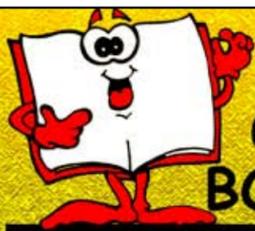


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KSU, Georgia Highlands campus opens

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STAFF WRITER

KSU and Georgia Highlands College (GHC) marked the opening of a shared campus with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Friday.

The campus is located in downtown Dallas, the county seat of Paulding County. The location of the campus provides convenient higher education access to residents of Paulding, Bartow and surrounding counties and is expected to hold between 1,000 and 1,500 students, faculty and staff. The two renovated campus buildings, donated by Paulding County, feature classrooms, a library, computer and science labs with Apple computers, a meeting room and

several administrative offices.

GHC students start classes in the George T. Bagby building Aug. 19; KSU students are expected to attend the campus in Spring 2010.

GHC will be offering core classes that can be easily transferred within the University System of Georgia (USG). GHC hopes that the new campus will encourage their students who completed core classes at the Paulding location to transfer to KSU to complete bachelor's degrees.

Dana Davis, director of College Relations at GHC, hopes that the Paulding campus will increase Paulding resident enrollment in GHC and KSU.

"We've seen an increase already, and expect that to rise

as we become more visible in Dallas," said Davis.

KSU will be offering upper level business and education courses at the Paulding location starting in spring 2010. Barry J. Morris, KSU director of Cabinet Strategic Projects said that KSU plans to offer courses outside of business and education in the future. Future courses offered at the Paulding location depend on "what students need" and KSU will use "as many methods" as possible to serve students' needs, said Morris.

The Paulding County campus is a result of the partnership between the USG, KSU, GHC, and Paulding County.

"KSU will contribute strong-

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Student with food allergy pushes for meal plan exemption

ALAN MOORE
STAFF WRITER

When Stacy Marlow made a request for an exemption from the mandatory meal plan, she found the process more arduous than expected.

Marlow, a senior psychology major, was diagnosed in December 2005 with celiac disease (CD), a lifelong digestive disorder that can affect both children and adults.

According to the Celiac Disease Foundation, "When people with CD eat foods that contain gluten, it creates an immune-mediated toxic reaction that causes damage to the small intestine and does not allow food to be properly absorbed. Even small amounts of gluten in foods can affect those with CD and cause health problems."

According to Marlow, CD can present itself along with other medical systems.

"When I was first diagnosed, I was also treated for calcium and iron deficiencies," said Marlow.

Persons diagnosed with the condition must avoid foods that contain gluten, such as wheat and rye. Should they consume a food item that contains or has come in contact with gluten, "It can result in nausea, diarrhea, damage to the small intestine and a host of other problems," said Marlow.

Marlow filed a formal request with KSU Auxiliary Services in April to receive an exemption from the new meal plan, due to medical concerns that items served at campus dining locations, particularly The Commons, could contain gluten, or that designated gluten-free foods could inadvertently come into contact with those that do contain it.

"Because of the pos-



sible cross contamination issues, there's no real way to be certain that the food is safe for me to eat," Marlow said.

In a July letter from KSU officials, Marlow's exemption request was declined, the review committee stating that all appropriate medical records had been reviewed, healthcare professionals had been consulted and her request was declined.

"At first, I honestly wondered if they had confused me with someone else, because I thought there was no way a request based on a valid medical reason would be denied," said Marlow.

The issue was even taken beyond dining officials. In an effort to resolve the problem, Marlow contacted the office of University President Daniel S. Papp, as well as the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents, both of whom replied saying the matter would be investigated.

"At this point, I felt as though I had done my part and submitted all the necessary documentation, and that the school did not have the right to determine what medical care was best for me," Marlow stated.

After receiving an official request from KSU, Marlow had already sub-

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New program provides college education to disabled adults

ANDY NELSON
STAFF WRITER

This fall, KSU has initiated a program to provide a college education to students with developmental disabilities.

The program is called the Academy for Inclusive Adult Education (AIAE) and is the first of its kind within the University

System of Georgia. Two female students and one male student have been accepted into the program this fall.

The AIAE offers a two-year certificate program for students ages 18-25 that would normally not be granted access to a college education due to limitations in intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior. The major overshadowing areas are threefold: learning, wellness and employability. To this end, the three students in the program will be taking a six hour semester consisting of HPS 1000, KSU 1101, an independent study class and job shadowing, in which they will spend two weeks gaining experience at each employment. Upon graduation from the AIAE, students will receive a Certificate of Social Growth and Development. "I have been so impressed with the acceptance and overwhelming support we have received in starting this program at KSU," said

Jill Sloan, the program coordinator. "We are hoping that it will impact the students and faculty that are going to KSU by exposing them to diversity."

Another individual excited about the program is Christopher Hunnicutt, a 21-year-old student with Down syndrome who received his acceptance notification on Aug. 10.

While in public school at Lakeside High, Christopher was involved in many extracurricular activities including student government, the school band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and acting as the football team's manager. After leaving Lakeside, he went to Chamblee Charter High School to pursue greater academic study as well as more vocational training.

Outside school, he obtained a black belt in modern defense and he has worked at a Kroger in Northlake for three years. As he enters the AIAE, he hopes to continue exploring his academic and extracurricular interests.

"What I want for Christopher

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What: Table Tennis and Billiards Tournament
When: Wed. Aug. 19, 6 p.m.
Where: Game Room

What: Movie Night: "Adventureland"
When: Wed. Aug. 19, 7 p.m.
Where: University Rooms, Student Center
Details: Hosted by KSU Greeks

What: SGA Meet the Presidents
When: Thurs. Aug. 20, 12:30-2 p.m.
Where: Campus Green

What: Baggo Tournament
When: Thurs. Aug. 20, 6 p.m.
Where: Campus Green

What: Bazaar on the Bricks
When: Fri. Aug. 21, 3-5 p.m.
Where: University Village

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GARRETT MOLL
STAFF "WRITER"

Dude Looks (and Drives) Like A Lady
Late on the night of July 7, officers were called to the scene of a reported hit pedestrian. Upon arrival they met with the victim who reported that he was riding his bicycle west on Marietta Drive when he was hit by a red passenger car. The victim advised police that the car ran a stop sign and struck his front tire, causing him to flip over the hood of the car and land on the pavement. He reported that the car was occupied by two white people, but was unable to discern the sex of the occupants. The report was vague as to whether the occupants of the car that struck the victim actually looked like the mix between a male or a female or if the victim simply flew over the hood too quickly to tell.

He May Allegedly Be Drunk, but He Said S-T-O-P.

While patrolling in the early hours of July 4, an officer noticed a male who appeared to have fallen asleep at the wheel while stopped at a stop sign off of Marietta Drive. The car was running, had its headlights on and was in park with the driver slumped forward to the wheel. After being woken up, the suspect told police that he fell asleep a few minutes prior while waiting for his girlfriend to call him. The officers on scene noticed the smell of alcohol on his breath and noticed his eyes were bloodshot and glassy. The male agreed to submit to a field evaluation, which he subsequently failed. After being arrested for DUI, the suspect submitted to a breath test and measured a 0.111.

Fight for Your Right to Party... Sexually

Officers were called to University Village on July 12 in response to a reported fight in progress. When they arrived at the scene and located the reported parties, one of the parties reported that he and his friend had been in an argument

POLICE BEAT

over sexual preference. After being told by witnesses that punches were indeed thrown, one of the parties admitted that physical contact was made. After the men stated that they did not want the police to arrest one another, the officer advised the on duty RA and one of the suspects was given a ride home by the female. No notation was made as to whether the male who left with the female did so to settle the argument or not. Also, no notation was made as to whether one or both of the suspects were wearing popped collars.

Even a Baconator Can't Fix a 0.25

On Wednesday, May 6 at approximately 12:40 p.m., an officer was driving behind the Wendy's on Chastain Road when he noticed a white male lying on his side on the ground. After speaking loudly and nudging the male and receiving no response, he confirmed that the suspect had a pulse. Shortly after, another nearby unit lit its siren in order to respond to his location. As the male heard the siren, he immediately sat up and started speaking incoherently. After questioning and checking, it was discovered that the suspect had his license suspended in 1990 and had a warrant out for his arrest from East Point P.D. An Alco-Sensor test was conducted and the man measured a 0.25. The man

was arrested and the officer agreed to meet East Point P.D. to exchange the man. The exchange was made at the O.K. Café. No notation was made as to what, if any, food items the officers subsequently enjoyed from O.K. Café's large array of menu items.

I Pity The Fool

At 8:44 p.m. on July 1, an officer was dispatched to University Police headquarters in reference to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival he met with a student who stated he had been involved in dispute with his roommates. The student claimed that one of his roommates took the trash out of the can and placed it by his bedroom door. He then reported that he entered another bedroom where two of his roommates were playing video games, where they denied the act and allegedly pushed him down. The student cited a red mark on his arm, although the marks did not reportedly line up with how he stated he fell. Police interviewed the two other roommates, who stated that he pushed one of them first before the roommate retaliated and pushed him back. No charges were filed and the RA was advised to the situation. No notation was made if Mr. T came on the scene to assist officers and proclaim, "I pity the fool who fights over minor indiscretions!"

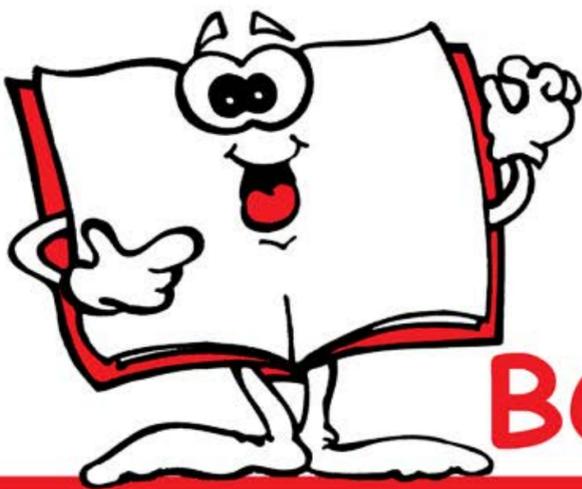
CORRECTIONS

In the 7-21-09 issue, the story "Stuff your face in a new place" contained some errors. The facility cannot serve 12,000 as reported, as seating will accommodate approximately 1,200 at any one time for the entire facility, not for each food platform. Take-out is a separate area. Administration has not yet received the LEED certification; it will be applied for when the building is completed. It takes a few months to receive final certification level.

It was not "school board" as reported, but the Georgia Board of Regents. Funds for The Commons, Student Culinary Center, were provided by bonds secured by the KSU Foundation. The debt service will be paid by the meal plan program, established late in 2008.

It is the policy of The Sentinel to correct all errors of fact.

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Associate prof files gender discrimination charge

HEATHER COOK
STAFF WRITER

Associate professor Mary Murray is fighting a legal battle after finding out her male counterparts were being paid more than she.

Murray filed a gender discrimination charge against the Board of Regents and KSU in July 2007. Gender discrimination is defined as any mistreatment or unequal treatment based on a person's gender.

"In my opinion," Murray said, "the discrimination is systemic."

According to the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission's Web site, there were 24,826 sex-based charges filed in the 2007 fiscal year, the year Murray filed. In the same year, there were 21,982 resolutions. In the 2008 fiscal year, there were 28,372 sex-based charges filed. Of these, there were 24,018 resolutions.

"The suit has just been filed so the legal part of my case is just beginning," Murray said. "Right now I believe there is one filing document. There will be more."

Murray began working at KSU in 2000 as an assistant professor. The position of assistant professor is the title generally given to introductory level professors. In 2005, Murray was promoted to an associate professor, which is usually a tenured professor.

"My primary filing," Murray said, "is a gender discrimination suit based on the fact that I am being paid less than my male counterparts even though I have seniority in rank and have, not only the highest possible annual evalu-

ations for every year I have been at KSU, but also have an exemplary teaching record, an outstanding scholarship record and exemplary service record—the three areas upon which faculty are evaluated."

Murray received her bachelor's degree from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She then went on to earn her master's from the University of Kentucky and her Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Morehead State University. After completing her MBA, Murray attended Nova Southeastern University, which has its main campus in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to receive her Ph.D. in Information Systems.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) released an article on Murray's case Aug. 2. The article mentions Solomon Negash, an associate professor of Information Systems at KSU. It makes specific reference to Negash in relation to Murray's case and perhaps leads readers to believe that once Murray found out about Negash's higher pay, she decided to file for gender discrimination. According to Negash, though, this was not the case.

"I am not directly involved with this case. I don't even know why my name is used in the AJC," said Negash.

"In terms of future plans, the legal process is just beginning—my case started much earlier," Murray said. "My plans are to continue on. I have a story to tell and hopefully that story will raise the consciousness of Georgia citizens about gender inequities at KSU and ultimately bring about positive change."

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ly" and the people of KSU "look forward to working collaboratively" with GHC and Paulding County to allow Paulding to become "a true center of higher education," said KSU President Daniel S. Papp.

With a population of 113,000, Paulding County, one of the fastest growing counties in Georgia, previously

offered no facility of higher education within the USG.

Erroll B. Davis Jr., Chancellor for the USG Board of Regents, identified Paulding County as an academically underdeveloped area in need of higher education access. He said the location of the new campus addresses the concerns of students who live and work in Paulding, but

must travel more than 45 minutes to receive higher education.

With the new location, "students will be able to enjoy the best of both institutions" and it will result in a "more educated citizenry," said Davis.

"Today, students of Paulding County have hope," said Glenn Richardson, a representative of Paulding County.

•PILOT from front page
is for him to be able to grow up and explore life experiences that will enable him to grow into a well-rounded citizen," said Christopher's father, George Hunnicutt. "There's nothing like [AIAE] at this stage in the game. Ultimately, what I want is for [the students in AIAE] to have strong social and intellectual skills so they will be able to find competitive employment in the

marketplace," he said. After graduating from the AIAE, Christopher wants to do missionary work along with his brother-in-law in Ottawa, Canada.

"I'm planning on following in [my brother-in-law's] footsteps," said Christopher when asked about his aspirations. While at KSU, he plans on gaining experience through several campus ministries such as the Baptist

Collegiate Ministry. "Christopher dreams based on things he sees," said Hunnicutt. "Some of his experience based on missions work and his brother-in-law's experience prompts him to want to be involved as well, and part of it stems from his being an advocate for students with disabilities." As the program continues to grow, 5-8 students are expected to be accepted in Fall 2010.

•ALLERGY from front page
mitted medical records from her personal physician, as well as a personal explanation for the exemption request.

In an effort to be fair and balanced, The Sentinel contacted officials with Culinary Services on campus, as well as a member of the committee charged with reviewing exemption requests.

"The appeals committee includes healthcare professionals, and the appeals process was vetted through the Student Government Association before we put the new meal plan requirements into place," said Rob Nolen, meal plan manager with Culinary Services, whose office facilitates the processing of exemptions.

As for the gluten issues, Nolen stated that, "Items offered in The Commons are fully customizable when being prepared. Students can see exactly what's going into their meal, and request that certain items not be included. We also color code items in preparation areas to ensure no cross contamination happens. All in all, we really think that Sodexo, our dining services provider, has really stepped

up their game to handle issues such as this, and as a result we feel confident that we can accommodate most any dietary need."

Nolen later said in a follow-up e-mail, "We believe the process we came up with is extremely beneficial to students who do have dietary or financial restrictions. In fact, many of the institutions we spoke with while formulating our processes do not allow meal plan exemptions for any reason whatsoever."

Anne Nichols, director of KSU's two on-campus health clinics, also serves as a member of the review committee for exemptions.

"While I can't discuss individual cases due to records privacy issues, each one is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Even if we have ten students with the exact same condition, each one will still be reviewed individually based on their personal circumstances," said Nichols.

According to Nichols, after submitting an initial exemption request form, students receive a letter requesting medical records documentation from their personal doctor, as well as a one-page personal explana-

tion for the request.

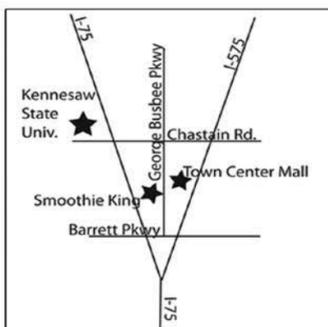
"The committee then meets and reviews the cases. Some have hardly any grounds or evidence to make the request, and failure to submit the required documentation results in their request being denied."

For the 2008-2009 academic year, Nichols said that of the requests processed by her office, approximately fifteen percent of exemption requests were granted.

After submitting a second request and additional medical documentation, Marlow's exemption request was granted in a letter dated Aug. 6. However, when The Sentinel spoke with her on Aug. 13, meal plan charges were still posted on Marlow's student account.

"I did not contact the newspaper in some sort of effort to bash the University. I am simply angry over this situation, and want to raise awareness about not only what I dealt with, but also the dangers posed to other students who cannot eat certain foods on campus. It seemed as though the success of the meal plan program was being put ahead of my health and safety."





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TONY SARRECCHIA
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KATHERINE TIPPINS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Last week, I ran a cartoon in the Opinions section that unfairly singled out a campus fraternity. The cartoon perpetuated certain Hollywood stereotypes of fraternities being misogynistic, drunken boys who rely on their wealthy families for sustenance. Unfortunately, the fraternity name on the cartoon character's shirt was that of a fraternity that is part of the KSU community. It was neither the Opinions section nor The Sentinel's intention to imply this behavior was either typical or condoned by the men of Delta Tau Delta. This oversight speaks more about my lack of knowledge of Greek letters than the reputation of Delta Tau Delta.

That Delta Tau Delta was singled out is also unfortunate in light of the charity work they do to fight childhood cancer. Last year, they organized the Greeks Go Bald fundraising campaign in which, together with other Greek organizations, they raised over \$16,000 to fight various childhood cancers.

Katherine Tippins, the Sentinel's editor-in-chief, summed it up best in her letter to one of the fraternity members:

Fraternities and sororities are fundamental to college life. They help the community, bolster school spirit and encourage lifelong friendships. With that being said, there can be an ugly side to some situations involving Greek life: hazing, binge drinking, peer pressure. In no way am I stating that these negative actions happen only in fraternities, as they can happen in any group of people, and I'm sure KSU organizations, including yours, do not have these problems.

I would like to extend my sincere apologies on behalf of the cartoonist, my Opinions editor and myself. It was not fair of us to single out your organization. This was an oversight on my part. If I had recognized the letters in the cartoon, I would not have let it run.

I wholeheartedly agree with Katherine's sentiments.

'The Proletariat Place'

If you're a student returning to KSU this semester you might notice an unfamiliar stench in the air. I'm sure you've all noticed it, and if you are having trouble identifying it that is because it is actually a mix of some particularly pungent perfumes. The weak of heart and stomach might want to stop reading now, because this is about to get as ugly as Hillary Clinton is now that she isn't campaigning anymore.

This odor is primary comprised of political correctness, with a hint of self satisfaction and guilt. Before you ask, no, Al Gore did not visit this campus. Yes, I know his signature cologne smells eerily similar, but the truth is far worse than anything you could imagine.

What could cause such a horrible smell? If you have to ask it's probably your fault. I speak, of course, of hippies and their ilk: God-hating, America-bashing, commune-joining, socialism-promoting liberals. What have they done this time? They built a dining hall. They built a 'green' dining hall. Pinko jerks.

KSU's new dining hall comes "complete with composting, recycling and locally grown produce." Oh, that sounds nice. Can I get a side of spine-

lessness with that? Maybe an order of communism with a collectivist salad? Wimps.

Everyone knows recycling is for ninnyes and people who believe that global warming is real. Locally grown produce? I like my food grown across the globe, thank you very much. Gives it that American appeal. Composting? The only things that need to be made in compost are the passports of the Americans who designed this place.

Sources also confirm that it will have "vegan and gluten-free food," but that is debatable. It isn't debatable that it will be there, but it is debatable if these "options" should be considered food. As a proper god-fearing capitalist, I believe food and meat are virtually synonymous. One cannot separate the two. I don't know what gluten is, but that won't stop me from condemning food made without it. I'm sure it adds that special gluten flavor. Mmmm.

Controversially, this dining hall will also contain "an on-site herb and vegetable garden." This may not seem controversial now, but just wait until the DEA launches an investigation into what exactly KSU means by "herbs." Trust me; they're up to no good. I don't plan to stand downwind from the dining hall until they bust the place.

Apparently this dining hall also has "a trayless cafeteria." The idea being that if students can't carry as much food back to their table they'll eat less. This means that I might have to stand in line three or maybe even four times to stuff my face with 3,000 calories. What a travesty. You know who else had to wait in line for food? Soviet citizens under Stalin. That's right, administrators of KSU. I know you want to starve me. I won't stand for it.

KSU also says that this plan will save water. I won't stand for that either; for every time I eat in the KSU dining hall I will wash my hands for four hours in a nearby sink. That'll teach these commie punks to try to save the whales, dolphins and sea monkeys.

If all this evidence wasn't damning enough, they had to take it one step further. The crazy capstone on this communist cafeteria is the name: "The Commons." The socialists who named this building probably thought they were being sneaky by slipping in their leftist rhetoric where nobody would expect it, but the students here are too smart for that. I saw through their capitalist veneer immediately. They might



GAGE THOMPSON
COLUMNIST

as well have named it "The Proletariat Place." At least that has a nice alliterative ring to it.

When did these liberals infiltrate KSU? This university used to be backwards, primitive and had no decent options as far as food goes. I preferred it that way. The unhealthy fast food fermenting in my gut was the perfect way to prepare for a midterm, and I'm tired of the socialists taking away my right to slowly kill myself with poison. I won't stand for it. How dare they provide food options that might not result in heart disease. Disgusting. I see no point in visiting this dining hall, except to observe the enemy.

A polite suggestion for the town hall naysayer

Wow. Were you being serious just then? Really? Great. That deranged vomiting of rage, spittle and acted-out Palin-tweets at this town hall meeting, good sir, has netted you a firm position in the Embarrassing Americans Video Medley for August 2009. Congrats. May I see that mic, now? You're too kind. Ahem.

Shut your toothless mouth up about the superiority of our health care system. Shut up calling it "the best in the world" when clearly you've never been to another country, much less been hospitalized in every single one on the planet thus proving that you're talking beyond your grasp and, in effect, lying to your rapt and witless audience.

Shut up trying to use the weak threat of "more bureaucracy" to scare away the stupid people from what might be their last chance to mind the healthcare gap—especially because you're into the Fair Tax.

Shut up about the "Obama death panel" that will decide whether someone lives or dies. Doesn't the phrase alone sound dopey enough to make you stop and research it? No? Then nothing ever will—so shut up.

Shut up flattering your broke self that you're paying for someone else's health insurance, when you do that with private insurance, anyway.

Shut that "rationed" health care garbage up, when people die every day because they were denied coverage over "pre-existing" conditions or because they're too sick to stay profitable and get booted by their

provider when they start to really need it.

Shut up that you personally know a woman in France who's on a "waiting list" for her terminal cancer treatments. No, you don't; you are a liar who would pay to give a naked Glenn Beck a foot rub.

Shut up that in Amsterdam people pay eighty-five percent of their income for socialized benefits that they all consider inferior. People in Amsterdam don't go bankrupt because their son (who was born with a condition that barred him from private health insurance) developed leukemia.

Shut up that people in Canada can't pick their own doctors—that's a steaming pile of the same mess that's coming outta your crying face.

Hey, don't take it from me—find some Canadians and watch their faces contort in confusion, then watch them laugh because you fell for it.

Shut up insisting that the (wealthy) people who fly into the United States to get treated by some of our incredible (and sometimes foreign) doctors are proof that the healthcare system in America is the best. That says *nothing* about America's health care system. It just says if you have lots of money, you can be treated by some superior doctors in America who know how to find money. It does not mean that Joe Six-Pack gets that kind of service and I don't care

what Toby Keith says.

Lastly, shut up about Obama's public option being socialism. If there were no other options *except* for "government doctors," then yes—we've arrived at 1600 Socialism Way. That is not what's going on so shut up and listen for a minute.

I'm fully aware that Obama (and no, I'm not his biggest fan but, unlike yourself, I don't try to sabotage our citizens over it) plans to lay the burden of heightened taxes on those with more money (think 350K+). That would, without irony, include him.

I'm pretty sure the Obamas have been in a higher tax bracket longer than almost anyone you know personally, so "rich-folk" taxes are nothing new to the guy.

Seems almost uproarious that in his lustfulness to fulfill some dark agenda, the (very rich) man in The White House is (in your words, Town-haller) a "modern-day Robin Hood." Are you hearing yourself? You're screaming, "Obama punishes the rich! He punishes the successful!" while the rest of us look over at you and wonder if you realize that *he's* rich.

We wonder why, if it's so important to protect the wealthy and ambitious, that you rage about the wealthy, ambitious millionaire and those other "elitists" in



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Washington. Those of us still on the ground wonder why citizens seeing the benefits of improved infrastructure, healthcare and a boost in education grants are so outraged. Especially when compared to the faulty trickle-down economics (billions in corporate tax cuts to corporations that eventually needed corporate bailouts) of administrations past.

Anyway, don't let my cheerful discourse interrupt the bedwetting, guys. Here's your mic back, cuckoo. Thanks.

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The green jobs czar and the 'ACORNification' of America

President Obama has surrounded himself with a classy horde of unelected (and arguably unconstitutional) advisors in his administration. "czars" have been a part of the American political landscape since Franklin Roosevelt, but the Obama administration has taken it to a new level.

There are roughly 44 czars, many of whom have radical backgrounds. In January, it was revealed that Obama's Climate Czar, Carol M. Browner, was formerly a member of the Commission for a Sustainable World Society, a branch of the Socialist International Organization. Browner and Obama's Science Czar, John Holdren, share radical views about "global governance" and population control.

Of Obama's cohort of new officials, his Green Jobs Czar is perhaps the most significant. Formerly a black nationalist during the Rodney King riots, Van Jones emerged from prison a Marxist community organizer. He joined the

group Standing Together to Organize a Revolutionary Movement, or STORM, which advocates a multi-racial socialist utopia.

He then went on to become a senior fellow at the left-leaning Center for American Progress and served on the boards of various organizations including Free Press and, most notably, the Apollo Alliance. A group which admires the mobilization of America in the moon mission, the Apollo Alliance strives to bring community organizing, labor unions and environmental groups together to push their progressive agenda.

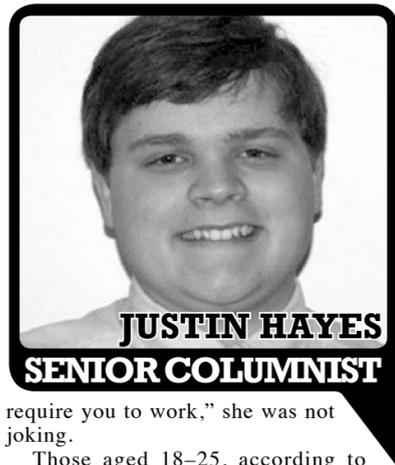
The Apollo Alliance receives funding from the Tides Foundation, which has direct ties to ACORN, SEIU, the Sierra Club, and many other progressive organizations. Dan Carol, a co-founder of Apollo, is on the board of Tides along with Wade Rathke, a founding member of ACORN. Phil Kerpen, the director of policy for Americans for Prosperity notes

how Apollo and Tides allow these organizations to access "the big foundation money that's been supportive of those causes in the past."

Community organizing has become the new model for the Obama administration and bureaucracy. The czars have become Chicago-style bullies for the appointed members of the government, and the community organizations have become Obama's personal army, pushing his agenda across the country. With Van Jones in the administration, Obama now has all of Apollo's resources at his disposal.

ACORN and the SEIU have become the go-to groups of the administration in the recent healthcare debate. In Baton Rouge, ACORN used the police to keep protestors from speaking at their healthcare rally. Another incident in St. Louis involved a SEIU member attacking a black conservative protestor handing out Gadsden flags at a town hall meeting for Representative Russ Carnahan. Kenneth Gladley, the victim, had to be "treated for injuries to his knee, back, elbow, shoulder and face that he suffered in the attack" according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Of course President Obama is not giving orders to attack conservative protestors, but these groups are known for using thug tactics. When Obama pushes for his required, but not mandatory (ambiguity intended) service corps, these organizations will be calling the shots. When Michelle Obama told a group of supporters that Barack Obama "will



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require you to work," she was not joking.

Those aged 18-25, according to White House Chief of Staff, Rahm Emanuel, will be required to serve the government in return for college tuition. The progressive goal for society is one where no one works for self-interest, but for the collective. Obama wants you to serve your community and country before you can serve yourself. You will just have to push his agenda during your service.

President Obama is fundamentally changing the way our government operates, and these progressive community organizations are becoming part of the model. They hope to silence the opposition with thug tactics and false claims of racism, when the only racism was racial slurs used by the black SEIU member while attacking the black protestor.

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“The czars have essentially become the Chicago-style bullies for the actual appointed members of the government, and the community organizations have become Obama's personal army, pushing his agenda across the country.”

How sweet innocent liberals want to kill your granny

Hi, the name is Mendelson and I'll be a humble commentator for The Sentinel this year. Brace yourself.

Thomas Jefferson once famously pronounced, "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism." It's a quote often repeated by those who disagree with government policies.

Currently an overwhelming debate is occurring from Capitol Hill to Main Street and everywhere in between. Health care is back on the table, and the fight is just heating up.

Without understanding why or even how the Federal Government would reform health care, protestors are taking to the streets; people have angrily stood up and told members of Congress to "keep your government hands

drum up controversy. Outlandish claims about "death panels" and "socialism" are just as ridiculous as calling Bush a fascist. There is something that prevents these dark changes in government and it's the Constitution. What scares me most is how many people buy into what ideologues such as Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh try to sell them daily:

a nightmarish scenario in which Obama and the thugs that now control the White House, Congress and your lives are going to implement a government that resembles the Soviet Union, Nazi Germany, and for good measure,



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who are angry at the Obama administration have simply been waving signs outside town hall events, a recent report points to rapid growth of fringe groups. Many have tried to dismiss it, but make no mistake, these groups are growing and the Lou Dobbs of the world don't help when they proclaim that President Obama may not in fact be an American. A recent poll shows that 47% of Republicans share that belief with Mr. Dobbs and others.

Will this disrupt the daily functions of American life? Doubtful, but if those who believe in and support this President don't stand up and vocally disprove these zany accusations, it's going to be a rough ride toward November 2010 and 2012. If the Bush administration successfully sold the idea that Saddam Hussein was partially responsible for Sept. 11, how hard can it be to sell the idea that health care reform is socialism, President Obama is not a citizen, Rahm Emanuel is from Neptune and Joe Biden, well, he's just crazy? Let's have a real debate in this country over the issues that will define us, not take the word of crackpot "journalists" on television.

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“Our own ignorance toward the issues that affect us most will be our undoing.”

off of my Medicare." For those of you who don't know, Medicare is and always was a government funded and run program.

We're in the middle of a massive disinformation campaign, led by some who would like Americans to believe that health care reform equates with socialist policies, which obviously means we're headed toward the evils that come with a political term no one can actually define.

Ignorance toward the issues will undue us. Rather than investigating the proposed health care packages, many naysayers simply believe the rants of the media-types who are trying to

some third world country where half of their population is suffering from some incurable disease.

Many have compared the health care protestors to those that rallied against Bush after the Iraq War began in 2003. In some sort of perverted madness, media types have successfully convinced a large part of the population that their protests against health care are as meaningful as those protesting an unjust war.

Both groups fully believe they are protesting for good and are saving lives, but this is starting to get scary.

While most Americans

No offense

So as to not break a lifetime of tradition, I have decided to start this article the same way I have started every first piece of writing upon returning to school: "On my summer vacation..."

On my summer vacation, I worked at my parent's restaurant; I spent time with my girlfriend (who also works for my parents) and dreamt of returning to school (which my parents consider vacation). I left home as a high school graduate wanting to major in computer science and returned as an upcoming sophomore majoring in English. I wrote some, read some, and worked in a one-hundred degree kitchen in front of a five-hundred and fifty degree oven, and if you don't believe me, I want to show you the burn scars.

Home is a rural place in the North Georgia Mountains. We're not quite rednecks, but instead we're what you might call Hill-Folk, or Hillbillies. They talk similar to the guys on "Blue-Collar Comedy," "The Beverly-Hillbillies" and the movie "Deliverance" (which was actually filmed a few counties north of us). Not all of them talk this way, but most. And it was this summer, the summer I went home an English major (which really doesn't amount to much yet), that I realized how confusingly some people talk.

For instance, double negatives are the most perplexing things I've ever heard. I've always been told that it's a habit of the uneducated, but I sarcastically disagree. If you're smart enough to figure out how to make a double negative work, then you're not "not dumb." See what I mean? Took you a second.

I truly think that they are more trouble than they are worth (plus, they are grammatically incorrect), and when do they ever sound like what you meant?

Have you ever heard Regis tell his "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" contestant, "Judy, you're not, not incorrect?" No,



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because Judy wouldn't know what was going on. Did she get it right? Wrong? If she couldn't figure out that brainteaser, should she be on "Millionaire" at all? She'd have to use her last lifeline just to get past that. So to summarize and conclude, double negatives are a no-no... I mean, a mistake.

Another thing I can't quite comprehend is when people use words that have a presumed meaning for something opposite of that meaning. I get the whole "bad" can mean "good" or "not good," because let's face it, I still call my friends "dude" and "man" (Not "bro" though—never "bro"). But I don't like how people say something like, "the Holocaust was such an awesome event that brought grief to many." Why was the word "awesome" used in that sentence? The Holocaust wasn't very cool. How about horrific, tragic or devastating? For more examples, look up "dreadful" in a thesaurus.

And finally, though it is a bit off the beaten path of my other pet peeves, saying "no offense" doesn't dull the insult. I've never started a sentence with "no offense" and left the person I was speaking with in a positive mood. It's not a magic set of words that will get you off the hook when you say them. You're basically about to insult someone (whether they take offense to it or not) and you think you're softening the blow with your magic words. I'd give you some examples, but you probably wouldn't understand them. No offense.

Talking Schmidt: The road not taken

As President Obama and Congress prepare to take on one-sixth of the economy—i.e., health care—it seems they have completely forgotten what got us into this mess.

In fact, they seem oblivious to the fact that the employer-based system of health care, established during World War II, is incompatible with the realities of the 21st century job market. The average worker will change jobs 14 times during his or her lifetime and will probably lose health insurance coverage until they find an individual plan. And because employer-based health care plans are the only ones subsidized by the government, those buying individual plans get the shaft.

The plan to tax employer-based plans in favor of tax credits for individual plans had to be scrapped because of Obama's demagoguery. In doing so, Obama lost a key component that would have pushed the federal government even deeper into the red.

With his poll numbers falling, President Obama is sticking to his rhetoric about how awful the status quo is and how it's bankrupting families and businesses, but if you like your health care, he allow you to keep it. By doing so, he falls into a contradiction. Ramesh Ponnuru notes that Obama is

basically saying that "the system is an unsustainable disaster, but you can keep your piece of it if you want. And the Democrats wonder why selling health-care reform to the public has been so hard?"

Most opponents of Obamacare have focused on criticizing the program, and rightly so, but they leave out a viable alternative. The alternative wouldn't add anything to the deficit and would lower costs and shift the health insurance markets towards individuals. This is the plan:

Provide fair tax treatment to individual health insurance plans through tax credits or tax deductions of the cost of the health insurance plan. This can be paid for by taxing employer-based plans which would make it tax and spending neutral.

Average Annual Individual Health Insurance Premiums (2006-2007):
Georgia- Single=\$2,419 Family plan=\$4,668
U.S.- Single=\$2,613 Family plan=\$5,799
Massachusetts- Single=\$8,537
Family plan=\$16,897

Massachusetts, which passed a law that has elements similar to Obamacare in 2006, spends 33% more on health care than the national average. The most recent data was

taken before the policy change.

Abolish regulations and allow insurance companies to compete across state lines. Democrats are right that we need more competition. Yet they vote against proposals allowing more interstate competition that would lower cost and improve quality. Imagine if someone in Massachusetts had the ability to buy a plan in Georgia?

Add market dynamics to health care through High-Deductible Plans and HSAs. A great example of this is Whole Foods, which lets employees put up to \$1,800 in Personal Wellness Accounts that grow over time. The insurance plan for employees only kicks in after \$2,500, so employees are careful how they spend their own money on health care (gee that's an idea). If more people asked "how much will that cost me?" it will increase competition because buyers will shop around for the best price.

Expand state-sponsored "risk pools." Currently 34 states offer some sort of high risk plan for medically uninsurable consumers due to pre-existing conditions.

Surely there is no silver bullet for health care, but there is a clear alternative to expanding government control



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and adding further entitlement costs to a nation that is struggling to pay for Medicare. As we've seen with Governor Romney's Massachusetts reform (anyone wonder why he's not at the forefront of criticizing a plan that looks a lot like his state plan?), mandates, subsidies and increased government involvement in health care won't lead to cost control or improved quality. We can do better.

Where's Waldo?!? The new patriots

Remember that fun book with the geeky looking guy hiding in different spots? If memory serves me, the book had three different levels: easy, where Waldo was quite easy to spot; medium, where Waldo became a bit more difficult to find; and difficult, where finding Waldo was almost impossible. I always managed to find Waldo, no matter how long it took; Waldo could not hide from me. Now, many years later, I am no longer trying to find Waldo, rather I am now trying to find the Barack Obama from the campaign trail, but after eight months of searching, it has become increasingly difficult to find "change we can believe in."

No one can deny that Barack Obama ran one of the smoothest and slickest campaigns in American history. The president managed to dupe millions of Americans into believing that he could actually change the establishment and culture of corruption in D.C. He never deviated from the teleprompter; he was always on message, and the best part of his campaign is that he did not randomly suspend his campaign to "work" on legislation.

But now we are eight months into the Obama presidency and I am starting to wonder why President Obama hired the McCain campaign advisors? OK, so I have no actual proof that the McCain advisors are running the Obama show, but with Obama's sporadic behavior, it makes one wonder what in the world is going on in Washington, D.C. The best example of defining the Obama presidency thus far is to look at the cabinet appointments he has made and how he has handled members of his own party.

Early on, there was slight hope that President Obama would be someone who could fix tarnished relationships with old foes.

For starters, he picked Joe Biden as his vice



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out of recession.

As for Panetta, I am still wondering what experience he has to run the CIA. We saw what a complete disaster Michael Brown made post-Hurricane Katrina and how terrible he and the Bush administration handled the aftermath; the last thing we need is another incompetent person running an office such as the CIA in the event of, God forbid, another terrorist attack.

As leader of his party, Obama's performance has been mediocre at best and it leaves me wondering if he was this much of a dud as a community organizer. If you look at how the Democrats have handled health care, you almost wonder who is the ringleader of the circus.

Obama doesn't seem to have a clue about what is going on, the Blue Dog Democrats are trying to make things happen, the hardcore left is blaming the Republicans, and the American people are somehow un-American for going to town hall forums.

There is so much discourse within the Democratic Party that Americans are now more tired of politics than they were when George Bush was president. The politics are all the same, just a few new faces in town. The person elected to reform and give hope in Washington, can't even do that within his own party.

So, where is Waldo? I guess I should ask where is the Barack Obama from the campaign trail? The person in office is not the man that Independent voters sup-

ported, the poll numbers are clear that Obama is losing their support. This is not the man that so many of my liberal friends voted for, I've talked with them, they are just as frustrated as I am, and I didn't even vote for him. Eight months later and I am still searching for Barack Obama, the candidate who inspired millions of people to believe he could reshape how politics were done in America. The candidate who promised "change" that we all, Republicans and Democrats alike, could believe in. This may be one search where I do not find Waldo.

Glee is the most precise word to describe how I felt.

On the television, I watched as sleeping pensioners and geriatrics awoke with a vigorous activism worthy of a radical half their age. They shouted down an AARP representative who, upon seeing her former sheep turn into wolves, stormed out of the meeting like a petulant child. Soon, PTSA soccer moms and degree-holding NASCAR dads also awakened and joined the spontaneous uprising against congressional representatives who refuse to represent.

Atlas, ladies and gentleman, is beginning to shrug. Americans are tired of listening to liberal double speak, and are refusing to support the looters of the left. No longer will productive Americans huddle in the dark, afraid to speak out because the ruling class will marginalize them: the producers are into the light and taking 'Consent of the governed' to heart. The next American Revolution is beginning, and it fills me with glee.

In the past few weeks, we have seen Americans standing up to their congressmen in town hall meetings around the country. The voters are demanding answers from their congressmen, and they are not accepting political spin. In other words, we are no longer helpless children forced to go along with whatever scheme the trolls in D.C. decide. Much to their chagrin, congressmen are discovering they serve at the will of the people.

Lest you think that partisan politics blinds me, I have been calling for the electorate to rattle congressional cages since the first bail out under George W. Bush. Before President Obama, Bush was possibly the most economically irresponsible president we ever elected. I would have preferred these protests against government sponsored looting start 10 months ago, but I will take what I can get.

I would however, suggest the following changes in tactics to make the conversation a dialogue rather than a shout fest:

1. Shouting is fine outside the town hall. Wave your signs, use your megaphones, have a blast; but keep it peaceful. If you are thinking about doing harm, you're wrong and should stop.

2. Inside the town hall, show respect for proponents and opponents.

3. Ask pointed questions, and continue to ask the question until you receive a satisfactory answer—not political double speak. Shouting down the speaker does not help your case, nor promote dialogue.

Still though, these are not community organizer-trained activists—these people have (or had) real jobs, so some roughness around the edges is expected. I am incredibly proud how my countrymen are beginning to channel the spirit of Thomas Jefferson.

But what of the Democratic congressmen whose approval ratings are dropping faster than Perez Hilton in front of Polo Molina? Have they decided to take another look at their unsustainable health care scheme? Unfortunately, no. Rather than waking up from their dreams of a socialist paradise, the democrats have opted to marginalize and ridicule the American voters. In the past week, the Dems have called protestors angry old white



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folk, Astroturf, evil mongers, unpatriotic, political terrorists and insurance company shills.

Nancy Pelosi said Americans who would dare exercise their liberty 'un-American.' Perhaps Nancy should read the Constitution instead of using it as a bookmark in "Audacity of Hope." The left is so accustomed to drones slavishly following the party line of "take from the producers and give to the looters" that it cannot imagine individual thought and moral imperatives dictating behavior.

For the record, most Americans use a little thing called critical thinking and do not require talking heads on cable to think for us. And that critical thinking is beginning to take hold. According to the latest USA Today/Gallup survey, "More Americans disapprove (50 percent) than approve (44 percent) of the way U.S. President Barack Obama is handling health care policy." Instead of trying to demonize the common person with whom you disagree, try listening—it may save your job.

Perhaps most disheartening to the Democrats are the protests are beginning to work. According to the Financial Times, Frank Kratovil and Tom Perriello—two freshman Democratic congressman are "wavering" in their support for the Obama Health Care bill, but they haven't ruled out voting on a "revised version."

America, this is not the time to lighten up on your congressmen. Keep your protest signs high, your e-mails going and fire the uncooperative representatives in 2010 and 2012. You people out at the town halls are the new patriots. Dissent is an American tradition and expectation. As Hillary Clinton said in 2003: "I am sick and tired of people who call you unpatriotic if you debate this administration's policies. We are Americans and have the right to participate and debate any administration."

Mrs. Clinton's words are as true today as they were back then. Fight on new patriots fight on.

Agree disagree? Join me on The T-Files 9 p.m. Tuesday nights on ksuradio.com. I would love to hear from you.

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Can you walk on my back?

Students salivate over The Commons

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KSU's new dining hall is a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art facility that you need to see and taste to believe. Several students, their families, and faculty and staff members had the chance to experience the new dining facility for the first time on Aug. 14.

Rae King, a junior Music Education major, was very pleased with her experience: "I was in complete awe when I first came in—I am speechless. I was expecting fast-food type thing—wow, the cheeseburgers are awesome."

"I'm gonna camp out over here. Breakfast, lunch and dinner," said Justin Bond, an incoming freshman who will be studying business. "The environment is awesome, and the food tastes like I'm at a five-star restaurant."

In many ways, The Commons is not an ordinary dining hall. Auxiliary Services employee Elizabeth Tindel said, "The dining hall is absolutely magnificent. I've been to a few dining halls in the country and they were all more of a cafeteria style—but this one is definitely a notch above—actually, try ten."

Accompanying Tindel at the table was Daniel Dobry, the traffic engineering manager for Croy Engineering, one of the companies that built The Commons. "It was overwhelming when I first came in. We didn't know what to eat because there were so many options," Dobry said.

The Commons is a unique dining facility because it is "green." From the more detailed elements of the actual building to the recycled glass in the lobby floor, KSU is taking significant steps to reduce its impact on the environment. Some of the best examples are low-energy LED lighting set on a timer in most of the building and small-batch cooking to minimize food waste.

Two of the most visible steps KSU is taking to stay environmentally friendly are going trayless, which helps to reduce utility costs and food waste, and composting food waste from both the kitchen and the students.

The composting is done off-site, and then the resulting material is brought back to campus for use in landscaping and our on-site herb garden. The garden contains a variety of herbs and small vegetables including thyme, rosemary, three types of basil, bell peppers, jalapeños and habañeros.

If you're concerned about the infamous freshman 15, don't worry because The Commons has plenty of healthy options.

"One of the things we're most proud of is the increased availability of vegetarian and the introduction of vegan offerings. I'm not referring simply to flavorless side items, but entrees, soups, etc. that fit easily into a healthy lifestyle. Aside from the vegan/vegetarian offerings, we'll also

have plenty of gluten-free products as well. Alongside the french fries, Philly cheese steaks and onion rings, we'll always have reasonable choices like rotisserie chicken and fresh fruits and vegetables," Culinary Services Manager Rob Nolen said.

Nolen also assures meal plan participants that they will never be bored of eating at The Commons: "The easiest way to describe our menu is gigantic. With nine venues plus a to-go location that are constantly changing their offerings, there are literally endless opportunities to explore new food choices."

"Another great improvement is the migration to 'continuous service.' Last year, students were able to eat lunch and dinner during an extremely limited set of hours. This year, The Commons will open in the morning and remain open until the evening with no closures," Nolen said.

Like many other buildings on campus, The Commons has free Wi-Fi, a study lounge upstairs, as well as all the coffee you care to drink at The Grind coffee shop. The combination of free Wi-Fi and coffee alone is going to transform the dining hall into a study hall. The new dining hall is sure to delight, surprise and satisfy with each visit. If you haven't done so yet, go experience it for yourself today.



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The Write Room celebrates one year

BRITTANY PARR
STAFF WRITER

Professional literary e-zine, "The Write Room" (TWR), which once set out to highlight unseen creative talent at KSU is now celebrating its first anniversary with a repertoire of work from writers around the world, along with a vast platform for other artists.

Only one year ago, founder and publisher Joellen Kubiak-Woodall joined forces with Gina Gareri-Watkins to provide consistent "professional recognition and personal fellowship for writers," said Gareri-Watkins.

Since then the online publication has accomplished much more. Namely, moving offline to host a themed monthly poetry, prose and music performance series, entitled the "Play Pen," which began Aug. 5. This event, located at Kybele (formerly Efes) in Marietta Square on the first Wednesday of every month from 8–10 p.m., is TWR's attempt to inspire another "Beat Generation with a new media, digital twist," said Gareri-Watkins.

"I thought the atmosphere was fantastic—sitting on the floor on pillows, delivering poetry and listening to a lot of my peers from the MAPW program made me feel like I was in a college experience," said Christopher Ward, a KSU graduate student and performer at the event.

Soon TWR intends to utilize the renovated venue to host short films, full-band acts and theatre performances as well.

Ideally, the "Play Pen" will serve as entertaining and welcoming environment

for all artists to inspire and get inspired. The underlying message of this interactive series is "you're here amongst friends," said Kubiak-Woodall.

Kubiak-Woodall's main objective for the e-zine and the event at Kybele is providing a spirited and "nurturing environment for writers and other creative people," she said.

TWR does the community a great service with its commitment to those who have yet to see the limelight. Kubiak-Woodall created this resource, turned majesty, after having a consistent urge to tell her classmates: "Please, you need to be published, let me be the person who publishes you."

Not surprisingly, TWR contributors gained much of their recognition by very the nature of the Internet itself. "Once you're out there, people can find you," said Kubiak-Woodall. Search engines continuously lead people to TWR due to strategically placed tags and hyperlinks. Many people have "accidentally" stumbled upon the publication through related searches as well.

As one can only imagine Kubiak-Woodall, Gareri-Watkins and staff have their hands full making sure TWR runs smoothly. In fact, both women expressed that the biggest challenge thus far has been the 24/7 management of the publication.

In the future, readers and contributors of TWR can expect continuous technical and professional improvements. According to Kubiak-Woodall, the staff is currently working on making the naviga-



Brittany Parr | The Sentinel

Joellen Kubiak-Woodall, founder and publisher of The Write Room, spends several hours a day working on her publication and taking classes in the MAPW program.

tion of the publication "easier and more streamline."

As for those interested in attending or performing in the "Play Pen" on Sept. 2, look forward to a show-full of controversial writing. Next month's theme, "We Can Be Heroes," will shed light on heavy, taboo material including readings from the American Library Association's list of frequently challenged books. The

intention of this series is to "educate and entertain" Kubiak-Woodall said.

In this way, Kubiak-Woodall and company are real life heroes who successfully provide an undying community of professional resources and artistic recognition for creative minds.

If you would like more information about TWR please visit the Web site at thewriteroom.wordpress.com.



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The Gerb Report

Host(s): Gerb
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FWOD

Host(s): Fwod
Eclectic mix of music along with an eclectic mix or rants with various topics such as: dating tips, politics, religion, absurdity of the human condition, iconic celebrities, and 100 reasons why you shouldn't poop on the boss's desk (don't ask). With a name like FWOD it has to be KSU OWL Radio! Thursdays. 10pm to Midnight.

BeezWaxX

Host(s): Berlin
Between sexy music with some laughs, some news, and some random chatter here and there. Beezwaxx: Live from the Hive Fridays from 8-10PM

Monday Night Metal

Host(s): Andrew
Monday Night Metal is the place to go to hear all metal, whether new, old, fast or slow it can all be found here. Artists played include: Slayer, Testament, The Showdown, He is Legend, The Number 12 Looks Like You, Impending Doom, Every Time I Die, Gojira and plenty more.

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RADIATION RADIO

Host(s): DJ Tater and DJ Chainsaw
Discussion and Comedy-Heavy Talk portions with alternative music leaning towards nerd sub-culture. Frequently played artists will include Jonathan Coulton, They Might Be Giants, Weird Al. More traditional alternative rock will also be played, such as Barenaked Ladies, Neutral Milk Hotel, Mountain Goats, Modest Mouse, etc. Radiation Radio: Bringing you everything you never wanted to know. Fridays, 11 to 2.

Bakers Dozen

Host(s): Pete & Dylan
Listeners, enjoy a helping of two sexy voices discussing off topic nonsense and a dash of classics from the 70s through the 90s. Come hungry!

Bean About Town

Host(s): DJ Bean
Bean About Town is the show to hear if you're into entertainment. I'll review the latest CD releases, movies, TV, and news stories. I keep an eye out for all the cheap or free entertainment for the (usually pretty strapped) KSU student. I'll be in the faces of local business owners for discounts and I've got my finger on the pulse of free stuff, folks. If it's free, cheap, or has a KSU discount, I'll let you in on it. Keep your ears open for campus events, the latest entertainment news, and all things pop culture. Have you Been About Town lately?

The T Files

Host(s): Tony S.
Not just another typical talk show. The T Files is about liberty, freedom, and truth. Part news and entertainment, part call in. Where the truth lives. Tuesday 8:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

OWL OLDIES

Host(s): Classic Kevin
Tune in and catch some great music from the 60s and 70s, with songs from the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Herman's Hermits, Beach Boys and more. Remember kids, old is gold!

Biting Air

Host(s): Ryan & Joe
Punctuated with the occasional Rock 'N' Roll break, Biting Air is all about just that: Radio that rocks AND TALKS! Current Events, News and Politics - these and more are all within the cross hairs! Keeping you Awake and Aware! Less Rock - More Talk!

Why Ask Y?

Host(s): Tyler
Best of 90's alternative, including acts like 311, Alice in Chains, The Pixies, Faith No More, Collective Soul, Nine Inch Nails, and many lesser known artists as well!

KSU OWL Radio Show Schedule August - September 2009

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8AM		JOHNATHAN MALONEY 8AM - 10AM					
9AM							
10AM		BAKER'S DOZEN 10AM - NOON				BUSINESS 101 WITH JEFF PACKER 10AM - 1PM	
11AM							
12PM	KSU SPORTS 11AM-NOON		KSU SPORTS 11AM-NOON				
1PM	SOUTHERN COMFORT NOON - 2PM	KSU NEWS 12:30PM-1:30PM		KSU NEWS 12:30PM-1:30PM	THIS WEEK IN SCIENCE NOON - 2PM		
2PM			SIREN SONGS 1PM - 2PM				
3PM	TOTALLY 80S FLASHBACK 2PM - 4PM	POLITICAL PRESCRIPTION 2PM - 4PM	THE BUSCH LEAGUE SHOW 2PM - 4PM	BRETT NIX ROCK 2PM - 4PM	THE LOCAL SHOW 2PM - 4PM		
4PM							
5PM	BITING AIR 4PM - 6PM		BEAN ABOUT TOWN 4PM - 6PM		HAPPY GO INDIE! 4PM - 6PM		
6PM		ROTATION WITH LEILA 5PM - 7PM		KEVIN & ANDREW 5PM - 7PM			
7PM	REAL TALK 6PM - 8PM		FLEA MARKET 6PM - 7PM		CAITLYN & ADE-OLU 6PM - 8PM		
8PM		ROOT CONFIDENTIAL 7PM - 9PM	RADIATION RADIO 7PM - 9PM	THE GERB REPORT 7PM - 9PM			
9PM	MONDAY NIGHT METAL 8PM - 10PM		JAZZ WITH MR. C 9PM - 12AM	WHY ASK Y? 9PM - 11PM			
10PM		THE T FILES 9PM - 11PM					
11PM							
12AM	MATT NIX 10PM - MIDNIGHT	LATE NIGHTSPORTS 11PM-MIDNIGHT		TRIB'S NIGHT OUT 11PM-MIDNIGHT			

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Pigs and Peaches



BERLIN VALLENCOURT
STAFF WRITER

Pigs and Peaches. Pork and Produce. The Porcine Picnic and Pie Paradise: as alliterative as it was aromatic, Kennesaw's annual Pigs and Peaches BBQ Festival celebrating the widely appreciated 'other white meat' and its apparently complementary fruit was held Aug. 14 and 15 at Adams Park and Ben Robertson Community Center.

The two-day festival not only featured gobs of thickly marinated pig sizzling over open spits, but chicken, turkey, lamb and a variety of sausages helped fill out its meaty menu. The Pig Lebowski, Baron's Bar-B-Q Team, Holy Smoked Barbecue, Big Shanty Smokehouse and many other local businesses set up shop to peddle their slow-roasted wares to the crowd of hot, hungry partygoers who showed their approval with sauced-laden lips and chins.

Funnel cakes, corn dogs, curly fries, roasted corn, cotton candy and peach cobbler dominated the otherness of the culinary cornucopia.

The first day of the festival yielded an honor that only our humble city can potentially lay claim to: possibly being the host-city of the world's largest dodgeball game ever played. A team of observers from the Guinness World Record Association were on-hand with cameras and a crane to record the raucous event.

As long as all the official rules of the game were observed, as will be determined after another Guinness panel reviews the footage, Kennesaw will go down in their Book of World Records for the achievement. Mayor Mark Mathews read the official rules to the 322 players and urged them to be ethical, as to secure the town's chances.

The event was streamed live from KSU's own OWL Radio. Disc jockeys Matt Nix, Kevin Schmidt and Ryan Lessard helped with the broadcast before joining The Sentinel's own Adeolu Adebayo in the flock of eager dodgeball participants.

Children of all ages bounced happily in the myriad of blow-up obstacle courses, blew kisses from atop miniature ponies and wiggled in a facepainter's chair while their parents waited, chatting in the searing heat.

Vendors selling a brilliant variety of arts and crafts smiled from their tents, made content by the hundreds of attendees ogling their merchandise. Those fortunate enough enjoyed helicopter rides over the festival and downtown Kennesaw.

"This is the biggest Pigs and Peaches yet," observed Elaine Johnston, carefully arranging pickles on her Barbeque Street barbecue sandwich. "I go every year. I love barbecues and I love live music."

Indeed, the artists featured were a curious mix of country musicians and jazz bands. Roger "Hurricane" Wilson, who has played alongside legends such B.B. King, Edgar Winter and the late Stevie Ray Vaughn, opened the event. Nashville's Grammy Award nominee Natalie Stovall, a huge talent with a small following, rocked the house and closed the show hours later. Capping the entire event was The American Flyers, a versatile cover band whose genre-unspecific setlist can include chart-toppers from Gwen Stefani to throwbacks from Hall and Oates.

Despite the ninety-degree weather, most of the attendees seemed pleased with the festival. When asked about her favorite part of the festival, ten-year-old Jennifer McMillan couldn't decide between having her name written on a grain of rice or the balloon-animal artisan. "I like all of it, though," she finally concluded. "It's my first time and I didn't think it would be this much fun. It's called 'Pigs and Peaches!'"



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Not your Typical Romantic Comedy: "500 Days of Summer"

NADIA ABDULAH
STAFF WRITER

After taking the Sundance Film Festival by storm, "500 Days of Summer" received limited release in movie theaters nationwide on July 17.

At the Midtown Art Cinema in Atlanta, moviegoers were excited after hearing about the independent film with a unique twist told from the main male character's perspective, Tom Hansen (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). The film begins with a voice-over narration that tells the audience, "You should know upfront that this is not a love story."

"Here is a rare movie that begins by telling us how it will end and is about how the hero has no idea why," film critic Roger Ebert said. The director Marc Webb utilizes the interesting element of time-jumping (series of flash-backs and forwards) to tell the story of Tom Hansen and Summer Finn's (Zoey Deschanel) relationship that consisted of (yep, you guessed it) 500 days.

From the beginning, the audience was enthralled with the scene where Summer announces that she wants to break-up with Tom. When Tom asks for a reason, Summer compares their relationship to Sid and Nancy, which completely baffles Tom. Then, she goes for the jugular with the line, "You're still my best friend." Heartbroken Tom seeks solace from his two best friends, McKenzie and Paul (Geoffrey Arend and Matthew Gray Gubler) and younger sister, Rachel (Chloe Moretz). Ignoring their advice to get over Summer, Tom decides to try and win her back.

In another scene, it is revealed how the two meet while working at a



greeting card company. Upon meeting Summer, Tom instantly falls in love with her. At first, Summer plays hard-to-get, but surprises Tom one day by kissing him in the copy room. What ensues is a relationship which Summer calls "casual," but Tom thinks that they are in love because he believes in destiny, therefore, Summer is "the one."

At the start of their relationship, Summer reiterates that she does not want a boyfriend. Tom hopes that he can change her perspective on love. For example, in one scene Tom tells her, "It's love—not Santa Claus." Some girls may relate to Summer's need for independence and her disbelief in love. On the other hand, Tom is portrayed as the protagonist and when treating Tom with total disregard, Summer becomes the antagonist.

The opening line "this is not a love story" was not a play on the audience.

In fact, the film does not disappoint and it portrays relationships more accurately than most of its genre. "It is a sweet, funny, true-to-life 'love' story for 20-somethings on their quest to find love," Laura Cromwell, fellow moviegoer said. Indeed, "500 Days of Summer," is a romantic comedy that has its own spunk and appeals to male and female viewers alike.

In the end, both Tom and Summer learn a lesson from their relationship, posing the question: isn't that what relationships are all about? In relationships—whether they end on a good or bad note—the purpose is to learn something about others and ourselves in the process. "500 Days of Summer" is not your typical romantic comedy and will keep you laughing with the characters while identifying with its presentation of unrequited love.

The Lovell Sisters come home after taking bluegrass to other countries

MATT BRADSHAW
STAFF WRITER

The Lovell Sisters came to play at KSU's Legacy Gazebo. 754 people attended the concert on Aug. 9. The girls had been touring worldwide most of this year and had just come home to Calhoun, Ga. for a two-week break, but not before stopping in Kennesaw to perform.

"It's so cool to see familiar fans, people who have been coming to see us play for years now," said Rebecca Lovell, the mandolin player and the youngest of the sisters. On what it's like to tour the world and to live out her dream, she said, "It's surreal—getting to play music for really supportive,

great people."

Jessica Lovell, the violinist for the band, also gave insight on what it's like to live those dreams: "There are pros and cons to anything you do, and I'm just trying to enjoy the pros and deal with the cons as they come along the best that I can."

It's hard to imagine too many cons in the lives of the Lovell sisters, as they perform for crowds in Belgium, northern Ireland, Norway, Switzerland, Germany and Scandinavia introducing their brand of American folk and country music that features a dose of bluegrass.

You'd think European audiences would be unfamiliar with the

Lovell Sisters' type of music, but surprisingly it's very popular and more surprisingly—it's most popular with college kids.

As exciting as it to travel the world and perform in front of international audiences, the sisters still look forward to playing colleges and other venues in their home state of Georgia. They especially enjoyed playing at this year's Bonnaroo in "This Tent" for an audience that, Megan Lovell, the middle sister, described as "very friendly, happy dancing people."

The Lovell Sisters perform next at Eddie's Attic in Decatur on Friday, Sept. 11 beginning at 7 p.m. For more info on the shows, visit eddiesattic.com.

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Public Enemies

DANIEL SINGLETON
COPY EDITOR

The chase starts in the second scene, after John Dillinger breaks his gang out of jail, and doesn't stop until the last scene. In between, there are bank robberies, gunfights, stakeouts, bribes, threats, arrests, more jail breaks—everything you'd want from a cops-and-robbers movie.

That's "Public Enemies," a chase movie with hidden depths. Seven scenes out of ten are plot-driven: chases, stakeouts, gunfights or prison breaks; or scenes that pushed the movie in that direction.

The other three develop characters and relationships, but they do it so quickly and quietly, and leave out so many details, that people who don't know the story will attack the movie for replacing humans with gangster-movie archetypes.

Melvin Purvis (Christian Bale) is the Eliot Ness character, Billie (Marion Cotillard) is the loyal girlfriend who'd rather take a beating than rat out her man and Dillinger (Johnny Depp) is Cagney.

Purvis and Billie are shallow plot devices, sure, but pay attention to Dillinger—he's complicated. Did you know that he cared about his image as much as a movie star? There's a scene late in the movie (apparently based on reality) in which he walks into a Chicago police station and wanders around the Dillinger Room, looking at all of his pictures and dossiers. It's only unbelievable until you realize that Dillinger was a self-conscious egotist who got off on infamy. He liked it when newspapers accused him of

mocking justice. He liked pissing off the FBI. He liked to see his picture on movie screens—he ducks down so people won't notice him, but look closely and you'll see him smile; sharing the screen with Cagney, Robinson and Bogart was his dream.

So no, the movie isn't shallow; it just seems that way because it doesn't call attention to its theories with big speeches. Those two scenes I just described are the most obvious scenes in the movie. I can't tell you why the director, Michael Mann, filmed it this way. Maybe he hates it when movies overanalyze the characters.

Real people don't have as much motivation as movie characters; they usually act without thinking. Dillinger robbed banks because he robbed banks. That's it. Maybe Mann wanted to point out that people who lived during the depression, and had absolutely nothing, couldn't think, plan and analyze themselves because they were too busy trying to survive. Or maybe he just likes filming gunfights and chases; this is the guy who co-created "Miami Vice," after all.

Those gunfights and chases aren't groundbreaking—Mann doesn't turn shootouts into epic slow-motion bloodbaths like Brian De Palma did in "The Untouchables"—but they're as tense and exciting as the shootouts in his two other big action movies, "Heat" and "Collateral."

It's hard to keep our adrenaline going for more than a few minutes, it doesn't matter how many explosions you cram onto the soundtrack, but Mann does such a good job directing the action that he manages to pull it off. I didn't real-

ize that the shootout in the woods lasted fifteen minutes until after it ended.

The production values are more than great: the prison break, shootout in the woods and movie theater finale were filmed on the historical locations. "So when Johnny Depp gets shot in our movie and he goes down and his head hits the ground," Mann said, "he's looking at the exact brick wall and that old wooden telephone pole that Dillinger looked at when Dillinger was down." He only changed details when he had to, so the whole movie feels very true to life; in a town where money trumps the truth, you have to admire it when a director sticks to the facts.

Note: I can't stop writing before I tell you about something that really bothered me. The movie was shot on digital video, not film, which moves six frames per second (fps) faster than film (30 fps for digital video; 24 for film).

Six frames doesn't sound like much, but believe me, those extra frames make the picture look too smooth, smeary and unprofessional; some shots looked like they were shot in somebody's backyard. Mann and his cinematographer, Dante Spinotti, both like how digital video lets them "see into shadows," but darkness should stay dark, damn it.

Watch him smile at the scene in "Manhattan Melodrama" where Clark Gable laughs at the governor who offered to commute his death sentence to life in prison. "You think I want to spend the rest of my life in prison?" He wishes he was that cool.

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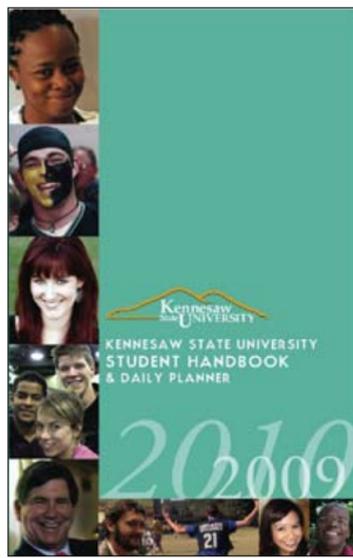


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SPORTS

Women's soccer kicks season off



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Junior Caroline Austin (right) returns after leading the team with 10 assists during the 2008 season.

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The Lady Owls 2008 season ended with heartbreak when they lost in the semifinals of the Atlantic Sun Tournament to Belmont. The Bruins edged the Lady Owls 4-2 in a shootout ending KSU's bid to defend as conference champs.

The team is getting ready to start the 2009 campaign, and their confidence seems as high as ever.

"Our goals are set during every preseason," said senior defender Bridget Gaughan, "but I am positive I can speak for the team when I say our goals include

winning the conference and the conference tournament."

The Lady Owls look to receive contributions from returning starters such as junior defender Caroline Austin, who led the team in assists last season.

Sophomore midfielder Brittany Vining looks to build on a stellar freshman season in which she started 19 of 20 games while tying for second on the team in points with 14, and was also named to the A-Sun All-Freshman Team.

Also, Caitlin Dingle and Maylee Attin-Johnson, both former first team all-conference selections, will return from injury to bolster the team's attack.

"We'll have some great returning injured players such as Caitlin Dingle and Maylee Attin-Johnson," Gaughan said. "They are quality healthy players."

The roster is young but growing, and will only field three seniors as opposed to eight sophomores, six juniors and four freshmen. The team needs fill the

loss of Rachel Baer, who led the team last year with 11 goals and 27 points during the 2008 campaign.

"We have some younger players who have learned the tricks and will hopefully help score some goals such as Kristin Marietta and Kristin Kranick," Gaughan said.

The ladies' schedule is as tough as traditionally expected.

"The most exciting aspect is going up against players of the very highest level and seeing how we do at an individual and team level," said head coach Rob King about the level of competition.

KSU will take on the University of Georgia, Auburn University and the University of Minnesota, all before their first conference match against Stetson University on Sept. 25.

The Lady Owls will also play host to an international friendly against the U-20 Mexico Women's Soccer National Team at the KSU Soccer complex on Aug. 23. This will be an exhibition match that allows the Owls to play top competition, and work on game planning.

"I love playing the bigger name schools and national teams. We go into the games as classified underdogs with nothing to lose and everything to gain. I'm always excited to see bigger schools on the schedule," said Gaughan. "Every game is a learning experience. We find out what works and what needs improving. It's obvious a team that is never challenged never gets better."

The Owls kick things off Friday, Aug. 21 in Athens against the Bulldogs before hosting the U-20 Mexico national team Sunday, Aug. 23.

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Maylee Attin-Johnson returns after missing last season due to injury.



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The women's soccer team gets started in Athens against the University of Georgia Friday, Aug. 21, and open the KSU Soccer Complex with an exhibition against the U-20 Mexico National Team Sunday, Aug. 23.

A summer spent on the Ocoee

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A busy summer schedule is a familiar obligation for many college students, and KSU senior Amanda Whitney took four summer classes and spent almost every weekend in the Tennessee hills guiding rafts down the Ocoee River; a balancing act of work and school to which most students would not commit.

"It's not conducive to summer school," said Whitney. "The river is shut down for two days out of the week, so you have to organize your school schedule around that."

For three summers she has finished class during the week, and then made a beeline for the hills immediately afterwards. She tackled classwork during downtime while most river guides are hanging out, and, in a pinch, she finished a paper on bus rides in between trips and submitted it just before the deadline.

"I go up there because it's something I love doing," said Whitney, explaining why she takes on such a hectic schedule. "It's pretty strenuous

on your body, and you definitely don't go up there for the money. You go up there for the fun of it."

Whitney returned to Georgia after spending a few years working at ski resorts in California. She decided to give river guiding a shot at the urging of family members.

"She was looking for work, and we told her to give it a shot," said Michael Parrott, Whitney's brother-in-law and KSU alum. "She's our little hippie sister; it kind of goes hand-in-hand."

According to Whitney, she fell in love with it after one trip and couldn't stop going to the river.

The upper section of the Ocoee River is the course used during the 1996 Olympics for the kayaking and canoeing events. It is made up of a mile-long stretch of consecutive rapids. Most of the rapids are class three or four, with the last two rapids rated at four or five, depending on the flow of the water. Class five is the highest classification.

The course was strategically built for Olympic athletes, and one out of every five boats gets flipped.

"If you don't hit every rapid straight on and with enough force the water basically has its way with your raft," said Whitney.

Some of the rapids are notorious for strong currents called hydraulics.

"Hydraulic basically means a suction of water that swirls up like a washing machine and sucks you down to the bottom of the river," explained Whitney.

One of her first trips down the river almost included dumping a family into one of the hydraulics. The family included two 13-year-old girls, a mother and a father. An unnecessary stroke from one of the young girls sent the raft directly towards a rock known as Prudential Rock.

"Prudential Rock is a scary rock at the bottom of this class four rapid. It's scary because it sucks rafts around it, and there is a hole underneath this rock and if you actually swim this rapid you can get stuck

in the hole," said Whitney. "The only way to actually come through the other side of this underwater cave is to take off your [personal flotation device]."

With her raft stuck in a dangerous section of the river, she pulled the family out of the boat and onto the rock. After unsuccessful attempts to free the raft, she decided to throw one customer at a time into swiftly passing rafts. Once the family was safe, Whitney was able to free the raft, but she hit a rock as she entered the water behind the boat and fractured two ribs. Undeterred by the pain, she returned to the river to continue guiding a mere three weeks later.

One would think about taking a summer to relax and have fun before entering graduate school or the professional world. However, Whitney plans to hike the Appalachian Trail as a self-given graduation present.

"I have such a love for the outdoors that it will definitely be my graduation present to myself," said Whitney.



Amanda Whitney (top left) calls out commands while guiding a raft down the Ocoee River.

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Ice hockey club finds talent north of the border

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The KSU ice hockey club is looking outside the U.S. for talented players to join their program. These international students, who are predominately from Canada, have helped transform the club into one of KSU's most popular non-varsity athletic programs.

There are currently six international students listed on the team's roster of nearly 25, according to their Web site. The club is looking to increase that number.

"It looks like we have at least two, maybe three, more Canadians coming in at Christmas," said Bill Morrison, assistant coach for the club.

A major reason for their success lies in several of their Canadian players such as ACHA Division II all star Jerry Holden from Ontario, the club's leading goal scorer. Holden fought injuries all throughout secondary school, so he wasn't offered the NCAA Division I scholarship he was hoping for.

Bill Morrison and his nephew Dylan Morrison, the club president, knew the family Holden was staying with during junior hockey. They succeeded in convincing him to play at KSU on an academic scholarship, according to an article in the Marietta Daily Journal.

"He kind of went through the same thing I did where he played junior hockey and didn't necessarily get the bites for NCAA Division I," said Dylan Morrison.

Players like Holden and Morrison have captured the interest of local press in their home province of Ontario. Because of the program's success, junior hockey players who don't receive an athletic scholarship have turned their eye to KSU.

"If they don't find a full ride sports scholarship at an NCAA Division I school, well then they find themselves just going to a local college in their area and a lot of guys don't really want to settle for that," said Morrison.

Last season the club received inquiries from nearly 40 students from all over North America and Europe who are interested in playing for the Owls. The athletes who decide to come to KSU are still required to pay the tuition costs for international students during their first semester.

The tuition an international student pays to enroll full-time is almost \$5,000 more than a student living in state.



Dylan Morrison and Bill Morrison were key factors in getting Jerry Holden to KSU from Ontario.

Photo courtesy of KSU Club Sports

There are several scholarships they can apply for to help with tuition.

Another way the club recruits international students is by using scouts. Tim Morrison and Noonan Maher represent KSU on a volunteer basis as scouts in Canada. These individuals travel around the country looking for talented

hockey players who they think would be a strong fit for the program.

The major traits they look at in a potential recruit are their skill, attitude and a desire to further their education. Once they find someone who fits the criteria they give them the necessary details about the program and KSU.

No more rainy days

Owls expand nest with new indoor hitting/pitching facility

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The KSU baseball and softball programs enter their first year as full-fledged members of Division I, and will enter their 2010 campaigns with the aid of a new 4000-plus square-foot indoor hitting/pitching facility.

Nestled between Bailey Park's home bullpen and the centerfield wall of Stillwell Stadium, the new facility will house three pitching areas and four batting cages. It has already sparked excitement within the KSU athletic department as well as the dug-outs.

"The hitting and pitching training facility's construction is obviously very exciting for the baseball and softball teams. Its value will be immeasurable—the facility is a testament to our programs' continued growth and keeps us on par with other D-I programs in our immediate area," said KSU head softball coach Scott Whitlock.

The \$325,000 price tag for the newest expansion to KSU athletics was covered by a combination of donations and booster club funds. "There were no 'annual budget' funds used in this project," said Whitlock.

The facility's completion date comes at a strategic time, as it will be completed in time for fall practices for the baseball and softball teams in addition to aiding both

teams' abilities to bring in new recruits.

"We feel like this complex will allow us to continue the development of our student-athletes and make us more competitive in the A-Sun, but on the national scene as well," said head baseball coach Mike Sansing.

"An addition like this will help recruiting right away—not to mention the impact that it will have on our current rosters. [The athletic administration] is always looking for avenues to enhance our facilities and improve the overall experience that our student-athletes have while at KSU," said Whitlock.

With the rapid expansion of KSU in the past year both inside and outside the athletic realm, the question of how new facilities like this new practice facility will improve the overall image of the university. Whitlock understands this sentiment and believes that the new facility will please the KSU community.

"I genuinely feel that the new facility will be yet another point of pride for the entire school. With the wonderful additions to the university's intramural and club facilities, our new hitting and pitching training facility further adds to KSU's ever growing image as a major league university," said Whitlock.

With construction on the practice facility nearing completion, the Owls athletes are chomping at the chance to utilize their new digs, but they aren't the only ones.

"That goes for the coaches too. Those windy, twenty-eight degree January days take a toll on an old coach," said Whitlock.

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Construction continues on the new hitting/pitching facility. Completion of the facility is scheduled to be finished in time for fall practice for the baseball and softball teams.



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A recap, reasons to break out that dusty tomahawk

After parking my car in a grass lot near Turner Field in late July, I set out toward the stadium. I hadn't bought tickets for the Saturday game against the Dodgers, so I planned to get them at the box office. Along the way, a ticket scalper stopped me and tried to sell me two tickets.

"Only \$20, ma'am," he said. "The game's sold out! You won't be able to get tickets at the stadium." I laughed out loud in his face.

"Yeah, right," I said. "It's the Dodgers! The Red Sox and Yankees didn't even sell out, and you're telling me the Dodgers beat that?" The scalper was pretty angry, but I kept walking, smug in my victory of outsmarting him.

Cut to me standing at the Turner Field box office where the game is in fact sold out. My boyfriend and I had to buy standing room only tickets for exactly \$20. I just had to keep telling myself that the scalper's tickets were probably counterfeit anyway.

This sold-out Dodgers game is one testament that the Braves have made things a lot more interesting since the spring. Not only do we have a shot at the wildcard, but the division title also seems like a possibility once more.

The summer trades have been solid. Although we lost Jeff Francoeur to the Mets, we got our new right fielder, Ryan Church, who now has 18 hits, two home runs and 11 RBIs as a Brave.

We also acquired dependable hitter and center fielder Nate McClouth from the Pirates, who has already racked up 59 hits since he came to Atlanta in May.

Most recently, we traded first baseman Casey Kotchman for former Brave Adam LaRoche. So far, this trade has been a good one. While there was nothing wrong with error-free Kotchman, LaRoche has already showed us that his bat is much more of an asset than Kotchman's could have been. In two weeks, LaRoche has picked up 16 hits, three homeruns, and seven RBIs for the Braves.

One of the smartest moves the Braves have made recently is not a trade. Manager Bobby Cox finally removed Kelly Johnson from his starting second base position when it became obvious that Martin Prado was by far the best man for the job.

Prado is making the ESPN highlight reel with his stellar defensive plays, and he's been on fire at the plate for the last two months. He is currently hitting .310 with a .363 on base percentage. It's enough to make me want to buy a Prado jersey.

Atlanta's pitching staff is another reason for the team's resurgence. The Braves brought up top prospect Tommy Hanson from the minors, and the rookie's impressive record is 7-2.

In the last 30 days, Derek Lowe has gone 4-0 and Javier Vasquez has gone 4-1. Unfortunately, closer Rafael Soriano is turning out to be Atlanta's Achilles heel. He has blown three out of eight saves for us in the past month.

The good news is that the Braves' post-season fate lies in their own hands. With plenty of games left to play within their division, (six against the first-place Phillies, and nine against the Florida Marlins) they can come out on top if they make the best of those series.

Winning the wildcard may be a better possibility than winning the division with the Braves losing two out of three to the Phillies at home.

This is make it or break it time. Losing a series to the Marlins or Phillies could be devastating, so the Braves need all the fan support they can get right now. Go ahead and find that foam tomahawk that's been gathering dust in your closet since 2005, and let's see if we can help Atlanta chop their way into the playoffs, one way or another.



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