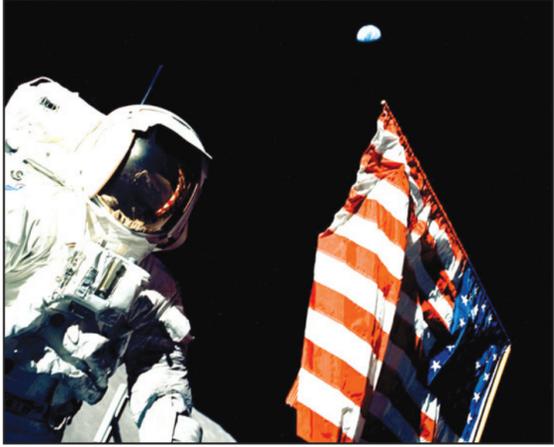




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Apollo 14 astronaut donates lunar artifacts to Sturgis Library



Courtesy of NASA

ANGELA CONDRA
 STAFF WRITER

The Sturgis Library of KSU will be honored with a generous donation of lunar memorabilia on Oct. 6 from Dr. Edgar D. Mitchell, the lunar module pilot of the Apollo 14 mission.

Among the items being donated are over 200 patches (including a Beta Patch), a NASA emblem and several flags that were flown to lunar orbit during Apollo 14.

This is the second donation of lunar artifacts to the Sturgis Library. The first came in 2007 from Apollo 16 moonwalker, Charles M. Duke Jr.

That donation included a complete lunar module checklist, a map used aboard the lunar rover and a large

collection of flags flown to the lunar surface. KSU is the only public university in the country to house memorabilia from two separate Apollo missions.

Diane Bridges of the Sturgis Library said all of the lunar artifacts are housed in the Bentley Rare Book Galley on the lower level of the library. Tours of the gallery are available by appointment.

The artifacts will be unveiled after a lecture given by Dr. Mitchell who retired from NASA and the U.S. Navy in 1972 and went on to found the Institute of Noetic Sciences. He was also nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.

The lecture will include a question and answer session about space exploration. The event is free and open to the

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Students find mandatory meal plan hard to swallow

CAITLYN VAN ORDEN
 ASST. NEWS EDITOR

News that KSU will introduce a mandatory meal plan in Fall 2009 to pay for the construction and operation of a dining hall has a number of students stewing.

Students were notified about the new dining hall and a mandatory meal plan via email on Sept. 19. The email stated that the meal plan would cost between \$400-425 per semester for all full-time undergraduates.

The news ignited anger and frustration in many students, which led to online protesting

and petition drives. Students opposed to the meal plan have created three facebook groups, the largest being "100,000 Strong Against Mandatory Kennesaw Meal Plan," which had 1,404 members at press time.

"The reason Kennesaw has been so successful thus far is because of the non-traditional and commuter students, and this meal plan being mandatory is really turning its back on and taking advantage of those students," said KSU student Jamie Timmerman, the group's creator.

Two open forums to discuss the meal plan were held on Monday at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Two more are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 2, the first

at 10 a.m. in University Room A and the second at 5:45 p.m. in University Rooms CDE.

"A university of this size definitely needs a dining hall," said Arlethia Perry-Johnson, special assistant to KSU president Daniel S. Papp, in the first forum Monday morning.

Perry-Johnson also addressed those unhappy with the meal plan, saying "Let me say this loudly and clearly: you have been heard."

"The \$400 plan is gone," said Faye Silverman, director of Auxiliary Services and Programs (ASaP).

Because KSU Culinary Services is an aux-

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Block Plan Level	Avg. Meals per Week	Included Flex Dollars	Projected Cost	Average Cost
Block 160	10	\$48	\$1,120	\$6.70
Block 148	8	\$64	\$960	\$7.00
Block 96	6	\$80	\$776	\$7.25
Block 32	2	\$50	\$285	\$7.34
Block 16	1	\$25	\$145	\$7.50



Christine Morales | The Sentinel

Students express their concern and question the fairness of next year's mandatory meal plan as Arlethia Perry-Johnson, special assistant to President Papp, presents the facts and figures at the second open forum on Mon., Sept. 29.

SGA holds forum on meal plan

CARL KRENDEL
 STAFF WRITER

The new dining hall's financial implications were discussed at a recent forum between the KSU Student Government and Faye Silverman, director of Auxiliary Services.

Silverman presented a mandatory meal plan as the main, and necessary, way to fund the construction of the hall. She was accompanied by Dr. Rachford and two other KSU employees. Challenges to the plan came largely from students on the council who were opposed to the mandatory nature of the plan.

The new mandatory meal plan would entail paying presently for future developments, so that the school itself would benefit more than the students currently attending and potentially paying for the plan.

Silverman consistently denied the possibility of full-time students being able to completely avoid the plan, not being required to pay in advance for meals and, in the long run, the new building.

Dr. Rachford, silent for most of Silverman's presentation and the following questions from student government

officials, commented concerning the idea of paying for facilities which will be unavailable to those paying.

"That kind of foresight is not unheard of," Rachford further implicated the inevitability of the new hall: "The new facility is going to happen."

In making the new hall an inevitability, Rachford narrowed the topic for the potential debate to take place this Thursday to the subject of financing the development.

Silverman explained that the new building's various accoutrements are to include foods friendly with various diets, such as "coeliac, kosher, and halal."

Coeliac refers to an intestinal condition which causes gluten to irritate the stomach. Foods prepared for someone who suffers from coeliac disease must be prepared without products containing gluten, a plant protein found in various grains, particularly wheat.

Kosher foods are those whose preparation adheres to Jewish law, while halal foods are acceptable to those following Islamic dietary requirements.

The variability of tolerance continued a theme of inclusiveness and expansion of

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Campus police Sgt. Medeiros killed in motorcycle accident

JESSICA EDENS
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

Staff Sgt. Steven R. Medeiros, 56, of the KSU Police Dept. was airlifted to Atlanta Medical Center the morning of Fri. Sept. 26, following a motorcycle accident. He did not survive.

Shortly before 7 a.m., "eyewitnesses saw his Harley Davison Springer motorcycle veer off the pavement, near the intersection

of Ebenezer and Canton Roads, and into the brush," said Kemper Anderson, assistant director of KSU Dept. of Public Safety, in an e-mail to faculty and staff.

No other vehicles were involved and Medeiros' speed was not a factor.

Medeiros was a part of the KSU community and police dept. since 1992. He was a law enforcement trainer for both internal and regional police academies, and also served as a patrol supervisor. He was senior

sergeant within the department.

"His steady and mature leadership, sense of humor and vocation for law enforcement will be sorely missed," Anderson said.

His is survived by his wife Barbara, daughters Kara and Morgan and mother, Cora. Funeral services will be held this week, according to Anderson's e-mail. Mrs. Medeiros has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made towards heart disease and diabetes research.

Papp addresses budget concerns

REGINALD KING
 STAFF WRITER

Kennesaw State University President Dan Papp has a number of strategies in place to deal with the growing state budget crisis.

Papp has proposed several solutions to help balance the five percent reduction in funding by the state of Georgia, including delays in hiring new staff, fewer buildings open during the summer semesters, more days the university will be closed during holiday breaks and different work schedules for certain faculty.

The budgets for the University System of Georgia were reduced by six percent because Georgia's revenues were lower than anticipated. There was also another five-percent budget decrease in the USG on-campus budgets with additional adjustments at the system level to absorb the final one percent.

Over the summer, the KSU President's Planning and Budget Advisory Council decided to distribute the on-campus budget reduction at the level of 1.2 percent for Student Services, 2.1 percent for Academic Affairs, and 5.5 percent for all other operational units.

Since KSU started the 2009 fiscal year with the second highest increase it has ever received from the state budget with \$12 million, it was able to manage the five-percent reduction by cutting the number of people being hired and reducing increases in operational budgets.

Within recent weeks, Georgia's budget condition has made a turn for the worse with the state's August 2008 revenues seven percent lower than August 2007 revenues. For the first two months of the 2009 fiscal year, Georgia revenues have taken a 6.8 percent decrease and experts say this trend will continue most of the year.

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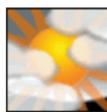
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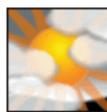
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Around campus

What: Best-selling author to speak at KSU
 When: Wed. Oct. 17 p.m.
 Where: Convocation Center
 Details: Free, but reserved tickets required
 Order tickets at Kennesaw.edu, click on "An evening with Greg Mortenson"

What: KSU Jazz Ensemble
 When: Thurs. Oct. 28 p.m.
 Where: Bailey Performance Center
 Details: \$5 cover

What: Miracles in Rock at Cappadocia: Early Christian Settlements of Goreme
 When: Thurs. Oct. 2 6:30 p.m.
 Where: Social Science Room 1021
 Details: Free

What: Faculty Artist Master Class: Robert Henry
 When: Fri. Oct. 3 5 p.m.
 Where: Bailey Performance Center
 Details: Free

What: Faculty Artist Recital
 When: Mon. Oct. 6 8 p.m.
 Where: Bailey Performance Hall
 Details: Free



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Students to take on lives of the homeless

DOMINIQUE RICHMOND
STAFF WRITER

Homelessness is not exclusive to Midtown Atlanta. You can be a student at Kennesaw State University and be homeless.

Homelessness is a social category, and there are many homeless students across the country. It can happen to anyone who cannot afford or maintain permanent, safe, stable housing.

KSU will host Homelessness Awareness Week Oct. 13 through Oct. 18. During the week, faculty, students and staff will have an opportunity to learn more about this "invisible" sector in society. Activities will be scheduled in order to increase knowledge and understanding of those living without shelter, food and, for some, hope.

Campus and community groups will also host forums Oct. 13 through Oct. 16. The Sleep-Out at KSU, which will take place from 6 p.m. Oct. 16 through 12:00 p.m. on Oct. 18, addresses homelessness in our country.

Students will play the roles of homeless individuals who must find food and shelter for themselves as they continue to go to school. Cardboard boxes will be provided as shelter for the 42-hour period.

Representatives from community social service agencies will be present to give greater realism to the experience according to Dr. Lana Wachniak, Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

An assessment table will be set up just outside the police department to help raise awareness of the processes homeless go through to obtain shelter in order to make the simulation as realistic as possible.

Wachniak said, "Time and effort on the part

of faculty, students and staff who will be involved with these activities...will lead to important outcomes." Active learning will help participants obtain a greater understanding of these "invisible" and often stigmatized people in society.

Although participants are encouraged to engage in all of the activities, any level of involvement is helpful. Students who complete the Sleep-Out can receive a certificate of participation from the Center for Student Leadership.

The events are open to anyone who would like a better understanding of homelessness, not just KSU community members and all participants must sign a waiver.

High school students are welcome to any daytime events; however, if they want to attend the sleep out, they must have a chaperone. Both the high school student along with their parents will need to sign a waiver.

Those who can't find the time to participate can take part in other ways, such as bringing food and water "homeless students" as they pass by.

When asked how students will benefit from this experience, Natasha Harris said, "Sometimes as students, we can get so involved in our own studies and personal lives, that we neglect or ignore the world going on around us. I believe the Sleep Out will at least motivate people to get more involved in their communities and help alleviate the issue of homelessness."

Everyone is encouraged to volunteer or participate in these events. For additional information about the events and how to sign up contact Lana Wachniak at 770-423-6306 or lwachnia@kennesaw.edu. The website for HAW is events.hss.kennesaw.edu/haw2008.

State launches website to assist new voters

ANDREW NELSON
STAFF WRITER

With the general election fast-approaching, some students may already be familiar with the election process and already have a candidate in mind.

Other students, however, may not be "in the know," or even be registered to vote. For the latter group, this is where Georgia Secretary of State Karen Handel's "ivote" Web site comes in.

Designed by interns working in the Secretary of State's office during the summer, the ivote website is dedicated to answering any questions first-time voters may have.

"Georgia's young adults have shown an interest in the 2008 General election," Secretary Handel said in a press release. "The ivote website directly targets this demographic and provides them with information to make sure they are prepared to vote and take advantage of available resources to fully engage in the process."

Matt Carrothers, Director of Media Relations in Secretary Handel's office, had more to say about the Web site. According to Carrothers, it provides information on where and how to register to vote, gives registration deadlines and provides information on Georgia photo ID requirements.

Finally, it explains advance voting, absentee voting and overseas voting. Carrothers

said, "Anyone voting for the first time may be unfamiliar with the poll locations, registration process, or different methods of voting. We wanted to give everyone in Georgia an equal opportunity to vote this year."

"Some of its features should appeal directly to college students" continued Carrothers. "We provide information on how students can become involved with campus organizations, as well as directions on how students can become poll workers."

For many college students, as well as some high school students, this will be their first opportunity to become actively involved in a presidential election, and ivote's purpose is to make this process as simple as possible.

Carrothers also confirmed that the Web site has been visited over 30,000 times over the last month, and over 2000 times per day within the last week.

The deadline for voter registration is Oct. 6, so anyone unsure of their registration status is strongly urged to verify it through the website. Even if students are already registered, ivote is a great place to learn about the presidential candidates and keep up with important political events.

While the main purpose of this website is to familiarize new voters with the details of voting, it also offers something for everyone interested in politics. The Web site can be accessed at sos.georgia.gov/students.

MEAL PLAN from front page

iliary enterprise as defined by the Board of Regents, revenue for the new dining hall cannot come from the state; rather, fees or sales must generate it. KSU students are currently paying \$364 per semester in fees for services such as technology and athletics.

Officials are currently looking at a tiered plan to distribute the mandatory fees based on which groups are most likely to want and use the meal plan.

Under the current proposed plan, first-year students living in the University Village Suites would pay \$960 per semester for eight meals a week. Upperclassmen and first-year students living on campus in units with full kitchens would pay \$776 per semester for six meals a week.

First-year students who commute would pay \$285 per semester for two meals per week and upperclassmen who commute would pay \$145 per semester for one meal a week.

Silverman stressed that these numbers are only models and "are continuing to be played with."

The building must be financed by 30-year tax-exempt bonds, meaning that KSU will be paying for the property and major appliances for a period of 30 years.

Bond underwriters require proof of a guaranteed revenue stream, such as a meal plan, to secure the financing.

"The challenge we have is that we have to have the guaranteed revenue stream," said Silverman.

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"I understand that KSU administrators feel it's necessary to make the meal plan mandatory for all full-time students so they may pay back the bonds, but they also have 30 years to do so. I feel that if the meal plan was only mandatory for incoming freshmen and students who live on campus without kitchens, with an option for the rest of the students, then they would have more than they need to pay those bonds," said Timmerman.

According to KSU Culinary Services, over 6,000 students and parents have participated in surveys, questionnaires, forums, and focus groups regarding the implementation of a dining hall since 2004.

Groups involved with this research included the Student Government Association (SGA), the Department of Psychology, Residence Life, ASaP, and third-party consultant Support Service Group, LLC.

KSU's dining facilities are currently designed to service 5,000 and have seating for approximately 800; over 20,000 students are enrolled at KSU. KSU Culinary Services cited "No room for expansion without impacting the already-strained University Rooms" as a current limitation to dining at KSU.

"We have to either move forward or start tightening our ser-

vices," said Silverman.

The planned dining hall will be a two-story, 50,000-square-foot building at the center of campus with the ability to seat over 1,000.

Planned features include a European coffee bar, a deli and soup station, a salad bar, a pizza/pasta station, an Asian Wok station, a 50s-style grille, comfort foods, granary and take-out dining. Special arrangements are also being planned for students with food allergies or religious food restrictions.

"You're going to want to come eat and hang out here," said Gary Coltek, assistant director of ASaP for Culinary Services.

The dining hall will be open seven days a week, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and "probably" 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Food Advisory Committee will perform quarterly evaluations of the Culinary Program, and recommendations will go to the President's Planning and Budget Advisory Committee, the SGA, the University Council and the Cabinet. Adjustments will take effect the following fall semester.

For more information on the dining hall and meal plan, visit www.kennesaw.edu/dining. Questions and feedback can be sent to culinaryservices@kennesaw.edu.

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dining services to reflect this has an inseparable aspect of being a student at KSU.

When questioned by a member of the student council concerning whether or not faculty would be required to take part in the plan as well,

Silverman replied "That is not an existing model."

However, the necessity of using her plan to fulfill the needs of the new dining facility was expressly denied: "This is a way, not the way."

What other options would be open remained unclear throughout the meeting, and avoiding a

mandatory meal plan was not presented as an option by any faculty or staff present.

Because Silverman did not present other ways of financing the facility, this Thursday's meetings are unlikely to produce any kind of change to the planned mandatory meal plan for full-time students.

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**POLICE
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CAITLIN DINGLE
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

On Monday, Sept. 1, a victim of a domestic dispute went to Public Safety to file a complaint. She stated that her boyfriend picked her up in the North Parking Deck to help unload groceries and began to complain about an earlier phone conversation. The victim called her friends, but her boyfriend snatched the phone away. They began arguing heatedly over the phone and the boyfriend then proceeded to use violence on the victim. The suspect was later identified and found drunk in his apartment. Police arrested the suspect for underage consumption and simple battery.

Police were dispatched to KSU Place Apartments early in the morning on Thursday, Sept. 4 in reference to possible drug use in progress. Once police arrived on the scene they were directed to a car with three occupants. Once the subjects rolled down the window the officers could smell a strong odor of marijuana. The three admitted to smoking and handed over a black case with a red, white, and blue pipe and a silver hand grinder with a green leaf on top, all containing suspected burnt marijuana. A total weight of 5 grams of mari-

juana was found in the car and on the suspects, and the owner of the car was issued a citation for V.G.C.S.A. less than one ounce, and all three received criminal trespass warnings.

On the morning of Sept. 4, police were advised that graffiti was found in Facility Planning and Design. The complaint stated that one of the employees had drawn a penis with a face that resembled one of the workers with the worker's name written under it. The graffiti was painted over and a full report was completed.

On Friday, Sept. 5, at about 4:20am police were advised about possible marijuana use in the University Place Apartments. A student overheard residents talking about smoking marijuana and reported it to his RA's. The police confronted the occupants of the suspected apartment and upon entry smelled a strong odor of marijuana. The occupant confessed to smoking earlier that day and when the police searched the room they found small particles of marijuana on the study table, marijuana stems and seeds in the waste basket along with a small plastic bag that smelled as though it contained marijuana at some time. The suspect then gave officers a homemade "gravity bong" from his closet.

The student was given a judiciary notice and a Student General Misconduct Notice.

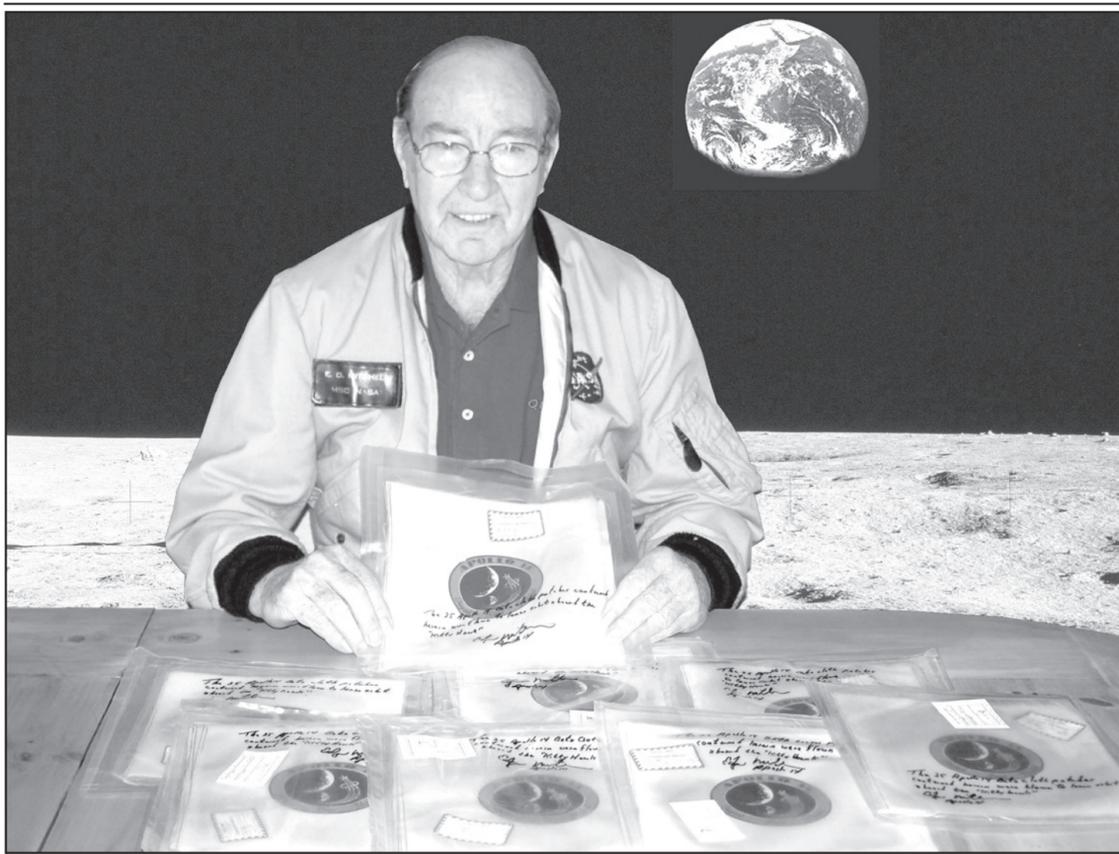
The evening of Saturday Sept. 6, police were dispatched to a fight occurring in the KSU Place Apartments. When police arrived on the scene there was one subject found with contusions on his face and bleeding from his mouth and lips. An ambulance was called for the man who seemed to also be very intoxicated. The subject denied any reports of a fight and said he didn't know how he was injured. The suspect blew positive for the presence of alcohol in the Alcosensor. The other suspect in the fight was identified but not found. Police issued a warrant for fighting in a public place to the missing subject. The injured suspect refused transport to the hospital and was then placed under arrest for underage possession of alcohol and fighting in a public place.

On Saturday, Sept. 6, police pulled over a vehicle for failing to stop at the stop sign at Canton Place and the North Parking Deck. The officer could immediately smell a strong odor of alcohol on the driver and noticed bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. The driver denied having had alcohol that night and then began crying saying that she couldn't get in trouble again because she was "in a pre-trial diversion program for a DUI already." The officer let the driver know that she had just admitted to using alcohol that night. The driver then refused to field tests after saying she had a condition called ADHD that would prevent her from walking in a straight line or standing on one leg. She was placed under arrest for failure to stop at a stop sign, DUI, underage possession of alcohol and no license on person.

Another fight occurred during the early morning hours of Sept. 6, involving a male and a female in the University Village Apartments. The male had scratch marks on his neck and shoulders and red marks on his arms. The female had missing pieces of hair and scratches on her knees. She stated that she had been physically struck by the male suspect. The male was uncooperative and tried to leave so he was placed under arrest. The officer smelled an odor of alcoholic beverages coming from both suspects. A witness stated that they saw a male sitting on top of a female in the University Village Quad punching her. Once the witness ran up the male let her go. The male was found to be the primary aggressor and was arrested for Simple Battery and Public Drunk.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, a traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle with an expired tag. The officer then smelled and suspected marijuana use by the driver. The whites of both eyes were bloodshot and his pupils were constricted. The suspect performed sobriety tests and failed two, the nine step walk and turn and the one leg stand. The suspect was then taken to Kennestone Hospital for testing of his blood and urine. The suspect was placed under arrest for an unregistered vehicle, DUI, and drugs.

Early morning Sunday, Sept. 14, a fight involving four people was going on at the Waffle House on Frey Road. The involved parties had conflicting stories of what had happened but they all agreed that the fight began because of a song by the group Journey. There were minor injuries to the faces and hands of all the subjects. They all agreed not to take out charges because it was a "stupid college fight."



Courtesy of NASA

• MITCHELL from front page

public, however seating is limited. The lecture will be held in the University Rooms of the Carmichael Student Center from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Oct. 6.

David Frohman, President of Peachstate Historical Consulting, Inc. arranged all of the lunar artifact donations and astronaut appearances made to date. Frohman stated that he was, "thrilled to have been a part of the process of seeing a world-class space collection built virtually overnight at Kennesaw State

University and in doing so I hope to help inspire a new generation to reach the stars."

Mr. Frohman also stated that the University can expect more donations in the future. "The Mitchell donation will be made in two parts, with the first installment of artifacts arriving this October, followed by the second in several years," he said.

According to NASA, the Apollo 14 mission was launched on January 31, 1971, only ten months after the ill-fated

Apollo 13 failed to land on the Moon. The crew included Commander Alan Shepard, Dr. Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa. Dr. Mitchell maneuvered the lunar module "Antares" to land in the Fra Mauro region of the Moon.

Dr. Mitchell and Commander Shepard conducted many scientific experiments during the mission and collected almost 100 pounds of lunar samples for the return to Earth. He is the sixth man to have walked on the moon and the only living member of the Apollo 14 mission.

• BUDGET from front page

Though the current state of budget reductions is at six percent, KSU officials are preparing for the possibility of reductions reaching ten percent. Each percentage point increase could mean up to \$900,000 of funds not allocated to KSU.

One potential solution, according to KSU President Dan Papp, would include closing down campus Dec. 29, 30 and 31, and would save the university about \$100,000 in utility costs. Faculty would be asked to use those days as vacation time, to telecommute, or to schedule 24 hours of alternative work time.

There are also talks in closing certain buildings during the May and summer semesters. More stringent guidelines on travel may also be implemented. Still, one key factor that helps KSU absorb these budget reductions is the increasing student population.

In an email sent to faculty and staff, Papp also said KSU plans to compensate for the budget reductions by implementing new

guidelines when it comes to hiring temporary and regular staff. There will be a 30-day delay in posting vacant jobs and the delay will start when the job becomes vacant. Then when Human Resources fill the job, the start date will be two weeks from the offer date.

Papp said the vacant jobs policy applied to all "jobs that are currently funded by tuition and the state." Greta Noren, a senator for KSU's Student Government Association said, "I agree with the President Papp's proposals but we already have a shortage on teachers because our campus is growing so fast. That is a process that needs to be speeded up not slowed down."

Right now Georgia's budget situation is far from being resolved so there may be additional procedures taken to alleviate this problem. It is not expected to get better until the first quarter of the 2010 fiscal year.

According to Arlethia Johnson, special assistant to the president, "Causes of this crisis have been linked to inflation of

the real estate market, and increased fuel prices."

Ms. Johnson does stand behind Papp's plans saying she feels that he has made the right plans to alleviate the deficit problem and he is making every effort to provide the best alternatives.

Unlike most institutions that are facing a similar problem, alternatives such as lay offs are not in the plans of KSU. The budget reductions should not affect all of the new buildings that are in planning phases, like expansion of science labs, faculty offices, classrooms in the Bagwell and Coles colleges, and funds for the learning center. Buildings like the new dining hall and residence halls would not be affected because student fees cover their funding.

Papp said in the open forum on Sept. 22, "KSU is still entitled to get around \$147 million from the state for those buildings as long as the state continues to have a good bond rating."

Are you engaged?

A Mock Presidential Debate will be held Thursday, Oct. 9 at 12:30 pm in SOC 1021.

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Bail, bail, bail the boat

How do you define insanity?

As I write this, the Dems and GOP are trying to push through a \$700 billion bailout for Wall Street CEOs, irresponsible consumers and illegal aliens. The argument goes, "if we don't do this, credit will be hard to get, the economy will tank, and people will lose their homes." And finally, Congress says "trust us, we know what we're doing." I would trust my German shepherd to watch my steak dinner before I would trust Congress to watch my money.

When a person or corporation becomes bankrupt, the method to becoming solvent is ending the dependency on credit, paying off debts, and living within sustainable means. It's just common-sense. The bailout trinity of Bush, McCain and Obama wants you to believe that common sense should not apply to greedy corporations and deadbeat consumers. The Feds created the current crisis by forcing banks to create sub-prime credit: loaning money to people who were irresponsible. Do we really think that doing the same thing, only this time giving the money to irresponsible corporations is going to fix the problem? Remember Einstein's definition of insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

We loaned ourselves into this event as a result of too much regulation in some areas, and not near enough oversight in others. It is also the fault of a bipartisan government intervention in the markets, and so-called 'progressive' tampering of the economy. It is the fault of greedy mortgage lenders and consumers who were either ignorant to their finances or bought something they did not understand.

Let the credit markets tighten like a tourniquet. We are addicted to credit, and a severe detox is necessary. If taking a month off from loans causes a business to go belly-up, I would question if it should have been in business in the first place. If someone were counting on a re-fi to save their home, I would ask why they bought a home that they knew they would need to refinance. If the credit market disappears, which is unlikely, we will have to go old-school, saving for purchases rather than charging them. Saving used to be the American way. We cannot loan ourselves out of trouble.

I believe it is time to draw a line on the balance sheet and say enough. Let us regroup and think this through. We do not want to end up socializing another industry, and we certainly do not want to hand \$700 billion over to the treasury secretary, who, in my opinion, has been asleep at the wheel. I don't buy the



TONY SARRECCHIA
COLUMNIST

"If taking a month off from loans causes a business to go belly-up, I would question if [it] should have been in business in the first place.

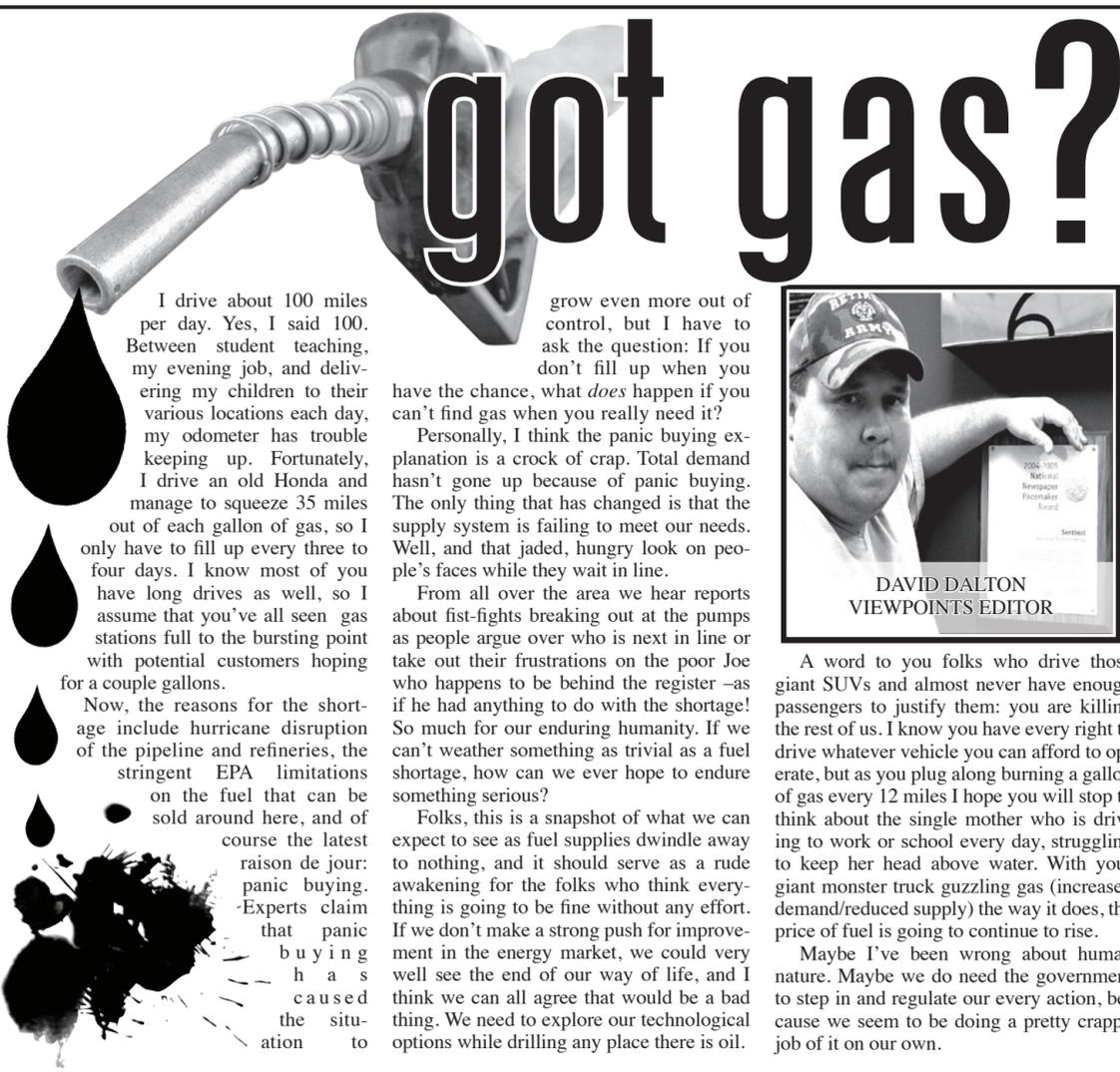
"too big to fail" theory—these companies became too big because of government incentives, and the knowledge that the feds (via the taxpayers) would be there to bail them out.

If Wall Street fails naturally, the correction will come about based on Natural Laws of Economics. If the feds bail out Wall Street via an artificial redistribution of wealth, Wall Street will hobble along for a couple of years and then the problem will happen again. Let Darwinian Capitalism run its course. It will be bloody and some innocent people will suffer via tightened credit and poorly run businesses going out of business, but that damage will be isolated. However, if the markets can heal themselves naturally, credit will be available where it is necessary. The only thing this bailout, handout really, does is reward failure.

By now the handout is probably a reality. We've been frightened into letting the town drunks guard the liquor store and we've ensured the credit addicts easy access to their drug of choice. We have, as Mike Pence, Republican representative, said, "...nationalized every bad mortgage in America." You, the taxpayer, will continue to carry irresponsible consumers and corporations via higher taxes. Of course, the irresponsible consumers will not pay more taxes because they will receive your money in the form of relief checks. As will the corporations and lawmakers who made this bailout necessary.

If the handout has not happened, call your representative and tell them to kill it. If it has happened, call your representative and tell them they are fired. I would encourage all taxpaying Americans to consider the only party candidate who was against the handout in any form: Bob Barr.

Let's talk about this on The T Files, Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. on ksuradio.com



I drive about 100 miles per day. Yes, I said 100. Between student teaching, my evening job, and delivering my children to their various locations each day, my odometer has trouble keeping up. Fortunately, I drive an old Honda and manage to squeeze 35 miles out of each gallon of gas, so I only have to fill up every three to four days. I know most of you have long drives as well, so I assume that you've all seen gas stations full to the bursting point with potential customers hoping for a couple gallons.

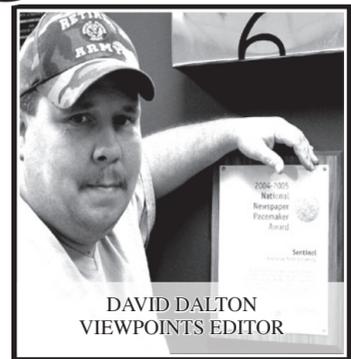
Now, the reasons for the shortage include hurricane disruption of the pipeline and refineries, the stringent EPA limitations on the fuel that can be sold around here, and of course the latest raison de jour: panic buying. Experts claim that panic buying has caused the situation to

grow even more out of control, but I have to ask the question: If you don't fill up when you have the chance, what *does* happen if you can't find gas when you really need it?

Personally, I think the panic buying explanation is a crock of crap. Total demand hasn't gone up because of panic buying. The only thing that has changed is that the supply system is failing to meet our needs. Well, and that jaded, hungry look on people's faces while they wait in line.

From all over the area we hear reports about fist-fights breaking out at the pumps as people argue over who is next in line or take out their frustrations on the poor Joe who happens to be behind the register—as if he had anything to do with the shortage! So much for our enduring humanity. If we can't weather something as trivial as a fuel shortage, how can we ever hope to endure something serious?

Folks, this is a snapshot of what we can expect to see as fuel supplies dwindle away to nothing, and it should serve as a rude awakening for the folks who think everything is going to be fine without any effort. If we don't make a strong push for improvement in the energy market, we could very well see the end of our way of life, and I think we can all agree that would be a bad thing. We need to explore our technological options while drilling any place there is oil.



DAVID DALTON
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

A word to you folks who drive those giant SUVs and almost never have enough passengers to justify them: you are killing the rest of us. I know you have every right to drive whatever vehicle you can afford to operate, but as you plug along burning a gallon of gas every 12 miles I hope you will stop to think about the single mother who is driving to work or school every day, struggling to keep her head above water. With your giant monster truck guzzling gas (increased demand/reduced supply) the way it does, the price of fuel is going to continue to rise.

Maybe I've been wrong about human nature. Maybe we do need the government to step in and regulate our every action, because we seem to be doing a pretty crappy job of it on our own.

The real transcript of the debate

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Moderator: Jim Lehrer Host of *The NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer

Participants: Senator and Republican Presidential Candidate John McCain
Senator and Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama

JIM LEHRER: Thank you for tuning in to the first of three Presidential debates. Tonight's debate is focused around foreign policy. The first vapid, pointless opening statement will be from Senator Obama.

SENATOR OBAMA: Thanks so much Jim and the audience watching. This is a very important election for this country. I was talking with my pastor before this event, and he told me something important. He said that except for Jews, white people, Hilary Clinton, and rich people, God loves this country and has big plans for us.

But at this moment Americans are frustrated. People in all fifty-seven states are struggling to get by. Bob Barr's campaign just raised their first million dollars. Ralph Nader is doing interviews with puppets on the internet, and Rev. Jeremiah Wright could only afford a \$1.6 million mansion.

That is why it is so important that we change our foreign policy. We should refocus to win the war in Afghanistan, and start bringing the troops home from Iraq. We can use the money saved to create "green jobs". This would include riding stationary bicycles to create electricity for rich people, and making cars able to run on number two.

JIM LEHRER: Thank you. Senator McCain, your senile opening statement.

SENATOR MCCAIN: Thanks Jim. As I was leaving one of my eight houses earlier this week in one of my thirteen cars, I was thinking about just how elitist my opponent is. I think that's why this election is so important. Senator Obama wants to take your guns and bibles away. I want to sit down and have a beer or seven with you.

And speaking of being drunk, let me talk about my foreign policy. First, I would send planes over Iran to drop edited Beach Boys albums with my special rendition, "Bomb bomb bomb, bomb bomb Iran". This would send a firm message to the people of that country and distract them with excellent music. Secondly, I would send Sarah Palin to the Afghanistan/Pakistan border with a rifle and a hunting knife. You wouldn't believe how well she can dress a terrorist. This country needs that experience.

JIM LEHRER: To start the debate, we are going to talk about the financial crisis and bailout. Are both of you in favor of this plan? We can negotiate a deal right here.

SENATOR MCCAIN: Jim, we do not negotiate with terrorists. We've all seen Obama on the cover of the *New Yorker*.

SENATOR OBAMA: John doesn't know whether or not he supports the plan because he couldn't use Google to read the plan himself. Hell, he can't even tie his own shoelaces or throw a baseball overhand. We cannot have someone so out of touch with Americans become President!

JIM LEHRER: Moving to foreign policy. Senator Obama, why would you be more qualified to lead this nation's Middle East policy?

SENATOR OBAMA: Growing up as a Muslim—I mean, growing up in Indonesia and having a father from Kenya gives me a good sense of the world. I just understand and relate to the Middle East better than my opponent. After all, Palestinians in Gaza have been phone banking for my campaign and Hamas said they wouldn't be opposed to my presidency.

SENATOR MCCAIN: I've bombed enough civilians, been tortured, and killed enough people with my bare hands to know what war is like and how to win it. Senator, you are naive if you think you have more in common with the people of the



KEVIN SCHMIDT
SENIOR COLUMNIST

Middle East. I was just a young boy when the Sumerians created the first city to practice intensive year-round agriculture.

JIM LEHRER: Senator McCain, stop looking at Governor Palin, and say it directly to your opponent.

SENATOR MCCAIN: I cannot do that. To look into his eyes, without preconditions, would legitimize him in the same way he wants to sit down with Ahmadinejad, Ahmadajood.

SENATOR OBAMA: Annunciate John. Sound it out. This reminds me of visiting the old folks home back when I was a community organizer, or Jesus, I don't remember.

SENATOR MCCAIN: My opponent doesn't understand how dangerous this policy of meeting without preconditions is. We can't let someone with such a funny name conduct this nation's foreign policy. Oh, and did I mention he's black?

JIM LEHRER: That's going to have to do it for tonight. Be sure to tune in next week for the Vice Presidential Debate between some old white guy and a hot chick Senator McCain found in Alaska.

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Closer look at party lines

MICHAEL SMERCONISH
MCT

For weeks, Barack Obama's campaign has been trumpeting the fact that John McCain has agreed with President Bush 90 percent of the time.

There is a commercial that shows McCain himself saying: "The president and I agree on most issues. There was a recent study that showed I had voted with the president 90 percent of the time — higher than a lot of even my Republican colleagues."

In his acceptance speech at Denver's Invesco Field, Obama said: "McCain likes to talk about judgment, but really, what does it say about your judgment when you think George Bush has been right more than 90 percent of the time? I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a 10 percent chance on change."

It sounds self-explanatory, but what does it really mean to support the administration 90 percent of the time?

The calculation comes from data provided by Congressional Quarterly, which compiles the roll-call votes on issues in which the president has taken a clear position. The votes span everything from war funding to renewal of the Patriot Act to judicial and cabinet nominations.

And, indeed, CQ reports that in these votes McCain has averaged 90 percent agreement with the president since 2001.

However, while not exactly a case of figures lie and liars figure, there is more to this story.

John Coleman, chairman of the political science department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has researched the 90 percent assertion and told me there are a few considerations the CQ data do not include. For instance, the president could take a position on a piece of legislation without actually doing much politically to see that it passes or fails. In those instances, the phrase voted with the president might overstate the president's political presence.

It's also important, Coleman said, to consider issues a president supports that never reach resolution. President Bill Clinton's attempts to change health care, for example, or Bush's Social Security initiatives — neither of which show up in the CQ data because Congress never acted on them.

Sometimes the final vote doesn't mirror what the administration intended. "A roll-call vote is the end of a process during which the president might have had to abandon major aspects of his policy in the days or months leading up to the vote. That means a senator or representative can be labeled as siding with the president because of the roll-call vote, even though in the buildup to the vote, he or she may have worked against things the president wanted included in or excluded from the vote," Coleman said.

There is also significant fluctuation by year. Consider

that Sen. Joe Biden has agreed with the president 52 percent of the time since 2001. (And no, that's not a number front-loaded to the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001.) In 2004, Biden agreed with the president 77 percent of the time.

"So maybe that indicates that everyone's support level is at risk of being inflated by this measure," Coleman said. "Or we'd have to conclude that Biden was really that supportive of Bush, which seems dubious."

Coleman's theory would seem to apply to the president's party as well. Sen. Arlen Specter, often targeted by Republican conservatives for his centrism, actually has agreed with the president more than 82 percent of the time during the Bush years.

So what about Obama? In 2006, the last year he was present for at least 95 percent of the votes on issues in which Bush took a clear position, Obama voted with the president nearly half the time. (His total Bush presidential agreement tally is 40 percent.) That's truly a glass half empty or full situation. Also in 2006, Sen. Diane Feinstein joined the president 54 percent of the time; Biden, 55 percent; Chuck Schumer, 52 percent; Hillary Clinton, 50 percent. Harry Reid? 57 percent.

Here's another twist. According to WashingtonPost.com, since 2000, McCain has voted with a majority of his fellow Senate Republicans an average of 82 percent of the time. That's only slightly less than the average for all Republican senators, who voted the party line almost 87 percent of the time in the same period.

Meanwhile, Obama voted with a majority of Senate Democrats more than 95 percent of the time in both of his congressional sessions, while the average for Democratic senators was 87 percent.

Perhaps that figure supplies the McCain campaign with the data for its proposition that Obama's candidacy is less about change and more about the status quo.

Coleman said that to assess McCain's level of support for Bush at 90 percent is misleading "if you consider McCain's tendency to defect from the Republican Party line more frequently than the average Republican and consider his signature disagreements with Bush on some major policy goals, proposals, and administration of policy — like troop strategy in Iraq."

Also keep in mind that even the other party's candidates supported the president 40 percent to 52 percent of the time during the Bush years, Coleman said.

"Ultimately, I think you have to interpret the number in light of the other numbers to get a feel for its meaning," Coleman said. "Ninety percent sounds like a lot, but it may not seem like quite so much in light of other numbers."

Of course, Coleman added, McCain probably didn't do himself any favors by using the figure of 90 percent in agreement with Bush as a point of pride.

Palin too programmed, protected

MCT

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Monday, Sept. 15:

Republican rock star Sarah Palin's two days of interviews with ABC's Charlie Gibson revealed an overscripted VP candidate ill at ease discussing foreign policy — a chief concern about her readiness.

Her performances did little to erase concerns voters may have about her ability to take over for John McCain if destiny calls, although she did seem more at ease on the second day, when the inquiry turned to domestic topics and her life in Alaska.

The issue is not experience — how many governors have foreign policy credentials? — nor one of deep knowledge of international affairs. We were looking for a sense of Palin's instincts on foreign policy. We also expected to discern something about the suppleness of her mind. Does she seem capable of being a quick study and of exercising good judgment?

So the ABC interviews were neither damning nor reassuring. She made no glaring errors, but neither did she advance her cause.

She should have been better informed about the Bush Doctrine, more thoughtful about Israel-Iran and more clear on her view of manmade global warming. Also alarming was her view of the desirability of adding Georgia and Ukraine to NATO, even if it meant risking

war with Russia. Unfortunately, that's the Obama position as well.

Palin didn't appear to have thought beyond GOP sloganeering on foreign policy, offering no explanation of how a McCain-Palin approach would differ from President Bush's. This is change? In light of the last seven years, anyone who aspires to national leadership must be more reflective and insightful.

This also showed up on the second day, when Gibson pressed her on how McCain-Palin would handle serious federal budget concerns differently. She's right about better oversight but came off as thin on specifics.

Ronald Reagan was jammed with facts by advisers prepping him for his first 1984 debate against Walter Mondale. He lost. "Let Reagan be Reagan" came the call from those who knew Reagan's real strengths. It worked.

Perhaps the McCain camp should "let Palin be Palin." But who is that person? Was it the talking-point machine of Thursday or the warmer, more relaxed candidate of Friday? And how much does she really know?

Palin must meet more often with more journalists in unscripted settings to show her true self, not a campaign consultant's cram-session creation.

She has been a surprise hit with many voters because she comes off as authentic. Before November, they need to see the real deal.



THE OWL WL FORUM

Mandatory Meal Plan Responses

Dear editor,

I am concerned over the proposed FALL 2009 MANDATORY MEAL PLAN for ALL FULL TIME STUDENTS in order to pay for the new Dining Hall. In an e-mail from culinaryservices@kennesaw.edu on Sept 19, 2008 they state that starting Fall 2009 they will be enforcing a \$400 - \$425 per semester meal plan on all full time students. I just recently started back to KSU this semester. I have a family of 4 and live off campus. I have two children and can not afford to pay a daycare while I eat alone on campus. It is ridiculous to force a meal plan on students who DO NOT LIVE ON CAMPUS and attend classes on evenings and weekends. For details about this meal plan see the e-mail about the new Dining Hall that was sent out on Sept 19, 2008 or their website: https://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/culinary/ksu_dining_hall I e-mailed them and they replied telling me to attend one of the forums to voice my opinion.

Since there are no Friday and Saturday forums scheduled we should voice our opinions via e-mail. They also said that there were surveys done and everyone wants the new Dining Hall but did everyone understand the cost when they took these surveys? I could understand forcing a meal plan on full time campus dwelling students but not on students with families that live off campus. If you take daycare costs and the cost of the pre-paid meal in the New Dining Hall ONE meal would cost me nearly \$40. I come to campus to go to class then go home. I would love to participate in on campus activities but until KSU has on campus daycare facilities I can not do that. KSU Administration please consider only imposing the mandatory meal plan on students who live on campus. I can barely afford to pay for the childcare, tuition, fees, books, and other costs associated in finishing my degree I really don't want to pay for something else I can't utilize.

Melinda Hignite
Early Childhood Education
Sophomore

Dear editor,

As a KSU Student, I just wanted to say that I really appreciate how hard this publication is working to make all Undergraduates aware of the current situation regarding the mandatory meal plan. I am pleased that because of this publication, I know exactly where to go and when to be there for the open forums. This paper has really taken an active role in informing students, in detail, about a situation which will affect us immensely. Now that I know when these forums are, I will be able to arrange my schedule and voice my opinion in the proper place, something that I don't believe would have taken place without your coverage.

Amanda Zubrowski
Communication
Senior

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write and say that I am not pleased with Mr. Papp's decision to make everyone pay for a meal plan on KSU. I think that students that live on campus and need a meal plan should be able to purchase one. I for one go to school only two days a week and bring my lunch as a way to save money. I have a mortgage and groceries to buy for my house and I don't need an extra bill to pay. I find it hard enough to pay for gas these days to get to school! Making all the full time students pay for this meal plan is crazy! Mr. Papp has to realize that just because you go to school during the day and take full time classes doesn't mean that you live on campus. If this meal plan does get passed then I will definitely be changing schools or will be complaining about it until it is changed. With the economy how it is and how student loans are not getting paid, shame on Dr. Papp for thinking about making everyone pay for a meal plan whether they will use it or not.

Make the people that use it pay for it!

Samantha Wrinkle
Sophomore
Management

Dear President Papp,

I am writing today to bring an absurdity to your attention. It appears that the cashiers who work in the KSU food court are not allowed to sit in chairs while they operate the cash registers.

Perhaps there is some misguided idea floating around that claims that a cash register cannot be properly managed from a sitting position, or that a worker will be less productive if he or she has any small modicum of comfort — ultimately, that a worker who sits, instead of standing on his or her feet all day, will not do his or her job. I do not need to waste time demonstrating how ridiculous this is; it should be self-evident.

I know that the cashiers working at KSU do not make much money. Yet, I feel that it is safe to speculate that those who do choose to work here do so because they feel as though there is something good and right to be gained by supporting higher education in whatever modest capacity one can. As an KSU alumni, I expect that those who have enriched my academic endeavors with their service be cared for with respect and dignity by this institution. I also expect that you will give this small matter your attention.

A chair, to sit in over a long shift, is not too much to ask. Shame on us if we are incapable of recognizing when the working conditions of our employees can be improved by something so simple, and, further, shame on us if we allow such absurd policies as those which would deny a chair for someone to sit in to continue.

I am forwarding this letter to our Sodexo representative and to the Sentinal Newspaper.

Thank you and best wishes,
Ryland J. Johnson

An alumnus perspective on KSU dining

Dear Editor,

The new Dining Hall is a very important step towards KSU becoming a respected University. In order to gain respect, the University must first gain a sense of pride amongst ALL of its students, not just The Striped Crew (which don't get me wrong, I think that organization is doing great things for the school, but it's going to take more than a couple thousand students to really make things happen). KSU students will not develop pride in the school until it begins to feature some of the services that are offered by other schools (i.e. Dining Hall). With increased services, you will see an increase in applicants, which leads to higher admission standards. Higher standards turn a once commuter school into a school that people want to get into. Once that is achieved, students that are accepted take pride in their school. The end result is a more supportive alumni network, and national recognition of degrees awarded by KSU. This Dining Hall will eventually be nefit everybody that has ever gotten a degree from Kennesaw State. The same thing happened with the University of Georgia just 30 years ago. The sooner KSU moves away from commuter students that come to class sporting other school's attire and then leave, to students that are excited to be around campus and support KSU teams and events, the better. Meal plans are the norm at every other large university in Georgia. Yes, it does suck that this plan must begin as a mandatory fee, but this is an important investment in the future of KSU. The value of a degree is determined by the amount of pride and enthusiasm towards a school that is displayed by its alumni. Are UGA business students better equipped and trained when they graduate? Absolutely not, but they have an incredible amount of pride in their degree, which makes it valuable to any company.

2nd Lt Brian Stewart
Alumni
Management

To the KSU Campus Community:

No matter how it came to be commuters in the Atlanta region are experiencing difficulty in finding fuel for their vehicles. There are indications that this is a short term problem that will be remedied soon, perhaps by the middle of next week. This short term challenge and its long term companion, increased fuel prices, may present an opportunity: focusing commuter attention on alternative modes of transportation. We do not have many alternatives available to us here at KSU, but the few we can make use of are underutilized. A decrease in single occupancy commuting to our campus will yield environmental advantages & reduce our area's traffic gridlock. Please join me in encouraging all community members (students, faculty, & staff) to look into these possibilities:

Van & Carpools:
The Cobb Rides website has a link for setting up instant carpool/van-pool matches: <http://cobbrides.com/>

To sweeten the pot, KSU's Card Services Office can arrange for prime parking privileges for carpooling students. (The Fall 2008 deadline has passed, but they might be interested in the future.): <https://financialservices.kennesaw.edu/cardservices/>

Public Transport:
Two CCT bus routes, #s 40 & 45, serve the KSU campus. Route maps are available on the CCT website: <http://www.cobbdot.org/cct.htm>

These buses are currently underutilized, though there has been a slight uptick in ridership in recent months. A major downside to the CCT routes is the low frequency of buses. This is unlikely to change unless ridership increases significantly. Future improvements in the situation may be on the horizon. Facilities V. P. John Anderson is spearheading an effort to join with State and Cobb Co. transportation staff in conducting a comprehensive transportation study for KSU and its surroundings

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MORE THAN VANDALISM

Graffiti can be art, not just an eyesore

Story and photos by Carl Krendel | Staff Writer

"It's as if someone threw oil all over your living room," said one local police officer about graffiti. Indeed, the act of altering the appearance of someone else's property without permission can easily be interpreted as malicious. However, even the policeman, who because of his position must be ideologically opposed to graffiti, reluctantly acknowledges that some graffiti is enjoyable. After he walks around the warehouse he guards, explaining its history as a railroad depot, he arrives at a large hallway covered in cracking green paint. Across the paint jumps a bright gold tag whose calligraphy is so embellished that the words have become indecipherable. "I like the colors," he later explained to me in reference to this piece, his favorite.

According to a graffiti artist who, like the policeman, spoke on condition of anonymity, some artists produce their work "just to destroy some public property," whereas others "really want to make the world a more beautiful place." Whether simple or ornate, graf-

fiti most commonly consists of a so-called tag, often a word invented by the artist; sometimes it is a symbol repeated throughout his or her work. When at least two colors of paint are used, either to reproduce a tag on a larger scale or to create a picture, the tag becomes what is known as a throw-up, and aesthetic

value takes priority over what the officer called "marking territory like a dog." Marking territory is an aspect of graffiti linked to gang membership more than the creation of a quality throw-up or even artistic tagging. Gangs often seek to impose a sense of ownership upon public places and outdoor areas where

they seek or maintain dominance.

Unlike the macho-pragmatic markers of territory, those graffiti artists who create the ornate throw-ups, either pictorial or calligraphic, feel a sense of personal pride in creating something beautiful. According to an anonymous artist: "I just want to leave something really . . . cool." The artist is not motivated by a desire to gain notoriety for having created a masterpiece; the anonymity required to avoid arrest makes recognition unlikely and fame all but impossible. Graffiti artists selflessly compete for the passing smile of the observer, the public who is their captive audience.

Fewer than three miles from KSU, on the grounds of an abandoned Cobb Community Transit station, exists a wonderland of color splashed on overgrown concrete infrastructure. Artists have made what was once a dull monument an art exhibit. A fence protects the place itself; one cannot enter without ignoring signs and deliberately avoiding armed police. One can be incarcerated if caught. Still, the artists ignore the use-

less restraints on their freedom to make the abandoned facility beautiful.

Graffiti, once relegated to the streets, now infiltrates galleries. In 2006, the Brooklyn Museum mounted an exhibition of works by graffiti artists Crash, Lee, Daze, Keith Haring and Jean-Michel Basquiat. Another graffiti artist, Doze Green, has become so successful that corporations wanting to reach a new market ask him to create large murals on street walls. Green said that graffiti kept him from joining gangs and so getting into trouble; although illegal, graffiti gave him a chance to express himself and fulfill his potential.

KSU Assistant Professor of photography Matt Haffner used a technique similar to graffiti to produce a portfolio that garnered him an award from the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia. Haffner was one of three artists to win the 2008 Working Artist Project for his "Used Fiction Series". Haffner combined silver leaf, vinyl and spray paint on panel and said that his technique is "reminiscent of a graffiti technique".

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Graffiti abounds in urban areas, and Atlanta is no exception. These photographs are proof of the popularity of graffiti in the ATL.



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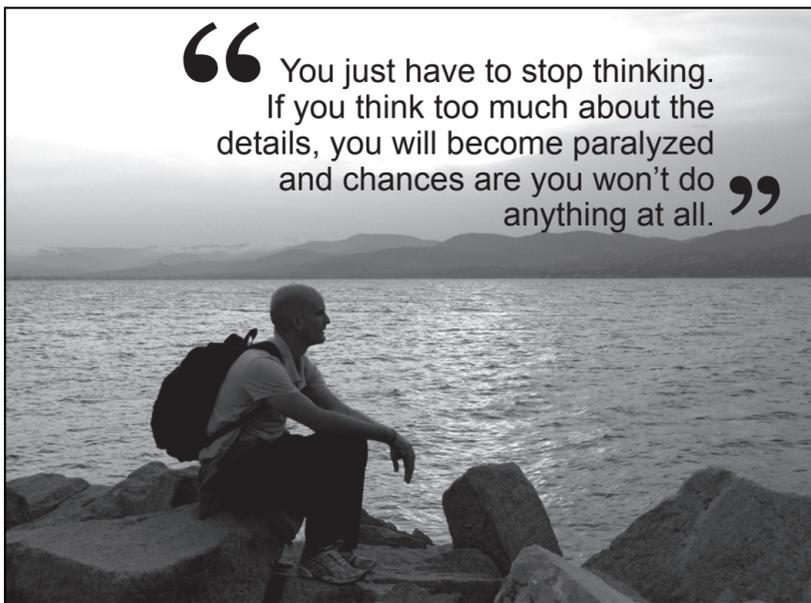


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“ You just have to stop thinking. If you think too much about the details, you will become paralyzed and chances are you won't do anything at all. ”

MARLENE JAECKEL
STAFF WRITER

An impulsive decision to take a seminal journey like a modern day Che Guevara may seem crazy to some, but for Leon Logothetis, what started as a spur-of-the-moment trip changed his life forever. When the young Brit, a shy London broker, saw the movie “The Motorcycle Diaries” in 2005, he became inspired to follow in the ubiquitous revolutionary’s footsteps by traveling with empty pockets and relying only on the kindness of strangers to get to his destination. He labeled it a social experiment, invited a camera crew along, and set off on a trip around the U.K. with a mere five pounds a day to cover food, accommodation and travel expenses. Not long after, Britain’s Sky Channel bought the documentary, followed by National Geographic Channel. Now in its third season, “The Amazing Adventures of a Nobody” airs on more than 115 channels worldwide, and Logothetis has since traded the grey skies of England for the sunny beaches of Los Angeles. The Sentinel recently sat down with professional nomad, producer and television host Leon Logothetis to talk about the transformative power of travel and what it feels like to have one’s dreams come true.

First of all, Leon, how on earth do you do travel on five bucks a day? It doesn't even buy you a pack of gum at the airport!

“You’re right, five dollars or pounds are pretty useless. When I first started planning my trip, though, I just wanted to use a nice round number for a daily budget. I obviously couldn’t go without any money at all and ten pounds seemed like too much, so I chose five. In the end, the five pounds or dollars are only token money. The idea is to get other people to help you get what you need.”

Do you ever have to use any creative techniques to get people to listen to you and feel motivated to give you money?

“Having a camera crew around obviously helps to make things more legitimate but I’m still the one they have to connect with. I have to convince them that I am non-threatening and sincere in order for them to want to help me. I used to be terribly shy. Now I can talk to absolutely anybody about just about anything.”

So far, what has been the most difficult thing you’ve had to do to on a trip?

“When I did the third show, traveling from Paris to Moscow, the language barrier was actually a bit of an issue. Not that many people speak English and the ones who do don’t speak it very well. It became a numbers game, so I ended up approaching a lot of Americans. I would literally wake up in the morning and think to myself, ‘I have to find some Americans today.’”

Your life has really changed, hasn’t it? What has been the best part of the whole experience?

“I do a lot of speaking events, and afterwards people always come up to me to tell me how I’ve inspired them. It is the most amazing feeling in the world. I can’t tell you how good it feels to motivate other people; it was one of my lifelong dreams that came true.”

Where are you off to next?

“I can’t say for sure. There are many places I’d like to visit. It would be fun to do something in China or India.”

Finally, what advice would you give to KSU students who want to go on their own “Amazing Nobody” adventures?

“You just have to stop thinking. If you think too much about the details, you will become paralyzed and chances are you won’t do anything at all. Traveling truly changed my life and gave me so much confidence. I discovered courage inside of me that I didn’t know I had.”

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Hands on Atlanta needs more hands

TIMARA FRASSRAND
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An estimated 15,000 volunteers will participate in the 18th annual Hands On Atlanta Day on Saturday, Oct. 4. This is an important day for Atlanta’s neighborhoods and communities, and they need help to make it a success. Volunteers will help teach, feed, assist, revitalize and reach out to Atlantans in need.

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Through the fire and the flames

Local barbecue joint smokes the competition

MATTHEW BRADFORD
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From the road, the Big Shanty Smokehouse looks inconspicuous: It's a small establishment that you might pass by on a daily basis without so much as a glance. That would be a shame because behind the modest facade lies a family with big hearts, interesting stories and barbecue beyond belief.

The operation is a family affair. The mom, dad and daughter trio all had restaurant experience before combining their culinary talents at Big Shanty Smokehouse. Dad Chic Dillard worked as a restaurant consultant with various restaurants, including large sports bars and high-end establishments. Mom Sissy worked as an opening manager for the chain Buffalos; she helped new restaurants in the first critical weeks of operations. Rounding out the team is their daughter, Shannon.

Shannon has an unusual story compared to her parents. After attending Georgia Southern University and falling short in a few classes, Shannon decided to take a little vacation. "I basically fell off the face of the Earth for six months," Shannon explained. She disconnected her phone and didn't speak to anyone in her family. Not until she received a card from Sissy asking her to come back home did she return. Her family gladly welcomed her back and now all work together like two peas in a pod—or three, as the case may be. Chic bought the restaurant in the current location, at 3393 Cherokee Street in Kennesaw, soon after the reunion with Shannon.

Sissy explained the restaurant's history. "This used to be a Mexican restaurant. The walls were painted this ugly green color; it was a pain to cover up the old wall colors." The current décor is modest: simple light blue walls, with a few pieces of Kennesaw nostalgia, and paper towel rolls on the tables for sticky fingers and messy eaters. The kitchen is visible to the patrons and is pretty simple, something Chic takes a lot of pride in.

Out back resides Chic's baby, his smoker. The restaurant smokes beef, pork, chicken, salmon and beans. Their menu began with the basics. "We first started with the 'holy trinity' of barbecue—beef, pork, and chicken." The pulled-pork is done well; it's seasoned and has a distinctive flavor, even without the sauce.

The Big Shanty Smokehouse delivers with their ribs. Here it is key to point out what proper barbecue pork ribs should be. Many feel that barbecue ribs should be extremely tender, or fall off the bone. While tender pork is delicious, if pork ribs are too tender, then the meat falls after the bone after the first bite and you have to use a fork. This completely destroys the carnal enjoyment of eating meat off the bone. Happily, the Big Shanty Smokehouse creates the perfect pork rib, tender but not to the point where the meat falls off onto your plate. The chicken is extremely good as well, seasoned and smoked, very moist and very tasteful.

Their menu is no longer just the "holy trinity." Sissy explained that the menu grew by popular demand. "We would have specials on the menu like our homemade sausage and smoked salmon spread. They became so popular that we had to add them to our regular menu." The homemade sausage is made with trimmings from their pork ribs and incorporates a selection of fresh herbs and spices. The smoked salmon spread is something different but extremely good. And save room for the homemade desserts: fresh baked pies, cakes, cookies and banana puddin'.

One of the more interesting items on the menu is something that many people might overlook: the baked beans. "As the number of customers grew we started to get questions about our baked beans," said Sissy. "For health or religious reasons some of our customers couldn't eat pork, and we had to change our baked bean recipe to remove the pork. It's probably the most worked over recipe on the menu." Even though there is no pork in the beans, you wouldn't be able to tell. Take it from someone who does not care for baked beans: I had them and they were delicious. Overall, there's not a bad thing on the menu at the Big Shanty Smokehouse.

"I think our price point is the most appealing thing. You can't go anywhere else and get a quality sandwich and chips for four bucks," said Chic. The Dillards believe in serving quality products at reasonable prices. Aside from the good food and great prices, Big Shanty Smokehouse has something that most restaurants lack, and that's a sense of family. Every customer is treated like part of the family and no one walks out without a smile.



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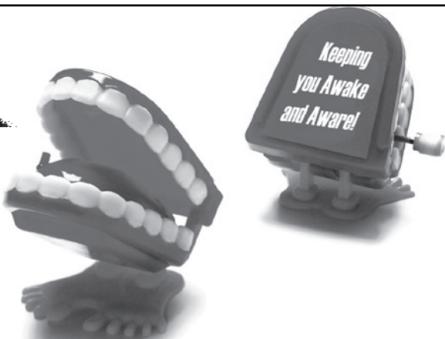
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MOVIE REVIEW

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LAYOUT SPECIALIST

It's hard to describe the uncomfortable feeling that you get watching a sex addict manipulate the people around him. When "Choke" was just a novel, it was much easier to swallow. But watching Sam Rockwell portray that bastard Victor Mancini makes one wish that it was just a novel, which you could put down when you needed a moment to cringe.

Victor Mancini is a pervert (if you decide to see "Choke", expect lots of sex and nudity), but he is much more than that. He is also a compulsive liar who loves his mommy.

In fact, his lies and schemes pay for her hospital bed in a mental institution. Let me break it down for you: he goes to a restaurant, deliberately chokes on the food, waits for a stranger to save him from impending death and then convinces that stranger to love and care for him, sending him money on a regular basis.

It's one thing to read about Victor choking in Chuck Palahniuk's novel, but to see it brilliantly performed by Rockwell is much more powerful. To see him stumble through a restaurant, heaving, and to watch the reactions from a mess of strangers is most disturbing.

If you have issues with your folks--I mean serious issues--I can imagine this film will be hard to watch. Much of Victor's life is dictated by an absent mother who consistently kidnaps him from foster families, only to lose him again upon her many arrests. He spends his adult life fighting for her approval, and the saddest thing (or one of them) is that she is nuts. She cannot recognize Victor for who he is; she thinks he's some lawyer. As he watches her deteriorate from dementia, we are exposed to more flashbacks of his childhood.

Don't forget that he's a pervert. Actually, the film won't allow you to forget it because even as Victor walks through the hospital to visit his mother, he encounters scores of his past sexual partners--most of the hospital's employees. All of the sex takes away from the plot but definitely adds to the character development, further exposing, if you'll excuse the pun, Victor to the audience. The sex overdose could be surprising to average moviegoers who aren't familiar with Palahniuk's sick and twisted humor.

What's this? There's a beautiful new employee at the hospital. The dreamy Kelly Macdonald and her lovely lab coat intrigue Victor. To the point where he cannot perform, sexually. With her.

As she develops feelings for Victor, she doesn't try to change him as much as she tries to understand him and why he lies and cheats. And so this sex comedy mutates into a bittersweet love story between the two psychos (you'll see why I say psychos).

Palahniuk fans won't be disappointed with this film because it stays true to his dark and dirty satire, but the average audience member might not see much more than a raunchy comedy.

"Choke" was a fine film, overall. However, if the last twenty minutes weren't so unbelievably moving, I would have a totally different opinion. You see, much of the film felt like it was forcefully shocking or unnaturally disgusting, going for some effect that I could not quite appreciate. The attention-grabbing sex took away from the depth of character development, and much more could have contributed to the plot in place of the perversion.

For such an emotionally driven story, the film lacked a musical score. Now, staying with the theme that I was disappointed with most of the film, the lack of music didn't contribute to the characters or scenes.

But again, those last twenty minutes made up for it.

As the film ended, the first recognizable song, an emotional Radiohead ballad called "Reckoner," exploded, heightening the drama and overwhelming the audience. Now, I won't spoil the ending, obviously, but I will say it fulfilled me.

For me, the musical score in a film is highly important. I cease to feel unless some sort of melody accompanies the scene. And my opinion of that scene is heavily dependent on how the music made me feel.

Kudos to whoever chose to put everything into the end of Choke because, leaving the theater, I forgot about the somewhat decent beginning and the predictably shocking middle, and all I could focus on was the overwhelmingly bittersweet and dreamy end.

Palahniuk's novel made more twisted on screen

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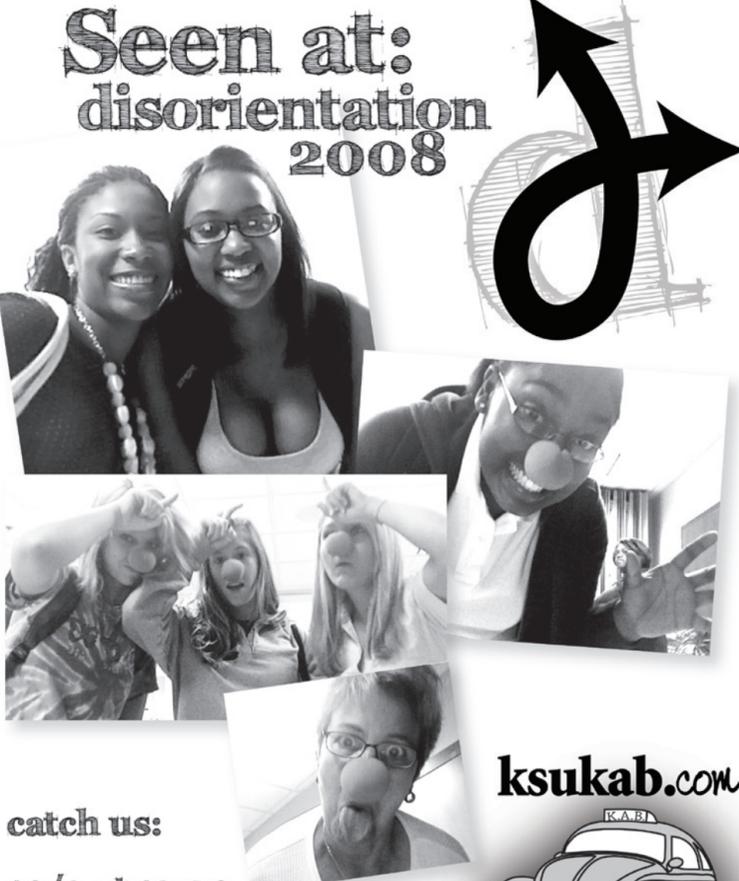
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Owls on the road

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SOCCER

Owls knotted in a tie

The women's soccer team began conference play in Fort Myers, Fla. on Fri., Sept. 26 against their league equivalent, Florida Gulf Coast University.

Senior Rachel Baer scored the Owls' solitary goal on an assist from Katie Scott and Yasha Blount to tie the game, 1-1.

The Eagles outshot the Owls, 12-9, but redshirt sophomore Staci Pugh led both goalies with seven saves. "Florida Gulf



Coast was a tough team, one of the best in the conference. We had our chances, but they played extremely well," said sophomore defender Sadjr Williams. "If we make better decisions and if our work ethic is there, we should produce a win against Stetson."

The Owls posted a record of 5-2-3 after Friday night's endeavor.

Owls butchered in deland

The women's soccer team scored two goals under the auspices of Rachel Baer on Sun., Sept. 28, but it was not enough as their conference opponent, Stetson University, outscored them, 3-2.

The Hatters, only 2-5-2 on the season, collected three quick goals in the second half of play to hold off the Owls. The Owls have an overall record of 5-3-3 and are 0-1-1 in conference play.

The Owls next match will be on Fri., Oct. 3 against Jacksonville University at KSU Soccer Field.

GOLF

Owls wish they were home



Courtesy of SID

Senior Laura Lindsey shot a 244 at the Alvarmar Golf Club.

The women's golf team played in the Marilyn Smith Sunflower Invitational on Mon., Sept. 22 and Tues., Sept. 23 in Lawrence, Kan. The Owls did not fly as high as expected, a disappointing 16th place at the par-72, 6,242-yard Alvarmar Golf Club.

Senior Laura Lindsey represented the Owls as the team's top player by carding an overall 244. "Obviously we are very disappointed with our play in Lawrence, but we have to move on," said head coach Rhyll Brinsmead.

Another disappointing ending in wisconsin

The women's golf team teed off on Sat., Sept. 27 at the University of Wisconsin's Badger Invitational in Madison, Wis. Junior Jordan Lazenby was the most impressive Owl on the first day, moving into 16th place after recording par-or-better scores on all but four holes.



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Lazenby placed 26th at Wisconsin.

"We need to eliminate some of the mental mistakes that cost us today. Our women have proven to me that they have the talent necessary to compete in these types of tournaments," said Brinsmead.

The Owls finished in a distant 12th place at the Badger Invitational on Sun., Sept. 28. Lazenby led the team by firing an overall 233 to give her a 26th place ranking at the University Ridge Golf Course.

"We have to continue to fight because we only have five days off before returning to the

road and another deep field," said Brinsmead.

The Owls will get their next chance on Oct. 6 at the University of South Florida's Waterlefe Invitational in Bradenton, Fla.

Asst. women's basketball coach under NCAA investigation



LUCAS BIGHAM
STAFF WRITER

KSU's newly hired assistant women's basketball coach, Chris Carroll, was recently discovered to have resigned as the assistant coach of the women's team at the University of Richmond amid allegations that Carroll had violated NCAA recruiting regulations.

According to the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Carroll and Carlin Hartman, the assistant men's basketball coach for the University of Richmond, both resigned after allegations surfaced that they violated

text messaging and phone call rules set by the NCAA.

KSU's Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples would not talk about the allegations due to privacy concerns but said, "I cannot comment on this situation, obviously there are some news stories out there. I can assure everyone, though, that this will not in any way, form or manner adversely affect KSU's move into Division I, nor will it affect the day to day operations of the athletic department."

An investigation began at Richmond in November 2007 after the Assistance Director of Athletics for Compliance discovered the violations while reviewing telephone logs and records.

Immediately, the Richmond athletic department reported the findings to the university president, the university faculty athletics representative and the NCAA. A department-wide audit of cellular phone records for additional evidence of text messaging was conducted by NCAA representatives and the Richmond athletic department.

"At present, the situation involves several coaches at Richmond, the UR and the NCAA. KSU is not involved in this whatsoever," added Waples.

The Collegian, the UR student newspaper, reports that over 300 text messages were sent by various members of

Richmond's coaching staff to student athletes – about 80 percent of those are said to be from Carroll. Text messaging was banned on Aug. 1, 2007, by the NCAA between college coaches and recruits.

Once the allegations regarding Carroll had surfaced at KSU, he was placed under similar sanctions that he had at Richmond including reduced off-campus visits and phone-calls to prospective student-athletes, said The Collegian.

The KSU women's basketball program was in need of a replacement after the departure of the team's former assistant coach. Once the interviewing process was complete, Carroll was hired in the summer.

Carroll, University of Georgia alum, has worked with many of the top women's basketball programs in the U.S. He was an assistant coach and recruiter for Wyoming and Southern Miss along with taking up his first head coaching position at Truett-McConnell.

Carroll applied for the open position at KSU to be closer to his family in Mississippi. KSU's women's basketball head coach Colby Tilley had also coached Carroll's wife at Auburn University, so Carroll and Tilley were friends, The Collegian said.

Neither Carroll nor Tilley could be reached for a comment.

Owls Fall to Campbell 3-1

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Looking to bounce back from a two-game slide, the women's volleyball team took on Campbell Saturday afternoon in the Convocation Center. Although the Owls lost to the Camels in four sets, they kept it close throughout and set a new school record for kills in a match.

"We have been working extremely hard in practice and even though we didn't come up with the win tonight we felt really good about our performance and our hard work will pay off," said red-shirt sophomore Ginny Frederick.

In the first set Campbell jumped out to an early 6-3 lead but the Owls didn't lay down and later in the set they came back to take a 10-8 lead. It wasn't enough, though, and by the end of set one, Campbell was able to hang on to the lead and win, 24-22.

In set two, KSU bounced back and took a commanding start, reaching a 12-4 point margin. Campbell was able to come back strong and make things interesting as they tied the game at 16-all. The Camels' comeback did not hold up, though, and the Owls took a 20-17 lead, dominated most of the second set and finished with a 25-19 score.

The third set proved to be exciting, featuring four ties and two lead changes. Campbell stormed out to a 5-0 lead but the lead did not last long as the Owls fired back to take the lead, 11-8. Things became interesting when Campbell came back and tied the score at 18-all. Campbell eventually claimed the set with a 25-22 final.

The fourth set was dominated by Campbell, and the Camels finished off the Owls 25-20.

Despite the loss, the Owls' Sabrita Gulley became the first KSU Volleyball player to have 20 kills in one match and almost reach a double, double with nine digs. Ginny Frederick chimed in a double, double with 34 assist and 10 digs.

After the game, head coach Valerie Jones said she was proud of her team, and if they minimize their errors, they should be able to turn things around. "The best thing about this year is we have the chance to play everyone twice in conference, so this loss will be fresh in our kids' heads when they head to East Tennessee."

KSU is now 2-12 overall and 1-5 in the A-Sun. The Owls' next match is on Fri. Oct. 3 in Johnson City, Tenn. against East Tennessee State at 7:00 pm.

No. 8 Sabrita Gulley (right) became the first KSU Volleyball player to have 20 kills in one match



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Teams	A-Sun			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Lipscomb	6	0	1.000	8	6	.571
> FGCU	5	0	1.000	7	5	.583
> Jacksonville	5	2	.714	8	5	.615
> UNF	4	3	.571	6	6	.500
Belmont	4	2	.667	9	5	.643
Mercer	3	3	.500	6	6	.500
Campbell	2	3	.400	4	10	.286
ETSU	2	4	.333	5	9	.357
> USC Upstate	2	5	.286	5	10	.333
> Kennesaw State	1	5	.167	2	12	.142
Stetson	0	6	.000	2	11	.154

> - Not Eligible for A-Sun Tournament Play During NCAA Reclassifying Period

Teams	A-Sun				Overall			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	Pct
Belmont	2	0	0	6	7	3	0	.700
> UNF	2	0	0	6	5	5	1	.500
Mercer	1	0	1	4	4	3	3	.555
Jacksonville	1	1	0	3	4	5	1	.450
Stetson	1	1	0	3	3	5	2	.400
ETSU	1	1	0	3	3	5	0	.375
Campbell	1	1	0	3	2	4	2	.375
> FGCU	0	0	2	2	5	2	2	.667
> Kennesaw State	0	1	1	1	5	3	3	.591
> USC Upstate	0	2	0	0	2	7	0	.222
Lipscomb	0	2	0	0	2	7	1	.250

Three (3) points for a win; One (1) point for a tie
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CLUB SPORTS REPORT

Owls steam through Moccasins

BRIAN C. BELL
STAFF WRITER

In game one of their fall season-opening doubleheader on Sat., Sept. 27, the KSU men's lacrosse team defeated the visiting Moccasins of the University of Tennessee - Chattanooga by a score of 14-4.

The Owls came into this season trying to improve on a mark of 5-8 from last year as well as getting the newcomers and freshmen on the team some needed playing time in order to get acclimated to the college game.

The Mocs struck first taking an early 0-2 advantage but the Owls came back with two quick strikes to pay back UTC for rattling their cages. KSU's defense was on point, pressing the UTC attack with stiff cross checks and swarming to the ball to gain clear after clear. Near the end of the first quarter, KSU converted their defensive physicality into offensive momentum, scoring three goals in the closing minute to give them a 6-3 lead that they would not lose.

The Owls took the tone they set in the first quarter and used it to lead the Mocs down the path to defeat, executing almost flawlessly on defense when UTC entered their zone. The Owls allowed one additional goal to the Mocs with sophomore goalie Noah Rosenblum shutting out UTC in the second half and recording ten saves.

With the defense keeping UTC out of the net, KSU went on the attack, capitalizing on a frustrated Mocs defense to send home eight more goals. The KSU offense outshot UTC, 25-9, with junior midfielder Charles Roland, freshman attackman Manny Savas, and sophomore midfielders Jonny Slutzky and Isom White leading KSU's scoring with two goals each.

Coach Ken Byers spoke well of his crew, "We played deep into our lineup where everybody got plenty of time... [UTC was] good competition for our freshmen players."

Sophomore midfielder Isom White said of his new teammates, "We have a lot of freshmen who showed their stuff out here today."



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KSU Mauls Mercer 22-0

BRIAN C. BELL
STAFF WRITER

Just a mere 15 minutes after locking up their first win of the fall season against UT-Chattanooga, the KSU Owls took to the KSU Intramural Field to battle the Mercer University Bears. The battle quickly turned into a massacre as the Owls ended the game, 22-0.

Mercer took the field in their first game ever, something club president and defensiveman Zach Statham knows well, "It's always tough coming out as a new team." KSU welcomed the new program to college lacrosse with two goals in the first two minutes of the game by sophomore attacker and reigning SELC rookie of the year Scotty Schulze and a bone shattering, Sheldon Brownesque check from junior midfielder Charles Roland.

The Owls attackers and midfielder set up camp in Mercer's zone of the field, relinquishing their ground for only a few fleeting moments in the first quarter before the physical play from KSU's defense sent the ball back into their possession. When the first quarter came to a close, the Owls were up, 9-0.

The second quarter saw a shift from the one-sided, offensive flurry of KSU to a brutal contest between the two squads where crosses were wielded more like broad swords than offensive utensils. The physical crosse play soon gave way to physical checks and scrappy counter attacks from both teams. As the quarter came to a close, Schulze picked up another goal, giving him a hat trick in the first half, and the Owls a 12-0 halftime lead.

During the second half of play, fans could see the emergence of Schulze as a "point guard" of sorts, creating opportunities for his teammates as well as himself. These opportunities were taken advantage of by freshman attackman Manny Savas who, coming off of a two-goal performance against UTC, picked up a hat trick of his own.



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The Owls showed no mercy as they added ten goals in the second half to seal a 22-0 shutout victory. The KSU defense held the Bears to only three shots, and goalies Noah Rosenblum and Kyle Hansen needed to save only one shot collectively to keep Mercer off the scoreboard. KSU's offense equaled the performance of the defense, accumulating 37 shots, winning 11 face-offs, and six players with multiple goals, led by Schulze with five.

The team's performance appeared flawless as they dominated Mercer, but Coach Ken Byers knows the season is young, and stressed that the team needs to be prepared for the spring season. "All the competition we see in the fall sets us up for the spring," said Byers, who outlined the goals he wants his team to accomplish this year. "Number one, make the SELC playoffs...have a winning season...and have a reputation as a quality program. We haven't fallen too short of that."

Hockey Results

H/A	Date	Time	Team	Location	KSU	Opp
Away	Sept. 17	9:30 PM	Atlanta Knights JR	Marietta Ice Center	3	4
Away	Sept. 25	7:30 PM	Liberty University (D2)	LaHaye Ice Center	2	5
Away	Sept. 26	7:30 PM	Liberty University (D1)	LaHaye Ice Center	2	12
Away	Sept. 27	7:30 PM	Liberty University (D1)	LaHaye Ice Center	4	13

Owls drop four in a row

After blowing away the University of Georgia in the home-opener, 16-1, the ice hockey team went on the road and lost all four of their games including two losses to the Division I Liberty University team, 2-12 and 4-13.

"We got blown out this weekend," said Vice President of Club Sports and Ice Hockey Jimmy Barry. "This weekend was a learning experience for us and LU scored on almost every power play."

The hockey team will return to action Sat. Oct. 4 at 10:00 p.m. for the alumni game at Town Center.



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GOLF

Tulacz 5th at Mason Rudolph Championship



Courtesy of SID

Michael Tulacz took fifth place in Nashville with a 209 overall.

The men's golf team tied for fifth place on the first day of the Mason Rudolph Championship in Nashville, Tenn. on Fri., Sept. 26. Senior Michael Tulacz was the leading Owl on the first day by obtaining a three-under par 68 at the 7,100-yard, par-71 Vanderbilt Legend's Club South Course.

"This is a good start, but we have a long way to go. We will need to make more birdies in the next two rounds to have a chance to win this," said head coach Blake Smart.

Three of KSU's golfers performed spectacularly on Sat., Sept. 27 by turning in even par 71's. Freshman Jeff Karlsson, sophomore Matthew Nagy and Tulacz ranked in the top 30 of the Mason Rudolph Championship after the second day of the tournament. Karlsson set a collegiate-low round having eagled the 18th hole to seal a two-under par 34 on the back nine.

"Playing in this caliber of event is a major opportunity for us and we need to capitalize," said Smart.

Tulacz exited the Mason Rudolph Championship on Sun., Sept. 28 by stroking an overall 209 to give him a fifth place ranking for the weekend. Although Tulacz shined, his fellow teammates failed to pick up the slack as none of them improved on their scores from the first two rounds dropping the Owls to a solidifying 12th place.

"This was another learning experience for us. Hopefully we will be better prepared to handle the pressure next time," said Smart.

The Owls will play in the Mizuno Savannah Intercollegiate on Oct. 6 in Savannah, Ga.

TENNIS

Redemption at Hampton Roads Open

The men's tennis team redeemed themselves on Fri., Sept. 26 in Norfolk, Va. as Justin Suesserman and Lawrence Washington captured the C doubles title at the Old Dominion University's Hampton Roads Open.

Suesserman and Washington won, 8-6, over teammates Ryan Bouttell and Dylan Higgins in an all-Owls final. "The doubles play was pretty solid today and I think we handled the situation well. It wasn't the best we can play, but everyone fought hard," said assistant coach T.J. Greggs.

The Owls had a successful ending in singles play on Sat., Sept. 27 and Sun., Sept. 28 by winning a productive six matches. Suesserman, Bouttell, Higgins, Simon Janik, Michael Langel and Tyler Mills all won their first collegiate singles match at the Hampton Roads Open.

The Owls' next match will be on Oct. 3-5 at the Ga. Tech Fall Invitational.



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Palider wins D flight title in Virginia

The women's tennis team conquered a pair of matches in doubles play on Fri., Sept. 26 during the first day of the Old Dominion University's Hampton Roads Open in Norfolk, Va. The Owls combination of freshmen Alena Sergeychik and Mackenzie Swindall presented the best performance of the day by advancing to the C flight semifinals after yoking Morgan State's duo, 8-1.

Sergeychik and Swindall's winning stint came to an end after losing to Campbell University's couple 8-4 in the semifinals. "We need to do a better job of recovering so we can be more ready in the future. I hope that our singles play is even stronger than the doubles that we played today," said head coach Brandon Padgett.

Sophomore Agatha Palider was the most impressive Owl on Sun., Sept. 28, winning the D flight front draw title at the Old Dominion University Hampton Roads Open. Palider faced teammate Courtney Cox in the finals, only to beat her 6-3 and 6-1 to claim her title in the D flight front draw.

The Owls will continue action at the Queen City Invitational in Cincinnati, Ohio on Oct. 3-5.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country finishes strong at RunFit Invitational

The men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Macon, Ga. on Sat., Sept. 27 for the RunFit Invitational. The men's team, led by sophomore Steven Murray, finished in fourth place while sophomore Mackenzie Howe commanded the women's team to a second place finishing.

Murray finished in 15th place in the men's 8,000 meter race with a time of 26:07. Howe recorded a time of 17:55 in the women's 5,000m race for the invitational's second best time.

Both teams will compete in the Auburn University Invitational for their next event on Sat., Oct. 4.