

Greeks hold marrow testing drive to find match for KSU student

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Greeks at KSU hosted one of the largest single-day bone marrow testing drives on Oct. 15 in the Student Center, in order to find a match for KSU freshman John Moseley. Members of Greek Life organized the testing drive, which went from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center, in order to find a match for John Moseley, a new member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Over 500 people, including students from other colleges, attended the event, joining the National Marrow Donor Program’s registry and agreeing to donate should they match someone on the registry.

Moseley is battling aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder that leaves bone marrow unable to produce enough blood-forming stem cells, causing fatigue and susceptibility to infection, among other symptoms, according to the Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation (AA&MDSIF). Moseley is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Kappa Sigma member Dale Falk began a Facebook group titled “Courage: A Campaign for John Moseley,” which had 2,635 members at press time, to raise awareness about Moseley’s condition and communicate information about upcoming events and fundraisers for the campaign. “John’s one of the best guys I’ve ever

met and really has been an inspiration to myself as well as our chapter and half of Kennesaw State, it seems. John has one of the biggest hearts I’ve ever seen in a person. He’s also got a strong-willed mind and represents our letters well,” said Falk. Each bone marrow testing cost \$25 for Caucasians and was free for each minority, due to the extreme need for minorities in the registry. For each minority tested, one Caucasian was tested for free. BullFrogz Restaurant and Bar and Texas Roadhouse gave portions of their sales on various nights to the campaign to help offset the cost of testing. T-shirts are also being sold for \$10 on the Facebook group to aid in the campaign.

“Really, John’s the epitome of a Kappa Sig, and when his family told me they wouldn’t allow any fundraising to go to them but instead to the AAMDS Foundation, I knew there was work to be done. He told me that even if they couldn’t find a match for him, he was in this campaign to find someone out there a match,” said Falk, who added that he “definitely could not have pulled all this off...without some of the girls from Phi Mu and Delta Phi Epsilon.” On Thursday, all door sales at Opera Nightclub in Atlanta from 9 to 10 p.m. will go to the campaign. Other fundraisers are also being planned and will be announced on the campaign’s Facebook group.

• **ALCOHOL from front page**
We’re not telling people not to drink, but encouraging them to drink responsibly,” Davis said. “This week also provides an outlet for students to tell stories about how alcohol has negatively affected people’s lives.” Austin, who manned the NCAAW information table with Davis, encourages students to participate in Walktoberfest, a one-mile walking event on Tuesday. “Stores like Wal-Mart and Target donated gift cards, and we will also have meal coupons to give away as

prizes,” Austin said. The information station will be set up throughout NCAAW in the Student Center Atrium in the first floor of the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Students who wish to commit to drinking safely and responsibly may sign a pledge wall, and others may pick up brochures about the affects of alcohol abuse or cards with phone numbers of cab services that can be attached to a keyring. Recipes for nonalcoholic mixers

may also be picked up at the information table, and samples of Virgin Mai Tais will be offered periodically throughout the week. Registration for Walktoberfest will begin at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and the walk will begin at 12:30. ThinkFast!, an interactive audience-response trivia game, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Social Science Building classroom 1021. The winning ThinkFast! Team will receive a \$200 cash prize.

• **ENVIRONMENT from front page**
The science-emphasis track teaches students to understand the environment and the effects of humans on it. This track is heavily science based with courses in biology, chemistry and policy. What can students do with this degree? “Lots of things, because environmental jobs are becoming more common, and students who have a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies with an environmental focus have a number of jobs that they can get, not

only with organizations such as park services, but with businesses who need environmental consultants,” said Davis. “Folks can apply this degree to ecology or any industry that has an ecological basis, whether it’s Department of Transportation or a forest service or U.S. geological service or whether its legislative action,” said Hedeon. Hedeon also says that students taking the policy track can work for an environmental non-profit organization and

students in the science can work for environmental research firms. There have been 25 environmental studies majors to date with the hopes that the program will continue to grow. “The expectation is that if enough students sign on in a couple of years, we’ll go down to the Board of Regents and say we would like an actual, full degree in this area,” said Hedeon. If students are interested in this program, email Dr. Davis at ldavis@kennesaw.edu or Dr. Ed Chan at echan@kennesaw.edu.

College hopefuls take to sabotaging fellow applicants

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In the competition to get into the most selective colleges, some students and their parents are resorting to a tasteless tactic: bashing other applicants. The letters, mailed to college admissions offices, typically arrive without a signature. They say that rival applicants cheated on exams or got suspended for underage drinking. Sometimes, they include an unflattering newspaper clipping or a sly suggestion to check out pictures on a student’s Facebook page. At Northwestern University, one letter was written in crayon. “I guess they thought we couldn’t trace it if it were in crayon,” said Christopher Watson, Northwestern’s dean of undergraduate admission. “The grammar was too good to be a little

kid. ... We see everything. Nothing shocks us anymore.” This year’s high school seniors should plan for another year of fierce competition to get into the most elite colleges and universities. The number of high school graduates is expected to peak at about 3.3 million this year, with more of them choosing to attend college. And if a recent discussion on a listserv for college admissions professionals and high school counselors is any indication, the competition could lead to some shocking behavior. The e-mail exchange began with a simple query: “I just heard a horrific story from one of my students, and I wanted to see if there is any validity in it,” Sue Moller, a high school guidance counselor on Long Island, New York, posted on a message board for the National Association for College Admission Counseling. She wrote that a student told her that parents were writing let-

ters about the “bad” conduct of other students “to help the chances of their student gaining admission.” She asked whether any of the college officials had received such letters. She wasn’t expecting much of a response, but got more than a dozen replies. “This is a lot deeper than I thought it was when I posted this silly question. You should have seen me running around the office saying, ‘You won’t believe this one,’” Moller said. “I can’t believe how widespread it is.” College admissions officials said they do not track how many of these letters, calls or e-mails they receive, and said they are unsure whether they’re getting more of them. But with competition fiercer than ever, and technology making it easier to communicate, several experts said they wouldn’t be surprised to see more of this behavior. “If it is more competitive than before,

then perhaps more of it is going on,” said Bill Fitzsimmons, Harvard’s admissions dean. “People are willing to lie in order to do better in what they consider to be a difficult competition.” Fueling the behavior, in part, may be the perception that the competition is toughest among applicants from the same high school, perhaps leading some families to target classmates. “People think if they disadvantage one student, it may advantage theirs,” said Stacey Kostell, director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Illinois. She said the university has received anonymously sent newspaper articles about applicants’ criminal activities. Fitzsimmons and several other officials said anonymous allegations typically get thrown in the trash. If the letters include specific allegations or a newspaper article detailing criminal activity, officials might follow-up with a call to the applicants or their high schools.

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The evening of Thurs. Oct. 9, police were dispatched to an elevator in University village in reference to an emergency phone hang up. While en route, an officer recognized a male subject from a previous incident standing in front of the elevator. The subject had been given a criminal trespass warning from KSU Housing in that previous incident, and was

On Fri. Oct. 17, the University Village Suites lobby was cordoned off with police tape early in the morning. An intoxicated non-student visitor exited the University Village building and realized he was locked out. In attempting to gain reentry, he broke the glass in the door, and in the process cut his hand. Since the University Village Suites has a 24-hour desk attendant, he went to that facility seeking assistance. The visitor was treated and has been released from the hospital.

Any updates to the meal plan will be posted on the culinary services Web site at www.kennesaw.edu/dining. Questions regarding the meal plan can be sent via e-mail to culinary-services@kennesaw.edu.

The Economic Summit was held in the KSU Center at 3333 Busbee Parkway.

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WHO ARE YOU? Your labels are showing

There is something about the ways we have been collectively talking about people in this country which bothers me. It actually started for me some time ago when, after having used it more times than I could possibly count, I actually paused to think about the meaning of the phrase “soccer mom.” I know that having read it you now have a picture in your mind--it might even be a picture of yourself. So let me ask you to take a moment and fill in some of the details. Is the soccer mom blonde or brunette? Is she driving an SUV or a mini-van? Does she like diet soda or water? Or is she, just maybe, none of the above?

Over the last few weeks we have had several identities batted around: hockey moms, Joe Six-pack (unless we’re talking about the registered trademark), Wal-Mart moms, and even Joe the Plumber. Okay, maybe he is a real person, but, at the same time, is

that what has been presented to us? We’ve been given his thoughts on a few political issues in hopes that we might decide that he represents something in common with us, but how well do any of us know him? Do we know him comprehensively? Know what he likes on his pizza, or who he admired as a kid? Is it possible for us to really know him? And if the answer is no, as it should be, then can we really know what it means to be a hockey mom? I mean, if we can’t fully know a real person, how can we possibly know a stereotype? This is one of the important questions of group

identity, and it points to a reason that we need to be very careful about the way group identity is used.

Consider again that soccer mom. What does her identity as a soccer mom tell us about her other than that she has children? Do we know what she thinks about bailing out the banks? Can her membership in a stereotype tell us anything about who she thinks would make a good Supreme Court Justice? Does it even tell us what party she sympathizes with? But maybe you think that’s unfair; after all, she is just

an abstraction. So let me ask you some more personal questions.

Are you a Joe Six-pack? What exactly does that mean? Does it include my taste for foreign beer? Does it mean you can’t ever go for a martini instead? Does it include some kind of dress code that encourages jeans and discourages sports coats? Or is it an over-simplification, a stereotype used to either rope you into some kind of group-think, or to concentrate entire groups of people into easily explained classes? Those people over there do that thing I hate because they are a bunch of [insert stereotype here]. I should vote for the Democrat because he understands us [insert group identity here].

But we also need to take a moment to carefully consider all of the other identities we so readily adopt. Are you a Republican? Does that mean you completely agree with every Republican



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policy initiative, or whatever platform John McCain is running on? Is it possible that “being Republican” is just a convenient way of describing in very broad terms a handful of your own beliefs? What are some of the other labels you carry, things you think you “are,” and what would it mean to start questioning them, other than to possibly set you free from their contradictions?

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The Big-Government Consensus

It was only twelve years ago that Bill Clinton claimed “We will meet these challenges, not through big government. The era of big government is over.” Today, we hear a much different story. George W. Bush defended his administration’s plan to take equity in banks for the first time since the Great Depression by claiming that it was “not intended to take over the free market, but to preserve it.” John Maynard Keynes couldn’t have said it better himself.

In a column last week, newly minted Nobel Laureate Paul Krugman declared, “It’s politically fashionable to rant against government spending and demand fiscal responsibility. But right now, increased government spending is just what the doctor ordered, and concerns about the budget deficit should be put on hold.”

As for the Presidential Candidates? Barack Obama was recently in hot water over telling “Joe the Plumber” that he

was going to “spread the wealth around.” Combine this with his plans for billions in new spending and welfare handouts (40% of the 95% of Americans getting a tax cut don’t pay income tax) disguised as “tax credits” and it’s clearly obvious he plans on doubling down on big government.

John McCain bought into the bailout, which he deemed as “rescue” and doesn’t seem too serious about reforming spending and entitlements outside earmarks and special interest money. Just as troubling, McCain has a soft spot for his favorite President, Teddy Roosevelt. Teddy might have had an R next to his name, but he was an early twentieth-century progressive who believed in a graduated income tax and a form of universal health care.

Relative to many in his party, McCain is a beacon of light for fiscal responsibility and fighting corruption. Take Saxby Chambliss for example. Earlier

this year, Chambliss fought for a farm bill loaded with subsidies for farmers, even those making as much as \$750,000 per year. Surprisingly, even George W. Bush thought this was too much and said he would only sign a bill that lowered the cap to \$200,000 a year. (In the end, Bush vetoed the bill and was overridden by Saxby and the rest of Congress’ full supporting the give-away to rich farmers.) But during his current re-election campaign, Saxby still calls himself a “small-government conservative” even after the farm bill and his highly controversial vote on the bailout.

With only fourteen days left before the elections, it’s clear that Democrats will likely hold a large majority in the House, might have a filibuster-proof majority in Senate, and will have the Presidency as well. One can be sure that Obama, Reid, and Pelosi won’t call the era of big government over, but instead that will proclaim it has just begun.

It is an irony that public policy

in that in America is becoming closer to Europe while countries such as France are trying to become more like us, or at least, us as we used to be.

But the consensus is going global as the financial crisis squeezes the economies of some of our closest partners. In Japan, the Communist Party is on the rise. Britain’s Telegraph reported that “New recruits are signing up at the rate of 1,000 a month, swelling its ranks to more than 415,000. Meanwhile a classic proletarian novel is at the top of the best-seller lists, and communist-themed manga comics are enjoying soaring success.”

There are some places where reality forces tough decisions to cut back government during times of economic turmoil. Hawaii had to end its seven-month-old universal child care program because of financial constraints. “People who were already able to afford health care began to stop paying for it so they could get it for free,” said Dr. Kenny Fink,



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administrator for Med-QUEST at the Department of Human Services. “I don’t believe that was the intent of the program.” But just because there is consensus doesn’t mean things have to get out of control. What we can do as citizens and taxpayers is the same thing that the late William F. Buckley did when he launched the first issue of National Review, on November 19, 1955. We must be the people and the country that “stands athwart history, yelling Stop.”



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Government is to solution as disaster is to waiting to happen

This past week I asked that “since the government caused the problem with the mortgage industry didn’t it follow that they should fix the problem?” At first, that seems like it would be the correct premise; after all, didn’t mom teach us that if you drop it, pick it up; if you break it, fix it? And, probably the most important lesson mom taught us was: do not borrow money you cannot pay back because Louie from the store will collect either his cash or your kneecaps. Maybe that was just the economic reality in my neighborhood.

If a four-year-old runs loose in a crystal store, something is going to break. And it is usually something expensive. Would you let a four-year-old glue the Waterford Crystal Champagne Flute back together after he knocked them from the display case? No, you would take the child as far from the store as possible and wonder why you allowed the little whirl-

ing dervish loose in the store in the first place.

The feds are just a larger, smellier version of the four-year-old, and our economy is the crystal flute. Like petulant children, the feds decided they were going to bail out their Wall Street masters, and nothing you and I said would make a difference. Don’t believe me? Consider this: Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) voted for the handout despite the 85,000 calls and emails from her constituents pleading with her to “just say no.” According to Feinstein, the 85,000 were ‘confused’ and ‘didn’t understand’ the situation. Feinstein and every other senator and representative who voted for this bail forgot their job is to represent the will of the people. In Feinstein’s case, she did not even entertain the possibility that one or two of those 85,000 constituents might know a trifle more than she about economics. Neither did the other Wall

Street puppies, including the big lap dogs Barack Obama and John McCain.

Over 200 economists from schools as diverse as MIT, the London Business School and Harvard University, among others, sent a letter to Congress decrying the rush to bail out Wall Street. Chief among their reasons against the handout was a reminder that the inherent risk of investing in risky investments is...well, risk. When the feds subsidize investor risk at the cost of the taxpayers, they remove risk from the equation and reward unwise choices.

Another reason the economists were against the handout was its ambiguity: the bill did not define a specific oversight group, nor did it contain any discussion on how the feds would determine purchasing decisions of troubled assets. In other words, the economists wanted the bill to contain the two qualities rarely found in

politicians: responsibility and rationality.

Finally, the economists asked that the feds consider the long-term effects that such a bill would have on future generations. They (the economists) rightly pointed out that the system has worked well (up to this point) to give the U.S. “unparalleled prosperity,” and that the handout would weaken the markets “in order to calm short-run disruptions.” In other words, let the risk takers fail and the market will correct itself.

It was not that the economists did not want any action; they just wanted a carefully-considered response. Unfortunately, the economists’ letter only contained logic and rationality—not millions of dollars in contributions like letters from Wall Street leaders contain. As expected, the feds acted like a tart on a Saturday night—logic might be handsome, but cash gets the action.



TONY SARRECCHIA
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My answer to the government fixing the problem in question is “no.” I don’t believe the feds are capable of fixing any problem without causing three more problems for each solution. November 4 is coming up soon. If your congressman voted for the handout, vote them out.

Like what you read? Hate it? Let’s talk about it Tuesday night on ksuradio.com at 8:30 p.m.

Ways to be green

As our world changes, so will the way we live in it. What will happen when we run out of oil, since most of our world is run by it? We need to know what smart differences we can make to our lifestyles in order to help. Although many know some ways to conserve energy and help the environment while also saving money, some still don’t know common ways to help and save.

One way to help conserve energy and save money on your electric bill is to use fluorescent bulbs in your most-used fixtures instead of incandescent bulbs. The reason for this is not only do fluorescent bulbs outlast up to 13 incandescent bulbs, but they also typically cost 8 to 12 times less. Also 90% of the energy consumed by incandescent bulbs is wasted heat, which causes them to be hot to the touch and very unsafe.

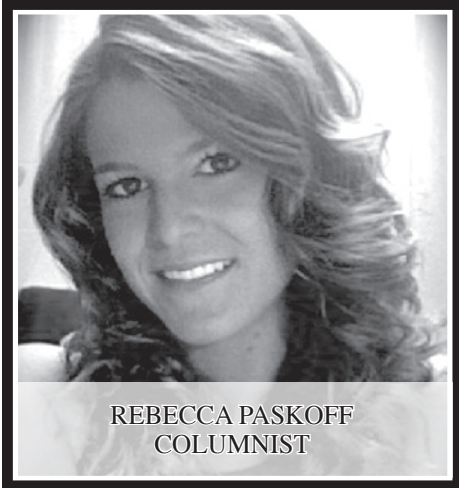
Do you use a lot of water in your home? First, you’ll need to determine whether or not you have a showerhead that uses more than 2.5 gallons per minute. If so, order low-flow showerheads. This not only helps conserve

water, but also puts money in your pocket. Hot water is also very costly because it uses energy to make the water warm. Buying a faucet aerator for the faucets you use the most is an inexpensive way to conserve heat and water while keeping water pressure high.

One of my favorite ways to be green is to get rid of all my old gadgets and get some money for them. There are many places that take things like cell phones and other tech toys. Some sites I would visit are: “Gazell,” “Cell for Cash” and even Office Depot. These sites are trying to keep toxic technologies out of the landfills and safely recycle them.

The one item people really need to stop buying is bottled water. Not only is it extremely expensive compared to filtered water, but also it generates tons of container waste because it is not biodegradable. We need to start carrying aluminum reusable water bottles to work or while traveling and use filtered water in the home.

A way of staying green that I just recently learned is that you can save



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money and help the world’s health and yours by making your own non-toxic cleaning products. You can do this by simply mixing products like baking soda, lemon, soap, and vinegar. Doing this will save money, time, packaging and the indoor air quality of your home.

These are just some of the many ways you can help the environment and your wallet. The sooner we start making these changes together, the better it will be.

Storybook love:is it for everyone?

In the tragedy, “Romeo and Juliet,” mutuality and devotion are the main characteristics of Shakespeare’s ideal love. He portrays lovers making sacrifices in order to be together, even if it means forsaking things that are valuable to their existence, including their lives. It is the kind of love we all dream of and imagine for ourselves one day but hate to admit it. We obsess over the characters in movies like “P.S. I love you,” “Titanic,” “The Notebook,” “Cinderella,” “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” and of course “Romeo and Juliet” (the Claire Danes one). We dream of one day feeling that love from someone and for someone that is absolutely ground breaking. If one thing can be said to be common among all people, it is the desire to love and to be loved and there is no other desire that is shared by everyone the world over. Some people want to change the world while others don’t care. Some make life into one big sports analogy while others believe that sports are for power hungry, macho males. Some strive for aesthetic purity by fasting; others are forever eating to cover up deeper issues. But the desire to be loved is the one common thread, and even the hermit cannot ignore his wish to be a meaningful component in some scheme beyond himself. Is that love, however, in the stars for everyone? Does each person deserve it? Is every love as true as the love Shakespeare writes about?

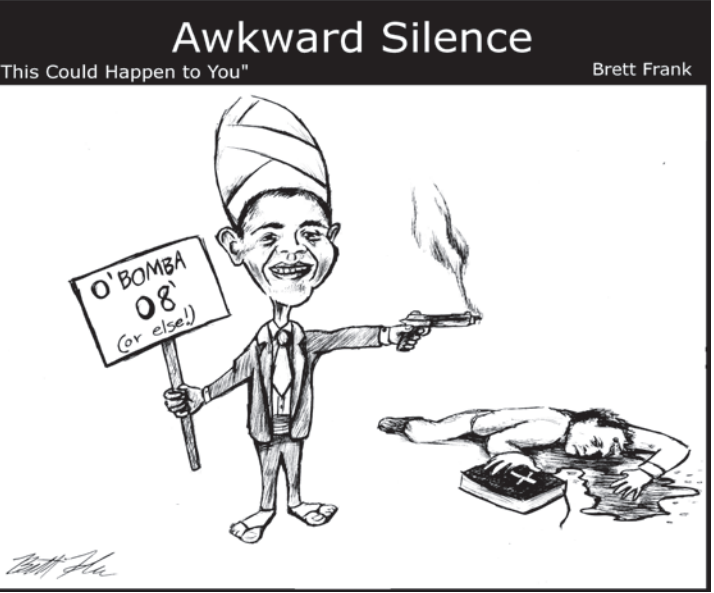
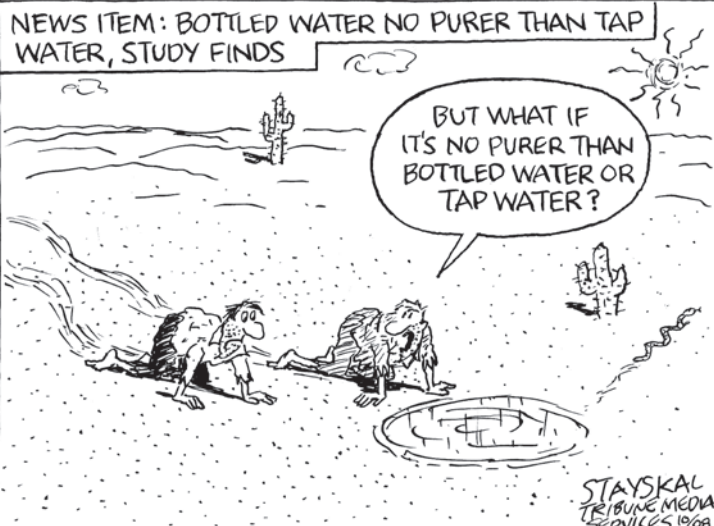
We all play the game because that makes the chase more fun but you don’t see Rose and Jack waiting in their stay rooms on the Titanic for the other to call. Nor do you see Holly Golightly in “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” posting pictures on Facebook of her nights out on the town



JENNIFER COOK
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with the opposite sex to make Paul “Fred” Varjak jealous, yet we really believe that is how the whole charade works. I like to think I attract the Romeo-like dreamers but the males I typically fall head-over-heels for generally would not make the first cut for a romantic novel, much less a movie. In comparison, my type would drink strait whiskey from the bottle; instead of a fight to the death with shiny armor, my type would pick a fight in a bar in a wrinkled polo; and instead of riding in like a prince with flowers on a white horse, my type picks me up in a oversized gas-guzzling pick-up truck which I have found is usually compensating for something.

The Shakespearean love that lasts forever is the honest kind that is not always comfortable or convenient, but it is never second guessed and always put first. That kind of love is rare; not everyone is capable of finding it, and truthfully, not everyone deserves it. Only the ones who seek it out and do not allow any inhibitions to get in the way will find the undying love we read about in books. There is no love more true than that of Romeo and Juliet and we can only hope we could experience the same. “One fairer than my love? The all-seeing sun Ne’er saw her match since first the world begun.” - William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet, 1.2



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Where they stand

You’ve seen the campaign ads and, perhaps, even watched a debate. But what are the presidential candidates really about? Here, we look at where John McCain and Barack Obama stand on some of the major issues facing the nation.

By David Lightman, McClatchy Newspapers

		
BARACK OBAMA	ISSUE	JOHN MCCAIN
Sees most subsidies as “safety net” against “the unpredictable dynamics of weather and markets.” Somewhat more skeptical of free trade agreements, saying there must be protection for American workers. Opposed Central American and South Korean Free Trade pacts.	AGRICULTURE	Wants to dramatically tighten subsidy payments to wealthy farmers. Has opposed some programs to promote sale of agricultural products. Big backer of free trade pacts, saying they open more markets for American farmers.
Promotes a “zero to five” plan that would give grants to states to help pre-schoolers learn and develop. Also would double charter school funding and revamp the assessment system used to track student progress under the No Child Left Behind program.	EDUCATION	Would one create “Centers of Excellence” in each state to assure that pre-kindergarten children get quality care and education. Defines public education as a system “in which our public support for a child’s education follows that child into the school the parent chooses.”
Proposes a “hemispheric security initiative” aimed at combating gangs, drug trafficking and criminal activity. Would allow unlimited Cuban-American family travel and tell any post-Fidel Castro government that if it takes strong steps toward democracy — starting with freeing all political prisoners — the U.S. is ready to take steps to normalize relations.	CUBA/LATIN AMERICA	Will keep the Cuban embargo in place until Cuba releases all political prisoners unconditionally; legalizes all political parties, labor unions and free media; and schedules elections. Promises to strengthen ties to other countries in the region as long as countries “share our values.”
Redeploy one to two brigades a month, so combat troops would be out by summer of 2010. Would leave behind an unspecified number of American troops to provide security for U.S. interests, and train and advise Iraqi forces.	IRAQ	Says it would be a “grave mistake” to leave before al-Qaida is defeated. Believes the U.S. troop surge is working and sets no firm timetables for U.S. withdrawal. Expects U.S. combat involvement to end by 2013.
Would engage in “direct presidential diplomacy with Iran without preconditions.” If Iran abandons its nuclear program and backing of terrorism, Obama would allow membership in the World Trade Organization and economic aid. If Iran is uncooperative, “we will step up our economic pressure and political isolation.”	IRAN	Says this is not the time for “unconditional” dialogue with Iranian leaders. Instead, the U.S. must “bolster its regional military posture to make clear to Iran our determination to protect our forces and deter Iranian intervention.”
Says, “Our first and inconvertible commitment in the Middle East must be to the security of Israel.” Strongly supports Israel’s right to self-defense.	MIDDLE EAST/ISRAEL	Encourages peace talks with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, but warns, “we must also ensure that Israelis can live in safety until there is a Palestinian leadership willing and able to deliver peace.” Considers himself a strong supporter of Israel and its right to self-defense.
Backed the “path to citizenship” plan. Wants to create a system to make it easier for employers to verify whether workers are legally in this country, and has supported efforts to keep immigrant families together.	IMMIGRATION	Led Senate efforts to establish a “path to citizenship” for people in the country illegally. During the campaign, he has stressed the need for border security first after conservatives criticized his stance.
Would make it easier for modest-income veterans to get health care, and revamp the current benefits system by hiring more claims workers and training them more effectively. Would also recruit more mental health professionals and improve screening of veterans.	VETERANS	Long-time supporter of more money for veterans’ health programs. Wants to give more pay to veterans’ physicians, make veterans eligible for many veterans’ health programs even after they are eligible for Medicare and guarantee benefits to veterans exposed to radiation.
Would require insurers to cover pre-existing conditions “so all Americans, regardless of their health status or history, can get comprehensive benefits” at reasonable prices. Small businesses would get tax credits to help make coverage affordable to employees.	HEALTH CARE	Would encourage competition by providing health care tax credits of \$2,500 for individuals and \$5,000 for families to offset the cost of coverage. Would work with states to create a “Guaranteed Access Plan” for people having trouble getting insurance. Would have government promote more walk-in access to clinics in retail areas.
Says he is “considering plans that would ask those making over \$250,000 to pay in the range of 2 to 4 percent more.” Would also close the “doughnut hole” in the Medicare prescription program and end subsidies to the Medicare Advantage program.	SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	Says he “supports supplementing the current Social Security system with personal accounts — but not as a substitute for addressing benefit promises that cannot be kept.” Says the program needs a bipartisan fix, but has ruled out any new taxes. Says Medicare badly needs better costs controls.
Would reduce carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050 with a market-based cap and trade system. Would begin by establishing annual targets, and mandate reducing emissions to 1990 levels by 2020.	ENVIRONMENT	Backs a phased-in emissions reduction system that would bring emissions levels down to 2005 levels by 2012. By 2050, they would be 60 percent below 1990 levels. Would create a cap and trade system for major polluters, though small businesses would be exempt.
Would significantly increase fuel efficiency standards; allow offshore oil drilling in limited instances; provide a \$1,000 emergency energy tax rebate to families; and work toward assuring 10 percent of all electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, growing to 25 percent by 2025.	ENERGY	Offers a \$300 million prize to improve battery technology that would lead to development of plug-in hybrids or fully electric cars. Would promote building 45 new nuclear power plants by 2030. Supports offshore oil drilling unless an individual state objects.
Allow most 2001 and 2003 income tax cuts for individuals earning more than \$200,000 and families making more than \$250,000 to expire on Jan. 1, 2011. Leave others’ cuts in place, and also provide a “Making Work Pay” tax credit of \$500 per person or \$1,000 per working family.	TAXES	Would make most 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, due to expire Jan. 1, 2011, permanent. Also wants to cut the corporate tax rate, now 35 percent, to 25 percent.
Wants to take a fresh look at the North American Free Trade Agreement, saying it was “oversold” to Americans. Would put new pressure on the World Trade Organization to enforce agreements, and end tax breaks for companies that send jobs overseas.	TRADE	Calls himself an enthusiastic free trader, and says the U.S. “should engage in multilateral, regional and bilateral efforts to reduce barriers to trade, level the global playing field and build effective enforcement of global trading rules.” Wants to overhaul unemployment insurance laws, and create a program to better retrain and relocate workers who have lost a job.
Would require the cost of any new program be offset by higher revenues, and vows to require more “disclosure and transparency” for earmarks. Does not specify how he would substantially reduce the federal deficit.	DEFICIT	Says he will balance the budget by the end of his first term in 2013 with a combination of spending cuts and changes in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and by reducing spending as the Iraq war ends. Also vows to eliminate congressional earmarks. Experts are skeptical he can balance the budget, particularly since he wants to extend the tax cuts.
Would increase the size of the Army by 65,000 troops and the Marines by 27,000. Help the National Guard by giving it better equipment and more time off before being redeployed. Create a Military Families Advisory Board to “provide a conduit for military families’ concerns” to be brought to top military officials.	DEFENSE	A longtime member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, taxpayer watchdog groups have often praised him for criticizing waste and abuse in Pentagon spending. He would increase the size of the Army and Marine Corps, and reconfigure the services to reflect new global challenges. Generally opposes funding the military with “emergency” legislation.
Urged “aggressive diplomatic action” after Russia invaded Georgia. Generally, proposes a “comprehensive strategy” that includes “supporting democratic partners and upholding principles of sovereignty” throughout Europe and Asia. Wants to strengthen alliances “so that we deal with Russia with one, unified voice” and engage with Russia on “issues of mutual interest.”	RUSSIA	After Russia invaded Georgia, said, “We are all Georgians,” and has taken a hard line against Russia. Warned, “The impact of Russian actions goes beyond their threat to Democratic Georgia,” and urged multilateral pressure to get Russia to stop its aggression.

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The Wellness Center reminds students to take care of health

Programs and activities improve well being

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Think you know all that the Wellness Center has to offer? Think again! The Center for Health Promotion and Wellness, also known as the Wellness Center, is one of KSU’s most valuable resources, but many students remain unaware of its purpose and efforts. Although unaffiliated with the Health Clinic, the center’s goal is to improve the health and well being of students and employees through various programs, from nutrition counseling to peer education.

One of the center’s important events is Alcohol Awareness Week, which will run from Oct. 20 to Oct. 23. In Fall 2007, the American College Health Association, as a part of its National Collegiate Health Assessment, conducted a survey randomly selecting 507 KSU students. They found that four out of five students at KSU don’t drive after drinking alcohol, according to Sherry Grable, director of KSU’s Center for Health Promotion and Wellness. The weeklong event will promote

healthy decision making when it comes to alcohol use.

The Wellness Center gives students good counsel on nutrition, thanks to Kelly Schriver, a registered and licensed dietitian. Shriver administers assessments of students’ current eating habits, challenges, lifestyle, medical conditions and overall nutritional needs. The cost to you is nothing, but the advantages are numerous. If you were to go to a dietitian off campus it would cost you \$60 or more. On campus you will receive expert advice about losing or gaining weight, eating disorders and even get health conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes under control. Nutritional services also offers advice on how to avoid the ‘Freshman 15’ and help with vegan meal planning.

The WAVE Peer Health Education Program was created in Fall 2006 and has already achieved numerous accomplishments. Dacia Davis, the Coordinator for the Peer Health Education Program, is satisfied with the results and efforts of the program. There are currently 21 peer health

educators, and 11 in training. Students who join become certified peer educators with national recognition and develop skills in organization presentation, communication, education and group facilitation. Peer educators are a group of trained students who promote creative and interactive wellness and health education programs for their peers. “The student body finds it so much easier to listen and speak with peers than adults about health-related issues,” says Grable.

You don’t have to major in health and science to join the WAVE program; it’s for anyone and everyone who wants to boost their resume, gain knowledge about health related issues and, most importantly, be a positive role model for students of all ages.

“I think that college can be overwhelming. Students become caught up in the rush of class work, jobs and social life, so they forget to take care of themselves. The Wellness Center offers many resources to enable students to create a positive and healthy lifestyle that can help manage the challenges of

a hectic college life,” said Hope Hughes, a student majoring in public relations.

For students interested in maintaining a healthy weight, the Wellness Center offers Owl Watchers, an 8-week weight management program designed to provide participants with the coaching and tools needed to keep the weight off. Participants gain support from peers in creating a sustainable change in eating habits and increasing physical activity, and they can exchange recipes and tips for success. This is for those struggling with their body image.

Among the greatest health threats college students face is unprotected sex. The Wellness Center advises that guys wrap up, so to speak, and ladies stay strong. The Wellness Center provides condoms as a resource for students to protect themselves; the condoms, donated by the Health Clinic, are available at no cost, no questions asked—just stop in and pick them up.

On the public safety front, the Wellness Center has received the Georgia Governor’s Office Highway Safety Grant of \$18,000 for the second time. The grant is focused on reducing the number of traffic fatalities among 18 to 24-year-olds.

These are only a few of the many options the Wellness Center offers to help students and employees achieve a healthy mind and body. The main objective within the variety of programs offered is to promote a healthy lifestyle and help reduce lifestyle risk factors.

Students pay for these programs and should take advantage of them. The Wellness Center is housed in the WellStar College of Health and Human Services. The center’s hours of operation are Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Courtesy of The Wellness Center

David Ryan Adams—new name, old habits

Singer-songwriter loses voice (and fans) during concert

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STAFF WRITER

Last Friday night fans of David Ryan Adams and The Cardinals journeyed to the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Alpharetta, hoping that Ryan Adams, who now goes by his full name David Ryan Adams, would not give a disappointing performance. The altcountry/rock singer-songwriter has been known to stumble drunkenly off stage, curse at his fans and end shows without an encore. Adams has wrestled with alcohol and substance abuse, which critics suspected was the cause of some of his poor performances in the past.

In 2007 Adams told Pitchfork that he was clean and sober and trying to end his days as a hellraiser. The Atlanta fans that turned out Friday night to see the new and improved David Ryan Adams were hoping to see the artist at his best: when his personality takes a backseat and he lets the music speak for itself.

The show began strong with soulful selections from “Love Is Hell” and “Cold Roses”. Adams even appeased the audience by playing “Two,” the popular track from “Easy Tiger”. When the band strummed the first few chords of

Oasis’s “Wonderwall,” the crowd shouted their approval, eager to hear Adams’ eerie and melancholy interpretation of the track.

It was a surprise, then, when Adams announced that he was losing his voice. He apologized for sounding like “a Sudafed commercial,” and he said he would try to finish the set. If Adams was losing his voice, the crowd couldn’t tell and cheered for the band to continue with the show.

The music went on for two more songs. Then Adams insisted his voice was shot, and the musician led his band off the stage. They had played for one hour. The crowd booed and jeered, many shouting that they would never pay to see Adams and The Cardinals again. The house lights were turned on, indicating to the audience that the show was over and it was time to leave. But the crowd lingered: some finished the \$8 beers they purchased right before the concert’s abrupt finish, others insisted that Adams was coming back to finish the set.

A rep of the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater said she had no control over Adams’ decision and handed out a customer service number for the Amphitheater and TicketMaster.

more information on refunds. Since the band played for an hour, it is not likely that any refunds will be issued. Loyal fans may forgive the volatile artist and continue to support his music, but Adams and The Cardinals will no doubt be playing to a smaller crowd the next time their tour bus stops in Atlanta.

Fall Festival

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First-Year Advising Center Satellite Office



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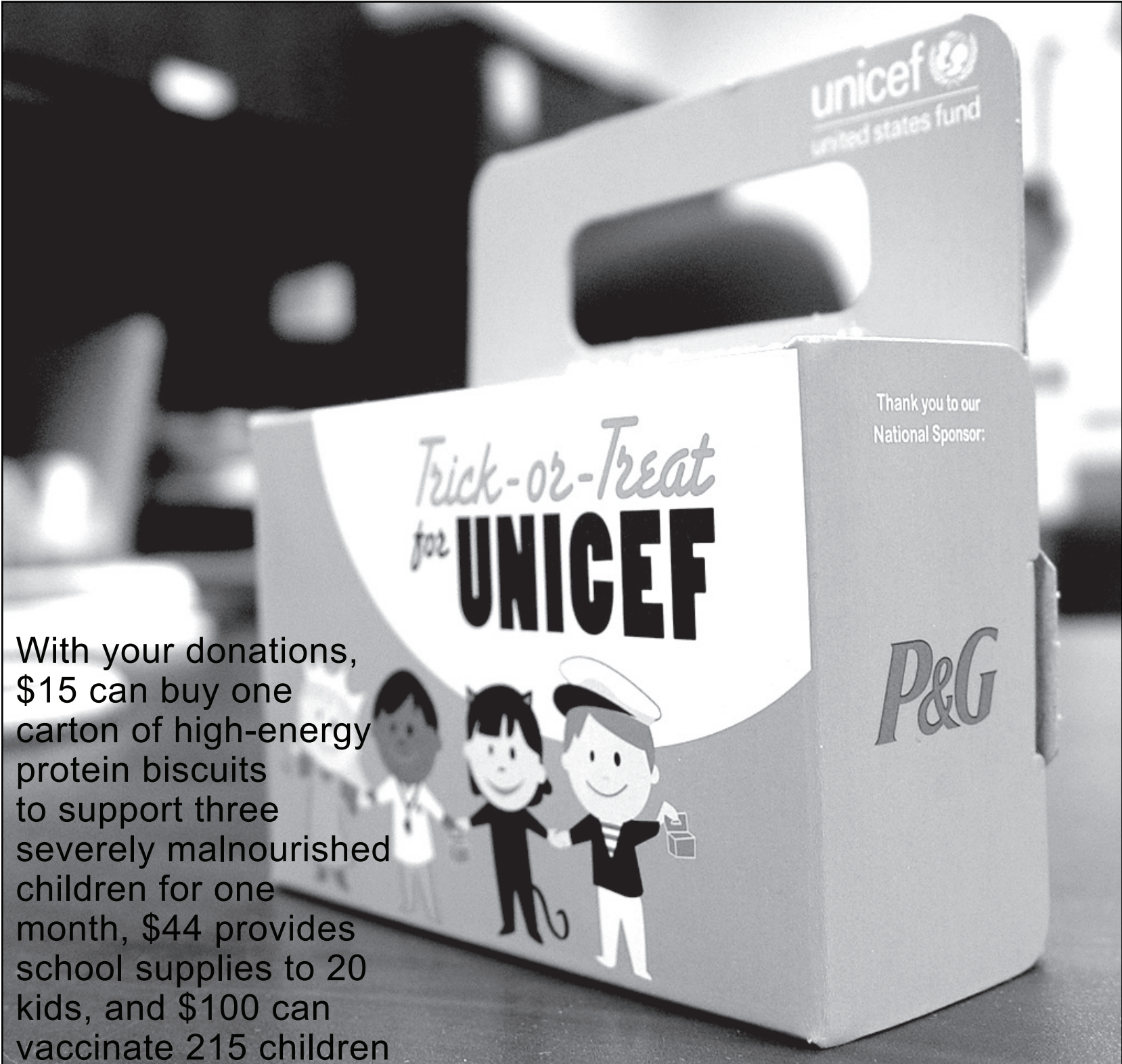
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Two ways to make Halloween count

Have fun, raise funds for children at the same time

NADIA ABDULAH
STAFF WRITER



With your donations, \$15 can buy one carton of high-energy protein biscuits to support three severely malnourished children for one month, \$44 provides school supplies to 20 kids, and \$100 can vaccinate 215 children against polio.

Maria Yanovsky | The Sentinel

How can costumes and orange boxes help save millions of lives this Halloween season? KSU students, faculty and staff have the chance to donate to two causes, the Good Society and KSU UNICEF.

First, the Seattle-based outfitter Good Society has partnered with Invisible Children and MySpace for a creative way to send aid to children in war-torn Uganda. By launching CostumeStudio.com, a Web site that offers 14,000 different costumes for sale, Good Society hopes to divert a large percentage of the money spent during the Halloween season. All proceeds will go toward the worldwide humanitarian aid. “Five billion dollars would feed over one hundred million starving children for an entire year,” said Fashion Director Quang Dinh.

Many musicians and celebrities are also teaming up with Good Society to support the cause, including the popular rock band Underoath and the award-winning alternative-hip-hop group Gym Class Heroes. “Right now, we’re removing the barrier of entry to doing good,” said CEO Salil Jain.

Also, this October marks the 58th anniversary of the “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF” program. Volunteers will carry orange “Trick-or-Treat” boxes to collect donations from Oct. 13-Nov. 5.

“This event has been created with the entire student body in mind. Everyone from a Kennesaw State student to professors and other faculty are encouraged to participate,” stated KSU UNICEF President Marie Engell-Jensen. “We want to have all different people to unite for one great cause: the UNICEF cause.”

The drive is not limited to KSU students and faculty. Jensen mentioned that anyone from an office employee to a teacher could place the orange box on his or her desk. With your donations, \$15 can buy one carton of high-energy protein biscuits to support three severely malnourished children for one month, \$44 provides school supplies to 20 kids and \$100 can vaccinate 215 children against polio.

Both Good Society and KSU UNICEF will help save children’s lives worldwide. If you plan to trick ‘er treat this year, why not see your costume fund go toward beneficial causes? Find more information at www.costumestudio.com and <http://inside.unicefusa.org/goto/unicefsku>.

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Today’s one-man band

Unknown Component does it all, and all’s well

JACOB MARTIN
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It used to be that a one-man band would load himself down with instruments and take to the streets to make music. He would have cymbals clapping at his knees and a drum like a weight on his back. He would move like some kind of fantastic animal and attract onlookers with his appearance as much as his sound.

Today’s one-man band is a much different musician. Take Keith Lynch, for example. Lynch, who writes and records his own material under the name Unknown Component, labors at home, not in the square. Much of what he does goes unseen, if not unheard. With painstaking care, Lynch layers track upon track—the way a painter layers color on a canvas—until the song in his mind emerges. When he has a collection of songs he likes, he puts out a CD. Since beginning Unknown Component five years ago, Lynch has been busy writing and recording, releasing at least one disc a year.

On Oct. 14, Lynch loosed his seventh effort, titled “In Direct Communication.” Like the true one-man band that he is, Lynch does it all: he sings and plays electric guitar, bass, keyboard and drums. The astonishing thing is that he does it all so well; there is no hint of amateurishness, despite the fact that Lynch does not have access to the high-end studios where the music industry’s big names record.

Although the ten songs on “In Direct Communication” are diverse, ranging from straight up rockers (“Identifying Interpretation”) to slower, reflective numbers (“On Your Mind”), they have one thing in common: they are all catchy. Lynch has a strong sense of melody, and his songs stay with the listener long after

the last notes fade. After listening to “In Direct Communication” a few times, I found certain songs, such as the opening track, “Into the Sun,” lingering in my head. When music hangs around like that, it can be annoying—everyone knows the irritation caused by a bubblegum pop song that just won’t go away—but not in the case of Lynch’s tunes, which stick without being sticky sweet.

The main difference between Lynch’s smart-pop and today’s top-40 radio is the lyrical content. While the majority of mainstreamers sing of nothing but relationships gone (or going) bad, Lynch questions the reliability of the information we receive and the difficulty of discerning the truth, the nature of which seems to depend on who happens to be telling it at the moment. In “Into the Sun,” he sings, “Full of doubt, I can hardly tell the difference now, who has won/It’s about the confusion in the messages now, who has won”. Sometimes, his lyrics have the heft of poetry, as in “Somewhere a Light Has Gone Out”: “The coldest courtyard in the east, where gravity is a disease/There’s a road to a boat made of plastic ambition and gold/Someone is tearing you down, somewhere a light has gone out I know”.

But before Lynch can drift too far into the metaphysical—in his non-musical life, he is a Philosophy major at the University of Iowa who cites Schopenhauer and Nietzsche as influences on his work—his melodies, simple and strong, bring him back to earth. His voice has an earthy quality, actually; Lynch can sound like Texas troubadour Butch Hancock at times and singer-songwriter Freedy Johnston at others. Like both Hancock and Johnston, Lynch has a gift for penning memorable music that should move him from the realm of unknown to well known—good news for today’s one-man band.

CD Review

For some Iraqis returning to their neighborhoods, ‘home means death’



CORINNE REILLY
MCT

Haj Ali’s family had been home for less than a month when a makeshift bomb blew off part of his garage. The message was clear: Go back to wherever you came from.

Two years ago, when Sunni Muslims began killing Shiites in Ali’s west Baghdad neighborhood, he quickly gathered a few belongings and fled. Last month, his family returned home. They didn’t stay long.

“We thought it was safe,” Ali said. “Now I see that for us, home means death. There are still people who don’t want us there.”

Only a small fraction of the roughly 5 million Iraqis who have fled their neighborhoods in fear since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion have returned, although returns have picked up since the Iraqi government last month began urging people home.

In Baghdad, where most of the sectarian cleansing has taken place, about 8 percent of the people who moved within the country have gone back to their neighborhoods, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Many Iraqi families have returned to their old homes in peace, but a disturbing trend already is emerging: They’re being targeted and attacked, and in some cases killed, for returning to their homes. Some returnees have been threatened. Others have found explosives tied to their front doors. Some have had their homes blown up.

The trend, along with an uptick in sectarian

and ethnic violence in northern Iraq and growing tensions among rival Shiite factions in the south, is a worrisome development for American political and military leaders who are increasingly eager to declare victory and begin withdrawing more U.S. troops from Iraq in order to send more forces to Afghanistan.

Sectarian cleansing has helped to reduce the violence in Iraq to a four-year low, but the small number of returnees who’ve been targeted could be a warning that the violence could return, too.

“There are insurgents still remaining on all sides who don’t want the situation to improve,” said Bassim al-Hassani, a member of the Iraqi parliament’s committee on displacement. “So they are targeting a few to send a message to many.”

At least a few families coming home to Baghdad and Diyala province have been killed, an Oct. 1 study by the IOM reported. American commanders in several parts of the capital said the homes of some returnees have been targeted with explosives.

“It’s not happening every day, but it is happening,” said Army Capt. Dave Lombardo from Kennesaw, Ga., the commander of the 4th Infantry Division’s Troop B, 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Hood, Texas, who oversees Baghdad’s Khadraa neighborhood. “It’s usually explosives taped up to people’s front gates. It’s an intimidation tactic.”

In Ghazaliyah, a west Baghdad neighborhood where about 250 families have come home since Sept. 1, attacks on returnees are carried out or attempted about twice a week, said Lt. Col. John Hermeling, a native of Green Bay, Wis., the commander of the 1st Squadron, 75th Cavalry Regiment from Fort Campbell, Ky.

In southern Ghazaliyah, an area once dominated by Sunni insurgents and al-Qaida in Iraq, Shiite families have come home to makeshift bombs, military officials said. A few returnees’ houses have been blown up, and at least one returnee has been killed, a Shiite who was gunned down in a drive-by shooting.

In other neighborhoods, returnees have been kidnapped, said Mazin al-Ajaili, the head of the Baghdad city council’s displacement committee.

“We are hearing of people coming home and finding letters with a bullet tucked in, or they find messages written on their doors,” Ajaili said. “Sometimes one family member is killed so the rest will leave again.”

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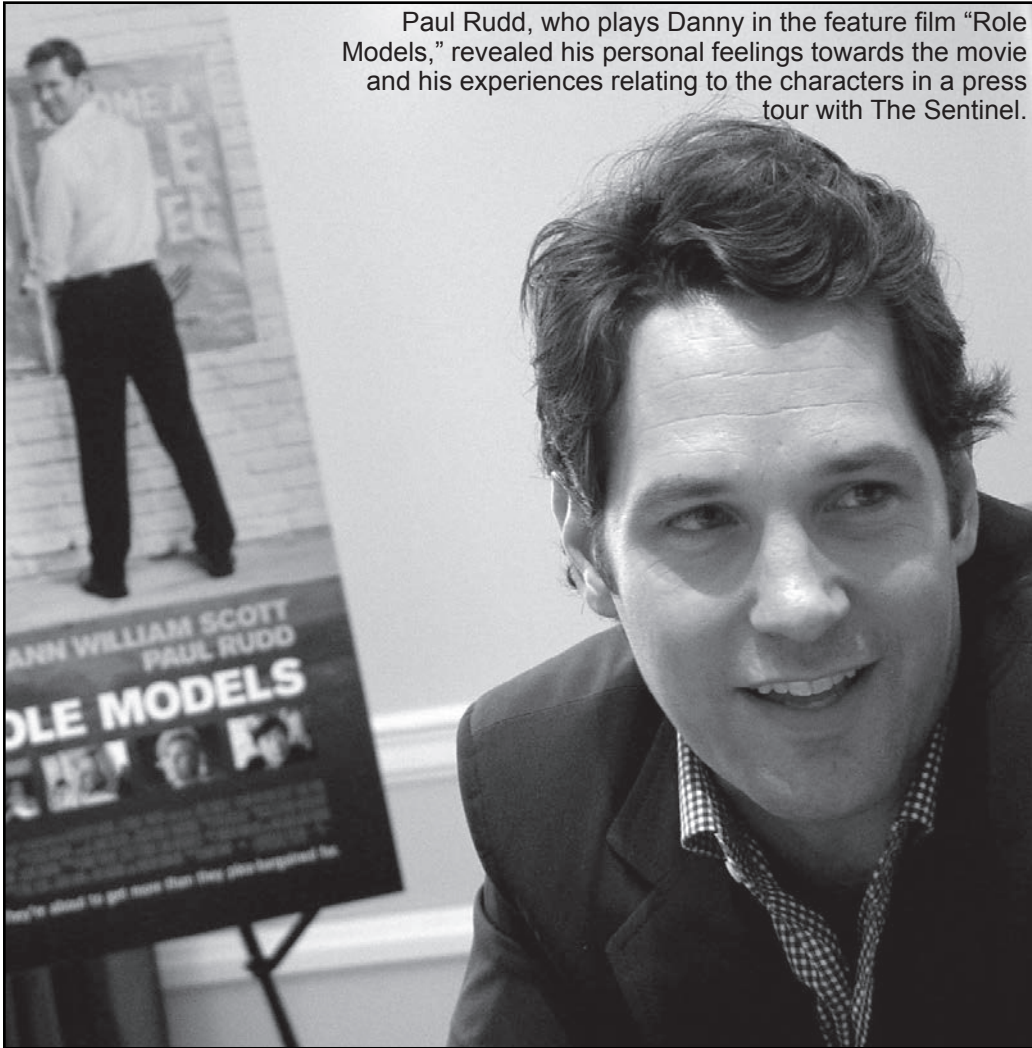
Movie Review

Upcoming comedy shows appeal to babysitting misfits

MARIA YANOVSKY
LAYOUT SPECIALIST

I'm most critical when it comes to comedies because compared to other genres, they are easy to make successful. And they are plen-

tiful and enjoyed for the dumbest of reasons by audiences who would rather see a performance by a stoned Seth Rogen than a sober Sean Penn. "Role Models" sounded lame to me, reminiscent of everyday comedies, but thought I'd give it a chance. And I suggest you do the same when it




Paul Rudd, who plays Danny in the feature film "Role Models," revealed his personal feelings towards the movie and his experiences relating to the characters in a press tour with The Sentinel.

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hits theaters on Nov. 7, since it is nearly flawless. I haven't seen so much personality in a comedy in years. Every character was thoroughly defined and perfectly cast. Every scene was either laugh-out-loud funny or genuinely sweet. Paul Rudd and Sean William Scott portray miserable citizens who work in the exciting field of energy drink sales, (Minotaur, specifically) which proves unfortunate for the characters once disgruntled Danny (Paul Rudd) loses his mind and runs the Minotaur-mobile into a horse statue (in an uncompromising position, mind you). As a sentence, Danny and Wheeler (Sean William Scott) are faced with either prison or community service. After much ado about prison rape, the pair decide to face community service. They are assigned to two misfit kids in the Sturdy Arms daycare facility. Since they are not the spunky volunteers everyone else seems to be, the ex-cocaine-addicted program director assigns them to the most troubled of kids: A foul-mouthed adolescent and a "medieval warrior" wannabee (Played by the infamous McLovin'). There are three main relationships explored in this film: that of Wheeler and Ronnie, Danny and Augie and Danny and Beth (Elizabeth Banks). Danny's (over)reaction to his break-up with Beth leads to the shenanigans that land the guys in trouble. While Wheeler finds common ground (appreciation for boobs) with his "little bro," Danny can barely grow to understand the Dungeons&Dragons mindset of his nerd, Augie, (or why Starbucks would refer to drink sizes in three different languages). Much of the humor in the movie is provided by Danny's cynical and pretentious attitude. "I'm not a cynical person," admits Rudd. "But I get annoyed when people abuse colloquialism. Many of the jokes and scenes in the movie expose my pet peeves." "One interesting thing that you might not know is that we cannot shoot inappropriate scenes around the children," reveals Paul Rudd. "We had the parents sign papers and all, but we still cannot curse on set with the kids around. So when you see the scene with Wheeler explaining a [inappropriate] KISS song, he is really talking to himself. The kids were added later."

As the 150 hours of service dragged on for the (anything but) role models, they found out things about themselves, as well as their newfound friends, that they blatantly overlooked and ignored. Sound like your typical comedy? I strongly disagree. I haven't seen a convincing (and hilarious) performance like Rudd's since watching Will Ferrell or even Chris Farley. Possibly what made it so convincing was the chemistry between Rudd and Christopher Minz-Plasse (Augie, the medieval warrior). "I wasn't the most popular kid in school, but I was still insecure like all teens are," says Rudd. "It's easy to relate to the misguided Augie character." What makes this movie stand out? The story line has a good-hearted message and lacks too much perversion and too many pot puns. Yes, that's different. Witness today's comedies, and notice the lifestyles that they are selling. "Role Models" did not glorify bad behavior. It successfully satirized many aspects of life and remained uproarious, all without the pot smoking inbetween scenarios. "Pineapple Express" might have a nice message in there somewhere, but "Role Models" stands above any mainstream comedy in recent years in that it explores self fulfillment and extroverted improvement. My favorite thing in the movie was the fact that, although Danny and Wheeler began as assholes, they were sincerely nice guys. I don't think that's common nowadays in comedies. And it did not take away from the actors' performances. The ending of the film is unpredictable but ties the events of the story together nicely. In an epic battle for something out of Tolkien's wet dream, the characters band together and, still being funny, make everything right. The only flaw I see in the story is that the little boy, Ronnie, about eight years old, is obnoxiously horny. And his role model, Wheeler, encourages that behavior to an inappropriate level. In fact, the only perversion lies in the Wheeler character. Besides his disregard for values, the movie was great. Rudd stole the show (with exception, it could be easily argued that Jane Lynch was perfect in her role as program director). This is his best performance to date.



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Titanic Aquatic provides look at the “unsinkable” ship

New exhibit at Georgia Aquarium thrills, chills

MICHELLE LANDREIN
STAFF WRITER

“Iceberg, dead ahead!” Tragically, whoever uttered this phrase was not aware that the iceberg ahead would sink the “unsinkable” Titanic and cause the deaths of 1,517 people. Ninety-six years ago, the Olympic-class liner began its maiden voyage at sea. Its enthusiastic passengers could never have imagined that on the fateful day of April 14, 1912, the course of history would be changed forever. Nearly two hours and 40 minutes after the journey had begun, the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank beneath the icy waters of the Atlantic.

The ship split into two sections, which landed over a quarter-of-a-mile apart on the ocean floor. Upon impact, thousands of objects spilled from the ship, creating a large field of debris surrounding it. There have been seven research and recovery expeditions to the site near Newfoundland since 1987. Robert Ballard’s team used sophisticated deep-sea submarines to explore and recover artifacts. In fact, almost 6,000 artifacts have been found so far. The mission of RMS Titanic, Inc. is to ensure the preservation and display of these objects in memory of those who lost their lives aboard the Titanic.

The Titanic’s fate came as a great shock, since it was the largest and most technologically advanced passenger steamship in the world at the time. The media frenzy about Titanic’s famous victims, legends, the resulting changes to maritime law, and the discovery of the wreckage have all made the Titanic legacy famous since the disaster.

Now you have an opportunity to “immerse yourself in the legend of Titanic” by discovering the artifacts, stories, and history for yourself when you visit the Titanic Aquatic exhibition at the Georgia Aquarium. It features over 190 fascinating artifacts (including 40 never-before-seen), dramatic room recreations and hands-on activities. It allows you to learn about the ship and its passengers while experiencing what it was like to be on board that fateful night.

My friend Ellen and I agreed that Titanic Aquatic was interesting before we even entered the door, as we received a “Boarding Pass” detailing a real-life passenger. There were facts, personal information and the story behind the reasons for their voyage. We were informed

that towards the end of the exhibit, we would discover whether we lived or not. Luckily, Ellen and I survived, but Ellen’s husband wasn’t as lucky. In fact, the majority of the passengers didn’t have luck on their side that night: of 2,223 people, only 706 survived. The majority of the deaths were caused by hypothermia as a result of swimming in the -2° C (28° F) water.

Yet, in the case of stewardess Violet Jessop, death would not come by sea. Not only did she survive the sinking of the Titanic, but she had also been on board the RMS Olympic in 1911 when it collided with the HMS Hawke. Jessop would also go on to survive the sinking of the HMS Britannic in 1916. The last living survivor of the Titanic, Millvina Dean, was only two months old at the time of the sinking. She is currently 96 years old and remains active in Titanic-related events.

Many other stories were shared at the exhibit, including the touching account of the Straus couple. This inseparable pair chose to stay together even with the notion that Ida had an almost certain escape from the ship. “I will not be parted by my husband. As we have lived so we will die: together.”

Another account is that of Hugh Woolner, a first-class passenger, describing the luxurious aspects of the Titanic. “The ship is like a palace, my cabin ripping: hot and cold water, a very comfy-looking bed, and lots of room.” Indeed, the rooms were gorgeous; visitors of the exhibit were able to view a masterfully recreated room to get a feel for how extravagant the living quarters were for first-class passengers. Conversely, the rooms for the lower class passengers were tightly cramped with two bunk beds. In the hallway leading up to this part of the exhibit, I actually felt like I was in a hallway in the ship, due to the realistic sound effects of a boiler room above.

The sounds, music, and lighting really add to the ambiance of the exhibit. But the artifacts alone are certainly worth the trip. Hardware, dishes, money, toiletries, documents, furniture and other items that had been underwater for over 70 years were completely intact. By far, the most bewildering artifacts are those that were stored in leather suitcases. The leather is the secret behind the perfect preservation of clothing, shoes, and even perfume that was still scented. The Titanic Aquatic is an extraordinary exhibit that will be deeply enjoyed by all.

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24 Lend a hand to
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26 Makes a point
30 Writer Grafton
31 Rock’s partner
32 Long time
34 Consumes supper
39 Lamentor’s cry
40 Uppity folks
43 Soft drink
44 Inclined one’s body
46 Boy king
47 Do perfectly
48 Seller’s \$\$ equivocation
51 Abhors
53 “___ by the Dozen”
57 Tennis shot
58 Came from behind
59 Seen
64 Dexterous
65 Afore
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68 Goddesses of destiny
69 Scheider or Rogers
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Volleyball team wins two in a row

Owls notch first back-to-back wins in program's history

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The KSU volleyball team came out on top of two conference matches this weekend, notching the first back-to-back games sweep in the program's short history. The first game was played Fri., Oct. 17 in the Convocation Center against University of South Carolina Upstate and the second game was against East Tennessee State University on the following afternoon.

The Owls clenched their Friday night win in just four sets, taking the first, third and fourth for the win. In their first set KSU won easily by taking an early 9-4 lead that was never tested by the USC Upstate team.

In the second set KSU fell to a Spartan attack, losing the set 25-19.

The Owls kept the third set close for a while, until an 8-0 run headed by Sabrita Gulley, Callie Churchwell, Paris Leonce and Rachael Albright. Upstate rallied back and came within two points until Gulley came up with the set-winning kill, leaving the score 25-22.

In the final set KSU kept at least a three point lead on their opponents, eventually winning 25-17, and taking the match.

Junior Chelsey Denesha and Sophomore Sabrita Gulley were both key players in this match, recording double-doubles. Denesha led all players with 17 kills and tied Gulley for match-high in digs with 10. Gulley tallied 11 kills in her double-double.

Standout Asjia Stokes led all players in points in this match. She had 20 points from 16 kills, three aces and two block assists. The Owl's totaled 55 digs and 57 kills.

KSU Head Coach Valerie Jones was pleased with her team's performance in this first game, stating, "In the first set, we really did a good job of coming out and taking control early." She adds, "In the second set, we lost focus a bit and allowed Upstate to come back into the match."

In the Saturday afternoon match, the Owls were supporting Breast Cancer Awareness month with all fans wearing pink along with the team sporting pink uniforms. According to Jones, the Owls "showed a lot of determination on the court" against a tough ETSU team. With this win, KSU received their first sweep of back-to-back A-Sun weekend games in program history.



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Chelsey Denesha and Sabrita Gulley recorded double-doubles

This match was won with a 3-0 sweep of the Bucs at home in the Convocation Center. The Owls led the first set early, winning with a score of 25-18. The second set came down to four set points by the Bucs, but the Owls fought back, capitalizing on two ETSU attack errors and presenting their own offense off a Denesha ace and a Gulley kill. KSU gave up three early points in the third set, but with the help of five Stokes' serves, the Owls regained control with a 6-3 score.

Eventually ETSU would fight back and

tie the score to 13-all, but a 4-0 run for Kennesaw put the game away with a kill by Leonce and a foul serve by the Bucs, making the score 25-21.

The Owls celebrated a huge team performance, with notable players being Gulley with 11 kills, Denesha with four block assists, and Ginny Frederick with 18 assists, three kills and a block solo.

A pleased Jones stated, "Our hard work as a team is finally getting rewarded with results. This was a very big win for us as a program."

Baer defeats ETSU in OT

CATHY DEKMAR
STAFF WRITER

KSU fans were on their feet Friday night as Rachel Baer scored the winning goal in an exciting 2-1 overtime



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victory against East Tennessee State.

Six minutes into overtime, with the teams tied at 1-1, Baer kicked a goal that went right over the ETSU goalkeeper's head. Brittany Vining assisted the shot for the Owls.

"It felt great to put it away during overtime after a hard-fought game," Baer said after her game winning shot.

Though the Owls had the last goal of the game, the Buccaneers claimed the first one 20 minutes into the first half. Following a throw in from Jessica Hiltenbrand, Genna Petersen was able to score after KSU defenders deflected her shot past the goalie.

The Owls out-shot ETSU in the first half, 10-2, with three shots on goal. Beth Meadors made an impressive attempt 15

minutes in with a header that bounced off the crossbar of the opponent's goal.

Kristin Marietta commented on the first half, saying, "We were working hard, we just couldn't get a goal. We need to pressure harder and score for the second half."

After going scoreless in the first 45 minutes of play, the Owls made it an even match just six minutes into the second. Baer set up a corner kick, and with an assist from Caroline Austin, Meadors slipped past defenders and kicked the ball into the left side of the net.

There was almost no need to take it into overtime, when ETSU nearly scored with 11 minutes left in regulation. Jessica Huntington took a shot for the Bucs that deflected off the hands of goalie Staci Pugh. Pugh made the miraculous save, reaching the ball and rolling over it before it went into the goal.

"This was a much improved performance over last week," said Coach Rob King. "They worked very hard."

The Owls are now 8-4-4 for the season and 3-2-2 in Atlantic Sun Conference match-ups.

Soccer team now second in A-Sun

JUSTIN HOBDAY
STAFF WRITER

The Owls defeated USC Upstate, 4-1, behind a dominating offensive attack at the KSU Soccer Complex on Sunday.

KSU out shot USC Upstate, 26-3, for the match, and Kristen Kranick put away two goals to help keep the Owls in the hunt for one of the top seeds in the Atlantic Sun Tournament.

"Obviously we would like to end up at one or two in the conference," said head coach Rob King. "It's a good seed and it means you have one less game to play."

The Owls were unable to execute on five first-half corner kicks, but lucked out in the 39th minute when Caroline Austin's corner kick trickled into the goal off of a Spartan defender. KSU took 13 shots in the first half with six of those on goal, compared to one shot for USC Upstate in the half.

Only three minutes into the second half the Owls connected for a second goal when Katie Scott played a ball from Sarah Marek across to Kranick who shot the ball out of mid-air into the right side of the goal.

Kranick continued to impose her pres-

ence on the match with a screaming shot in the 55th minute that was kept out of the goal by a spectacular diving save by USC Upstate keeper Brittany Daughtry.

The Owls were unsuccessful on four more corner kicks between the 60th and 62nd minutes, but Kranick came through again for the Owls in the 64th minute. The freshman from KSU beat Daughtry to a ball and put it away into a wide open goal to put the Owls up 3-0.

"It was a scramble in the middle of the field and someone just toe-poked it through and I just beat the keeper and laid it in the back of the net," said Kranick. "She came out too quickly and she should have stayed back."

Caitlin Robinson scored a goal in the 81st minute for the Spartans to avoid a shutout loss; however, the goal came after the majority of Owl starters were subbed out of the game. Yasha Blount would score her first goal of the season in the 86th minute to complete the scoring for the match.

The win on Sunday, combined with Belmont's 1-0 defeat to Florida Gulf Coast, put the Owls in sole possession

of second in the conference. The Owls go on the road for the final time this season to face Campbell on Wednesday, and will complete their regular season schedule against first place Mercer at home on Oct.29.



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Owls on the road

JEROME WOOLEY
STAFF WRITER

GOLF Owls hit the Bricks in Macon

The Brickyard Collegiate Championship was proven difficult to swallow for the men's golf team as they finished 15th in the two-day event in Macon, Ga. on Sun., Oct. 12 and Mon., Oct. 13.

Senior Michael Tulacz led the team as he finished in a tie for 14th on the first day by firing a one-under par 69 after the first 36 holes of play at the 7,104-yard, par-70 Brickyard at Riverside Golf Club.

"Today was a big opportunity for us to climb the leader board," said KSU Head Coach Blake Smart. "Unfortunately, we really finished poorly and gave up a lot of shots to the field."

The second day of the championship was not much better for the Owls as star-studded Tulacz slipped to 36th place and his teammates finished with a 54-hole total of 905.

"We will come up with something to get ourselves squared away," said Smart.

The Owls will return to action Oct. 24-26 for the Columbia University Invitational in Atlantic City, N.J.

TENNIS Rough ending in regionals

The men's tennis team traveled to Lexington, Ky. for the ITA Men's Southeast Regional, which was held from Thurs., Oct. 16 through Sun., Oct. 19 at the UK Boone Tennis Center and the Lexington Tennis Club.



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Freshman duo Simon Janik and Michael Langel competed, but lost to the University of Miami's doubles team 8-2 on the first day of the regional.

"Simon and Michael played well but lost focus a couple of times on game points, which ended up hurting us," said Head Coach Padgett.

The Owls weekend came to an early end after they lost three matches in the single elimination round of play on Sat., Oct. 18. Janik, Langel and freshman teammate

Lawrence Washington lost to their opponents in two sets.

"Tonight was a difficult night for us and it showed that we absolutely need to get into the gym and get stronger physically," said Padgett. "I am disappointed in the lack of mental toughness that we showed at times during this tournament."

The ITA Men's Southeast Regional concluded the Owls fall season. Their spring season will begin on Feb. 6 in Clinton, S.C. as they will play against the Presbyterian Blue Hose.

CROSS COUNTRY Two top five finishes in Tennessee

Senior Scott Burley led the men's cross country team to a fifth place finish after he placed fifth himself in the 5k race with a time of 15:19 at the Front Runner Invitational in Chattanooga, Tenn. on Sat., Oct. 18.

"The entire team finished today's race with lower times than the last time we were here, which is a good indicator of how much we have improved," said Burley.

The women's cross country team also had a top five performance as sophomore Mackenzie Howe led the team to second place. Howe and junior teammate Soibhan Wolcott finished in the two mile race's top ten with times of 11:11 and 11:43.

"I think a lot of our girls are really getting into the best shape they have been this season, so if we continue on that path through the next couple of weeks, we should be able to upset some people at conference," said assistant coach Jason Waters.

The Owls next event will be on Nov. 1 in Macon, Ga.

KSU basketball black and gold scrimmage

RYAN TRIBBLE
STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 28 at 7:00 p.m., the KSU Athletic Department will be hosting a basketball scrimmage for the men and women's basketball teams in the Convocation Center. This will be the first chance for students to see their Fighting Owls 2008-09 basketball teams.

According to the KSU Athletics Web site, the women's basketball program, coached by Colby Tilly, "has been picked to finished in second place in the Atlantic Sun this season in polls of both the coaches of the A-Sun and the media that covers the league." The men's basketball team, coached by Tony Ingle, has been picked to finish eighth.

Along with the scrimmages, several prizes will be given out, such as KSU gear gift cards, and one lucky winner will receive a 42" LG Plasma television from BrandsMart USA. In order for students to be eligible for these prizes they must purchase raffle tickets either inside the Convocation Center or from the athletic table in the Student Center Food Court from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. These numbers will be drawn randomly throughout the evening and students must be present in order to win.

Students will also be able to register for a chance in a shot contest to win two full years of tuition or \$10,000 in cash. The registration will take place at the Colonial Bank table inside the Convocation Center.

The KSU Housing Department will also be hosting a tailgate party beginning at 6:15 p.m. The first 500 students to the party will receive free food.

The KSU Striped Crew will be handing out information on how students can join the official student section for KSU Athletics.

Owls fall in four sets

REGINALD KING
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On Tuesday evening the women's volleyball team came up short while taking on the Mercer Bears in the Convocation Center, 3-1. The Owls were looking to get back on the right track from an eight game losing streak but a valiant effort would not be enough to hold off the 12-7 Bears.



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"They're fighting, we just have to keep pushing, this may not have been our day but hopefully Friday will be our day," said head coach Valarie Jones.

The first set started out back and forth with both teams alternating leads. By the middle of the first set Mercer jumped out to a 10-4 lead and never looked back. The Owls made things interesting and closed the gap at 23-22 but Mercer

held on for the win with 25-23. The second set started out evenly matched with lead changes until the score was tied at 8 each. Mercer took the first reasonable lead at 8-11 and dominated the rest of the set, finishing off with 24-16.

The third set was definitely KSU's best effort. Even though the Bears jumped out to an early lead, the Owls kept things interesting and took a 10-9 lead. Mercer made comebacks, but in the end the Owls showed that they had fight by holding on to win the set, 25-23.

The fourth set was a nail-biter as Mercer jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the beginning. The Owls were able to counter with a 9-2 run to take the lead by two points. This set went back and forth until the game was tied at 22 causing overtime. Mercer was able to hold off the Owls and take the win, 29-27, and the game, 3-1.

Junior Chelsey Denesha lead the Owls with her second consecutive double-double, while both Churchwell and Guley chimed in with 12 digs. O'Leary also added 14 digs to lead the defense for the Owls.

Senior Tara Dillion said, "We continued to fight no matter what, we took them to the very end, and we never stopped fighting or pushing, but we just lost at the very end."

CLUB SPORTS REPORT

Men's club soccer falls to Emory in tournament final

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The KSU men's soccer club held their first games at the intramural field at KSU on Sunday against Emory University and Morehouse College.

"As a club we're always looking to improve and raise our standards," said KSU's head coach Greg DeVito. "I am very positive with our progress thus far and where we can go from here."

Due to the popularity of the men's soccer club, they are able to compete with two full rosters at the tournament. However, they compete together as one team.

"We're out here to gauge our abilities more than just coming out here to win, so hopefully we can start the season off right," said goalkeeper Brandon Scholz.

Their first squad was able to defeat Morehouse with a score of 3-1 while their second squad fell to Emory, 3-1. The win was enough for them to make it to the finals where they would take on Emory yet again. Although this time, the Owls would be competing with the first squad.

After several hours of rest, the Owls were looking to get revenge on Emory who were playing their third game straight, with minimal breaks.

KSU controlled the ball throughout the first half, but they were unable to put goals on the board after barely missing several scoring opportunities.

Both teams gave their all to try and score at the start of the second half. Eventually, KSU scored off a free kick, putting them in a good position to

win the game. However, Emory answered quickly with the tying goal. With a small amount of time left on the referee's watch, Emory scored again, this time off a corner kick, which gave them a 2-1 victory over KSU.

"We had a few mistakes here and there, but overall we did pretty well I think for our first time," said KSU forward David Sanabria. "We're really looking forward to a great upcoming season."



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Owls defeated Morehouse in the first game

Lirette slaps Vols with loss

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On Sat., Oct. 18 the Owls returned home from a long stint on the road to face off against the University of Tenn. at the Kennesaw IceForum with over 800 fans in attendance.

KSU managed to capitalize on many scoring opportunities, even while short-handed, which earned them an 8-4 victory. With this win, they remain undefeated at home.

"Tonight was a really fun game," said forward Jean-Marc Biron. "Got a couple bad penalties, but other than that I thought we played great as a whole."

The Owls started things off early in the first period with a goal from sophomore forward Mark Berry. Within just one minute of the first goal, they added two more goals to the scoreboard, courtesy of forwards Chris Koutnik and Biron.

Tennessee followed up with their first goal of the game. However, KSU answered with a Ricky Lirette goal during the waning minutes of the first period.

In the second period, Lirette followed up with his second goal, which was assisted by Dylan Morrison and Andrew Chlebek. With only a few minutes remaining in the second

period, Biron matched Lirette's mark with two goals of his own. The score at the end of the second period was 6-2 in favor of KSU.

Patience was running low and tempers had begun to flare in the third period. This brought a lot of penalties from each team, especially KSU. The Owls held their own on defense, even with two men in the penalty box. Forward Jerry Holden made do, even with teammates in the penalty box, by scoring a short-handed goal of his own. Goalie Ben Powers also stepped up his game with several key saves.

Before the final horn sounded, the Vols put the puck in the back of the net one more time, but it was not enough.

Biron and Lirette lead in offensive production, a total of four goals. Defense men Hunter Gahl and Matt Howard had two assists each, along with

forwards Holden and Morrison.

"Fundamentally we played very sound tonight," said head coach Ken Honeyman. "It was a team effort."

The Owls will return home for two nights on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at 10:00 p.m. against the University of East Carolina.

"We should manhandle them," said Lirette. "They aren't going to be too much competition against us."



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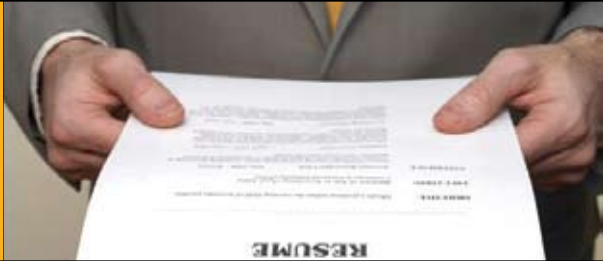
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