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Education dean resigns after months of controversy

KAYLA PRESS
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Dr. Yiping Wan, dean of the Bagwell College of Education, resigned after an external review team appointed by President Papp completed an investigation regarding allegations of misconduct by Wan.

"The team's members were directed to interview the College of Education's dean, and members of the college's faculty and staff; to review documents submitted by relevant parties; to assess the validity and veracity of the allegations and assertions; and to submit a report to me," stated Papp in an email.

In December several documents were sent to the Sentinel office from faculty and staff of the BCOE and the Cobb county NAACP chapter. In the documents Wan was accused of racial, gender and age discrimination and financial misdeeds. Furthermore, the faculty declared they had "no confidence" in Wan to lead the BCOE.

According to Papp's statement, "The team did identify serious administrative, personal and financial issues that must be addressed to ensure the continued progress of the College of Education." The team identified "certain irregular business practices" in programs and activities under Wan, who oversaw 2,634 students in the fall of 2006 with a \$8.25 million fiscal budget for 2007.

The team also identified "potential admission and tuition waiver improprieties involving the enrollment of a single cohort of international students," the email stated. Concerns were also raised of Wan's management and leadership style on the impact of the BCOE in the future. The report found factions and deep divisions between the BCOE faculty and staff. The report states, "These factions and divisions are undermining collegiality and weakening morale in the college."

There was no evidence found of racial, sexual or age

discrimination. The report states, "Dean Wan has been responsible for numerous hiring decisions that have effectively contributed to the College's ethnic, racial and gender diversity."

However, Avni Gandhi, an attorney representing Dr. Roy Rowe and Dr. J. Eric Tubbs, two professors involved in the dispute said, "We are disappointed that the external review team did not find there was race discrimination and we believe that there was merit to the [race discrimination] charge. We hope to further investigate that through the EEOC."

According to Gandhi, Tubbs filed a discrimination charge because of violation of the equal pay act. Rowe filed another discrimination charge based on retaliation for his support of Tubbs.

As a result of the investigation and Wan's resignation, Wan has been placed on paid administrative leave "pending clarification and resolution of several financial questions that surfaced as the team conducted its review."

The team recommended "careful consideration" of an accompanying auditor's reports, according to Papp's statement. The report concluded that while some [within the BCOE] support legitimate changes within the college, others "appear to be motivated by self-interest and may undermine legitimate changes."

Lendley Black, provost and vice president for academic affairs will take over administrative authority of the BCOE until a new dean is appointed.

Furthermore, Randy Hines, interim vice president for business and administration and Clayton Dean, KSU auditor are responsible for ensuring proper internal financial controls are in place.

In the email from Papp, he urges everybody involved with KSU's education program "to join me in this commitment to move forward, as we redouble our efforts to contribute to the future momentum of our education programs."

The extended story is available at ksusentinel.com



On June 27, 1864 one of the final battles of the Civil War was fought only minutes away from the present day campus. Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman led the 100,000-man Union army against 65,000 Confederate men. After a long morning of artillery bombardment, a wave of Union soldiers surged across the field to start the battle.

Only center of its kind in Georgia to teach importance of Civil War

JARED GOODWIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. John D. Fowler, associate professor of history at KSU, recognizes Georgia's pivotal role in the Civil War as a provider of "substantial natural resources, manpower and political and military leadership." While attending a symposium last year, Fowler contemplated the founding of the KSU Research Center for the Civil War Era. He envisioned an "educational repository," devoted to the preservation and investigation of Southern history and the Civil War era.

The proposed facility would ideally house 20,000 of the finest publications on the Civil War and Southern history as a supplement to an extensive library of primary source documents preserved on microfilm and mi-

crofiche. Educational films, Civil War relics and online resources would make KSU a regional center for Southern studies.

Some of the Civil War's most decisive battles such as Dalton, Kolb's Farm, Dallas, Kennesaw Mountain and New Hope Church were fought in close proximity to the present day campus of KSU.

Though the battles of the Civil War usually get the most attention, the center would contain information pertaining to other social issues. For instance, an individual may want to know more about the lives of poor Southerners and the effects on African American women, or perhaps even conduct research on one's own genealogy.

Students from across the Southeast could access a world-class collection of re-

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Professor appointed into new leadership position

ANGIE JENNINGS
STAFF WRITER



Dr. Audrey Gramling

the National Commission on Fraudulent Financial Reporting, an independent private sector initiative which studied the causal factors that can lead to fraudulent financial reporting and developed recommendations for public companies and

their independent auditors, for the SEC and other regulators, and for educational institutions."

"Assuming presidency of the auditing section of the AAA is a significant position and reflects the tremendous reputation Audrey has in the auditing community," said W. Ken Harmon, chair of the Coles College's Accounting Department.

"I have been a member of AAA for over 15 years and will be representing the AAA in my position with COSO," Gramling said. As a task force member of COSO, Gramling will participate in a research project

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2500 new spaces; 1000 new headaches

New parking deck to alleviate traffic and parking problems but at loss of spots during construction

TORI DYCHES
STAFF WRITER

KSU is preparing to embark on a year long construction plan for a new parking deck. The new deck will provide 2,500 parking spaces.

"We are presently working with the Board of Regents to gain the necessary approval to begin the first phase of construction of the parking deck by August of this year," said John Anderson, director of Facility Planning and Design Services. "Once we secure the Board's approval, we will move forward with a 'fast-track approach' to this project."

If construction on the new parking deck is begun in August 2007, it should be finished by July 2008. Through the fast-track plan, the project will begin with a design-build team who will be selected in the near future.

During the year-long construction

of the new parking deck, approximately 1,000 student parking spaces will be unavailable for use. Parking lots F, G and H will be out of use at some point during the 2007-08 school year.

The construction of the new parking deck will take place in several phases. The Facility Planning and Design Services department, in addition to several other university employees, is working with the contractor and design team in order to develop a more detailed schedule.

In an effort to alleviate some of the parking troubles caused by the construction of the new deck, the university is planning to construct a new surface parking lot near Campus Loop Road. The construction of the new surface lot will hopefully take place this summer. In addition to the construction of the new lot, Anderson and his team are considering "other options"

such as off-campus parking to provide additional space during construction.

According to Anderson, the parking deck is being designed "for multiple uses; the new parking deck will have space for visitors, students, faculty and staff."

The new deck will be financed by the faculty, staff and student parking and transportation fees. The exact cost of the new parking projects has not yet been established.

"We need to have the design-build team on board before a cost is established and we have not yet decided how the project needs to be phased," Anderson said.

"The parking study that is being done will be complete in April," Anderson said. "This study will include an evaluation of our current situation as well as several off campus parking options. The consultant for

this study is Tim Haas and Associates; they specialize in parking planning and design."

In addition to the new parking deck, other advances in the parking system at KSU are being considered. A concept called "zoned parking" is being evaluated. If implemented, this system will provide an easier parking experience for students. Instead of searching all over campus for a spot, students will be assigned to specific parking lots or decks.

During the construction of the new parking deck, the university will also begin building the new Health Sciences classroom building. The new structure will be located between the new 2,500 space parking deck and the Burruss Building. Though the construction of the new building will not begin until early 2008, it will also have its affects on student parking.

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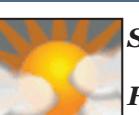
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SG pushes for tax free textbooks

ANDREW PITTMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Student Government is involved in a number of activities around the campus and state to help the educational experience for KSU and all Georgia college students.

One of the first projects is supporting Georgia House Bill 141. If passed, HB 141 will eliminate taxes on text books, which could save the average full-time college student around \$100 a semester. Tracey Carter, secretary for external affairs, has dedicated much time to this project.

"James Touchton, SG president, brought this to the attention of the executive board,"

Carter said. "He asked me to write the resolution for it. I presented it at the first reading and at our last meeting."

"We wrote a resolution to say that we are in support of [House Bill 141] because the main purpose of that bill is to eliminate taxes on textbooks," Carter said, "which is something that SG wants to be behind because it would benefit everyone at KSU. Members of SG plan to go [to the Georgia House] and speak to let them know we are in support of it."

Another project that SG participated in is a clothing drive. "Take your clothes off for SG" is the slogan for the campaign that SG sponsored through Feb. 18. According to Jeremy Walts, SG press secretary, the idea for a cloth-

ing drive stemmed from a leadership conference SG members attended.

"We held it through Feb. 17, but we are keeping it going because we decided to have two runs to the Atlanta Union Mission," said Walts. "The first run of clothes was delivered Feb. 17 and the next run will be Feb. 24."

SG set the example for others with their own internal drive. According to Carter, the winner had over 130 articles of clothing. So far over 300 articles of clothing have been collected.

Another issue that many students would love to see resolved is the absence of a fall break. According to rules set by the University System of Georgia, there must be a set number of school days each semester. SG is working

with the administration to adjust the schedule.

"In order to get a fall break at KSU, we must add a couple of days to the school calendar, and we want to do this at the beginning of the school year," said Chris Watt, SG chief of staff. "We have to have a set amount of days for each semester so we have to add those days in somewhere if we want a fall break. SG is going to poll people to see how they feel about that."

The addition of days would open KSU up for a four-day weekend in October. If the school year was to start two days earlier, the campus would be able to take a break in October.

"Once we poll the student [body] we will then take the idea to the administration, said Watt. "They are on board with us, if we go about this properly. The chances of KSU having a fall break by 2008 looks great."

Live in 3...2...1...



Carissa Bulau | The Sentinel

KSU students will soon have a new media outlet joining The Sentinel Newspaper, Talon Feature Magazine and SHARE Art and Literary Magazine: Owl Radio.

Student employees will provide on-air talent, produce content and programming, and assume managerial responsibilities for the web streaming station.

Student interest in Owl Radio are encouraged to apply. No experience is needed, but some positions will require technical training. Applicants are encouraged to visit www.ksuradio.com for information concerning the station rather than contacting Ed Bonza, the station adviser. Updates on how and when to help will be forthcoming via posts on these sites.

Owl Radio is expected to begin test broadcasts as early as this week. However, no date is scheduled for an official station opening.

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that helps companies monitor the quality of their internal control systems and develop effective strategies for managing them. This project also focuses on helping companies maintain compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, a law passed in the wake of major scandals surrounding companies like Enron and WorldCom.

She attributes her appointment to COSO's task force to her experience with the US Securities and Exchange Commission where she served as an Academic Accounting Fellow in the Office of the Chief Accountant.

"I was involved in activities related to internal controls and I think COSO recognized my experience in a regulatory environment."

"We are proud of the recognition Audrey is receiving for her outstanding commitment to the accounting community. She is uniquely qualified to fulfill both roles and we are

delighted that she has been chosen to assume these leadership positions," said Timothy S. Mescon, Dean of the Coles College of Business.

Before joining the KSU faculty in 2005, Gramling taught at Georgia State University, Wake Forest University and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and provides executive training for banks, public accounting firms and audit committees. Gramling says her career in accounting was sparked after taking an accounting class required for a different degree.

"The subject matter was something that clicked with me," Gramling said. "It made a lot of sense and was a good career path for me."

Gramling also applauds KSU for its recognition of faculty achievements outside the classroom. "KSU is a university that really appreciates and rewards this kind of involvement, valuing faculty and what we provide our students."

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sources as a means to furthering Southern history education. The program proposes establishing a Masters of Southern Studies that would enable graduates to work throughout the South as educators, archivists or curators. A proposed addition of university produced programming, such as educational films or television broadcast, would enable a multi-discipline collaboration "enhancing its [the university's] reach and reputation across the state."

The center would strive to attract the country's most prolific professors by establishing a scholar-in-residence program that would allow the professional to use KSU as a platform to research and teach. The website, which would be maintained by the institute, would publish lessons for elementary, secondary and post-secondary educators to use in their classrooms.

Besides being an influential academic center, it would

serve as a library open to the public. Interested citizens outside the academic community would have access to Civil War memorabilia and all academic resources, enabling anyone to research a wide range of issues.

Fowler strongly believes that Georgia's story needs to be told and believes the establishment of a Civil War studies facility would effectively preserve Georgia's rich history.

The vision is slowly being realized, but has yet to come to full fruition. In order to see this dream become a reality, \$2.6 million must be raised. Students, faculty and concerned citizens interested in contributing can contact Fowler for information on how to get involved.

Students can join Fowler May 4 and 5 for a symposium focused on "The Southern Home Front." Dr. George Rable, a University of Alabama professor, will be the keynote speaker.

Join us for Market Day in the Student Center atrium on March 13, 2007. Free Giveaways and Info. Stop by between 11 and 2.

POLICE BEAT

ALAN STEVENS
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 16 at approximately 12:43 a.m., a KSU officer was dispatched to University Village regarding a complaint of a suspicious odor. A student placed the call to police after smelling what he believed to be marijuana wafting from an apartment. Upon arriving at the scene, officers met with the apartment's residents, two males and one female. The other two residents were absent. After detecting a faint scent of marijuana in the apartment, the officer requested, and was granted, access to the resident's rooms. No illegal substances were found.

On Saturday Feb. 17, a KSU officer pulled up to a drive-thru ATM on Barrett Parkway. He noticed two \$20 bills and a paper receipt hanging out of the machine. In addition, there was an ATM card lying on the machine, under the cash. After calling the bank that issued the card, the officer was given the individual's contact information. The individual shared that she did not realize she had left her card. The officer met with the female, and after verifying her identification, gave her the card and money.

A KSU officer responded to a complaint of disorderly conduct at the Swift Save on Chastain Rd. on Feb.

12 at approximately 2:21 p.m. Once the officer arrived at the scene, Swift Save employees indicated that the individual was around the building. After patting the male down, the intercepting officer discovered a bladed paint scraper in the male's pocket. After placing the subject in the police car, the officers met with employees, who informed them that the individual had caused a disturbance and appeared to be intoxicated. The officer noted the smell of alcohol on the subject. The individual allegedly exchanged sharp words with an employee who was working in the parking lot. The subject was then transported to Cobb County ADC and placed under their supervision.

Editor's Note

In the story "Get KISS'ed" in the Feb. 20 issue of the Sentinel, errors were made. It was said, "For every \$100 you put on a card, it will be like having \$106 because there is not sales tax on food." This is not true until KSU gets the food-restricted accounts, which are over a year away under the current plan.

The Sentinel regrets this error. It is the policy of The Sentinel to correct all errors of fact.

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Does group work help or hurt us?

On the first day of class, most teachers will go over the syllabus. The moment that the teacher mentions a group project, eyes begin to dart across the room. Quickly assessing the situation is important. Who do I know in this class? Who do I know is smart? Who just looks smart? Delaying an instant can land you in the loser group, the one composed of people that regularly skip class and barely coast by on charm, netting you the grunt of the work. Time is of the essence. You make eye contact with an old friend and you both nod; you have found a partner, the first step down a semester-long road.

Group work, really, is a wonderful idea. According to "Tools for Teaching," written by members of University of California, Berkeley, the results are mostly encouraging. The book mentions that students learn more and retain information longer when they work in these groups. Also, it's invaluable real world training: in the real world there is no choice but to work well with others, even if you dislike them. Group work is also a great way to make new acquaintances or even friends.

There are strange ramifications of being a non-traditional school that only a school the size of KSU sees. We have people of all ages who attend KSU, and many of them are professionals. The majority of students have jobs outside of school, be they part time or full time. We have classes that run from way too early in the morning [6 a.m.] to way too late at night [10:45 p.m.]. This creates interesting problems when you consider that KSU actively promotes group work.

The most obvious problem of them all is schedule confliction. Jim works in the morning. Jane works at nights. Johnny works on the weekends. When do you schedule your meeting? The answer, generally, is to break into teams. Then there's an awkward feeling to these broken meetings. What if Jim doesn't agree with the plan we've outlined? What if Jane really wanted to do something else?

Adding to the complication is the fact that there is always that one person who is a full-time student and full-time employee. These people who have apparently given up all semblance of a "normal" life in order to advance themselves are admirable, but they make terrible group members. It often seems as if the only solution for these problems is to become email buddies. This works, but entirely defies the point of the exercise.

Inevitably, there is always someone that cannot hold up their end of the bargain. It may be due to being overworked, a lack of understanding of the materials or outright laziness. But it always happens. Funny enough, it never seems to be the aforementioned full-time student/full-time employee that is the problem. That individual sometimes ends up being the true savior of the group. By the end of the semester, schedule problems can usually be overcome, but what to do with the dead weight?

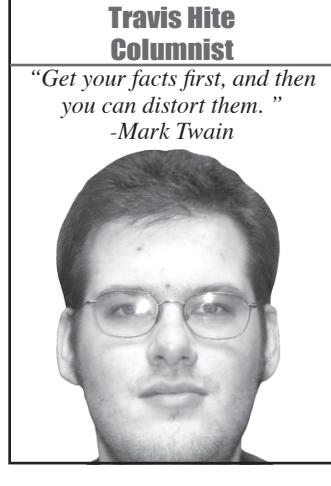
There are two schools of thought on this issue. The kinder, friendlier approach is to acknowledge that one day we may be the hopeless slacker, and to throw them a lifesaver in the guise of not telling the teacher what a lazy bum they are. The problem here is you are outright accepting the fact that each student did an extra portion of the work they didn't have to. Usually the people who take this avenue are the ones who are assured of their good grade. If the project is a success, the slacker gets a get-out-of-jail-free card.

The second school of thought usually coincides to when the project is failing. Instead of throwing the drowning slacker a lifesaver, throw him or her an anchor and rat him out to the professor. There are repercussions to this approach. People can and will get hurt. A student who may have thought themselves safe can suddenly find themselves failing a course. However, it's an executive decision the rest of the group may have to make in order to save themselves.

It's easier when the project is going well to throw the lifesaver, but the question comes up, is it ethical? It's sort of synonymous to passing a friend your test when you know you have the right answers and they don't. It's not right to help someone pass if they didn't learn something, no matter how great that person is and how pitiful their situation is. Sometimes we have to face facts: it's never easy being the jerk, but sometimes it's just the right thing to do.

Does that make group projects a failure as an idea for KSU? The short answer is: no. Group work does teach valuable skills to students. The pros far outweigh the cons. However, students should be wary of the possible drama a group project can present.

If you do end up having to play the jerk card, it can ease the situation if the person was a stranger prior to the project. But don't be too ready to throw that anchor. Give the slacker every chance in the world first. Keep copies of the emails, because if you have to go to the teacher they will prove invaluable. At the end of the semester, hopefully your work will shine through, and you will have gained an interesting experience...at least, if you're not the slacker.



Travis Hite
Columnist

"Get your facts first, and then you can distort them."
-Mark Twain

The statue is gone, now we can move on

The Coliseum in Rome. Stonehenge in England. Spaceship Earth at KSU. The first two are world treasures made even more famous by their crumbling state. As for the shattered remains of a fiasco known as Spaceship Earth - not so much. Some monuments are able to make it as ruins. After staring at KSU's own awkward display of physics gone wrong for weeks, I am starting to think that Spaceship Earth just isn't one of them.

It all began as a great idea. What did KSU need more than a football team? Clearly, another statue for people to take pictures with and post on Facebook.com. San Francisco turned it down, as well as Berkeley. But, lucky us, we got it! And not long after Spaceship Earth touched down onto campus, the monument crashed landed on the grass.

Yes, we are all plagued with the grief associated with such a loss. I am really not sure how we carried on during those long, cold days after the sudden loss of our beloved statuary. However, I think students and faculty are ready to see some progress on the decrepit monument. The chain link fence and ropes of caution tape aren't contributing much to the aesthetics of an otherwise beautiful campus.

The fallen statue begs one question: when is it going to be rebuilt? I understand that it takes a long time for insurance to kick in, but I am not feeling the metal fence keeping us



away from that playground of rocks. When life gives you lemons, I say let students practice their rock climbing. I'd like to see admin pull the "that's a safety hazard" card. Rock climbing is a safety hazard? Let's think about this one for a second.

At least stop taunting the inner-rock climber in all of us and begin reconstruction. I think that everyone will be relieved when artist Eino comes back to rebuild his masterpiece. As for the adhesive, may I suggest something different? I am no physics major, but it stands to reason that "adhesive" just doesn't cut

it when it comes to constructing a 17-ton sphere out of huge boulders of quartzite. Who knows, I may be wrong.

Several days ago I spoke with the artist himself. Eino was in good spir-

its and told me that they are doing lab checks to make sure that the new statue is safe. He is optimistic and anxious to begin work again. Eino considered the irony of the situation and confessed that while he can rebuild his statue of the world, can we rebuild the real world? The artist also shared that this tragedy has put KSU on the map and in over 159,000 newspapers from Europe to India.

The real victim of this tragedy, however, is the poor statue of David Brower. His little metal arm sticking up helplessly from the wreckage is kind of depressing. I am constantly tempted to help the poor guy out from under his own fallen monument. Alas, I suppose the unfortunate statue will remain there until they begin work again.

Honestly, I am glad that KSU is the host for Spaceship Earth. When completed [again], I am sure that the beautiful monument will make our campus even nicer. Until then, however, I await the reconstruction. And even after the new and hopefully improved Spaceship Earth emerges, I have a feeling those camera-wielding Facebookers won't stand too close to the mammoth structure.

Changes to course catalog could do some good

The Sentinel's story on the updates to the KSU undergraduate and graduate catalogs is indicative of how this university is continuing to expand and improve its programs. But while that is underway, it may also be a good time to make some much-needed updates to the catalog itself, both the online and print version.

As most new, traditional students are aware, there has been a lot of discussion about the need for mandatory advising to help students select the proper courses for their major [and minor if applicable], and to assure that more students are able to graduate in four years. This has proven to be a problem in some departments where there are prescribed sequences of courses to be taken, with most of the courses requiring one or more prerequisites.

Most students have found their way to the section of the catalog for the college and the specific major they have chosen. This section shows them the list of courses required and the number of hours of credit for each course. So far, so good. But how many students find their way to the back of the catalog and the descriptions of the individual courses, including the prerequisites? Apparently, not enough.

What happens because of this? Some students concentrate on taking their core courses in the first and even the second year. Then they decide to major in science or business, and discover that it will take at least three or four years from that point to finish their degree requirements. The information is in the catalog, but it is not easily discernable when looking at the requirements for each degree program.

To remedy this situation, the catalog must be re-

vamped. First, the list of courses for each major should include a reference to the prerequisite[s] for each course. This could be done in the online version of the catalog with a dropdown list appearing whenever the cursor is held over a course.

Alternatively, lines or arrows in the left margin could link each course with its prerequisite[s]. This technique could also be used in the print version of the catalog. Since most students use the degree program descriptions as much as or more than any other section of the catalog, it makes sense to have one of the most important pieces of information clearly shown in that section.

Second, the sample four-year program of courses that each department prepares and makes available in printed form near the departmental office should also be included in the catalog as part of the description of each degree program.

This could easily be done in the online version of the catalog. Adding it to the print version would mean inserting as many pages as there are degree programs, since a reduced version would take up at least an entire page.

Certainly, college students should be expected to be able to find their way around the KSU catalog as easily as they do around the library. But the simple fact that so many students get tripped up by the lack of prerequisites and by missing courses when it comes time for graduation means that the catalog, in its current form, may contain all of the correct information but is effectively hiding it from those with the least experience with the catalog but with the most need for full understanding of its contents.

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**LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR****Response to:**

Immigration: the double-sided issue that will determine our nation's future



Dear Editor,

Jessica Edens' column "Immigration: The Double-sided Issue That Will Determine Our Nation's Future" was a futile opinion which did not bring anything relevant to the important issue of immigration. Her column was based more on discrediting the work of scholars, distorting facts about recently approved state laws and using language that segregates some American citizens.

Edens said that she was "hesitant" to accept the results of polls regarding the opinions of Americans and Georgians about immigration.

In this case, many trusted media outlets have taken responsible polls regarding immigration, and have found that Americans and Georgians believe in a legalization program for undocumented immigrants as well as in securing the U.S. borders.

Moreover, this attitude indicates she failed to grasp the meaning of polls and surveys that are created by scholars to measure the opinions of large segments of people. Consequently, the media's job is to report to the public about these findings.

Edens mentioned that the recently approved Georgia Security Immigration and Compliance Act will penalize all employers and will deport all undocumented workers hired by these employers.

This argument is not entirely true. This new state law is set up to penalize employers only when they have "knowingly" and "willingly" hired undocumented workers. But most importantly, the state of Georgia does not have the power or the authority to deport undocumented immigrants; that is the job of the federal government.

Edens also took the time to diminish U.S. citizens when she said "when children of all illegal immigrants are born here, they are ensured all the same benefits of all other U.S. citizens."

There must not be a separation among U.S. citizens and children of undocumented immigrants born in this country, because according to the XIV amendment of the U.S. Constitution, they are U.S. citizens. Thus, it is not fair to discriminate against some U.S. citizens because of accidental situations they do not have control of. Those who have little knowledge on a topic as important as immigration must not be allowed to write dull opinions. On the contrary, we need knowledgeable people on both ends of the debate to write sensitive columns that will create intelligent public debate.

Cesar Jaimes
Communication
Senior

Updated manners for modern times

KAREN HELLER
[MCT]

She was talking loudly and insistently, and that might not have made a difference except that she was alone in the stall of a ladies' room. Sure, times are tough all over, but who knew matters had gotten this bad?

Of course, she wasn't alone, going off the deep end. She was chatting on her cell phone. In a place created for privacy, she abandoned the privilege, encouraging eavesdropping, though, alas, there was nothing interesting to purloin. Isn't eavesdropping always like that? Rarely are you privy to really juicy conversations.

The other day, I was in a hotel restaurant and ascertained that the overnight guests chatting nearby were married, but clearly not to each other. Frankly, I didn't realize that people still had the time, legal counsel and emotional fortitude for such behavior. As is my luck, the couple's conversation was exceptionally dull, something to do with sweaters and energy costs.

They might as well have been married to each other.

Having lived through the 1980s, when restrooms were used for more intriguing recreation than chatter [it was common to find four people jammed into a nightclub stall] I can attest that the cell-phone business is annoying and wrong. If people need updated etiquette lessons, all right, I'm here to provide them:

1. If you don't wish to invite eavesdropping, avoid using a cell phone in quiet places. This would mean the train. And the elevator. Or a restaurant. And a public restroom. Especially the restroom. Don't engage strangers in lengthy conversations in public restrooms, either. We have the Internet for that.

2. Disconnect. Cell phones and laptops plug us into the modern world, but there are times, and places, where we should detach, such as while relaxing or exercising. Working on a laptop at the beach or talking on the cell during a hike is annoying and wrong. It reminds other people around you of the very

life they're trying to escape. People did without such technology for centuries. You can do without for a few hours.

3. E-mail is not an opportunity for verbal flashing, bombarding people with hostile comments, egregious grammar and wretched spelling. Correspondence, in any form, is a reflection of ourselves. Just because e-mail is fast doesn't mean it should be sloppy. Relative anonymity isn't an excuse for personality disorders, puerile taunts and gross misconduct. Treat strangers with the respect, dignity and kindness you would friends and family.

4. Leave dietary issues at home. If you're invited to someone's table, accept the bounty offered. Push what displeases you to the side. Hosts should cease inquiring, and guests should stop itemizing issues. It's only food, not global warming, and listing all your restrictions and phobias isn't only passive-aggressive, it's unattractive.

5. There is such a concept as too casual. Bank officials shouldn't first-name customers. When asking for donations, or doing business with someone, proper manners work wonders. Young people shouldn't first-name relative strangers old enough to be their grandparents. You think this is ageist? Fine, it's ageist. It appeared we had reached the apogee of bedroom casual when flip-flops were worn to the White House. But this was wrong. Young people have taken to wearing pajamas and slippers on the street. There's an axiom that when you're young and good-looking, you can get away with wearing anything. This, however, is the exception.

6. Realize that when asking a favor, you're asking someone to do work for you. So the proper response is to say "thank you." Or possibly send a note, even a gift. Gifts are nice. They make an impression. It isn't proper to ask repeatedly for considerable favors, unless you're offering some form of compensation. Such as a gift. The improper response to someone's doing you a favor is to ask for yet another favor. This, like so much modern behavior, happens to be annoying and wrong.

Universal healthcare anyone?

WILL DUNCAN
STAFF WRITER

So you think universal healthcare is a wonderful idea? You think everyone having access to healthcare whenever they want is a good thing for the United States? In theory it's a great plan. Who would not want to be able to help everyone in a time of need? I know I would if I could. But in reality the idea of universal healthcare is a horrible idea.

Democratic candidates are talking about implementing national healthcare, should one of them become president. Government-run healthcare is quite a scary thought when you really get down to the basics of the whole idea.

The United States has the best healthcare in the world because the government does not run it. Healthcare is a service just like all other jobs in the world. Everyone has heard the saying "you get what you pay for," and this applies tenfold to healthcare. It is not cheap because you are paying for a service that could save your life; you're also paying for the years of school and training these individuals have gone through.

If you want cheap healthcare, move to Canada and see how their system works. According to the New York Times, the Canadian system does not work, and people are seeking private means for healthcare, which is illegal in Canada. According to the report, "ac-

cepting money from patients for operations they would otherwise receive free of charge in a public hospital is technically prohibited in this country, even in cases where patients would wait months or even years in discomfort before receiving treatment."

But no one is about to arrest Dr. Brian Day, who is president and medical director of the center, or any of the 120 doctors who work there. Public hospitals are sending him growing numbers of patients whom they are too busy to treat while his center is advertising that patients do not have to wait to replace their aching knees. The publicly-financed health insurance system is gradually breaking down. Private clinics are opening around the country at an estimated one per week, and private insurance companies are about to find their gold mine.

One thing to consider is that the busiest healthcare centers in the United States are in the northern-most parts of states which border Canada. A huge number of Canadians cross the border on a daily basis to receive proper healthcare here in the United States. Playing the devil's advocate, I will ask this: shouldn't the United States have a greater capacity for managing and funding healthcare on such a large scale? The answer is very much "no, we don't."

Sure, Democrats can say they're going to implement great plans of national healthcare and thus going to help everyone.

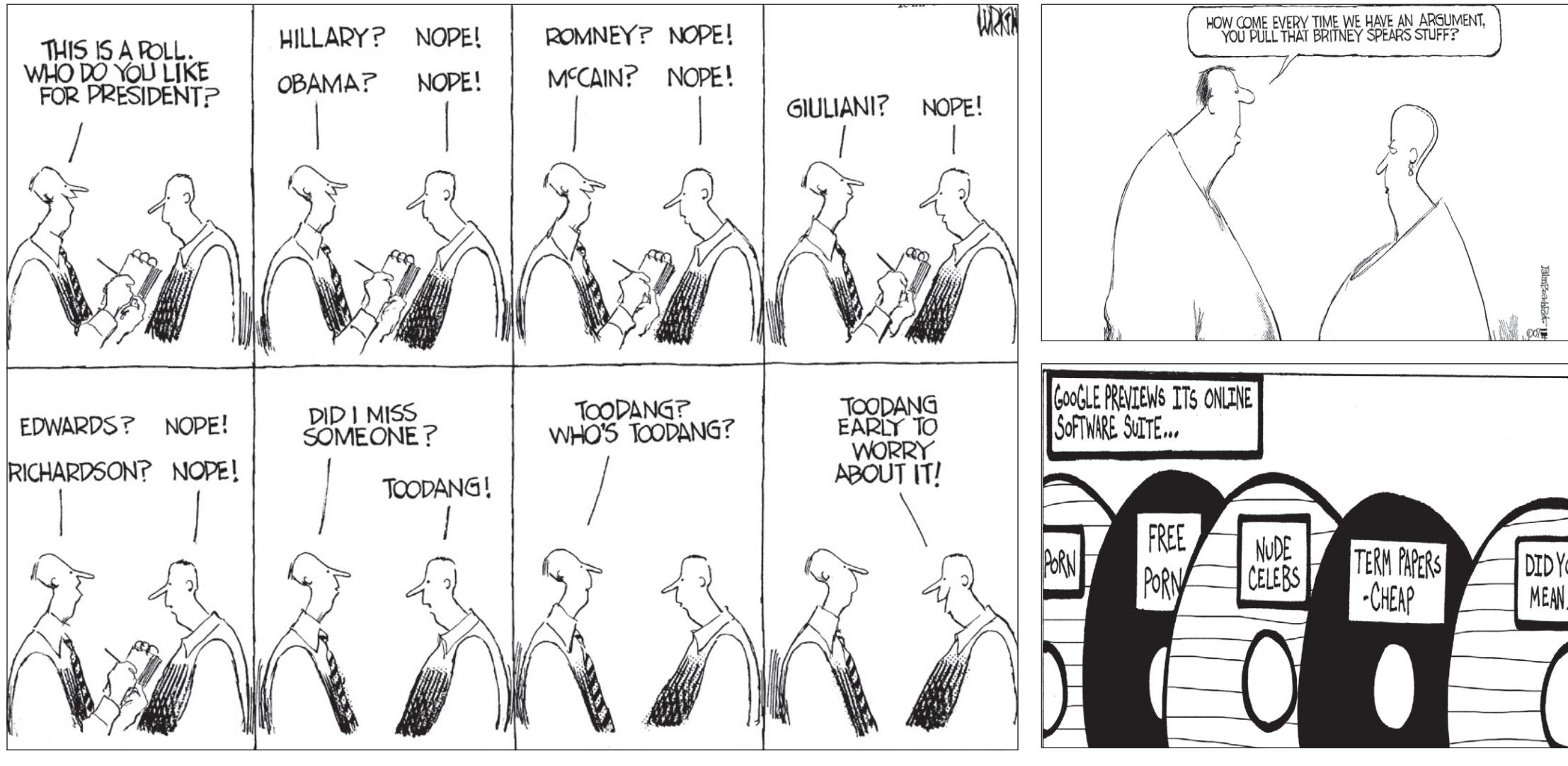
My next question is: how are we going to pay for it? John Edwards, former running mate of John Kerry, has managed to answer this question for me. He estimated that national healthcare would cost between \$90 billion and \$120 billion annually. He plans to pay for this by raising taxes and revoking President Bush's tax cuts, which truthfully doesn't surprise me.

"Yes, we'll have to raise taxes. The only way you can pay for a health care plan that costs anywhere from \$90 [billion] to \$120 billion is there has to be a revenue source," he has said.

Edwards went on to touch on the socialist vantage point that is universal healthcare. "The bottom line is, we're asking everybody to share in the responsibility of making health care work in this country. Employers, those who are in the medical insurance business, employees, the American people - everyone will have to contribute in order to make this work."

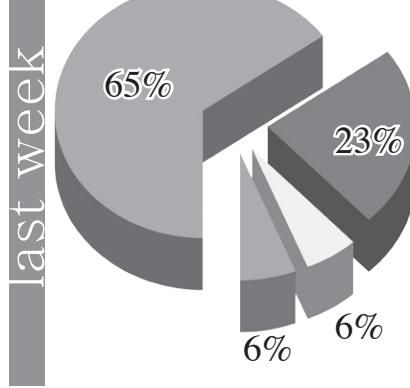
No where does it say we, individually or as a nation, are required to fund anyone else's endeavors, be it leisure, political, healthcare, etc. and I think it is a terrible idea to think that if a Democrat becomes president that we will be forced to pay for someone else's healthcare bills.

The bottom line is that healthcare does work in the United States; expensive yes; worth it, yes; and if everyone gets it then the quality will go straight into the toilet.



What do you look for in a news web site?

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Chiapas, Mexico social movement explored

Special guest speaks to students about Zapatista uprising

KAYLA PRESS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Rosario Aguilar Arguello traveled to KSU from the University of Chiapas to

inform students about the Zapatismo movement that works with The Other Campaign to increase awareness. She spoke of a society where people have

suffered for 500 years. They were also ignored for 500 years.

In the last 13 years, the invisible indigenous people of Chiapas, Mexico have made themselves seen and heard through The Other Campaign. It is referred to as "The Other Campaign" because it is an alternative to the federal system created by people within the democracy. Zapatistas want to construct power versus taking power. This leftist movement began in Chiapas.

Main issues discussed in the lecture were the history of Mexico, reasons the movement began and core beliefs of the Zapatista movement.

Although Mexican history is vast and rich, Arguello focused on 1910 as an important year leading up to the Zapatista movement.

In 1910, the Mexican Revolution was formally initiated. The revolution dealt with the land. Plantation owners exploited the indigenous people. This is the driving force behind the Zapatista uprising in 1994.

After the signing of the Peace Agreement in



ANTONIO PEREZ | MCT

In Oventic, an autonomous municipality, two masked women representing the Zapatista movement pose for a portrait. The women talked about the difficult living conditions there and their hope for a brighter future. In the background is a portrait of Comandante "Marcos."



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Students browse through a wide selection of merchandise on display before the event. All of the textiles for sale were hand-made by Mujeres por la Dignidad [Women for Dignity] a cooperative of several hundred weavers in Chiapas, Mexico.

El Salvador in 1992 and

NAFTA's initiation in Mexico, a revolutionary class of indigenous people became visible.

Exploitation from the large landowners took on several forms: "Workers were used like mules," to haul. Many of them died, according to Arguello. Even after the Mexican Revolution, when land was redistributed to smaller landowners, nothing

changed.

"The government did not take away the land or the power from the large land owners," she said.

Young women were also exploited. When a young woman that worked on a plantation began menstruation, she was forced to have sex with the plantation owner. Many young women became pregnant. Because of this, plantation owners did not have to pay the

women because the plantation was considered "a family plantation."

Before 1994, indigenous people were not allowed to walk on the sidewalk. Due to 500 years of exploitation, refugees fled to a place known as La Selva Lacandona [the land of dreams]. Not all of the refugees fled from plantations. Some indigenous refugees

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Road trippin' on spring break

An alternative to expensive, planned out vacations

WILLIAM JAMES RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

traneous costs of hotel expenses and airfare. Instead, one can focus on the basics: gas, food and partying.

All right, so you're in your car with a cooler full of snacks and a tank full of gas. What next?

For those who don't have the time or money to leave the state, there is much to do right here in Georgia.

You and your buddies can take the trip to Georgia's own Red Top Mountains near Lake Allatoona. Red Top is a 12,000 acre park that is ideal for swimming and camping. You can go hiking or just relax under the stars and throw a couple of burgers on the grill.

Also, there is sea kayaking in Georgia's Barrier Islands. For just under \$500, you get transportation, food and all kayak and group camping equipment.

If you don't mind taking the trip outside of Georgia, don't forget about Tennessee. Memphis and Nashville are excellent spots for the nightlife.

For those looking for some childhood nostalgia, why not take a classic road trip to Disney World? A 5-day Park Hopper Plus ticket sells for \$261 and gives access to all the rides and entertainment. Hotels range from \$29 to \$69 per night at the Holiday Inn Express.

Also, if you're a sports fan heading to Florida, be sure to check out some MLB Spring Training games. Tickets are cheap and it's the perfect way to pass the time.

If you need help organizing that ideal road trip, websites like www.AllGetaways.com and www.BudgeTravelOnline.com can help get you started.

After all that, if you still don't know what to do, make it simple. Try one week relaxing under the stars. This can be done anywhere in the country. All you need is a tent, some food, cash and good friends.

Something as simple as a road trip can create memories that will last a lifetime.



Dance concert to premiere to sold out theatre

This week's packed-house performances sure to entertain

JESSICA EDENS
A & L EDITOR

The KSU Dance Company's spring concert has been sold out for over a month. "42 Feet off the Ground" premieres this week in the Stillwell Theatre, featuring eight different dances.

The company has since made Tuesday's dress rehearsal open to the public, in order to give more students and members of the community a chance to see the show.

"We sold out, and there was high demand for opening up Tuesday night," said Lauren Tatum, an advanced dance student and the choreographer of the piece "Conversation for Two."

"We're pretty set to go,"

Tatum said during a rehearsal for lighting and tech finalities last Saturday. "We've been here until about eleven o'clock some

nights, rehearsing."

"It's a very eclectic show," said KSU Dance Company Director Ivan Pulinkala.

The company has worked with two guest

choreographers,

and is also working with

the Atlanta Ballet. The show

features the creative talent of a variety of people, backgrounds and tastes.

The name "42 Feet off the

Ground" actually refers to the number of

people in the company, including

Atlanta Ballet participants.

"It's like a fruit basket," Tatum said. "Each piece has a different thematic element. Some are politically challenged, others

are just for entertainment."

For Pulinkala, the concert is most importantly a chance for his students to use their skills.

"That is the prime objective," he said.

"This concert is pedagogical. It is entirely student-run."

As the first big performance by the KSU Dance Company, which was established about a year and a half ago, it has been highly anticipated by members of the student body, campus, community and the greater

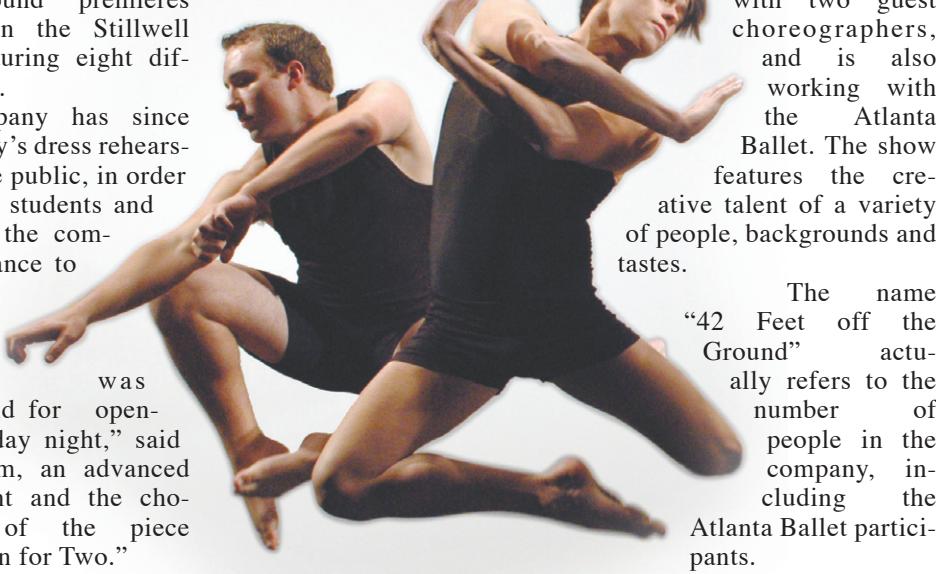
Dancers from left to right: Jason Manett, Tim Claypole, and Morgan Carlisle

Atlanta area.

In addition, anyone enrolled in the Arts in Society: Theater classes this semester must attend as part of the class requirements.

"The response had been overwhelming," Pulinkala said.

"I'm sure it's going to be a great entertainment for the community and the Atlanta community."



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Living the dream: Frederick D. Jones, attorney at law, business law and ethics professor

WENDY MCNAIR
STAFF WRITER

Frederick D. Jones is living a life quite different from the one of his childhood, sharecropping in Fort Necessity, LA. Yet the life he leads today is the one he envisioned in the midst of poverty.

"My dream was to get an education, go to law school and become an attorney. I've always had a passion to help others and to do my best to make right every wrong," he said.

Jones started pursuing his dream early as an advocate for student rights in high school. Later, he earned a Bachelor's degree in pre-law at Northeast Louisiana University [now

known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe] and his Juris Doctor at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, a law center he states is a direct product of the Civil Rights Movement.

While in law school, Jones was president of two student organizations and constantly placed pressure on the administration for more opportunities for the underprivileged.

He also founded The Advocates Inc., a spiritual support group for law students. Jones now serves as executive director of the group. Their purpose has broadened to encourage ethics and integrity in the practice of law.

Jones' education afforded him the opportunity to serve in a judicial clerkship, as assistant corporate

counsel, and in private business. As a member of the Louisiana State Bar, he is still an attorney at law.

Having accomplished the goals of his childhood, Jones is now a professor of business law and ethics at KSU.

Jones said that while attending a little league baseball game, a colleague suggested that he should teach. However, Jones delayed taking action for two years due to his concern over his ability to fulfill the duties and obligations of an instructor. After making the transition, he discovered it felt natural and he connected with the students. Jones has been at KSU for four years.

His most profound experience as a professor has been touching

the future by teaching today.

Jones values student feedback and the youthful environment. Teaching gives him the opportunity to influence many more people than practicing law.

He is pursuing a fulltime position as a lecturer, and is also researching, writing and publishing articles to complete his second book by the end of May 2007.

His first book, "About My Father's Business," is a story about Jones' father, a sharecropper who has been married for 67 years and raised 14 children, all high school graduates.

Jones also accepts community service speaking engagements and offers professional lectures.

Jones credits the Civil Rights Movement for educationally, eco-

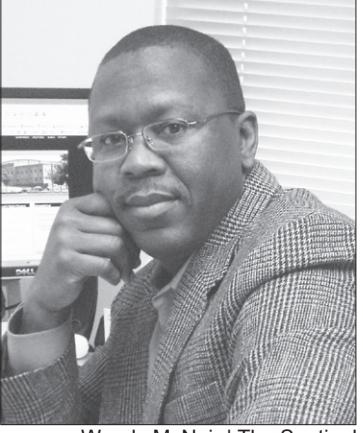
nomic, and emotionally benefiting him personally in his accomplishments.

"School prepares you for business opportunities and a successful business enhances your economic growth, and economic resources can increase your options in life and make you feel better," he said.

He believes that black history is American history.

To achieve the status he has today, Jones had to overcome many obstacles, one of which was poverty. As the twelfth of fourteen children, Jones suffered the effects of limited resources; however, his parents created an atmosphere in which the children did not know they were poor.

"My parents had such love for us until they made the things that would seem difficult pretty easy. Looking back, I overcame having nothing, yet having everything," said Jones.



Wendy McNair | The Sentinel

Jones' advice to students is to make and maintain A's. He has made tremendous strides through education and encourages all to value it as he does.

Jones can be reached at advocatesofChrist.org.

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Horoscopes

LINDA C. BLACK
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Today's Birthday [02-27-07] Your imagination works overtime this year, while you're away and when you're sleeping. Some things you come up with are crazy; others would make a good movie. Don't discard any of this because it's too weird. As

the year goes on, your taste and evaluation will change. Keep a diary.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries [March 21-April 19] Today is a 5. You're doing the preparation now. Try not to attract attention. You'll get enough of that tomorrow and the next

day.

Taurus [April 20-May 20] Today is an 8. You have the objective want to accomplish. You can get the financing. You can put together the team to do it. Begin.

Gemini [May 21-June 21] Today is an 8. You do have to be careful. Don't let it all hand out. There's big money involved here, so show you have some class. Put on a really good show.

Cancer [June 22-July 22] Today is an 8. Make it a habit to check all your work before you send it out. It's also a good

idea to always think before you speak. Apologize immediately whenever necessary, and you won't be slowed down for long.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22] Today is a 5. It doesn't seem like you're getting much done, but actually, you are. It's all the behind-the-scenes kind of necessities that you will build upon.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22] Today is a 6. Confine your conversations to work-related topics. Take your suggestion to someone who can do something about it.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22] Today is a 6. You're gaining a

lot of appreciation, while not getting any richer. Be gracious in accepting awards, however. They're good advertising.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21] Today is an 8. Follow through with the project you started yesterday. Don't talk it up yet. That'll come later. Get your structure built first.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21] Today is a 7. This assignment is more of a mystery to be solved. Start out by following the money trail, without telling anybody.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19] Today is an 8. Hard work is

necessary sometimes, but that's not all there is. To be truly successful, you also need management skills. Now is a good time to practice.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18] Today is an 8. A lot of the problems you've been working on are almost solving themselves. Actually, the seeds of thought you've planted are finally getting ripe.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20] Today is a 7. You're just about to come up with a magnificent idea. You're getting support from a person you love, but the credit for this is all yours.

Eating disorders more than insecurity

ALYSSA CARNLEY
STAFF WRITER

If a fatal disease became more common than the cold, would we would ignore or downplay the illness?

No, we would quickly create a vaccine and a cure.

But what if there is no vaccine, no quick fix?

Eating disorders have been documented since the middle ages or even earlier. Most people are highly uneducated about these diseases.

I remember one response I received from a man who I told about my eating disorder. He first asked, "Oh is that where you can't eat?" and I replied, "Well no, it's where I don't want to." He said he wished he had that. He would reconsider that thought is he knew what he was asking for.

February is National Eating Disorder Awareness month. One in every four women has an eating disorder. However, eating disorders are not gender specific.

KSU participated in recognizing this month of awareness by hosting "Love Your Body" week during February. Speakers from Ridgeview and other professionals came to hold seminars and lunches. Students were able to network and receive assistance during these events.

Also, the CAPS Center

offers counseling on eating disorders, which is paid for by student fees. Treatment can be expensive, especially for college students, so this is a helpful resource.

At a support group meeting, a recovering woman spoke of the difficulties of media image.

"Lately every magazine cover is about which celebrity is the thinnest today. These women are supposed to be role models," said Mandy, a student.

Women get mixed messages.

Companies like Dove promote healthy bodies, but it seems that there is a constant battle in the media to be the thinnest. From Lindsay Lohan to Paris Hilton, celebrity women are not at healthy weights and the dangers of comparison can be devastating. Girls as young as five are exhibiting eating disorder characteristics as featured in an Oprah show in 2005, themed "Girls who don't eat."

Dr. Ira Sacker, author of "Dying to Be Thin," has been treating eating disorders for 25 years and was featured on this episode. He believes that the biggest misconception parents have is that the eating disorder is about food.

"What it's really about," he said, "is an individual having a difficult time looking at herself and really seeing herself."

It is easy to obsess over the food, calorie counting or a goal

weight, but eating disorders go beyond this.

People do not choose to have eating disorders; it is not a lifestyle as some may argue. It is a combination of one's environment and genetics.

It is an addiction like any other. As many people may use alcohol and drugs to alter their mental state, those with eating disorders do the same.

It is important to realize this is the only psychological disorder with a mortality rate. Many do not realize that compulsive eating or binging is also another

way to manage emotions and deal with stress.

Eating disorders are not restricted to anorexia and bulimia. It is all the same underlying behaviors and feelings; the difference is in how they are dealt with.

Writing positive affirmations and surrounding oneself with healthy people and supportive friends are helpful ways of overcoming these tendencies.

There are so many resources available, so no one has to face the disease alone.

Resources for eating disorder assistance

Web sites

- NationalEatingDisorders.org
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15 MINUTES AND COUNTING... Ridiculous celebrity news, fast

ALAN STEVENS
STAFF WRITER

Let's start with an assumption: Paris Hilton is not pleased. Until recently, photographers and magazines documented her every vapid move. But that was before the media blitz that is Britney and Anna Nicole. Now Paris faces the troubling prospect of actually earning fame through talent. If you lack a television, let us bring you up to speed. If you lack the will to care, jump to Police Beat.

In the past week, Britney Spears allegedly entered a Caribbean rehab facility, checked out after one day, publicly shaved her head, enjoyed a beverage or eight, entered rehab in Malibu on Wednesday, left the facility, and then reentered the clinic on Thursday. She then capped the week by attacking a photographer's car with an umbrella. Under normal celebrity circumstances this would invite ridicule. But considering she's a 24-year-old mother of two infants, here's hoping she pulls

it together.

Incredibly, Britney's story pales in comparison to the freak show surrounding Anna Nicole Smith's tragic death. Friends, siblings, former assistants, taxidermists, and everyone else that knew her are climbing over each other to share their very special story with the media. Three men are claiming to be the father of her daughter. Before you wipe away that tear brought on by this outpouring of goodwill, did we mention Anna Nicole's estate is potentially worth \$500 million? And her daughter is the sole heir?

Brace yourself: celebrities sometimes use illicit substances. We thought the famous were pure as the driven snow, but actress Mischa Barton has forever shattered our naivety. The former "O.C." cast member was recently photographed smoking what appears to be some of California's finest herb. In her car. In broad daylight. But we're sure it was medical marijuana.

of campaign relies solely on the leaders. Unlike those campaigns, Zapatistas believe transformation does not impose.

"Even though the Zapatista have an army, they are pacifists," said Arguello.

Many would ask, "How is this so?"

Unlike other armies, the National Liberation Zapatistas Army [Known as EZLN in Spanish] only uses the army to protect its people, instead of as a means of control and duress.

Despite the presence of an army, the Zapatistas do not believe in weapons because not everyone has access to them.

Zapatistas believe, "the word is their greatest weapon," according to Arguello. They believe the army is justified.

EZLN soldiers commonly said, "We became soldiers so there would be no more soldiers."

EZLN soldiers wear black masks and call themselves "men of the night," symbolizing the darkness they experienced for 500 years.

Zapatista communities are working toward an autonomous society, mean-

ing their communities are self-governing, independent and subject only to their own laws. This includes education and healthcare.

Arguello is one of the women working with The Other Campaign to build autonomy in Chiapas.

Arguello used the Olympics as a contrast to their beliefs. In the Olympics, winning athletes are the strongest and the fastest; but the Zapatistas believe the most committed and dedicated people are often the weakest, coming from below and progressing slowly. Arguello compares the philosophy to the Italian phrase, "slowly, slowly, we move farther."

The event introduced a provocative look into a movement that many students are unaware of. "The speakers were very articulate," said Campus Greens member Eric Pierce. "It [the talk] put a face to something that people only read about."

The event was sponsored by the Campus Greens, Mexican American Student Alliance, Alpha Kappa Delta, Student Organization of Sociology and Student Anthropology Club.

Arguello joked about this and said "this is a parody on typical political campaigns where [the politicians] tell the people what they need and you better listen to them." She said this type

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SPORTS

Owls beat Stetson on Senior Night

BRISCOE GREENWELL
STAFF WRITER

During an emotional night, the Owls defeated the Stetson Hatters 72-67 in Atlantic Sun basketball action.

The night started with a ceremonial farewell to the Owl's two senior players, Brent Ragsdale and Golden Ingle, before the start of their last collegiate home game.

Both Ragsdale and Ingle shared stellar careers at KSU. Ragsdale, who transferred to KSU in 2004 from Lincoln Trail Community College, was one of the Owl's best defensive players and one of their most consistent scorers.

Last season, in Ragsdale's first year with the Owls, he finished fourth in scoring with 11.2 points per game and second in steals with 1.9 per game. He started in all 29 games the Owls played.

Ingle started his collegiate career at Western Kentucky where Dennis Felton, UGA's current head coach, recruited him.

After a year at Western Kentucky, Ingle transferred to KSU to be closer to his family. He immediately took over the starting point guard position and earned a place on the All Peach Belt Conference team in 2001.

After Ingle's sophomore year, he took the next three seasons off to go on a Mormon mission. Ingle returned to the Owls in 2005 without missing a beat. He led the team in scoring

with 16.6 points per game and in assists with 6.1 per game.

This season, Ingle and Ragsdale were handed the task of leading a very young Owls team consisting of seven freshmen, and their final game was no different.

The game started with the Owls dictating the pace of the game. Using a fierce press, the Owls forced ten first half turnovers that resulted in easy fast break points.

Ingle hit a 3-pointer with 8:43 left in the first half to give the Owls a 16-13 lead, a lead they never relinquished.

A layup by Shaun Stegal with 46 seconds left in the first half put the Owls ahead 34-20, going into halftime.

The second half started with the Owls extending their lead. Ingle's fourth 3-pointer of the game with 14:21 remaining put the Owls ahead 48-30. It was the Owls largest lead of the game.

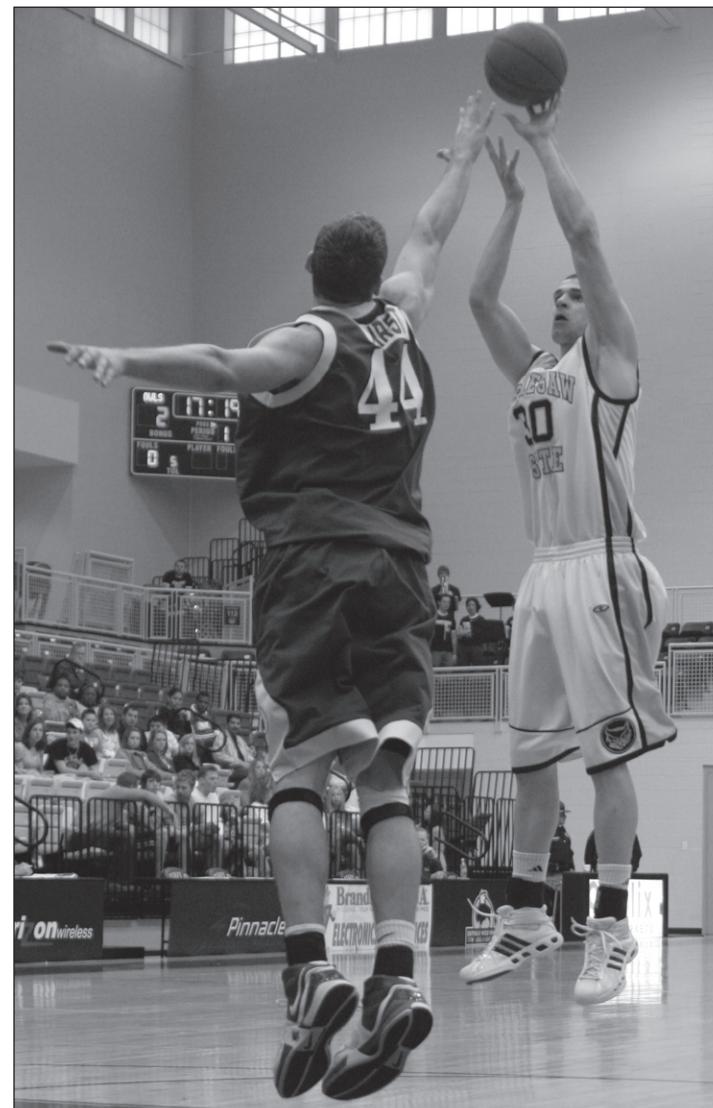
Stetson wouldn't go down quietly, however, as late in the game the Hatters slowly chipped away the Owls lead.

A 3-pointer by J.J. Hearst cut the lead to 65-69.

The Owls held their ground though with solid free throw shooting and, in the end, downed Stetson.

Ingle led the Owls with 18 points and eight assists. Ronell Wooten added twelve points and nine rebounds, while Ragsdale finished 4-for-5 from the field scoring nine points.

The Owls finish their season 13-18 and finished .500 in the



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KSU forward Jon-Michael Nickerson shoots a jumper over a Stetson defender at the Convocation Center.

Atlantic Sun for the second straight year.

Ingle and Ragsdale finished their careers and will be remembered for playing on the first

basketball team in KSU history to compete at the Division I level. Ingle finished his career with over 1,000 points and holds the KSU's all-time assists record.

Mercer no match for KSU's power

CHASE WALLACE
STAFF WRITER

The KSU men's basketball team destroyed Mercer University in a highlight-filled game, 87-51, Feb. 22.

A complete team effort led by Ronell Wooten's 19 points propelled the Owls into a fifth-place tie with the Bears in the Atlantic Sun with an 8-9 conference record.

Mercer came into the game with a short bench after three players were suspended last week after an in-game brawl versus Jacksonville.

The Owls took a 2-0 lead on a Wooten steal, which led to a Brent Ragsdale lay-up. Steals would be a theme all game, as the Owls took advantage of the Bears' lack of ball handlers and caused 21 turnovers, 18 of which were steals.

All of the turnovers led to fast breaks and big time dunks with the first coming on a perfect alley-oop from point guard Golden Ingle to big man Jonathan Whipple, which pushed the lead to 16-6.

The KSU crowd was back on its feet less than a minute later as a Zach Berry lay-up rolled off the rim and freshman Keonte Keith rose over a Mercer defender to slam it home.

Two Ingle 3-point baskets stretched the KSU lead to 19 with two minutes to go in the half.

Going into halftime the Owls had a 45-27 lead.

The Owls didn't leave any

intensity in the locker room as they came out for the second half and busted a 16-0 run in the first seven, capped off by back-to-back 3-point baskets from Ingle and Wooten, pushing the lead to 34 points.

With a commanding lead the Owls began to have fun. A three-on-one fast break led by Ingle saw the point guard go hard to the basket, leap in the air, and dump a Harlem Globetrotter-like pass between his legs to Ragsdale for a short jump shot.

Keith added a second dunk to his personal highlight reel with ten minutes left as Andre Morgan left a pass above the rim for him to slam home.

"Those two dunks felt good...real good," Keith said. "My teammates didn't think I was going to be able to catch the pass, but I'm glad I was able to finish it."

Keith went on to finish the game with 12 points on 5-for-9 shooting.

Wooten added the final exclamation point with an alley-oop of his own with eight minutes left. A perfect drive and pass by Ingle set up the dunk and brought the fans in the Convocation Center to their feet one final time.

Wooten finished the game with a game-high 19 points and eight rebounds to go along with four steals.

Shaun Stegal finished the game with a double double with 18 points and 13 rebounds, Ingle finished with eleven points and nine assists.



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Lady Owls' pitcher Brittany Matthews hurls a pitch in an earlier game against Liberty.

Keasler, Hobdy lift softball to crushing win

DANIEL LEWIS
STAFF WRITER

Behind outstanding starting pitching by Missy Hobdy and timely hitting by April Keasler, the Lady Owls easily defeated the College of Charleston 7-1 at Bailey Park in Division I softball action.

The Lady Owls jumped out to an early lead in the first inning when Jennifer Nolan drove in the first run of the game with an RBI single.

Keasler added two more runs with a clutch bases-loaded single that gave the KSU a 3-0 lead at the end of first.

Hobdy ran into trouble in the second inning as the Cougars had runners on second and third with only one out, but Hobdy was able to get out of the jam with precision pitching, including an inning-ending strikeout.

Keasler drove in another run with a triple in the third inning. The Cougars were able to stop the bleeding due in part to an unbelievable diving catch hauled in by centerfielder Izmena Cabrera.

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lead.

Charleston was able to get on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Katie Pesature hit a solo home run.

Hobdy turned in 5.1 innings of solid pitching only giving up one run.

Norie Glazebrook also pitched 1.2 innings of shutout softball to close out the game for the Lady Owls.

Keasler, who went 2-for-4 in an earlier game against Liberty, had more success against Charleston, going 2-for-4 with three runs batted in.

"I tried to stay mentally focused every at bat," Keasler said. "It was just see the ball, hit the ball all weekend long. I kept it really simple."

Coach Scott Whitlock was pleased with his team's overall defensive effort. "Our defense all weekend long was phenomenal," Whitlock said.

"We need to try to be a little more productive with runners in scoring position, though, moving forward."

The Lady Owls will be in action again Wednesday afternoon when the take on Georgia State at Bailey Park.

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lead.

Keasler's two homeruns included a grand slam and a run-rule blast in the bottom of the sixth inning.

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**This week
in KSU
sports history**

March 11, 2006

The KSU baseball team earned its first Atlantic Sun conference series victory by defeating Gardner-Webb 10-2 and 8-5, after dropping the first game of the series the previous day, 13-6.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY CHRIS STEPHENS
SPORTS EDITOR

Charleston again by going 2-for-4 with three RBI and a triple.

The game of softball can come down to who's on a hot streak and who's not.

Senior outfielder April Keasler is currently scorching paths around

Bailey Park as her hot-hitting helped propel the Lady Owls to a 3-1 record in the Owl Classic Feb. 24 and 25.

Keasler started the Owl Classic off by going 4-for-4 with two homeruns, six RBI and two runs in the Lady Owl's victory over the College of Charleston on Saturday.

Her two homeruns included a grand slam and walk-off, run-rule blast to propel the Lady Owls to a 10-2 victory.

As if that wasn't enough, the next day, Keasler assaulted the College of



Inside KSU Sports

BY CHRIS STEPHENS
SPORTS EDITOR

MEN'S LACROSSE

The Owls denied themselves a chance against Emory University as they were penalized 14 times on their way to a 10-4 loss.

Scoring goals for the Owls were Charles Roland and Robert Witt with two goals apiece. Witt and JD Douthit also added assists.

SOFTBALL

The Lady Owls held off a late rally by Samford as they defeated the Bulldogs 8-7.

After jumping on the Bulldogs for five runs in the fifth inning, the Lady Owls almost lost control of the game before pulling out the victory. Keri McKee led the Lady Owls with three hits and an RBI. Kelsey Kulk and Jennifer Nolan scored two runs as well.

SOFTBALL

The Lady Owls swept their series with Samford as Brittany Matthews tossed a one-hitter en route the Lady Owls 1-0 victory in seven innings.

Jamie KeKaulua scored the winning run when Samford third baseman Brittany Simao fielded the ball and threw wide of first allowing KeKaulua to score.

**FEB. 21
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SOFTBALL

The Lady Owls came out swinging as they blasted Samford 18-0. Adam Cross picked up five hits on the day for the Owls, while Jerome Wooley collected four of his own.

**FEB. 25
SOFTBALL**

Jennifer Nolan hit a walk-off, three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Lady Owls a 3-0 win over Liberty in the Owl Classic.

Brittany Matthews tossed a nine-inning complete game shutout in which she struck out a career-high twelve batters.

BASEBALL

The Owls came out swinging as they blasted Samford 14-12 after a six run eighth inning propelled the Owls into the lead for good.

Matt Dallas went 3-for-5 with two double and two RBI, while Jerome Wooley went 2-for-5 with four RBI.

TENNIS

The Lady Owls suffered another setback as Samford upended KSU, 7-0, for their sixth-straight loss.

The Lady Owls were competitive at No. 1 and No. 2 double before falling to the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions.



Andre Morgan brings the ball up against Mercer

Feb. 22 at the Convocation Center.

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Sports Briefs

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FEB. 28

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will take on Georgia State in a double-header at Bailey Park. The first game is at 3 p.m., while the second game is slated for 5:15 p.m.

BASEBALL — The Owls travel to Alabama State,

MARCH 2

TENNIS — The Lady Owls will take on Belmont in Atlantic Sun action at 3 p.m. in Canton.

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will travel to Oxford, Miss., to play games against Ole Miss at 5 p.m. and Southern Mississippi at 7 p.m. in the Red and Blue Classic.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The Lady Owls will play Mercer at 7 p.m. at the Convocation Center. KSU defeated Mercer the last time the teams played, Dec. 2., 74-70.

MARCH 3

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will continue play in the Red and Blue Classic in Oxford, Miss., against Alcorn State at 11 a.m. and Stephen F. Austin at 1 p.m.

TENNIS — The Lady Owls will play Western Carolina at 11 a.m. in Canton.

BASEBALL — The Owls will take on the Ivy League's Brown at 5 p.m. in Statesboro.

MEN'S LACROSSE — The Owls will travel to St. Petesburg, Fla., to take on Eckerd at 3 p.m.

MARCH 4

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will take on Coastal Carolina at 10 a.m. to conclude the Red and Blue Classic in Oxford, Miss.

BASEBALL — The Owls will take on Brown again in Statesboro at 11 a.m. Following the game against the Bears, the Owls will take on the home-standing Georgia Southern Eagles at 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The Lady Owls will take on Stetson in their final home game of the season at 2 p.m. Stetson won 57-49 the last time the two teams met on Nov. 30.

WOMEN'S GOLF — The Lady Owls will travel to Spartanburg, S.C. for the Wofford Invitational March 4-6.

MEN'S LACROSSE — The Owls will travel to Orlando, Fla., to take on Central Florida at 11 a.m.

MARCH 6

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will take on Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. in Cookeville, Tenn.

MARCH 7

TENNIS — The Lady Owls will travel to Jacksonville, Fla., to take on the Dolphins at 2 p.m. in Atlantic Sun action.

BASEBALL — The Owls will travel to Athens to face the Bulldogs at 7 p.m.

MEN'S GOLF — The Owls will travel to Fort Pierce, Fla., for the Treasure Coast Classic at St. Johns University March 7-9.

MARCH 8

TENNIS — The Lady Owls will face North Florida in Atlantic Sun action in Jacksonville, Fla., at 1 p.m.

MARCH 9

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will travel to Birmingham, Ala., for the Panther Spring Classic. KSU will take on South Alabama at 11 a.m. and Austin Peay at 1 p.m.

BASEBALL — The Owls will start a three-game series with Charleston Southern at 6 p.m. at home.

MARCH 10

TENNIS — The Lady Owls will face Evansville at noon in Canton.

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will continue play in the Panther Spring Classic against Mississippi Valley State at 1 p.m. and Birmingham Southern at 5 p.m.

BASEBALL — The Owls will face Charleston Southern in the second game of a three-game series at 2 p.m. at home.

MARCH 11

TENNIS — The Lady Owls will take on Savannah State at noon in Canton.

BASEBALL — The Owls will close their three-game set with Charleston Southern at 1 p.m. at home.

SOFTBALL — The Lady Owls will have two more games, yet to be determined, in the Panther Spring Classic. Depending on the outcome of the Lady Owls' games, will determine who they play.

MARCH 13

BASEBALL — The Owls will travel to Jacksonville, Ala., to take on Jacksonville State at 6:30 p.m.

KSU FITNESS ACTIVITIES

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6 – 7 p.m. — Pilates, Room 124

10:15 - 11:15 p.m. — Hip Hop Aerobics Main Gym

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Fifty percent of U.S. households have more than three or more TVs • Forty-five percent of parents say that if they have something important to do, it is likely that they will use the TV to occupy their child • American one-year-old children watch an average of six hours of television per week; the American Pediatric Association recommends that children two and under do not watch any television • Children ages 2-7 watch television alone and unsupervised eighty-one percent of the time • Children older than 7 watch television without their parents ninety-five percent of the time • There is a one in twelve chance that an American parent will require their children to do their homework before watching TV • Children age 6 and under spend daily an average of 2 hours 10 minutes with screen media and an average of 41 minutes reading or being read to • Ninety-seven percent of American children age six and under have products based on characters from TV shows or movies • Fifty-nine percent of Americans can name The Three Stooges; Seventeen percent of Americans can name three Supreme Court Justices • In an average U.S. home, television is on for 7 hours, 40 minutes • The average American watches over 4 hours of television per day • Forty percent of Americans always or often watch television while eating dinner • Fifty-six percent of children ages 8-16 have a TV in their bedroom • Seventy percent of day care centers use TV during a typical day • The average American child sees 200,000 violent acts on TV by age 18 • Forty-nine percent of Americans say they watch too much TV • The average American youth spends 900 hours in school and 1,223 hours watching television • Fifty-five percent of young adults admit to postponing their bedtime for the Internet or TV • The average American sees 2 million TV commercials by age 65 • Fifty-four percent of 4-6 year-olds, when asked, would rather watch TV than spend time with their fathers.



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A promotional poster for the television show "The Search for the Next Doll". The background features a bright yellow stage with a grid pattern and numerous glowing yellow spotlights. Nine women, representing the Pussycat Dolls, are posed in various energetic dance poses. They are dressed in various costumes, including corsets, plaid shorts, and sequined tops. The word "PUSSYCAT" is written in large, glowing yellow letters across the background. In the foreground, the title "PUSSYCAT DOLLS PRESENT THE SEARCH FOR THE NEXT DOLL" is displayed in large, bold, yellow and white text. Below this, the text "THE SEARCH BEGINS MARCH 6 TUESDAYS 9PM" is shown in yellow. The CW logo, with "ATLANTA" above it, is in the bottom right corner, along with the website "www.cwtv.com".

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