart for overlooking the not-so-subtle insult. Some might take it as a sign that we've moved on; that the sort of racial mockery of decades past is no longer at the forefront of all our thoughts. Some may consequently wonder why I was so quick to notice the display. Why is racism and discrimination at the front of my mind?

Maybe it's because I study culture and humanity *for a living*, but I was immediately insulted. The very second I looked up while browsing the various volumes of Webster's and Roget's, I thought there was something amiss. DeMarc did, too.

My dear friend DeMarc (who is as black as the next guy, and whose profuse vocabulary constantly threatens to reckon with mine) was obviously shocked and even a bit wounded by the insinuation that African-Americans are somehow in greater need of English-language reference materials.

Whether or not it was intentional, it's inappropriate.

I've been accused of being too progressive and idealistic in my thinking, so it's no surprise that I'm bothered simply by the fact that people still seem to see a need for African-American sections in bookstores. Or, gay and lesbian sections. Or, women's sections. There are even Native American sections in some places.

There was a time when minority literature was difficult to find and discern, and for that reason a separate section was called-for. But in this time of unity and acceptance of diversity, why should we classify some of our literature by genre but designate the rest (and arguably the best) by the skin color or sexuality of its characters or authors? Why segregate ourselves by that which should do so little to define who we really are? Any enlightened individual should be able to see that this method of organization perpetuates a mindset in our society of separation based on very slight differences.

There are healthy cultural classifications, but then there are unnecessary, detrimental classifications based on prejudice and ignorance. In other words, whether a romance novel has white, black, green or purple characters, shouldn't it be shelved in the romance section?

In real bookstores, dictionaries and thesauri go in the reference section. Understandably, Wal-

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Effective local teaching should produce global learning

By Anne Kim
KRT Campus

On a recent morning, I walked into a first-grade classroom and was shocked. Not by all the colorful Latin American flags or the kids restlessly shifting in their seats. I was stunned hearing these kids shout responses to the weather lesson—in Spanish.

Everything in the classroom, from the posters on the walls to the teacher's writing on the board, was in Spanish. Yet, I wasn't far from home.

I was visiting John Stanford International School in Seattle, where educators teach foreign language through immersion and focus on global learning.

This public school's first- and second-graders speak Spanish half the school day, English the other half. The school also teaches Japanese. As I sat listening to them answer their teacher in Spanish, I wondered why I was so surprised. The simple answer is that these schools are not common institutions. But should I have been shocked by such integrated international education? Absolutely not.

As participants in the larger global world, public schools have a responsibility to teach

students to be global citizens. Without an international perspective, students will be ill-prepared to work and relate in the real world. We need more internationalized education.

Indeed, it has become trite to say that we live in a globalized, interconnected world. But it's true: Students leave academic institutions as members of a global society, and we must be prepared.

U.S. export of goods and services has increased by roughly 63 percent from 1993 to 2003, and the import of goods and services has jumped by about 47 percent during this time, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. In Washington state, more than 10 percent of residents are foreign-born, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

It has never been more clear that foreign policy and international relations have real impacts on the daily lives of local communities as well as those abroad.

That said, global citizenship and local citizenship are not mutually exclusive. To be responsible community citizens, we must act as responsible global citizens.

Imbued in this system, students need to recognize both the benefits and inequalities

associated with globalization.

To act as responsible global citizens, we need to see how our actions affect not just ourselves, our communities or even our nation, but also people around the world. We need to know, for example, how the new shirt we bought at the mall affects maquiladora workers in Mexico.

An emphasis on global learning should start in the classroom with foreign language, geography, history and various cultural classes. Through immersion in different global frameworks, students learn to be more culturally aware and open-minded.

The lack of global education in this country is evident all around us. Some of my friends, though well-versed in other fields, don't know what an NGO (non-governmental organization) is or what WHO stands for (World Health Organization). Unaware of such basic structures of world affairs, they clearly don't see themselves as members of the global community.

This is an embarrassing trend around the country. For example, only 17 percent of young Americans can find Afghanistan on a map, according to a survey by Roper and National

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TOP TEN LISTS

BOX OFFICE
(According to yahoo.com)

1. Dodgeball
2. The Terminal
3. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
4. Shrek 2
5. Garfield
6. The Stepford Wives
7. The Chronicles of Riddick
8. The Day After Tomorrow
9. Around the World in 80 Days
10. Troy

TELEVISION

(According to yahoo.com)



1. NBA Finals (ABC)
2. 60 minutes Sunday (CBS)
3. CSI (CBS)
4. CSI: Miami (CBS)
5. Without a Trace (CBS)
6. Law and Order (NBC)
7. Cold Case (CBS)
8. Everybody Loves Raymond (CBS)
9. Two and a Half Men (CBS)
10. Law and Order: SVU (NBC)

DVD & VIDEO RENTALS

(According to blockbuster.com)



1. 50 First Dates
2. Spartan
3. Along Came Polly
4. Mystic River
5. Monster
6. Eurotrip
7. Tupac: Resurrection
8. Paycheck
9. My Baby's Daddy
10. The Last Samurai

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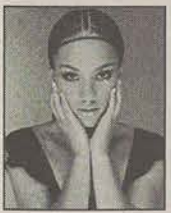
(According to billboard.com)



1. Velvet Revolver Contraband
2. Usher Confessions
3. Avril Lavigne Under My Skin
4. Gretchen Wilson Here For The Party
5. Prince Musicology
6. Hoobastank The Reason
7. 311 Greatest Hits '93-'03
8. Various Artists Vans Warped Tour 2004 Compilation
9. D12 D12 World
10. Slipknot Vol. 3: (The Subliminal Verses)

SINGLES

(According to billboard.com)



1. Burn Usher
2. Confessions Part II Usher
3. The Reason Hoobastank
4. I Don't Wanna Know Mario Winans featuring Enya and P. Diddy
5. If I Ain't Got You Alicia Keys
6. Overnight Celebrity Twista
7. Naughty Girl Beyonce
8. This Love Maroon 5
9. Freek-A-Leek Petey Pablo
10. Yeah! Usher featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris

BOOKS

(According to New York Times Best Seller's List)



1. Song of Susannah Stephen King
2. The Da Vinci Code Dan Brown
3. Rule of Four Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason
4. The Five People You Meet In Heaven Mitch Albom
5. Angel and Demon Dan Brown
6. The Taking Dean Koontz
7. The Jane Austen Book Club Karen Joy Fowler
8. Hidden Prey John Sandforth
9. Bergdorf Blondes Plum Sykes
10. Olivia Jones and the Overactive Imagination Helen Fielding

Summer Movie Preview

By John Harris

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DIRECTED BY: Keenen Ivory Wayans
ALSO DIRECTED: "Scary Movie," "Scary Movie 2"
WRITTEN BY: Keenen Ivory Wayans, Shawn Wayans, Marlon Wayans, Andrew McElfresh, Michael Anthony Snowden, Xavier Cöök
STARRING: Marlon Wayans as Marcus Copeland and Shawn Wayans as Kevin Copeland
PROGNOSIS: "Scary Movie" showed that Keenen Wayans can do something other than the normal Wayans Brothers routine. The presence of three Wayans Brothers could bode either well or ill for this film. The trailers show comic potential, but it remains to be seen if the film follows up on it. The premise is that two black guys pretend to be, not just girls, but white girls. It could be brilliant. It will be raunchy. When raunch works, it works great, but when it doesn't...
Estimated rating: Two stars, +/- one.



White Chicks (06/23)

DIRECTOR: Alex Proyas
ALSO DIRECTED: "Dark City," "The Crow"
WRITTEN BY: Issac Asimov (novel), Akiva Goldsman, Jeff Vintar
STARRING: Will Smith as Detective Del Spooner, Bridget Moynahan as Dr. Susan Calvin and Bruce Greenwood as Lance Robertson
PROGNOSIS: Word is that this film is not actually all that similar to the book after all. But the director seems to have the chops. This could be one of those films that turn out good despite discarding much of its source. Just don't expect an awful lot of Asimov here other than in the writing credits. Will Smith is not a name I would count in this film's favor, but he's shown he can perform serious roles, so it doesn't count against either.
ESTIMATED RATING: Two and one-half stars, +/- one.



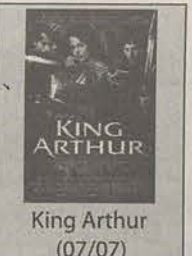
I, Robot (07/16)

DIRECTOR: Sam Raimi
ALSO DIRECTED: "Spider-Man," "Army of Darkness," "Darkman," "Evil Dead," "Evil Dead II"
WRITTEN BY: Stan Lee (comic book), Steve Ditko (comic book), Alfred Gough, Miles Millar, Michael Chabon, Alvin Sargent
STARRING: Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker/Spider-Man, Kirsten Dunst as Mary Jane Watson and Alfred Molina as Dr. Otto Octavius/Dr. Octopus
PROGNOSIS: The first film, I was surprised I liked it. Despite some rather goofy CGI work (the goblin mask was laugh-worthy), Parker's character improved the film greatly. Sam Raimi is directing this one too, so expect more of the same. The trailer indicates that they've hit the right notes with this one that it hasn't devolved into a reeking miasma, ala "Batman And Robin."
ESTIMATED RATING: Three stars, +/- one.



Spider-Man 2 (06/30)

DIRECTOR: Antoine Fuqua
ALSO DIRECTED: "Tears Of The Sun"
WRITTEN BY: David Franzoni
STARRING: Clive Owen as King Arthur, Stephen Dillane as Merlin and Keira Knightley as Guinevere
PROGNOSIS: The IMDB (Internet Movie Data Base) says this is a "demystified" take on King Arthur. That's probably just about the only way that hasn't been tried, what with contributions from everyone from Mark Twain to Monty Python. I don't know much about this, but for some reason I've got a good feeling. In any case, King Arthur still carries a surprising amount of cultural weight, so you probably can't go wrong with this on some level.
ESTIMATED RATING: Three stars, +/- one.



King Arthur (07/07)

DIRECTOR: "Pitof." You heard me right. That's worse than "Kaos," the director of (ugh) "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever."
ALSO DIRECTED: Nothing you've heard of. "Pitof's" most common credits are for visual effects. He worked on "Alien: Resurrection."

WRITTEN BY: John D. Brancato, Michael Ferris, Mike Ferris, John Rogers and Bob Kane (original character creation)

STARRING: Halle Berry as Patience Philips, Sharon Stone as Laurel Hedare and Benjamin Bratt as Detective Tom Lone

PROGNOSIS: Since this film has absolutely nothing to do with Batman besides character name (this isn't the same Catwoman: her name is Patience Philips, and Batman isn't even paying alimony), there is a very strong chance it will suck. It doesn't help that we have a newbie director, who's given himself a pseudonym, who's primary work has been in visual effects: the motion picture equivalent of extra chrome and a sunroof. Yeah, my money's on suck.
Estimated rating: One star, +/- one.



Catwoman (07/23)



MORE FILMS

JUNE

- *The Notebook (06/25)
- *Two Brothers (06/25)
- *Fahrenheit 9/11 (06/25)

JULY

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JUNE

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- *Cold Mountain (06/29)
- *The Perfect Score (06/29)

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- *Stargate & Hutch (07/20)
- *Hellboy (07/27)

Afroman performs live Friday at Legends

By Rachel Weeks

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Afroman and his self-proclaimed "FroSho" are coming to Statesboro Friday to Club Legends. Doors open at 9 p.m. Advance tickets for the show will be on sale at Cloud 9 for \$5.

Afroman is on tour to promote his new album, "Afroholi...The Even Better Times." The two disc set features over 30 new tracks and is available nationwide through Redeye distribution. It is also available at www.afromanmusic.com along with some T-shirts, hats, and bumper stickers.

Afroman told *Billboard.com*, "I'm talking about stuff I know, like getting drunk, getting high, chasing women, selling dope and even my feelings for God. There's a depth to this recording that hopefully will let listeners know I'm not just some guy who won the drunk karaoke lottery with 'Because I Got High' and got a record deal," he said.

The two Zigg Zaggs and Mr. Mixxx make Afroman's live show a different experience than the album. All the vocal tenacity of one of the best rappers on the planet combined with the 12 string stick of Darrell Havard, the live drums of Jody Stallone, the scratchin' of DJ Mr. Mixxx – a former member of 2Live Crew – and Afro with his double-neck Gibson give this quartet the ability to kick out the jam for fans of Phish and Too Short alike.

It was a joint effort to get Afroman to tour in Statesboro. According to Legends manager, Ron Whidby, "We worked as a team. We thought about doing it, made a few phone calls, and he's coming." He hopes that Afroman will draw a large crowd.

"We're hoping a lot of locals will come out and students who are still around will be interested," Whidby said.

'Class clown' Afroman calls himself 'the jackass of hip-hop'

By Kent Kimes

KRT Campus

Unlike hard-core rappers and gangsta wannabes, Afroman would rather kill you with humor than a Glock.

"I'm a class clown," Afroman, whose given name is Joseph Foreman, said in a recent telephone conversation while driving on Interstate 26 south of Johnson City, Tenn. "I'm the Flava Flav with actual hip-hop skills. I'm the jackass of hip-hop," he said.

Foreman, who besides rapping and singing plays guitar, is joined on stage by Darrell Havard on keyboards and stick (a type of bass guitar), drummer Joey Stallone and turntablist David "Mr. Mixxx" Hobbs.

"I'm a West Coast Wyclef," he said, referring to the multitasking member of The Fugees.

But more often, Afroman has been tagged as the left coast's answer to goofy, mush-mouthed rhymers Biz Markie.

Rashaun Hall, R&B and hip-hop editor for *Airplay Monitor* magazine, considers Afroman a novelty act, because his only across-the-board success has been the comical ode to the pratfalls of marijuana use, "Because I Got High." "I haven't heard enough of him to deem otherwise," he said.

That's OK: Foreman is used to the lack of respect.

After making a move from Los Angeles to Hattiesburg, Miss., Afroman, who began making his own tapes in eighth grade, signed a deal with Universal Records, which released "The Good Times" in 2001. The album contained "Because I Got High," which was already an underground hit via the Internet and exposure on Howard Stern's radio show.

It was a multialbum deal with Universal, but Afroman said he opted out after corporate honchos pressured him to change his politically incorrect image and song topics.

He thinks it's ridiculous that record company executives tell artists, especially rappers, what to write and record. "I don't go to the dentist and tell him how to drill my teeth," Foreman said.

But, things could have been worse, he said, as Universal could have refused to release Foreman from his contract. "They could have kept me tied up," he said.

So he released his latest project, a sprawling 33-song, two-CD set, "Afroholi... The Even Better Times," on his own imprint, Hungry Hustler Records. The project is done in partnership with Red Eye Distribution, one of the country's largest distributors of independent music.

Afroman is the type of artist that doesn't need a major record label, Hall said. He already has an established fan base, and all he needs is a method of reproduction and distribution to get his product in his fans' hands.

As for his fans, he is largely attracting a young, party-hearty college crowd.

"I must not be too dumb that college kids like me," he said. And he doesn't care that radio is ignoring his latest effort.

"They can't stop me on the street," he said. "I'm not going to be on the radio anyway, they'd have to bleep out all the good parts."

Andrew W.K. rocks Atlanta's Cotton Club

By Chuck Thomas

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Anyone who has been to an Andrew W.K. concert knows that the experience is more of a religious event. As soon as the band hits the stage, everyone in the crowd runs up and joins them (which is encouraged by the band), pumping their fists and chanting along.

When Andrew came to the Cotton Club in Atlanta, he brought his traditional chaotic live show along with him.

The night began with local emo band 7-10 Split, playing their particular brand of hardcore. After them, Fireball Ministry came out to show off their California based rock and roll, to a limited crowd response.

Soon after, Andrew and his crew came out to an already full stage (they later noted that this was the first show in which they opened with the whole crowd already on stage) to rock the club.

Starting out with some of their choice cuts from the latest album, *The Wolf*, such as "Victory Strikes Again" and "Long Live the Party," they soon launched into classics such as "It's Time to Party" and "Ready to Die" off of *I Get Wet*. About midway through the show, they played the anthem "I Love New York City" with a twist; the chorus was changed to "I Love Atlanta, Georgia" as the crowd shouted along.

The overall set was mixed with both old and new, and the band ended the night with their biggest hit, "Party Hard," which sent the crowd into a moshing and dancing frenzy.

The crowd response, despite being lukewarm to the opening acts, seemed to be saving their energy for the main act. There was barely an unmoving body part in the whole club, which was almost packed.

The stage was almost too small to hold the show, as the fans kept spilling off the edge as the crowd surged back and forth. The vibe of the night was one of complete fun; even the mosh pits were more of a friendly nature, if that makes sense. Overall, the night was crazy, chaotic, and a hell of a lot of fun. The chance to see the phenomenon in action should never be passed over.

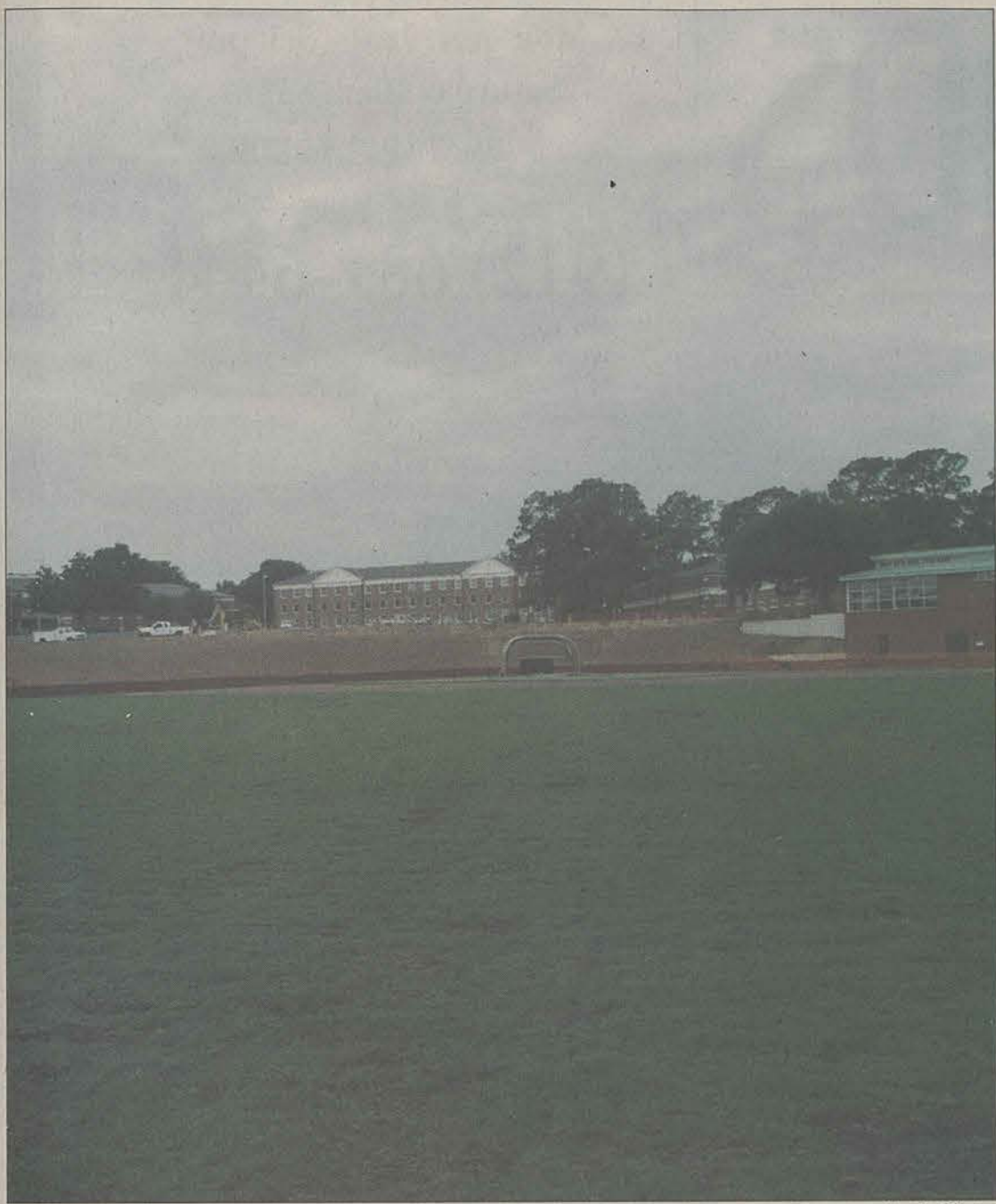
For more information about the band, check out www.andrewwk.com.



Special Photo

Andrew W.K. performed at the Cotton Club in Atlanta with his usual chaotic live show.

Construction continues on J.I. Clements



Special Photos

Top: A view from the outfield of a future expanded seating area behind home plate. **Left:** The stadium's only building at the present meets a cleared area where an additional 3,000 seats will be added. **Right:** The batting cage is all that makes J.I. Clements resemble a baseball field as improvements to the facility continue.

By Eli Boorstein
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When the Georgia Southern baseball team tosses their final pitch at home this May, they will leave their ballpark for the last time – at least the park as they know it.

By the start of next season in February, J.I. Clements Stadium will be like new, as the aging facility gets a major facelift.

This project is just part of the overall campaign to improve and add facilities for the Georgia Southern athletic programs. Other plans include a new stadium for the soccer and track programs near Paulson Stadium, along with renovations to the existing Iron Works building between Hanner Fieldhouse and J.I. Clements Stadium.

The updated baseball stadium will include approximately 3,000 chair and bench-back seats, a vast improvement over the current 2,000-seat capacity that includes metal chairs and bleachers, which can get uncomfortable during a three-hour ballgame.

Additionally, a 7,500-square foot building will be constructed behind home plate, containing a ticket office, press box, team meeting room, restrooms and concessions.

On the field will be two sunken dugouts, as well as a dressing room for the umpires.

The exterior of J.I. Clements Stadium will get a considerable visual makeover, as the chain-link fence that currently surrounds the stadium will be replaced by wrought iron fencing and brick columns.

The Wiggins Building, which currently houses coaches' offices, as well as the team locker rooms, will remain, as well as the batting cages located down the third-base line. The field, which was reconstructed prior to the current season will also remain relatively unchanged during the building process.

Head coach Rodney Hennon, who will begin his sixth year at the reins of the Eagle baseball team in the "new" J.I. Clements in 2005, welcomes the refurbished facility.

Elsewhere in the Southern Conference, programs such as College of Charleston, The Citadel and Wofford play in newer facilities, a fact that Hennon mentioned is a great aid during recruiting season.

Hopes are that the facility will also attract the Southern Conference Tournament in the near future. Currently, the tourney is committed to the city of Charleston and Joe Riley Park, the home field of The Citadel.



J.I. Clements Stadium is in the second month of its nearly year-long renovation that will more than double seating capacity, improve the dugouts, and provide a multipurpose building.

PERMENTER, FROM PAGE 4

Mart doesn't have a reference section. But, it does have an inspirational section. I happen to find catalogues of our lexicon extremely inspirational. More inspirational than The South Beach Diet book, which, coincidentally, we also found in the inspirational section.

"What's inspirational about that?" DeMarc asked.

I was quick to answer: "It inspires me to puke. Does that count?"

At Wal-Mart, the African-American book section seems rather put-on to me in the first place. It reeks of being a cheap way for the multi-billion dollar chain to say, "Look! We're diverse! Never mind the many discrimination lawsuits pending against us!"

I've noticed a similar trend in greeting cards. Perhaps instead of making an obviously extenuating effort to create greeting cards specifically for African-Americans – which to me seems like the paper equivalent of the token black film star – we could try evening out the cultural balance in all our greetings. It would be wonderful to have cards featuring Asians, blacks, whites, Africans, Latinos, etc., all mixed in together. Isn't that what America is supposed to be about?

Despite my utopia-bent ideas about society, I realize that we as a nation may never achieve any degree of consensus about any of the above topics. However, I also don't think it's unreasonable to take baby steps in the meanwhile, starting with rounding up as many people as possible who'd be interested in writing to the management of our local Wal-Mart in request that the placement of the reference books be reconsidered.

You're welcome to use the letter I'm sending as an example. The one I've composed goes something like this:

Dear Wal-Mart Manager,

While browsing the titles in your book department, I noticed all of your dictionaries and thesauri are shelved under the African-American section. While I'm sure the placement of these items was unintentional and based on a lack of space in the department, you can most likely see how this particular mode of organization may insinuate that African-Americans somehow have a greater need for language reference materials than others. I would appreciate the store's reconsideration of this classification, as I'm sure it was inadvertent and not intended to insult the African-American community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Your Name Goes Here

Needless to say, no one's pressuring you to get involved if the issue doesn't happen to light a fire under your panties. But, if you're anywhere as passionate about humanity, culture and language as I am, take up your pens and make a difference. If you don't take the initiative, the next culture to be singled out and ridiculed may just be your own.

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KIM, FROM PAGE 4

Geographic.

Many other countries prepare their students for the global world much better than the U.S. Germany, for example, requires students to learn a second foreign language by seventh grade. And Japanese students are tested on a foreign language as part of their high-school entrance exams.

We need to learn from an early age to see ourselves in a global context. We can't critically question the world around us without basic

cultural and global knowledge.

More public schools need to follow Stanford International's lead and commit to teaching students how to become responsible global citizens – for students' benefit and for America's growth and stability.

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Lane finishes ninth in U.S. Women's Half-Marathon

GSU Athletic Media Relations

DULUTH, Minn. – Georgia Southern head cross country coach Turena Johnson-Lane finished ninth at the U.S. Women's Half-Marathon Championship Saturday, June 19. Lane was timed in 1 hour, 16 minutes, 38 seconds.

Turena Johnson-Lane returns to Georgia Southern after a year competing with an olympic development program, Team USA Minnesota. This season, Johnson-Lane will assume duties as the Head Cross Country Coach.

Johnson-Lane was a five-time NCAA Division III national champion track and cross country athlete

for Luther College and a nine-time All-American. She was also awarded the 1996-97 Honda Award, given to the Division III female athlete of the year. Johnson-Lane was also a 2001 U.S. National Qualifier in the 10,000 meter run and has qualified for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials.

International racing experience includes representing the U.S. on Ekiden relay teams to Korea in 1997 and Japan in 1997 and 2001. Her current personal bests include 16:25 in the 5K and 33:50 in the 10K.

Lane graduated from Luther College in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Education.



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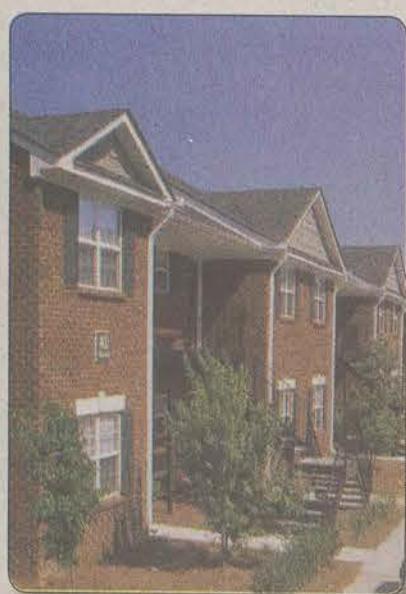
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