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# THE GEORGE-ANNE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

## Thai army chief stages coup

Thailand's army commander ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra while he was in New York Tuesday

BANGKOK, Thailand — Thailand's army commander staged a coup Tuesday and ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra while he was in New York, circling his offices with tanks, declaring martial law and revoking the constitution.

Gen. Sondhi Boonyaratkalin, who is known to be close to Thailand's revered monarch and is a Muslim in this Buddhist-dominated nation, took power without a shot being fired. He will serve as acting prime minister, said army spokesman Col. Akara Chitroj.

"The armed forces commander and the national police commander have successfully taken over Bangkok and the surrounding area in order to maintain peace and order. There has been no struggle," the new leaders said in a statement on national television. "We ask for the cooperation of the public and ask your pardon for the inconvenience."



Special Photo

Thailand's army stages a coup while the prime minister visits New York Tuesday. Gen. Sondhi Boonyaratkalin quickly took power without force.

As soldiers and armored vehicles moved through drizzly Bangkok, the military declared a provisional authority loyal to King Bhumibol Adulyadej, calling itself the "Council

of Administrative Reform."

The council, it said, soon return power to a democratic government but did not specify what reforms they would carry out.

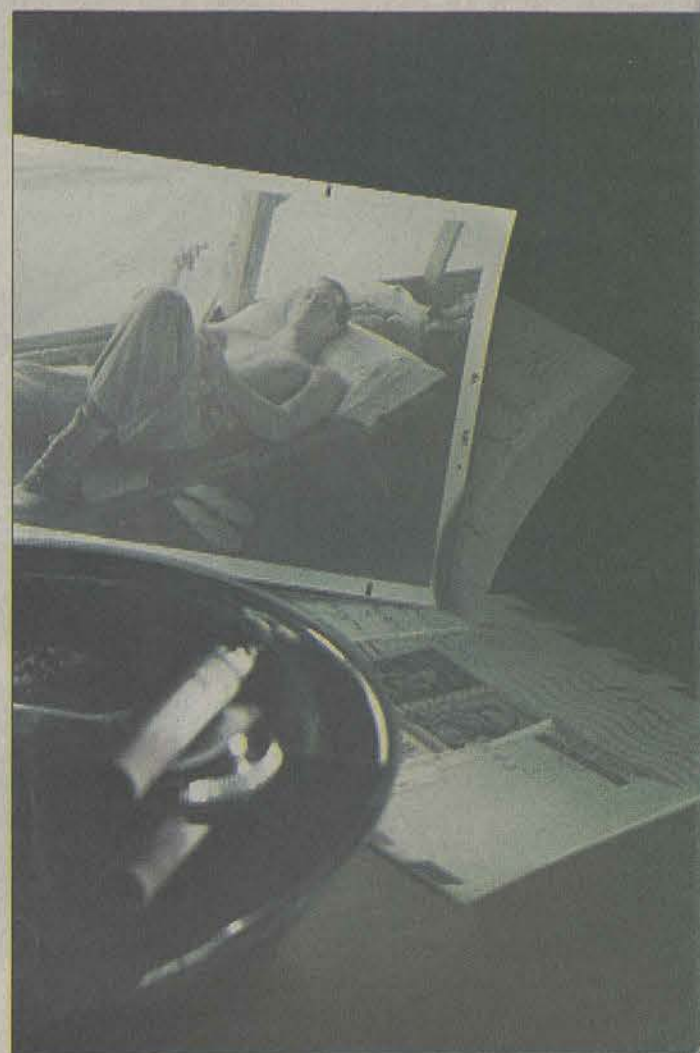
There was no sign of resistance to the coup in the hours after it was announced late Tuesday.

The coup leaders said all schools, banks and the stock market will be closed Wednesday. Civil servants, including permanent secretaries of ministries, heads of state agencies and heads of universities in the Bangkok metropolitan area were ordered to report to the council Wednesday.

Akara said Deputy Prime Minister Chitchai Wannasathit had been removed from his post.

An army general, speaking on condition of anonymity said Chitchai and Defense Minister Thammarak Isaragura na Ayuthaya — two Thaksin loyalists — had been arrested.

Thaksin, who has faced calls to step down amid allegations of corruption and abuse of power, was in New York at the U.N. General Assembly, and he declared a state of emergency in an see **COUP**, page 3



Jessica Hines/Special Photo

Jessica Hines' photograph that was featured in the August 28 edition of The New Yorker is shown above. The photo shown within the photograph is Hines' brother.

## Post-combat stress hits hard

Veterans Affairs says likely 15,000 soldiers suffering from PTSD

By David Goldstein  
McClatchy Ridder Newspapers

The number of troops back this year from Iraq and Afghanistan with post-traumatic stress disorder could be five times

higher than the Department of Veterans Affairs predicted.

Instead of 2,900 new cases that it reported in February to a veterans advocate in Congress, the increase could be 15,000 or more, according to the VA.

At the Kansas City VA Medical Center, only nine vets from current combat were diagnosed with PTSD in 2004.

Last year, it was 58. In just the first three months of fiscal 2006, the hospital saw 72.

"It's absolutely incredible," said Kathy Lee, at the Missouri Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A former Army nurse in Vietnam who works at the hospital, Lee said, "Every single Iraq vet who comes in, I give them a list and say, 'How many of these

(PTSD) symptoms do you have?' It's almost nine out of 10."

A top VA mental health official said it was difficult to predict the number of new PTSD cases because of unknown factors like the troop discharge rate and how many veterans will use the VA.

But Laurent Lehmann, associate chief consultant for mental health, disaster, post-deployment and post-traumatic stress disorder, acknowledged that 2,900 new cases "would be an underestimate." He said the VA hoped recent increases in funds and new programs "would catch" unanticipated cases.

"Are we ahead of the curve?" Lehmann said. "That's the question I don't think I can answer except to say we're going to be monitoring our heads off on this."

John Baugh, who attends a PTSD support group at the Kansas City VA Medical Center, said many soldiers still in combat zones are suffering from the disorder.

"They think that the numbers are high right now," said Baugh, 31, a former driver for an Army construction battalion in Iraq. "Wait until those guys get out and try to start functioning in the civilian world. There's going to be hell to pay."

The miscalculation on PTSD echoes last year's underestimation by the Bush administration of how many Iraq and Afghanistan veterans would need medical treatment. It had underfunded VA health care by \$1 billion, despite assurances to Congress that the department had enough money.

Congress subsequently added \$1.5 billion to the VA's budget, but money problems still loom.

"They're going to be short and they're going to be playing catch-up," Cathy Wiblemo, deputy director for health care at the American Legion, said see **PTSD**, page 3

## Art professor's photography makes it in 'The New Yorker'

By Jenny Miller  
Assistant news editor

Professor Jessica Hines recently had a major milestone as an artist. In late August, her work was published in "The New Yorker," a highly respected major publication.

Hines has been an artist/photographer for decades and a professor at Georgia Southern for 23 years. She grew up in Missouri and became interested in photography because of her father, who was a painter.

"I moved around a lot as a kid and to me, photography was like magic. You could take a part of the past and make it stand still," said Hines.

Getting into The New Yorker was years coming, after being featured in exhibits Glasgow, Xalapa, and even the Georgia State Capitol in 1994.

"At the heart of my work is the incongruence of appearance to reality, childhood inquisitiveness and memory," said Hines.

Last year, Hines went to show her portfolio for a review in Portland, Oregon and met a photo researcher from The New Yorker who liked her work. The researcher followed Hines' photography and sent her a note in February wanting to see her new work.

At that point, Hines was in a panic because she had been busy teaching and had nothing new to show. She had three weeks to

make a portfolio, so she started photographing day and night and was in such a hurry, even set a fire while working.

Her portfolio developed into a work titled "My Brother's War," a tribute to Hines' late brother who went to Vietnam and had to be discharged after being diagnosed with a posttraumatic stress disorder type disease.

Fairly soon afterwards, the fiction section of "The New Yorker" came calling and needed a photo for a story featuring a person who went to Vietnam. Hines sent in several things and they accepted her work.

"When I knew the photo was coming out, I stormed Barnes and Noble in Savannah trying to find a copy of the magazine and couldn't. I finally called the New York store and they looked for me... I ran up and down the halls screaming. I was so excited," said Hines.

Photography is Hines' main passion, but she also enjoys teaching and getting to watch students get excited about the subject and develop into artists.

"Jessica Hines is a world class photographer, a national and international recognized artist... We are very proud of her," said Jane Hudak, dean of the college of liberal arts and social sciences.

For more information about Hines' work, visit her website at [www.jessicahines.com](http://www.jessicahines.com).

## INSIDE

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## Soccer begins SoCon play today at 5 p.m.

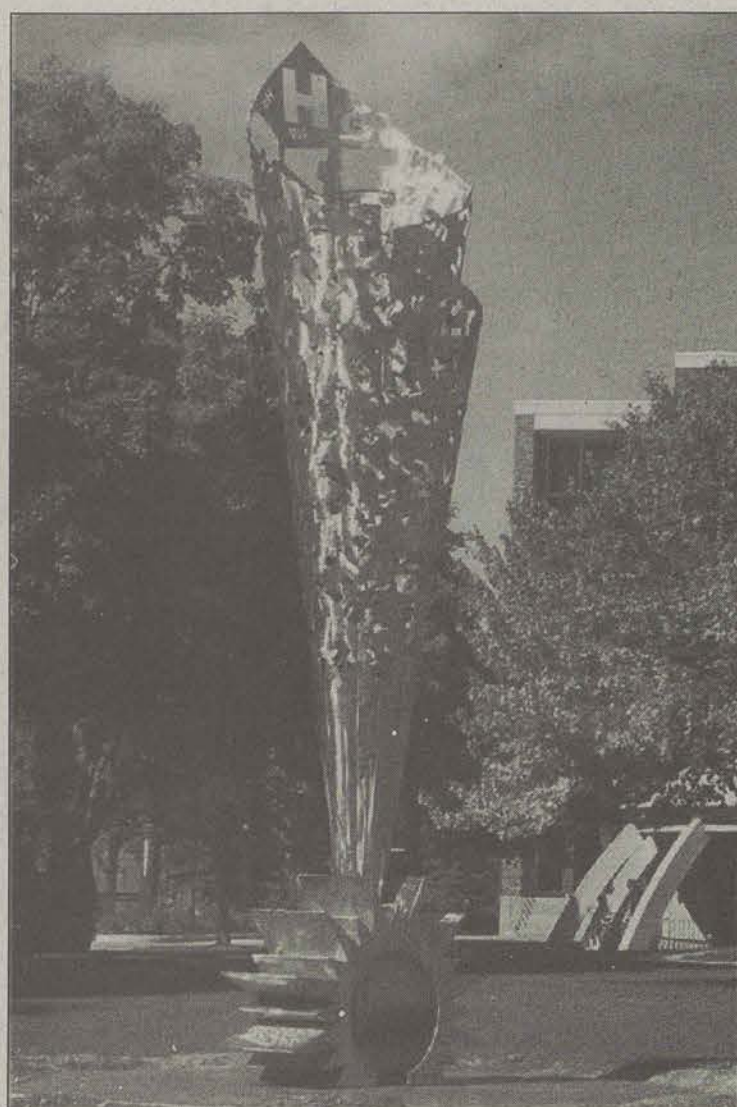
Don't miss the guys play UNC Greensboro this afternoon. Read about it on **Page 6**.



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## Ring Week September 25-29, 2006 University Store

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Special photo

Professor Marc Moulton uses metal and light to create giant sculptures.

## Heavy metal and bright lights

By Ditoria Geddis  
Staff writer

There will be a new Faculty Exhibition on campus, featuring Marc Moulton. Moulton is a new faculty member and sculptor in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern.

He works with large scale fabricated metal objects and combines lights with public space environments.

Moulton grew up near the Rocky Mountains in Utah and studied at Ohio State University.

After picking cherries for a living and then working in a camp for children with disabilities in Michigan, he found himself teaching and operating the sculpture studio at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"I believe that teaching art provides a canvas for self expression that can transcend many limits," said Moulton.

Moulton's works can be found in numerous public locations and

collections.

His most recent public commission is a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the African American Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa. He also has several sculptures on display at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Moulton will be speak about his work on Wednesday evening, September 20 at 5 p.m. in Gallery 303 of the Foy Fine Arts Building on the GSU campus in Conjunction with the 06.07 Faculty Exhibition. This exhibit is currently on view.

The sculpture that will be shown there is Moulton's ceiling called Notch, and it is a high aluminum sculpture.

New Faculty lectures will be held on the evenings of September 27, October 4, and October 11 in Gallery 303 at 5 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. Gallery 303 is supported by GSU Student Activity Funds. For more information call the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at 871-1712.

## CALENDAR

### Wednesday, September 20

11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Red Cross blood drive  
Russell Union 2041

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Building a Winning Resume  
IT Lecture Hall 1005

3:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Peter Bielagus  
FYE Success Series  
Russell Union ballroom

5 p.m.  
Artist lecture: Marc Moulton  
Gallery 303 Foy Fine Arts

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Anime Crew meeting  
Russell Union 2042

### Thursday, September 21

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Cool Majors  
Russell Union 2084

Noon  
Immigration panel discussion  
Russell Union 2080

2:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Colloquium "Mexico's Presidential Election: Free and Fair? The Untold Story" presented by Dr. Debra Sabia  
Russell Union 2084

### Friday, September 22

Noon  
Hotel and Restaurant Management  
Friday Lunch Series  
Call 681-5975 for reservations

### Saturday, September 23

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Student Leadership Conference  
Call 871-1435  
Russell Union

## POLICE BEAT

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- Stephen Antonio Rajas, 20, of Bonhill Drive, Fort Washington, Md., was charged with driving with a suspended license and making an improper turn.
- A bicycle was taken from Brannen Hall.

## Career services offers job help to students

By Barbara Reinhold  
Staff writer

No matter if you are a freshman or a fifth-year-senior, undecided on your major or a semester away from graduation the Career Services is a place you should get to know.

Assistant Director of Student Affairs, Amy Rowell, believes all students should visit the Career Center.

"Students need to have internship experiences before graduating, and career services can help some undecided determine what they want to do for the rest of their lives," said Rowell.

Warren Riles, director of career services, recommends that students take full advantage of the services offered beginning their freshmen year.

The Georgia Southern Career Services Office assists students in making educated career decisions and finding their true passion in life.

To help students reach their goals, students are encouraged to gain relevant experience in their fields through internships or co-op positions.

Finally, Career Services can help students in locating full-time positions upon graduation by providing networking opportunities and résumé referral services.

"Career Services has helped me by providing services such as mock interviews and on campus interviews. I think these are very important steps that lead to a successful career," said management major, Tia Richardson.

"I recommend that students visit Career Services in their freshman and sophomore years to prepare themselves for life after college," she said.

Freshman can take the FOCUS

test to help determine majors and sophomores should start having mock interviews to help with a real interview during their junior and senior year.

For more information on how Career Services can help you, please call the office at 912-681-5197, or visit the office downstairs in the William Center.

### Top 10 Reasons to Visit

1. You'll need to have at least two or three internship-type experiences if you want to be a competitive candidate for grad school or employment when you graduate.
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News briefs by MCT Campus

## BUSINESS



Special Photo

Ebay is trying to prevent other companies from mimicking its 11-month old 'it' marketing campaign.

## eBay stakes claim to 'it'

Online auctioneer eBay Inc. has begun trying to keep other companies from using the rather pedestrian phrases at the heart of its 11-month-old "it" marketing campaign.

The foundation for the new effort was first laid in March, when eBay asked federal authorities to grant it trademarks for the phrases "You Can Get It On eBay" and "You Can Sell It On eBay," in which the word "it" is in three colors, while the rest is presented in black and white.

The San Jose, Calif.-based company is also seeking a third trademark to keep others from using the word "it" when the word appears in the same hues as eBay's marketing material.

Most recently, eBay began defending the trademark-in-waiting in courts. For instance, last Wednesday, eBay filed a trademark-infringement lawsuit against World Auctions Inc., a five-month-old company based in Chicago.

In the suit, eBay alleges World Auctions is a "blatant copycat" because, among other things, it uses the same "it" phrases, and colors the word "it" the same manner as eBay's site or marketing material.

A spokesman for World Auctions did not immediately return an e-mail seeking comment. According to its Web site, the business has 1,000 mem-

bers that may or may not be actively trading at any one time.

"There are numerous features on this site that are strikingly similar to those of our site," eBay spokesman Hani Durzy wrote in an email.

Ebay's latest trademark battle is rooted in how important marketing and branding is for a large swath of companies that mostly exist only on the Internet. Sometimes, a good slogan or catchy ad theme is key to standing out among a crowded field of competitors.

The two phrases eBay wants trademarked, and especially the distinctive way the word "it" is presented, are at the heart of a new and well-received print, radio and TV advertising campaign eBay began last year.

Many of eBay's previous trademark defenses involve use of some version of the company's name, like in July 2001, when eBay settled a trademark-infringement suit against BidBay.com Inc., which ultimately agreed to change its corporate and Web site names to AuctionDiner.com and pay eBay an undisclosed sum.

Earlier, eBay solved a dispute with an auction site called BrickBay.com, causing its rival to change its name to BrickLink.com. eBay remains entangled in a legal case against PerfumeBay.com.

cabarets, oblivious to the activity about two miles away. But word raced among street vendors hawking T-shirts, who packed up their carts quickly and started heading home.

Hundreds of people gathered at Government House, taking pictures of themselves with the tanks.

"I don't agree with the coup, but now that they've done it, I support it because Thaksin has refused to resign from his position," said university student Sasiprapha Chantawong. "Allowing Thaksin to carry on will ruin the country more than this. The reputation of the country may be somewhat damaged, but it's better than letting Thaksin stay in power."

The White House was monitoring the events closely, "but the situation at the moment is unclear," said Frederick Jones, a spokesman for President Bush's National Security Council.

"We look to the Thai people to resolve their political differences in a peaceful manner and in accordance with principles of democracy and rule of law."

have been diagnosed with mental disorders, with nearly half of those PTSD, according to the VA.

The White House asked for \$80.6 billion in 2007 for the VA, including \$3.2 billion for mental health programs. But Rep. Michael Michaud, a Maine Democrat on the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, said the VA would need more, sooner.

"What's going to happen is unless we give added resources, they're going to have to start rationing care," Michaud said. "It's going to have to start pitting veterans against veterans."

Jeff Schrade, a spokesman for Sen. Larry Craig, an Idaho Republican and chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, said Craig was unhappy over the VA's botched estimates on health care last year.

Congress now requires quarterly budget reports, which Schrade said show that VA's budgeting appears to be on track.

"What concerns us is they're seeing a lot more patients than they anticipated," he said.

## Coup

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audio statement via a government-owned TV station in Bangkok in a vain attempt to stave off the coup.

Thaksin, who had been scheduled to address the General Assembly, canceled his speech.

Government spokesman Surapong Suebwonglee, who was with Thaksin in New York, said the coup leaders "cannot succeed" and was confident they would fail "because democracy in Thailand has developed to some ... measure of maturity."

At least 14 tanks surrounded Government House, Thaksin's office. A convoy of four tanks rigged with loudspeakers and sirens rolled through a busy commercial district of Bangkok, warning people to get off the street for their own safety.

The coup went largely unnoticed in Bangkok's popular tourist districts, where foreigners packed bars and

## PTSD

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of the VA's PTSD treatment. "They're not going to have the money, and the waiting list will grow."

PTSD is an anxiety disorder that can follow combat or other traumatic experiences. Symptoms include survivor's guilt, flashbacks, nightmares, depression and irritability. It can lead to drug abuse and even suicide.

The war in Iraq presents a higher PTSD risk than other wars, said Robert Ursano of the Department of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

"Since it's a terrorist war, one could be under attack in any spot," he said. "There is an enduring sense of a lack of safety."

Among the half million veterans who have served in Iraq or Afghanistan, more than 144,000 have gone to the VA for health care. Nearly a third

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# OPINION



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## OUR VIEW

# Baby spinach not the big, bad killer it's made out to be

AT ISSUE: Two people die after eating contaminated baby spinach, and the nation is deathly afraid of spinach

"You know it's bad spinach that's killing people and I'm not going to be eating it anymore," said a girl at the Georgia Southern bus stop. "Well, mad cow disease doesn't keep you from eating at McDonalds," said her friend.

The fields in California that produced contaminated baby spinach killed two people, and has consumers all over the country worried about eating their greens. Kids of all ages are glad that spinach is finally off the menu.

The FDA is taking precautions by advising supermarkets and restaurants to remove all frozen and fresh spinach from their establishments until the problem is fully corrected. Basically, Popeye the sailorman won't have food for a few weeks.

These breakouts happen. Just because one crop of baby spinach in California has e.coli doesn't mean that every "Mixed Greens" bag of salad at Wal-Mart is contaminated.

One lady in Fayetteville told a reporter that she was boycotting spinach and she no longer felt safe eating it. She's afraid of baby spinach.

People really need to do their research before they jump to conclusions about whether or not their pre-dinner salad will kill them.

For example this lady in Fayetteville jumped to the conclusion that because there is a recall on baby spinach that it must be in Georgia too. But that's wrong.

In Georgia, there haven't been any reports of e.coli-infected spinach and she would have known that if she would have read past the title of the article.

People have a greater likelihood of dying in a plane crash than dying from e.coli, so does that mean that people are going to stop flying?

This whole contamination problem would not be an issue if they cooked the food before ingesting it. Raw baby spinach doesn't need to have a disclaimer. Just

like sushi, you know the risks of eating raw food before going into the meal.

Stop being so dramatic about baby spinach. People blow things like baby spinach too far out of proportion when they are subjecting themselves to bigger health related risks like eating steak at every meal, eating fast food, drinking alcohol or smoking.

If you are going to take the risk of dying with those things, then why be afraid of a baby vegetable?

Dave Mathews  
GADGET GUY

## Stop spammers by fighting back

It is estimated that 50 percent of the data traffic on the Internet and more than 80 percent of the e-mail going through Internet Service Providers (ISPs), corporate and college mail servers are unsolicited messages for products, spam.

Techies started to call unsolicited and untargeted e-mail spam due to an old Monty Python skit where the British jokesters repeated the word ad-nausea and even sang about it. It is a nice analogy for something that clogs our inboxes and wastes our time.



Dave Mathews is a technology columnist for McClatchy Newspapers.

There are three ways to get rid of spam using software or services. The easiest way is to filter it out through your Internet Service Provider, who can keep on top of spammers ever-changing tactics. Log onto your ISP's Web site user interface and look for their e-mail settings. Activate the spam filters and frequently check your filtered messages to see if mailing lists and friends who "Carbon Copy" or CC you an e-mail have messages that end up in this box. If so, then add them to your "white list" which should let future messages from those e-mail addresses come through.

Your Internet provider's blacklisting software downloads a current list of known spammers domain names and compares messages received in your mailbox to these known bad guys. I do not like this method as some mailing lists that you legitimately subscribe to could be marked as spam because of overzealous programmers or people who have a vendetta against the mailing list owner. This could make you miss e-mails that you really intended to receive.

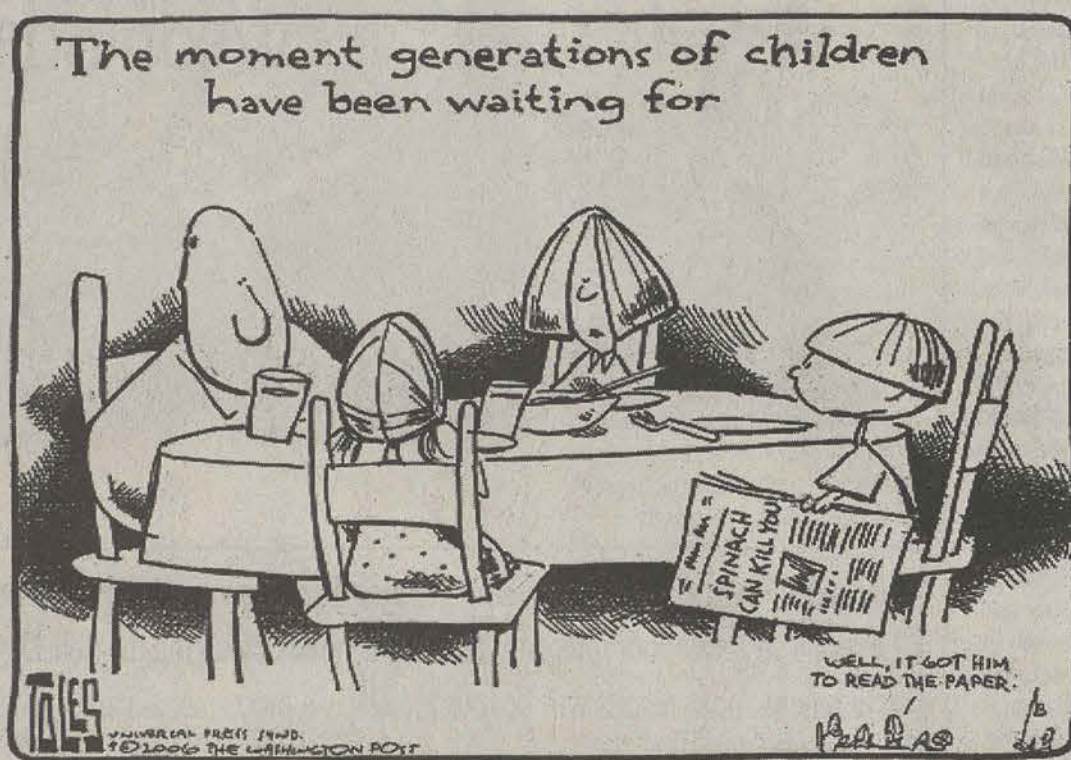
If you are an AOL user and do not want to change your screen and e-mail name, then look for better filtering software by using the keywords "Marketing Preferences" to access an area of AOL where you can turn off electronic, e-mail and even telephone messaging on your account. There are several methods that AOL can use to contact you, so make sure you click on all the pages to turn these annoying delivery options off.

My favorite way to filter spam is to send all of my davemathews.com domain e-mail to Google's Gmail (www.gmail.com) service. Those guys at Google are software geniuses who have figured out how to look at a message and determine its likelihood of being spam. They investigate the messages on a message-by-message basis and do not aggregate it like black-list software. There is currently no fee for this service but getting a Gmail address is slightly more difficult than signing up for Yahoo mail or Hotmail.

If you use POP e-mail, which is typical for ISPs and college campuses, your best bet is to install a program that takes a "first look" at your e-mail inbox while it is on the server, before your e-mail client pulls it down to your computer. A favorite program that I have used is called G-Lock SpamCombat (www.glocksoft.com). This free program logs into your account and pulls messages from your e-mail server then flags them as potential spam or good e-mail.

It is going to be a long time before all spammers are stopped, but the first court cases are putting the biggest offenders away and charging them with huge fines. This will scare many spammers off but, the small and nimble ones will persist for as long as e-mail exists.

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## Opposing Views

# Changes to Geneva won't define torture

Amid the fervid debate over how suspected terrorists should be interrogated and prosecuted, there is a logical place to turn for clarity and reason, to those who have served on the front lines of war and military trials, as well as in the top levels of government.

Among that select group, there is striking agreement on one core agreement. The U.S. should live by the rules of the Geneva Conventions and the nation's long-held moral values.

That is the perspective of Colin Powell, former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Republican senators John McCain, who was held and tortured in Vietnam; John Warner, a former Navy secretary; and Lindsey Graham, an Air Force Reserve judge. Not a bleeding heart among them.

Their views deserve great weight in the showdown underway with Bush, who wants to legitimize tactics that he calls "tough" or "alternative," but which critics have defined as tantamount to torture. How Congress settles their debate will help define not only the course of the war on terror, but also who we are as a nation and how the world sees us for years to come.

In the wake of 9/11, the Bush administration essentially sacrificed principle in the rush to address the new terrorist threat. It put together a set of ad hoc policies that included secret, long-term imprisonment of suspects without charges, interrogation tactics that Americans would call torture if an enemy used them on U.S. prisoners and a system of secret CIA prisons abroad and "renditions" of prisoners to other countries to

escape the reach of U.S. law.

In June, after criticism at home and abroad, the Abu Ghraib scandal and other embarrassments, the Supreme Court rejected part of that system, ruling that detainees are subject to some guarantees of the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which prohibit "humiliating and degrading treatment."

The president is now fighting back. He lobbed the issue into the heated, election-year political arena, pressing Congress to institutionalize the CIA's prisons and interrogation methods, and arguing that American interrogators deserve clarity.

The U.S. can't afford to lead the way in abandoning principles developed over decades. The price is just too high.

From Brian Bilbray of USA Today

# Interrogation in necessary for U.S. safety

One critical way to help prevent terrorist attacks against Americans is interrogating key al-Qaeda leaders and operatives. The Bush administration has proposed a bill that would allow the CIA to conduct such interrogations.

Recent debates centers on legal questions concerning Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions. In June, the Supreme Court determined that Common Article 3 applies to al-Qaeda terrorists.

The administration is committed to complying with the law of the land, and we must ensure our laws provide clarity on the vague standards contained in Common Article 3, such as "outrages upon personal dignity." Thus, the president has asked that Congress clarify our treaty obligations just as it has done on many other occasions. Absent such clarification,

our intelligence professionals would be subject to unpredictable legal interpretations, including those of foreign courts. This vital program cannot go forward unless the law is clarified.

The administration's proposal would provide clarity by mirroring language written by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and passed by Congress less than a year ago as part of the Detainee Treatment Act.

Under this approach, our intelligence professionals would know what they can and can't do because the standard would be one that is well established in U.S. law as determined by U.S. courts.

The issue we are debating is the standard of treatment for unlawful combatants - those who hide among civilian populations and plot attacks on innocents.

The CIA needs to interrogate al-Qaeda operatives to gather intelligence where traditional questioning tactics do not work.

Once intelligence has been obtained, terrorists can be brought to justice. The administration's proposal would provide for the trial of terrorists in a way that ensures that sensitive intelligence sources and methods, which must remain secret to be effective against other terrorists in the future - are not provided to the terrorists themselves.

As Bush reminded the nation, it is "vital that our folks on the front line have the tools necessary to protect the American people." We are prepared to work with Congress to ensure this remains the case.

From John D. Negroponte, Director of National Intelligence.

Justin Burris  
NEW COLUMNIST

## Take the activism beyond facebook

Recently there's been a lot of talk about Facebook and the changes it's undergoing to better serve the people who use it. Personally, I think that it's become too cluttered and harder to navigate, however it has brought up something interesting. People have been protesting the changes made to the site in massive numbers. Groups reaching upwards of 300 thousand people crying out against the invasion of privacy they feel from the recent additions. Yet, when it comes to voting, we aren't even seen at the polls. A situation I feel is direr than people knowing when I sneeze.



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Why is it that we will scream about something as minor as a change to an Internet site, but when it comes to something as important as voting we don't even look twice? Imagine if people were allowed to vote from places like Myspace and Facebook, voter turnout would be record breaking.

There would be thousands of votes pouring in from across the country. There would be votes from our student population, possibly even swaying the election that year. If we weren't willing to go out and vote at the polls, would we spend the time to research someone's position before hand? I personally don't think so, and I feel while it may be the greatest turn out ever, it would also be one of the worst things to happen to this country since the Diebold voting machines.

However, if we could manage to get all of these people who are protesting to read up on the topics at hand and to engage in discussion on these sites, maybe in the end something good could come of it all. A well-informed record turnout could do amazing things for this country. Our parents realized this in their generation, and they managed to take the power and fight for the things they felt were important.

Free speech at the moment is one of the most contested rights we have as citizens, and it's slowly being taken away. We obviously care about our privacy, and we enjoy being able to voice those concerns, but if laws are passed to restrict this right, what will we have left? The Internet is one of the greatest proponents for free speech and right now legislation is being drafted to throttle our voices. This is not something we should allow to happen. There are many drives going up to stop this from people around the country. An organization called Save The Internet, at [savetheinternet.com](http://savetheinternet.com) is fighting to keep our right to protest on the web and speak out about changes that are being made.

Not only is our government trying to keep our choices restricted, they are limiting entertainment as well. With new restrictions placed upon software under the guise of something called DRM, they are locking down the content we download so that we have a very limited control over what happens to it. It's going to be sad when we say that we remember the good ole days when a mp3 would play on any music player out there, and not a select few. From movies to music they are embedding software to restrict our use of the things we purchase. Why pay for something you can only use on one device, when the thing you can "steal" works on anything that supports it. By purchasing things that have this software in them, you are allowing them to further tighten their stronghold on what you can listen to, and how you can listen.

As large as our generation is, we have a massive amount of power, if only we could direct it towards things other than protesting changes to Facebook.

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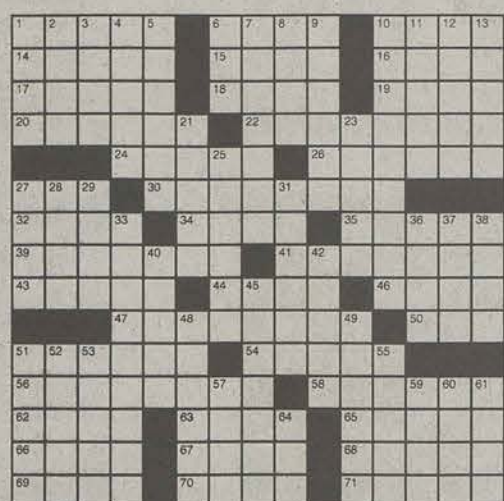
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6 Pompadour  
10 Top cards  
14 Come up  
15 Front of a ship  
16 Louver  
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18 James Brown's genre  
19 Mediocre  
20 Power  
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39 Kind of pipe  
41 Make believe  
43 "All in the Family" role  
44 Diet  
46 Holy moly!  
47 Round-trippers  
50 Secret agent  
51 Major road  
54 Change for the better  
56 Exhaust  
58 Stuck around  
62 As well  
63 Knight's aide  
65 "Ebony and ..."  
66 Pro \_\_\_\_ (in proportion)  
67 Chilled  
68 Hungorous  
69 Gave the once-over  
70 Amount paid  
71 Woman's netlike cap  
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2 Tahan land  
3 Parasitic pests  
4 Erroy Jetson's dog  
5 Whinnies

6 FedEx competitor  
7 Barbecue fuel  
8 Sternly ill-humored  
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10 Business partner  
11 Dull thud  
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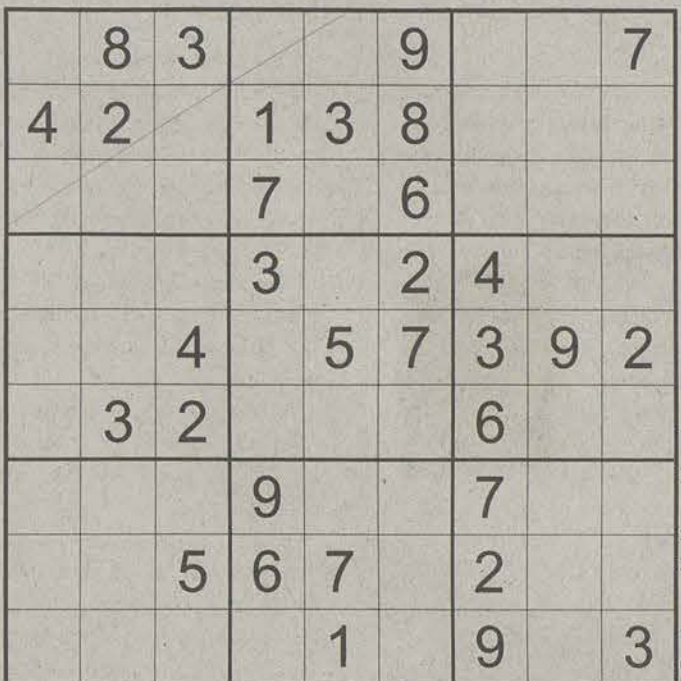
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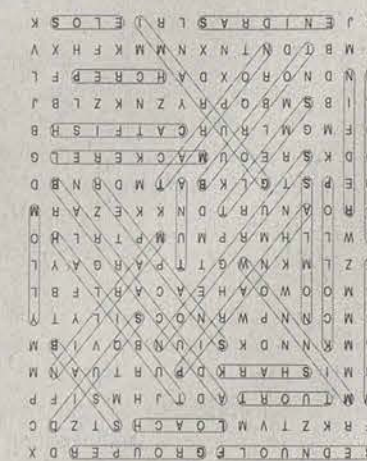


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| 9. Land    | 4. Money  |
| 8. Free    | 3. Duck   |
| 7. Hour    | 2. Water  |
| 6. Table   | 1. Water  |

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## SPORTS

## GSU Baseball tryouts meeting Oct. 4

Georgia Southern baseball coach Rodney Hennon announced a meeting date for those interested in walking on to the Eagle program. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 4th at 4 p.m. inside J.I. Clements Stadium. Those interested must bring a copy of their insurance card to the meeting. Additional information on tryouts will be discussed at the meeting.



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## Luke Parks

## BIGGIE SMALLS SPEAKS

## Option offense not just for college teams

As we fuss over what offense a team should run, one of the greatest offenses Georgia Southern, as well as Nebraska, Syracuse, Air Force and now Navy, has ever run has ascended the ranks to the NFL.

The option in the NFL isn't as common as it is in college and in high school.

Multi-million dollar quarterback backs want to be protected from brutal hits.

But, on Sunday afternoon, in Atlanta, GA., the greatest offense ever to hit the field made its debut on the Spin Turf of the Georgia Dome.

It's no secret that the days of every football team in America running the option are almost over.

As you go up the levels of football, the amount of teams that run the option continue to fall.

In high school, the option is as common as a player wearing a helmet.

Almost every team in Georgia runs a version of the option offense.

However, as you move to the college level, less teams use this form of offense.

On the college level, few teams still rely on the option.

Former Georgia Southern and now Navy Head Coach Paul Johnson still runs the option.

The 1995 National Champion Nebraska Cornhuskers averaged almost 400 yards per game on the ground using the option.

If you don't know, or have been living under a rock the past 25 years, the Georgia Southern Eagles have used this offense.

This triple option offense has won them 6 national championships.

Now, I'm not here to make a case for the Eagles to go back to the option.

I think we are heading in the right direction under the new offense Brian VanGorder has implemented.

I'm here to tell you that this unstoppable offense is now being used by the most unstoppable player in NFL history.

The Dallas Cowboys attempted to run the option a few seasons ago with former Georgia QB Quincy Carter.

The speed and skill level of NFL defensive players was no match for the option.

Every single time it was ran, it was stopped for a big loss. However, on Sunday, the most elusive player in the NFL started running the option.

Mike Vick and Warrick Dunn, the now DV with the trade of T.J. Duckett, ran the option with few hitches.

In amazement, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were shocked as Vick and Dunn gashed them for long gain after long gain.

To think, the once dead option offense is now in the NFL. Atlanta racked up 306 yards on the ground, most of it, using the option.

As I said before, I'm not here advocating what offense a team should use.

It's just amazing how the triple option offense, that so many people have stopped running at so many levels, is finally making its presence felt in the NFL.



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## Men's soccer begins SoCon play

## Eagles return home to take on defending Southern Conference Champion Spartans

## GSU News Service

After concluding its recent road trip with a two-game win streak, the Georgia Southern men's soccer team returns home to kick-off Southern Conference competition versus UNC Greensboro, Wednesday at 5 p.m.

The defending SoCon Champions Spartans (4-4) were ranked No. 21 in the NSCAA Pre-Season poll (Aug. 15).

UNCG comes to Statesboro having recently fallen at former No. 20 Old Dominion, 1-0, on a penalty kick.

The Eagles (4-2) are riding a two-game win streak, but Head Coach Kevin Kennedy sees this, his first SoCon match-up of the season, and of his coaching career, as a clean slate between the two schools and a fresh opportunity to compete.

"I'm looking for us to bring

intensity and a fast speed of play," said Kennedy. "We also need to remain patient and disciplined as the match goes on."

Starting mostly underclassmen this season, the Eagles have showcased talent and leadership from many different players.

Four different Eagles scored in Georgia Southern's last victory at Gardner-Webb (Sept. 16), defeating the Runnin' Bulldogs, 4-3.

"I like that we have a different number of guys pitching in with assists and goals.

As for leadership, Brad Mitchum and Calvin Simon have been great."

"We're excited to play our first Southern Conference match this season and looking forward to that atmosphere," said Kennedy. "Hopefully the boys will rise to the occasion."



Ryan Moore/STAFF

Brad Mitchum passes the ball down the field in a match against Elon.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

## Falcons sign 19-year veteran K Morten Andersen

## MCT Direct/ESPN

In an effort to address a place-kicking situation that spiraled out of control in the first two weeks of the season, with second-year veteran Michael Koenen converting only two of eight field goal attempts, the Atlanta Falcons have reached for an old and familiar friend.

But it wasn't Todd Peterson, who connected on 23 of 25 field goals in 2005 but went unsigned by Atlanta this offseason, to whom the Falcons turned.

Instead, the team on Tuesday reached agreement with venerable kicker Morten Andersen, 46, who has not played in the NFL since 2004.

Contract details were not immediately available but, given the club's salary cap situation, it is likely that Andersen signed a one-year contract for the minimum base salary.

As if there isn't enough irony involved in Andersen's return, his first game will be next Monday night against the New Orleans Saints, the franchise with which he entered the league.



Morten Andersen

Andersen was one of the most popular players in Saints' history and his release in 1995 created considerable fan backlash.

He still holds the New Orleans franchise record for scoring, along with the Atlanta career mark as well.

A 19-year veteran, Andersen once noted that he planned to kick in the league until he was 50, and wanted to retire as the leading scorer in NFL history.

He may get the opportunity to reach the second of the goals: Andersen has accounted for 2,358 points in his storied career and trails all-time leader Gary Anderson by 76 points.

It is believed that Andersen will be the Falcons' kicker on field goal attempts of 40 yards or less and that Koenen, who has one of the league's strongest legs, will be the choice for long field goal tries.

Koenen, who has handled all three kicking chores in the first two games, converted all eight field goal attempts in the preseason.

But he made just two of four attempts in the regular-season opener at Carolina and then missed all four tries in last Sunday's 14-3 victory over Tampa Bay.

Koenen was the Atlanta punter in 2005, but did register two field goals tries, and made a 58-yarder -- the longest conversion in the league

last season.

The Falcons' brass decided to award him the placement job this year, in addition to his punting and kickoff duties, although no one has handled all three tasks in the league since the 1982 season.

Coach Jim Mora allowed on Sunday evening that the field goal situation was "an issue [the Falcons] would not disregard," but suggested the team would try to remedy Koenen's problems.

It is believed Andersen, who has been phoning teams whenever kicker openings arise in an attempt to revive a career some feel could land him in the Hall of Fame, auditioned for Falcons' officials early this spring.

One of the game's all-time greatest clutch kickers, Andersen ranks second in league history in field goals made, with 520 in 658 attempts. He has also made 798 of 808 extra point tries.

In stints with New Orleans (1986-1994), Atlanta (1995-2000), the New York Giants (2001) and Kansas City (2002-2004), the former Michigan State star scored 100 or more points 13 times.

He made 18 of 22 field goal tries in 2004, his most recent season in the league.

Nicknamed the "Great Dane," because he was born in Denmark and came to America as an exchange student. Andersen has a NFL league-record 40 field goals of 50 yards or longer.

## Mets win first NL East Title since 1988

## MCT Direct

The Mets have waited years for this. It's been 18 since they last won the division. Eleven since the Braves' rule in the East began. Forever, since the Yankees took over this town.

But Monday night, the wait finally ended. The Mets clinched their first NL East title since 1988, beating the Marlins, 4-0, before a jubilant but not quite capacity crowd of 46,729 at Shea.

The Mets (91-58), the National League's top team by far, lead the division by 14 games.

It's been a forgone conclusion that they'd end Atlanta's run of 14 straight division titles overall.

Now they officially have.

They became the first team this season to clinch a playoff spot and their first since 2000, when they lost the World Series in five games to the Yankees.

Since then, they've mostly been a misspending mess. The Mets annually missed the playoffs despite one of the larger payrolls in the league. But here in the second year of the Omar Minaya/Willie Randolph regime, they've at last begun to fulfill their potential.

"This is the reason I came here," former Brave Tom Glavine said. "Of my options after I left Atlanta, I felt this organization had the chance to do this. Yeah, it's taken a little bit longer and we've gotten in a few car accidents along the way, but it's all worthwhile, believe me. This is what it's all about."

For Glavine, making the playoffs is old hat. But for Carlos Delgado and Paul Lo Duca, last night was a new experience.

Delgado especially. Among active players, he'd played in the most games without reaching the playoffs 1,703. Ex-Met Jeromy Burnitz now owns that dubious honor (1,691).

While Wright said he'd been visualizing exactly how he'd celebrate what he'd do, what the pile of players at the mound would feel like Delgado didn't. "I didn't want to cut myself short," he said. "I didn't want to have my expectations too high. I said when it comes it comes, and now it's a great feeling."

About 1,000 fans still were in the stands over an hour after the game ended, cheering the champagne-drenched players and team staffers who'd filtered back onto the field.

The fans did a mock tomahawk chop around 11 p.m., a few minutes before they finally were dispersed.

Of course, the Mets would be disappointed if this were their final celebration. "We accomplished the first step," Pedro Martinez said. "Now we have a big job to do and a great responsibility."



MCT Direct/Special Photo

Jose Reyes celebrates the Mets' first division title since 1988.

## Thrashers sign G Lehtonen to multi-year deal

## GSU News Service

The Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday signed goaltender Kari Lehtonen to a multiyear contract.

Financial terms were not disclosed, but The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported it was for two years and \$3.7 million.

The second overall pick in 2002, Lehtonen had a 20-15-0 record with a 2.94 goals-against average and two shutouts in 38 games with the Thrashers last season.

Lehtonen, 22, was sidelined for 41 games last season with a groin injury, but still was able to set a franchise record with 28 consecutive starts.

Lehtonen has posted a 24-15-0 record, a 2.77 goals-against average and a .910 save percentage with three shutouts in 42 career games.



Kari Lehtonen

## Sports Network Division I-AA Top 25

1. New Hampshire	2-0
2. Appalachian St.	2-1
3. Cal Poly	3-0
4. Furman	2-1
5. Montana	1-1
6. Illinois State	2-1
7. Richmond	2-0
8. Youngstown St.	2-1
9. Massachusetts	2-1
10. Southern Illinois	2-0
11. Hampton	3-0
12. Northern Iowa	2-1
13. McNeese St.	1-1
14. North Dakota St.	2-0
15. Portland St.	2-1
16. UC Davis	2-1
17. James Madison	1-1
18. Delaware	1-1
19. Ga Southern	1-1
20. Eastern Illinois	1-2
21. Towson	3-0
22. Western Carolina	2-0
23. Central Conn.	3-0
24. East. Kentucky	1-2
25. Jacksonville St.	1-1

## NFL Standings

## NFC

North	W	L	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	60	7
Minnesota	2	0	35	29
Green Bay	0	2	27	60
Detroit	0	2	13	43

## South

Atlanta	2	0	34	9
New Orleans	2	0	53	41
Carolina	0	2	19	36
Tampa Bay	0	2	3	41

## East

Dallas	1	1	44	34
NY Giants	1	1	51	50
Philadelphia	1	1	48	50
Washington	0	2	26	46

## West

Seattle	2	0	30	16
Arizona	1	1	44	48
San Francisco	1	1	47	47
St. Louis	1	1	31	30

## AFC

North	W	L	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	0	57	27
Baltimore	2	0	55	6
Pittsburgh	1	1	28	26
Cleveland	0	2	31	53

## South

Indianapolis	2	0	69	45
Jacksonville	2	0	33	17
Tennessee	0	2	23	63
Houston	0	2	34	67

## East

New England	2	0	43	34
Buffalo	1	1	33	25
NY Jets	1	1	40	40
Miami	0	2	23	44

## West

San Diego	2	0	67	7
Denver	1	1	19	24
Kansas City	0	2	16	32
Oakland	0	2	6	55