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Housing rates increase

JORDAN WARD
 STAFF WRITER

Students living on campus for the 2008-2009 school year will experience an increase in housing rates beginning this fall.

The University Village Suites will be housing traditional freshmen. The Suites will include private bedrooms, a shared bathroom, a mini fridge and microwave. Laundry rooms and kitchens will be provided throughout the building. The rates for a primary type unit with two bedrooms and one bathroom will be \$510 a month.

In August, the University Village will preferably house sophomores only. The new rate for the standard four-bedroom apartment at UV will be raised to \$535 per month. Three-bedroom apartments will be \$585, and two-bedroom apartments will be \$600 a month.

At KSU Place, buildings C, E, 300 and 400 will house freshmen. The rest will house upperclassmen. The four-bedroom, two-bath apartments with washers and dryers at KSU Place will now cost \$485 a month. The four-bedroom, two-bath apartments without washers and dryers in buildings A, B and C will now have a rate of \$460 a month. Buildings 100, 200, 300 and 400 at KSU Place will be \$395 a month.

"I don't feel that the increase is too bad for University Village and University Place because of the quality of living there. However, KSU Place seems to be priced too high for what you get," freshman Matt Hayes stated. "As a Joint Enrollment student, I chose to move in this semester in order to avoid getting stuck in the University Village Suites."

The rate for a four-bedroom apartment at University Place will now cost \$540 a month, while the two-bedroom apartments are set for \$605. University Place will hold upper-class students.

KSU Housing has also added a fee for cleaning. The cleaning fee will be \$75 and will be paid along with the \$200 administration fee and the \$100 Residence Life fee when a student reserves his or her room. Registration to renew a room will last until Feb. 18, and students choosing to renew their rooms will only have to pay the \$100 Residence Life fee and the cleaning fee.

Students still looking to live on campus can visit KSU Housing's website at kshousing.com. Leasing for all commuting and transfer students will begin in March and last until all rooms have been filled.

Professors to take petition to legislature over low funding

Talking Points
 Re: Petition

Proposed by:
 Friends of Kennesaw State University, Inc.

- 1) Kennesaw State University has become the step child of the Georgia State University System.
- 2) Having grown from a small two year institution to the third largest university in the Georgia system in a scant forty years, KSU is now facing a "crisis of success."
- 3) Because the funds needed to support KSU have not grown in proportion to the school's needs, it is currently grossly under funded.
- 4) KSU receives the second lowest state appropriation in the Georgia system, significantly less than what comparable schools receive; \$5,159 in state appropriations per Full Term Equivalent (FTE) student.
- 5) KSU has half the space per student than the system average.
- 6) KSU's student-faculty ratio is inadequate to a growing school-- and getting worse. As of now, it's the second worst in the University System.
- 7) KSU has grossly inadequate athletic facilities.
- 8) KSU has grossly inadequate parking facilities.
- 9) KSU does not have adequate student counseling facilities.
- 10) KSU's library is badly under-funded.
- 11) KSU's research facilities do not match its research mandates.
- 12) In order to keep meeting its responsibilities, KSU has had to place more of the need to for equipment and infrastructure on the backs of students, faculty, and staff.

All of this is grossly unfair. As long as the state allocates KSU the same percentage as other institutions, it can never catch up to what it needs. As long as the counties that KSU benefits refuse to contribute to its requirements, they are hobbling an educational resource that contributes mightily to their own growth and prosperity.

By the numbers, according to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

School	KSU	Clayton State	GA State
Students	20,000	6,000	26,000
Full-time Faculty	747	206	1,046
Students per Faculty	27	29	25
Annual Budget	\$145.5 M	\$64.3 M	\$459.5 M
Budget per Student	\$7,275	\$10,717	\$17,673

"KSU is a stepchild in that it has been overlooked and treated as second rate. We have, to be blunt, been treated unjustly; much like Cinderella."

"Since our research mandate grows as we initiate more graduate courses, if these are to be competently taught, the resources to support them must also grow."

"KSU has grown at 3% per year, but faculty allocation is 2% per year."

Above quotes from Dr. Mel Fein

CASEY CHILDERS
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Dr. Christine Ziegler, professor of psychology, and Dr. Mel Fein, professor of sociology, are working on a petition to take before the state legislature regarding KSU's low level of funding.

Their argument is that the university is the third-largest in the state of Georgia, yet it is the second-lowest funded in the system.

If students are wondering why parking fees are going up and the number of parking spaces are going down, or why many crucial classes are scantily offered and impossible to get into, Fein has an answer. He explains that when it comes to parking, hiring faculty and building more classrooms, the funding is simply lacking.

Fein explained that when KSU was founded as a community college approximately 40 years ago, the college agreed to take less funding than was common for an institution of its size. However, he pointed out that now the university is literally bursting at the seams. It's simply not the place it was 40 years ago.

"We started behind and we've stayed behind," Fein said.

He asserted that KSU would need \$100-200 million just to catch up to other universities of its magnitude.

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'Virginbride.net' author under investigation

Former Sentinel editor accused of trafficking child pornography

SUZANNE TALMADGE
 STAFF WRITER

George Hoey Morris, a former KSU student, is receiving national attention for his 2003 publication of a book, which contains information on child pornography. Morris' book describes how to engage in legal sex with underage girls from foreign countries by bringing them to the United States using various U.S. Justice Department forms and procedures.

George Morris' virginbride.net is a 184 page, soft-back volume that contains suggestive photos from across the world of girls under the age of 17, and includes multiple images of Morris wrapping his arms around these underage girls. According to George Morris' Web site, virginbride.net contains over 200 photos total. Morris' personal website on the

book also contains a sub-heading labeled "The Sexual Behaviors of Minors."

The premise of Morris' book is to inform readers of U.S. and international laws, which permit adult relationships with young females. A large section of virginbride.net focuses on the cultures of different nations, which condone sex with underage girls. Other areas of the book discuss how low-income families in underdeveloped nations will offer their daughters to wealthy Western men for money. Chapters in Morris' book include "Photography and the Minor," "Sexual Behavior of Young American Females," and "The International Guide to Legal Sex with Young Females."

Morris does not believe his book to be a guideline for pedophiles and that the books, CDs, and Web site produced for virginbride.net do not violate child pornography or obscenity laws. According to Morris, the subject of having sex with children is discussed only once in the chapter that describes India's custom of paying a dowry for a child bride.

Yet, at 60-years-old, Morris admits that he has previously been married to four different Asian girls, ages 22, 15, 16, and 18. All four marriages resulted in divorce and lasted an average of three

years. Three of Morris' four brides returned to their home country following the divorce, while his first bride continues to live in America.

When asked about his previous marriages, Morris, a former resident of Okaloosa County, Fla., claimed in a June 21, 2003 interview with Florida's *Okaloosa County Daily News* that, "In Western societies, girls have a chance to have an education and develop intellectually. But in other countries, they don't have those chances. So for them, maybe a 15-year-old girl marrying a 50-year old man who can give her a better life isn't so bad."

The bulk of Morris' legal problems began on April 2, 2003, when one of Morris' delivery drivers, 27-year old Adam Sage of Inwood, West Virginia, was pulled over in Covington County, Ala. for a routine traffic stop. Sage was taken into custody with a \$250,000 bond after officers searched his truck and found over 1,000 virginbride.net books and 800 "Young Models" CDs. According to court records, Sage was charged with two counts of child pornography: Possession of Obscene Material of Persons Under 17 with Intent to Distribute. Investigator Walter Abbott

began collaborating with the Covington County Sheriff's Office and eventually connected Morris with the materials found in Sage's truck. Sage's attorney, Riley Powell IV, said that Morris gave Sage \$300 to pick up the materials in Florida and deliver them to a dealer in Elmore County, Ala.

After Morris was informed of the charges filed against Sage, he began to demand compensation for his materials, insisting that they were not obscene.

Yet, two days after Sage's arrest, Covington County authorities confiscated Morris' books and CDs, and District Attorney Eugenia Loggins began preparing for a September 2003 grand jury indictment. The case was subsequently handed over to Samantha Davis, a spokeswoman for the Anti-Child Porn Organization, who found the language and ideas communicated by Morris to be inappropriate.

In an Oct. 2, 2003 interview with Eclectic Alabama's *Eclectic Observer*, Morris said, "I knew all along this would happen. I didn't even deny the charges when asked about them, because it is complicated to explain and nobody believed me anyway."

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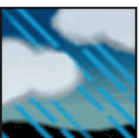
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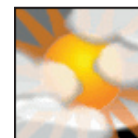
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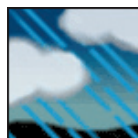
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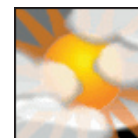
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Around Campus

What: "Fuddy Meers" by David Lindsay-Abaire
When: Tues. Feb. 12 - 17; Tues.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun 3 p.m.
Where: Studio Theater

What: Lunch-n-Learn
When: Wed. Feb. 13, 12:15-1:45 p.m.
Where: Wellness Classroom 130

What: KSU men's basketball v. Stetson, at home
When: Thurs. Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

What: Robert Sherer: Blood Works, Portraits of Love and Loss in the Age of AIDS
When: Through Mar. 11
Where: Fine Arts Gallery



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• PETITION from front page

“Georgia Southern has more money because it has people fighting for them. No one is fighting for Kennesaw State,” Fein said.

Ziegler and Fein decided to begin fighting. They formed a non-profit organization called Friends of Kennesaw State University, Inc. Fein said that the organization’s primary goal is to put more political pressure for funding on legislators. They believe that a petition with tens-of-thousands-of signatures can not only be achieved, but will get the legislators’ attention.

“They’ll start to pay attention because they care about votes,” Fein explained. He said that while President Papp is in contact with the legislature regularly and making the university’s case, he needs to have the masses fighting behind him.

“If we’re going to get what we deserve, we’re going to have to get together- faculty,

staff, students, community- and say “Give us more! If we don’t stick together and let them know what we need, we will forever be at the bottom,” said Fein.

Fein pointed out that the demand is high. In the Fall 2007 semester, KSU’s student population reached approximately 21,000. He said that the new Social Science building is already too small to meet the rapidly increasing needs of the university, and that one of the main reasons the university has weekend classes is because there is no room for them during the week.

The demand for future funds is high as well. The new nursing building is expected to cost over \$50 million and the new parking deck cost \$35-36 million. He believes that once KSU’s student population reaches 25,000, growth will have to cease as there will be no way to accommodate new students if funds do not increase. “Kennesaw State has had a ‘crisis of success,’ and

therefore we’ve outgrown our resources.” Said whom?

Fein was quick to clear up that the Friends of Kennesaw State University, Inc. is not looking to interfere with administrative decisions. “We don’t want to decide what building we’re going to build, our goal is to get more money so that it is possible to build what’s needed.”

He said that KSU has been treated very much like the “step-child” of Georgia’s universities. “A big rambunctious step-child, that is. Yet, it’s time to say ‘We’re not chopped liver, we’re a big deal!’”

Fein explained that this cause is going to be an ongoing battle as “politics take time.” He said that the best way for students and faculty to bolster this purpose is contact either himself or Ziegler and volunteer. “Anything to get the word out: setting up tables on campus, going out and speaking to people in the community,

I even plan on visiting some of the neighboring churches! If we could get some students to set something up in the mall, we would love that!”

He said that next year, he hopes to see a rally on campus that will get even more people involved. Fein advised that the more individuals that sign this petition, the more pressure it is going put on the university systems to give KSU what it deserves. He said they’re prepared to fight “until we get some kind of justice, some kind of fairness.” Fein also said that he and Ziegler are already sending letters out to the legislators and calling them to discuss this issue.

If you would like to help with this cause, then please contact Fein at mfein@kennesaw.edu or 770-423-6599. The Friends of Kennesaw State University, Inc. Web site can also be accessed at web.mac.com/Christine.Ziegler/iWeb/Site/Welcome.html.

POLICE BEAT

CAITLIN DINGLE
STAFF WRITER

When the officer arrived, there were two chain locks busted and three other bikes pulled way from the rack.

Feb 3, 1:57 p.m.

A bicycle was reported stolen outside of University Village.

Feb 4, 10:21 a.m.

A mail carrier called the police in reference to a package that smelled like marijuana. The package was addressed to “The Birthday Girl” of KSU housing. A K9 unit arrived, but did not show any signs that the package contained an illegal substance.

Feb 4, 1:38 p.m.

A tailgate was stolen off a

Plant Operations vehicle.

Feb 5, 3:27 p.m.

Two female visual arts students went to wash out their paintbrushes. When they returned to their table, they noticed that their purses were opened. One girl was missing \$70, while the other was not missing anything. Both girls noticed a fellow classmate acting suspicious.

Flu season has arrived

SUSAN CLOUGH
COPY EDITOR

For many college students, February can be an exciting month: with the Super Bowl, Valentine’s Day, and tax returns, there are many things to look forward to. But, as the winter season progresses, February also rings in with flu epidemics. Week five of flu season—the week ending on Feb. 2—recorded widespread influenza activity in 31 states, including Georgia, and all of the states except Hawaii reported at least some significant flu activity. February is typically the month with the highest amount of influenza activity—which means this month is the month that you are most likely to be infected.

So how can you keep from getting the disease that hospitalizes over 200,000 people every year? The Atlanta-based Center for

Disease Control and Prevention says “Take 3” this flu season.

1. Vaccinate: A flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu. Because flu season can last as late as May, getting vaccine now can still be beneficial.

2. Stop Germs: Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, wash your hands often with soap and water, stay away from people who are sick, and, if you become sick, stay home!

3. Take Antiviral Drugs: If you can visit a doctor within 48 hours of getting sick, antiviral drugs can be prescribed to reduce the severity and longevity of symptoms.

Influenza usually comes on suddenly and might include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and body aches. Sometimes it is difficult to distinguish the flu from other flu-like viruses, such as the rhinovirus, which

causes the common cold.

Because the flu ranges in severity, it is mild in some cases and fatal in others, it is imperative to take care of yourself when you are sick and do what you can to keep from spreading your illness to others. Defend yourself by eating well and exercising regularly, get plenty of rest, and be aware that this is the month that you are most susceptible to influenza. Remember that the best defense is a good offense, and take action to protect yourself and your loved ones from the flu this season.

For more information on the 2008 flu season, visit cdc.gov/flu.



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• MORRIS from front page

Following Sage's 2003 arrest, investigations on Morris did not commence until November 2004, when an unlit Molotov cocktail along with a threatening note was placed on Morris' porch. Morris filed a report with the Eclectic Police Department. Shortly thereafter, Thomas Coram Jr. of Homeland Security and Margaret Faulkner of the FBI arrived on the scene and began directing the investigation towards Morris' possession of child pornography.

On Jan. 28, 2005, the Alabama Attorney General issued search warrants on Morris' home in Eclectic led by Homeland Security. The department of Homeland Security is largely involved in protecting young people from child pornographers and international child sex tourists. According to Eclectic police officer Chris Miles, allegations that Morris had solicited sex from a minor female resident of Eclectic led to the raid of his home. During the police raid, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and Alabama Bureau of Investigation seized Morris' computer, cell phone, and over 3000 CDs as evidence.

Following the police raid, Mr. Morris fled to Texas, but did not receive privacy for long. Only a few days after Morris arrived at the Airport Inn, another search warrant arranged by

Homeland Security was executed for his car and hotel room in Houston. As a result of the raid, Morris was placed in the Harris County jail for three days with a \$100,000 bond on a forgery charge. According to a police report, the charge was related to Morris' use of the alias "Johnny Ray Fortune" in order to avoid prosecution when traveling abroad.

Morris has made over 20 trips to Vietnam under the names George Hoey Morris and "Johnny Ray Fortune." According to evidence presented at trial, "Fortune" engaged in sexual activity with underage girls, while visiting Vietnam and took at least two girls to Thailand to engage in further illegal sexual activity with them.

Investigation for Morris' fraud charge began when the government claimed that Morris lied on his visa applications by claiming that he had never been married before, despite his previous marriages to underage girls. Morris was later indicted for these fraud charges on April 20, 2005, and placed under house arrest with a tracking device locked around his ankle.

Morris was not charged with any child pornographic activity until May 26, 2005 when he was convicted in Elmore County District Court on two counts of misdemeanor harassment for accosting a group of girls ages 8, 9, 12, and 15. Morris alleg-

edly asked the girls to participate in his "modeling business" by posing suggestively for photographs. According to a police report, the 12-year old was asked to pose nude, while the 9-year old was allegedly asked to pose in her underwear.

On June 17, 2005 a pretrial hearing was held for Morris' harassment charges. U.S. Magistrate Judge, Susan Russ Walker wrote in a written order that "there are no conditions

or combination of conditions which will reasonably assure the appearance of Morris or protect the community and that the defendant should be detained."

Court records show that Morris' sister testified at the hearing in relation to his previous fraud charge and claimed that he told her that the government did not find all of his passports.

The trial escalated when Morris' book virginbride.net was entered into evidence along with court records quoting that Morris "had sexual relations with more than 400 females of all ages outside the jurisdiction of the United States."

Morris' book had finally come back to haunt him. On June 23, 2005, Morris was placed in federal custody for his conviction on harassment charges.

In August 2005, Morris was still in federal custody at the Montgomery City Jail pending his trial for visa fraud, harassment, and two gun charges. At this time, the charges set against Morris began to expand to the act of "Sex Tourism."

In a program known as Operation Predator, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) began working together to prevent the act of "sex tourism," which is described as the act of an American leaving the country for the purpose of engaging in illegal sex. According

“Morris had sexual relations with more than 400 females of all ages outside the jurisdiction of the United States”

to the ICE Web site, since the program's 2003 launch, at least 14 men have been prosecuted for attempting to participate in illegal sexual activity with minors from foreign countries.

In October 2005, the D.A. began to seek a tougher indictment for George Morris.

On Oct. 6, 2006, one calendar year later, a federal jury found Morris guilty of transportation for illegal sexual activity, visa fraud, and felony possession of a firearm.

George Morris' history as a Vietnam War veteran has also escalated his legal problems. In 1967-68, Morris served as an advisor to the 25th Division of the South Vietnamese Army in Due Hoa, Vietnam. During this time Morris served as a U.S. Army specialist in cryptology, sending and receiving coded messages. Despite the honor of serving in Vietnam, Morris began to get into trouble in 1989

when he was arrested and fined for illegally flying a light plane into the country without permission.

George Morris is currently being held in federal prison in Montgomery, Ala. as a result of his multiple sex charges. Gretchen Kindrick, of the Eclectic Police Department is not surprised to learn about Morris' whereabouts. In a phone interview, Kindrick stated, "he [Morris] used to drive around town and you would know when he was about to come around because he drove around whenever school would let out."

Yet Morris' legal problems come as a shock to Associate Director of KSU Student Life and media adviser Ed Bonza, who claims, "He was a part of the newspaper staff when I got here in 1991 - though he was a cartoonist when I met him. He was a non-traditional student and it did not surprise me to learn that he traveled to Vietnam because of his political views, but it did surprise me to hear of his arrests."

Despite his many troubles with the law, George Morris has managed to excel in the world of academics. From KSU, Morris has obtained associate degrees in Pre-law and Social Service, a bachelor's degree in Psychology, and a master's degree in Public Administration, which is the highest number of degrees received from any KSU student. In 1972, Morris was also KSU's Editor-in-Chief of *The Sentinel*.



George Morris

Morris' journey to prison

At time of publication, George Morris is currently being held in federal prison in Montgomery, Ala. as a result of his multiple sex charges

1967-1968	1989	April 2, 2003	April 4th, 2003	September 2003	November 2004	January 28, 2005	May 26, 2005	June 23, 2005	October 6, 2006
Morris serves in Vietnam	Morris travels to Vietnam by flying a light plane into the country without permission	Delivery driver Adam Sage arrested for transporting Morris' materials	Authorities in the Covington County Sheriff's office in Alabama confiscate 1,000 "virginbride.net" books and 800 "Young Models" compact discs	All charges were dropped in the Sage case as a grand jury was unable to provide evidence to support child pornography charges against the driver	Bomb threat at Morris' home opens up child pornography investigation by Homeland Security	Alabama Attorney General issues search warrants on Morris' home and Morris is eventually arrested for paraphernalia and marijuana residue	Morris convicted for sexually harassing a group of underage girls	Morris placed in federal custody for his conviction on sexual harassment charges	Federal jury found Morris guilty of transportation for illegal sexual activity, visa fraud, and felony possession of a firearm

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OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

What's in a name?

CASEY CHILDERS
SENIOR COLUMNIST

Almost 200 years ago, Jane Austen penned the ultimate literary heartthrob. Said to have been based upon her own ideas of the ideal man, Mr. Darcy emerged from her pages putting almost every actual man to shame. Ladies have swooned over the Darcy character for hundreds of years. He's rich, handsome, inherently good, and absolutely positively head over heels in love with Austen's heroine.

Now, in the past two decades, the Darcy character has revived his image into one of the modern man. Ladies will never cease expressing their gratitude to the actor who agreed to play the character in Regency and Modern form. Colin Firth has made a fantastic career out of playing Mr. Darcy. For those who are less Austen-savvy, Firth resurrected "Darcy-love" in the 1995 BBC mini-series of *Pride and Prejudice* when he emerged from the pond dripping wet, his clothing clinging to his person.

It was enough inspiration for Helen Fielding. Bridget Jones anyone? Yep, that's the very same Mr. Darcy character played by the very same Mr. Firth.

Linda Berdoll made a writing career out of finally writing a steamy sequel to *Pride and Prejudice*, she has said that you can thank Firth for that as well. (Yes, I'm aware of Matthew McFadyen's 2005 version of Darcy, but he has not even tipped the iceberg in perpetuating the Darcy-love when compared to Firth.) She's not the only one to try her hand at a sequel. You can literally find hundreds of Austen-sequels.

Why? Women eat this up! One of the most beautiful things about literature is that it can be timeless. Any day you can open *Pride and Prejudice* and read one of Darcy's most famous lines, "In vain I have struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you." Ladies have been swooning over this man for

centuries. I can easily be added among those ranks.

As much as I hate to do it, I feel like I have to give one niggling concern a voice. Could modern women handle a real-life Mr. Darcy? Or would the sheer volume of romance that would come along with the Darcy-package be too much for them? I've often wondered how a woman would react to Mr. Darcy in the flesh if he were not actually identified as "Mr. Darcy." Would they be able to handle receiving a declaration of ardent love from a man they barely know and could scarcely tolerate? Or would the stalker sirens go off?

Would a woman appreciate a man stepping in and righting all her wrongs with his money and influence? Some would, without question. But what about the rest of us? Wouldn't it hurt our pride? Wouldn't many women accuse that man of not trusting her to settle her own affairs?

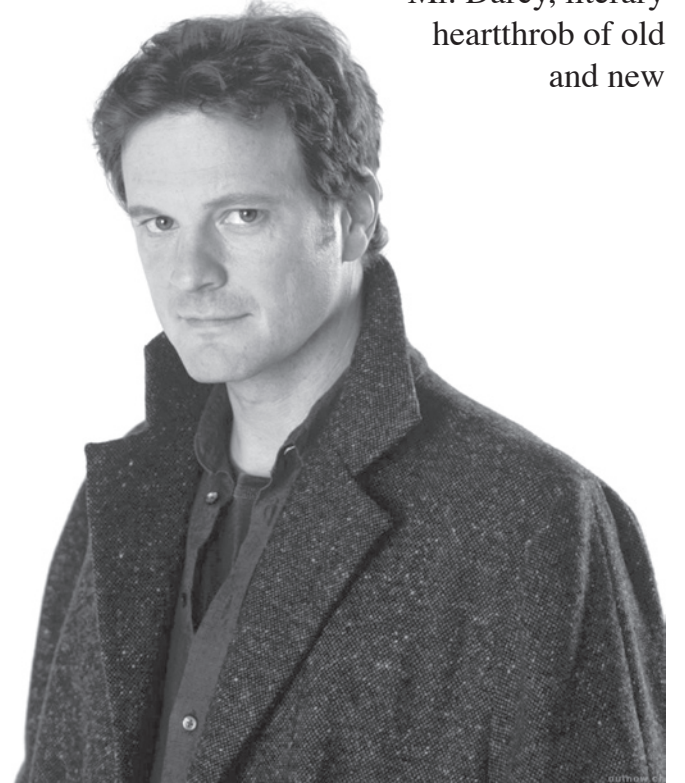
Please don't misunderstand me, I am just as infatuated with the Mr. Darcy

myth as the next woman and would never besmirch the love of pure "Darcy-ness" without reason. I just feel as though it might be projecting a very complex fantasy over the heads of modern men. I think Darcy might be too much of a fantasy. How many men could be told off within an inch of their dignity by a woman and not only continue to love her, but also really set out to change their ways? It's not very realistic is it? Do we want it to be?

Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi is a bestseller that chronicles the lives of women living under the oppressive government in Iran and their coming together for periodic book readings. One of those books was *Pride and Prejudice*. The women were in awe of the Darcy character. One girl vowed she would never marry, that noble Mr. Darcy, who loves his heroine for simply being herself, would always serve as her husband in her mind.

Something about that struck me. What does Mr. Darcy serve as for the rest of us? A fantasy? An ideal?

Mr. Darcy, literary heartthrob of old and new



A standard? Maybe it's just an example of what we want out of love and from our significant others. The lingering questions that must persist, however, is whether or not the romanticized Darcy character can truly exist and if

he did could we accept him? Or is it just the label, the brand of Darcy that we love? Could we love a Mr. Darcy if he were given to us as a Mr. Smith? With another name, would the essence of the Darcy rose smell as sweet?

Borderline disorders A new form of water torture



JONATHAN EDMAN
SENIOR COLUMNIST

I have to admit that I am impressed. The Georgia State Legislature has looked a daunting problem in the eye and come up with a bold and innovative way to solve it. Unfortunately it may mean that we have to rule out the "At least we haven't invaded Tennessee" response from the Sentinel's online poll question about our General Assembly. In case you haven't heard, bills have been introduced in both the state house and the state senate directing Governor Purdue to seek to have the border between Georgia and Tennessee moved north a mile, which will be just far enough to give Georgia direct access to the Tennessee River, and a whole lot of water.

There are several great things about this solution. First it means that we can solve our water problem without having to make any of those pesky lifestyle changes that draining Lanier and Allatoona would have

forced upon us. No more worrying about how long we spend in the shower, or how many millions of gallons of water are running off our lawns and into the storm sewers. In fact this might solve our current economic woes. I have long suspected that home sales are down because of all of the ugly lawns brought on by the drought; so siphoning the Tennessee River might be just the economic stimulus package we've been looking for!

The second great thing about this plan is that it means we don't have to think at all about how our various state, county, and municipal authorities have been criminally negligent in managing the growth of their respective jurisdictions for the last 30 years. It will no longer be necessary to look back and seriously considering what we've done wrong, and that's a good thing because all of that navel gazing is unproductive. It keeps us away from the important tasks of clear-cutting as much land as possible and then filling it with as many strip malls, parking lots, apartment complexes, and subdivisions as we can possibly build. Who needs a painful examination of the past? Wouldn't you rather sip on a four dollar cup of coffee while you shop for more stuff that you don't need? As a side

benefit that means our traffic won't change either. I don't know about you, but I was terrified that I might find myself all alone on 575 every morning driving the speed limit. That would be so not cool.

But I think the greatest thing about this solution is that it allows us to assign all of the blame for our current water problems on some federal surveyor who messed up 200 years ago. Senator David Shafer of Duluth says that this amounts to the border being changed by "a mathematician with a faulty compass." So it gets even better. We can blame this whole mess on science and math! See, kids? It's just like we said last semester; math and science are bad! Why are we running out of water? Is it because of unchecked growth? Is it because of our inability to sensibly utilize the resources available? No, it's because 200 years ago the federal government used unreliable math and science to deprive us of our access to the Tennessee River! This is exactly why we need to change the state flag back, to show those damn feds that we're not going to take their guff anymore! Or at least we won't take it after the TVA or the Supreme Court decides whether or not we can start siphoning the Tennessee. After that the gloves are coming off!

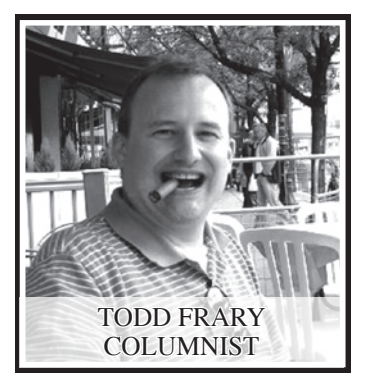
Decisions, decisions Falcons continue streak of poor choices

In most quarters the Falcon's pick of Mike Smith as the new head coach and Thomas Dimitroff as General Manager elicited more yawns than cheers. While Smith is undoubtedly a competent defensive coordinator he is about as bland as his name is generic. And picking a GM from the ranks of college scouts is an equally eyebrow rising choice. Sure, Dimitroff may have an eye for finding promising draft picks, but how about for trades or managing the players you already have? Neither choice lit up the phone lines at the season ticket box office and as a result the Falcons had no choice but to slash season ticket prices for the fall, no doubt to avoid the recurrence of less than sellout games happening more frequently. Pondering the choices Arthur Blank and Rich McKay have made you have to wonder what was the method to their madness?

Blank's track record for picking coaches thus far isn't that hot. Jim Mora never seemed to fit well with anyone in the organization and Petrino was worse still. I'm still trying to figure out why Blank was surprised when Petrino ditched the Falcons since that was how Blank got him in the first place. Once untrustworthy, always untrustworthy, and perhaps that's what led Blank and McKay to this bland, predictable, unexciting place and hence, his choices. In all fairness this fall season and the season after were going to be

rebuilding seasons. With the parity era a "worst-to-first" change in one season just isn't realistic. The best hope for the Falcons is in trades and free agency. And if there's room to bury Michael Vick once and for all with all the other dead dogs the sooner the better. The post-Vick era must begin in earnest and the sooner housecleaning is started the better.

The draft in April may help the overall picture for both offense and defense, but the sad reality is we desperately need a good reliable quarterback and this year's choices in the draft are hardly exciting players; they're about as exciting as Blank's picks for GM and coach. And maybe it's a good thing Blank is going low key and low profile for his management after being so badly burned by high profile supernovas that burned out. My greatest hope is that Blank has finally learned the most important lesson and that is not to be such an activist owner. Like a kid with a new toy Blank has constantly been hovering around adding his two cents worth, calling the shots, and making sometimes foolish mistakes. Hopefully now he can step back from the spotlight and let the GM and coach run the show along with McKay as President. I'm sure many other commentators out there will say that Blank paid for the team and is only looking after his investment, not to mention his expertise at running Home Depot. Sure, he paid for the team but does



TODD FRARY
COLUMNIST

financial means always equate to smart choices? You can be the greatest salesman on the planet but if your product is a 4 - 12 piece of crap then you'll find few takers. In short, the skills that made Blank a success in the business world isn't necessarily translatable to the realm of sports. Just look at other activist owners who have similarly ruined otherwise promising franchises.

In the end Blank was hardly aiming to wow fans with his choices. In the unusually volatile coaching merry-go-round this fall the Falcons were going to have a tough job trying to lure big names to join a franchise that needed serious help. Why would any coach risk tarnishing their prestige with potential failure? "You gotta dance with who brought you" as the expression goes. This was the best Blank could do and we'll have to dance with them for a little while at least. Draft day may hold a little hope for better days but I wouldn't bet on it. The Georgia Dome will get a lot emptier before it starts selling out again.

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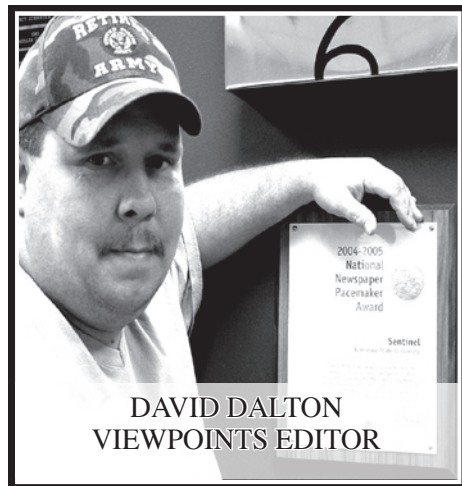
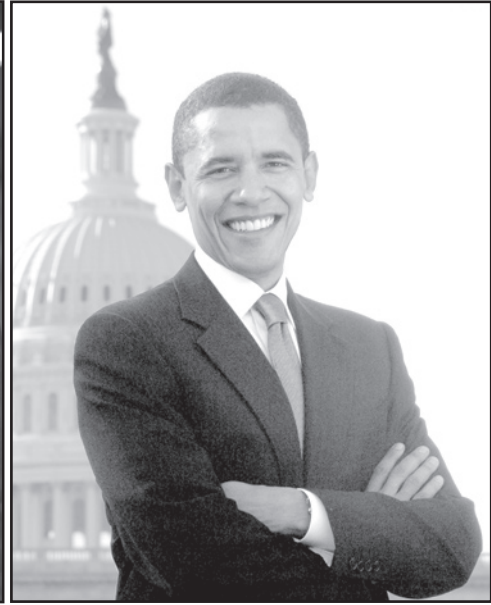
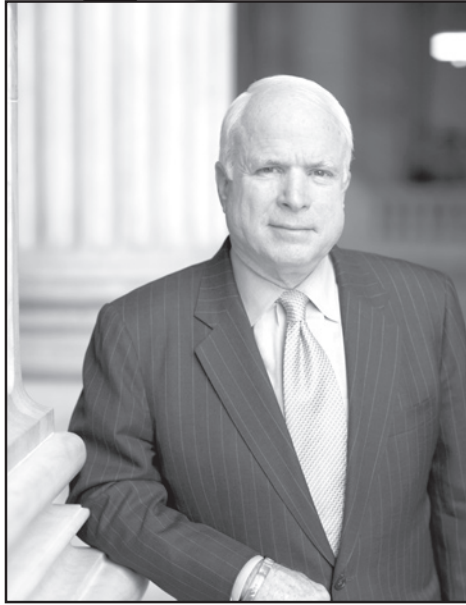
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THE MONKEY WRENCH

The trim and polish of our presidential candidates



I swore to myself that I would not comment on the Presidential race. Too many other people are too busy doing it, and darn it I want to be doing something fresh. My plan, like the best plans of mice and men, went awry a few short days ago when the only two qualified

candidates dropped out of the race. Don't misunderstand, because I think Hill-dawg, Obama, and McCain are all fine Americans. I just don't think I want to trust them with the keys to the White House. Think about it, before the current oval office oaf, what group of people was the least trusted and most hated? That's right, the US Senate. What do McCain, Obama, and Mrs. Clinton have in common? That's right, they are all US Senators. Keep that in mind this November.

The big problem with American politics isn't financing and it isn't the undue influence of big business or special interest lobbies. The monkey wrench in our electoral system is the voter. I hear you. I'm just another critic. Where's my proof? Well, here it comes.

John Edwards was an ideal candidate for President. He is attractive, successful, moderately experienced but not to the point of being an insider. His mes-

sage was one of generosity and taking care of the rank and file working man. Now tell me, if voters had bothered to disengage their cranial-rectal interface, wouldn't Edwards still be in the race?

Want some more? Let's talk about hizzonor, the major -Rudy. As many folks know, I held Rudy up as the most qualified choice for president, because running New York is the second hardest job in America. Compared to our Senatorial candidates for president, being the mayor of New York is much more like being the President. So if our vaunted notion of rational self-government had any substance, voters would have rallied behind America's mayor.

America is now left with the difficult choice. Do we take Clinton, Obama, or McCain? As for me, I keep hearing my father's voice echoing around in my head. He is telling me not to vote this time because, "son, you can't polish a turd."

Congress: Fix birth control problem you caused

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Sunday, Feb. 3:

Sometimes, a minor change in legislation aimed at addressing one problem leads to a bigger, unintended problem elsewhere. That's what happened with the Deficit Reduction Act that became law in 2006.

Congress wanted to prevent pharmaceutical companies from discounting medicines to the point that they undercut the government's guaranteed lowest prices offered under Medicaid. So the Deficit Reduction Act placed strict limits on how companies could sell discounted pharmaceuticals.

The unexpected consequence is that the act also blocked 203 family-planning clinics nationwide from providing discounted birth-control pills, severely curtailing the availability of affordable oral contraception to low-income women and college students.

For the last year, clinics have drawn from stockpiles of pills purchased before 2006. But those stockpiles are dwindling, and already, women are seeing their monthly prescription prices jump 400 percent to 500 percent.

Family-planning activists warn that low-income women might opt for no contraception, rather than pay \$40 or \$50 a month for the pill; that could lead to a

jump in unwanted pregnancies. In light of Texas' high rates of pregnancy among teens and single, low-income women, this issue deserves our lawmakers' urgent attention.

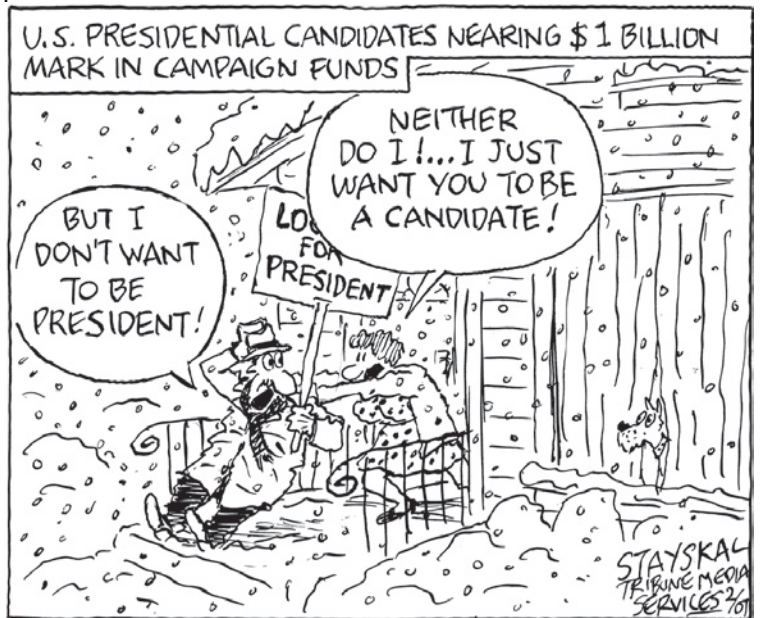
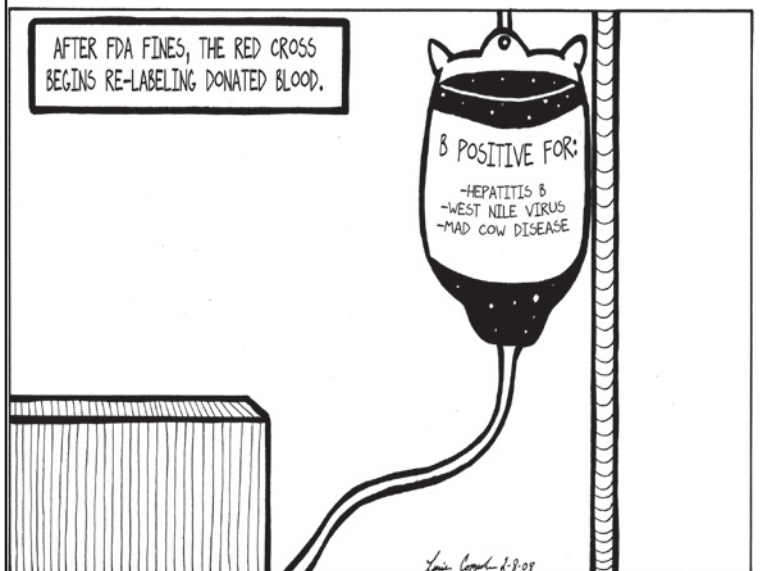
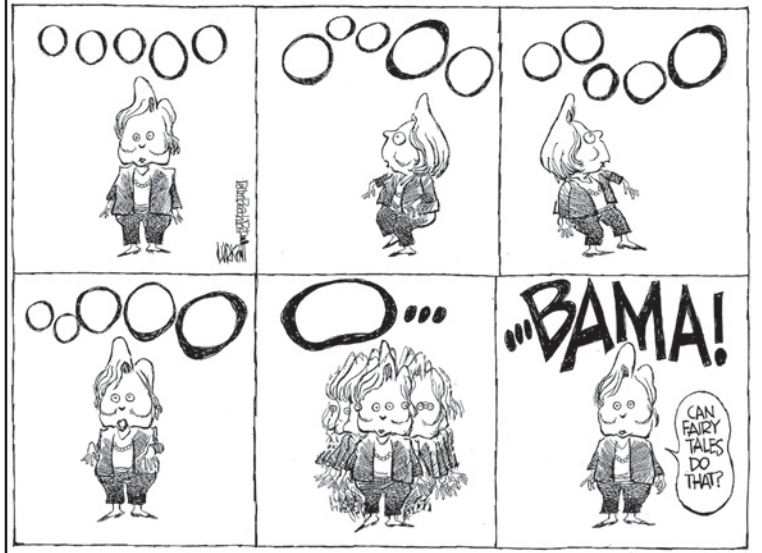
Blocking low-cost contraception was never the intention of the Deficit Reduction Act. But getting the provision restored has been nearly impossible.

Successive attempts by Planned Parenthood and other advocacy groups to change the law have failed, mainly because supporters in Congress don't want to tangle with the religious right. Words such as "reproductive health" or "contracep-

tion" risk provoking a presidential veto.

The irony is, if Congress fails to act quickly, the nation could soon see a sudden jump in unwanted pregnancies. A study in the Oct. 13 issue of the British medical journal Lancet drew a direct link between a rise in abortion rates and a decline in contraceptive use.

We think it's time for Congress to overcome its veto fear and restore the availability of affordable oral contraceptives. President Bush maintains an interest in fighting unwanted pregnancies and abortions; this is the most common-sense way to do it.



THE OWL FORUM

First Transit Drivers Union Seeking Fair Compensation

Dear Editor,

Much thanks is owed Kimone Duncan for the January 29 article on the First Transit drivers' effort to form a union. This article not only highlighted some of the drivers legitimate grievances--low pay, long hours, few benefits--but as well entreated students and faculty members to insist that those who do the work that keeps the University running are "treated fairly."

Though we all like to play up the "broke college student" role, the reality is that most of us enjoy a far more privileged and less demanding lifestyle than folks like Stephanie Ross, a single mother and KSU bus driver who earns less than half the national average for her occupation. This privilege comes with some responsibility though. Because it is students who directly benefit from the work of bus drivers and other staff, we are obligated to do whatever is in our power to ensure that workers are well compensated and treated

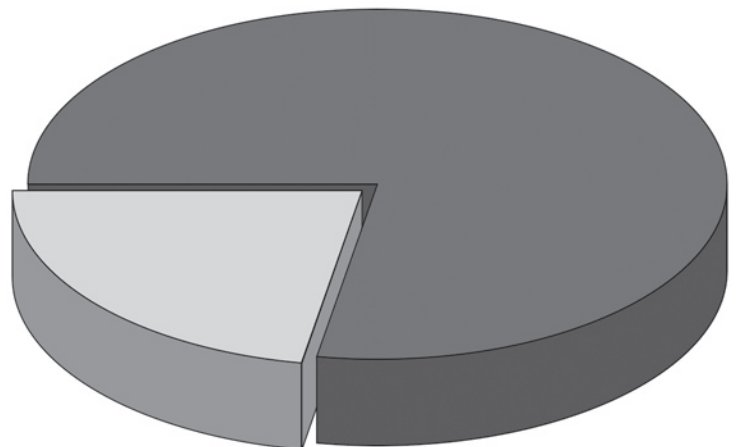
with the same dignity reserved for ourselves and professors.

And, as the people who ultimately pay the bills, we have more than a little authority in asking the University to not extend contracts to companies with unfair labor practices. Students at other schools have successfully demanded this and more, and if called upon by the First Transit drivers, we should be willing to follow the example.

Of course, a unionized First Transit workforce can no doubt achieve much on its own. Though often stigmatized in mass media, unions have a proven history of providing remarkable benefits to its members. The forty-hour workweek, minimum wage, and safety requirements were all the result of union organizing, and even today union workers generally earn significantly more than their non-union counterparts. For transportation workers, like Ross, this amounts to a difference of 39%. Best wishes and hats off to First Transit drivers and to the Teamsters Local 728!

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How do you really feel about Georgia's General Assembly?



- Fine Americans doing a great job - 22.2%
- Well, at least we haven't invaded Tennessee - 77.8%
- They're OK about half the time - 0%
- Other - 0%

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Giant map a romp for students

Spreading education and acting as a fun geography lesson

JESSICA EDENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

If you have a class in the Social Science building, you’ve no doubt by now noticed the huge map covering part of the ground floor—and more than likely you’ve even seen elementary-school kids romping around on it. Though at first it might seem an odd item for KSU to host, further thought shows it to be natural effort, given the university’s ever-increasing global mindset and President Papp’s “Get Global” initiative.

“The National Geographic Education Foundation offered [this opportunity],” said Dr. Harold Trendell, associate professor of geography. “They were advertising their Giant Map of Asia that’s touring the country.”

There are two maps currently making their way around the U.S., the other one a map of Africa. The Giant Map of Asia measures 41 feet by 31 feet, and labels countries, bodies of water, mountains and cities. The point of the map is to spread the word about geographic education, to make it interesting, and “to turn kids on to geography,” Trendell said.

And the “mapmakers” have made it easy and fun for teachers to do all these things. There is a collection of ready-to-use materials accompanying the map, ranging from atlases and books to videos, music and games.

“The stuff is all there for the teachers, in a sort of chest,” Trendell said. “It’s for ages K through six, but some of the geography professors have been bringing their classes down.”

“Teachers nationally have found the Giant Map of Asia a tremendous learning tool to help schoolchildren learn their geography,” said Garrett Smith, chair of KSU’s Department of Geography and Anthropology, and director of the Georgia Geographic Alliance.

As KSU is the home of both Smith—the director—and Trendell, who is the Public Engagement Coordinator of the Georgia Geographic Alliance (GGA), there is naturally a firm belief within the geography department in upholding geography education in schools.

“The state of Georgia does not require geography [as a separate class],” said Trendell, which means that students are not thinking spatially about this subject. Being exposed to geography directly provides a different mindset for learning about it, versus simply including it in the history curriculum usually taught in public schools, he pointed out.

What’s more, he said, “The KSU College of Education has stopped requiring World Regional Geography for

elementary and middle grades education majors because they are not tested on it specifically in their certification exams.” This is an extension of the policy of the state of Georgia not to teach geography at the high school level because those students are not tested on it in their achievement exams.

“Only school systems where the parents put pressure on the school board to offer geography is it taught at the high school level,” Trendell said. “At the elementary and middle grades, geography is ‘infused’ into the social science curriculum, not taught as a stand alone course.”

Trendell is “not real pleased” with this. “Dr. Papp’s ‘Get Global Initiative’ is undercut by the Department of Education [in Georgia],” he said, as KSU tries to promote one thing, but another thing happens within the education system.

But there is hope for our younger generations to get the information and skills they need. “Through activities such as the Giant Map, the Geo-Fest, and the summer institute for teachers, there’s been an effort to fill in the gaps,” said Trendell.

KSU is on the forefront of leaders in geographic education. “We’ve received two \$50,000 grants, for school years 2007-08 and 2008-09, to promote geographic education in the state of Georgia,” Trendell reported. The grant proposals were written by Dr. Garrett Smith himself.

Part of this initiative is the aforementioned Geo-Fest, which is held each spring and fall and includes the High School Invitational World Geography Bowl—in which local high school students visit campus and compete to win the competition. This will be the ninth year of the Bowl at KSU. “This is a community outreach program,” Trendell said, “which dovetails with the ideals of the GGA.”

Who knows at what point in time a young student could realize an interest in geography and exploration? This is the most basic reasoning in bringing the map to KSU—the future of both geographic education and discovery, and of the youth of the Twenty-first Century.

“An appreciation of geography in this era of globalization is critical to a well-rounded education,” said Trendell.

The Giant Map of Asia is available for geographic exploration until Feb. 18. For more information on the GGA, visit the website, www.kennesaw.edu/gga. If you’re interested in helping expand geographic knowledge, visit www.MyWonderfulWorld.org to join the cause and learn more about it.



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WHAT’S UP AT KSU???



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Construction over at University Village has been ongoing since August, when students first moved in. The new University Lofts will house incoming freshmen, while University Village will become home to second-year students and remain the housing for Honors students.

TV personality pays a visit



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“The battlefield is everywhere. There is no sheltered rear.” On Feb. 5 the Honorable Judge Glenda Hatchett started her lecture with this famous quote by Paul Robeson. The Atlanta native shared her life experience to convey reality throughout the night. It being that it was Super Tuesday, her visit was the hope that people needed to show that Hatchett starts with the story of the start of her career. Never aspiring to be a lawyer or a judge she went to Emory Law School looking for new options in her life. Falling in love with the field of litigation, she later worked for Delta Airlines. Excelling tremendously, she felt that her job with Delta would retire. Years passed and she was offered

the position as judge of the Juvenile Court system, succeeding the late Judge Powell.

Debating her decision, being a mother of two, Judge Hatchett decided that it was her time to give back to the community, and was sworn in on Oct. 1, 1990. She states, “This was the hardest job I have ever had in my life, but the one that I love most in my life.” She finished with stories that she has experienced in her court, showing how we as a community need to come together to help raise our children.

She concluded her lecture with an exhortation of hope. She exclaimed that there are 500,000 children in the world who are in foster care and need love and support. She illustrated the plans that are needed to save the children of Atlanta, because we must start at home first. She not

only encouraged the audience to get involved, she encouraged the students to keep their dreams alive, not letting anyone say what they can and can not do. Her last story was the story that touched the heart of every person in the room that night, the story of her first grade book.

Being young, she did not understand why she and other black children could not get new books. She went to her father, telling him to go talk to the teacher and tell her she needed a new book. Her father instead told her to write her own story.

Not understanding as a child, years later she was able to write that story with a successful ending. So she encouraged the audience to write their own story, not just for themselves, but also for the generation that is yet to come.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR DIAMONDS



ASHE JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

By mimicking conditions found hundreds of feet below the earth's surface, flawless gem-quality diamonds can now be created in laboratories in a matter of days. Traditional white diamonds are being produced, as well as colored diamonds. The diamonds are not fake; their physical, chemical, and optical properties are identical to those of mined diamonds. In fact, a year ago the Gemological Institute of America began offering to grade the gems. Laboratory-grown diamonds are graded according to color, clarity, and cut

possible to tell the difference between mined diamonds and lab-grown diamonds without the use of expensive scientific equipment made especially for that purpose. De Beers developed these machines and offers them for sale and loan to jewelers. Also, though Gemesis engraves serial numbers into their larger gems, De Beers has begun to engrave logos into some of the diamonds so that they may be distinguished as mined diamonds.

"I don't see us as the natural enemy for De Beers. We can widen the appeal for diamonds of all kinds," said Tom Buffet, co-chairperson of Gemesis. However, De Beers and other diamond cartels fear that a demand for laboratory-grown diamonds will cause a crash in the demand for mined diamonds. It is estimated that cultured diamonds may be up to 30 percent less expensive than mined diamonds. When cultured pearls hit the market, consumers were hesitant to buy them. Today, an estimated 95 percent of all pearls sold are cultured pearls.

The diamond industry has suffered recently due to negative press. The 2006 movie "Blood Diamond," for example, casts a poor light on diamond cartels as it explores the origins of conflict diamonds and how they end up in the market. Though the number of conflict diamonds on the market is supposedly a very small percentage, it is virtually impossible to know for sure whether or not the diamonds you buy are not from war-torn countries exploiting slave labor. Cultured diamonds offer a flawless gem that is guaranteed not to have caused harm to human life.

Laboratory-grown diamonds are still in the beginning stages of marketing; it is easiest to find these gems on the web. Designers such as Renaissance Diamonds are beginning to adopt the new gems. Some of the pieces have already made their way onto the red carpet.

While some will prefer to own a mined diamond, these flawless, less expensive cultured diamonds offer an exciting new option in diamond selection. A diamond is a diamond, after all... and all diamonds are forever.

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just as mined diamonds are. The only difference is that the label "laboratory grown" is included in the report.

There are currently two major producers of laboratory-grown diamonds, both located here in the U.S. One is the Florida-based company Gemesis; the other is Apollo Diamonds based in Boston. Gemesis began working with diamond-producing technology in 1995 to produce stones for industrial purposes. The process has recently only been refined in the past few years to produce what Gemesis has named The Cultured Diamond.

These new diamonds are causing a stir among diamond cartels. De Beers is adamant in their opinion that lab-grown diamonds should be labeled as "synthetic" as opposed to "cultured." Gemesis feels that calling the stones synthetic will generate the false belief that these gems are fake versions of diamonds, when in fact they are true diamonds. It is im-

Protest the Mountain Goats - 'Get Lonely' in the 'Fortress'

CD REVIEWS

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Protest the Hero "Fortress"



From the opening track, "Bloodmeat", Protest the Hero's newest CD kicks you in the face, in the stomach, in the groin, kicks your legs out from under you, helps you off the ground, then starts the process all over.

An all-out, nonstop shred fest, this CD will have you listening to every song a few times over to catch all the notes your brain didn't have time to process the first hundred times through. Each song is incredibly hand crafted with every guitar part winding perfectly from transition to transition, every bass line fits flawlessly, whether it be a blast of a few high-lighting notes or ridiculous scales to accent a breakdown, and lest we not forget the drums, carrying each song through numerous time signature changes with precision that leaves your jaw on the ground and your mind wondering what just happened.

Oh, and please let us not forget the crystal-clear, and almost

Darkness-esque vocals provided by singer Rody Walker.

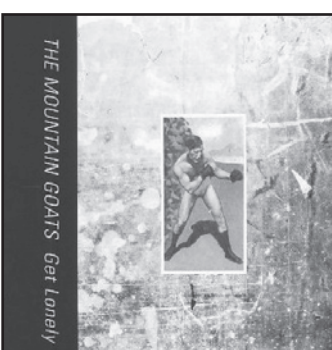
At first, his lingering vocals left a bad taste in my ears, but I find now that they compliment the blazing speed of the guitars and add just another layer of musical complexity to this record.

You know you've made an incredible record when you can include cat meows into a breakdown and get away with it.

There's so much I can say about this record and so much more I still have to gather from it, but the bottom line is that if you liked their last CD, Kezia, then Fortress will not disappoint, but satisfy that craving for more.

Standout Track: "Wretch" (listen for the cat meows)

The Mountain Goats "Get Lonely"



Before I begin, I must say that I am always searching for new and unusual music. I find sometimes the best way to find that newest source of inspiration is from other artists that I enjoy.

I was on the website of everybody's favorite Atlanta-based band,

Manchester Orchestra (www.themanchesterorchestra.com), and I was checking the current play list of each member, which you can do on many band's websites, and found this band called The Mountain Goats.

Well, now, I am in love. The band is essentially the brainchild of singer/songwriter (yeah, I know, we're all tired of that combination of words) John Darnielle. If indie music is your thing,

I think you will find a nice home with this band. Essentially, this record is a simple music with narrative lyrics coming from Darnielle's captivatingly nasal voice to paint either a solemn portrait of being at home looking outside on the world going to pieces or comparing the shocking sudden loss of love to making too much coffee in the morning.

You will, as I know I did, find yourself wishing you had written every word you hear and sometimes feel as if you did for the abstractness of it all seems almost tangible. Seriously, I challenge anybody who reads this (if that is anyone at all) to give this CD a listen and tell me what you think!

Standout Track: "Woke Up New" (check out the video)

(LISTEN)

PROTEST THE HATE
STANDOUT TRACK: "WRETCH"

THE MOUNTAIN GOATS
STANDOUT TRACK: "WOKE UP NEW"



SENTINEL MUSIC CORNER

STAFF FAVORITES...

Ballads

- Radiohead - "Street Spirit"
- Yo La Tengo - "Damage"
- John Mayer - "Wheel"
- Smashing Pumpkins - "Stumbleline"
- Interpol - "NYC"
- Twista - "Slow Jamz"
- Coldplay - "Don't Panic"
- Feist - "1 2 3 4"
- Tom Petty - "It'll All Work Out"
- The Cure - "Lovesong"
- Elton John - "Tiny Dancer"
- The Shins - "Phantom Limb"
- Garth Brooks - "The Dance"
- OneRepublic - "Apologize"
- Des'Ree - "Kissing You"
- Cat Stevens - "The Wind"

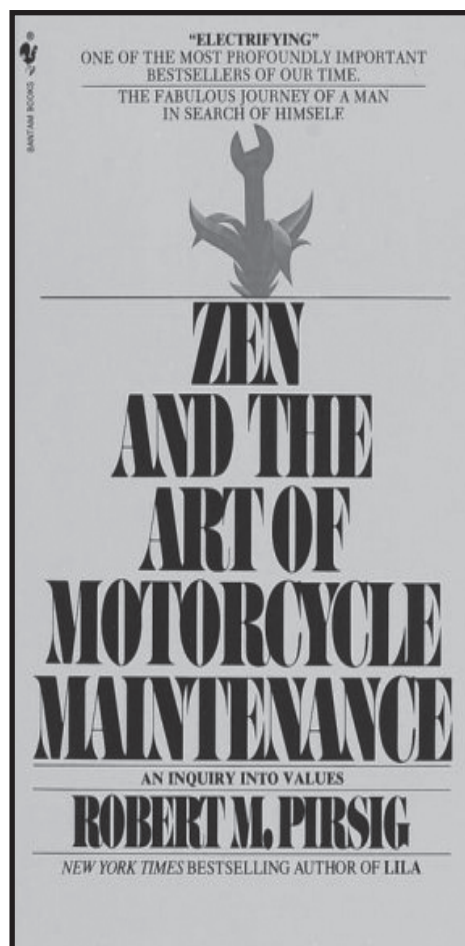


STAFF PICKS

WHAT WE'RE READING

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

One of the greatest novels ever written, "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" provides for a life-changing read. The book, written in 1974, describes a 17-day motorcycle journey across the States. The trekker and his son embark on a journey that is conveniently punctuated by numerous philosophical discussions that are sure to entice a reader who enjoys philosophy and epiphanies.



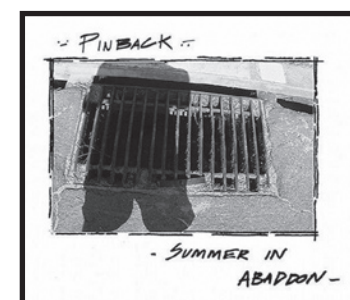
WHAT WE'RE WATCHING

Drake & Josh



That's right. We'll admit it. We love Drake and Josh, the mindless Nickelodeon hit show. The two step=brothers, Drake and Josh embark on unrealistic adventures, in the meanwhile running over Oprah with a car, being mistaken for burglars, and smuggling sheep.

WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO



Pinback "Down in Albion"

This San Diego duo perfects the indie sound. Songs like "Syracuse" and "Fortress" act as standout tracks to this CD, Down in Albion.

LOVE

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BOX OFFICE GOLD: KATE AND MATT TO REUNITE IN "FOOL'S GOLD"

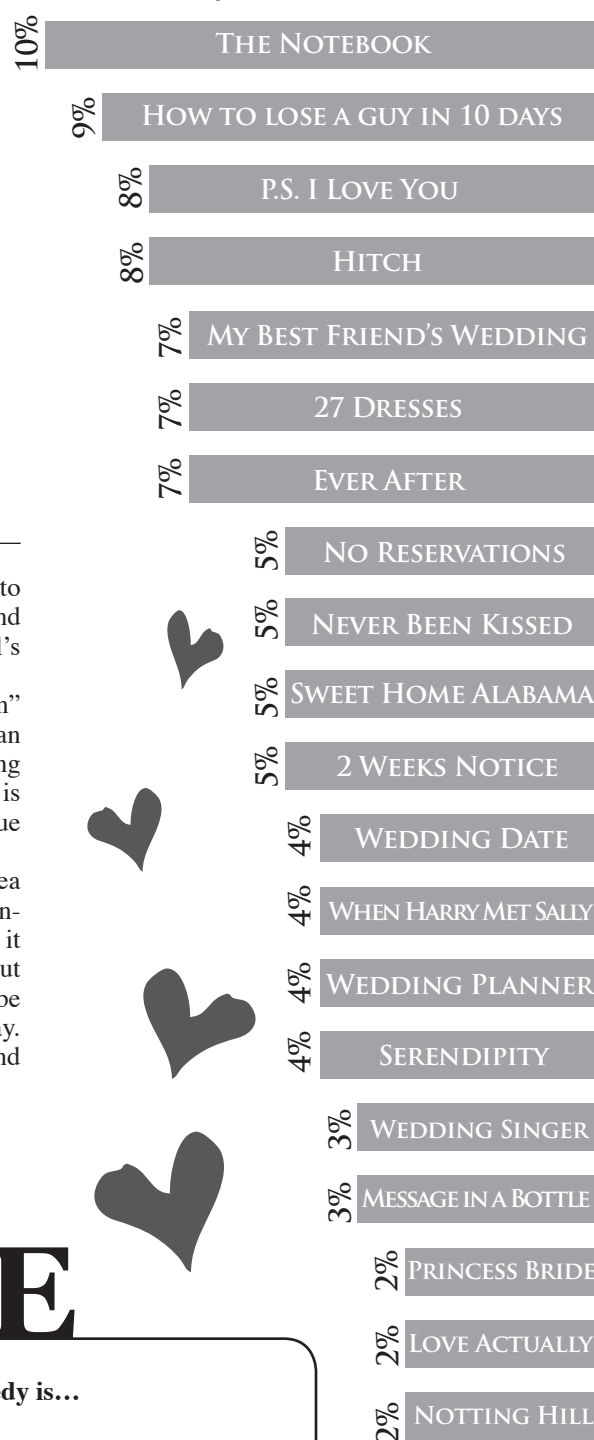
NADIA ABDULAH
STAFF WRITER

Five years after the success of "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days," Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey will star in "Fool's Gold," which is opened nationwide Feb. 7.

The story is about a couple, Ben "Finn" Finnegan (McConaughey) and Tess Finnegan (Hudson), who are contemplating getting a divorce. Tess plans to earn a Ph. D. but is short on money. One day, Finn finds a clue that can lead them to newfound riches.

In 1715, the Queen's dowry was lost at sea and the two have to work together in obtaining the treasure chest. From the previews, it looks like "Fool's Gold" will likely turn out to be box office gold considering it will be released the weekend before Valentine's Day. So, all couples can make it a date night and enjoy themselves at the movies.

We asked 200 KSU students what their favorite romantic film was, and here are the results!



Students SHARE

My favorite romance/romantic comedy is...

"How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days'-I just really loved the interaction between Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey. They really light up the screen." -Katie Dwyer, Senior

"P.S. I Love You' because it made me laugh just as much as it made me cry. It is really touching." -Kirstie Mrzyglod, Junior

"When Harry Met Sally.' I love how they reconnected after not seeing each other for so many years." -Betsy Frame, Junior

"The Notebook' because it can make me cry anytime I watch it." -Kellie Yood, Senior

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 - 1997
 - 1998
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 - EMI Music Group
 - Hellcat Records
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 - Daniel Kressler
 - Greg Hill
 - Carlos Dangler
 - Sam Fogarino
 - Which of the following is an ex-member of the group?
 - Robert Smith
 - Jimmy Talon
 - John Rhodes
 - Greg Drudy
 - Which of the following is not an Interpol album?
 - Turn on the Bright Lights
 - Antics
 - Atmosphere
 - Our Love to Admire
 - What is the name of Interpol's newest album?
 - Turn on the Bright Lights
 - Antics
 - Atmosphere
 - Our Love to Admire
- Visit the band's website for details on the group: www.interpolnyc.com

Answers: 1.A 2.D 3.D 4.C 5.D 6.C 7.D

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it possible to landscape my property in a green-friendly way? I would like to create a more natural and wildlife-friendly backyard, but I don't want to break the bank doing it. Are there any tax incentives for completing such projects?

One common misperception about adopting green practices around the home is that doing so will cost more money. But this may be true only in the short run. There are certainly some up-front outlays to converting a conventional backyard into a more environmentally friendly space (like any landscaping job), but homeowners should be able to make their money back within a few years through savings on their water and yard service bills alone.

Landscapes designed with the principles of nature and wildlife habitat in mind are often referred to as "naturescapes" (or "xeriscapes" when they also require little water to maintain). They usually replace most lawn grass and in-

stead populate space with native plants that are attractive to wildlife for food or shelter.

According to the nonprofit PlantNative, maintaining a green backyard can cost up to 90 percent less than keeping up a traditional lawn-based landscape. "Since naturescapes effectively take care of themselves, there is little or no maintenance and hence little or no maintenance cost," says the group. The average American lawn costs about \$700 yearly to maintain, says PlantNative, which also points out that the average household lawnmower is used upwards of 40 hours a year, the equivalent of a full work week.

Melissa Santiago, a researcher with Ohio State University who authored a fact sheet on the benefits of managing property for wildlife, couldn't agree more: "Maintaining wildlife habitat or other natural areas can be a cost-effective approach to land management." She recommends that landowners with room to spare plant one or more

rows of native trees and shrubs as so-called "shelterbelts" that provide wildlife habitat and also provide shade in summer (to reduce air conditioning costs) and wind resistance in winter (they have been shown to reduce heating costs by as much as 30 percent).

Tax breaks for greening up your residential landscape are few and far between, but do exist. The state of Indiana offers tax breaks to landowners who convert a minimum of 15 acres over to habitat suitable for native wildlife. Many other state governments offer landowners similar assistance for maintaining habitat for threatened wildlife. And municipalities across the arid southwestern U.S. offer various incentives

for homeowners who cut water use, whether through xeriscaping or any other means.

To get started converting your yard over, contact a local nursery well-versed in native landscaping to lend some informal or professional expertise. To find a nursery in your area that fits the bill, consult PlantNative's free online directory of native plant nurseries. Or, if you want to do your own homework, check out the National Wildlife Federation's free online Native Plant Guide (which covers the 50 U.S. states) or the Canadian Wildlife Federation's guidebook Backyard Habitat for Canada's Wildlife (available in print for \$19.95 plus shipping).

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New director's cut focuses attention back to

MOVIE REVIEW

The Zødiac

DANIEL SINGLETON
STAFF WRITER

An air of uncertainty permeates every scene in "Zodiac." David Fincher's film is based on a true story about a serial killer called the Zodiac, who operated in Northern California between 1968 and 1971. During that time, he killed five people (although some say more) while taunting newspapers and police investigators with more than a dozen letters and coded ciphers (which always began with the words, "This is the Zodiac speaking"). Then suddenly, he vanished. The police spent years on the case, following every lead, and interviewing every suspect, but in the end, no one was ever caught. The case remains open to this day.

"Zodiac" takes this story and turns it into a procedural in the vein of "All the President's Men." But there's a huge difference — "All the President's Men" had an ending. Nixon was guilty, so everything got wrapped up neat and tidy. "Zodiac" doesn't have this luxury. Because the killer was never caught, the story doesn't have an ending. And if you don't know where you're going, how do you know how to get there?

You've seen the first fifteen minutes of "Law and Order", when they don't know who they're looking for and keep running into dead ends? Stretch it out to two-and-a-half hours, and you get "Zodiac". It's the only procedural I've seen that spends just as much time on the false leads as it does on the real ones (which, of course, could easily be false leads). There's a scene, about halfway through the movie, where a young mother and her baby become stranded on the side of the road. A man pulls up beside her and offers her a lift to the nearest service station. Even though she's nervous, she gets in. They drive for miles without seeing anything; eventually, a service station appears in the distance. But instead of slowing down, the man drives right past it. By now, the woman is extremely nervous; she holds her baby

tightly. "I think you missed it," she says. "It was closed," he replies. There's a long pause. "Before I kill you, I'm going to throw your baby out the window."

The next time we see her, she's crying hysterically on the side of the road.

Whether or not this kidnapper was Zodiac has been debated over and over and over again. The woman thinks so, and Zodiac himself claimed responsibility in a letter he sent the police over four months later. But the letter is so vague (not to mention incredibly late), that many, many people believe that he was just trying to take credit for someone else's crime; he could have written it after reading a newspaper article for all we know. But it's included here because it might be valid.

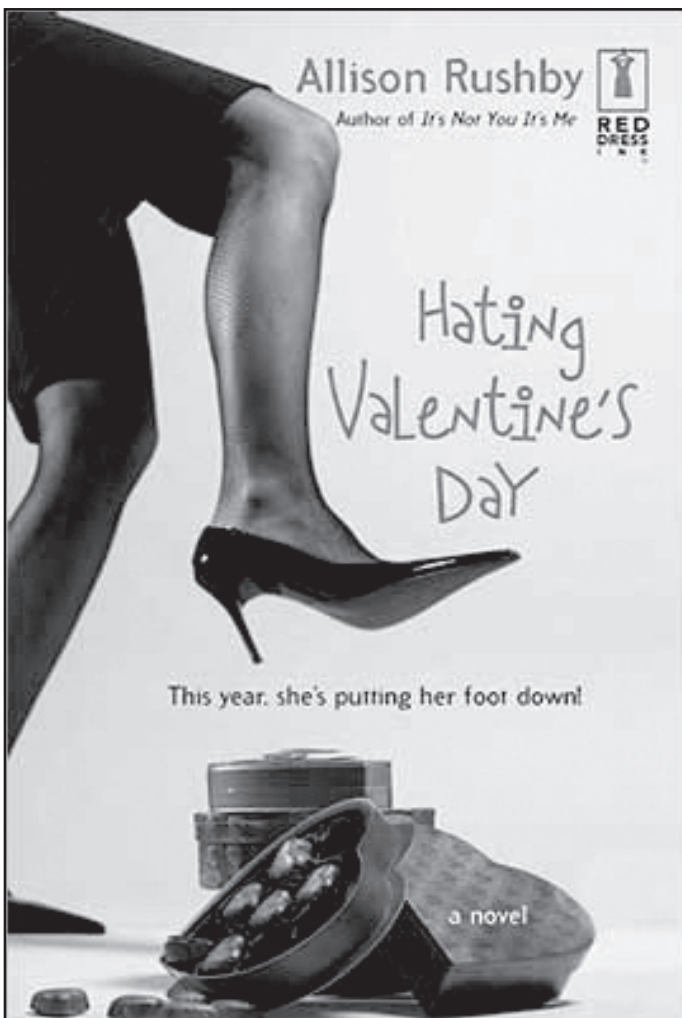
The movie is full of these scenes. Everything is included. Everything. There's a scene where Zodiac calls into a TV talk show, except that it isn't Zodiac at all, but someone pretending to be him. A scene where a reporter uncovers evidence of a 1963 murder that may or may not have been Zodiac's first killing. A scene where a newspaper cartoonist discovers a series of handwritten movie posters with writing that a handwriting expert assures him is as close to match as he's ever seen — only to learn that the suspect didn't draw the posters. Fincher can't cut the superfluous — as far as he knows, everything is superfluous. The real leads could easily be red herrings, and the best evidence could be hiding right under his nose. How can he know? All he can do is include as many of the facts as possible, point out the problems with the conclusions, and hope for the best.

As you can probably tell, "Zodiac" is pretty unfocused. That's why it works. It gives the movie a sort of start-and-stop momentum, alternating exhilaration over finding clues with frustration and tedium when those clues turn out to be red herrings. It's the kind of movie that sends you running through a dark tunnel, only to slam you into a brick wall when you come out the other side.

Just like the Zodiac.

I HATE VALENTINE'S DAY

BOOK REVIEW



KIMONE DUNCAN
STAFF WRITER

Are you that person who dislikes Valentine's Day because of the lovey-dovey emotions? Are you that person who is looking for Miss or Mr. Right but is looking in the wrong direction? If so, the book "Hating Valentine's Day" by Allison Rushby is the one for you.

"Hating Valentine's Day" is a fictional paperback book published by Red Dress Ink. It is a book for all, focusing on the perspective of a heartbroken woman

who has given up on dating and has now dedicated herself to the working environment first- before love.

Liv Hetherington is a wedding photographer who thinks the tradition of Valentine's Day is a waste of time. She gives the reader her own "Top five reasons I hate Valentine's Day." First is because it's so fake and ridiculous, two, because it's bad for relationships. Third, because for her, it makes work a nightmare. Fourth, it's the one day of the year you're not allowed to be single. And fifth, she

was dumped by the love of her life on Valentine's Day two years prior, and she "can't, won't and don't want to get over it."

Her father, friends and boss-who all try to match-make a Mr. Right for her to date- annoy Liv. "Love is in the air," means suffocation to Liv. She thinks that Valentine's Day is a pathetic way to show how someone feels for one another and that it is the day where you celebrate the death or burial of Valentine.

Considering the fact that Liv is an insecure woman to be around, both men and Cupids depart from her. Like "A Christmas Carol," you have another Scrooge, but this one's against Valentine's Day. Rushby added ghosts to the story, who show Liv her Valentine's Past, Present and Future based on her feelings. As Liv notices her behavior upon Valentine's Day, she begins to transform into a whole new person. Now, Cupids are lined up in front of Liv's door again.

When it comes to men and dating, author Allison Rushby said in an interview with Red Dress Ink, "Hmm, I guess I should be truthful and fess up that I'm a sad case who only ever went on one date before I met my to-be husband at the age of 16. Because of this, any information of worth that I've gleaned over the years has come from watching my friends date."

"I've noticed a few things in my travels- short men seem to have issues," she said, "and if he blow-dries his hair you should run, not walk, away."

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SPORTS

Henderson's record-setting day gives KSU the win

CAITLIN DINGLE
STAFF WRITER

The KSU Lady Owls took down Gardner-Webb's Bulldogs Saturday afternoon in the Convocation Center, 71-62.

The win moves the team to 7-3 in the conference, putting them two games out of first place in the conference. The Owls put some impressive numbers on the board in this game, out-rebounding their opponent by 18. The team was led once again by Brittney Henderson, who scored an astonishing 22 points and racked up 21 rebounds in the game. Henderson's 21 rebounds set a new KSU Division I record, in addition to a high-mark for the Convocation Center. The team was also helped drastically by Jennifer Baker and Greteya Kelley who both scored in the double digits, and the three combined for 10 of the team's 16 steals on the night.

In the first half, fouls started adding up early. Kelley, Baker, and Ashley Johnson all committed early fouls for the Owls, putting the team in a sticky situation. With 5:10 remaining in the first half, KSU was trailing the Bulldogs 26-27. The girls started to "play hard and play smart," as Kelley says their team motto

is, and they pulled it together. KSU finished scoring 13 of the last 19 points of the first half. The Owls went to the break ahead of the Bulldogs, 39-33.

In the beginning of the second half, Gardner-Webb cut KSU's lead to just four points, but soon after the Owls would push to 15 points ahead, and they didn't let that lead drop below nine points the entire second half. The final 10 points of the match were from the free throw line, where the Lady Owls hit 14 second-half free throws. KSU finished the game with a nine-point lead. The Bulldogs fall to 9-14 on the season and 5-5 in A-Sun play.

"We felt good about the win. It was huge and we needed it," Greteya Kelley said. She also adds that her team's goals for the rest of the season are to "keep playing smart, play hard, and continue to play as a team."

With some good offensive play and hard defensive work, the Owls look to continue their winning ways.

"Our kids were playing really hard. When we play hard a lot of good things are going to happen. It was up and down but our kids are just playing really hard right now." Coach Tilley said.



Photo by Shelly Middelthon | The Sentinel
Sophomore DeAndrea Bullock goes up for a shot against Gardner Webb. The Lady Owls won 71-62.

Owls' perfect start topples opponents and records



Photo courtesy of KSU Sports Information
Sophomore Jenna Clossner prepares for a hit. KSU softball enjoyed a record setting day.

AUBREY INGALLS
STAFF WRITER

The Owls kicked off the softball season on Friday by hosting the Kennesaw State Classic at Bailey Park. KSU played their first game of a double-header against the Hoyas of Georgetown. Senior Brittany Matthews led the returning A-Sun champs to a record-setting win. Matthews fanned 18 of 21 batters to set the KSU single-game and career strike-out records. Coach Scott Whitlock anticipated a strong performance and was very proud of his star pitcher; but, he wasn't at all surprised. He said, simply, "Brittany's very talented and she pitched well."

In the fourth inning, the Hoyas had the bases loaded with no outs but failed to score as Matthews struck out three straight batters on ten pitches. The Owls' momentum carried over into the next inning and they sealed the game with three runs to win 4-0. With the bases full of Owls, Kelsey Kulk slapped a single though the left side to score a run. Next up was Amanda Malcom and she smashed a ball up the middle to bring home two more and the Hoyas had no answer. Matthews went on to record the two-hit shutout to give the Owls their first victory. Matthews credits her teammates for her performance, saying that "everyone helped...it took the whole team to do it."

Game two of the double-header pitted the Owls against the Golden Eagles of Tenn. Tech. Jessica Cross pitched five solid innings against a very tough

Eagles offense. The only run surrendered by the Owls came during the second inning on a defensive lapse. The Tenn. Tech hurler had silenced the Owls' bats until Amanda Malcom jacked a solo home run in the fourth inning to tie the game. The defensive battle raged on into the late innings when Brittany Matthews came on in relief. She effectively shut down the Eagles to send the game into extra innings. In the top of the eighth, the Owls' runner on second base was moved over with a bunt and Jessica Cross slapped an infield hit to score the runner on a close play at the plate. Matthews sat down the final three batters to win the game. And just like that, the Owls were 2-0.

After Friday's games, Coach Whitlock had been concerned with his team's ability to produce runs; but the KSU bats came alive on Saturday. Against Ole Miss, KSU racked up three runs on six hits. Additionally, the Owls held the Rebels scoreless behind the arm of Angela Lopez, who gave up only two hits in her first win of the season. The final game of the weekend matched the Owls with the Middle Tenn. State Blue Raiders. Brittany Matthews again got the start and registered another 13 strike-outs while surrendering only one run on the way to her third win. KSU ripped the Blue Raiders for seven runs on 11 hits.

The unbeaten Owls will next host and compete in the K-Club Classic. They face Appalachian State and Eastern Kentucky in a double-header on Feb. 15.

Owls drop fourth straight

Slow second-half start and poor shooting spells doom

KELLY BLAINE
STAFF WRITER

The Owls lost their fourth straight game, 77-63, to the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs Saturday night in the Convocation Center. The only other time Gardner-Webb has beaten KSU in men's basketball came on the exact date, Feb. 9, two years ago.

The Owls got off to a good start, moving ahead of the Bulldogs by as many as seven points and going into halftime with the score even at 42.

"We played well in the first half," said head coach Tony Ingle. "But we didn't have enough energy for the second half and it cost us."

The Bulldogs came back from the break and quickly scored two 3-pointers, while the Owls missed eight out of their first nine shot attempts. The Owls had many opportunities but were never able to regain the lead as they scored just 21 points and shot a season low 21 percent from the field in the second half.

The Bulldogs did not have a spectacular second half either, shooting under 40 percent from the field, but it was enough to give them their sixth win in conference play and put them a game over .500 in the A-Sun.

Ronell Wooten's team-high 16 points, Shuan Stegall's 15 points, along with Tanner Jacobs' double-double were not enough to offset the remarkable effort of the Bulldog's guard, Thomas Sanders, who secured the double-double with a game high 30 points and 11 rebounds. The Owls are now 6-19 overall and 3-8 in conference play. Their next game will be on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Convocation Center.



Photo by Shelly Middelthon | The Sentinel
Freshman Tanner Jacobs grabs the rebound for KSU. The Owls lost to Gardner Webb 77-63.

Atlantic Sun Conference Women's Standings

TEAM	CONF. W-L	OVERALL W-L
Jacksonville	9-1	19-4
East Tennessee State	9-1	13-10
Florida Gulf Coast	8-2	13-7
Kennesaw State	7-3	12-10
Belmont	5-5	11-12
North Florida	5-5	10-12
Campbell	5-5	10-13
Gardner-Webb	5-5	9-14
Lipscomb	4-6	6-18
Stetson	2-8	4-19
Mercer	1-9	4-19
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Competitive Cheer team takes second place

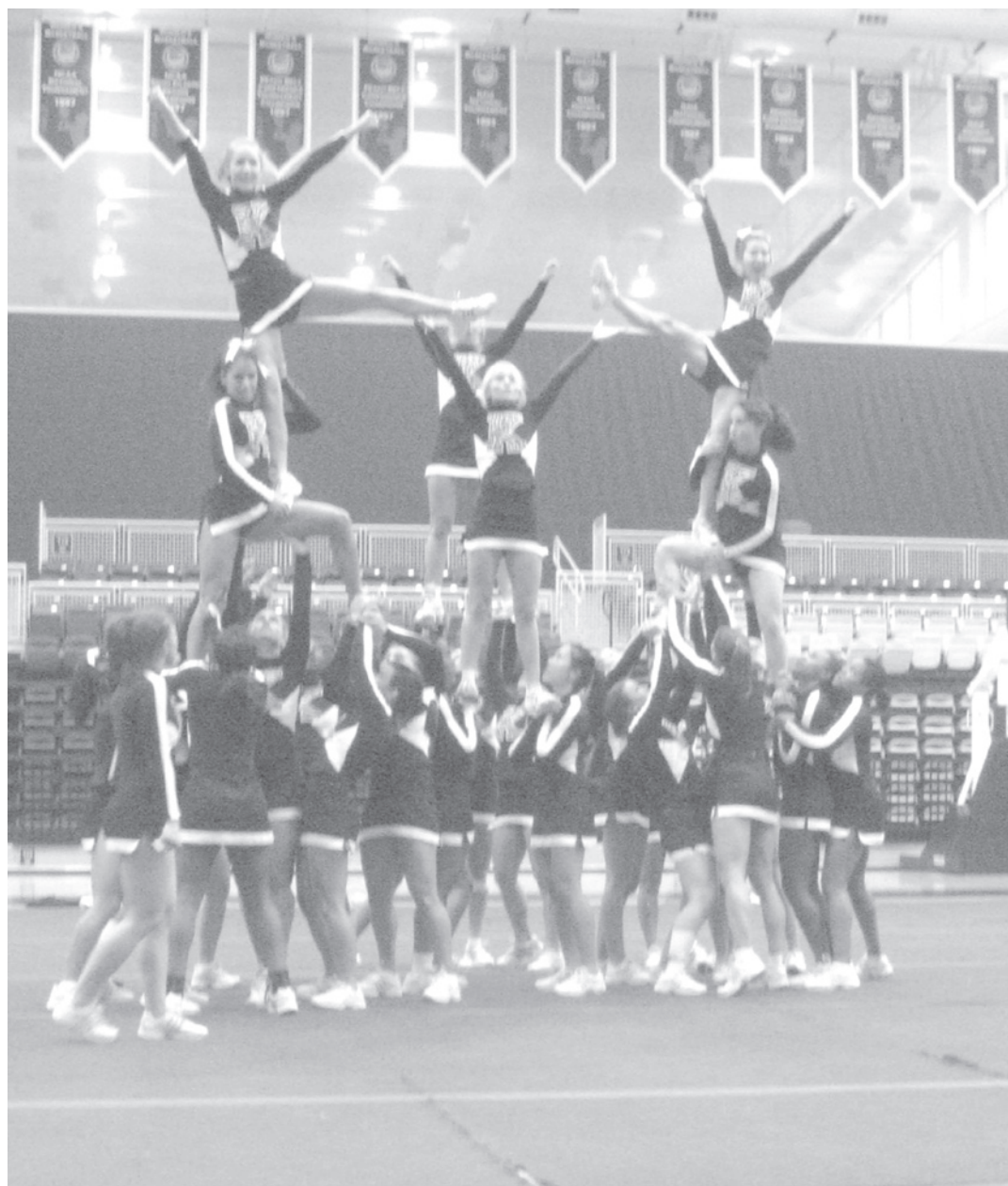


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The competitive cheer team practices for their upcoming competition.

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KSU's competitive cheer team took second place at the 2008 West Coast Championships at the Cashman Center in Las Vegas. The squad finished just three points behind San Diego State University.

"Going to Vegas was a great opportunity for us," said junior Erica Sheppard. "We got to go to the west coast and show them what KSU cheerleading is all about."

According to head coach Felicia Mulkey, the difficult, two and a half minute routine is a variation of the one they will be

performing at the National Championships in April. The routine, which she says is 'in the works,' is judged on difficulty, execution and cleanliness.

"The difficulty level is very high," said Mulkey. "One of our strong points is our pyramid sequence. The stunt sequence will also be strong."

Coach Mulkey also noted that tumbling is one of the team's weaknesses. "I think by the second competition we should be able to up our difficulty in tumbling," she said.

Twenty-nine of 33 team members took the floor in Las Vegas, including 15 rookies, as the team com-

peted against a number of top competitors including San Diego University, University of Oregon, University of Southern California and UC Santa Barbara among others.

"We didn't execute the routine well, but to [the girls] credit our routine was much more difficult, faster paced, and exciting. We expect to improve in our next competition" said Mulkey.

The Owls will compete at CheerSport for the East Coast Championship Feb. 16-17 at the World Congress Center. The National championships will be held in Daytona Beach, Fla. Apr. 9-13.

Local elementary school students entertain crowd at halftime

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24 Students from Chalker Elementary School in Kennesaw entertained fans at the women's basketball game between KSU and Gardner-Webb on Feb. 9. The students were a part of the dribbling team that performs at various events throughout the year. The team is comprised of fourth and fifth graders, and is coached by Anna Boney who teaches third grade at the school.

The students came out onto the court during halftime and performed various ball-handling techniques such as dribbling between the legs, around the head, and running basketball drills. The show ended with a student doing multiple back flips from one of the court to the other, which got the crowd on its feet. Mrs. Boney was extremely pleased with the students' performance calling it a success.

"The kids worked great as a team out there and enjoyed doing it," Boney said.

Every student who tried out for the dribbling team made the squad and no cuts were made. They have been practicing the past three months in preparation for the competition. Fans and parents alike were supportive of the effort the dribbling team showed.

"The kids improved from last year's performance and deserve all the credit," Boney said afterwards. "This performance is all about [the students] who worked hard and provided great entertainment to KSU."



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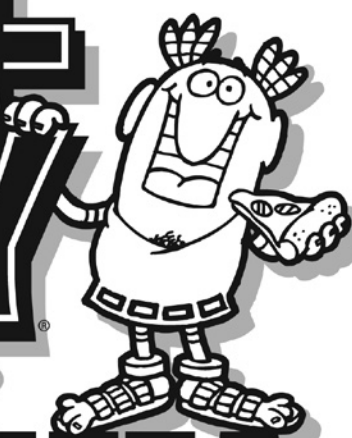
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