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Ninth annual All Boards Day honors members

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KSU held its 9th annual All Boards Day on Tuesday, April 1 in the Convocation Center, recognizing the school's advisory board.

KSU honored board members by inviting them to breakfast for full-university recognition and a celebration of their contributions. About 300 out of the 900 members on the volunteer advisory boards were expected to attend.

"These board members assist the academic, administrative, and service units of the university to effectively meet the needs of the public. If a student sits on a board and received an invitation, they are welcome to attend," said Joan Duncan, Director of Development and Donor Relations.

The event began with a speech from Dr. Wes Wicker, Vice President for Advancement and President of the KSU Foundation. Dr. Papp presented the State of the University address, followed by the presentation of awards; only the Board

Member of the Year and the Board of the Year were awarded.

To be nominated for the Board of the Year, some of the qualities these volunteers must have "served their own particular board in exemplary fashion, demonstrating their dedication through their time and resources," said Duncan.

Dick Harp, of the Osher Life Long Learning Center, is a prime example of having those qualities; he was awarded Board of the Year in 2007. After winning the award, Harp expressed that he was stunned. "I was absolutely surprised and shocked, when my name was called," he said. "My purpose in this program was to help others, especially senior citizens, to continue their education."

According to KSU's Web site, the, "Osher Lifelong Learning Institute [Osher LLI] offers a variety of educational and social opportunities for adults 50 and older. OLLI's purpose is to promote lifelong learning and continued intellectual and personal growth for retirement age individuals."

"Mr. Harp is a well-

known Cobb County retired banker who has come out of retirement to bring the OLLI program to a fine level of success," said Duncan.

"It will be interesting to see which nominee will win the 9th Annual All Boards Day, because there are many potential candidates who share a good quality of being a Board of the Year," Harp said.

Frances Harrison, Director of University Relations, commented on how the event had gone in previous years.

She said, "I was unable to attend the event last year. However, I have attended in the past, and the event is always well attended by the many community leaders who, not only serve on our boards, but also lend their leadership, energy and excitement to the many programs and initiatives the university offers. It's really an inspirational event."

According to Duncan, KSU has more than 66 advisory boards, ranging from the Dean's advisory boards in each of the colleges, to academic department boards to the KSU Foundation Board of Trustees.



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Vendors find success at Market Day

Owners of the small business Um-wah were part of the larger market set up in the student center, in KSU's annual Market Day held Mon. Mar. 31. Deborah Starnes (left) and Brenda Martin (right) named their accessories business after the kissing sound, "um-wah," which is what Martin's young grand daughter calls a kiss. The women learned about Market Day thanks to a Google search. How did the day fare? "Business has been great," Martin said. "We'll be back in November."

Professor leads new era of journalism

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For the next year and a half, a project designed to give communities ownership of their local and topical news will be under observation to see how well it works.

The idea, called representative journalism, will be a community-funded, online news media providing the kind of news and information the community wants and needs. It is an idea originally developed by Leonard Witt, Kennesaw State University's Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication and professor.

"The current journalism business model is kind of falling apart," said Witt. "It used to be that advertising revenue would pay for the bulk of the journalism. That is changing very rapidly."

Witt first began sharing the idea on his blog, PJNet.org. He admits that originally he wanted to just share the idea and let someone else have the "glory of making it happen." However, Ruth Ann Harnisch, president of the Harnisch Family Foundation, was not going to let him get away that easily. She told Witt, "We can make this happen," and awarded him and his idea with a \$51,000 grant.

"Len's idea has the potential to revolutionize the practice of journalism, especially as American journalism struggles with the loss of its advertising support base," Harnisch said.

Witt admits that they have more questions than expectations. The first one being, "will this local community be willing, in the long run, to pay for a professional journalist to cover their community online?"

What he does know is that this project will not be another mouth-piece for the community.

"From the very beginning this will not be PR for the community," he said. "We are going to make sure that everything we do must meet the highest standards of journalism standards, ethics and quality."

He is sure that the community may not be happy with some of the news that is reported, but they have a choice, he said.

"We will as the question, 'What do you want? No news, or news and information that you will occasionally disagree with?'"

And they will be sure to hire journalists who have years of proven experience. It will not just be anyone off the street, writing and reporting about what is going on in the community. Yet, Witt admits that community members will be given the ability to be more involved and active in the process.

There will be a process in place for the reporter to update the community on what they are doing and reporting on as

the journalist walks through the journalistic process. They want to make sure that the community is able to make use of their investment.

Right now they are still in the beginning stage. The trial phase will take place in Northfield, Minn., launching on "Locally Grown," an interactive weblog and podcast with a large participatory following of area residents and community leaders. The site is managed by Griff Wrigley.

Witt wanted to start here because of his familiarity with the area, having worked there for years before coming to KSU. And also because of his relationship with Wrigley, who taught him how and got him started with blogging. Also, Witt is enlisting the assistance of Chris Peck, editor of The Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal and William Densmore, founder of the Media Giraffe project at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Peck will act as a part-time editorial consultant and Densmore will provide administrative support

and oversight.

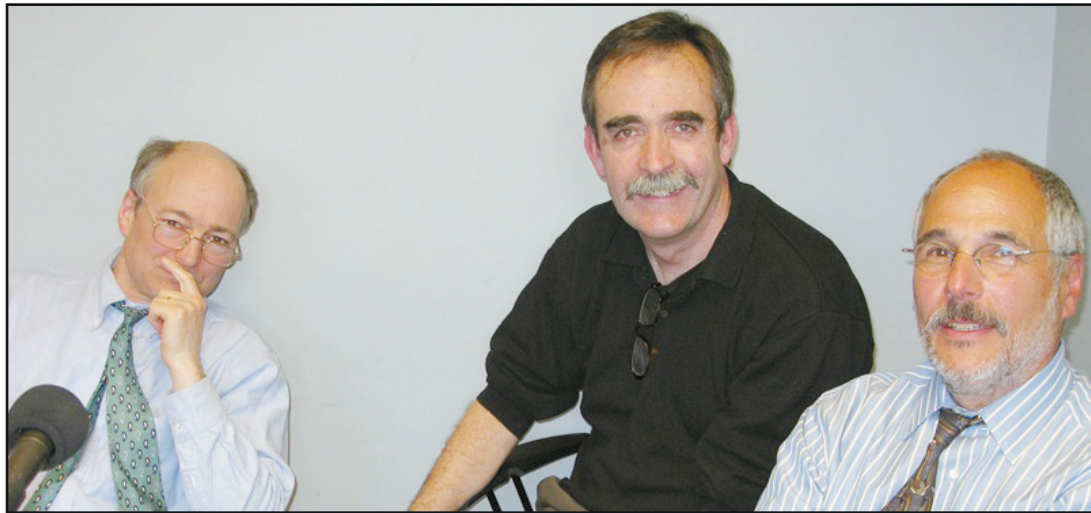
If the community begins to see worth in the project, they may continue the project in Northfield after this initial year. Witt hopes that they will.

"Our goal is to have more than 100 representative journalists across the country," he said, "and eventually to create the Representative Journalist Center, a full service hub providing journalism and editing, or even a network bringing communities together to work with journalists; Dunkin Donuts for news," Witt calls it jokingly.

It all depends on if the communities will be willing to invest in such a service and how they will pay for it.

Witt expects this first year to be launched officially in the early summer of this year. The next step is to put together the job description and start interviewing for the Northfield job. As for everything else, they will have to see as they go.

Previous reporting by Sabbaye McGriff, KSU University Relations, contributed to this article.



From left, William Densmore, Chris Peck and Leonard Witt

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College funding takes hard hit

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STAFF WRITER

Gov. Perdue has taken several budgetary actions that will affect salaries, hiring and travel as a result of lower than usual revenue collections during 2008. These budgetary restraints will have an immediate effect on all state agencies throughout the state of Georgia, including Georgia universities.

Campuses are being encouraged to establish internal committees to oversee these procedures and to monitor discretionary spending. All state agencies and universities have been advised to prepare for additional measures in the event that the state revenue trends continue to decline.

While Gov. Perdue's actions are based on an obvious financial need, many faculty members do not agree with the measures taken and feel as if other alternatives should be considered.

Associate Professor of English, Dr. Todd Harper, would like to see some changes made in the current system. When asked about his concerns for the budget limits, he said, "I am not convinced that the Governor's should be the only three options considered. A hiring freeze for positions that might otherwise offset increases in enrollment, a limiting of discretionary funds that faculty need to complete research required of them, or a small cut in raises that already don't address the increase in living seem drastic

when, many of the faculty feel, there might be other options. For example, I would argue that Kennesaw [State University] be allowed to cap enrollment until the faculty-student ratio can be stabilized and all of our programs can be more fully supported."

Todd Harper is not alone in his desire to see changes being made for Georgia educators. Associate Professor of English, Dr. Cynthia Bowers, hopes for changes to be made in Georgia's educational funding. In light of the recent budgetary limitations, Dr. Bowers provided interesting information

2009 Budgetary Restraints

- 1) Fiscal year 2009 salary increases will be reduced from 2.5 to 2.0 percent;
- 2) Hiring will be restricted to filling critical positions; and
- 3) Discretionary expenditures for travel, contracts, and other areas must be reduced immediately

about educators when she said, "A recent study ordered by State Rep. Bob Smith [R-Watkinsville] Chair of the House Appropriations Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee, states that KSU professors are already earn-

ing 18 percent below their peers in similar institutions. A two-percent raise, minus increased benefits costs, minus parking fees and our annual raises amount to only about one percent. I'm sure cuts could be made elsewhere in the system to counter the measures proposed by Gov. Perdue. However, the fact is that KSU has been consistently underfunded. I believe the Regents need to look at funding for Georgia's institutions of higher learning individually in order to correct or rebalance distribution of funds allocated by the legislature."

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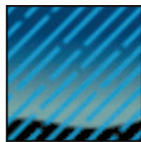
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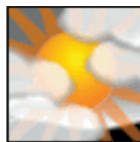
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What: SGA Presidential Debate
When: Wed. April 2, 12:30 p.m.
Where: Social Science Building Auditorium

What: Baseball v. East Tennessee
When: Fri. April 4, 6:00 p.m.
Where: Stillwell Stadium

What: Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology Conference
When: Sat. April 5, 9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Where: Social Science Building

Campus mourns death of student

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STAFF WRITER

On March 3, Stephen Werner, a sophomore, was killed when he was involved in a wreck on Interstate 75. He was driving southbound on I-75 when he swerved to avoid an accident ahead of him. His Jeep flipped and caught fire.

At the age of 22, Stephen had already made a drastic impact on the people around him. A business major who transferred from Georgia State, Stephen was more than just a college student. He was known as a great friend, a good listener, an

encourager, but most important to Stephen himself, he was known as a man of faith. One of his good friends, Meredith Ley said, "If anyone was feeling down, it pained him, so he was always there with a smile, a kind word, and a hug. He had an infectious smile that soothed your pain and when he would speak to you about your problems, he would really listen, and desperately try to ease your burden. Most importantly, Stephen Werner was a man of faith. He has made a lasting impact on all those who have ever had contact with him and now, we all are his legacy."



Stephen Werner

POLICE BEAT

CAITLIN DINGLE
STAFF WRITER

Early Sunday morning, police were dispatched to KSU Place with respect to a request made by an RA. The RA stated hearing loud music, and after approaching the students inside the apartment noticed **numerous bottles of alcohol**. Upon the arrival of police, groups of people began **running to their vehicles**. The people who ran to their cars were then identified, questioned, and subsequently issued criminal trespass warnings along with underage drinking citations.

A traffic stop was conducted Monday afternoon to a vehicle disregarding a stop sign on Owl Drive. The driver was identified and found to have a warrant out in Marietta for a charge of minor in possession of alcohol. The suspect was arrested and the passenger was then asked for information. Once out of the car, the officers noticed in plain view in the passenger side door a clear **plastic package containing a large amount of green leafy substance** suspected to be marijuana, weighing 21.8 grams. The passenger was also placed under arrest and the car was searched. The police officers then recovered two more clear plastic packages with the mystery substance weighing 28.7 grams and 30.5 grams, a digital scale, and \$598 in cash. The two suspects were then both placed under arrest for possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and pos-

session of marijuana with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of real property owned by a school. They were also issued criminal trespass warnings.

The **fire alarm** in the Science Building was set off Tuesday afternoon due to a large amount of smoke on the third floor. KSU Police and Cobb County Fire Department both arrived on the scene to find room 352 filled with **heavy smoke and a strong odor of Sodium Chloride**. A chemical experiment had gone wrong in a room where the ventilation system was not working, creating the excessive smoke.

On Thursday evening a student was pulled over for speeding on Campus Loop Road. The information came from dispatch that the suspect's **license** had been **suspended**. Officers then noticed a **12-pack of beer concealed** in the back seat. The driver was placed under arrest for speeding and underage possession of alcohol.

Early Friday, police were dispatched to a **physical fight** in the Waffle House parking lot. The suspects were yelling profanity and pushing each other. Upon arrival of law enforcement, one **suspect ran** into the woods behind the Shell gas station and crouched behind a retaining wall. Once police started toward the wall, the subject came out of the woods. The suspect was arrested for **obstruction of police** and public intoxication.

Editor in Georgia plans lawsuit over cuts to student paper's budget

EMILIE YAM
SPLC STAFF WRITER

The editor in chief of Armstrong Atlantic State University's student paper said she is planning to file a lawsuit against the president of the university and the Student Government Association for cutting the paper's 2008-09 budget, allegedly based on complaints about the paper's content.

Inkwell Editor in Chief Angela Mensing alleges the SGA is censoring the paper by reducing its student fee allocation by \$14,760. The paper's total budget allocation for 2007-08 was \$69,500 □ which included \$54,500 from student fees and \$15,000 in projected advertisement revenue. The 2008-09 allocation is \$65,240 □ including \$39,740 from student fees and \$25,000 in projected advertisement revenue. The SGA cut would total a loss of \$4,260 for the paper, but

Mensing says the real loss is \$14,670 because it is the amount of student fee support being trimmed. The Inkwell had requested a total budget of \$70,829 to cover the costs of a larger editorial staff and computers, Mensing said.

Members of the SGA Finance Committee criticized the paper's coverage of SGA events and use of wire stories in a Feb. 16 budget hearing, Mensing said.

"There have been a lot of good stories about what they've done," she said. "I think it's their way of saying, 'We're going to teach you a lesson ... by cutting your budget.'"

Chris Nowicki, an SGA senator and member of the Finance Committee, and the Student Affairs office deferred comment to the Office of University Relations. Spokesman Francisco Duque told the Student Press Law Center Monday morning the university was not comment-

ing on the Inkwell budget cut.

Mensing said she met with Vicki McNeil, vice president of Student Affairs, on March 18 to discuss the budget cut. During the meeting, McNeil told Mensing the SGA cut the paper's budget because of a new policy that would charge the SGA for publishing advertisements in the Inkwell, not for content-related reasons, Mensing said.

Although the paper had charged SGA for some advertisements in the past, there had been no formal policy, Mensing said.

The Inkwell is governed by a Publications Board, which is chaired by McNeil and includes student publication advisers, student publication leaders and the SGA president. The board's policy says the editor in chief has sole responsibility over newspaper content, Mensing said.

The SPLC is helping Mensing find a volunteer attorney to represent her.

Kennesaw Activities Board presents

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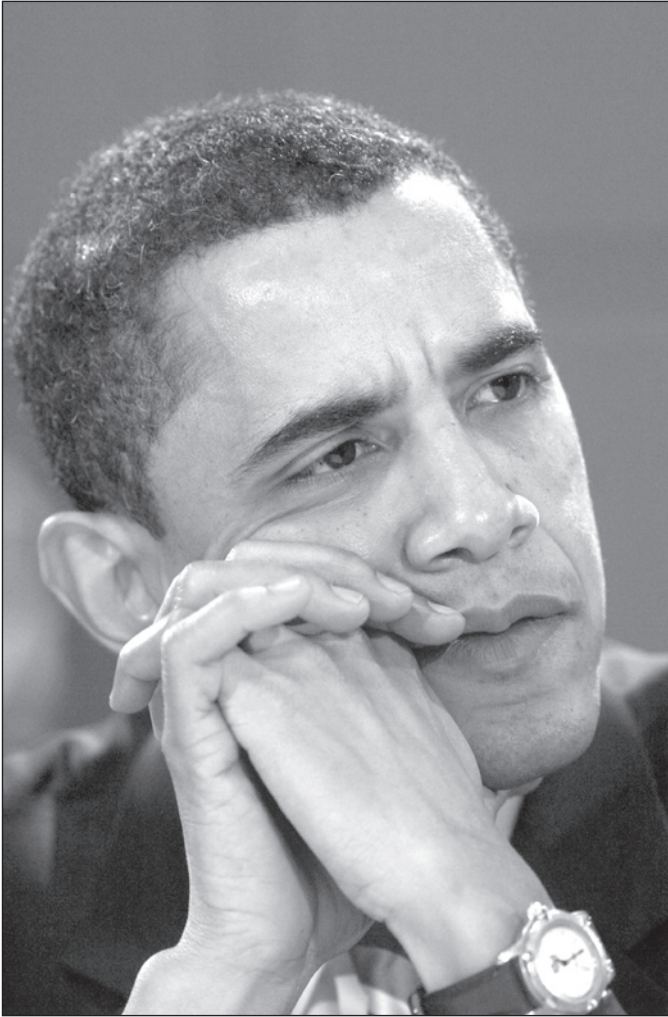
TONY SARRECCHIA
COLUMNIST

Last week, Democratic presidential hopeful Senator Barack Obama showed us why he is just another smarmy politician and not the “Great Unifier,” as some have named him. In a disingenuous speech, marginally designed to distance Obama from his whackadoo minster, Reverend Jeremiah Wright, the Senator managed to turn the issue from the anti-American rantings of Reverend Wright to a thinly-veiled condemnation of those calling out the Reverend’s words. At the heart of Obama’s speech is the theme that the Reverend isn’t wrong, but that everyone else needs to pay more attention to race. The Senator’s exact quote, ‘...race is an issue that I believe this nation cannot afford to ignore right now.’* When have we ever ignored race in this country? If anything, we are so obsessed with race that we see racial slights in the most mundane and inconsequential events. Obama’s slickness however, isn’t that he re-framed the question to be about race rather than anti-American ramblings by his Black Separatist pastor, but how he was able to talk for 20 minutes and never really say anything of substance.

In ten pages of text, Senator Obama never distances himself

from Wright; if anything, the speech is almost a defense of the Reverend. Obama said “I can no more disown him [Reverend Wright] than I can disown the black community.” One clearly cannot disown his race, but you can drive to a different church on Sunday. When the Senator says he disagrees with some of the more inflammatory comments (though he never actually says which comments he disagrees with: that the AIDS virus was created by the government to wipe out the black community; that the chickens have come home to roost in reference to 9/11; or that God should damn the USA) he is quick to add that we’ve all heard things from our “pastors, priests, or rabbis with which you strongly disagreed.” You are correct Senator, but when I found myself ‘strongly disagreeing’ with something my priest said, I left the church. I didn’t continue to go there week after week, year after year, giving implicit endorsement by my presence or financial endorsement through my offerings.

The Senator believes that we still need to march to a “more just, more equal, more free, more caring and more prosperous America.” What the Senator doesn’t do is tell us how we will know when we get there. Does “more equal” mean a level playing field in which one isn’t given preferential treatment based on skin color, gender, sexual orientation or family ties? If the answer is yes, then the Senator should say so and let the discussion begin. If the answer is no, then the Senator wants to have the same old arguments about race—the lectures in which whites must listen but are not allowed to contribute. Obama then goes on to say that we need to move on about race, but spends two paragraphs defending why Reverend Wright is still stuck in the fifties and



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sixties with regards to racial relations.

Supporters and apologists for Senator Obama have called him an “inspirational speaker.” The New York Observer wrote an article about Obama’s delivery, essentially calling him a cross between Dr. Martin Luther King and John F. Kennedy (“What Makes Obama a Good Speaker?” <http://www.observer.com/2008/what-makes-obama-good-speaker>), and no one can deny Obama’s oratory skills. The content of this speech however, is more like

a Bruce Willis movie than a JFK speech, all flash and no substance.

Reverend Wright is certainly free to say what he believes. Though he may want to cover the original sin concept again. According to Obama, “it [the Constitution] was stained by this nation’s original sin of slavery.” Technically, according to Christian cannon, original sin was man’s violation of God’s law-- I’m just saying. Scriptural inaccuracies aside, Reverend Wright’s job is to shepherd his congregation as he sees fit. Senator Obama also has

every right to attend the church of his choice. The Senator is asking us to use his past judgment as a benchmark to award him the presidency of the US. I agree. Twenty years of support to a vehemently anti-American pastor tells us quite a bit about the Senator’s judgment.

*All quotes unless indicated otherwise are from the Remarks of Senator Barack Obama, “A More Perfect Union” Speech. Given at the Constitution Center, Tuesday, March 18th, 2008, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Columnist sees the future

Predictions about the chronic under-funding of KSU



TODD FRARY
COLUMNIST

In keeping with the fine tradition of April Fools Day, it’s time for my State of Kennesaw 2008 address. Since I also love to mix my metaphors it’s going to be your Ghost of Christmas Future here to show you what may come to pass at KSU.

Due to our chronic funding shortfalls some changes are going to have to be made and, in the spirit of market-driven solutions,

we’ve worked with the fine folks at the Coles School of Business to come up with some solutions to our budget shortfalls.

Let’s start with the biggest issue: parking, or the lack thereof. Oh sure, there is parking, but it’s just not as close as we’d like. No problem. For \$300 a semester how about being able to park in the lot of your choice? If we charge professors and instructors for parking why not charge students? I can already hear the whining “But I already pay a parking fee!” Think of this as *enhanced* parking. Sure, you could get less desirable parking for less money; say \$100 to park at the Presbyterian Center. Heck, we’ll cut them in on the money too. Less still if you want to ride one of those spiffy shuttle buses and park off campus. You want free? Park at Town Center Mall and ride the No. 40 bus.

We can also take two huge lemons and make a big batch of lemonade when it comes to books.

For years The General and other competitors have been chipping away at business in the campus bookstore and we haven’t been able to hire instructors until the last minute, which means books are late in arriving in the bookstore for those courses. Let’s kill two birds with one stone and refuse to release the required textbook information to anyone at all and re-create an old-fashioned monopoly. Students will have no choice but to shop on-campus at the prices we set. Mo’ money, mo’ money, mo’ money.

We’ve heard your complaints about course availability and have a solution: auctioning a guaranteed spot in the course of your choice, call it the Ebay approach. You decide how badly you want to graduate and what you’re willing to pay. Can’t get in because the class is full and you know some idiots will drop it? Try our new “Standing Room Only” option. You don’t get a seat in class, but

have to sit on the floor or stand until a seat opens. Heck, we’ll even give that to you at 10% off normal tuition. While you’re standing there you can put pressure on the weakest students to drop the class. Intimidate your peers, make new enemies; it’s just like reality television only you create the story.

Many students want to participate in volunteerism and we think that’s great. We have a LOT of jobs to fill since we’re getting rid of all the maintenance staff. We’ll need students to volunteer to cut the lawns, empty garbage and tend to other issues. We can even give you class credits for your service. Since we can’t afford counselors any longer, we’ve elected to go with our “Magic Eight Ball” solution to those more personal problems. Is there any question the “Magic Eight Ball” can’t answer? We’ve also paid a LOT of money for computers in the library and many computer labs throughout

campus and we KNOW most of you are using them for Facebook and NOT for school. Say goodbye to computer labs and hello internet cafes. You pay for the time you use and will have to suffer overpriced coffee and piped in music like Fiest. And don’t think we didn’t consider the free wireless, because free now has a price: think pop up ads and lots of them.

I’m sure there are other angles we’ve missed, but don’t worry; we’re hard at work identifying them and coming up with ways to make money off of them. We’d like to thank you for choosing KSU. We realize you have other choices for your education and we appreciate you choosing KSU. When it comes to future education decisions, we certainly hope you’ll choose KSU. Your call is very important to us. Would you please continue to hold? A customer service representative will be with you shortly.

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Iraq and terrorism: the ties that bind



KEVIN SCHMIDT
COLUMNIST

On March 13, the Pentagon released a study of Iraq and its ties to terrorism before the 2003 invasion called “Saddam and Terrorism: Emerging Insights from Captured Iraqi Documents.” ABC News quickly took a part of the executive summary which reads: “This study found no ‘smoking gun’ (i.e., direct connection) between Saddam’s Iraq and al Qaeda.” Seemingly without read-

ing the whole report, they released a story titled: “Report Shows No Link Between Saddam and al Qaeda.” Upon reading the whole report, the evidence points in a much different direction.

The report “uncovered strong evidence that links the regime of Saddam Hussein to regional and global terrorism.” The Iraqi regime supported or had connections to Fatah, Palestine Liberation Front, Renewal and Jihad Organization, Force 17, Islamic Ulama Group, the Afghani Islamic Party, and the Egyptian Islamic Jihad.

The last group is the smoking gun. The Egyptian Islamic Jihad has been lead by Ayman al-Zawahiri since 1991. You might recognize his name as the current number two in Al Qaeda to bin Laden. The two groups merged in June of 2001, and the Islamic Jihad is now considered synonymous with Al Qaeda.

Two quotes from the report show Saddam’s link to al Qaeda affiliated terrorists: “Captured documents reveal that the regime was willing to co-opt, or support, or organizations it knew to be part of al Qaeda-as

long as that organization’s near-term goals supported Saddam’s long term vision.”

“Saddam supported groups that either associated directly with al Qaeda (such as the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, led at one time by bin Laden’s deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri) or that generally shared al Qaeda’s stated goals and objectives.”

Considering this evidence, how irresponsible is it for these media outlets to claim there was no connection? It’s obvious that they either didn’t read the report, don’t know about the complexity of terrorist groups, or both. One can imagine that as soon as they read that line in the summary, they thought they didn’t need to read any more and ran their stories.

The report also mapped out how Saddam supported terrorist groups that were “willing to target not only Western interests but also to directly attack Americans.” Groups such as Hamas and National Sri Lankan Socialist Student Union gave their full-fledged support to Saddam and offered to attack American interests around the world. The report cited “two other documents [which]

present evidence of logistical preparation for terrorist operations in other nations, including those in the West.”

The intentions of both Saddam and bin Laden are shown to have grand visions for the Arab world. Saddam wanted to create a “Ba’athist pan-Arab socialist super-state with Iraq at its center.” Meanwhile, bin Laden craved a “jihad that would one day topple all apostate governments, unite all Muslims and finally restore the caliphate.” The caliphate is one of the most forgotten goals for much of radical Islam, being drowned out by the “they attack us because we are over there.” Although it is true that our presence in the Middle East was an irritant to bin Laden and others, the big picture is much more complicated and the caliphate is a major part of that.

These different visions were incredibly “parallel,” and eventually the two found a common enemy in the United States. Both movements (Arab nationalist and Islamic) recruited from the same demographic and espoused rhetoric of the glorious past of the Middle East, Arabs and Islam. These

groups did not find themselves in the same “group,” but did find that their common interests made connecting and collaborating beneficial. The report amplified that, noting, “common interests, even without common cause, increased the aggregate terror threat.”

The overwhelming evidence of the Pentagon reports shows Saddam not only as a ruthless, authoritarian and genocidal dictator, but as a state sponsor of terror that used groups that would help its strategic interests and attack common enemies. These groups eventually included the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, which combined with Al Qaeda in 2001. This doesn’t show that Iraq had anything to do with September 11 (although it can be sure they welcomed it), but it does show that Iraq had a connection Al Qaeda. Saddam was a threat in more ways than one. Middle East stability and the end of terrorism could never be achieved without his disposition. Whether or not our strategy was the best will be debated for years to come, but this report shows how dangerous Saddam’s connections to terrorism actually were.

Six-day Creation theory gains ground

Relativity theory applied to the Bible yields some surprising results

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The first 31 verses of the Christian and Jewish scriptures, more commonly referred to as the “Creation Story” have been the cause of some of the most vehement debates throughout human history. These arguments over our origin, most often between theologians and scholars, have created a rift between theism and science that seems almost too wide to span. However, this rift, according to Dr. Gerald Schroeder, an MIT educated philosopher and astrophysicist, has never existed. In the words of the famous medieval philosopher Moses Maimonides, “Conflicts between science and the bible arise from either a lack of sci-

entific knowledge or a defective understanding of the bible.” Schroeder, working in light of Maimonides’ quote, has introduced a uniting idea between scientific and biblical ideas of the age of our universe.

Genesis has told us for about 2300 years that the universe and everything in it were created in six days. As many have argued that the “days” may have symbolically meant eons or ages, recent study of the Hebrew word “Yom” which is used for “day” in this passage tells us that we can interpret it to mean a 24 hour period with certainty. How then could we ever dream of reconciling the difference between a 6,000 year old universe and a 15 billion year old universe? Fortunately, Schroeder is far from finished.

This uniting of theories begins with Einstein’s theory of relativity which tells us that the higher V (velocity) and the higher G (gravity) in a place, the slower time moves in that place *relative* to a place with lower V and G. We have found this to be true by measuring light waves. For example: On the sun, time moves 67 seconds slower per year relative to time here on Earth. We have found this to be true in that light waves generated on the sun are 2.12 parts per million longer than light waves of the same type generated here on Earth. This is not because it is taking more time for the light to be generated, but time is simply moving more slowly, stretching the light itself. One then takes 2.12 seconds per million, ap-

plies that to the amount of seconds in a year and finds that the sun’s time is actually 1 year minus 67 seconds for every year we have here on Earth. Feel free to do the math yourself to settle any doubts.

What if we applied this same principle to the total universe at the time of the Big Bang? Remember that at the Big Bang, the entirety of the energy and matter in the universe were constrained to a very small area: initially a single mathematical point which expanded exponentially upon explosion. Fortunately, there is a leftover evidence of the Big Bang which can be found throughout our entire universe. By using CBM (Cosmic Background Microwave Radiation) which NASA, as well as most modern Astrophysicists, has

acknowledged as microwave residue left over from the Big Bang, we can calculate the difference in time in the same way that we did with the Sun by comparing the microwaves to microwaves generated here on Earth. These microwaves are stretched by a million million times comparatively. By applying the same mathematical principles to this early universe we find that the 260 million years since the dinosaurs roamed our world amounts to only 1 hour in terms of the universe as a whole. This does not represent a symbolic time, but an actual passage of total universal time of one hour since the dinosaurs roamed the Earth. What if we apply it to the scientific 15 ¾ Billion year age of our universe? We find the total age of the universe using uni-

versal time to be exactly 6 days. This would make sense in regards to a biblical narrative as well, considering Genesis 2:4 and 5:1 separate the scriptures into two segments of “generations” or time. When working on a universal scale, God used Universal time. When working on an Earthly scale, God used Earthly time. This seems logical.

Is it possible that our theologians and physicists have spent their time arguing and debating in vain? Could both answers be equally accurate, true and valuable? This research seems to tell us exactly that. These sort of ideas and theories should teach everyone, Theist and Secularist alike, to keep their minds open and searching for wisdom in all areas and facets of our world.

Awkward Silence

“Barack-Oh-Mama”

By Brett Frank

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THE OWL FORUM

Dear Editor,

I was registering for my Summer 2008 courses and I discovered something that was odd and I didn’t understand. I registered for a Co-Op and an online course, “Principles of Sociology.” Neither of these courses require[s] a student to go on campus, except for a final exam, maybe. When looking at the fees that I was charged, I discovered I was charged for: A Parking Fee: what is the point in paying for this when I am doing a Co-Op off campus and an online course, which definitely doesn’t require to go on campus. Plus, why is the parking fee the same for a less crowded and shorter semester (1st 4 summer weeks)? An

Athletic Fee: what is this for anyways? A Technology Fee: is this for me using Web CT Vista on my own computer? A Recreation Center Fee? I don’t understand why some of these fees are being charged for an online course and a Co-Op. It is understandable if I was going to have a class on campus... no argument here. It doesn’t make sense to me, and they are using up my valuable money for college. If you could help or assist me with any of my questions that would wonderful!

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GETTING ACQUAINTAINED

WOMEN IN THE WORST POSSIBLE WAY

What is “hidden rape?” How to recognize it, how to fight it

Story by Caryn Ehrhardt

Acquaintance rape, also known as “date rape” or “hidden rape,” is a rarely discussed but increasingly common problem in society. Acquaintance rape occurs when a person known to the victim has sexual contact with him or her without the victim’s consent. The term “rape” refers not only to unwanted sexual intercourse, but also to unwanted oral sex, anal sex, or other sexual contact. A problem once overlooked by society, acquaintance rape is becoming increasingly common, especially among the young adult population. Apart from the obvious physical effects, it can lead to serious psychological and emotional damage that is commonly neglected or overlooked.

One common misconception about rape is that it always involves a violent attack by an unknown sexual predator. Recent studies have indicated that approximately 80 percent of sexual attack victims knew their attackers, and that 76 percent of those attacks were committed by the victim’s ex spouse, partner, or date. One common form of acquaintance rape is date rape, where alcohol or other substances are used to lower the victim’s defenses enough to take advantage of them, or even render the victim completely unconscious. Alcohol is the most commonly used date rape drug. Others include Rohypnol (commonly called “roofies”), GHB (liquid ecstasy), and Ketamine (special K). These drugs are favored because they are easy to administer (they can be stirred into the victim’s drink and are unnoticeable) and because they render the victim helpless. One study indicated that 74 percent of men and 55 percent of women had been using drugs or alcohol prior to an occurrence of acquaintance rape.

Unfortunately, many individuals do not recognize non-violent acquaintance rape, such as date rape, as a form of sexual assault. According to a study conducted in 2001, 48 percent of college-aged women who were victims of sexual attack did not consider what happened to them rape. Another study found that 84 percent of men who had committed acquaintance rape did not consider what they did to be rape. This may be due to the cultural views on sexual relationships between men and women, a misunderstanding of sex role behaviors or communication styles, or the common belief that rape is always a violent attack committed by a stranger. Legally, however, acquaintance rape carries the same penalty as a rape committed by a stranger.

While both males and females can be victims of acquaintance rape, the victims are far more commonly women aged 16 to 25. For this reason, it is most prevalent around college campuses and amongst college-aged students. Although it is impossible to predict who will be a victim or a sexual attack, there is evidence that certain beliefs or behaviors may increase the risk of becoming a victim. One research study conducted in 1989 found that women who had a more “traditional” view of men, holding them in a more dominant and authoritative position in regard to women, who are viewed as passive and submissive, were at an increased risk of being subjected to acquaintance rape, as they were more accepting of unwanted sexual advances. There is also evidence that women with low self esteem are at increased risk of becoming the victim of an acquaintance rape. Women with low

self esteem have been found to be less likely to fight back against unwanted sexual advances, and are also less likely to report the incident. Several psychologists believe that this is because it is easy for the offender to make the person feel guilty and responsible for the attack. Women who use drugs and alcohol are also more likely to become the victim of a sexual attack than women who don’t. In 1988, a study found that offenders see women they are in a relationship with as “safe,” as they are unlikely to report the incident, and often do not even view it as rape.

Although it is far less common (834,000 versus 1.5 million women per year), men, particularly those in college, can be victims of acquaintance rape, as well. Usually, these attacks on men are made by other men. One study revealed that this is most commonly the result of fraternity hazing going out of control or initiation on athletic teams.

Acquaintance rape has countless psychological effects, some of them long-term and requiring counseling and in some cases, medication. There are several common reactions experienced by the majority of victims of acquaintance rape. Initially, the victim feels confused, shaken, and violated, and unsure of whether what happened is considered rape or not, and often does not tell anyone what happened. Since often times the offender is an acquaintance, friend, or even date, the victim doesn’t want to report the incident for fear of what will happen. Victims of a drugged date rape often don’t recall what happened at all because they were unconscious, or if they do vaguely remember it, they often deny that it happened, choosing to believe that it was a dream. Victims feel a sense of confusion, wondering if what happened was “normal” or if it was rape. Many feel a sense of responsibility for the incident, believing that because they agreed to go on the date or go to the person’s house, they gave the other person the wrong signal, and feel that they were responsible for what happened. Often, victims overlook the fact that they did not agree to or even physically protested sexual intercourse.

Self-blaming is an almost universal reaction to acquaintance rape, according to one psychologist. The victim often doesn’t want to believe

that a friend or date would knowingly do something against their will, instead blaming themselves. Many times, the victim is pressured by the offender and made to feel as if it is

their own fault. While almost all rape victims go through a period of self-blaming, those suffering from low self esteem have a harder time coming to the realization that they are not at fault. Other times, friends or family who know about the situation blame the victim, believing that “they wanted it,” and the victim often internalizes the situation. “He told me that it ‘meant a lot’ to him,” Jana* (name changed), a victim of acquaintance rape, said. “He kept telling me he was doing it for me. So I felt guilty about reporting him. He made me feel like I misled him, even though I said no.” When compared to victims of stranger rape, victims of acquaintance rape blame themselves more and deal with more serious problems because the person who violated them was someone they knew

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and trusted. Their self esteem and trust are severely shaken, and they feel guilty and embarrassed and try to hide the situation, sometimes pushing others away and seeking solitude. Others deny that the experience ever happened and try to resume life normally. Most have a difficult time talking about what happened. Some become withdrawn and reclusive and have a hard time socializing, while others act out sexually and become promiscuous. Acquaintance rape can lead to depression and anxiety that may need to be treated with medication and therapy.

Unfortunately, a surprisingly large number of rapes go unreported. According to a study conducted in 1997, 97 percent of all surviving rape victims informed at least one close confidant. Only 28 percent informed the police, and only 20 percent pressed charges. The number of victims of acquaintance rape who reported the incident to the police is drastically lower, at a mere two percent. There are several reasons for this low number. The most prevalent is self-blame. Even when the victim accepts the fact that the rape was not their own fault, they feel responsible for not seeing the attack coming. In addition, many feel at fault for not fighting back hard enough. “I just froze,” recalls one victim who wishes to remain anonymous. “I said no, but then I just kind of laid there. My mind went blank.”

Many times, the victim is unsure of how to feel about the situation because the offender is an acquaintance, friend, or date. Many refuse to believe that the offender meant to violate them, and instead

place the blame on themselves for not making it clear enough. Sometimes, the offender proceeds to pressure or bully the victim, either physically or psychologically. Some victims report being physically threatened, while others were made to feel guilty. One victim reports that the offender made her feel like what had happened was special to him, and she didn’t want to hurt his feelings by turning him in. Sadly, many continue to have sexual relations with the offender after the incident due to poor self esteem or threats from the offender.

Social pressures often influence the victim’s decision not to report the rape, as well. In general, society tends to place the blame on the victim, insinuating that they are at fault for not

making it clear to the offender that they did not want to participate in sexual activity. In addition, the victim often receives negative attention from society, with sometimes cruel remarks such as, “She was asking for it with the way that she dressed,” or, “She deserved it.”

Family and friends can contribute to the victim’s unwillingness to report the incident, as well. Often times, the reactions of the victim’s close friends and family members reinforce their self-blame. Many question the victim’s thought processes, actions, and decisions, leading them to feel that they are not supported. For example, a parent or close friend may comment on the fact that the victim’s decision to go back to the offender’s house after a date lead to the attack, leading the victim to place the blame on herself. In addition, many family members and friends do not realize the severity of the trauma caused by acquaintance rape, and often do not offer the same support as they would for a case of stranger rape. Psychologists agree that acquaintance rape can be more traumatizing than stranger rape, as the victim has had their trust betrayed and has been hurt by someone who is close to them. For this reason, the victim may have a harder time opening up to others about what happened.

Many acquaintance rapes go unreported because the victims fear that they will not be believed. Since many are not violent and most do not report it immediately, if at all, there is usually no physical evidence. Often, the victims fear that their mutual friends will not believe them, and that it will ruin friendships and cause even more trouble.

Others tell no one of the attack because they don’t want to talk about it and have to relive the experience. Instead, they choose to act as if nothing happened and attempt to remain on a friendly basis with the offender so that it will not be revealed.

Still others do not understand the severity of what happened. Some wonder if, because they agreed to kiss the offender, they sent the message that they wanted to have sex. Many don’t know what to call it because of the “violent attack by a stranger” image of rape that is commonly portrayed, and because the offender doesn’t consider it to be rape.

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Safety matters in fire protection and energy drink consumption

Dear EarthTalk: How safe are the fire retardants that are used to quell forest fires across the American West?

So-called long-term fire retardants—those usually dropped from airplanes over forest fires—are comprised of water mixed with a slurry of chemicals, thickeners and corrosion inhibitors designed to prevent plants on the ground from igniting, keep the ingredients from separating and dispersing during targeted drops, and ensure that the harsh chemicals on board the plane don't endanger the flight's safety.

Firefighters sometimes add iron oxide to make the fire retardant turn red when applied so they can see where they have already covered. Ammonium phosphate and ammonium sulfate, known for their use as agricultural fertilizers, are also often added to provide nutrients to help the forest regenerate after a burn.

In recent years, where global warming and droughts have exacerbated forest fires across the American West, federal and state firefighting agencies have upped their cumulative annual use of long-term fire retardants to some 20+ million gallons a year spread across tens of thousands of individual fly-overs.

While such chemicals have been valuable in minimizing the damage of forest fires, their use comes with a price. The nitrogen in ammonium phosphate and ammonium sulfate can wreak terrible havoc on aquatic ecosystems, creating algae blooms that kill fish by choking out their oxygen. A 1998 study by the U.S. Geological Survey's Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, found long-term fire retardants to be "very toxic to aquatic organisms including algae, aquatic invertebrates and fish." The study also said that fire-fighting chemicals "could cause substantial fish kills depending on the stream size and flow rate."

These chemicals have also been shown to affect some plants' reproductive capacities. One study found that spraying fire retardants in some cases decreased plant species diversity, as weedier species better adapted to make use of excess nitrogen in the soil tended to thrive while native species were not able to compete.

In 2000 the U.S. Forest Service issued guidelines for use of fire retardants by aerial fire fighting crews. While the focus of the document was fire control and safety,

it encouraged pilots to avoid applying retardant within 300 feet of waterways or other sensitive areas. The Forest Service acknowledges the risk of using retardants, but believes that their use in moderation is a net gain; as fewer "ground troops" need to be sent in to risky situations while more property can be saved from the ravages of a fast-moving fire.

Fires are actually an essential part of forest ecology and many species of trees and plants thrive in part because of the natural occurrence of fires (sequoia trees, for example, depend upon the high temperatures of forest fires to pry open their cones so new seeds can spring forth and take root). The main reason that such catastrophic, news making fires occur in the first place is that humans have sprawled too closely to the forest edge. This has led to forest management policies that suppress natural fires, causing large build-ups of tinder-like woody debris that eventually ignites and burns out of control.

Dear EarthTalk: There are so many energy drinks on the market, but they all seem very high in sugar, coloring and preservatives. Are there any natural versions that offer a healthier kick-start?

Energy drinks constitute one of the fastest growing sectors of the soft drink market across the U.S. and around the world, with some 500 new varieties introduced in recent years. But it's true that most are far from healthy. Besides containing excessive amounts of sugar and caffeine, which alone can be dangerous to those with diabetes or heart conditions, many also feature a battery of supposedly beneficial herbal supplements (taurine, guarana and ginseng) that are not proven to increase energy and may actually sap energy, being detrimental to bodies overloaded with new and unfamiliar stimuli.

"Most of the energy drinks contain high-tech-sounding ingredients that are not controlled substances, of no value, and potentially harmful" in large amounts, says sports nutritionist Cynthia Sass. "The amount of the stimulants is not always listed on the label, and even when the information is listed, it is hard for consumers to interpret because we are not familiar with these ingredients."

Sass recommends good old fashioned

water as the best alternative to energy drinks. Re-hydrating is a great way to stay alert and to move other nutrients through the body. Other tried and true ways to increase energy include maintaining a healthy diet, regular physical activity and, of course, a good night's sleep.

But what about those times when you really need a boost? Yerba mate tea, which is derived from yerba mate plants that naturally contain caffeine as well as other natural stimulants, is a popular choice. Perhaps part of the reason some people swear by it is that its brewed leaves contain theobromine—also found in cocoa—an alkaloid known to help elevate the mood. Boosters of the drink say it also helps strengthen the immune system, relieve allergies and aid in weight loss.

Not a straight tea drinker? Brewed yerba mate, which has an earthy flavor that some call an acquired taste, is sold commercially not just as tea but also blended in lattes, coffees and energy drinks. Guayaki (available at Safeway, Wegmans, 7-Eleven and elsewhere) is one of a handful of companies paving the way for yerba mate in the U.S. The company sells flavored versions with a hint of cane juice to sweeten it up for otherwise sugar-addicted American consumers.

Another take on healthy energy drinks comes from a handful of companies selling products with vitamins and nutrients instead of caffeine to give drinkers a kick. Zipfizz is a powder that can be mixed in with water and contains a combination of vitamins and minerals that provide the body with electrolytes, antioxidants and vitamin B-12, among other natural, immune-strengthening nutrients. Eniva Vibe, also packed with vitamins and minerals, is another popular new entry into the healthy energy drink market.


As with anything you consume, mileage may vary, so to speak, so experts advise going slow at first to make sure it agrees with you. And if all else fails, remember you can always just go take a nap.

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Fears revisited

Many also fear the strain that it will place on significant relationships in their life. Acquaintance rape in particular can place a lot of stress on relationships, as mutual friends may not know how to handle the situation. A loved one of a victim stated, “Dealing with this situation has been one of the hardest things to overcome in my life, but through listening, compassion, and prayer, we’ve overcome a lot of hardships.”

There are a lot of common misconceptions regarding rape that influence the way many victims are treated by society. The first misconception is that a woman who doesn’t fight back hasn’t been raped. In reality, anyone who is forced to participate in any sexual act against their will has been raped. Unfortunately, many men believe that when a woman says no, she really means yes, and that they should keep trying. This has often been portrayed by the media, but is not the case in real life.

Another common misconception is that most women lie about being raped because they feel guilty or regret having consensual sex with someone. While this may be true in a few rare cases, all incidences of rape should be taken seriously. As there is usually no physical evidence, the victim should be offered support from friends and family and should seek counseling.

A third misconception is that certain behaviors, such as dressing in a sexually appealing way, drinking on a date, or agreeing to go back to a man’s apartment after a date, make rape the women’s fault. The reality is that no woman asks or deserves to be raped. Just because a woman dresses in a sexually appealing way or drinks on a date does not mean that she wants to have sex. Even if a woman agrees to kiss a man on a date, she has the right to stop at any point, and should not feel required to have sex with him. Unfortunately, one study revealed that 51 percent of high school boys and forty-one percent of high school girls believed that forced sex is okay if the man “spends a lot of money on the woman.” In no way should anyone of either gender feel obligated to participate in any sexual activity for any reason.

In the occurrence of rape, one should contact the authorities immediately. Avoid showering, as this washes away physical evidence. Time is an important factor should the victim decide to press charges. The victim should also seek counseling soon after the incident to help deal with the emotional and psychological effects. On KSU’s campus, the CAPS Center is available for counseling services, and also offers resources for getting in touch with other therapists.

If a friend confesses that she is a victim of acquaintance rape, it can be a difficult situation to face. In order to offer the most support, avoid blaming her or asking questions like, “Why didn’t you call the police?” or “Why didn’t you tell someone sooner?” Encourage her to seek both counseling and medical help. Even if the rape was not a violent one, she should still be tested for STDs and pregnancy. Instead of pressuring her to press charges or contact the police, allow her time to make her own decision regarding the matter. In the instance that the offender is a mutual friend, avoid taking sides. Listen to her and offer your support as best you can, and understand that she is going through an extremely difficult ordeal.

The best way to prevent acquaintance rape is to be aware of your surroundings and the people that are there. At a party, avoid drinking and using drugs, or have a designated friend be responsible for watching over you. At a club or bar, try to go with a group, avoid accepting drinks from a stranger, and never leave your drink unattended. While there is no sure fire way to prevent acquaintance rape, being cautious and aware of this problem can increase your safety.

In order to protect both men and women from this increasingly common ordeal, everyone should also be aware of this problem. Men should recognize that when a woman says no, she means no, even if she doesn’t physically resist his advances. In order to avoid confusion, both men and women should be clear and avoid giving mixed signals. In addition, they should avoid drinking heavily and using drugs in a situation that could go wrong. People should also be aware that just because someone dresses in a sexually appealing way, it doesn’t mean that they want to have sex. Regardless of someone’s sexual history, they it’s not okay to force sexual intercourse on them.

Acquaintance rape is a problem that is receiving more and more attention. As it is especially common among college-aged individuals, students should be aware of this problem and of how to prevent it from occurring.

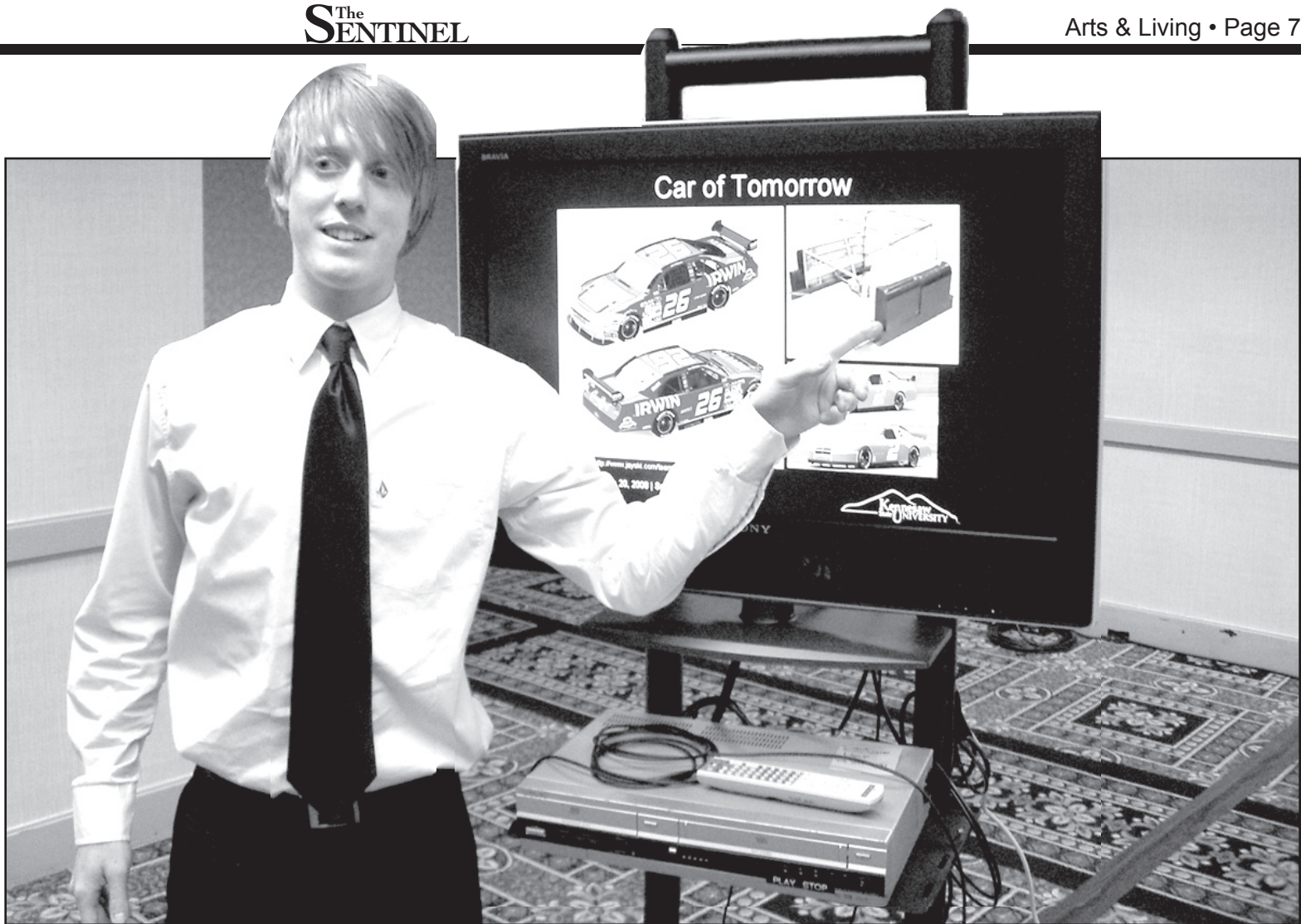


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Debunking notions

Freshman presents research alongside Ph.D’s at PCA conference, San Francisco

LEAH HALE
STAFF WRITER

The stereotypical freshman sleeps in class, blows off homework, doesn’t care about school and writes essays that make professors cringe. The problem with stereotypes is that a lot of people don’t fit them. One of those people is Landon Waters.

Last weekend, Waters, now a sophomore, flew to San Francisco with Dr. David Thompson to present a single-author research paper he wrote as a freshman for Thompson’s KSU 1101 class at the National Popular Culture and American Culture Associations Conference. The 38th annual conference, as Thompson describes it, “brings in thousands of people from all over the world to present papers on anything from Shakespeare to Mass Communication [to] motorcycle culture and grave markers.” The people alongside whom Waters presented were mostly Ph.D.s and graduate students, and his paper had to compete with ones written by professors. “I didn’t really expect it to get in,” Waters said, “but I guess it caught their attention.” He was one of six presenters from KSU. Dr. Keisha Hoerrner, Chair, Department of First-Year Programs, said, “Landon’s achievement clearly debunks two erroneous notions. First-year students are bright, capable scholars in their own right when they are given the right mentoring, and KSU 1101 is clearly an academically rigorous course.”

Dr. Thompson, or “Turbo” as he is listed

in the conference program, taught his Fall 2007 KSU 1101 class around an unusual theme: Nascar. Waters, who researched NASCAR’s Car of Tomorrow, explained, “My paper is about the new NASCAR stock car design for the Nextel Cup Series. It’s a three-facet new design for safety, keeping costs down, and making the playing field of cars more level.” His paper traces NASCAR from its early days of “strictly stock” cars through the three generations of changes it has undergone to arrive at the Car of Tomorrow. Waters discovered in his research that the three generations of changes correspond to three generations of the France family that directs NASCAR. He is the first first-year student to present a paper at an international academic conference since the Department of First-Year Programs formed in June 2007. Dr. Birgit Wassmuth, chair of the Department of Communication who also presented at the conference, said, “Landon was awesome! He delivered his research paper like a pro, like an academic who has been going to these PCA conventions for years. He seemed very confident.”

Dr. Thompson also presented a paper—about the 15th paper he has presented at the PCA/ACA Conference since the early 1990s. Every year his presentation has been on stock car racing, a hobby he began in graduate school when he used a car he bought from a neighbor and parts from his grandmother’s old Chevy Impala to build his own race car. “My background is journalism and mass communications; my academic home is the Department of First-Year Programs, but this [conference] is my outlet for my research about stock car racing.” His paper this year is titled “NASCAR—cissim: Expressions of Ego in Films about Stock Car Racing.” It examines how narcissism has grown from racers in films from the 1960s to racers in NASCAR today.

Funding for the trip was a challenge. After plane tickets, hotel and registration fees, the total cost of presenting was around \$1,000. “I knew [the conference] was going to be big,” Waters said, “but I just didn’t have the money for it. I have a lot of people to thank for sending me on the trip.” Without financial aid, Waters was ready to turn down the conference, but CETL helped provide the money he needed. CETL director Dr. Bill Hill commented, “One of the key strategic initiatives for student success at KSU is advancing undergraduate research, with several programs coordinated by KSU’s Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning. We are fortunate that Provost Lendley Black has provided significant funding to support undergraduate research activities on camps as well as travel funds for undergraduate researchers to present their research at professional meetings.”

Breaking from the stereotype has won Waters recognition in the university. Dr. Ralph Rascati, dean of University College, said “We are proud of Landon’s achievement. Having students such as Landon presenting high quality work at a national conference enhances the reputation of Kennesaw State University as an institution where students can get a first-rate education and be rewarded for their accomplishments.”

Now a biology major with goals in either pediatrics or teaching, Waters’ presentation will only help him in the future. Thompson said, “Probably the coolest moment was in the airport on the way home when he came up to me and said, ‘see that person sitting right over there? I just talked to her. She did a paper at Pop Culture too, and it was about racing.’ So he’s already starting to see himself as an expert and network with other people who are doing similar things. That’s really working in the high level, especially for a first-year student, and I’m really proud of him.”

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Reunited again for the first time, MGMT

CD REVIEW

MATT LOGAN
STAFF WRITER

MGMT's debut album, *Oracular Spectacular*, is a rare thing. It's at once self-aware and self-effacing, it's electronic yet still warm, and most of all it's a pop album that has depth. The band consists of two college friends, Ben Goldwasser and Andrew VanWyngarden, who began playing music together almost as a joke. Years later, after they graduated and disbanded, Columbia Records came calling. This album is by no means your typical "major label" release, though. In fact, it's not a typical release of any kind. It's a disjoint, abstract, pop-fusion of the first degree.

MGMT's strength here is that they don't have a formula; each song is a world within itself, owing nothing to the song before it or after it, yet still fitting in logically with the album as a whole. Though *Oracular Spectacular* works wonderfully as a full-length album, it could very easily be a singles collection. A good one, too.

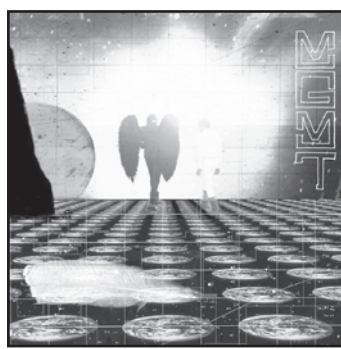
Pick one song at random

from the ten and you may come away convinced they're a folk band. Pick another and they're a dance band, an indie rock band, a psychedelic jam band... the list goes on. But really, at their core, they're a pop band. These songs beg to be sung along with, with epic choruses that recall The Flaming Lips and melodies that hearken back to The Kinks, among others.

Literally, MGMT may surprise some people. In general, bands with a sound as perplexing as theirs write obtuse, Michael Stipe-ish lyrics. While they dabble in that obtuseness, for the most part these songs are personal (and often humorous).

The first single "Time to Pretend" considers growing up ("I'll miss the playgrounds and the animals and digging up worms"), trying to get famous ("This is our decision to live fast and die young/We've got the vision, now let's have some fun") and the ultimate futility of it all ("We'll choke on our vomit and that will be the end").

Another standout track, "The Youth," a fuzzy, glittery, psychedelic slow jam, is a sort of



modern day protest song, insisting "This is a call to arms to live and love and sleep together/We could flood the streets with love or light or heat, whatever."

The best track on the album is easily "Electric Feel," though. Its funky bass-line, Prince-esque vocals, and dance friendly back-beat make it undeniably good (and I'm normally not a fan of "dance friendly back-beats," so take my word here--it's good).

Give your ears a gift this week and check out MGMT's *Oracular Spectacular*. No matter what you like it has something to offer, plus it's an enhanced disk that comes with a hilarious video for "Electric Feel."

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[adult swim] brings back a character with back

TV SHOW PREVIEW

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Ladies and gentlemen, boys and, well, yeah mainly boys, behold the return of short-lived cartoon character by the name of Assy McGee. The show, which aired three episodes on [adult swim] back in 2006 is coming back on the air in April. And the character and the show are honestly called “Assy McGee.”

It’s pretty much the most ridiculous thing you’ll ever see, because Assy is a walking pair of legs, with a mighty fine behind. Wielding a gun, the walking butt fights crime as a detective.

If you are an [adult swim] fan, you might remember the cartoon “Home Movies.” Well the same creators made “Assy” possible. Now, I loved “Home Movies” more than anything, but this show isn’t too funny. The animation is great, and if it wasn’t for the walking buttocks, it might actually be a great show! The stories are funny, and you’ll be laughing, until the out-of-control butt walks in, shoots a gun around, and provides cheap laughs. I don’t mean “Family Guy” cheap laughs, this is even worse.

If it wasn’t for the fart jokes, toilet humor and over-done violence scenes, this show has great potential.

There is an underlying satire that is pretty funny, if anyone is familiar with the retro cop shows that are all intense and pretty ridiculous. But it would be better if the satire was left for us to figure, but instead, the characters make comments to point out the obvious. For example, in a scene where the stereotypically nervous awkward partner to Assy acts to fill the role of sidekick, the other characters make comments to point it out. It’s funny without the slap in the face.

Besides that, the voice acting is great. Voice of Coach McGuirk from “Home Movies” does some of the voices, as well as other fabulous [adult swim] regulars. H. Jon Benjamin is phenomenal as usual. He has also worked on “Venture Bros.,” “Aqua Teen” and “Family Guy.” He definitely makes the 8-9 minute show worth watching.



The “Brave” revenge movie

DVD REVIEW

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STAFF WRITER

A few years ago, my friend and I concluded that the only way to make character education suck less would be to show movies. But what movies? My friend had to think about it for a moment; eventually he named a few good, but somewhat safe, titles: “Paths of Glory”, “12 Angry Men”, etc. Then it was my turn. I didn’t have to think about my answer: “Dirty Harry”. It startled my friend. “Dirty Harry?” he asked. “Why Dirty Harry?” I didn’t hesitate one second: “Because it teaches kids the importance of killing.”

Alright, I was kidding. Awesome as it is, “Dirty Harry” is only a good character-education movie in the cynical land of movie badasses (even though it’s 100% right that the police are idiots). It teaches that killing has no consequences! How does Clint Eastwood react after he guns down a thief? Does he go home and cry? No – he goes out for more. Of course that’s to be expected: Harry Callahan isn’t a human being, he’s a movie badass – the only emotions he knows are the steely-eyed ones.

But that’s what makes Erica Bain (Jodie Foster), the heroine of Neil Jordan’s “The Brave One,” so unique and interesting: she’s normal. She isn’t a badass, she isn’t super-skilled, and she doesn’t have nerves of steel. Killing leaves a scar.

Look at how she handles the standard subway killing: after killing the two thugs, she runs away. She doesn’t walk away; she runs away. When she gets home, she throws up. She starts asking questions: Why did I kill them? Why didn’t I just show them the gun? They would have run off. Why didn’t I just get off the train? Why didn’t my hands shake when I fired the gun? What am I?

We’d ask the same questions in her situation. Imagine you just killed someone: you look at the body on the ground and the gun in your hand – you’re damn right you’d wonder what you are!

It’s that kind of insight that separates “The Brave One” from those other revenge movies. Movies like “Dirty Harry” are shallow surface movies: they exist only to elicit gut reactions. There’s nothing wrong with that, mind you – the scene where Harry guns down the serial killer is one of the best scenes in movie history – but sometimes we need a movie that looks deeper. We need someone who won’t react to her actions with a catchy line and a steely-eyed glare. We need someone to ask the questions we’d ask ourselves in that situation.

But “The Brave One” doesn’t stop at asking questions – it forces them on us; it makes us feel that answering them is a matter of life and death. Part of this is due to both the well-written script and Jodie Foster’s Oscar-worthy acting. But most of it is due to the way Neil Jordan uses the subjective camera to let us feel everything that Erica feels. Look at the scene where she ventures outside for the first time since her boyfriend’s murder: Jordan oversaturates the colors, tilts the cameras at odd angles, uses lots of close-ups, and accentuates everyday sounds like footsteps and voices so we see the hidden danger in everyday experiences. The script and actor give us the character, but Jordan takes us inside her mind.

The subjective camera is the reason Erica’s questions resonate so deeply; it’s the reason the movie works. If we didn’t understand her feelings, we’d never accept all her doubts and questioning. Instead, we’d get impatient with her whining. I know that sounds limp, so I’ll let you in on something: I went into “The Brave One” a skeptic. I didn’t think that a revenge movie should “muddy the waters.” Dirty Harry shouldn’t go home and cry after gunning down the thieves; it wouldn’t work. But there wasn’t one moment in “The Brave One” when I didn’t completely empathize with Erica and her questions. Jordan’s storytelling is that good.


I was relieved to see that “The Brave One” isn’t an anti-death penalty preachfest. Make no mistake, the people Erica

kills are scum – pimps, thugs, rapists, drug dealers, and wife beaters. They deserve to die. Jordan isn’t against capital punishment and he doesn’t entirely condemn Erica’s actions (just look at the last scene), he’s just questioning whether or not she can deal with the emotional effects: the questions, the doubts, the pain, “the hole that each death leaves.” In other words, he doesn’t question her right to kill, he questions her ability.

That’s my interpretation anyway. One of the best things about “The Brave One” is how it leaves things open to interpretation, so that everyone will take away something different. Yes, Erica openly questions her actions with lines like “Who’s this stranger inside me?” but Jordan doesn’t exploit them to make a point – they are Erica’s words, not his. He’s just the messenger: he gives us the story and characters, but steps back when it comes time for messages and speechmaking. He wants us to draw our own conclusions. For example, he never tells us why Erica keeps killing, even though she knows it’s killing her. He suggests the possibilities – maybe she’s trying to fill a void; maybe she’s trying to discover “the stranger in her body;” maybe she thinks there’s no going back – but he doesn’t give a definitive answer. He wants us to do our own thinking. (Paul Haggis could learn a lot from him.)

I’ve heard people complain about how the story is conventional and convoluted. They’re right (they stole the story from “Death Wish”), but they miss the point – “The Brave One” isn’t about what happens to Erica, it’s about how it makes her feel. That’s why it’s so brilliant: it takes a simple idea – revenge – and gives it a new, emotional twist. We’ve all read about the guilty criminals who go free – the kidnapers, the rapists, the murderers – and we’ve all wished that someone would just take a gun and put them out of our misery. But what if that someone was us? What if someone gave us the gun? Could we do it? And if we could, how would we feel about ourselves afterwards? Would there be strangers in our bodies?

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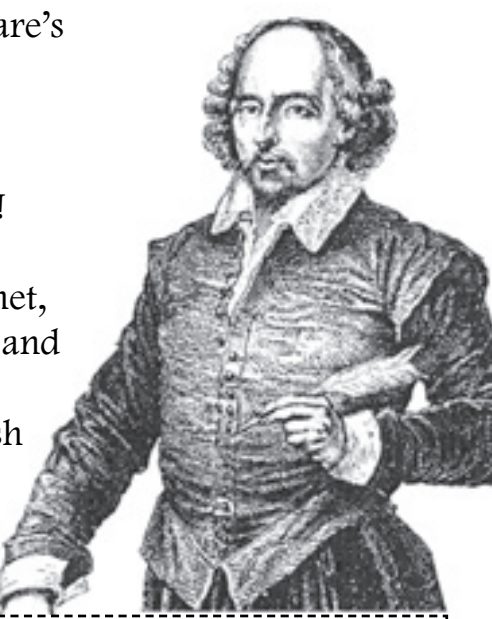
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SPORTS

KSU student is Ultimate Fighting champion

DANIEL LEWIS
STAFF WRITER

On the surface, Cale Yarbrough looks like any other student at KSU. He likes to go camping, watch movies, play the video game ‘Rock Band’ and is working to attain his degree in psychology. However, despite the relatively normal “college student” exterior, Yarbrough is a fast-rising star in the ultimate fighting circuit.

Yarbrough always had an interest in sports and played football throughout his high school tenure at Wheeler High School. After he graduated, he still had the athletic drive but didn’t have football as an option anymore. He began taking velocity kickboxing classes where he met up with his coach, Mateo Cutbill. “[Cutbill] told me I had a natural ability for the sport,” said Yarbrough. “He really took me under his wing, trained me for free and taught me a lot.”

When he first was talking about his interest in the sport, his parents did show some concern about the idea of their son becoming an ultimate fighter. “My parents are conservative, so they didn’t really like the idea at first,” said Yarbrough. “They were really worried I’d get hurt, but I’ve had more injuries playing football than fighting. Since then they’ve really learned more about the sport and become fans of it.”

In 2005, after training for about six months with his coach, Yarbrough got an unexpected offer for his first match. Another amateur fighter gave Yarbrough a call and invited him to a match the next day at Cowboys in Kennesaw. Yarbrough talked it over with his coach and then agreed to the match. “After that I couldn’t sleep,” said Yarbrough. “I had so many nerves going into it. I didn’t even have a uniform yet so I had to borrow my coach’s shorts.”

After a sleepless night, Yarbrough fought the next day in front of over 2,000 people. He came out of the box strong and won convincingly with a first round knockout. Yarbrough went on to have further success winning another four amateur fights. He even went on to win the ISKA United States Light Heavyweight Championship in July of 2007 defeating Benjamin Bradley in the championship. Yarbrough was too much for Bradley, another undefeated fighter and judo black belt, knocking him out with a round-house kick at the beginning of the third round.

After the championship, Yarbrough was thinking about turning pro when he got a call

from a television producer with Spike TV. The producer was looking for a 185-pound fighter to compete on a weekly elimination style ultimate fighting show. Yarbrough had to shed 20 pounds, but he did accept the offer. He just got back from filming the show and it will air on April 2nd

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on Spike TV.

Before the show, Yarbrough trained in Athens. He trained for five to six days a week doing one hour of wrestling in the morning and then would come back at night to do another workout that consisted of Jujitsu or stand-up kickboxing. He was also on a strict diet consisting of small portions and two gallons of water a day.

Yarbrough did have to take a semester off to film the show, so his college career is on hold. He is hoping to return to finish his degree next semester, but for right now he’s happy pursuing his career as an ultimate fighter.



Photo courtesy of Cale Yarbrough
Cale Yarbrough is pursuing his career as an ultimate fighter.

Owls sweep Jacksonville

Owls split with UGA



Photo by Carl Zornes

KSU softball player gets a hit. The Owls won 4-0 and 3-0.

KELLY BLAINE
STAFF WRITER

It was all KSU Owls Friday afternoon as the softball team held the Dolphins scoreless in a doubleheader sweep of Jacksonville University; 4-0, 3-0 Friday afternoon at Bailey Park.

In game one, Brittany Matthews (16-3) notched her seventh shutout of the year allowing only two hits and no runs in seven innings. Matthews walked just two batters while striking out twelve giving her 193 on the season.

“Brittney Matthews is simply one of the best players we’ve ever had here,” said head coach Scott Whitlock. “I don’t know if I’ve ever had a team where a pitcher was more valuable... Matthews is doing a great job.” KSU jumped out to an early lead when Jessica

Cross hit a two run home run in the first to give the Owls a 2-0 lead. The Owls added a run in the second and one in the sixth with two RBI singles by infielder Amanda Malcom. Cross came back as the starting pitcher in game two and pitched four and one-third shutout innings before turning it over to Angela Lopez (5-5) who picked up her fifth win of the season. Lopez pitched and inning and one-third of one-hit relief followed by Matthews who came on in the seventh, struck out the side, and earned her third save of the year. Game two remained scoreless until the fifth inning when Jenna Closner singled to left. After a fielders-choice, Hollie Huffman singled and Jordan Hackett walked to load the bases and then a passed ball allowed the lead runner to score.

After the game coach Whitlock discussed the Owl’s previous offensive struggles this season. “To say our offense has been struggling is like saying the Titanic sprung a leak,” he said. “We knew before the first pitch of the season that we were basing everything on our pitching. Our pitching is where we stop and start as a ball club. We’ve got three outstanding pitchers and with that, all you need is a timely hit or two and you’ve got a chance to win.” The Owls got those timely hits and added two more runs in the sixth to win with a final score of 3-0. The Owls, now 25-9 overall and 3-1 in the Atlantic Sun, will hit the road for six straight games, beginning with a short trip to Georgia State on Tuesday, April 1.

CAITLIN DINGLE
STAFF WRITER

The KSU baseball team split a pair of games with the University of Georgia Bulldogs on Mar. 25 and 26. The first game was played at home in front of a record 1,163 fans on Tuesday at Stillwell Stadium. The team then traveled to UGA’s home in Athens, Georgia to play once again the next evening.

The first game was hard fought from the beginning, but the Owls fell down seven runs after seven Bulldog hits in the top of the second inning. Tyler Stubblefield helped the Owls respond in their half of the second by taking advantage of three walks from UGA’s pitcher Jason Leaver. The sophomore hit a three-run double to close the gap to 7-3. That would be the closest the Owls came to the Bulldogs on that night. KSU Owl’s pitcher Bubba Blalock held control of the game for a couple of innings before UGA struck for four runs on three hits in the fifth to extend their lead to 11-3. A hit-and-run single in the sixth extended the Georgia lead to 12-3. The Owls continued to battle throughout the rest of the game, scoring two runs in the seventh. Another Stubblefield double led off the inning, and Senior Martin Baker connected with the ball, sending Stubblefield home for the run. Baker advanced to third on an error in right field, and then scored on a ground out by Ric Bishop for the last run of the night. KSU fell to UGA 12-5.

The Owls were determined not to have a replay on the second night. “I’m

hungry for some Dawg meat!” declared sophomore Kyle Clayton. Defense was the word of the day, as KSU kept solid and consistent throughout the game, capitalizing on five UGA errors and tallying timely hits. Micah Sales pitched five innings to tally the win for KSU, while Michael Bohana recorded his third save of the season. Jacob Robbins scored three times for the Owls, starting in the first inning off a Bishop RBI ground out. Georgia came back with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first to take the lead for the first time. In the third inning the Owls took advantage of an error which allowed Robbins to score from second, tying the score at 2 runs a piece. In the same inning, Jace Whitmer had a hit, allowing Bishop to make his way home, putting the Owls ahead by one. Georgia then answered in the fourth with a run to tie the game. The Owls broke open the 3-3 tie in the sixth, scoring four runs on one hit, a two-run singly by Martin Baker. Adding to the runs were two Bulldog miscues, a fielding error, and a passed ball, giving KSU a 7-3 lead.

“That was a big hit for Martin,” said Coach Mike Sansing. “It came at a time when we really needed a lift and he delivered.” In the eighth, the Owls added one last tally to their score from a Bucky Smith double to left field, bringing Stubblefield home for the run. The Bulldogs fought back in the bottom of the eighth, scoring three runs, but KSU held off the pressure and ended the game ahead of the Bulldogs, 8-6.

Justin Freeman: this week’s big man on campus

JUSTIN HOBDAY
STAFF WRITER

KSU baseball dominated the division II ranks during the 1990’s, winning two national titles, and being named the division II team of the ‘90’s. Today Justin Freeman is here to help establish KSU’s dominance of the Atlantic Sun Conference, and the Division I rank. The junior from Macon threw a complete game masterpiece against Belmont last week and afterwards was named Atlantic Sun Conference pitcher of the week. This was the first complete game for the Owls this season, and helped lead the Owls to a 2-1 series win over Belmont.

Freeman’s performance was huge for the Owls who had just lost a tough extra inning game in the first game of a double-header. Freeman admitted that the extra inning loss was a tough loss to take.

“The loss in the first game made the second game that much more important for us to win,” Freeman said. Even with the team’s heightened need of a win, Justin wants to have the same approach whenever he goes to the mound. He adds, “Every time I go out to pitch I try to pitch the best I can, with the same motivation.”

Freeman said he felt good throughout the entire game even with his pitch count reaching 134 pitches. “The coaches

asked me in the eighth inning how I was feeling and I told them I was fine, and that I wanted to finish the game.” He finished the game with thirteen strikeouts, and only allowed two runs on eight hits. Earlier in the week, he added an inning of relief against Georgia Tech in which he only allowed one hit and struck out the side.

This is Justin Freeman’s first season as a starter, and winning this award as a starter is a huge confidence builder for him. Freeman says, “I’ve always wanted to be an All-American, and this award feels really good, especially since it is my first year starting.” After winning similar weekly awards during the past summer season, his confidence in

his best pitch is a located fastball, and I am most confident with my slider. I’ll throw my slider in any count.” Freeman said.

He is also confident in the abilities of the rest of the starting rotation and the entire team. “With the three starters we have here there isn’t a reason one of us shouldn’t win the award every week.” The rest of the team seems to be feeding off of the success of the starting pitching. Freeman adds, “The hitting and pitching are coming together, and the team is gelling at the right time.” This is indeed the right time for the team to be gelling. The majority of the conference schedule is still ahead for the Owls, and Freeman is optimistic about the rest

of the season. “I feel like we stack up well against the rest of the conference. Florida Gulf Coast is probably the best team in the conference, and we have already played them.”

The owls currently sit at fifth in the conference standings, and traveled to second place Lipscomb this past weekend. He was slated to pitch the third game of the series, hopefully in an effort to complete a series win over the Bisons. The Owls are building momentum with personal awards, and a win in Athens over UGA for the second straight year. With the likes of Justin Freeman blowing fastballs and sliders by opposing batters, look for KSU baseball to continue to build on this momentum.

Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony



Photo by Kelly Blaine

Newly elected members of the KSU athletic hall of fame pose afterwards.

KELLY BLAINE
STAFF WRITER

The Athletic Department inducted four new members into the KSU Athletic Hall of Fame on March 24 in the KSU Center. The induction ceremony, which included a formal dinner and comic relief from Athletic Director and Hall of Fame founder Dave Waples, welcomed basketball star Herman Smith, softball infielder Tonya Carlisle, baseball star Chris Bowen and former registrar Bill Hamrick. Smith, who played for the Owls from 1986-90, was the first men's basketball player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. After 18 years, Smith still holds the record as KSU's all-time leading scorer with 1,683 career points. Smith was also the second member of the Owls' 1,000 point club and the first KSU player to lead the team in points and rebounds in the same season. "[Being inducted] is a great honor that really means a lot to me," Smith said. "I'm

really proud of the school and of my personal achievement."

Smith still lives in the Atlanta area and is employed by the Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Several of his former teammates accompanied him to the ceremony. Carlisle, who played for KSU from 1992-95, was a three-time NAIA All-American before being named an NCAA Div. II All-American in 1995. She led her team to back-to-back Div. II National Championships and was named the 1995 Peach Belt Athletic Conference Player of the Year. Carlisle currently coaches softball for Cherokee High School. Softball coach, Scott Whitlock, introduced Carlisle by saying, "I may coach softball for another 50 years but I'll never come closer to inducting a sibling than I am tonight. In a teary-eyed acceptance speech, Carlisle replied, "My proudest moment was being a part of the 1995 championship team. Thank you all." Bowen was one of the most

dominating pitchers in KSU baseball history. In 1998, he led the Owls to an NCAA record 61 wins and was named to the First Team All-American. Bowen is second all-time in wins [35], innings pitched [331.2], and strikeouts [292]. He was accompanied by his two children, and his wife, whom he met during his time at KSU. "I'm not the biggest guy out there," Bowen said. "A lot of schools didn't want to give me a chance and I want to thank Coach Sansing for giving me that opportunity." Hamrick was the Registrar at KSU for 20 years beginning in 1987. He was honored for his work with student-athletes as the university transitioned from Div. II to Div. I, and for his continued dedication and support of KSU athletics. "I can't emphasize how great these four people are," said Waples. "Truly people [who] are deserving of this award." Waples founded the KSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002, and with the addition of this year's inductees, now has 27 members.

KSU doubles up on North Florida



Photo by Carl Zomes

KSU softball team celebrates after the game. The Owls improved to 27-9 and 5-1 in conference play.

CHAD SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

A groundout to second capped off a sweep of North Florida in a doubleheader Sunday for the KSU softball team. On a cold, overcast day at Bailey Park the Owls picked up their 26th and 27th victories behind Brittany Matthews pitching and solid fielding, along with the help of a few costly errors by the North Florida Ospreys.

On a day labeled as "Lexi's Day", honoring Lexi Kaiser, a five year old girl who suffers from cerebral palsy, the Owls won the first game in dramatic fashion. With the game tied at one run a piece, shortstop Amanda Malcom delivered the game winning single in the bottom of the seventh inning. There were some great plays on the defensive side of the ball too. Sarah Hesterman made an exciting diving

catch to end the first, rolling over her head in the process. Owls pitcher Brittany Matthews allowed only one run on five hits, the one run coming from a 6th inning homerun from North Florida's Heather Hyde.

Game two saw Angela Lopez on the mound as she only allowed one run off of three hits, as North Florida hit a homerun in the first inning. Brittany Matthews came in for the save in the 4th inning and allowed no hits including an exciting triple play in the 6th inning after a bunt was popped up from North Florida. KSU put some numbers on the scoreboard in the third inning off of two RBI doubles by Corri Connally and Jessica Cross. With a 2-1 lead in the top of the final seventh inning, North Florida grounded out to second as the Owls completed their second victory of the day. The Owls are now 5-1 in the conference and 27-9 overall.



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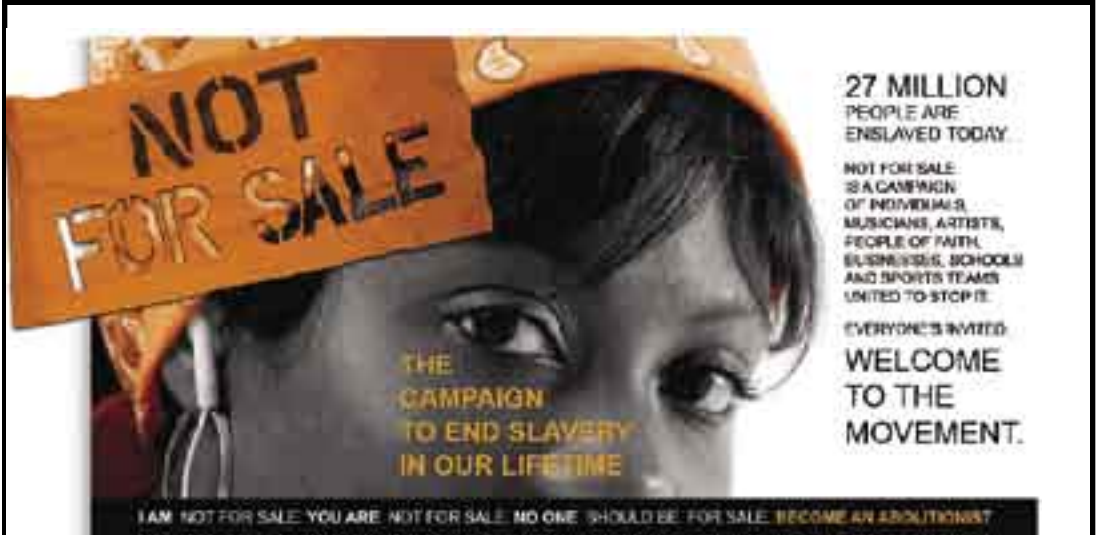
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