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Iraq war and nuclear terrorism in Bryan Jr.

Retired generals question national security policy

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September 11th signaled the most serious threat to this country's security since the Second World War," said Brig. Gen. John Johns, on Sept. 3 in Bryan Jr. Auditorium. "It was very important that we judged the exact nature of that threat. Now we're in Iraq and we are fighting the wrong war."

In a lecture and discussion organized by the College Democrats, Johns and his colleague, Lt. Gen. Robert G. Gard, both of whom served in Vietnam,

voiced concerns about the Iraq war and nuclear terrorism at home.

"My study of the French in Indochina and in Algeria convinced me that foreign combat forces cannot kill radicals and avoid alienating the population," said Johns. "You defeat radicals by marginalizing them. If you dry up the swamp, you can kill the alligators."

According to Johns, in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, America was in a strong position to marginalize Islamic radicals.

"100,000 people marched in Tehran the day after 9/11—against Osama Bin Laden," said Johns. "A prominent left-wing French newspaper had a headline 'We Are All Americans

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Retired United States Generals John Johns (Left) and Robert Gard (Right) talk to students in Bryan Jr. Auditorium.

DINING, DRUGS AND DJ'S

Princeton Review ranks Guilford

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The Princeton Review Best 366 Colleges lists have, in the past, shone both positive and negative light on Guilford. This year is no exception.

Guilford has been ranked number four for "Is it Food," number six for "Best College Radio Station," and number 13 for "Reefer Madness" for the 2008 school year.

The lists, which can be found at princetonreview.com, or in the book "The Best 366 Colleges," use student surveys to rate college's nationwide in terms of quality of life, academics, demographics, parties, school type, politics, and social and extracurricular activities. Thousands of prospective college students use the lists as a tool for selecting schools.

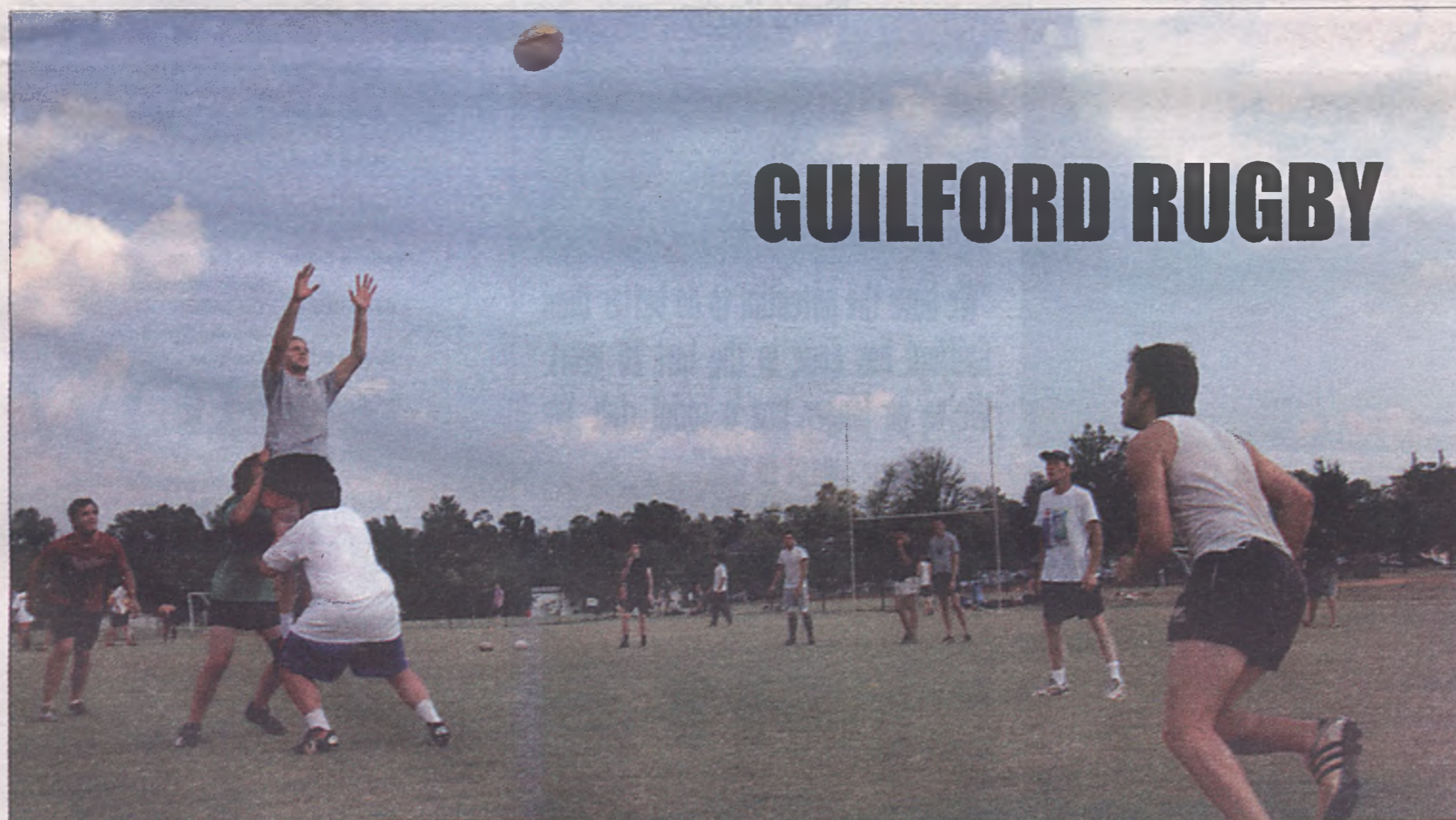
While only a percentage of students from each school are surveyed, the rankings are still more revealing than merely gathering information from a college's Web site or admissions pamphlets.

According to the Princeton Review Web site, "the ranking lists and profiles in general seek to accomplish that which a college admissions view book by its very nature can never really achieve—an uncensored view of life at a particular college, crafted in recognition of the fact that not every college will appeal to every student."

Guilford disappeared from the "Reefer Madness" list for 2007 but is back in the middle of the pack for 2008.

Guilford's drug policies have been revised in recent years to a two-strike

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GUILFORD RUGBY

Men's rugby psyched about upcoming season

PADDY LEHANE | STAFF WRITER

Early Saturday afternoons are usually a relatively quiet time on campus, with students sleeping off a busy or hazy Friday night. But from the far end of the Bryan parking lot, a rumbling disturbance can be heard.

The sound of drums and shouts, and the smell of sweat and blood fill the air. It's rugby season once again at Guilford.

"Everybody is working hard and wants

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(Above) Women's rugby practices their tackles. (Top) Men's rugby team during practice before their game at Wake Forest.

The hopes and hardships of women's rugby

DEENA ZARU | SENIOR WRITER

Rugby is a rough sport," said sophomore Maya Oliver, who has been playing on the women's rugby team for two years. "It requires a lot of team work, a lot of endurance and basically just being badass."

This appropriately expresses the strength, the passion and the drive that it takes to play a sport as intense as rugby.

"I play rugby because I love to tackle

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TWO YEARS AFTER KATRINA

New Orleans is recovering, but its wetlands are not

REID CRANFILL | SENIOR WRITER

Last year, the hit British TV show "Top Gear" visited New Orleans and was shocked to find the city's outskirts still in ruins.

"We sort of figured the world's largest economy would have fixed it by now," said host Jeremy Clarkson, driving past a Humvee on a desolated Elysian Fields Avenue.

New Orleans and the Gulf Coast were decimated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A year later, and two years since Lake Pontchartrain swelled over the cities levees, recovery remains slow.

Oil production on the Gulf coast and shipping through New Orleans has returned to normal, and the Saints football franchise has sold out every seat in

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