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On Thurs., Aug. 14, Daniel Papp presided over the grand opening of the Central Parking Deck. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, Student Government Association President Punit Patel drove his Camry into the deck, being the first student to park there. Rob Nolen, KSU alum and faculty member said, "A wonderful mix of KSU students, faculty, staff, KSU Foundation, and Choate construction representatives allowed for an extremely successful event. We designed the event to celebrate not only the official opening of the Central Deck, but also the end of the recent parking crunch on campus, and I believe it did just that."

Good news, bad news for future KSU budget

CLARK BARROW
 NEWS EDITOR

A decrease in state tax revenue casts a looming shadow on the University System of Georgia and threatens to shrink future funding at KSU.

In a recent memo addressed to faculty and staff, President Papp explained that on June 16 the Office of Planning and Budget directed all states agencies, including the University System of Georgia, to submit a plan for a 3.5 percent reduction in state funding for fiscal year 2009 and an additional 0.5 percent cut in 2010.

With a total of 4 percent over a 2-year period, Papp said the Office of Planning

and Budget instructed colleges to plan for strategic cuts in specific departments, not an equal reduction in all departments.

"The key point for everybody is that it is a planning exercise just in case the state of Georgia's tax revenues have not grown as rapidly as needed to meet the projected state budget," Papp said.

According to Arlethia Perry-Johnson, Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs, a report issued on August 11 by the state of Georgia said that tax revenue was down 6.6 percent in July.

"The reduction in tax revenues announced by state officials on Monday paints a bleaker picture,"

Perry-Johnson said. "We are going to be on standby to receive more direction from the Board of Regents about potential additional proposed cuts based on the current outlook with regard to state revenues."

Perry-Johnson said Chancellor Davis of the Board of Regents, requested that Georgia colleges and universities submit a plan for additional cuts up to 5 percent in case the lull in state revenues continues.

Papp said these are just projected budget cuts for funding increases that have already been approved for KSU. Papp said that even if the 5 percent budget cut occurs, it will still be the third largest budget in-

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School of Music founded at Kennesaw State

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 STAFF WRITER

The KSU Department of Music was recently granted a very prestigious honor by officially becoming the School of Music, fully accredited by the National Associations of Schools of Music. This makes KSU one of only four Georgia institutions to have achieved full national accreditation for all of its arts programs.

According to Frances Harrison, Director of University Relations, the music program at KSU has grown by 70 percent since the year 2000 and now calls its home the Dr. Bobbie Bailey Performance Center, which opened in October of 2007. The Bobbie Bailey

Center houses a 624-seat performance hall and the 3600-square foot Eric & Gwendolyn Brooker Rehearsal Hall.

Harrison said the music program will also have new faculty studios and student practice rooms, which will be opening in late 2008. There are more than 150 students majoring in music, with a total of about 2,000 students taking music course overall.

"We have received many compliments on the hall. Grammy-winning soprano Sylvia McNair, who performed there last year, said it was one of her top six concert halls in the world," said Joseph Meeks, Dean of the College of the Arts.

The Bailey Performance

Center offers more than 100 public performances every year with discount tickets for KSU students. In the upcoming season, the Performance Center will host performances by three Grammy Award winners from 2008: the chamber ensemble Eighth Blackbird, mezzo-soprano Jennifer Larmore and violinist James Ehnes.

"The Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center has had an incredible impact on the reputation of the music program," Meeks said.

On top of national accreditation, Kennesaw State is also a strictly Steinway & Sons school. This designation puts KSU in a league

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Around campus

Who: Student Media
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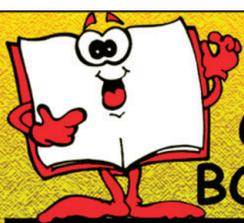
What: Movie Night
 When: August 20, 7 p.m.
 Where: University Rooms

What: Student Life Fair
 When: August 21, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Where: University Rooms

What: Jazz Ensemble with Byron Stripling
 When: August 24, 7:30 p.m.
 Where: KSU Legacy Gazebo
 Details: \$5/lawn seating

What: KSU Soccer vs. Alabama A & M
 When: August 24, 2 p.m.
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 Details: Free for all KSU students and faculty

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Professor in place to lead green initiative on campus

Papp appoints new administrative position

AMY STOREY
COPY EDITOR

President Dan Papp has recently named a new administrator. Dr. Robert Paul is the first director of sustainability at Kennesaw State University.

The 31-year KSU veteran and Biology professor took his new position Aug. 1. As director of sustainability, Paul will be a liaison around campus for coordinating efforts to keep the campus flourishing environmentally through educational initiatives and operations.

Paul's new duty is really a fancy title for the man around campus who works to keep things green – in the classroom and out. He was appointed this position after he and an ad-hoc team of campus personnel advocated for several years to have a position concerning environmental sustainability at the administrative level.

The group considered the newly added environmental studies program as a way to involve the entire campus, especially students. President Papp officially gave Paul the title this summer.

According to a release by KSU, this position is a part of overall efforts on campus to lessen its carbon footprint and educate students, faculty and staff about environmental responsibility and sustainability.

"Dr. Robert Paul is uniquely qualified to assume this important role," said Provost Lendley Black in a KSU press release. "He has enjoyed a distinguished tenure at KSU as a faculty expert on sustainability issues and as an advocate for protecting our campus resources and reducing our environmental impact."

Paul and the team will begin the initiative this semester by taking a campus-wide "green" inventory. This means that he will survey the university's water and energy usage, waste management and, what he says is the number one improvement priority with KSU, transportation.

The team will also work and coordinate with the operations division on campus in matters of design, plant operations, regulatory compliance and environmentally friendly purchasing.

Aside from partaking in informal education to raise awareness of sustainability, he is also teaching two biology courses this semester.

"Frankly, what got me interested was the two natural green areas on campus...the arboretum and area south of the Clendenin Building," Paul said. "These areas are particularly sensitive."

He explained that there is a rare plant, the Pink Lady Slipper orchid, which thrives in an area behind the Clendenin Building. This, he said, should stop development, but doesn't always, citing the fact that the plant was also present in an area where student housing was built.

"I would like to see those things preserved, just for sanity purposes and aesthetics. To have natural areas on campus. But there is also scientific value to having natural areas," he said.

Paul's duties will also include acting on the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. President Papp joined 562 other U.S. college and university presidents in assuring that they would, according to the ACUPCC Web site, "exercise leadership in their communities and throughout society by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions, and...provide the knowledge and the educated graduates to achieve climate neutrality."

A top priority for Paul and his team will be establishing a university-wide committee on campus that will include students, faculty and staff. The committee will be responsible for planning and setting short- and long-term goals toward sustainability.

But some student initiative has already begun to keep campus as green as possible. New Student Government President, Punit Patel, made sustainability a main focus of his recent campaign.

On a Facebook group, created while campaigning, Patel promised that "Making our campus green, for sustainable growth and development of our beautiful campus community," would be a major focus of his term as SGA president.

Patel's campaign also suggested



the implementation of a student-paid "green fee" to help administration act on some plans that may be unworkable without additional funding.

Paul said that while a "green" fee would help, doing research and getting approval from the Board of Regents would be difficult, and that getting outside funding would be the best way to help further the venture.

"It [sustainability] is really catching the public's eye. And I think we should be at the forefront of this. We have a way to go," Paul said. "But there are enough people who are going to be on board; I think we can make some real strides."

With KSU being notoriously underfunded and literally bursting at the seams, some may say that there are other issues on campus that the administration needs to concentrate on. Paul responds to this criticism saying that while these are important areas, they all have environmental impact and, in the long run, influence our environment.

"What I see in interconnection. So every problem [on campus] is interconnected with everything else. So there are social issues in there, but sustainability issues as well," Paul said.

KSU, Georgia Highlands to offer degrees in Paulding County

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KSU, Georgia Highlands College in Rome, Ga. and the Paulding County government will partner in January to offer four-year degree programs in Paulding County.

The two schools will use the Henry Winn and Bagby buildings in downtown Dallas, Ga., the Paulding County seat, to offer classes leading to bachelor's degrees. The space will consist of 45,000 square feet, which will enable the schools to serve between 1,000 and 1,500 students.

GHC instructors will teach students during their freshman and sophomore years. KSU instructors will teach students during their junior and senior years, and students will graduate from KSU. According to the KSU Office of the Registrar, school officials are "still in talks" about exactly which classes and majors will be offered at the Dallas campus.

"We are extremely pleased about this partnership which makes a four-year college education accessible to students in Paulding County," said KSU President Dan S. Papp. "We also hope to move quickly to offer master's level courses at the Dallas facility in the near future."

The partnership is a result of a report prepared by the Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia staff which found that if growth patterns continue, the University System will have to be able to serve 100,000 more students by 2020 than are currently enrolled.

Seventeen of the 35 col-

leges and universities in the University System are in the Atlanta area. The Dallas campus is an effort to ensure that public higher education programs and facilities are available as the Atlanta region continues to grow.

"Our demographers told us we must accommodate 100,000 more students by 2020," said Robert E. Watts, the Board of Regents' chief operating officer. "About 70 percent of those students will come from within metro Atlanta and from areas like Paulding County, where we do not currently have facilities that provide access to higher education."

According to the Atlanta Regional Commission, Paulding County is the fastest-growing county in Georgia, having grown 170 percent over the last 15 years. Paulding's population is over 113,000.

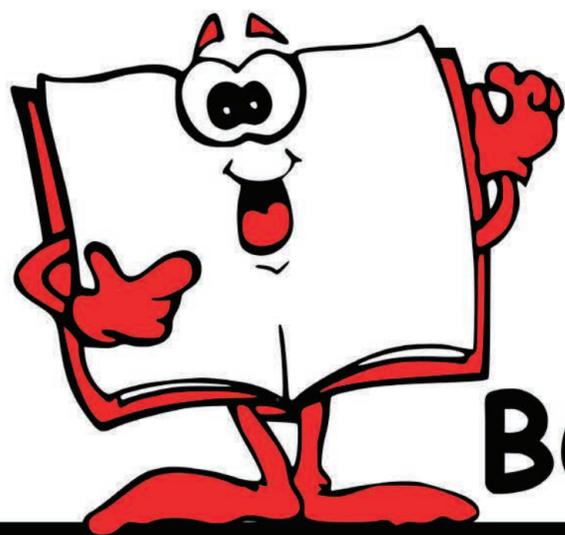
"We've had our eye on Paulding County as a central place to locate a teaching site because it is one of the state's fastest-growing counties," said Georgia Highlands President Randy Pierce. "We know that education is the foundation for a better quality of life and for a better economic future."

The Board of Regents' demographic assessment suggested that in order to make University System schools accessible to students in the Atlanta area, state and two-year colleges need to explore partnerships and establish pilot sites in low-cost spaces around Atlanta.

"Given the expected enrollment increase, all institutions in the metro area must be part of a system solution to a state need," said Watts.

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KSU provides relief to China earthquake victims

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STAFF WRITER

The 2008 Sichuan earthquake that struck southwest China on May 12 was the worst natural tragedy to afflict the country in decades.

The aftermath of the event included a death toll as high as 80,000, with nearly 370,000 injured and some five million left homeless.

Many faculty, staff and students contributed and participated in the "China 5.12 Earthquake Condolence" fund-raising event, on June 4th in the Student Center. The fund-raiser was organized by KSU's Institute for Global Initiatives and the Asian Studies Program, in partnership with the National Association of Chinese Americans (NACA) and the Association of Chinese Professionals (ACP).

During the fund-raising program, participants expressed condolences for the earthquake victims through different artistic outlets. One professor read poetry in Mandarin and another played the "erhu" or the "Chinese violin with two strings."

Notable audience members included roughly 20 Chinese government officials from the Guangxi autonomous region. The officials arrived at KSU in late May to participate in the Master of Public Administration program.

"In the future, we would like to keep up with such effort and perhaps start a book drive for the victim children in Sichuan," Gao said. "KSU showed empathy and condolence through such an event. Together, we care."

According to Dr. May Gao, Asian Studies Program Coordinator, we raised a total of \$3,445

in the relief effort. KSU sent the check to NACA and they wired the funds, which exceed \$25,000 directly to China Red Cross. The funds were used for immediate relief, such as buying tents and food and building immediate residence.

"People were moved by the quake's destructive power, the deaths and the suffering, especially of children," said Dr. Akanmu Adebayo, executive director of KSU's Institute for Global Initiatives. "By their cash donations, our campus population showed empathy with our Chinese friends, sent a message of condolence for their losses and gave them hope for reconstruction effort that they face."

In addition, the relief effort was much appreciated by our Chinese partner for the Confucius Institute, Yangzhou University. The university's president sent a letter of appreciation to Dr. Dan Papp. Beginning in fall 2008, KSU will launch the Confucius Institute, which will help in the promotion of Chinese language and culture around campus.

KSU is home to 34 faculty members and 51 students of Chinese origin. Another 80 students are studying Chinese at KSU, including those pursuing the Asian Studies minor.

KSU has established and maintained formal relationships with China since 1989 and looks forward to continuing their partnership for years to come.

For information on how to make tax-deductible contributions to support the China Red Cross Society's relief efforts, please contact Lani Wong, chair of the local chapter of the National Association of Chinese Americans at 770-394-6542.

Elton John to host AIDS benefit at KSU

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COPY EDITOR

Nearly 40,000,000 people around the world are living with AIDS/HIV today.

The Center for Disease Control said in a new estimation this year that 56,300 people were newly infected in 2006. Over half of the new infections occurred in gay and bisexual men and African Americans.

An estimated 100 to 200 infants are infected every year in the United States from breast feeding or labor and delivery by mothers who are infected. While modern medicine has provided treatment, research continues to look for prevention against this deadly disease.

Kennesaw State University is proud to be doing its part by helping fund AIDS and HIV research. Tickets went on

sale Aug. 16th for a star-studded tennis event to be held on campus. On Oct. 12, Sir Elton John, accompanied by retired tennis great, Billie Jean King, will host the 16th Annual Advanta World Team Tennis Smash Hit celebrity fundraiser in the Convocation Center.

Benefiting the Elton John AIDS Foundation and Atlanta AIDS Partnership Fund, the event is scheduled to include big-named tennis stars like Andy Roddick, Martina Navratilova, Anna Kournikova and other players to be named.

According to a press release by University Relations, the players will form two teams: one captained by John and one by King. The teams will play five sets using the World Team Tennis format. John is also scheduled to participate in a celebrity doubles game to open

the evening's festivities.

"We hope to raise as much money as we can for the charities," said Bobbie Bailey, long-time supporter of KSU and co-chair of the event. "Sir Elton John does a wonderful job with his foundation supporting those with HIV and AIDS, funding prevention efforts and trying to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against HIV- and AIDS-affected individuals."

The Advanta WTT Smash Hits has raised over \$8.5 million toward AIDS/HIV research since its inception in 1993.

VIP tickets will be sold for \$350, reserved tickets to the matches for \$70-100 and general admission for \$39.50. VIP tickets can be purchased by calling 404-653-0240 and general admission tickets at etix.com. Visit wtt.com for more information.

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Thursday July 3 police were on patrol in University Village and **smelled the distinct odor of burning marijuana coming from one of the rooms.** As the officers approached the room, four occupants walked out past the police, who then asked the occupants to stop. The officers asked who had been smoking the marijuana and one female subject stated that she had. The student then handed the officers a clear plastic bag with the marijuana. The other **three students denied smoking the marijuana and all of their rooms were searched without any evidence of contraband.** The one suspect was arrested and advised they were under arrest for V.G.C.S.A. less than one ounce without incident. The remaining three were issued judicial reports and told to go back to their rooms immediately.

Help was dispatched to the student recreation center in reference to a theft on July 10. The **complainant stated that an individual who rented a bicycle from the recreation center had failed to return it.** The individual who rented the bike claimed that it had been stolen from his possession shortly after he had rented it. No police report was filed for that specific incident.

On July 19 police were dispatched to a **possible suicide attempt.** Upon arrival, officers were allowed into the apartment and spoke with the alleged subject. She stated that she took a large amount of pills because she **"could not deal with it and she did not want to be here"** because of a fight with her boyfriend. Cobb Fire and a CAPS representative arrived on the scene and talked with the student about the available counseling and help on campus.

Police were dispatched to the construction site of the Village apartments on Saturday July 19 in regards to a fire. Cobb Fire was also dispatched and **upon arrival a small puff of smoke was observed coming from the 3000 building.** It was found that an abandoned hot wire was shorting out causing the smoke and Georgia Power was brought in to resolve the situation.

POLICE BEAT

A vehicle made an illegal right turn from Busbee Drive to Chastain Road on Sunday July 20. **After the officer conducted a traffic stop, he smelled a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from on or about the driver's breath** and or person. The driver then submitted to voluntary field evaluations to determine whether or not she was safe to operate the vehicle. Two field evaluations were failed. The driver refused an alco-sensor test, stating that she would admit to drinking just a small amount. **The driver was placed under arrest** for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Thursday July 24 the Director of Safety and Security at the Board of Regents of The University System of Georgia **requested police assistance at the Georgia Highlands College Campus** in reference to a possible hacking of the school's computer system by a student. The professor involved noticed a discrepancy when reconciling her grades on WebCT, and noticed suspicious logins on her account. A student was found to have been accessing the professor's account from an off-campus computer. The students email account contained emails of voice recordings of phone conversations from campus lines. Several GBI and FBI agents became involved in the investigation and a search warrant was issued for the student in question. **The student was then arrested for Computer Trespass and Unlawful Eavesdropping.**

On July 30 a **suspicious person was reportedly banging on the door to a University Place Apartment.** The victim stated that whoever was banging was covering the peephole and declaring to be the police in a deep voice. The two suspects found outside the room stated they were friends of the resident but did not attend Kennesaw State University. They were both issued criminal trespass citations.

On Sunday August 2 an officer observed a motorcycle pass a truck on the driver's side over a double yellow line no-passing zone. The motorcycle sped onto KSU Road where it passed another officer on a bicycle who also observed the speeding. **The motorcyclist then proceeded to disregard a red light at Chastain Road in attempt to elude the police.** The motorcycle then changed lanes without signaling and then overtook another vehicle illegally crossing double yellow lines. The driver then proceeded to evade by attempting to hide behind the Yamaha Business on Chastain Road. **The officer followed and placed the driver under arrest without incident** for passing in the same lane as another motor vehicle, running a red light, and aggressive driving.

Police were dispatched to the Public Safety Lobby to meet with a student in reference to a theft on August 11. **The student stated his revalidation decal was stolen from his vehicle license plate.** The student did not realize it was stolen until he was stopped by police on August 8.

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Pre-Week & Week of Welcome Activities

August 19

- Intramural & Recreation Services/ Wellness Center Street Party; Outside the Center; Noon - 2pm
- KSU Club Sports Extravaganza; Campus Green; 10am - 2pm
- SGA - Cold Drinks on the Green! Noon - 2pm
- KSU Greek Night; Univ. Room; 6pm

- What's the Scoop? Free Ice Cream! Courtesy KSU Student Media. Student Center Atrium; 2pm
- Billiards & Table Tennis Tournament 6pm, Student Center Game Room. Sponsored by Intramural Programs.
- Movie Night!! "Iron Man," Sponsored by Greek Life. University Room; 7pm

August 20

- Intramural & Recreation Services/ Wellness Prize Patrol; all around campus; 11am - 2pm. Wear your KSU gear and win a prize!
- SGA Pizza Forum! Terrace; 11am - 1pm
- Minority Student Retention Services Open House; University Room; 12:30pm - 2pm
- Scoop-ABLE: Make your own ice cream sundaes, courtesy of ABLE. Univ. Rms. C - E, 1pm - 3pm

August 21

- Student Life Fair; University Room; 11am - 2pm
- IFC Fall Meet & Greet; University Room; 5pm - 8pm

August 22

- Odyssey Peer Mentor Info Session; Leadership Room; 9:30am-Noon

August 24

- First Year Convocation; Convocation Center; 3:30pm

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• **BUDGET** from front page

crease, and if reductions stop at 3.5 percent, it will be the second largest increase in state funds.

KSU's had a \$12.2 million budget increase for the 08/09 fiscal year, bringing the total budget to \$92.2 million. If the 5 percent budget cuts were applied to the 08/09 budget, it would mean a reduction of \$4.6 million.

Current plans for the 5 percent budget cut will result in 1.1 percent reduction in the Office of Student Success, 2.1 percent in Academic Affairs and a 5.5 percent cut in all other operating units. Divisions subjected to the 5.5 percent cuts will be University Operations, University Advancement, External Affairs, Legal Affairs and Diversity.

According to Papp, the key in the projected budget reductions is reducing the students to faculty ratio and he said that even if the 5 percent budgets cuts are enacted, KSU will still be able to add 40 new faculty members.

The projected cuts are just for the operating budget of the university and reductions are only planned in areas that are funded by the state. According to Papp, the reductions would not result in an increase in student fees or tuition.

Funding for faculty and staff development and money for travel expenses will be protected from any funding cuts. Papp said that there is so little funding for both and expressed a need to keep both areas on the cutting edge in their professions.

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Stoner culture and the glorification of loserdom

I recently went to the opening night of the movie "Pineapple Express" for the midnight showing and was immersed in a sea of red-eyed stoners. Many stood up and cheered when James Franco's character yelled "F THE POLICE!" and when Seth Rogen ranted about marijuana legalization. Ironically, the stoner culture doesn't even know what is best for itself.

Marijuana legalization, while definitely a good idea (especially for non-smokers in taxpayer savings), would not be good for marijuana enthusiasts, yet regardless, they blindly call for legalizing their beloved pastime. Groups like the Marijuana Policy Project propose legalizing weed and then regulating it and taxing it like cigarettes and alcohol. But would smokers really accept the government regulating the THC content of their marijuana? Would they care about the massive amounts of sin taxes that would be applied to their goods? Think taxes on cigarettes and alcohol are bad? Wait until politicians "give" you the right to possess marijuana. Marijuana would become the favorite scapegoat for politicians looking to "raise revenue" and "kill two birds with one stone." After all, in a 2006 survey, an estimated 14.8 million Americans ages 12 or older had used marijuana at least once in the month prior to the survey, and in 2006, only about 5% of that estimated number got arrested for pot possession. Would stoners be willing to trade the 5% chance for watered down and taxed to hell marijuana? None of these questions are important, however; stoners are too busy smoking to actually vote.

But I digress. Although the movie was average and somewhat entertaining, I can't repeat the assertions of many reviewers who called it "original." It's only original in the sense that it was first in taking Seth Rogen's character from "Knocked Up," adding the story of friendship from "Superbad," and throwing in the action of "Hot Fuzz." But what do I know? Sony still made \$23 million from the opening weekend, though it still couldn't outdo the excellent "Dark Knight" with its fourth weekend atop the box office.

Daniel Singleton's excellent review of "Pineapple Express" and its comments on



Facebook (it's also in this paper's Arts and Living section) reveal the essence of stoner culture and its relationship to the movie. One comment says the movie "was the funniest thing in the world, 'cause every joke is so true if you're a pothead. I don't think I've seen a movie that symbolizes stoner culture as much as 'Pineapple Express' ('pineapple' is the name of a real brand of herb), since 'Half Baked'." The two main characters of the movie were a pot smoking process server who is dating a girl still in high school and a pot dealer who stays in his apartment watching television and listening to radio all day. If these losers represent the stoner culture, then the stoner culture is effectively a culture of "loserdom," by which I would refer to the Urban Dictionary's definition as a "kingdom of losers. A state of meaninglessness." Movies such as "Pineapple Express," "Harold and Kumar," and "Half-Baked" only glorify that loserdom.

This isn't to say all the people who smoke weed are losers (although there is a strong correlation between those who smoke regularly and being a loser), but almost all of the movies which stoners openly admit to "represent" their culture involve the attributes of those usually labeled as a "loser." These movies have characters that still live with their parents, don't have a job (selling weed doesn't count), can't do anything right,



KEVIN SCHMIDT
COLUMNIST

and many are just plain dolts.

The stoner culture and its movies also glorify weed itself from being just a plant to an almost God-like state. James Franco's character described smoking his special weed (the "pineapple express") as a crime "like killing a unicorn." The weed holds high importance to the protagonists, who value the plant more than a girlfriend (in the case of Dale) and being certain that people aren't trying to kill them (in the case of Saul). This leads me to discount anyone who says we are more advanced than the ancient civilizations that worshipped sun gods and the like; we still have a large number of people who worship a plant.

Hail Canada! US Army deserter sent home

In a move designed to make up for Celine Dion and Avril Levine, Canada deported the first of 200 deserters from the U.S. Military back to the U.S. One particular deserter, Robin Long, fled to Nelson, British Columbia just as the men in his tank unit were deploying to Iraq. Long whined—I mean complained—that he would "suffer irreparable harm if he returned to the United States," according to alertnet.org.

The Victoria Times Colonist said, "U.S. deserters who are returned to their military base can face penalties including criminal charges, being required to complete their military contract or being given an undesirable administrative discharge from army service."

Canada took in over 50,000 deserters during the Vietnam war; they are not as accommodating this time. One of the reasons for Canada's inhospitality to deserters might be that the U.S. hasn't drafted anyone into the military—today's members are volunteers, not conscripts. The majority of these volunteers understood they may be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country—except for the 200 deserters still cowering in Canada. Well, 199 now that Long is on his way back to his old unit.

Alertnet.org stated, "Long and others have argued it was only after they had joined the military that they decided the U.S. government had lied to the public about the reasons for the Iraq War, and they were refusing to fight in an illegal conflict."

Shall we parse Long's argument? Somehow, after Long and the other deserters joined the military, they were enlightened to information that the rest of the country, including the president, Congress, and the secretary of defense did not have. Either that, or he decided better to dodge his commitment to his country than to dodge IED. Remember, the US hasn't had a draft since the 1970s—Long willingly volunteered



TONY SARRECCHIA
COLUMNIST

to "...support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic...bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and ...obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over [me], according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

Never mind that someone else would be going in his place. Long, and those like him, who voluntarily join the US military and then cower from their duties and responsibilities are defrauders of the highest level and deserve the most severe punishment that their crime allows. On the plus side, it is better that deserters show their dishonor before the battlefield rather than put their entire squads at risk.

I firmly believe in a person's right to disagree with Bush's policies. Quit your job and become a professional protester like Cindy Sheehan; slather yourself in the sweat of Al Gore while flying in a Gulfstream jet and complain about carbon poisoning, but don't join the military for the benefits Uncle Sam offers and dishonor yourself and your country by running to Canada like a French soldier in front of the German army when asked to perform your duties.

According to the Department of Defense Web site, the penalties for deserters ranges from retention and rehabilitation to dishonorable discharge and five years confinement. During wartime, the deserter could be sentenced to death. The US executed deserters during both the civil war and World War II.

Thoughts on leaving home



JACE WHITE
COLUMNIST

I have been away from home for eight years coming this November, or what I considered home. My family was a regular act in the traveling circus that is the military until two years ago, when

my dad retired and I became stationary for the first time in my entire life. I refer to the military life as a circus from my personal experiences in adventures that have taken me around the world and back. I was born in Frankfurt, Germany and had the fortune to live as far east as Sicily and west as South Dakota. I have weathered tornados and witnessed bombings. The military has giving me so much in this life, but it has also taken so much more from me. I never had the "normal" childhood I have always heard about. And on October 31st, 2000, the military robbed me of the only "home" I truly thought I had had: Oklahoma. That was the day my family and I left for Robins AFB, Warner Robins, Ga.

Wasn't that such a tragic story? No, I can say I have heard worse, but it becomes relevant to me when I see

it happening again with the coming of this year's freshmen. All of us have left the comforts of our homes: some 15 minutes down the road or 13-hour voyages, like mine. Up and down the halls I have heard the repeated story: for many this is the first time they have ever been away from their hometown in their short 17 and 18 years. Fortunately, there is a good number that have taken this drastic change in stride; however, there are still a more important number of those who have not come out of these first few days unscathed. This is for all of them, two in particular. Here is a secret I have learned from all these years I have been away from home: we make it in the end. I promise.

I spent many of my last evenings in Warner Robins reassuring one of my best friends that though our entire

group was parting ways it was all for the better. And I stand by that even now after I have not seen him in nearly a week. I explained to him that without forward motion we cannot better ourselves as individuals and society as a whole. Change and progression are both necessary evils that ultimately prepare us for our best, as we are meant to be. It is when we fret over things that have moved beyond our reach that we forsake our progression and fail ourselves. One thing I left my best friend was "for the end of every season... there is a reason." We cannot prevent this passing; however, we can honor what we have learned from one another and apply that to our lives as we move forward in our new "seasons." There is too much to this vast world for us to see to falter on something that has left

us for the past. So, never forget, but always push forward.

You will be amazed to how effortless it is to assimilate to our new lives here at KSU, if you first open yourself to such a change. Because I have not been home in nearly eight years now, I have gotten pretty accustomed to this ever-changing life. But more importantly, acting upon this change has made me a better and stronger person. I have become self-sufficient and driven. I have also learned to be open-minded and welcoming, traits that don't deny me many friends. I have made and lost many friends in this traveling act that is my life, but I have not forgotten what I have inherited from knowing them as I move forward. Be open. Be bold. Be you. But most importantly "BE" not "WAS."
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Unconcealed contempt

Is that a gun in your pocket or are you just happy to be here?

I don't often get the opportunity to write a piece that I know is going to be dramatically unpopular, so forgive me for taking the time to slow down and really enjoy this one. Let me give you a quick tip, though: if you happen to be one of the gun rights activists who think you should be able to carry your piece into class, you might want to beat the rush and send your letter to the editor now. Yeah, I think you are wrong, even here in Kennesaw, the home of the gun in every home. It bothers me that the state legislature wants to push to allow people who have a carry permit to be able to bring their weapons into the classroom. And, for the record, this is coming from a vet who shot Marine Corps Expert with the 9mm, who once held a Georgia concealed carry permit, who very much enjoys spending time at the firing range and who only sold his sidearm a few years ago.

You can try to make the cliché argument that "an armed society is a polite society" but I personally think that is a load of crap. There have been plenty of societies that have remained civil without the implied threat of concealed weapons, and if you do a little digging into history you will find that our cherished national vision of the armed and polite Old West is more myth than substance. Honestly, if what we need to be more polite are more guns we should give up and start over. But rather than trying to hash this argument out in supposition and hearsay, let's look

at it logically, based on our common experience. One of the first arguments that gun rights advocates make is this: Since it is illegal to carry a gun onto campus then only criminals are carrying on campus right now. I will even give you the argument that if those students are willing to break one law then they are more likely to be willing to break other laws.

So, we suspect that highly depraved criminals, who are also university students are carrying their weapons on the campuses of Georgia schools right now. I will even give you more ammunition (pun most definitely intended) and point out that according to a 2007 CDC survey, 5.9 percent of high school-aged children reported having carried a weapon (gun, knife or club) to school within the 30 days prior to the survey. So, are there guns being carried

illegally on campus right now? Absolutely! But even with all of those illicit guns being carried by the hardened criminals among us, how many students have been killed in Georgia's universities? None. At least none in readily available recent history. In fact, in the last ten years the only fatalities in Georgia schools were the two young men tragically killed at Beach High School in Savannah in 2000, one year after six students were shot and injured at Heritage High in Conyers. So, in almost ten years there have only been eight stu-

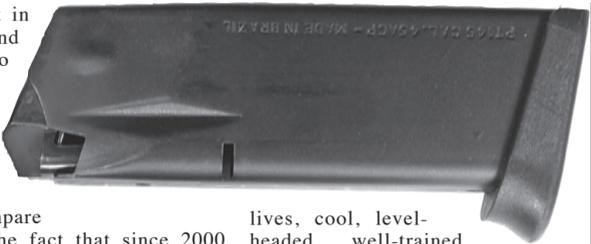
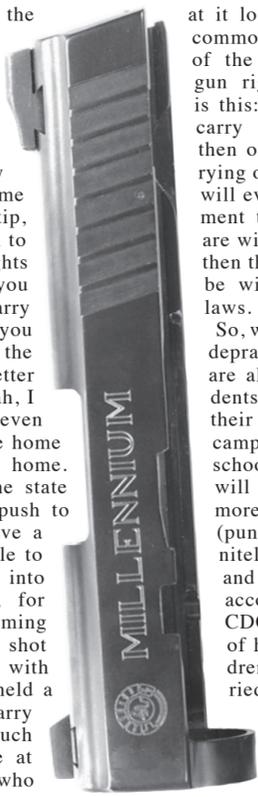
dents shot in Georgia and only two fatalities, none of which were on college campuses. Compare that to the fact that since 2000 almost 12,000 people have been killed in car crashes in Georgia. In other words, you are significantly safer on campus, even with the socio-paths and their illegal guns, than you are getting in your car to drive here!

None of that is to say that the lunatics who are carrying their guns aren't dangerous, but I'll be honest in saying that I am more afraid of the guy or gal who, with no training, decides to be a hero by taking out someone they perceive to be a threat. While the concealed carry permit application process can check the applicant's criminal and medical history, it cannot determine whether or not the applicant has the common sense to react appropriately when the adrenaline hits, and there is no requirement to receive any kind of weapons handling or gun safety training. I find it amusing that the carrying rights proponents have adopted the slogan "guns save lives," as much as because it flies in the face of their other stand-by "guns don't kill people, people kill people," (let's face it, either the guns are sentient or they aren't, you can't have it both ways) as because it gives me the perfect opportunity to counter by saying that, in situations where a sidearm is necessary guns don't save

lives, cool, level-headed, well-trained men and women who know what they are doing save lives, and often without resorting to firing their sidearm. So, honestly, if we're all in a classroom when the nutjob with the gun decides to take people out and I have a chance to tackle him from behind, I am much less likely to do it if I know there are a bunch of trigger-happy hero wannabes itching for a chance to try out their .45.

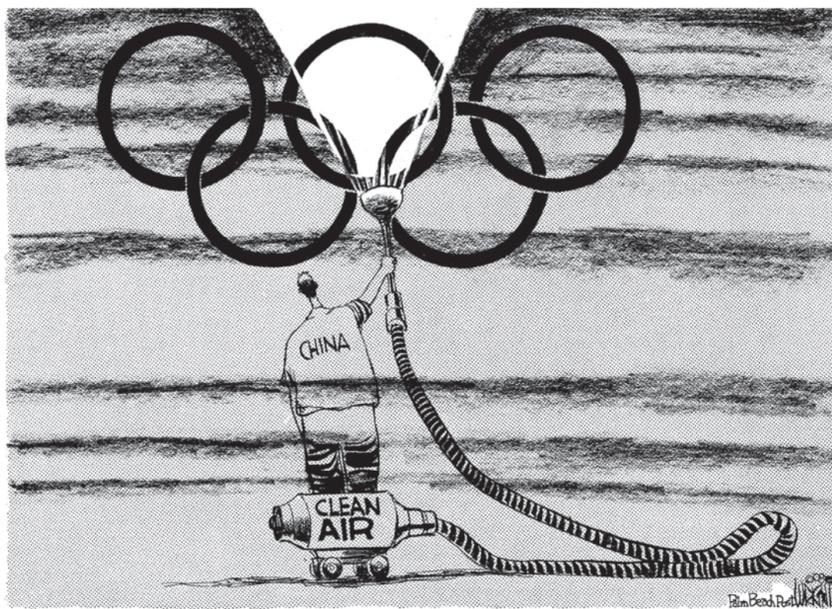
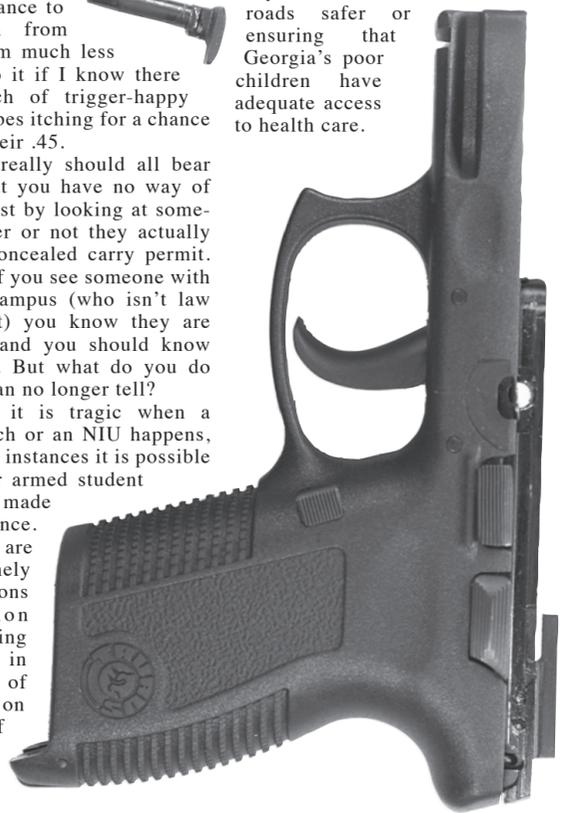
And we really should all bear in mind that you have no way of knowing, just by looking at someone, whether or not they actually have that concealed carry permit. Right now if you see someone with a gun on campus (who isn't law enforcement) you know they are a criminal and you should know what to do. But what do you do when you can no longer tell?

So, yes, it is tragic when a Virginia Tech or an NIU happens, and in those instances it is possible that another armed student could have made a difference. But really, are those extremely rare situations justification for ensuring an increase in the number of weapons on campus? If human life is so precious



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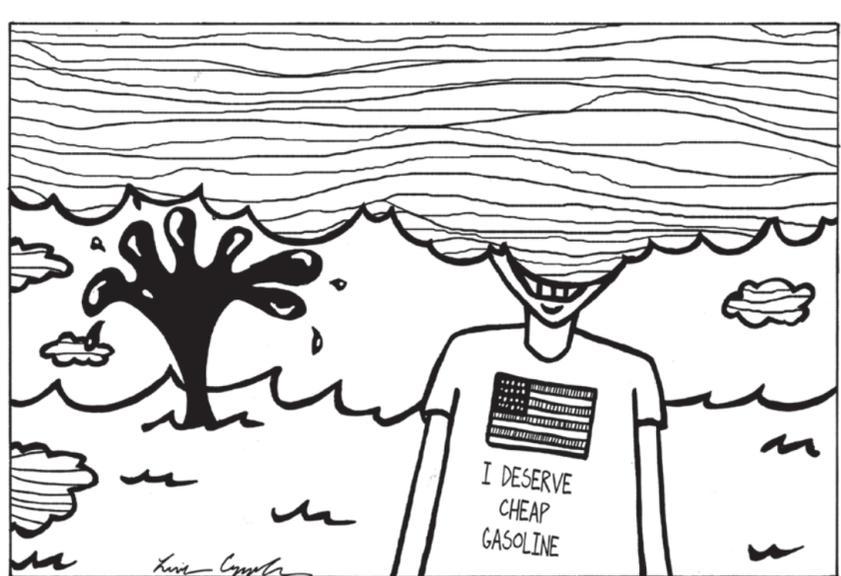
maybe we should be focusing on ways to make our roads safer or ensuring that Georgia's poor children have adequate access to health care.



Awkward Silence

"Georgia on my Mind" Brett Frank myspace.com/chowderofmonkey

<p>Nation, this is a significant time in our history: The Olympic Games in China, Paris Hilton's energy bid making more sense than McCain's or Obama's, Chinese girls pretending to sing on international television- and the war on terror.</p>	<p>Sadly, the war on terror has a new field of combat: Georgia is now under attack.</p>
<p>We are doing our best in the U.N. to ease the tensions with Russia, but the situation looks grim.</p>	<p>And if we don't succeed, God help us, the big chicken will be more red than ever and I won't get my Coca Cola or Cartoon Network anymore.</p>



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Cuddly marsupials inhabit Dawsonville

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Driving down I-53, there isn't much to look at. You'll come across some farms and some hills, but that's about it. Then out of the blue, you'll see a "Kangaroo Crossing" sign. It's no hoax, ladies and gentlemen, because just around the corner lies an 87-acre facility open to the public. At the Kangaroo Conservation Center, you can see kangaroos, wallaroos, wallabees and rare birds in their natural habitat, all one hour north of Atlanta.

Not many people at KSU are aware that there are kangaroos wandering around in Georgia, but just take I-575 north for 20 minutes, then I-53 east for another 20 minutes, and you'll arrive at the conservation center. Once you walk through the door, you'll immediately see kangaroos hopping around.

The center gives its visitors the choice between a guided or self-guided tour. The guided tour takes you safari-style among the kangaroos and requires a reservation.

Besides kangaroo watching, you can also visit reptiles and birds at the Billabong Encounter. Or you can spend some time with the friendly white-tailed deer that roam freely through the center's grounds.

"The kangaroos seem happy and relaxed at the center," said junior Monica Bohac. "It's fun and relaxing to just sit and watch them play."

The owners, Roger and Debbie Nelson, built the center from scratch and have invested their time, energy and money into the conservation of the marsupials. "You can really tell that they care about these animals," said Kate Pika, manager of tour sales.

Admission to the center is reserved for those over six years old, and prices vary from \$18 to \$30. Find out more at www.kangarooconservation.com.

Located just one hour north of the city, the Kangaroo Sanctuary Center is open for your enjoyment. You can plan to spend the entire day walking around the premises and observing kangaroos as they look cute just for you. Besides kangaroos, the center also has wallaroos, wallabees, a rare albino kangaroo and rare birds, like a giant pigeon.

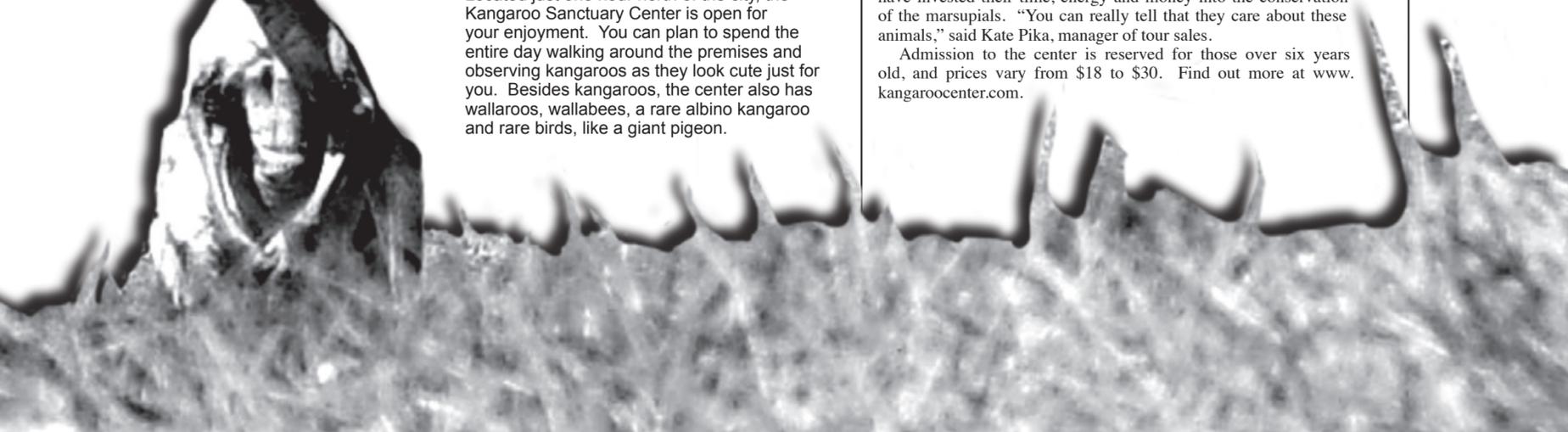




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Social climbers wanted

Local gym seeks students for derring-do

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If stress is driving you up the walls and crawling on the ceiling seems like a reasonable way to spend an afternoon, rock climbing could be for you. It works just fine for Chris Sierzant, owner of Kennesaw's Escalade Rock Climbing Gym, who said he climbs for "the release it gives me from the monotony of everyday living." Chris is a sponsored climber, a professional who recently made the cover of *Urban Climber Magazine*. His gym offers climbers, from beginners to professionals, the opportunity to enjoy both top-roping and bouldering, the two ways of getting one's butt up the wall.

Top-roping requires two people: one remains on the ground, taking in and letting out a rope that runs through a carabiner at the top of the wall and connects to the climber below. A carabiner, a vital piece of the climbing apparatus, is an oblong metal loop with a hinged opening on one side. Bouldering also involves scaling a wall, but only to a height

at which ropes are not necessary. Therefore, bouldering is a more individualistic challenge, whereas top-roping calls for teamwork and builds strong personal bonds.

Both bouldering walls and top-roping are available at Escalade, which is located off of Kennesaw's Moon Station Drive and is the nearest climbing gym to Kennesaw State University. Housed in an industrial warehouse, the gym contains "over 13,000 square feet of climbing," according to the gym's Web site. The atmosphere inside is relaxed and air conditioned, a welcoming environment for beginners and skilled climbers alike. Senya Laryguine, another sponsored climber who regularly trains at the gym, said, "Of all the gyms around the world that I've been to, this gym provides the most methods of getting strong." These "methods" include a low ceiling speckled with climbing holds that make it possible for one literally to crawl upside down, defying gravity with strength, and an almost vertical wall on which one can grip boards and ascend using

only one's hands. There are also the standard bouldering walls and higher top-roping walls common to most climbing gyms.

Outside of the gym, climbing is growing in popularity—and availability. According to Sierzant, the southeast has "more rock than we know what to do with," with "three to four areas found in a given year." For those who wish to find local climbing spots, Sierzant recommends visiting seclimbers.org.

On Mon., Aug. 25th, from 2 pm until 10 pm, Sierzant will open Escalade's doors to KSU students free of charge (there will be a fee for climbing shoes, which are optional). Students will be given access to the full range of climbing equipment and an introduction to the sport by the gym's instructors. All students must show their KSU card and have a Release of Liability Form, which can be downloaded via the gym's Web site (www.escaladegym.com). Also, every Wednesday, students who present their KSU card are offered a discounted rate of \$12 for male students and \$6 for female students.

Local museum furthers outreach to college-age with coffee

JESSICA EDENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A mid-twentieth century printing press clacks away in the General History gallery of the Marietta Museum of History, amid memorabilia of life in Cobb County from before the Trail of Tears to today's Lockheed and the Boy and Girl Scouts. In the next room is a sampling of the oldest forms of music players, chronicling music in the days long before the iPod; a mountain of *National Geographic* magazines stands just beyond the 1940s-replica kitchen in the Homelife Gallery. And another doorway leads to the mammoth Military Gallery, where shotguns look positively ordinary compared to the bazooka and the actual old-style walkie-talkie.

This is not where college students hang out very often. But, with a new museum initiative, that may no longer be the case. In the fall of 2006, a group of students enrolled in the public relations campaign class at KSU decided to pitch their ideas to the Marietta Museum of History, a landmark that had been neglected by the university-age student. This would mean creating a plan for the museum to implement that would offer an alternative to another night at Starbucks.

The result, two years later, is College Coffee Night. On the first Tuesday of each month, the museum will be open for students to explore, learn, socialize, play trivia, take part in other games and, of course, drink some coffee.

The public relations campaign class is the capstone for students in the Communication program's public relations concentration. By finding actual non-profit organizations in the community and analyzing issues they might have, students can develop a public relations campaign that could benefit them.

The Marietta Museum of History became the client in 2006, with the purpose of creating a program to target and appeal to the "college demographic that we weren't hitting," said museum assistant Anna Monroe.

Jan Galt Russell, the museum director, worked with Dr. Barbara Gainey and her PR students directly, and the class conducted research, developed goals and objectives, and came up with creative

strategies, a budget and an event schedule. "Student teams also develop prototypes of specific tactics, such as sample Web pages, promotional material and special events," Gainey said.

By the end of the semester, the museum had a proposal handed to them, with all the groundwork for appealing to the college-age. "It was a great working relationship and wonderful experience for our students," Gainey said.

The project was developed the same time Mary Koronkowski, PR director, started work at the museum. "With starting my new position," she said, "they were ideas that I at first couldn't implement. When Anna came [to the museum, as well], she started looking at the projects, to beef them up."

The interns working there were "used as test subjects," Monroe said. "We would ask them, 'Would you want to do this,' 'Would this interest you?'"

Those interns did prove essential to development, and nearly two years later, the program is ready to go.

By offering students a different place to go, Koronkowski and Monroe also stress the fact that the local museum offers "the hometown story"—something that bigger, more widely-visited museums can't do. There won't be any weird hair-curlers from local parlors or old copies of the Big Chicken board game at the High Museum of Art.

Koronkowski hopes to see something like the response to their Museum Mice program, which allows toddlers and their parents to roam and interact with the collections and the history. The program has been recognized by the Ga. Association of Museums and Galleries as the Education Program of the Year in 2007.

Because the museum team so enjoys the Museum Mice tours,

"that [award] was sort of just an extra," said Koronkowski. "We had such a good result, we have regulars who visit, we get new people here," she said. "We want to see the same kinds of things happening."

"Hopefully we'll get students who haven't been here before to get in—not just history students—and then bring their family and friends," said Monroe. "We want them to see this is a hands-on place. That you don't have to whisper."

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Mamma Mia! what a movie

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"Mamma Mia!" is the film adaptation of the West End stage musical of the same name. Brimming with the catchy songs of the successful 1970s pop group ABBA, the film, about a young woman's search to find her father, has enjoyed both critical and financial success.

The movie opens with 20-year-old Sophie Sheridan's beautiful rendition of "I Have a Dream." As Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) sings, she places three letters into the mailbox, one for each of the men who could be her father: Sam (Pierce Brosnan), Harry (Colin Firth) and Bill (Stellan Skarsgard). The next day, she meets her two best friends, Ali (Ashley Lilley) and Lisa (Rachel McDowall), who have traveled to the Greek island Sophie calls home

to attend her wedding. The girls traipse across the picturesque island as Sophie reads from her mother's diary about being courted by the three men.

Sophie keeps her quest to find her father a secret from her mother, Donna (Meryl Streep), who owns the island's Villa Donna hotel, and her fiancé, Sky (Dominic Cooper). On the same day, Donna travels to the port to meet her two long-time friends, rich divorcee Tanya (Christine Baranski) and best-selling author Rosie (Julie Walters). Viewers can automatically tell that Donna's best friends inspire in her a carefree and playful attitude.

Meanwhile, all three men visit the island, thinking Donna has asked them to come, and Sophie hides them upstairs in the old goat house. Soon after their arrival, Donna shockingly discovers her past lovers

in the goat house while searching for flooring supplies. In one of the best numbers of the film, we see Donna humorously dancing and singing on a rooftop to the title song, "Mamma Mia!"

After speaking with her former flames, Donna becomes emotional and wants the men to leave the island. Tanya and Rosie try to console her and inspire Donna to loosen up a bit by singing "Dancing Queen."

Before the wedding ceremony, Sophie must decide who will be the man to walk her down the aisle. Her choice comes as an unexpected surprise to the audience. Filled with passion, humor and romance, "Mamma Mia!" is one of the best films of the summer. Although some might consider it a chick flick, the film should appeal to both genders and all ages. Trust me, you won't be disappointed if you take a chance on "Mamma Mia!"

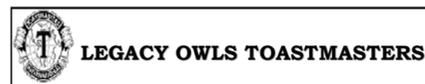
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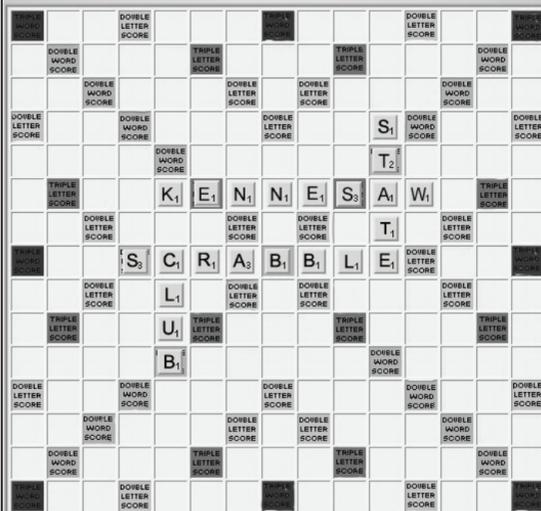


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CD vs. LP The Virgins

BRITTNEY JOSEPH
 STAFF WRITER

The Virgins emerged from New York City as an indie rock band. The band gained most of its popularity because of the CW's hit series "Gossip Girl". After hearing the first single "Rich Girls," I decided to find out more about the band.

At the time, only their LP was available via iTunes. After listening to the five original tracks ("Rich Girls," "Love Is Colder Than Death," "Fernando Pando," "Radio Christiane," and "One Week Of Danger"), I knew that The Virgins were a band worth hearing again and again.

So, like many other Virgins fans, I patiently waited for their album to hit stores on June 3. Unfortunately, what should have been a day of celebration for Virgins fans turned out to be a day of disappointment, at least for some. The five original songs featured on the LP had become distorted by overproduction, and the beats were less raw and edgy.

Disappointed but not discouraged, I bought The Virgins album anyway. Although I still believe the LP was better, that does not mean the debut album is not worth buying. The Virgins' debut includes new hit songs: "She's Expensive," "Teen Lovers," "Murder," "Hey Hey Girl," and "Private Affair". These songs have a lot of potential.

"She's Expensive," the disc's first track, explains what it's like to date someone who's no good. "One Week Of Danger" loses the spark it had on the LP, and the other tracks from the LP lack the versatility and creativeness they once possessed. My favorite song on the album is "Hey Hey Girl," which is about growing up as a teen in New York City. What makes this song a winner is the beat and the sing-along lyrics. It draws you in like a good party song should.

Fans of well-known band Cobra Starship will enjoy The Virgins indie-rock/dance-infused vibe. The Virgins have a flair similar to that of Cobra Starship. Lead singer and songwriter Donald Cummings' lyrics on "She's Expensive" are reminiscent of Gabe Saporta's on "Guilty Pleasure".

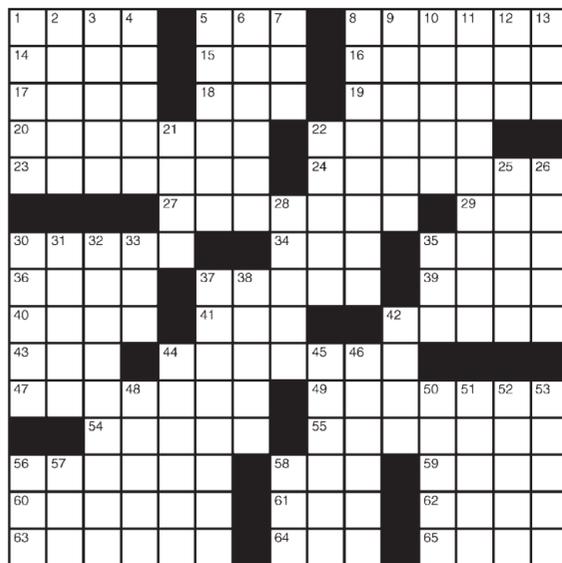
The album as a whole listens like a party feels: fun, crazy, and sometimes full of surprises. The humorous, catchy, carefree lyrics and the 80's inspired beats make the album cool.

The only downsides are the remade beats of the original songs and the fact that there are only ten songs on the entire album. It seems like more of a demo to me.

All in all, the LP is much better. I encourage any fans to buy the LP. Non-Virgins fans should preview both the LP and the album and decide for themselves which sounds better. Both the LP and the album are sure to be party favorites.

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 - Use an acetylene torch
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 - Satellite's path
 - Irritable
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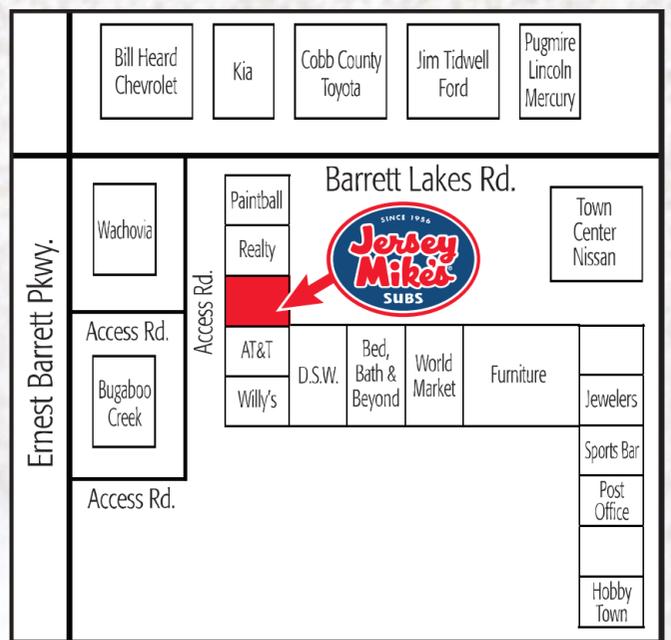
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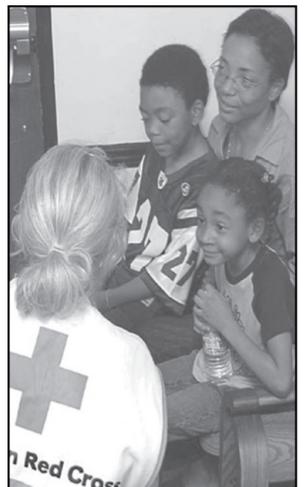
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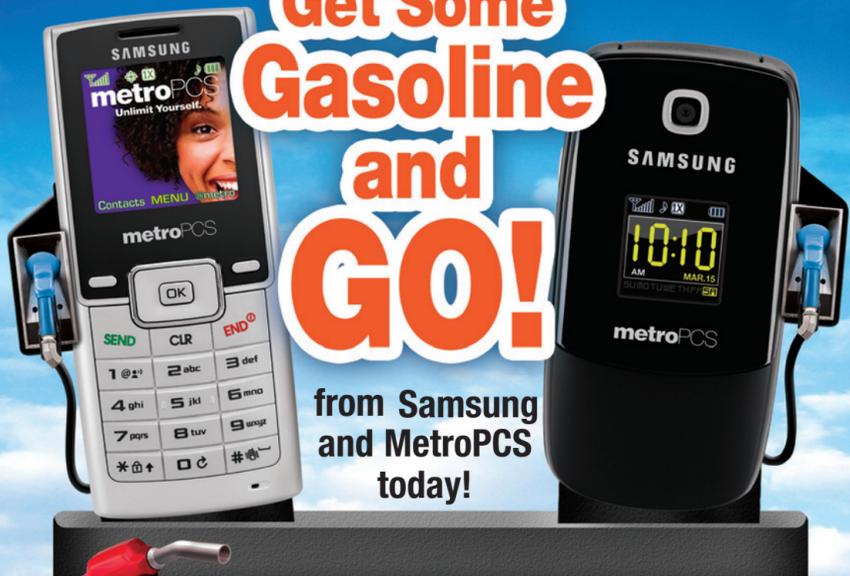
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How do your gardens grow? **Green.**

JENNIFER SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

In keeping with its idyllic name, The Gardens at Kennesaw Mountain is going green. In an effort to resize its footprint, the four-acre Marietta facility for corporate and special events recently installed a 1.3-kilowatt solar power system on the roof of its Grand Ballroom. Though the system does not produce enough electricity to meet all of the facility's needs, it will save the equivalent of three barrels of imported oil and 145 gallons of gasoline per year.

Marc Sommers, who with his mother, Ellie, owns and operates The Gardens, explained that the reason for the movement toward a greener business is a desire to tread lightly—or lighter, at least. "It's important to us as an organization that consumes a lot of resources to find ways to lessen our impact on the environment," he said. If not properly managed, an event facility may take a high toll on the environment through significant electricity and water use and the generation of waste during the events.

The solar panels are only the latest way the Sommers have found to run a sustainable gathering place. Since taking over The Gardens four years ago, the Sommers have made it a point to incorporate local food into their menu through their catering company, Parsley's, located in Dunwoody. As to how he found sources of local food, Sommers said, "We just got out there and knocked on farmers' barns and really put ourselves out there." To keep customers aware of the dishes they may enjoy, the Parsley's Web site includes a "Local and Organic" section detailing the availability of ingredients and from which local farm they originated.

In their quest to transform The Gardens into a low-impact event facility, the Sommers also tackled the thorny question of water use. The event facility now has dual flush toilets, waterless urinals and low-flow sinks.

Sommers stressed the importance of working with local companies as another way The Gardens reduces its environmental impact. Soenso of Marietta installed the new solar panel system, and Conex Recycling of Alpharetta manages the facility's waste. Sommers offered the use of Conex as an example of a simple step high-impact businesses can take toward sustainability; the recycling company offers a drop-off and pick-up bin service that allows customers to mix aluminum, glass and plastic that might otherwise have been destined for the landfill.

On the state of green and sustainable business in Georgia, Sommers cited a statistic from the Georgia Green Service Alliance that ranks the state as the top recycler of plastic bottles in the country, thanks in large part to Calhoun-based Mohawk Industries, a manufacturer of residential and commercial flooring. By its own estimates, Mohawk collects approximately 25 percent of all plastic beverage and food bottles in North America, which it turns into carpet fibers. "People say Georgia is behind [on sustainability issues]," commented Sommers, "but we're just new and still need to be exposed to all the good things out there."

As for the reactions all the changes to The Gardens at Kennesaw have garnered, Sommers said they have been entirely positive. His future plans for the facility include a chef's garden and an energy-efficient on-site kitchen. "We hope to make these four acres a little piece of paradise up here in West Cobb," he said.

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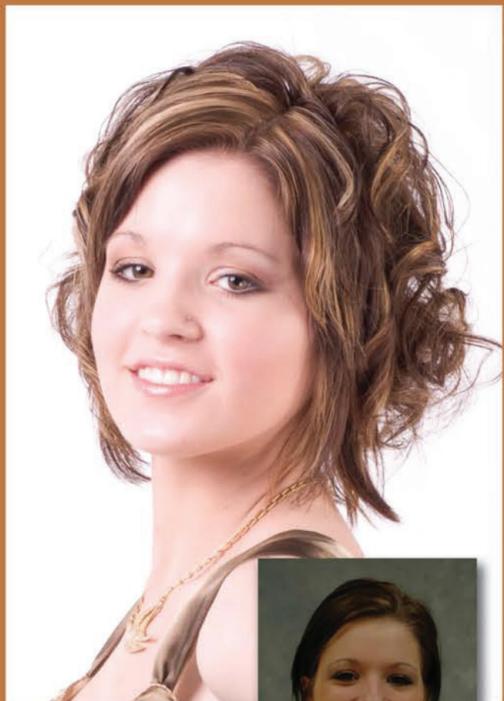
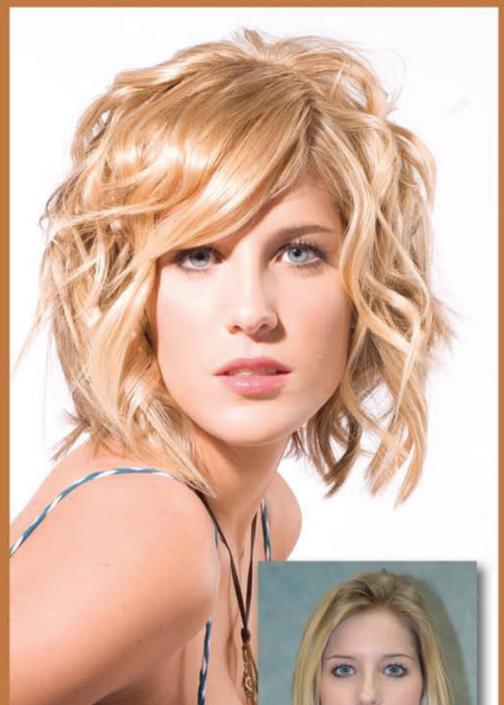
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With some 30 to 50 million Americans suffering from various degrees of lactose intolerance, and an estimated three million of us now eating animal-free (vegan) diets for humane, environmental and/or health reasons, the production of alternatives to dairy products has started to become big business.

But while substitutes for milks and ice creams abound, mostly soy- or rice-based blends that have come a long way since they first appeared on grocery shelves, finding satisfactory alternatives to the many varieties of cheese can be a challenge. But the choices are expanding rapidly.

The first place to look might just be your regular supermarket's produce section—that's often where you'll find Galaxy Foods' Veggie line of non-dairy cheeses. After all, they are made from soy, a crop. Galaxy's offerings come shredded, grated, in slices and in hunks. Fans swear they taste just like the real thing. And they are all excellent sources of calcium without cholesterol, saturated/trans-fats or lactose.

Galaxy also offers cheeses made from rice. And while some of both the Rice Brand and Veggie line contain small amounts of cultured milk salt, dried skim milk protein and trace amounts of lactose, Galaxy also make two purely vegan varieties, usually found in the dairy sections of grocery or health food stores.

A few other popular brands made with rice include Rice Slices and Lifetime Low Fat Jalapeno Jack Rice Cheese. Check the shelves of your local organic or natural food market to find one or more to sample.

Another leading producer of dairy-free cheeses is Scotland's Bute Island Foods. The company began making its own vegan hard cheese alternatives (sold under the Sheese brand name) in 1988, and has since expanded into cream cheese alternatives (Creamy Sheese) as well. From pizzas to sauces to sandwiches to spreads, Bute Island has vegan and lactose-intolerant cheese lovers covered.

Some other soy-based choices that get good reviews include Good Slice Cheddar Style Cheese Alternative (great for sandwiches), vegan-friendly Tofutti Soy Cheese Slices, Follow Your Heart's Vegan Gourmet (pizza, anyone?), and Teese (it melts with the best of them), among others.

Do-it-yourselfers might want to experiment with making their own non-dairy cheese using ingredients such as tofu and yeast. A quick web search will yield many recipes for making cheese and for using non-dairy cheeses in favorite dishes. Many of the best are collected in Joanne Stepaniak's *The Ultimate Uncheese Cookbook*, available in some bookstores as well as from Amazon.com and other online vendors.

With so many good choices, not to mention recipes for home cooked varieties, many a vegetarian may just make the leap into full-fledged vegan eating. And existing vegans can rejoice: French Onion Soup (dairy-free, of course) is back on the menu.

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Dear EarthTalk: Can those energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs that are popular now cause headaches because of the flickering they do? I converted my whole house over last fall and both my kids were complaining of headaches on and off.

With a switch to energy efficient compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs already in full swing in the U.S. and elsewhere—Australia has banned incandescents, Britain will soon, and the U.S. begins a phase-out of incandescents in 2012—more and more complaints have arisen about the new bulbs causing headaches.

Many experts say that the issue is being overblown, however, that there is no scientific evidence that the bulbs cause headaches and that a kind of hysteria has grown out of a small number of anecdotal reports.

Industry experts acknowledge that day-to-day exposure to older, magnetically ballasted long tube fluorescent bulbs found mostly in industrial and institutional settings could cause headaches due to their noticeable flicker rate. The human brain can detect the 60 cycles per second such older bulbs need to refresh themselves to keep putting out light.

However, modern, electronically ballasted CFLs refresh themselves at between 10,000 and 40,000 cycles per second, rates too fast for the human eye or brain to detect. "As far as I'm aware there is no association between headaches and the use of compact fluorescent lamps," says Phil Scarbro of Energy Federation Incorporated (EFI), a leading distributor of energy efficiency-related products—including many CFLs.

But Magda Havas, an Environmental & Resource Studies Ph.D. at Canada's Trent University, says that some CFLs emit radio frequency radiation that can cause fatigue, dizziness, ringing in the ears, eyestrain, even migraines. You can test to see if CFLs in your home give off such radiation, she says, by putting a portable AM radio near one that's on and listening for extra static the closer you get. She says that such electromagnetic interference should also be of concern to people using cell phones and wireless computers.

Sometimes headaches are due to eyestrain from inadequate lighting. When replacing an incandescent bulb with a CFL, pay attention to the lumens, which indicate the amount of light a bulb gives out (watts measure the energy use of a bulb, not the light generated). A 40-watt incandescent bulb can be replaced by an 11-14 watt CFL because the lumen output is approximately the same (490); a 100-watt incandescent can be replaced by a 26-29 watt CFL, both providing about 1,750 lumens. If you're still skeptical, replace a 40-watt incandescent with a 60-watt equivalent 15-19 watt CFL, which will boost lumens to 900.

Another consideration is color temperature (measured in degrees "Kelvin"). CFLs rated at 2,700 Kelvin give off light in the more pleasing red/yellow end of the color spectrum, closer to that of most incandescents. Bulbs rated at 5,000 Kelvin and above (usually older ones) give off a less pleasing white/blue light.

The Environmental Defense website provides a handy chart comparing the watts and lumens of incandescents versus CFLs, along with further discussion about color temperature.

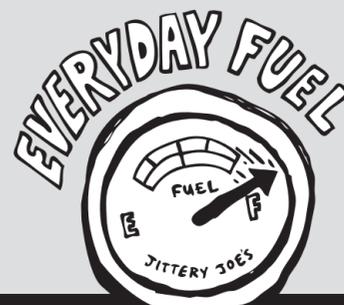
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KSU professor helps athletes to goal and gold

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For Professor Jin Wang, who teaches sports psychology and motor learning at KSU, the question of how to enable athletes to perform at their best is not one of mind over matter but of mind *with* matter.

Earlier this month, Wang returned to Kennesaw after spending a month-and-a-half in China helping Olympic athletes acquire the skills they need to compete at the highest level. Wang develops strategies that athletes can use to achieve a state called relaxed concentration, in which the mind and body work seamlessly together to achieve the desired goal.

Wang worked primarily with the Chinese women's soccer team at their training facility in Qinhuangdao, a city on the Bohai Sea

is not only about technique, but also tactics, psychology and experience," said Han. Li Ni Na, a member of the women's freestyle team and another of Wang's success stories, claimed a silver medal in Turin.

What does Wang do that works so well? Among other things, he builds confidence. He explained that confidence is like a desktop: if it has too few legs, then the desktop could collapse at any moment; with many legs supporting it, however, the desktop stands firm. What are the "legs" that prop up an athlete's confidence? His or her strengths. Wang instructs the athlete to name as many strengths as possible. For instance, the athlete might say, "I am fast," "I have good coordination," or "I am flexible." The more strengths the athlete names, the higher his or her confidence soars. In addition, the athlete asks the question, "What are my opponent's weaknesses?"

"Perhaps because of his excellent record with some of the world's greatest athletes, Wang is in demand as a lecturer, not only in his native China but in the United States, too."

By detailing his or her strengths and the weaknesses of the opponent, the athlete gains the confidence necessary to excel.

Wang teaches athletes to think positively, a skill he believes to be critical. "Thoughts can be manipulated by athletes," Wang said. "They can choose which thoughts to have."

In his opinion, what separates the

benefiting from Wang's counsel go on to medal at this year's Olympics, it would not be the first time that the athletes he's worked closely with emerged victorious. In 2006, at the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, a skier whom Wang helped by the name of Han Xiao Pang won the men's Freestyle Skiing Aerials competition. At the time, Han was a relative unknown in his sport; before garnering the gold, he had not won a single international competition. If not for Wang's guidance,

Han most likely would have remained in the shadows. Han later told *China Daily* that mental preparedness is just as important as technique: "Competition in skiing aerials is very tough, since there are about 20 skiers at this level in the world's leading group. So it

winner from the loser is nothing more than the ability to overcome the kind of negativity that can lead to anxiety and break an athlete's concentration.

"All athletes have negative thoughts," Wang said. Not all athletes are created equal, however. "The difference is that Olympic champions replace negative thoughts with positive thoughts."

Perhaps because of his excellent record with some of the world's greatest athletes, Wang is in demand as a lecturer, not only in his native China but in the United States, too. A registered sports psychologist with the U.S. Olympic Committee, Wang traveled to Colorado in March to address 25 of his colleagues at a summit called by the committee in anticipation of the Summer Games.



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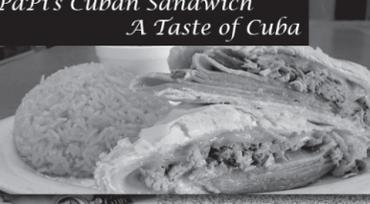


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Music review: Rush rocks

MATT LOGAN
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Rush may not have invented progressive rock, but they have certainly defined it. They've been around since the early 70's and are still rocking today with a sound that newer bands like Coheed, Cambria and Chiodos pay tribute to. With chart success, awesome live shows (watch *Rush in Rio*), and a song about a "snow dog" and a prince named By-Tor, you know they're good. Not to mention that they're a three piece and that each member could easily be the best rock musician around on his respective instrument.

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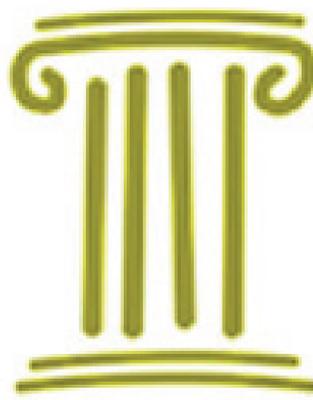
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Valedictorian goes from fear of deportation to college scholarship

VANESSA COLÓN
 MCT

A generous benefactor has made a Bullard High School valedictorian's university hopes a reality.

Arthur Mkoyan, 17, said Wednesday that he'll be attending the University of California at Davis thanks to a Northern California woman who read about his plight and decided to help him in a big way.

Mkoyan, whose college dream was nearly destroyed by deportation to Armenia, will attend his first college choice after all.

Instead of going to community college, he's expected to attend freshmen orientation at the UC Davis campus Sunday.

A month ago, Mkoyan decided to go to Fresno City College because his family couldn't afford UC Davis and he didn't qualify for state and federal financial aid because he's neither a U.S. citizen nor a legal permanent resident.

Mkoyan finds it unbelievable that someone offered to pay for his college education. "It's great someone is willing to help out. I'm excited and happy I get to go to Davis. I can't wait," Mkoyan said.

Mkoyan's benefactor, Sherry Heacox of Danville, Calif., was touched by his story and decided to pay his four years at UC Davis. Heacox operates a food-import business from home. Her husband, Hank, is an engineer.

"It was a compelling story. He was caught in the middle," she said in a phone interview Wednesday.

"The entire situation was a bad one. Sometimes you have to step up to the plate," Heacox said.

Another woman contacted Mkoyan's mother, Asmik Karapetian, to offer to help raise funds to pay for Mkoyan's education. The two women were the only people to con-

tact the family offering help.

Heacox plans to join Mkoyan's family Sunday for Mkoyan's freshman orientation at UC Davis.

Heacox said she plans to pay \$25,000 for the 2008-09 school year, including room, board, books and tuition. She said she already paid a deposit of \$450 for Mkoyan's dorm room. She's spoken with UC Davis admissions personnel to arrange payments for Mkoyan.

UC Davis spokeswoman Julia Ann Easley declined to speak about Mkoyan or confirm his entry to the campus.

Mkoyan said he plans to major in chemistry and start a new path.

Mkoyan and his parents, who all faced deportation, were allowed to stay in the United States after Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein introduced a private bill on Mkoyan's behalf in June. The bill halted their deportation and can lead to permanent legal residency.

Mkoyan and his mother were ordered to leave the United States in late June for Armenia. Mkoyan's 12-year-old brother, a U.S. citizen, would have gone with them, family members said. Mkoyan's father, Ruben Mkoian, who spells his name differently from his son's, was released from a detention center in Eloy, Ariz., after Feinstein introduced her bill.

Mkoyan's family had entered the United States on tourist visas after fleeing the former Soviet Union. They began seeking asylum in 1992. Ruben Mkoian's application for asylum was rejected. Mkoian appealed to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, which rejected his appeal.

The private bill allows the family to stay together in Fresno, but their status remains in limbo. As long as the bill is pending or is reintroduced, it protects them from deportation. Mkoyan's bill is in the Senate Judiciary Committee, according to Feinstein's office.

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Computer engineer for NASA gets fine, prohibition for grade-tampering while a student

JOHN ELLIS
MCT

Gustavo Razo Jr. got a stern lecture but no jail time Friday from a federal judge for his role in a grade-tampering scheme at California State University, Fresno.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill told Razo that he should be ashamed of himself, then sentenced the Pasadena, Calif., resident to 36 months felony probation and fined him \$3,000.

Authorities said John Escalera, who was a student and employee at Fresno State, hacked into an unauthorized part of the university's computer system to acquire names and passwords of individuals who had grade-changing authority. He then made grade changes for himself and Razo, who paid him.

Fresno State discovered the grade changes in the spring of 2005 while performing an audit of grading software, then turned the matter over to the University Police Department, which worked with the FBI's Cyber Crimes Task Force to investigate.

Razo's defense attorney, Dale Blickenstaff, said after the sentencing that his client "made a grievous mistake, there's no question about it. But he has atoned for it."

According to Blickenstaff, Razo retook the class at an-

other university and earned an A. He has finished his degree and is working on a post-graduate degree.

In addition, he now works as a computer engineer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Escalera is scheduled to be sentenced next week and also is likely to receive probation, authorities said.

Both Razo and Escalera pleaded guilty in April of conspiring to commit wire fraud and identity theft.

A week after Escalera and Razo were indicted in Nov. 2007 by a federal grand jury in Fresno, Calif., three more

former Fresno State students were indicted for hacking into the university's computer system and benefiting from unauthorized grade changes.

Those cases against Larry Donnell Jones and Christina Michelle Davis, both of Anchorage, Alaska, and Antonio Lamar Pratt, described as being from the Fresno area, are still pending, with a hearing scheduled next week before O'Neill.

Because the other cases are still pending, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stanley Boone, who is prosecuting all the cases, declined to comment on Razo's sentencing.

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College students' credit card debt spurs concern

TONY PUGH
MCT

As the fall semester beckons and financial aid from parents and the government runs dry, more college students are turning to credit cards to pay not only for their textbooks, meals and transportation but also for tuition.

A recent survey by U.S. Public Interest Research Groups found that two-thirds of college students have at least one card, 70 percent pay their own monthly bills, and 24 percent have used their cards to help pay tuition.

That helps explain why the average survey respondent will graduate with more than \$2,600 in credit card debt, and those with student loans will owe nearly \$3,000.

Andrew Kunka charged \$4,000 to his credit card several years ago to help pay tuition at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Now a first-year law student at Rutgers University's Newark, N.J., campus, Kunka struggles to make the minimum payment on the card, which is nearly maxed out.

"I feel like credit card companies target us because we really have no financial awareness," said Kunka, who's 22. "We're barely out of our homes, barely having experiences as adults, and they throw these things at us and they don't make you aware of what you're signing into."

In recent congressional testimony, a card industry representative said stories such as Kunka's were aberrations and that two out of three students paid their card balances in full each month.

However, concern about college students' credit card debt has led regulators, lawmakers and consumer advocates to question whether schools are making it too easy for card companies to market their

plastic to students.

Of particular concern are exclusive agreements in which card companies and banks pay millions of dollars to schools or alumni associations for preferential treatment with their card-marketing efforts. The perks can include prime marketing space in high-traffic areas on campus or the use of a school's name and logo on their cards. Three hundred of the nation's largest universities collectively pocket more than \$1 billion a year on these marketing deals, said Robert D. Manning, the director of the Center for Consumer Financial Services at the Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, N.Y.

The New York Attorney General's Office is investigating the practice nationally, but Benjamin Lawsky, a deputy counselor with that office, provided few details of the probe in recent congressional testimony.

"I think when those provisions in these agreements become public, sometime relatively soon, I think it will shock many people, the kinds of relationships that some of these credit card companies have with the schools," Lawsky testified.

The agreements are usually confidential and often require the school to provide students' personal contact information, such as telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and home addresses.

This can lead to a deluge of card offers. While most issuers frown on applicants with shallow earnings and sparse credit histories, college students with similar attributes are coveted as potential long-term customers whose earnings will increase with time.

So students face aggressive card promotions on campus, where they're vulnerable to a host of marketing tactics.

One company offered free rides in a bicycle taxi if students watched a video pitch for its credit cards. Others set up tables around campus and offer free T-shirts, movie rentals, music downloads, Frisbees and even food if students fill out card applications.

Experts say these temptations can make an already-difficult decision even harder for young adults with little financial know-how.

"It's practically impossible to be a decent consumer and have a normal thought process when you're staring at a steaming hot piece of pizza," said Christine Lindstrom, the higher education program director with U.S. Public Interest Research Groups.

John Velasco never had such conflicts. Velasco, 22, was a sophomore at West Virginia University when ads drew him to a promotion offering pizza to students who took part in a five-minute survey. "The (ads) never said a word about credit cards," Velasco recalled.

It wasn't until he reached the front of a long line that he realized that the "survey" was a credit card application, and he couldn't get pizza unless he filled it out.

"I said, 'No way.' I'm not going for that. It was ridiculous," said Velasco, who now attends State University of New York's Albany campus.

Card industry representatives say that the vast majority of college students share Velasco's discerning judgment.

"Certainly there are examples of students who took on more debt than they were ultimately able to manage, but in the vast majority of cases, students are acting responsibly in meeting their obligations," said Kenneth Clayton, the senior vice president of the card policy council of the American Bankers Association.

In testimony before Congress,

Clayton told lawmakers that credit cards helped cash-strapped students stay in school, build their credit histories and provide a financial safety net in emergencies. He said that imposing new restrictions on marketing cards to college students would hurt many responsible students who need them.

In addition to the two-thirds of college cardholders who pay their balances in full each month, the rest keep an average balance of \$452, down from \$559 last year, according to a recent survey of college students by the Student Monitor, a market research firm.

The survey also found that the number of students with credit cards in their names is declining because of the increased use of debit and ATM cards, that more than half of respondents had cards before entering college, and 82 percent thought they were responsible enough to have cards. However, 42 percent said they needed more credit education from their first card issuers.

Recently, U.S. Public Interest Research Groups student chapters at 39 schools launched a "Truth About Credit" campaign to tighten card-marketing rules on campus. The groups are urging school officials to adopt a set of six principles for responsible card marketing.

The principles call for banning gifts for filling out for card applications, requiring card

promotional material to meet school posting regulations, increasing student financial education, denying access to student contact information, forbidding card companies from sponsoring student groups and school departments, and discouraging credit card terms that take advantage of students.

Lindstrom said negotiations were ongoing and that schools might adopt some or all of the standards, which are supported by the American Council on Education, the National Association of College and University Business Officers and Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.



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Pre-season honors for KSU soccer

JUSTIN HOBBDAY
STAFF WRITER

This season the Owls again look to be the Atlantic Sun's top program. The defending conference champs have been picked to repeat by the A-Sun's coaches, and senior forward Caitlin Dingle was named Conference Player of the Year.

"It was an honor for me and the team to be recognized," said Dingle. "This adds more pressure to [us] and we have set our goals to live up to the expectations."

The 2007 season was the most successful for the Owls as a division one program. The Owls went 17-4-0 and won the conference's regular season and tournament championships for the second year in a row.

Caitlin Dingle looks to be the Owls' key contributor this season. The senior from Conyers was eighth in the NCAA in goals per game and ninth in points per game last season. She was also the conference leader in a number of offensive categories including points, points per game, goals and goals per game.

The Owls also expect key contributions on offense from senior Maylee Attin-Johnson. Attin-Johnson was selected to the First Team All-Conference team last season after leading the Owls in shot-percentage, and finishing third on the team in goals. Attin-

Johnson also added to her international resume after being named captain of the Trinidad and Tobago national team.

Senior Jessica Kalonji returns to anchor the Owls' defense after starting all 21 games for the team last season and being named Second Team All-Conference. Sadjr Williams is a talented sophomore defender who also started all 21 games last season alongside Kalonji. Williams has also seen playing time with Trinidad and Tobago's national team alongside Attin-Johnson.

The Owls are also counting on Staci Pugh to make a successful return as goalkeeper after missing last season due to injury. During her freshman year, Pugh was named to the All-Conference Freshmen Team during which time she finished fifth in the NCAA in goals against average and save percentage.

Dingle knows the expectations are not new to the team and she feels that the team will not disappoint. "Our program has always had high expectations. This isn't the first year that we have been picked to win the conference. I know we can live up to the expectations."

"It's bittersweet being a part of this. It's my last season, and seeing the direction the program is headed makes it a little sad that I won't be around in a couple of years when the program has the

chance to move into the national spotlight," said Dingle when asked about the team's success during her tenure.

International connections have also contributed to the program's success, according to Dingle. "[Coach King] is from England, and his international experience and connections have helped establish our program."

The Owls already have two members from the Trinidad and Tobago national team and will add Canadian stand out Thais Gibson. Gibson played for Team Ontario for three years and participated in tournaments in Mexico City and Sweden as a prep athlete. Gibson started in the midfield for the Owls in their pre-season match and looks to become a consistent contributor.

The Owls traveled to Nashville over the weekend to take on the U-20 Mexican National team, where they lost 4-0 in their final pre-season matchup. Their first regular season game will take place at home this Sunday against Alabama A&M. The Sept. 26 match-up against Florida Gulf Coast marks the beginning of their conference schedule, and the beginning of their defense of the conference crown.

The Atlantic Sun will undoubtedly be focused on beating the Owls this season, but with Dingle leading the way, the Owls will be ready to defend their titles.



Above: Caitlin Dingle Below: Bridget Gaughan courtesy of KSU SID



2nd conference title and counting



Meredith Steinmetz competes in the javelin throw. courtesy of ASUN Photos

KELLY BLAINE
SPORTS EDITOR

On May 17 the men's track and field team captured the Atlantic Sun Outdoor Conference Championship to go along with the indoor championship that they captured earlier last year.

According to Head Coach Don McGarey, the success of the men's program has resulted in an excellent recruiting class for KSU's men's team as well as the women's.

"The men's program loses Devin Jones, a graduating senior, who was a successful hurdler and sprinter and one of the three men to make an NCAA regional qualifying standard; however, nearly all the other members will return. Jeremy Easley and Joshua James are returning hurdlers who will hopefully fill the spot that Devin vacates."

Coach McGarey also points out that all of last year's conference champions in individual events including Jerome McKinzie, James Verdi, Joshua McNair, Gianni Catalano, and Scott Burley will return to defend their titles. "Having so many talented athletes working together and pushing each

other has created a strong team," he said.

In addition to the talented group of new recruits, the track and field team welcomes two new assistant coaches: Jason Carruthers who was an All-American thrower at Indiana State University joins KSU to coach the throwing events, and Jerel Langley, an accomplished javelin thrower and jumper, who will guide the pole vault and javelin events and help Coach Mike Goss with the jumps.

"Jason and Jerel were academically and athletically successful in college and bring a great deal of personal experience to the program," said McGarey. "To sum it up, a strong team has become even stronger."

Prior to the 2008 season, no men's program in school history had won a Division I Conference Championship. Last year was different. KSU dusted their competition by a margin of 34.5 points with 170 total points at the end of the two day meet. They did it with six first place finishes including Jerome McKinzie who defended his high jump title with a jump of 6 feet 8.75 inches. Joshua McNair in the discuss throw with a heave of 159' 6", Scott Burley in the 3K

steeplechase (9:17.34), Gianni Catalano in the 800-meter dash (1:52.90), James Verdi in the 400 dash (48.71), and the 4 by 400 relay team of Devin Jones, Joshua James, Catalno, and Verdi.

While the men's team proved highly successful last year, the women's team did not fair as well. However, coaches feel that this year the women will be in contention alongside the men.

"Illnesses and injuries plagued our women's program and due to a lack of depth on the squad, we could not recover from the loss of our top four runners," said McGarey. "This year is a different story. We return 15 women from last year's squad, and bring in 11 top freshmen and two transfer students for an improved team. This was the same successful combination that was used for the men's team last year. The talent level for the ladies has gone sky high. I am excited about the prospect of repeating our titles with the men's teams, and getting our ladies team on the winner's stand as well."

Assistant Track Coach Devin West agrees adding, "With the new additions, the women's team looks primed to do the same thing the men did last year."



Jerome McKinzie high jumps.

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August 2008 KSU Athletics Schedule

Sunday	Friday	Saturday
24 Women's Soccer v. Alabama A&M 2:00 pm KSU soccer complex	29 Women's soccer v. Jackson State 4:00 pm Macon, GA	30 Men's and Women's Cross Country JSU Invitational 11:00 am Jacksonville, Ala.
31 Women's Volleyball v. Air Force 12:00 pm USAF Academy, Colo. Women's Soccer v. Davidson 12:30 pm Macon, GA Women's Volleyball v. Buffalo 5:00 pm USAF Academy, Colo.	 ksuRadio.com Owl Play. You'll Listen.	

KSU student seeks spot on Olympic team

LUCAS BIGHAM
STAFF WRITER

With Olympic fever spreading across the nation every couple years, millions of Americans tune in with hopes of watching athletes from all over the world push themselves beyond limits that seem unimaginable.

Long before the opening ceremonies take place, trials are held to decide who will represent each country on the international stage. These Olympic hopefuls hail from all walks of life - some of whom call Atlanta their home. One of these individuals is Kelly Rexroad Polly, a Health and Physical Education major at KSU.

Polly's sport is weightlifting, and prior to the Olympic Games she competed in the trials held at Ga. Tech. For many athletes, competing at the Olympic trials produces a nervous environment that can halter one's performance. Polly is not one of those athletes.

"Nerves always come into play at a meet for me but never in a negative way," said Polly.

While her nerves did not hamper her ability to lift, a knee injury made it difficult for her to train. Before an important event, she trains five days a week for two to three hours a day, occasionally split into two sessions.



courtesy of Kelly Polly

She knew that she would have to break some personal records to "squeeze into the fourth slot."

Polly would finish her first Olympic trials in 12th place, where only the top four advance. With hopes of Beijing gone, she will continue training for the World Team next fall.

"I am just taking things a year at a time," stated Polly when asked about her plans for the future. She also remains interested in making it to the London Olympics in 2012, but only time will tell.



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