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New stadium and Spartan to be unveiled

Staff Reports

A ceremony to dedicate the new Baseball Stadium at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro will take place at noon on Friday, Feb. 12.

Located at the corner of Walker Avenue and South Aycock Street, the stadium is part of a \$5.4-million project that includes an adjacent student recreation field and modifications to the campus golf course. The stadium has 889 permanent seats, with space for additional seating along the first- and third-base lines.

UNCG Chancellor Patricia A. Sullivan will preside at the dedication. Featured speaker will be civic leader Stanley Frank, a charter member of the Spartan Club, UNCG's athletics scholarship support organization. Other participants will include Athletics Director Nelson E. Bobb, Student Government President Jonathan

Buford and F. James Becher Jr., chair of the UNCG Board of Trustees. The dedication also will include a ceremony

to unveil the new UNCG Spartans logo. The logo, designed by SME Design of New York, will be featured on UNCG merchandise and athletic uniforms. The Spartan baseball team will wear the new logo in its season opener against George Washington at 1 p.m. that day.

"This new Baseball Stadium is a great addition to our campus," Sullivan said.

"It gives our baseball team a permanent home on campus, and students, faculty and staff — as well as the Greensboro community — will find it a wonderful place to spend a spring afternoon or evening.

"As excited as I am at the stadium's opening, I am equally pleased that during the dedication we will unveil a brick sculpture honoring Stanley and Dorothy Frank for their years of championing UNCG athletics," she said.

"They have been wonderful supporters of our athletic teams and the University in general, and it is fitting that we honor them with such a lovely sculpture."

The brick-relief sculpture, titled "Play at the Plate," was designed by sculptor Brad Spencer, a UNCG alumnus. The sculpture is located in the back wall of the stadium's



press box, facing the concourse.

A UNCG choral group will provide entertainment during the dedication, and a hot dog lunch will be served following it. A drawing will be held to choose a student to throw out the first pitch in the stadium.

The stadium is a brick-walled structure surrounded by an ornamental fence. It contains a press box, an office/ticket booth/concession building, restrooms, and dugouts for the home and visiting teams. The stadium has lights for night

play.

Steel entrance gates designed by sculptor Jim Gallucci of Greensboro feature life-size likenesses of baseball players. The gate sculptures are titled "Play Ball."

Bobb said the stadium will be appealing to people from UNCG and the community. "It's an extremely inviting environment," he said. "This is a quality piece on this campus, and I'm very pleased that it is representative of the strength of this university."

The stadium was designed by Hayes Seay Mattern and Mattern of Greensboro in collaboration with HOK Inc. of Kansas City, Mo. Principal contractors were J.H. Allen Inc. of Asheboro, E.F. Belk and Son of Mooresville and Southeastern Mechanical Contractors Inc. of Greensboro.

The stadium field features a layered design with drainage pipe in trenches covered with a gravel base and a sand/soil rootzone mixture that provides excellent drainage, said Fred Patrick, UNCG's director of facilities design and construction. The turf is a special strain of Bermuda grass engineered specifically for baseball fields.

Pepsi donated the scoreboard for the stadium. The computerized scoreboard, valued at more than \$100,000, contains a large video screen for displaying colored graphics and photographs of players. The scoreboard measures 50

feet wide and 24 feet tall, and is mounted on steel columns behind the right center field fence.

More than 100 trees were planted around the stadium as part of the landscaping. They include October glory maples, willow oaks, leyland cypresses and tulip poplars.

UNCG Baseball Coach Mike Gaski said his team is eager to play in the stadium. The team has played all of its "home" games off campus — mostly at War Memorial Stadium — since the program's first season in 1991.

"I know the players are extremely excited about being able to play in front of the other students and the faculty on campus," Gaski said. In seven years of NCAA Division I competition, the Spartans have made two NCAA tournament appearances, earned national rankings and won three conference championships. Eight former players have competed professionally, including Rockingham native Brian Moehler, a pitcher for the Detroit Tigers.

Ashby to lecture on evolution, education, and religious beliefs

Staff Report

Evolution, education and religious beliefs will be the subjects of the Ashby Dialogue Series this semester at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Both lectures in the series are free and open to the public. The lectures are sponsored by the Ashby Dialogues and the UNCG College of Arts and Sciences. Each will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room 130 of the School of Nursing.

On Thursday, Feb. 18, Dr. Eugenie Scott, Executive Director of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE) of Berkeley, Calif., will lecture on "Evolution and Education: Issues and Directions." The NCSE was founded in 1981 as a resource clearinghouse for issues related to the teaching of evolution.

On Thursday, March 18, at

7:30 p.m., Dr. Kenneth Miller of the Biology Department of Brown University will lecture on "Evolution and Religious Beliefs: A Biologist's Perspective."

A professor of biology and medicine, Miller is a practicing Catholic and an expert on the question of compatibility of the Christian faith and a belief in evolution. He has appeared on the PBS programs "Firing Line" and "Frontline."

The Ashby Dialogues are an interdisciplinary series of lectures named for the late Dr. Warren Ashby, a member of UNCG's faculty from 1949 until his death in 1985.

During his 36-year career at UNCG, Ashby served as chair of the Department of Philosophy, director of the Honors Program, director of the Residential College and acting head of the Department of Religious Studies.

Disability services director given King Award

Staff Report

Dr. Patricia L. Bailey, who is director of disability services at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, has received the institution's 1999 Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award.

The honor was presented on Jan. 20 by Dr. Carol Disque, UNCG vice chancellor for student affairs, who cited Bailey's work on campus and in the community.

Bailey received a plaque and a \$200 cash award. Her name will be added to the wall display in Elliott University Center which carries the names of other King Award winners. The presentation followed an address by author and historian Dr. Manning Marable of Columbia University.

Bailey has been at UNCG since 1988. Among her activities, she was a supporter of bringing the World Game to UNCG and was a proponent of the Cultural Diversity Quilt Project. She has served on the multicultural education committee of the Division of Student Affairs at UNCG

and has helped plan the annual women's studies conference. She helped organize last fall's celebration at UNCG of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the International Declaration of Human Rights. The citation, read by Disque, said that in her work Bailey "has been a compassionate and vocal advocate for those members of our community whose learning can be empowered only by bending our systems to meet the needs of individual students."

Bailey has served as president of the North Carolina chapter of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD). Before working at the college level, Bailey was a school teacher in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Massachusetts. In addition to AHEAD, she is a member of the National Association of Developmental Educators. A graduate of Lycoming College, Bailey received her master's degree from Kutztown University and her doctorate from UNCG.

The Martin Luther King Award was established at UNCG in 1986 and was first presented in 1987. It recognizes outstanding attributes in the areas of human relations and public service by a UNCG student, faculty or staff member.

Nursing professor elected to state board

Staff Reports

Dr. Rebecca B. Saunders, an associate professor of nursing at The University of North



Carolina at Greensboro, is serving as North Carolina section chair of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neo-Natal Nurses.

Saunders is serving a two-year term that began in January. She was elected to the

post on a statewide ballot of association members. She is responsible for overseeing the organization's local chapters in North Carolina. Active in the 500-member organization since 1976, Saunders has held several posts, including state education coordinator. She received the 1997 Award of Excellence in Education from District 4 of the association.

Saunders joined UNCG's faculty in 1977. In 1995, she was selected as one of the Great 100 Registered Nurses in North Carolina by The Great 100 Inc. She received her doctorate from UNCG.

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Hagan takes assembly oath

Staff reports

Kay Hagan was sworn in as District 32's (part of Guilford County) new senator last Wednesday, when the General Assembly convenes for its 1999 session. The session convenes at noon in the legislative chambers.

"I am excited to welcome our new senators to the team, and I look forward to working closely with them to move our state forward," said President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight, D-Dare.

Hagan, 45, is an attorney,

homemaker and civic leader who was a vice president for NationsBank.

The mother of three is a Girl Scout leader, United Arts Council member and Visitors' Bureau advisor. Hagan has held appointed seats on state and local government posts. She is the niece of the late Lawton Chiles, the former Governor of Florida.

Though the new senators have not yet received formal office assignments, they do have temporary legislative phone numbers. Hagan can be reached at (919) 733-5856.

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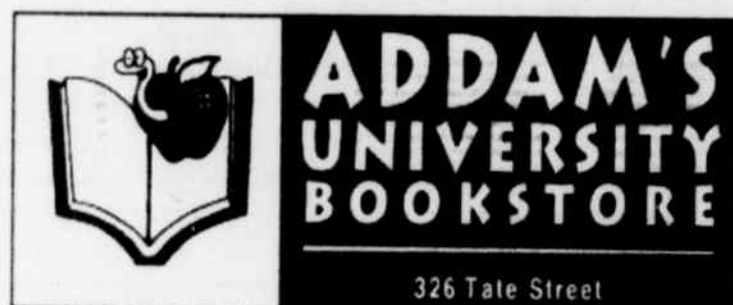
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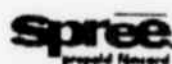
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"At First Sight" --a true story

Associated Press

When doctors restored Shirl Jennings' sight, his comfortable world of darkness was suddenly filled with fear and frustration.

Without depth perception, walking down the sidewalk became a frightening journey where even his own shadow confused him. He tripped over curbs, stumbled over objects and couldn't walk up stairs.

He didn't understand facial expressions, and when he tried to go back to work as a masseur, the body parts beneath his fingers began to disgust him.

Jennings, whose story inspired the movie "At First Sight," had no visual memory when he regained his sight at age 51. The experimental surgery fixed his eyes, but his mind didn't know how to interpret the images that were flooding his senses.

Instead of the blessing he was expecting, seeing became

a daunting task. Sometimes he would just close his eyes to block out all the images that were overwhelming his mind.

"I had to go through so many adjustments," said Jennings, now 58 and living in this east Atlanta suburb. "I could never figure out what I was looking at."

In the nearly eight years since the surgery restored the vision he lost as a young child, Jennings' eyesight has deteriorated to the point where he can only make out some shapes and distinguish between light and dark.

But that doesn't bother him. "It's really more easy to be blind than see," he said.

The movie, which opened last month, stars Val Kilmer as Jennings and Mira Sorvino as his wife, Barbara. The movie is set in New York, but other than that and a few dramatic Hollywood touches, the couple says the movie is astonishingly accurate.

The Jennings met with the cast before shooting began.

"Mira said I gave her one of the best massages she ever had," Jennings said, instructing his wife to pull out the photo of him rubbing the actress' shoulders.

As a child growing up in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Montvale, Va., Jennings contracted polio, meningitis and cat-scratch fever. After lapsing into a coma, doctors gave up hope for the 3-year-old boy.

"They sent me home to die but I'm still living," he said.

He left the hospital paralyzed from the waist down and with his eyesight fading. But Jennings' mother, Pearl Layman of Roanoke, Va., nursed him back to health.

"We really worked with him. I didn't give up hope," she said.

With her help and that of his cousins, Jennings learned how to walk and talk again. But they couldn't help his deteriorating

eyesight. Soon, the young boy could only differentiate between light and dark.

At age 6, Jennings went to the state institution for the deaf and blind. He then studied massage therapy and eventually took a job as a masseur at the YMCA in DeKalb County, near Atlanta.

That's where he met Barbara, his future wife. They had a few dates but she married someone else and moved to Vermont. In 1988, Jennings found out that Barbara had divorced and returned to the area.

"Twenty years went by in a matter of minutes," Mrs. Jennings recalled about their reunion. "It was as if we had just seen each other the day before."

About three months later, they married. But before they strolled down the aisle, Mrs. Jennings asked her fiancé to see her family ophthalmologist, Dr. Trevor Woodhams.

"I figured I didn't have too

much to lose," Jennings said.

There have been fewer than a dozen cases of long-term blindness being reversed, but Mrs. Jennings thought it was strange that Jennings was able to distinguish between light and dark.

Woodhams determined that Jennings had dense cataracts but that both of his retinas were intact. Woodhams suggested surgically removing Jennings' cataracts.

The cataract from one of Jennings' eye was removed in September 1991 and the second eye was operated on about a month later.

"When they removed the patch from his eye, he was very, very quiet — unnaturally so," Mrs. Jennings said.

He could see, but he didn't know what he was seeing. Jennings couldn't distinguish between a table or chair without touching them and couldn't identify an apple or orange without smelling them.

And months after his surgery, as he was learning to handle sight, Jennings developed pneumonia and his eyesight began deteriorating again.

Today, Jennings wears dark sunglasses to protect against ultraviolet rays that began damaging his retinas after the cataracts were removed.

He says he appreciates his short flirtation with sight. He learned to paint — mostly landscapes, seascapes and abstracts — a hobby he keeps up. He made frequent trips to the Georgia coast, where he would watch the freighters cruise down the river.

"I could see the boats in the Savannah River, I could see trains come by. At Tybee (Island), I could see the Spanish moss in the trees," he said, then smiled.

And despite all the problems, Jennings said he would do it all over again.

"I'm such an optimist."

Actors Guild merger a no go

Associated Press

The Screen Actors Guild voted against a proposed merger with a rival union that represents television broadcasters and voice-over artists — leaving uncertainty over who will control future work in new media.

Only 46.5 percent of the SAG members who voted in the referendum favored merging with the American Federation of Television & Radio Artists. That number was far below the 60 percent required to approve the deal, according to results released Thursday.

On Wednesday, AFTRA had announced 68 percent of its members who participated in a referendum favored the merger.

The defeat means the jurisdiction fights between the nation's two largest acting unions will continue, said national SAG president Richard Masur, who had favored the merger.

The two unions jointly work out contracts covering prime-time television programming, commercials and nonbroadcast work including training films.

Labor organizers had hoped the combined union would have ended clashes over which group has the right to regulate actors appearing on videotapes, high definition television, digital recording products and other emerging media projects. Proponents also contended the new union would have given performers more bargaining power with Hollywood's entertainment conglomerates.

"The merger would have

swept these conflicts aside," Masur said. "I consider this to be a real loss."

SAG, with 98,000 members, traditionally controls film jobs, and claims jobs created by new technology fall into the film category. AFTRA, with 71,437 members, said it traditionally has represented the nonfilm jobs.

With the merger rejection, Masur said the two unions will have to go back to the beginning on turf disputes. He said that an unexpected benefit of the merger talks was that the groups came to understand more about each other.

After SAG announced the results of its member referendum, AFTRA president Shelby Scott was conciliatory.

"While we regret the results on the SAG side, we are committed to work on new ways to cooperate with the Guild for the protection and benefit of our members," Scott said.

SAG members rejected the merger because they feared unskilled workers would flood the workplace and that an increased number of Guild members would be chasing an unchanged number of jobs, a SAG official said. "Certain members felt the influx of AFTRA members would just add competition," said SAG national director Ken Orsatti.

Other top factors for SAG's rejection included disagreements over pension plans and the higher cost of AFTRA dues, Orsatti said.

An anti-merger contingent in SAG had been vocal in their views. By contrast, there had been no organized opposition to the merger among AFTRA members.

Teary over "At First Sight"

Brian Ewing

Editor

Grab a date and a box of Kleenex and head to the theater to see "At First Sight." This new film made even my hard critical heart a little weepy. The film stars Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino and is based on the true story documented by Dr. Oliver Sacks who also wrote "Awakenings" which also became a film.

Kilmer plays Virgil Adamson, a blind masseuse who works at a spa and resort. Virgil falls in love with a client, Amy Benic played by Sorvino, who convinces him to have an experimental surgery to regain his sight. The surgery works but it is very difficult for Virgil to adjust due

to the fact that he has adapted to rely wholly on his other senses in ways that sighted individuals could not understand. This physical conflict causes an emotional strain on Virgil and Amy's relationship.

The surgery and its effects are not intensely explored but are used more as a metaphor for character flaws that people try to change in others when they first enter relationships. Kilmer gives an excellent performance of a kind, tender hearted man who has found a world of change from years of darkness. I've seen better performances from Sorvino but she still charms the screen with her portrayal of the sweet girlfriend whose good intentions become devastating. Kelly McGillis plays Virgil's sister

who has cared for him all his life, also gives a performance full of strong emotion and power.

This film on a whole is not as strong as others that

have tackled similar topics, "Awakenings" stands out, but it does do a wonderful job of

portraying how we as people, when we fall in love, try to make the other person our ideal.

The film also contains some of the sweetest and most endearing moments I have seen in a film in quite some time. So if you ask me I say "RENT IT!"



Madonna to open Grammy show

Andrew Waid

Senior Writer

In the first of many upcoming

performers and presenters to be announced, the Recording Academy has confirmed that superstar Madonna will perform on the Grammy



Awards telecast on Wednesday, February 24 on CBS.

Making the announcement, Michael Greene, Recording

Academy President and CEO said, "Madonna has always been a trendsetter, a risk-taker, and multifaceted performance artist. The Recording Academy is very proud of her contributions to music and is looking forward to what promises to be a dynamic and exciting appearance on the 41st Grammy Awards telecast."

Madonna's latest release, Ray of Light, has been nominated for six Grammy's, including "Record of the Year," "Album of the Year," and "Best Dance Recording."

Madonna has been nominated eight times in the past, starting in 1985, and has won previously in 1991 for "Best Music Video - Long Form."

Commenting on her nominations, Madonna said, "I'm ecstatic. I'm thrilled and I feel incredibly blessed."

It has been confirmed that

the international star will open the show and her next single, "Nothing Really Matters," will be performed, but whether or not it will be included in a medley of some sort is not known.

Madonna is among many women artists who have received multiple nominations this year.

Other women nominees include: rapper / singer Lauryn Hill (10 nominations), country star Shania Twain (6), rocker Sheryl Crow (6), Celine Dion (4), and Brandy (4).

The 41st Annual Grammy Awards will be hosted by Emmy Award-winning Rosie O'Donnell. She is a close friend to Madonna and was the sparkling host of two Tony Award ceremonies in past years.

Spartans fall short against Mountaineers

Ben Ledbetter
Sports Editor

Looking to snap a three game losing streak, UNCG came into Monday night's game with Appalachian State playing for pride.

The Mountaineers, winners of their last two, including a 23 point victory over the Spartans last week set the tempo early on their way to a 72-56 victory. They were looking to extend their two game lead over Davidson in the Southern Conference North Division.

After taking an early five point lead, ASU responded quickly, making a 23-0 run during a 10 minute span of the

first half, holding the Spartans to single digits until Ricardo Trevisan sank a jumper at the 10:30 mark in the first half.

"Our emphasis was to dictate [to] them on offense and jump on them quickly", said Mountaineer head coach Buzz Peterson.

Peterson was concerned about UNCG because they had defeated East Tennessee State and Davidson, two teams that dealt ASU losses on the road.

Taken off their pace the Spartans trailed by as much as 23 in the first half, UNCG came back but never got within more than 14 of ASU.

"We knew we had to get

back quickly" said Courtney Eldridge on the explosive Mountaineer offense.

Aaron Chavis led the Spartans in scoring with 11 while Nathan Jameson sank two 3-pointers to lead UNCG.

A weakness Coach Randy Peele has been speedy teams, mainly ASU, College of Charleston, and Georgia Southern have been the hardest teams for the Spartans to defend.

"They attacked us so quickly we had a hard time guarding them", said Coach Peele.

UNCG (5-16, 3-8) hits the road for the next two games against Davidson, Saturday

and East Tennessee State on Monday before playing their last home Saturday February 13 with Georgia Southern. UNCG will then finish their final two games against VMI and Western Carolina, two teams that edged the Spartans by one point earlier this year. These final two games especially prove to be crucial to the Spartans, who could use the wins to finish a season that has largely been a disappointment.

Breaking UNCG's 13-home winning streak ASU edged the league leading Spartans 81-76. ChoRhonda Gwaltney led UNCG with 22 points. The Spartans (9-3, 14-6) host Furman this Saturday.



Robyn Hayes/THE CAROLINIAN

Broncos: "We got everyone's best shot"

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) If ever a team won by losing, it was this season's Denver Broncos. Coach Mike Shanahan said just about as much on Monday, the day after the Broncos won their second straight Super Bowl, beating the Atlanta Falcons 34-19.

"After winning last year, we were going to get everyone's best shot," he said.

"Throughout the whole year, that's how our team played. The only time we didn't play at that level was when we ... played the Giants

and Miami. We didn't play at the level we were capable of playing."

The Giants and Miami handed the Broncos their only losses during a 17-2 season. Those defeats came after two mediocre wins against San Diego and Kansas City that improved the team's record to 13-0, three games short of becoming the first team to finish the regular season unbeaten since the 1972 Dolphins.

It was clear at the time that the pressure was building on a team that otherwise could have cruised into the playoff

with the home field and a perfect record. But after the Broncos lost 20-16 on the road to the Giants and 31-21 eight days later in Pro Player Stadium where they beat the Falcons on Sunday night — they were relieved of the burden of making NFL history.

When they got another shot at Miami at home 19 days later in their first playoff game, they were ready.

"If we didn't play great in that game, I would have been the most surprised guy in the world," Shanahan said.

They did, winning 38-3, then beating the New York

Jets 23-10 in the AFC championship game before going on to Sunday's victory.

Now the Broncos will try to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls. Their chances should become clearer in the spring when John Elway decides whether to retire.

Elway, who won the game's MVP award by completing 18 of 29 passes for 336 yards, almost retired before this season and said again in December that he would finally step down. He emphasized that with a victory lap after the AFC title game in what was

presumed to be his final game at Mile High Stadium. But after Sunday's game, he wasn't so sure, as teammates implored him to stick around one more season.

On Monday, he said what he said at his time last year that he'd talk with his wife, children, parents and friends before making a final decision.

He plans to decide by April so Shanahan and the Broncos will know if they'll have to run a quarterback competition in camp among veteran Bubba Brister, who was 4-0 in starts last season

and won two other games off the bench, and two youngsters Jeff Lewis and Brian Griese.

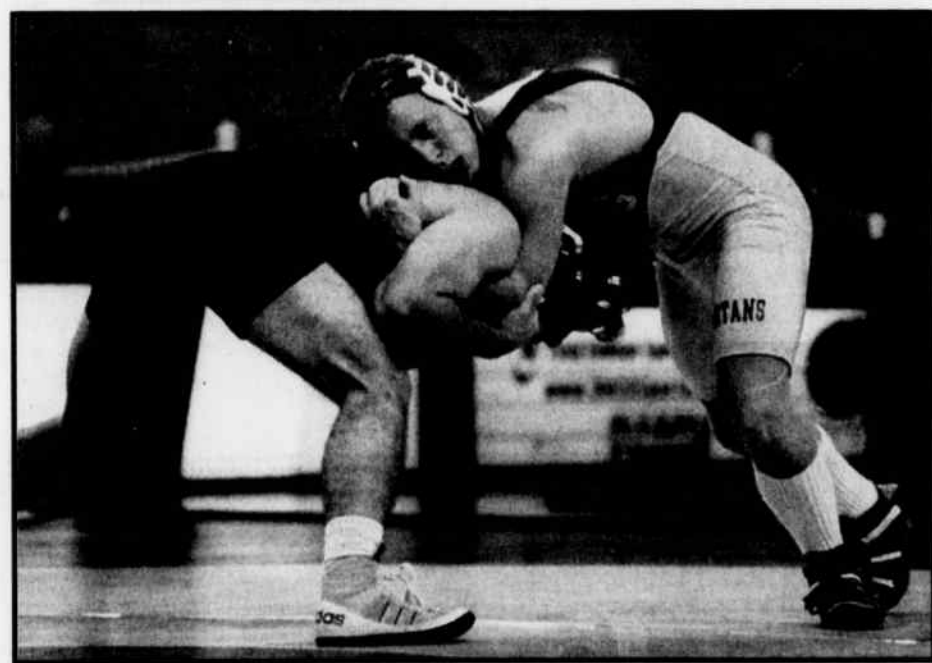
"At 38 years old in the twilight of my career, I tend to favor the now and not tomorrow," he said.

"I don't want to walk away too late. But I also know by the way I played last night that I can still play."

Shanahan, meanwhile, was engaging in a little wistful thinking.

"I think we've got a good shot," he said. "We have our nucleus coming back next season. That certainly can't hurt us." Especially if John Elway.

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Mike Tyson's attorney says deal violated

Associated Press

By WASHINGTON (AP) — Boxer Mike Tyson's attorney and Montgomery County's new top prosecutor sparred Monday, arguing about a plea agreement reached by the two sides in November.

Tyson's attorney, Paul Kemp, said Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler violated the deal, but Gansler denied the charge.

Under the deal, the former heavyweight boxing champion agreed to plead no contest to two assault charges stemming from an August traffic accident in the Washington suburb of Gaithersburg, Md. Under a no contest plea, the defendant neither protests the charges nor admits guilt.

In return, prosecutors waived the right to recommend the manner or length of "executed incarceration" that

Tyson should serve. In separate interviews, Kemp and Gansler agreed that executed incarceration can mean home detention and time served in a facility other than jail. But Kemp argues that

Gansler has specified how he thinks Tyson should be punished.

"He's asked for jail time," Kemp said. Gansler has said publicly, including in conversations with reporters, that Tyson should get jail time for allegedly punching and kicking two men involved in a minor traffic accident with Tyson's wife, Monica. But on Monday he denied using the phrase "jail time" in court or in a memorandum to District Court Judge Stephen Johnson.

"He's 100 percent, categorically wrong. We've honored the agreement,"

Gansler said.

"While we are requesting jail time, the word 'jail' is taboo," said Gansler. "The word jail does not appear in our memorandum."

Gansler has been on the job since Jan. 4. The agreement with Tyson was negotiated by his predecessor, Robert Dean.

"It's not an agreement that I would have reached," Gansler said, adding that it hampers prosecutors. "You can ask for incarceration but you can't ask for jail. That's a problem."

Tyson's sentencing hearing is set for Feb. 5 in Montgomery County District Court. He could receive up to 20 years imprisonment.

Tyson also is on probation in Indiana for a 1992 rape conviction. Authorities there say they will wait for the conclusion of this case to decide whether he has violated that probation, scheduled to end in March.

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