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Successful alum addresses class of 2012

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The class of 2012 assembled in the Convocation Center for a welcome ceremony on Aug. 24. President Daniel Papp and many other faculty members inducted the freshmen to the university. The guest speaker, Nels Peterson (Above) graduated from KSU in 2001 and spoke of his success that followed. At KSU, he studied political science and, as his professor recalls, "dressed up for every class." He went on to Harvard Law School and now works in the governor's office. He urged the freshmen to get involved, because he credits his success at KSU to the fact that he got involved with many organizations, including SABAC, CRU, Young Republicans and SGA.



Radio personality offers expertise in comm class

MASHAUN D SIMON
STAFF WRITER

On the second official day of the Fall 2008 semester, a loud, booming voice could be heard from outside of room 2025 in the Social Sciences Building.

One would think someone was being chastised or scolded, but what was really taking place was that students were given a chance to get to know their Contemporary Issues in Mass Media professor.

Before walking into the classroom, many of them had no idea that the Warren "Rhubarb" Jones, dressed in a bright yellow beach shirt, standing before them and "hipping" them to the industry, was the same Rhubarb Jones that many of them have heard and admired on the radio airwaves.

After 36 years in radio, Jones is now identified as a distinguished lecturer in KSU's Department of Communication, as well as director of Special Projects for the Office of Development.

He is best known as one of the longest running morning radio personalities in the Atlanta radio market. For 23 years he worked at Y-106.7, which later became Eagle 106.7.

His career came to an end on the last day of February 2008. However, Jones looks at the firing as the best thing that ever happened to him.

Just 72 hours after learning that he would no longer be required to show up at the station, Dr. Daniel Papp, KSU's President, gave Jones a call. He asked Jones if he would like to "come to KSU" to work.

"I knew that I wanted to be a part of this wonderful university," Jones said. "I was offered a similar position at my

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alma mater, the University of West Georgia, but I knew that Kennesaw State was where I wanted to be because my strong belief in the leadership of this institution," said Jones. "I think Dr. Papp is a visionary who cares about students, faculty, staff and the metro Atlanta area as a whole," Jones said. "Kennesaw State is now a

"plan A" (or first choice school) and [no longer] an alternative."

In addition to the Contemporary Issues class, Jones is also teaching a course in Media Management. He is delighted to be teaching these courses. "Both classes have a strong emphasis on participation and offer me a challenge to dig deep," he said. His focus in the Contemporary Issues class is to try to open up views on the world around us. For the Media Management course he plans to show the ever growing world and the needs for leadership.

Jones said he is very happy to share his 36 years of real world experience in the media. Radio, he said, was wonderful to him, but broadcasting is ever changing.

"I want students to know that there are opportunities and to go for them."

Why teach? For him it was simple. Ever since he was a freshman in college, which was 39 years ago at Southern Union State Junior College in Wadley, Alabama, he wanted to teach. However, back then he wanted to teach History or Political Science at the high school level.

"Then life happened," he said. "I got a job in radio."

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Student hospitalized following accident on Frey Road



Police attend to the scene after a KSU student was hit and thrown by a truck on Mon. Aug. 18. The student was airlifted to Atlanta Medical Center after the accident, where as of Mon. Aug. 25, he remains in stable condition. Photo courtesy of wsbtv.com.

RACHAEL SHARPLESS
STAFF WRITER

With a new semester underway, everyone is getting used to their new schedules, new classmates, new professors, and of course the challenges of parking. Students are starting to get into the swing of things, but remember safety comes first.

A 22-year old Kennesaw State University student was struck by a truck as he was walking in a crosswalk on campus on Tuesday, August 19. About 10 a.m., the car,

driven by another student, was turning left from the East parking deck onto Frey Road when they hit the pedestrian.

The student, later identified as John Bond, also known as Derek, had to be life-flighted to Atlanta Medical Center for serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Sgt. Bernadette Haynes said the driver of the truck, whose name is not being released, is not being held by the police but charges are expected to be filed against the driver.

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Around campus

What: Grand opening of campus art galleries
When: Thurs. Aug. 28, 5-8:30 p.m.
Where: Fine Arts Gallery of the Wilson Building, Clayton Gallery in the Bailey Performance Center and the Art Gallery in the Sturgis Library

What: No Class!!!
Why: Labor Day break
When: Sat.-Mon. Aug. 30-Sept. 1

What: NPHC Fall convocation
When: Thurs. Sept. 4, 6 p.m.
Where: University Rooms

What: Faculty artist recital
Who: John Warren and Ted Gurch
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Where: Performance hall, Bailey Performance Center
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- Keyboard holder
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- Desk organizer
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KSU Police prepare for campus emergency

MICHAEL ROMEO
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Since the tragedy at Virginia Tech on Apr. 16, 2007, campus safety has been a top concern.

On Aug. 5, there was a test of this alert system, which is called Connect-Ed. It took place at about 9 a.m. and Cindy Best was there to answer. Cindy Best is an administrative associate at the College of Science and Mathematics.

Best took a call, and she was told that there was a bomb in the Science Building, but she didn't panic because she learned how to react in a situation like this. This drill was code-named "Golden Owl II" and was the second training exercise aimed at improving KSU's ability to communicate during an emergency.

"I think it's wonderful to go through a scenario like this, so that if the real thing occurs, we don't panic," Best said. "It's a very good thing knowing that there is a whole team at the university to help assist in an emergency."

"One of the primary goals of the learning exercise, held a week before students' return to campus for the fall semester, was to test the communications and alert system response times," said Jeremy Craig from KSU University Relations. "The university uses a system called Connect-ED to alert students, faculty and staff of emergencies, first through a text message and then a voicemail alert."

During this drill, KSU worked with the Cobb County Police Department and their bomb squad. Assistant Vice President for Strategic Security and Safety, Robert Lang, said, "The exercise was part of ongoing efforts to make sure that we know what to do during an emergency, and that both KSU and outside agencies work well together. It was also intended to find things that we can improve upon in the future."

This drill is not the only safety advancement being made by KSU. Strategic Security and Safety are using what is called a "layered" approach meaning that there will be many different ways to communicate. The first layer uses cell phones and e-mail to send out warnings.

The second layer of the system employs sirens and voice alerts. The third layer will enable every building and classroom to communicate with each other. The fourth, but not final, layer will use digital readout signs to alert the campus.

"We wanted to be prepared, and we want to make sure that parents feel comfortable with their students going to Kennesaw State," Lang said.

According to Craig, "The Cobb County Police Department's bomb squad participated in the drill and brought one of the county's two high-tech robots, which include multiple cameras and microphones, as well as a heavy duty steel containment device."

KSU helps count Georgia's homeless

ASHE JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Georgia has conducted its first statewide homelessness study. The study revealed that over 75,000 Georgians are homeless at some point in the year.

This estimate would have been impossible to find without the help of KSU Statistics professors. KSU worked in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to try to figure out how many Georgia residents are homeless.

Jennifer Priestley and Victor Kane, both professors of Statistics at KSU, worked to create a model that could estimate the number of homeless people in Georgia. Physically counting each individual would be impossible, so creating a statistical estimate was a more practical approach.

"The modeling effort was challenging," Priestley said. "We determined that cluster analysis, a technique heavily used in consumer marketing, was the best solution to creating the estimates."

Cluster analysis groups counties with similar variables including demographics and economic characteristics. Nine "clusters" were formed this way. In January 2008, one or two counties from each cluster were surveyed to find out what percentage of their population was homeless. This information was then applied to all of the other counties in that cluster.

It was estimated that over 20,000 people in Georgia were homeless on Jan. 27. Carol Pierannunzi, director of the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research at KSU, said that the institute used data collected from localities participating in the count and the number of homeless individuals incarcerated in jails statewide on

that night to come up with the figure. The figures from the 2007 homelessness count in Bibb, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton and Lowndes counties were also used to create the estimate.

Along with estimated figures of individuals who are homeless, the study also identified extreme poverty and personal vulnerability as the leading causes of homelessness.

Mental illness, substance abuse, disabilities, family violence, eviction and criminal backgrounds are large factors in personal vulnerability. The study also concluded that homeless individuals range in

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age from zero to 65 and that in some rural areas the percentage of homeless people is higher than that of urban areas.

The study suggests that moving people into permanent housing is the most effective solution to the problem because providing services to those in permanent housing is more cost effective than providing to those on the streets.

The findings from the report were given at a press conference at the Genesis homeless shelter in Atlanta held on July 16.

Partners in the statewide homelessness study include the State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless, Continuums of Care in various counties, several state agencies, homeless advocates and other statewide experts.

The Department of Community Affairs plans to conduct another count in 2009.

• **ACCIDENT** from front page

"The driver will be charged, but specific charges will be determined when the investigation is finished," Haynes said. "As always, the pedestrian has the right of way."

According to Charlotte Doolin, assistant to the vice president in the office of Student Success and Enrollment Services, Bond had his hand mangled; he will need several surger-

ies in the future, including a skin graft. There are conflicting reports as to whether his hip or pelvis was broken.

The Atlanta Medical Center said Bond is said to be in stable condition, but is still in the hospital as of Mon. Aug. 25. Due to HIPAA regulations, the hospital was unable to give any information regarding his condition, but they did con-

firm he is still admitted. Bond transferred from Georgia Perimeter and is a sophomore majoring in management and entrepreneurship.

As many students know, that particular crosswalk is a high volume area. In regards to the high volume of traffic in location where the accident occurred, Haynes said, "It's an area we watch out for and normally are concerned with."

• **RHUBARB** from front page

Jones said radio was a hard climb and allowed him to attain dreams far beyond his imagination. But he knew at some point he wanted to give back and it would be through teaching.

He has a few expectations now that he is here at KSU.

He said he wants students to suit up, show up and be on time.

"Working in the media, you learn about deadlines and being on time. You have to work hard and do more than what is expected to be successful in life," he said. "I am hoping that students

can learn from what we can offer."

Jones plans to achieve it all by constantly challenging his students to think, to grow and to make learning a lifelong ambition. "Learning should continue after Dr. Papp hands you the diploma upon graduation."



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Please register by September 4 to be included in the lunch count.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

"So You're Thinking About Getting a Divorce: Part One - The Legal System"

Facilitator: Dr. John Isenhour, Ph.D., University Information Systems Architect

Please register by October 2 to be included in the lunch count.

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

"So You're Thinking About Getting a Divorce: Part Two - Keeping the Children First"

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The Republican Party really sucks

Well, I hope that headline got your attention. Of course, it presumes that A) you can read and B) you care. While I don't really think that the whole Republican Party stinks, I do hold both parties accountable for today's sorry state of affairs. The Republican and Democrat parties hold a monopoly so powerful that if they were private businesses, the government would have to intervene. If they produced competing brands of widgets, prices would be high and quality would stink. However, what they do produce is much more critical.

Only four short years ago I was a thirty-something college freshman here at KSU, and we were electing a new president. As you may recall, the candidates at that time were King George Bush "the Second" and John "Lurch" F. Kerry. Kerry was such a total knob that Bush was really the only choice for a lot of us. Go back another four years to the still controversial election of 2000, and the same reasoning applies. Father Al "I-invented-the-internet" Gore was such a kook even then that many of us felt Bush was the only choice even remotely conscionable. The truth is that

I blame the Democrats

our electoral system has deteriorated to a point where we attack the ballot like a series of question on the SAT. We eliminate the obviously wrong choices and pick from the remainder. We deserve a bit more, don't we?

I should like John McCain. He is experienced. He has always stood on the principle while working across the aisle to build consensus. Heck, normally I like military vets just because of the shared experience factor—Wesley Clark being the notable exception. I like where McCain is on a lot of issues, but somehow I just don't care for the man all that much. I respect him, but he isn't my candidate for President.

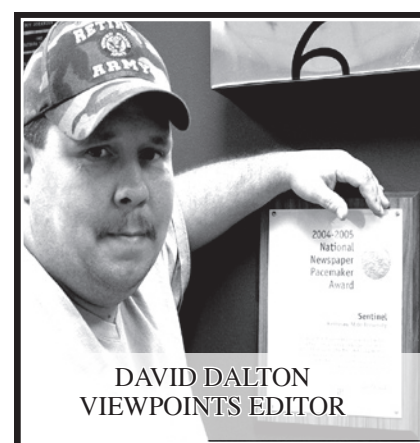
Don't even get me started on Obama, though. No matter how hard I look, nothing seems to live up to the hype. His speeches ring in my ears as the hollow, self-serving, political promises that we have come to expect of American politicians. Whichever way the wind blows, you can bet the Messiah has his sails set. No, my friends, there is no change there, only a continuation of the spiraling liberal redistribution of wealth and lack of personal respon-

sibility that have dragged our country down since FDR. And before anyone can drop the race bomb on me, think again. I'd love to see a minority in the Oval Office, but Obama just isn't the man for the job.

Where does that leave me? Where does that leave the vast number of folks like me who feel that McCain is a qualified A-hole and that Obama is a typical pandering politician?

Last time through, I voted with my calculator. I took the least worst candidate instead of voting Libertarian like I should have. Never again, my fellow Americans. It used to be that the two-party system functioned like competing companies on the open market. When one party improved, the other party was forced to improve. Nowadays they're all spouting garbage and I think we realize it. We know that regardless of which "Republicrat" we elect, things are staying roughly the same. It's time for people to stop voting with their calculators and start voting for third-party candidates. It's time for a real change.

You see, if one of these third-lane candidates can somehow manage to get traction and secure a percentage



DAVID DALTON
VIEWPOINT'S EDITOR

of the electorate, they will be eligible for federal matching funds. From that point, the other "two" parties will have to get back into competition. Even if the Libertarians, Greens or whoever never win a seat, injecting a bit of competition back into the process will benefit us all. Like many of you traditional-age students, I am inclined to believe the worst of power-seekers. So why not try something new? The definition of insanity has been phrased as repeatedly trying the same thing while expecting a different outcome. Are we insane?

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The state of KSU

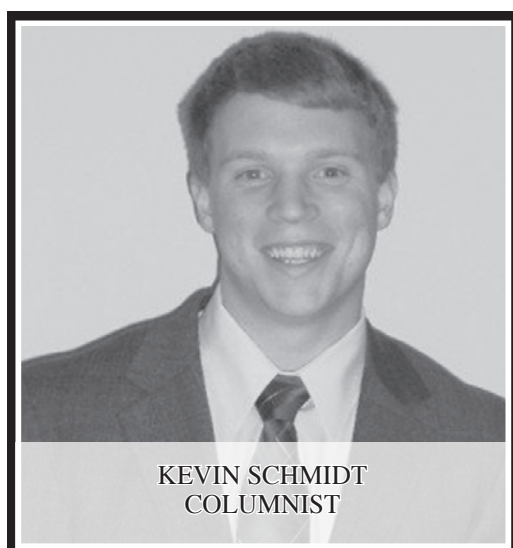
Progressive school, but that nagging parking issue won't go away

An article in last week's Sentinel had Rob Nolen, KSU alum and faculty member, praising the opening of the new parking deck. Describing the opening event for the deck he said, "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." I'll give a moment for morning commuters to take that one in.

Perhaps I'm being too hard because the first week is always the craziest, but it's terribly frustrating to see ample spaces in the Central and East Decks but not be able to reach them. Either commuters can't keep traffic moving through the decks or the parking officials are doing a terrible job of directing them...or both. I have no problem with parking farther away in places like the east parking lot (they took away my church parking lot), but if I see spaces available in the decks, I darn well want to park there. Ironically it's the first week, when almost nothing gets done, that most people faithfully come to class, so we should see an improved parking situation soon.

This is an example of how KSU, like the Atlanta metro area, is a victim of its own success. Our student population hovers around 20,000, many of whom are commuters, and more growth is expected. But it is always forgotten while sitting in traffic on I-75 or waiting to get into a parking deck that congestion is a sign of a thriving economy or, in our case, university. And KSU keeps improving year after year. "U.S. News and World Report" included KSU in its "Up-and-Coming" schools. U.S. News also praised KSU's First-Year Experience program, which is the KSU 1101 course learning communities, and the numbers show why the program is worth keeping. Students who take the course have a 12 percent higher retention rate, 82 to 70 percent, than those who do not.

There is bad news ahead, however. Last week it was reported in the "Sentinel" that KSU will have a 4 percent cut in state funding over



KEVIN SCHMIDT
COLUMNIST

two years. This situation showcases an irony of some proportion. KSU was finally recognized as being underfunded and was going to receive increased funding from the state until tax revenue fell off a cliff due to a slow economy. Regardless of the possible budget cuts, Dr. Papp noted that "even if the 5 percent budget cut occurs, it will still be the third largest budget increase, and if reductions stop at 3.5 percent, it will be the second largest increase in state funds." Luckily, Dr. Papp clarified that "the reductions would not result in an increase in student fees or tuition."

Unfortunately, there could be a possibility of increased fees for a different reason. This could come in the form of a "green fee" proposed by SGA President, Punit Patel. This would supposedly be used for "Making our campus green, for sustainable growth and development of our beautiful campus community." Before any increase in fees, the case must be made for what exactly the funds will be used for. With fees like parking, we know where our money goes. A "green fee" is ambiguous in what it can be used to pay for. For all fees, we must make sure there is a problem in need of funds instead of funds in need of a problem.

Old and qualified v. change and inexperience

Old. That's how participants in an AP-Yahoo news poll see John McCain.

When people were asked to describe John McCain in one phrase, the most common was "old." The second response was "military service" (9 percent) and the third was "record, qualification" (8 percent).

Things weren't quite so rosy for Barack Obama. The first phrase used to describe him was the non-judgmental "change." His second place response was "lack of experience" (13 percent). And third? "Dishonest" (9 percent).

According to an article on Yahoo news, "Obama is seen as warm and empathetic and McCain as stronger and tougher." We get to choose between the somewhat effeminate, shady but hip uncle, or the no nonsense, grizzled grandfather. Thanks, major parties, that makes me feel all warm and fuzzy inside.

The interesting part of this poll, however, wasn't mentioned in many of the reports.

In a survey where the majority of the participants were Democrats (48 percent versus 36 percent Republicans) one would

expect a large, if not overwhelming, number would vote for Obama if the election were held today. The actual numbers tell a different tale. Of those polled, 40 percent would pick Obama and 39 percent would vote for McCain (the rest were spread out over "Ralph Nader," "Someone Else" and "Don't Know.") A one percent lead for a democrat in a poll where voting democrats lead by 20 percent cannot be encouraging for the Obama camp. For McCain to rank so closely behind Obama indicates that there is growing support among centrist (read that as "clear thinking") democrats for the Old Guy.

As much as people are looking for change from the mediocrity currently in the White House, we should keep in mind that Obama has less than 48 months experience as an actual senator. Fewer months if you count the time campaigning for president, and writing books. Obama himself, on a CNN report, said "I am a believer in knowing what you're doing when you apply for a job. And I think that if I were to seriously consider running on a national ticket I would es-



TONY SARRECCHIA
COLUMNIST

entially have to start now, before having served a day in the Senate. Now, there are some people who might be comfortable doing that, but I'm not one of those people."

Yet, somewhere between 2004 and now, Obama has garnered that experience? As Oscar Wilde said, "Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing."

Or, to quote Bud Fox's father from the 80s movie "Wall Street," "Course my son did work three summers as a baggage handler and freight loader. With those qualifications, why should I doubt his ability to run an airline?"

Obama did work as a senator for a couple of months—why should we doubt his ability to run a country?

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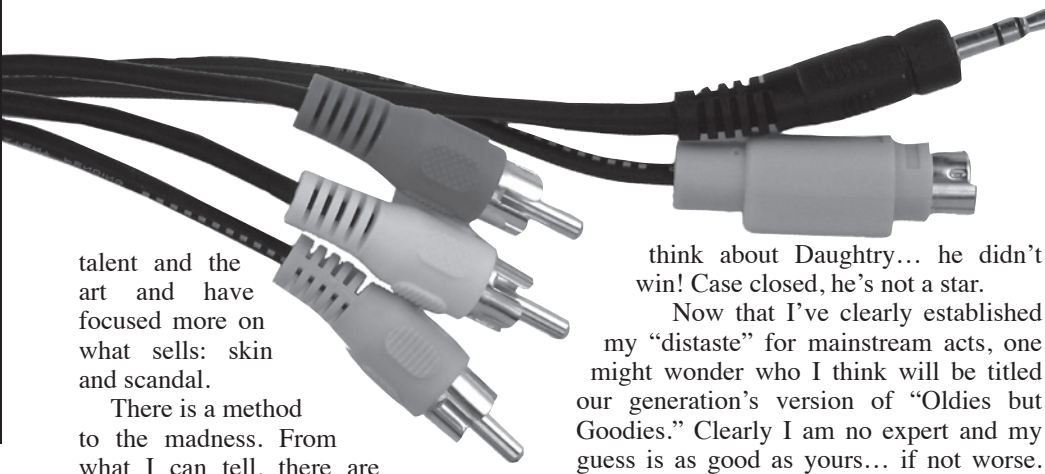
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Music is a constant in my life. It is rare that you will find me without music playing. It is a driving inspiration in my art and writing, but on a much more psychological note: I can't handle the silence. Then again, I know I am not alone in this generation driven by iPods and MySpace - music is at our disposal no matter the time or place. I believe that it is in this infinite availability of music we can find our flaw: the question is, what sounds cluttering our airwaves will have the longevity to still be playing when we are our parents' age? What will survive through time and be deemed classic?

Can you honestly name one act today that carries near the weight as, say, the Stones or Presley? I don't even have to use their full names and most Americans can still identify them as two greats of the past: the Rolling Stones and Elvis Presley. Maybe we are beyond the days of legends and immortality, and, instead, have settled for cheap stunts and passing fads. It seems that the music industry has more interest in quick, short-lived stabs at success rather than discoveries of something with actual merit and seeing it through. Somewhere along the way we have forgotten about the

talent and the art and have focused more on what sells: skin and scandal.

There is a method to the madness. From what I can tell, there are three paths to success in pop music. 1. You must be attractive. 2. You must be willing to be socially incongruent. And if that weren't the case we wouldn't have been introduced to the musical greats The Pussy Cat Dolls or Amy Winehouse. Don't get me wrong, I love some Amy Winehouse on cold wintry nights - her sultry voice, amazing hair, and drug-induced antics are always most entertaining! Where would we be without such talent?

That was only two? Oh yes. The third path to instant fame in the music industry takes the form of an American institution as dear to us all as baseball: reality TV! The most influential of the superstar factories on prime time TV is our beloved American Idol. With three ever compatible judges, vying for their rightful places in soon to be forgotten pop culture, the bleeding hearts and expert minds of the American public control American Idol as a sure-shot map to eternal glory for some nobody in the crowd. Honestly, look what we've produced through American Idol: Rueben "Stammering" Studdard and the every man's man Taylor Hicks. Don't even

think about Daughtry... he didn't win! Case closed, he's not a star.

Now that I've clearly established my "distaste" for mainstream acts, one might wonder who I think will be titled our generation's version of "Oldies but Goodies." Clearly I am no expert and my guess is as good as yours... if not worse. Honestly, I don't know and I didn't write this with intentions of spelling it out for everyone - but if I was to have to name names I might say Foo Fighters, Coldplay or Jay-Z. It is too soon to tell; find me in another decade and ask me what's on my iPod (or whatever new gadget is in style). Maybe by then we'll have ourselves figured out.

My intentions, however, were to point out what the industry is selling to us! An artist has to look like a model to make the cut, or there has to be shock value involved. Remember, kids, lesson one: sex sells! All I am asking for is a little more bang for my buck... I want something worthwhile and inspiring that will survive the tests of time. I highly doubt the likes of Soulja Boy and Kate Perry's "I kissed a girl (and I liked it)" will be invading my radio in ten years. It is these fad-like acts that will pass like splinters: sharp upon impact, then irritating, and ultimately forgotten. I want to experience something skillful and everlasting like the greats we still know today, instead of cheap stunts and cleverly marketed tricks! We deserve better and shouldn't accept anything less. What I am trying to say, kids, is be mindful of what you put in your ears.

No to binge drinking

Univ. presidents support lower drinking age, others object

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The following editorial appeared in the Miami Herald on Thursday, Aug. 21:

The college presidents who want to lower the drinking age to 18 from 21 have got to be kidding themselves. More than 100 of them - some from prestigious schools such as Duke, Tufts, Dartmouth and Colgate - have signed a statement calling for "an informed and dispassionate debate" about the federal law that makes 21 the legal drinking age.

The presidents are supporting the agenda of the Amethyst Initiative, a recently started movement pushing for reconsideration of the National Minimum Drinking Age of 1984. Adherents believe the drinking age should be the same as the legal age for voting, signing a contract, owning a house or car, or joining the military. The college presidents wonder if the restrictions against drinking aren't so coercive that they encourage drinking, especially the binge drinking that is prevalent on so many campuses.

The short answer is: Absolutely not. The evidence is all over the place, in countless studies and in the experiences of young people before the drinking age was increased. Studies show that 18- to 21-year-olds drank more before the

law was changed.

The presidents should read the recently published College Alcohol Study by the Harvard School of Public Health, which found that binge drinking reflects the culture and conditions created or tolerated by schools. Researchers found that permissive campuses that promote intercollegiate athletics, fraternity and sorority life had more binge drinking. Campuses with policies that ban alcohol and offer substance-free housing options had far less binge drinking.

So Madames and Messrs. College Presidents, the ball is back in your court. If you want less drinking on campus, promote policies that will give you that result.



Smoking: helping the world kick the habit

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Sunday, July 27:

Lung cancer is a big and growing export all over the world. Every year, tobacco companies ship out millions of cases. Now two giants of philanthropy are doing something to fight back. Applause and emulation are well deserved.

Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg are giving a total of \$500 million to stop the growth of smoking in poorer countries around the world.

As smoking declines in the United States and other industrialized nations, tobacco companies have struck it rich in poorer, less developed countries. Call it exploitation: feeding off people with few diversions and just enough pocket money for some smokes. Lung-cancer deaths are edging up all over the developing world. Its share of new lung cancer cases worldwide was 31 percent in 1980; it is now 58 percent.

Here's the vise-grip: In these countries, there is little research on lung

cancer rates, weak educational efforts, poor health care. The World Health Organization estimates that only \$20 million total goes to such efforts in poor and middle-tier countries.

That's where Bloomberg (\$375 million) and Gates (\$125 million) are putting their money. It will fund mPower, an international effort combining the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use; the WHO; and other organizations. Their aim: antismoking education efforts; quit-smoking programs; and lobbying to press governments to ban public smoking, raise tobacco taxes, and punish sales to children. It's a tough battle, since many countries get lots of revenue from tobacco taxes.

Bloomberg and Gates want to keep the push on against smoking. They also are fine examples of the "new philanthropy," in which the world's richest people direct their opulence toward needful human problems. "Nanny-state" stuff? No: a kind of private enterprise, private citizens doing good with their cash. As they should. Where there is selfishness, export sharing. Where there is sickness, export health.

Awkward Silence

Brett Frank

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"Freedom of Speech"



I noticed that people were drawing with chalk on the sidewalk all over school supporting their various sororities and fraternities.

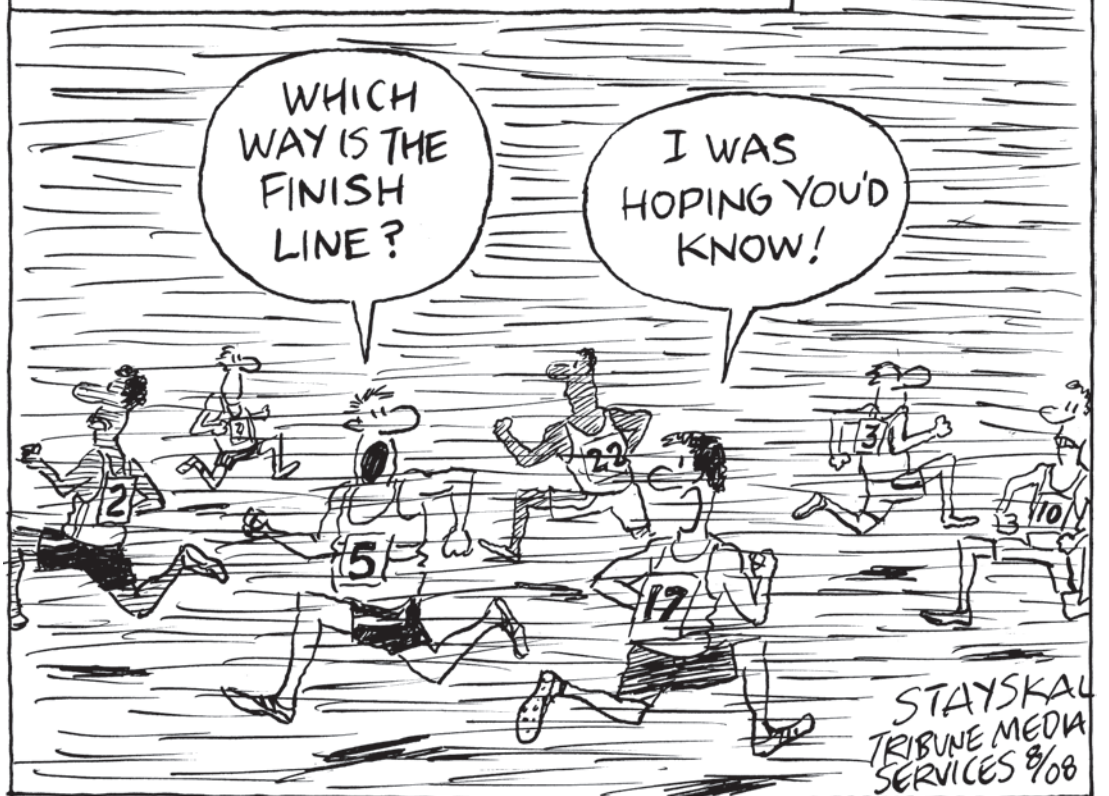


This gave me a really good idea - and I started making my own messages on the sidewalk.



Campus police said that I shouldn't use the "f" word and threaten minority groups anymore... Then they took away my chalk.

HEAVY SMOG REPORTED AT OLYMPICS



Should the drinking age be lowered back to 18?



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Who Cares? My brother always hooks me up!

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GREEN

JENNIFER DUNN SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

in recent years, we have all been inundated with news stories, Web sites, public service announcements, advertisements and countless other media bearing the message, “Go green.”

But what does going green really mean? Is it a social movement or an industry buzzword, a marketing ploy or a way of life? Should you pay close attention, or is all this green stuff a fad that will fade as fast as the Discman and Classmates.com?

Honestly, yes, going green is a trend. But the green movement is a bandwagon worth jumping on for a number of reasons, even if you do not believe in melting polar ice caps and feel okay shelling out a fiver for a gallon of gas.

The green movement is all about differences of degree, or shades of green, if you will. An urbanite who takes MARTA to work one day a week instead of driving alone could be called a nice light shade, while a college student who drops out, moves to a cave, and subsists on locally grown vegetables would be a deep forest green.

Though there are more definitions of the word than there are shades of green, at its heart, the idea behind going green is to find ways to tread more lightly on the earth.

One of the best ways to go green is with your greenbacks. While setting your thermostat two degrees higher during the summer and carpooling do make a positive impact on the environment, businesses and governments have the potential to make a greater impact on a larger scale.

Refusing to buy from polluters, from companies that exploit workers, or from agribusinesses that treat animals inhumanely hits producers where it hurts and is the surest way to draw attention to the fact that we want a greener, healthier global society. Take the current price of oil, for example.

Sure we can blame everyone from foreign dictators to oil speculators to anti-drilling environmentalists (nobody’s perfect, right?) for the high price of our favorite petroleum product, but the fact remains that oil is so high because there is a great

demand for it.

When you show producers you mean business by opening your wallet only for cleanly produced, fairly traded, reusable products, their bottom lines will suffer, and they will start to listen.

We think of green as an idealistic movement, right? But being green actually involves quite a bit of skepticism, too. Anyone who seriously attempts to go green will sooner or later run into the dreaded practice of greenwashing. Greenwashing is an attempt by some unscrupulous businesspeople to cast a product or service in an environmentally friendly light when, in reality, it is not; in some cases, the product or service is not appreciably different from others on the market. In other words, more time and money are spent greenwashing up the image than greening up the product line. A common way to greenwash is to emblazon products with a logo like “Certified by the Eco-Friendly Council”. Upon investigation, it turns out that the Eco-Friendly Council is an in-house department and so its certification is essentially meaningless. As with any purchase in the marketplace, be wary when the green value of a product seems too good to be true.

The process of going green can be overwhelming for even the crunchiest granolas out there. Even if you walk everywhere, buy only local products, and power your home entirely on solar energy, there are always ways to be greener.

But if you choose your steps with care, spend your hard earned money on eco-friendly products, and make the health of the earth and your fellow human beings a top priority, you *will* get there.

Just do not let your new green-consciousness end up in the landfill with your Discman. Mother Nature is counting on you to stay green long after going green loses its appeal.

10 simple ways to green up your life

It may not be easy being green, but here are ten simple ways you can start reducing your environmental impact right now.

1. Watch water usage – Metro Atlanta is still in a water crisis, and turning off the water when brushing your teeth or lathering up is a simple way to save.
2. Buy reused or reusable – The next time

- you’re in the market for a new purchase, try the thrift store instead of the superstore.
3. Turn it off – Turn off lights, computers, and appliances when not in use.
4. Drive less – Cycle, take a walk, take public transportation, or cozy up to neighbors by carpooling.
5. Install compact fluorescent light bulbs – Installing CFLs as your old bulbs burn out will lower your energy consumption.
6. Buy local – From food to furniture, buying local reduces carbon emissions due to transportation.

7. Avoid plastic water bottles – Believe it or not, Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour. Reusable water bottles prevent such overuse and are cheaper in the long run.
8. Buy in bulk – Not only can buying in bulk save you money, it cuts down on packaging that gobbles up resources.
9. Max out the dishwasher – Dishwashers use more water than hand washing, so be sure you are maximizing each load.
10. Clean the dryer screen – A full lint trap will increase drying time and consume more energy.

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What about bottle tops?

DEAR EARTHTALK: EVERYONE KNOWS WE SHOULD RECYCLE METAL, GLASS AND PLASTIC CANS AND BOTTLES, BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THE LIDS, TOPS AND CAPS? I SEE PEOPLE RECYCLING PLASTIC BOTTLES, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THEIR CAPS ON, BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOLD TO THROW THEM OUT. IS THAT WRONG?

Many municipal recycling programs throughout the U.S. still do not accept plastic lids, tops and caps even though they take the containers that accompany them. The reason is that they are not typically made of the same kinds of plastics as their containers and therefore should not be mixed together with them.

"Just about any plastic can be recycled," says Signe Gilson, Waste Diversion Manager for Seattle-based CleanScapes, one of the west coast's leading "green" solid waste and recycling collectors, "but when two types are mixed, one contaminates the other, reducing the value of the material or requiring resources to separate them before processing."

Also, plastic caps and lids can jam processing equipment at recycling facilities, and the plastic containers with tops still on them may not compact properly during the recycling process. They can also present a safety risk for recycling workers. "Most plastic bottles are baled for transport and if they don't crack when baled, the ones with tightly fastened lids can explode when the temperature increases," says Gilson.

Some recycling programs do accept plastic caps and lids, but usually only if they are off their containers completely and batched separately. Given

the many potential issues, however, most recyclers would rather avoid taking them altogether. Thus it is hard to believe but true: In most locales the responsible consumers are the ones who throw their plastic caps and lids into the trash instead of the recycling bin.

As for metal caps and lids, they, too, can jam processing machines, but many municipalities accept them for recycling anyway because they do not cause any batch contamination issues. To deal with the potentially sharp lid of any can you are recycling (such as a tuna, soup or pet food can), carefully sink it down into the can, rinse it all clean, and put it in your recycling bin.

Of course, the best way to reduce all kinds of container and cap recycling is to buy in large rather than single-serving containers. Does the event you're holding really require dozens and dozens of 8- to 16-ounce soda and water bottles, many of which will get left behind only partly consumed anyway? Why not buy large soda bottles, provide pitchers of (tap) water and let people pour into reusable cups?

The same kind of approach can be taken with many if not all of the bottled and canned grocery items we buy routinely for the home. If more people bought in bulk, apportioning out of larger, fewer containers, we could take a huge bite out of what goes into the waste stream.

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Attention race fans

Collegiate recovery center to hold 5k run

JACOB MARTIN
ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

September is National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month, and the Collegiate Recovery Center has organized a 5k run to raise awareness of recovery issues and of the center's presence on campus. The run, which is open to students, faculty, and members of the community at large, will be held on Sat., Sept. 6th, at 9:30 am, with race-day registration beginning at 8 am.

Participants will run or walk the one-mile loop around KSU's Campus Green three times. Both runners and walkers who wish to preregister may do so online at active.com or at any Big Peach Running Co. store in the Atlanta area. The cost of the race is \$25 for individuals, \$40 for a team of two, and \$50 for a team of four or a family. Every registered participant will receive a tee shirt and a bag of goodies from the race's sponsors, which include the aforementioned Big Peach, Dunkin' Donuts, Jersey Mike's Subs, Waste Management, the KSU Alumni Assoc., UMADD (University Mothers Against Drunk Driving), the Carmax Foundation, Choate Construction, and Talbott Recovery Campus.

Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers in a number of age groups. Following the race, participants should not run off too quickly; there will be post-race festivities,

great food, and information on drug and alcohol awareness provided by local community partners.

All proceeds from the race will benefit the recovery center, which offers a scholarship to students who have been enrolled in its program for at least six months, have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and have met other qualifying criteria.

The recovery center, a division of CAPS Counseling Center, opened its doors to students in September 2007. The purpose of the recovery center is to facilitate a peer-to-peer community of recovery while supporting academic achievement. Students help other students face and overcome the difficulties stemming from addictive disorders, including eating disorders.

The center offers three 12-step recovery meetings on campus every week; for meeting times, students may contact the center at 678-797-2538 or visit its Web site. Or they can simply drop by the

center; staff is available on-site in the University College building, Room 222, from 8am to 5 pm. In addition to attending meetings, students may choose to participate in the center's recovery program, which includes a life skills class.

Calling all runners, walkers, and everyone in between: it's time to tie on the tennies again.

According to the center's director, Teresa Johnston, many colleges and universities do not have a place on campus for students to get assistance and support with addictive disorders. The center

represents a vital resource to the KSU community because, among other things, it provides an alternative to traditional methods of addressing issues as they arise. Johnston said, "It brings a sense that if there's a problem [with students], we're not going to throw them out. We're going to help them change."



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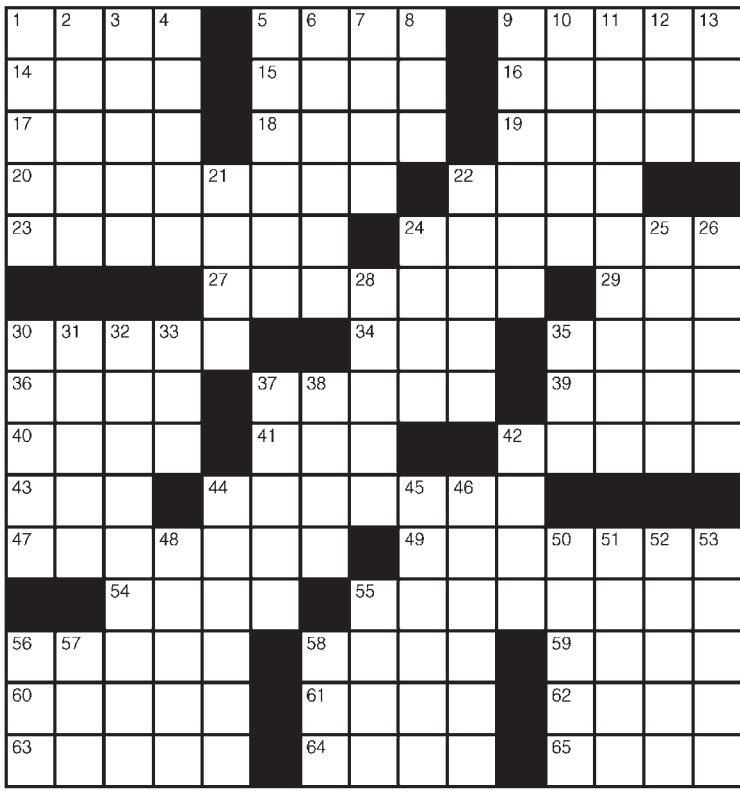


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Film takes unflinching look at reality in Romania

DANIEL SINGLETON
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Amid the cloudy skies and rainy streets of Bucharest, Romania circa 1987, a young woman sits in a cramped college dorm, smoking uneasily. Off-screen, we hear her roommate moving around, making vague references to a hotel, money and a "procedure" that they clearly can't tell anyone about. Even though we don't get confirmation for almost thirty minutes, it's not hard to tell that the woman is pregnant and that the procedure in question is abortion – a crime punishable by up to ten years in prison.

So opens "4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days," the most gut-wrenching, uncomfortably painful movie I've seen on the subject of childbirth since "Eraserhead." Yes, I just compared a gritty drama about illegal abortion to a surrealist nightmare movie, because as different as they seem on the surface, they share an emotional core: Both movies freaked me out so much that I kept pulling back, wanting to get away and escape, to turn it off and watch something else. Anything else.

But unlike David Lynch, Cristian Mungiu avoids showing anything super gruesome until the end (because as everyone except Sylvester Stallone knows, restraint is the only thing that can keep drama from turning into a Roger Corman-style exploitation flick), but he still tells us everything we ever didn't want to know about back-alley abortions. He pulls no punches, describing the procedure in such graphic detail that honestly, I don't feel comfortable repeating any of it here. (Damn that Big Book of Movie Reviewing with its regulations on description!)

We listen to the "doctor" talk about inserting a probe into the girl's uterus that will slowly drain it of fluid until the fetus falls out. We learn that the girl has to lie still for hours, maybe even days, while it drains; if she moves, an infection will develop and they'll have to call an ambulance – and all three people (the girl, her roommate and the "doctor") will spend the next five to ten years of their lives in prison. And we hear what she needs to do with the fetus when – if – it comes out. "Don't flush it down the toilet; it'll back up and we'll be caught," the "doctor" says. "Throw it into the incinerator."

I almost lost it when I heard that little detail. I'm pro-choice, but the idea of anyone treating a human being – even one that wasn't technically alive – with such indifference filled me with a strange mix of disgust and ... well, I'm not sure. Sadness? Anger? At who? At the girl for aborting the baby instead of having it and putting it up for adoption? At the government for outlawing abortion and forcing her to resort to such drastic measures? I mean, anyone with half a brain knows that women desperate enough to abort don't care if it's illegal; so why didn't they just go ahead and make it legal, if only so no one has to drop another fetus down a garbage chute?

But forget about the charged emotions. Forget about the political subtext. Forget about the moral dilemmas. For all the thinking I did about this deep and painful subject, the movie never tried shoving a message down my throat or milking the subject for cheap tears; for all the emotions and politics, both sides – pro-choice and pro-life – can watch this movie and take away something meaningful.

Or maybe not. Judging by some of what I've seen on the message boards, some people walked out wishing that Mungiu had taken more of a stand. But come on, do preachy movies ever work? I don't know about you, but I've never seen an after-school special that hit me so hard that I

stopped goofing off and joined the army. It would have been easy (too easy) to turn "4 Months" into a political preachfest that bludgeoned us into hating the Romanian government, but like all great directors, Mungiu knows that art works best when it lets us do the thinking – when it gives us the story, but shuts up when it comes time for messages and morals. He keeps the focus small – in this story, these people, their experience – never stepping back to tell us about Why We Should Stand Up and Do Something (not that we could anymore).

Besides, stripping the movie of a message only makes it more powerful because it forces us to look inside ourselves and confront our feelings, instead of just telling us how to feel. (We might not like what we find, but whoever said that art was easy?)

In my case, I learned that ... No. If I say another word about the uncomfortable-ness, my stomach will explode. Let's talk about something nicer, like the atmosphere and style – the hopelessly grim atmosphere and the powerfully tense style. From the first shots of the dorm, we feel the cold oppression of communism: Inside, we see leaky pipes, dirty communal showers and a mob of people cramped into small rooms. Outside, we see trees missing their leaves, a sky that's perpetually cloudy, puddles of water covering the roads and grey buildings as far as the eye can see. Even the people seem cold and grey! (Except for the roommate, Otilia, they all act like complete assholes.)

And the style! I could spend pages talking about the movie's style and how it affected me emotionally, but to keep things short, I'll only focus on the two things that stood out the most: (1) the way the movie always followed Otilia, even when she was away from the pregnant Gabrita, and (2) the way the dialogue rambled, covering everything the characters want to talk about: the weather, exams, or what movies are playing tonight.

The stalking camera created a lot of suspense (unbearable, suffocating suspense), especially during the last twenty minutes when Otilia left Gabrita in the hotel, alone, with a probe jammed up her uterus, so she could visit her boyfriend's parents. And because none of us know what's happening to Gabrita – she could be dead for all we know – we become as anxious and mortified as Otilia. And the "stolen from life" conversations, as pointless as they seem at first, actually made the abortion dialogue feel more believable. It's a lesson in contrast as old as Shakespeare: after hearing mundane conversations about exams and the weather, detailed descriptions of probes and uterus fluid seem all the more disturbing.

I'm not going to lie: I hated watching this movie. Five minutes in, I already wanted to watch something else. Thirty minutes, and I would have given anything for Juno to walk onscreen and lighten the mood. An hour, and I started hoping – begging – that it would end. By the time the disturbing final scenes rolled around, I wasn't just counting down the minutes; I was counting the seconds. But for all my discomfort, I'm glad I watched it.

Even though I'm a pretty staunch member of the pro-choice team, I only did heavy-duty thinking once (when preparing for a high school debate) and even then, I only looked at the Big Picture: impersonal numbers and statistics. I like to see myself as a humanist, but that time, politics came before people and the group statistics outweighed the individual. "4 Months" didn't change my opinion – I'm still pro-choice – but for the first time in my life, I looked at those statistics and thought about the people making those choices.



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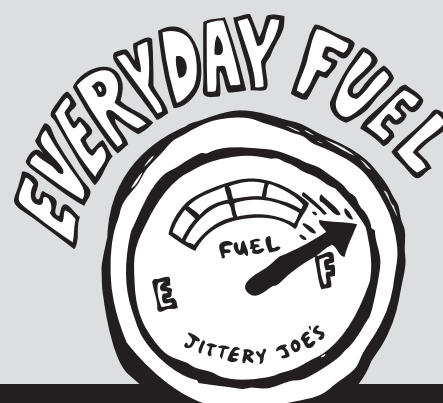
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I've been to other universities and watched with some dismay as students ate overprocessed, fried, drippy, goopy and messy foods. I've witnessed the students throw most of that food away, too. These schools made the meal plan mandatory for incoming students despite the fact that it was expensive. Sometimes, the only choice is no choice at all.

When I heard that KSU was getting a meal plan, I knew it would be better than the rest. Not long after the optional meal plan became available (at an affordable price, mind you), I signed up for the cheapest of the options. I just wanted to try it.

As I entered the new kitchen for us meal planners, I was instantly impressed by the cafeteria. I wouldn't call it a cafeteria, really, because that brings back memories of the elementary school lunch room. No, this is a sun room, with pretty ceiling fans that help provide a comfortable atmosphere.

I was delighted to see that many students were utilizing this space on a Sunday evening. Hard to believe, but nobody was complaining.

Let's start with the drinks. For someone like me, carbonated drinks are not an option. I don't like them. So as I explored, I was immediately drawn to the fountain drinks, which offered a variety of juice, soda, and even milk. The Minute Maid drink machine alone had six juice blends to choose from.

On to the food, right? Well, veggie and fruit lovers rejoice: there are plenty of healthy treats to choose from, including bananas, apples, oranges and a full salad bar.

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Owls shut out Bulldogs in home opener



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Kristin Marietta (above) scored one of the Owls' eight goals

LUCAS BIGHAM
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, Aug. 24, the KSU women's soccer team kicked off their season at the KSU Soccer Complex against Alabama A&M — the Southwestern Athletic Conference champions.

The Owls sped out of the gates, registering a goal within the first minute of play by Beth Meadors who capitalized off a corner kick that was assisted by Alyssa Mahan and Brittany Vining.

They followed up quickly with a second goal, compliments of a Brittany Vining pass which was headed in by freshman Lauren

Ruffini.

The Owls continued to dominate the scoreboard with a goal from Mahan off a cross from Kristin Marietta. Mahan ended the first half with two assists and a goal.

Meadors captured her second goal of the game off a corner just after the 20 minute mark. Ruffini followed suit with her second goal, upping the score to 5-0.

"To me, she [Ruffini] was the player of the game on our team," said Head Coach Rob King. "For a freshman to come in and do that was outstanding."

Five goals did not appear to be enough for the Owls going into break. Senior defender Jessica Kalonji contributed to the offensive



attack with the sixth goal for her team; Katie Schwartz had the assist.

The Owls registered a total of 15 shots within the first 45 minutes, limiting Alabama A&M to only two shots and a quiet game for Owls goalkeeper Staci Pugh.

After substitutions which brought in goalkeeper Jamie Moroney and forward Yasha Blount the Owls added yet another goal, this time from Marietta who benefited from a breakthrough opportunity off of a pass from Blount.

Ten minutes later, the crowd was on their feet, cheering a spectacular goal from freshman Shelby Cosby. Mahan kicked a long pass to Cosby that appeared beyond her reach, but

she was able to just get her foot on it in mid-air, kicking it past the keeper and into the back of the net.

"I hoped that it would go in, so I just took an effort at it," said Cosby.

The Owls finished their home opener with a score of 8-0. Meadors and Ruffini each had two goals and Mahan earned three assists. The Owls had a total of 26 shots on the goal.

This victory will give the Owls a "little bit of confidence" before their long stint on the road explained Coach King.

On Friday, Aug. 29 the Owls will travel to Macon, Ga. for the start of the LQ Invitational against Jackson State at 4:00 p.m. and again on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. against Davidson.

Volleyball team endures growing pains

JUSTIN HOBDAV
STAFF WRITER

The KSU volleyball squad will be getting to know a few new faces this season. The Owls return one senior this year, adding eight newcomers to the fray.

"I look for athletic, coachable players who want to work hard and who understand the pressures academically," said Coach Valerie Jones in response to the question of what type of players she looks for.



Heather Quinn fits this mold for the Owls perfectly. Quinn comes to KSU via Norfolk State where she appeared in all 33 matches for the Spartans. The 6-foot-1-inch sophomore also graduated high school top ten in her class, and was voted Female Athlete of the Year at Rockdale County High School.

Bianca Rucker also adds athleticism as a newcomer. Rucker was a GISA All-State selection as a junior at Dominion Christian High School, and was also a region champ in the 100- and 200-meter dash track and field events.

Callie Churchwell and Rachael Albright both come to KSU from Florida. Churchwell is a 6-foot-1-inch middle hitter who holds her high school's career and single season records for kills. Albright is a 5-foot6-inch defensive specialist who holds her high school's career and single season records for digs.

Coach Jones feels that the new faces bring with them a higher level of athleticism. "We're definitely more athletic this season. Any of the new players can contribute, and there is a lot of competition for the starting positions," said Coach Jones.

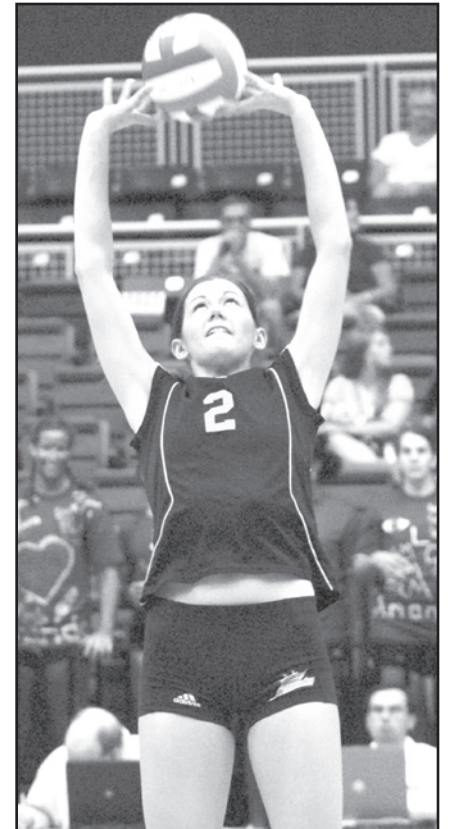
Tara Dillon, Sabrita Gulley, and Asjia Stokes will be counted on to be leaders as three of the seven returning players for the Owls.

Dillon will be the only returning seniors for the Owls this season. Dillon battled injuries throughout her junior season, and will be counted on this year to fill the important setter's role. Coach Jones added, "After coming off of her injury, she is doing a good job of rehabbing and showing that she can become a leader for the team."

Sabrita Gulley and Asjia Stokes return as the Owls' more potent offensive threats. Gulley is the leading offensive returning player who averaged 2.48 kills per game, and Stokes ranks third all-time in career kills for KSU.

Coach Jones attributes potential success for the team to the overall health and fitness of the team. "The young ladies have done a good job of staying in shape over the off-season. Our objective is to continue to get better, and as long as we're healthy and fit we will be able to do that," said Jones.

The Owls begin play in Colorado against the Air Force Academy on Aug. 21. They will play at home for the first time this season when they host the Owl Challenge on Sept. 5 and 6, and their first conference match will be on Sept. 9 at Mercer.



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Juniors Ginny Frederick (above) and Selina O'Leary (left) will be returning to the Owls' volleyball team this season.

Cheerleaders get the boot

Athletic Department drops competitive cheerleading

JEROME WOOLEY
STAFF WRITER

The KSU Competitive Cheerleading Team will no longer be funded by the Athletic Department. Former Head Coach Felecia Mulkey, the team's founder, accepted a job offering as the head coach of the competitive cheerleading team at the University of Oregon.

According to KSU's Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples, the competitive cheerleading team was never a varsity sport within the athletic department, though the department funded the competitive cheerleading team until Mulkey's recent exodus.

"Coach Mulkey was the reason we allowed competitive cheer," said Waples. "Mulkey

started the program and took it to another level. She will be missed." The Athletic Department will fund the Dance Team and the newly acquired Spirit Squad as the teams perform and cheer at men's and women's basketball games.

After hearing the news that Coach Mulkey was leaving for University of Oregon, a pair of KSU cheerleaders quickly decided to join the bandwagon and continue their cheering careers under Mulkey. Sophomore Mercedes Toles was recruited out of high school to competitively cheer for KSU.

"It was a great opportunity for Coach Mulkey. It was good for her to take the head coaching job at the University of Oregon. She wanted the entire squad to transfer," Toles said.

Toles is one of several cheerleaders who plan to transfer to the University of Oregon. "My plans are to take a year off from cheering before transferring to Oregon. It will be a new experience for me and I am excited to cheer for Coach Mulkey. Even though it is far away, I think it is a great opportunity and I am excited to get started."

Mulkey has recruited girls from all over the nation, including Massachusetts and California. Most of her recruits have either transferred to other schools or plan to transfer to the University of Oregon during the Spring 2009 semester.

Now that the team participates within club sport regulations, the competitive

cheerleaders are not allowed to be treated in the athletic training room or workout in the athletic weight room. Also, because the Athletic Department has ceased funding the program, there will not be any additional competitive cheering scholarships for new participants.

Out-of-state recruits that were on athletic scholarship from the 2007-2008 squad are the last group to receive any form of scholarship: they will continue to receive their scholarship packages until graduation.

Because the competitive cheerleading team is now functioning as a club sport, they are raising money to continue their efforts in competi-

tion. This fall, the team will be hosting competitions on campus as well as distributing their annual calendar which includes sponsorship information and upcoming events.

The team is very young according to returning sophomore McKenzie Kerfoot. Out of 20 athletes, only five cheered for KSU last year. "This team will be better than last year's. I think we are going to be awesome this year. I am expecting a National Championship even though the team is young. I plan to teach my new teammates the ropes of cheering here at Kennesaw," said Kerfoot.

A.J. Lawrence will be replacing Mulkey as head coach of the competitive

cheerleading team. Coach Lawrence has already made a name for herself by coaching her squad to a full-paid bid to attend the 2009 National Competition, which will be held in Daytona, Fla. The National Cheerleading Camp for the National Competition was held this summer in Myrtle Beach where teams performed a 45-second cheer and completed a rally routine. After competing, KSU was awarded the best all-around squad out of more than 20 teams.

Coach Lawrence assisted Mulkey and cheered for KSU for four years. She cheered and participated on both National Championship Title Teams.

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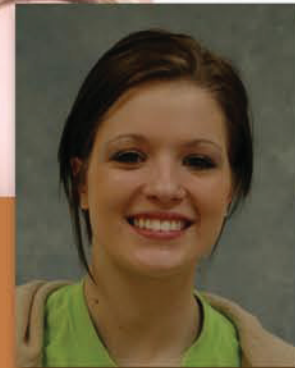
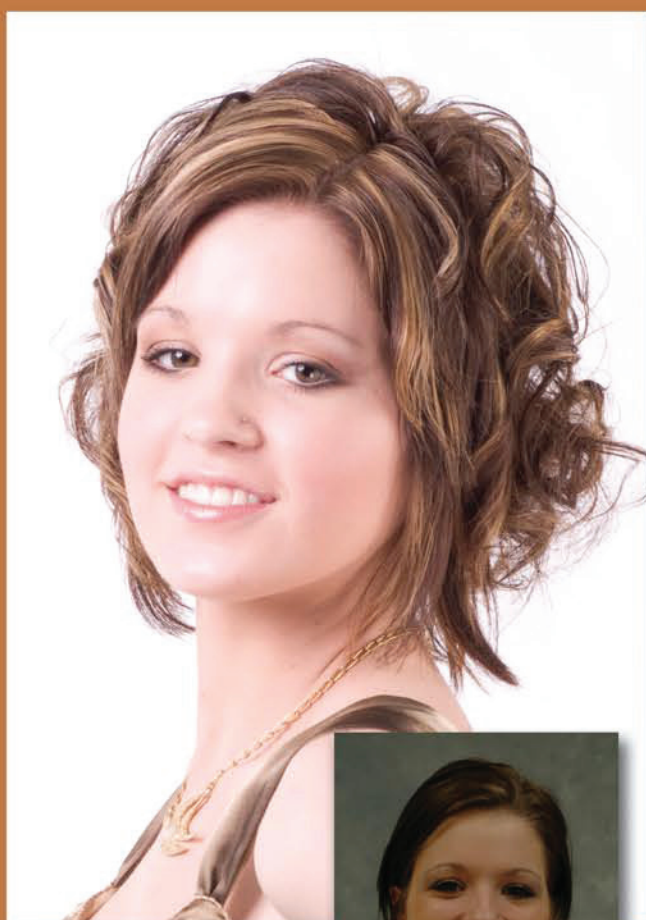
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