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Women's soccer takes A-Sun conference title

KENNESAW STATE SOCCER



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The women's soccer team will participate in the 2009 Women's Collegiate Cup next weekend, its second NCAA tournament in three years.

BEN HAMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The women of the KSU soccer team are the Atlantic Sun tournament champions receiving an automatic bid to the 2009 Women's Collegiate Cup beginning next weekend.

"It's feels great to win the championship," said head coach Rob King. "This year's team has a lot of character and most importantly determination. I'm really excited

for our girls, they have worked really hard for this."

The Owls (11-6, 7-3 A-Sun) made things very interesting, scoring the game winning-goal in the semifinal match in sudden death overtime and netting the go ahead goal in the championship match with only three minutes remaining on the clock.

In the semifinal match against Jacksonville (8-6-6, 5-1-5 A-Sun) the

ladies played a very physical match to a scoreless tie at the end of regulation.

For most of the first half, play was wrapped up in the midfield, and both teams had their fair share of chances on goal.

Junior goalkeeper Staci Pugh kept the game scoreless in the 16th minute when she came up with two huge back-to-back saves from Jacksonville's all-conference selections, Jessica

Hurtado and Liz Fink. The Dolphins had five of their seven shots on goal in the first half.

"I remember thinking to myself that this is going to have to be a reaction save," Pugh said. "There were a few of our defenders in front of me and I just tried to move as quickly as possible to get to the second shot. Jacksonville got a corner out of it, but they didn't score so I can't complain."

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Students get H1N1 vaccine



Noel Madali | The Sentinel

Student Todd Foreman receives the H1N1 vaccine in the Student Center Monday, Nov. 9. The health clinic administered 1,400 swine flu vaccines, exhausting KSU's supply.

CAITLYN VAN ORDEN
NEWS EDITOR

Amidst black, gold and maroon balloons decorating the Student Center for homecoming week, students stood in line to receive H1N1 swine flu vaccines Monday, Nov. 9.

Anne Nichols, director of the health clinic, sent an email to students the evening of Sunday, Nov. 8, announcing that the clinic had received 1,400 doses of H1N1 swine flu vaccine and that it would be administered the next day only to current KSU students, staff and faculty members. Those wishing to be immunized had to present a KSU I.D. card.

The vaccine was to be administered on a first-come, first served basis from 8 a.m. to noon and again from 1 p.m. to

4 p.m. in the main dining area of the Student Center. Health officials ran out of the vaccine before 4 p.m.

Sentinel features editor Mallory Brewer was among the students to receive the vaccine on Monday.

"My mom urged me to get one," said Brewer. "If I were to catch the swine flu and get near my dad, it could possibly kill him because he's had Guillain-Bare syndrome, an autoimmune disease that attacks the peripheral nervous system, before."

"If you are unable to be immunized on Monday... please watch for information on the health clinic Web site [www.kennesaw.edu/col_hhs/hc/] for when and where the vaccine will be available again," Nichols wrote in her email.

Registration times based on class standing, employment

REBECCA HOOD
STAFF WRITER

Students were able to see their registration times for spring 2010 classes on Owl Express a week before registration began last week, but there has been some confusion as to how times are determined.

Early registration is available to currently enrolled students who are in good standing. Final registration is available for new students, readmitted students and students currently enrolled. Time tickets are assigned to students for both early and final registration phases.

Students are assigned time tickets by the registrar's office based on a student's qualifications. These times often determine the classes for which a student will be able to register for because spots often

disappear soon after registration opens. According to the registrar's Web site, all times are assigned based on student classification, hours earned (including transfer hours) and academic standing.

Those with the most earned hours generally get the earliest times, but campus employees get priority registration. Kristen Hughes, a sophomore biology major, registered Monday, Nov. 2 at 9:30 a.m. because she is an employee at the KSU Distribution Center.

"It helps me make the schedule I want without worrying that I might have a not so good professor," said Hughes.

Senior communication major Brad Wilson said he feels priority registration for campus employees is unfair because of his class standing.

"I'm a senior trying to gradu-

ate, and that one person may take the last spot in a class I need," said Wilson.

Hughes said she feels priority registration is part of the benefits she receives as an employee of KSU.

"We are employees of the school, essentially helping the school out," said Hughes. "Why shouldn't they help us out?"

Registration can be a stressful time for students. Wilson said he had to submit an override form to the Department of Communication because of a mistake with his prerequisite classes, and by the time the override came through, the classes were full.

"If everything would have been in order, I would have gotten the classes I wanted when my registration time started," said Wilson.

Andrew White, a senior business major, said that while the pro-



cess is simple, creating the perfect schedule is difficult.

"Searching through the plethora of class options only to find it's full or not available at the time I need it is discouraging," said White.

White said he believes that in a public institution, no one deserves

priority registration.

"Registration should open to everyone on a given day at a given time and remain open until the drop add date," said White.

Those eligible for early registration can adjust their spring 2010 schedule until Dec. 7, 2009.

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Legacy Gazebo
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12-2 p.m.
Homecoming Parade
Downtown Kennesaw
Saturday, November 14
12 p.m.
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What: Veterans Day Ceremony
When: Wed. Nov. 11, 12:30 p.m.
Where: Campus Green
Details: Bring your American flags for the "Blessing of the Flags"

What: Market Day
When: Thurs. Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: Student Center Atrium

What: Voting for homecoming court
When: Through Thurs. Nov. 12, 1 p.m.
Details: Log on to Owl Express

What: Lunch and live concert
When: Thurs. Nov. 12, noon
Where: Legacy Gazebo

What: Homecoming parade
When: Sat. Nov. 14, noon
Where: Downtown Kennesaw

What: Blood drive
When: Mon. Nov. 16 and Tues. Nov. 17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Where: University Rooms A & B, Student Center

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 LOW 39°



THURSDAY
 HIGH 61°
 LOW 37°



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 LOW 41°



SATURDAY
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 LOW 43°



SUNDAY
 HIGH 67°
 LOW 45°



MONDAY
 HIGH 62°
 LOW 44°

Portion sizes, policies implemented in Commons

CAITLYN NEWMAYER
 STAFF WRITER

The Commons now regulates portion sizes and requires that students request assistance for certain items; it has also changed the hours for take out.

Signs concerning the changes have been posted around the dining hall.

Students may visit each station as many times as they want, but they may only receive one portion of certain items per visit.

Rob Nolen, manager of Culinary Services, said some students have been spotted abusing food portions. They take large amounts of food, eat very little of it and throw the rest away.

"That's going to increase food cost overall, and that's what increases the cost of the meal plan," said Nolen.

The Commons generates about 35,000 pounds of food waste every two weeks.

Another reason for portion regulation is that students have been removing large quantities of food from the dining hall in containers or bags, which is not permitted.

"We've put some signs up just to let everybody know that you can't do that," said Gary Coltek, assistant director of Culinary Services.

Students are still permitted still take ice cream cones, bananas or other small snacks on their way out of the dining room.

Students who need to take out meals can use their KSU ID card to purchase on-the-go meals at On the Fly.

Therefore, On the Fly is now open until 9 p.m. to allow students more time to pick up food after the main dining area has closed.

"We've had requests from students to [stay] open until



Karlee Gonzalez | The Sentinel

The Commons has begun regulating portion sizes and enforcing policies. Students now have to ask for assistance for certain items. Signs have been posted reminding students that they may not remove food from the dining hall, though students will still be permitted to carry out ice cream cones and other small snacks.

nine," said Coltek.

On the Fly averages 600 takeouts a day.

The food items that now require students to ask for assistance include Philly cheesesteaks and cheeseburgers.

Students must also ask for assistance to receive condiments, pizza and proteins. This helps to minimize the taking of overly large portions that remain uneaten.

Assistance from staff also decreases the frequency that people touch tongs or condiments, minimizing the spread of germs that are passed among students during the flu season.

The Commons also

encourages students to use hand sanitizer upon entering. Hand sanitizer dispensers are located in various areas of the dining hall.

ID card theft has also been a concern. There have been two reports of stolen ID cards used to purchase meals.

The Commons hopes to eventually use both hand-scans and KSU ID cards for all meal plans.

"Having the requirement of having someone to be there and scan their hand will cut down on ID card theft," said Nolen.

Coltek said The Commons plans to do away with the mandatory meal plan some-

time in the future.

For fall semester, about 200 students applied for exemption from the mandatory meal-plan. Only 17 have applied for exemption for the spring semester.

Non-residential student Audrey Crowder is required to purchase the meal plan, but she said she still enjoys the convenience of eating on campus.

"I don't live on campus and I commute but now I don't have to worry about going somewhere else and getting something to eat," said Crowder. "I can be here from 8 in the morning to 4 or 5 and have my breakfast, lunch and supper."

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 STAFF WRITER

A cup and a half of straight vodka

Officers called for an ambulance to administer medical attention to an intoxicated female in the Student Center Nov. 1. She was reported to be extremely intoxicated and under the age of 21. The intoxicated female reported that she drank a cup and a half of straight vodka. While officers attempted to contact a family member to take her home, she started to go in and out of consciousness, vomit and dry heave. Officers contacted medical officials and had the female transported by ambulance to Kennestone Hospital.

Fraud at The Commons

A student reported that she had lost her K-Cash Card and someone was using it to purchase meals in The Commons without her permission. The thief was seen on video using the owner's card. The thief told police that he had found the card in the visitor's parking lot in front of the library and that he used the card the next day and three other times to purchase meals. A warrant for the thief's arrest was obtained for Financial Transaction Card Fraud. A form was also submitted to the KSU Judiciary for Theft and Disregard of Property. The rightful owner of the card was reimbursed for the stolen meals.

So Drunk I Peed my Pants, Lost my Shoes and Endangered a Child

Police dispatchers advised units that a possible drunk driver in a Mazda was driving without headlights on the wrong side of Chastain Road. An officer stopped the Mazda for an improper lane change. The driver of the Mazda was not wearing her seatbelt, and she had a 2-year-old child in an unbuckled booster seat in the backseat. Both airbags of the Mazda were deployed, both front tires were flat and bushes were sticking out from the passenger door panel and rear quarter panel. The driver also appeared to urinate in her pants and was not wearing shoes. She was arrested for DUI Alcohol, DUI child endangerment, improper lane change, driving on the wrong side of the road, driving with an expired license, no seatbelt on a child under 5-years-old and reckless driving. An officer stayed with the 2-year-old child until a family member of the driver arrived.

Driving Slow Can Have Consequences

On Oct. 5, an officer observed a Toyota Corolla driving west on Chastain Road with its emergency flashers on. A white male was noticed walking several feet in front of the car. The driver stated that he was driv-

POLICE BEAT

ing slowly because he was trying to talk to his friend who had gotten out of his car during an argument. The officer immediately smelled the odor of alcohol on the driver; he was arrested for DUI Alcohol. The passenger who had gotten out of the car was identified as a 17-year-old male and was arrested for underage possession of alcohol by consumption.

Telling Lies Really Gets You Nowhere

A complainant was filed in reference to a molestation incident on Oct. 5. A mother stated that her son, a KSU student, had been repeatedly kidnapped, forcibly sodomized and robbed at gunpoint. The mother stated that her son had been molested on campus and at the Wal-Mart parking lot on Chastain Meadows Parkway. The son later confessed that his mother's story about his molestation was fabricated and that he had not been kidnapped, sodomized or robbed. The son was advised to contact counseling.

Magic Mushrooms not so Magical After All

Officers were dispatched to University Village on Oct. 6 to investigate possible drug use. A resident advised two resident assistants and police that her roommate possessed marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms in her closet. A search warrant was obtained for the room, and the resident of the room consented to the search form. She told police where she hid the mushrooms. Police also discovered a pink purse with a glass pipe suspected to contain marijuana residue. Police confiscated the mushrooms and glass pipe. The resident of the room was placed under arrest.

Fraud at The Commons II

A student reported that his K-Cash Card had been stolen on Oct. 7. He said his card was being used to purchase meals without his permission in The Commons by another person. The owner of the stolen card identified the thief as one of his friends through video footage. An officer located the thief of the K-Cash Card, who stated that he used the card to purchase five meals without permission from the owner. A warrant for arrest was obtained for Financial Transaction Card Fraud, and a KSU Student Misconduct form for Theft and Disregard of Property was completed.

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An open letter to creationist biblioclasts

TERRENCE JORGENSEN
GUEST COLUMNIST

A university is often seen as a bastion of free expression and an open forum for controversial ideas. It might grieve many members of KSU's faculty, staff and student body to learn that our own Sturgis Library is no longer a safe haven.

Through no fault of the outstanding staff and student assistants who work there, at least one book was vandalized by a student (or visitor) who ripped out pages that he or she found challenging to his or her beliefs, thus preventing any interested readers from arming themselves against their propagandist apologetic attack on sound science.

"Denying Evolution" is not a particularly imposing book—certainly not of the books so popularly referred to as the "New Atheism"—it is not even a counter-religious book. Rather, it is an outstanding attempt to shed light upon the creation/evolution debate and to help bridge the rift between people's religious beliefs and their understanding of the natural world.

Apparently, the suggestion that this forced dichotomy might be false is such a terrifying attempt to change fundamentalists' perception of a sentence (which, they must admit, is beyond their full understanding) that the topic is best kept from even reaching our ears (or eyes) to begin with.

As a member of KSU's student body and staff, I am deeply disturbed that there are those who would rather obscure knowledge they believe is false rather than openly and honestly challenge it. I don't know if it is out fear that they may lose face or lose faith.

So to those who would deface not only physical property to which they have no rights of ownership, but intellectual property that should never be censored, no matter how offensive; I offer this

letter, which I hope you will accept as an assertive invitation rather than an aggressive challenge:

Based on what we have learned since our prehistory, your religious views may benefit from revision, though not rejection. I'm sure you have sat through enough high school history classes and Indiana Jones films that I need not expound upon the weaknesses exposed by ideologies that lead people to destroy books. I would strongly encourage you to consider what sets apart the scientific method and community from those who would bend science to their will. Science is not a source of post hoc verification of preconceived conclusions, but a method of preventing oneself from superimposing one's own ideals upon nature when one honestly and humbly investigates it.

Whereas an ideology will likely fail when it must be held true, even in spite of evidence to the contrary; an ideology that is not only open to revision, but outright relies upon it, succeeds precisely because of the understanding that no single person is without flaw or incapable of mistakes. Even if you believe in the infallibility of some particular scriptures, such infallibility certainly does not extend to every reader and interpreter of such ancient texts. The very existence of your Protestantism is a testament (pun intended) to that fact.

While Muslims and some Native American tribes have been known to keep their creation stories well guarded from scientific investigation, the sheer majority that Christians hold at KSU makes me think that the extremist is more likely to come from this camp than any other. Pardon my misrepresentation if I am wrong, I am not attacking Christians.

The content you removed reveals that you were not attempting to scratch out lies and propaganda, because the pages stolen were

simply critiques of common misunderstandings of certain scientific evidence. One section of removed material described the great Cambrian Explosion of life, which a number of creationists assert is evidence of a single moment in time when life was created all at once and for a special purpose.

Dr. Pigiucci calmly reminds readers that when geologists describe the Cambrian Explosion as "instantaneous," geologically instantaneous means this is a process that occurred over a few or dozen million years, rather than the hundreds of millions of years it usually takes for diversification of life to arise. Furthermore, the fossil record gives no indication that the order and kinds of "created" species in any way mimic the account in Genesis.

The other large section of removed material was a point-by-point critique of Jonathan Wells' "Ten Icons of Evolution." To tear out such informative and recuperative pages from this book is to silence one who attempts to openly converse with you, not one who oppresses you or belittles your precious beliefs.

Dr. Pigiucci is an educator and a vigorous popularizer of science, the likes of which have thankfully become more frequent since the advent of Carl Sagan and his Promethean mission to bring science out of the ivory tower. He does not deserve to have his ideas treated the way communist and fascist tyrants treat ideas that challenge their ideological positions.

For all those who would vandalize books, and those who would congratulate such a coward, I invite you to participate in a discussion this coming Saturday, Nov. 14, when Dr. Pigiucci himself will deliver a presentation on the role of reason in our lives. He will deliver his lecture at 5 p.m. in the Social Science building, and you will have the chance to question him at the conclusion.

School choice in Georgia: Answering the critics

Since the Charter School Bill of 1993, there have been other attempts at school choice in Georgia. Unfortunately, many of the bills didn't pass. For example, Senate Bill 458 would have given students at schools that have lost their accreditation scholarships the ability to attend another local institution. Unfortunately, it was withdrawn from the Georgia State House on April 4, 2008. Other bills like 458 have been proposed, but none had enough votes to pass Georgia's legislature.

In 2008, the state was able to take another step in the right direction for school choice. On May 14, 2008, Governor Sonny Perdue signed HB 1133, which allowed private citizens and corporations to "get income tax credits for donating money to non-profit scholarship organizations." Parents can then turn to these organizations for scholarships to help send their children to private schools or other close public schools.

This, of course, is only a small part of bringing real school choice to Georgia. Real school choice would mean the opportunity of every parent and student, rich or poor, to send his or her child to the institution of his or her choice, whether public or private. Voucher plans that would make this opportunity a reality, have been successful in other countries.

Belgium ranks relatively high when it comes to education, especially higher than the US. In Belgium, instead of the government giving money directly to their schools, the money follows the student. According to Van Raemdonck, a former citizen of Belgium, "[a] system where the funding follows the student and where it is possible to attend any school of choice (regardless of family income) forces public and private schools to compete for students among themselves and with each other."

Some say that the current system in the US is fair because it provides free education to all. However, in most school districts, parental choice is limited to none. The voucher system eliminates this problem and benefits families of both rich and poor backgrounds.

Some argue that a voucher system would limit the diversity found in public schools and leave the new system separated by class. Nobel Prize winning economist Milton Friedman argues that in the current system, "stratification of residential areas effectively restricts the intermingling of children from decidedly different backgrounds." In other words, our current system already separates by class. Only the wealthy can afford to send their kids to private schools, limiting the amount of "intermingling." In a voucher system, parents can choose schools



JUSTIN HAYES
SENIOR COLUMNIST

based on quality and are not tied to a specific location, nor is price a factor.

One of the most prominent arguments against a voucher system contends that it violates the First Amendment of the US Constitution because the government can potentially fund a religious institution. However, Raemdonck says that, in Belgium, "[t]o deal with church and state issues, tax monies are allocated without regard to any religious affiliation of a recipient school." To put it simply, the parents choose the school and the government basically provides the funds, without any respect to a specific religion. Therefore, the government does not support any religion.

A final concern deals with questionable curriculum and performance of private schools. Some argue that some private schools might teach *taboo* material and/or have no oversight to make sure students are being "properly" educated. However, this means that parents will have to pay more attention to their child's schooling.

If a school is unaccountable or inefficient then a parent can immediately pull their child out and send him or her to another institution. If enough parents start pulling their children out, the school must either change its ways or bring in new management. Both private and public schools would have a strong incentive to act responsibly.

A voucher system in Georgia would greatly improve education for everyone. It is founded on competition, accountability and, most importantly, freedom of choice for parents and students. It would also encourage more local involvement in education, as seen in the charter systems.

We have state elections coming up in 2010. We should look for candidates who believe in the freedom to choose the best education for our children.

Granting HOPE or harvesting exploitation?

The HOPE Scholarship and The HOPE grant are two elements of the Georgian higher education dynamic that virtually all in-state residents are already aware of, yet the primary workings of said program are somewhat muddled to the general populace. HOPE funding is secured, almost entirely, via Georgia Lottery income.

Of course, there is a smattering of outside contributions that have been annexed to such expenditures, but for the most part, those are in such negligible percentages as to be considered inconsequential.

As of 2008 reporting, HOPE funding has been doled out in the estimable range of about \$3 billion since 1993, earnestly a small smattering of the estimated \$50 billion revenue generated via the installment of the Georgia Lottery.

The purported rationale for creation of the HOPE program was, essentially, an economic ploy to keep students in state and promote circular redistribution of income. The unforeseen result of such an institution has struck the heart of the Georgian education system in a two-fold manner: first and foremost, in lowering public educational spending, which in turn has promoted the rise of "grade inflation" to ensure that Georgian students continue to annex fiscal funds

into the program. From the very conception of the program, it was quite evident that Georgian legislators were placing the fiscal repercussions of the program *ahead* of the needs of the student, and in a paradoxical notion, such schematics have actually *decreased* educational output within the state.

In 2005, Georgian legislators decreed to remove the cap that disallowed the children of homes that received annual incomes higher than \$100,000 to apply for HOPE funding, a call that many opponents of the program have labeled as a case of inverted wealth redistribution, with the most vehement detractors labeling the HOPE program as it is today as something of a neo-regressive tax.

In that, one must ponder the notion that the HOPE program as it is today is something of a money pit; an initially over funded system that merely cauterized the scholastic woes of the state instead of curing the venom within the veins of the state's faltering educational programs. As an overfed goldfish, the program *has* to ingest larger quantities of fiscal fish food, no matter the observation that the bloated frame of the being will soon crack the glass of its increasingly cramped bowl.

The state agency in charge of HOPE distribu-

tion is the Georgia Student Finance Commission; the president of the organization, Timothy Connell, was the former director of the Office of Planning and Budgeting, appointed by his political ally Sonny Perdue in 2003 after a nearly decade-long stint for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

In 2006, Connell agreed to a "strategic alliance" with both Edsouth and Edfinancial Services, the latter of which is a privately-held loan lender headquartered *out-of-state* in Knoxville, Tenn. The CEO of Edsouth, Ron Gambill, is the concurrent Education Administrator for the State...of Tennessee.

The President of the "non-profit" Edsouth organization just so happens to be John E. Arnold, Jr., who is also the president of Educational Services of America, Inc., which is a privately held company specialized in *privatized* public education overhauling.

In that our reflection, one walks away with a number of troubled inquiries; is perchance such an alliance an ominous glance at the future of the Georgian education system, mayhap drifting toward an outsourced system of privatized management? Isn't such interstate coalescence counterintuitive to the entire rationale behind the birthing of the HOPE



JAMES SWIFT
COLUMNIST

program, and what does such say about the defeatist attitude of the Georgia legislators and GSFC powers-that-be?

Rendering a final assessment, I reflect on the children situated in lower class settings at the concurrent and realize that under existing state mandates, they are expeditiously on the fast track to a truly *hopeless* existence, thanks in no small part to the wonderful scholarship in place at the concurrent.

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Blame the real culprits

The federal government has assured us that they have been working tirelessly to fix our economy, employing such effective measures as spending money on tattoo removal for former inmates and renovating campground lavatories.

We have all been told what is to blame for the financial crisis—unscrupulous lenders motivated by greed and “deregulation.”

These convenient excuses misrepresent the government’s role. Government policies are the main culprit behind the creation of the housing bubble. The same people who got us into this mess are now demanding we give them more power to fix the problem. Let’s look at some of the institutional factors that actually caused this mess.

First, let’s stop with this obsession over subprime loans. These loans have always had higher default rates than prime loans. That’s the whole point of charging them higher interest rates. The recent increase in foreclosures was mostly in prime loans. I know it’s convenient for anti-capitalists to imagine a devious banker preying on a poor defenseless applicant, but it’s harder to imagine a person with great finances in

the same situation.

The main political factor involved in the creation of the housing bubble was the obsession with creating an “ownership society” by making it easier for people with bad credit to be able to buy their own homes. We even have a tax code that favors people with home mortgages over those who rent apartments or who buy their homes outright. A now discredited report from the Boston Federal Reserve alleging discriminatory lending practices prompted a political push for extending home loans to people whose creditworthiness would not otherwise qualify.

Former President Clinton enacted regulatory changes to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) in order to ensure that low-income homebuyers with bad credit could still get a mortgage. Under threat of governmental sanctions, lenders were required to meet certain quotas of loans to low-income communities. Although the CRA didn’t apply to lenders not covered by FDIC insurance, the other lenders recognized the political trends and adjusted their lending policies accordingly.

In order to maintain the capi-

tal needed to extend the amount of money they could lend, mortgage lenders would sell these mortgages on the secondary market to government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. These GSEs operate like corporations, but with special favors from the government to ensure that they don’t get any competition from the private sector. On paper, Fannie Mae has a \$2.25 billion line of credit with the US Treasury, but in practice everyone knew that this line of credit was unlimited, due to the “too big to fail” mentality.

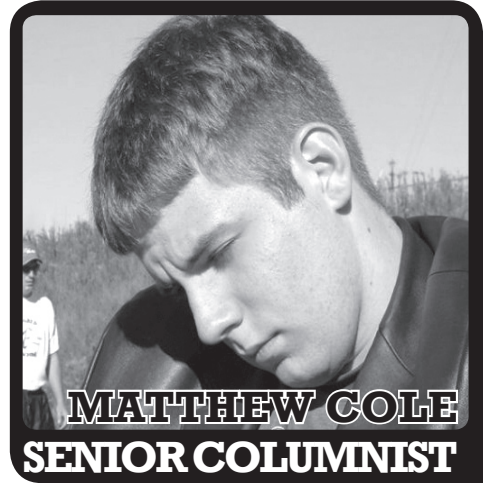
These GSEs would then bundle these mortgages and sell mortgage-backed securities. Investors were able to buy their share of a common pool of home loans. This enabled them to free up enough capital to keep those lenders lending. The large expansion of politically-driven home mortgage lending fueled investor speculation, and thus increased home prices artificially above their market values.

So-called “private” credit ratings agencies, fearing governmental tampering with their protected cartel, were quick to follow Washington’s lead

and rate the creditworthiness of home loans more highly than they should. According to the Boston Fed, which said lenders should eliminate “arbitrary or unreasonable measures of creditworthiness,” we shouldn’t worry about whether or not a loan applicant is actually good for the money, so just give them all AAA ratings. The Department of Housing and Urban Development even pushed zero-down payment mortgages.

Of course, none of this would be possible if it weren’t for the Federal Reserve and their manipulation of interest rates. In 2003–2004, the federal funds rate was set at just 1 percent. These artificially low interest rates allowed for the creation of more money. More new money was created from 2000–2007 than in the rest of this country’s history. The resulting inflation impacted home prices, which rose to unsustainable levels. More homes were being built than people could buy.

Lenders did exactly what the



MATTHEW COLE
SENIOR COLUMNIST

government wanted. People such as Barney Frank and Ben Bernanke got what they wanted. They just don’t like the consequences. They are now using the mess they created as an excuse for more power-grabs. As they continue to condemn the free market, remember that they allowed no such thing to exist.

On a personal note: I am running for Homecoming Prince and would appreciate your votes. Just log into Owl Express and click “Voting.”

The GOP has become the Grand Ole Divide

If you’re concerned that once football season ends there will be few competitive sports, you’ve been misinformed. The Republican Party is gearing up for what appears to be the biggest political schism since the Dixiecrats broke off from the Democrats. Yes, what we’re currently seeing could be historic.

The Republican Party, struggling to find its own voice after the Democrats swept into control of Congress and the White House during the course of the 2006 and 2008 elections, is made up of two distinct political ideologies. The moderates in the party tend to be more fiscally conservative, focusing less on social issues and more on economics. The conservative wing of the party is a far more vocal group of fiscally and socially conservative voters and politicians, where even moderates are not welcome.

Those conservatives are hunting down and seeking to remove the moderate, more rational side of Republican Party. There is no better example than what happened in the 23rd Congressional District of New York. The seat, vacated by Republican John McHugh after he resigned to become Secretary of the Army faced a special election last week to determine his replacement. A traditionally Republican seat (a Democrat hasn’t won the district in 20 years), the GOP nominated moderate Dede Scozzafava. Feeling that she was far from a “true Republican” Doug Hoffman, a Conservative Party candidate entered the race.

While early polls favored Scozzafava, the conservative machine brought their superstars in to explain to voters that Scozzafava was a radical liberal in conservative’s clothing. These political stars included former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, former U.S. Senator Fred Thompson and Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty.

Hoffman’s popularity soared, and Scozzafava’s positive outlook for election day vanished. Just three days before to election day, Scozzafava decided to withdraw from the race and rather than endorsing Hoffman, she instead threw her support behind Democrat Bill Owens. Anger spread throughout the conservative wing of the Republican Party over the endorsement. Regardless the candidate that truly believed in American values would prevail. Or not.

The divide Republicans created in this traditionally Republican seat gave an opening for Democrat Bill Owens to defeat Doug Hoffman by roughly 4.5 percent. While Republicans both moderate and conservative share an anger of President Obama’s policies and are attempting to unite in order to stage a successful midterm battle in 2010, they are failing.

The vocal minority of the party has hijacked any attempt to form a stronger party after the battering they received in 2008, while Chairman Michael Steele continues his delusional belief that nothing is wrong, and that Republicans are back, getting stronger and ready to win. This claim could be taken seriously if it didn’t sound like Stormtroopers saying the Empire still had a chance after both Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader died.

Still in the first year of the Obama Administration, the GOP has a one-word platform: No. Rather than crafting any sort of genuine plan for the US, they simply say the Democrats are wrong and oppose any actions they take.

Last week a Senate committee planned on finally working on climate change legislation, the GOP boycotted the meeting, thus preventing a working quorum. No meeting can be held until two Republicans



JOEL MENDELSON
COLUMNIST

change their minds and decide to listen.

No one is asking Republicans to agree with the Democrats; that’d be a scary thought. Sarah Palin, Michelle Malkin and Glenn Beck would stand outside your house with pitchforks and torches demanding your resignation or face the wrath of God. Just listen. This year Republicans have presented a budget in response to the president’s. It contained not a single number. Republicans have presented their health care reform plans, again without a single number.

This country, regardless of political ideologies needs to move forward. If your platform is to say “No,” alienate the sane part of your base, and still make untrue, ludicrous claims about the president, then I’m sorry Republicans, it will certainly not be 2010 or even 2012 before you get yourselves straight.

Americans in opposition to President Obama and the Democrats in Congress want answers and ideas. The way back into the majority and the White House is by proving that you have what it takes to put this country back on the right track. President Obama proved it last year, now it’s time for the GOP to put up or shut up.

Off-year elections send clear messages

The outcome of the elections this past Tuesday sends several messages to both the Democrats and the Republicans. The Democrats need to pay attention to the results of the New Jersey and Virginia gubernatorial elections, and the Republicans need to learn from the issues surrounding the New York 23rd Congressional District special election.

After now—President Barack Obama won Virginia in the 2008 presidential election, there was speculation as to how the state would vote in future elections. Some went as far to say that then-Senator Obama’s victory in the state, which had not voted Democratic in a presidential election since 1964, had changed the standard electoral map.

The 2009 gubernatorial election proved that this is not the case, as Bob McDonnell, the Republican candidate, won by 17.5 percentage points. This major victory for the Republicans was only strengthened by President Obama’s campaigning for Creigh Deeds (though the president seemed to distance himself from the election after it became clear that Deeds stood very little chance against McDonnell).

President Obama is not an invincible electoral engine, as many characterized him during and after the 2008 election. Though most sensible people already knew that politicians rarely enjoy the same level of adoration as when they are first elected, it helps to finally have some concrete evidence to back up what many of us know to be true.

Additionally, the Democrats have lost big on this one: bigger than they are willing to admit. With Virginia having been solidly within the Democratic camp in 2008 (by 6.3 percentage points), the Democrats were afraid of losing it to Republicans. That is exactly what has happened. With McDonnell’s victory, Republicans now not only have a good chance of making a dent in the six Democrat-held House seats in the state, but they also have a much better shot at voting Republican in the 2012 presidential election.

New Jersey poses an even bigger issue for the Democrats. The state has voted for Democrats for president since 1992. Though the state has not been solidly Democratic when it comes to governors in the past, tending to switch between Democrats and Republicans, this is an important turn to pay attention to. The major point here is how that even after President Obama’s election



NOAH SOLOMON
COLUMNIST

(which, again, was supposed to have changed the status quo when it comes to elections) Republicans can still win in Democratic strongholds. Because of this, Democrats are rightly cautious about their ability to hold on in states that voted for then-Senator Obama, but were either Republican or battleground states before the 2008 election. Christie’s win in New Jersey means that Republicans will surely have a fighting chance there in the 2010 and 2012 elections.

The elections in the New York 23rd District provide a lesson to Republicans. With Scozzafava dropping out due to her support leaving her for third-party conservative candidate Doug Hoffman, and Hoffman’s mere 4.1 percentage point loss in the election, the GOP needs to pay attention to the obvious fact that the Republican base desires conservative candidates. Though the Democrats have declared victory, and I have seen several “news” stories on how Hoffman’s loss spells problems for conservative Republicans, in reality, the election’s progression and results make a clear point: the Republican Party needs to stop fronting liberal candidates (regardless of what dissenters like to say, Scozzafava was a liberal, not a moderate).

The only reason Bill Owens won the election is because Republican support was initially torn between Scozzafava and Hoffman, and only after Scozzafava dropped out did those who supported her turn their support to Owens. Republicans need to stop wasting their time with liberals and go ahead and run conservative candidates. They can win. They will win. But they need to be out there first.

There are two messages being sent out: one to the Democrats, and one to the Republicans. Message to the Democrats: you are not invincible. Message to the Republicans: commit to conservative candidates that share your values and you will win. Flip-flop around on it and you will lose. Those messages are pretty simple. And judging by the reactions from both sides, I’d say they’ve been received.

THE OWL FORUM

Mendelson Saves America - and inspired me

I was delighted when I read Joel Mendelson’s column about the holidays.

Imagine how much happier most people would be if they follow his advice - if they had a little more money and fewer things. It is not uncommon for families to spend one month’s pay over the holidays, telling themselves, “My kids deserve it.”

Your children deserve your love, guidance, respect, and sometimes discipline - but stuff, and being stressed by debt, I don’t think so.

When you are in debt, every minute, every hour, day, and week, brings you closer to another bill you can not pay. Does that sound like a good life to anyone?

If you spend less than you earn each month, every minute, every hour, day, and week, brings you closer to financial freedom.

The clock and the calendar can be your tormentors, or they can be your friends. The sooner you make them your friends, the sooner you will experience the joys of this freedom.

More than a few sermons and lectures have shared that when you are young, you are taught to love people and use things; and when you

grow up, you love things and use people. You can choose to be young and and free forever.

Paul D. Lapides

Assoc. Prof. of Management & Entrepreneurship
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Holocaust survivor recounts her experience

I was so moved by Tosia Schneider’s story as a Holocaust survivor. She is certainly a heroine, to have endured the pain and suffering of this state sponsored persecution is miraculous. Furthermore, you have to admire anyone who is courageous enough to tell their story and relive the moment as if it happened yesterday. Thank you for sharing her story with us. Hopefully, Tosia’s horrific experience will teach us to abolish hatred and prejudices and learn to love those who are different.

Stop! Look at the person next to you. Analyze, accept and respect what you see.

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FEATURES

Why do you keep coming in here?

Panel promotes acceptance of being gay at work

SARAH WALRAVEN
STAFF WRITER

Many minority groups enter the workplace without fear of discrimination; however, gay employees don't share the same federal protection.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 KSU's Career Services Center sponsored "Out at Work," a discussion panel of three successful Atlantans who are gay and "out" in their companies. Melanie Janus, Experiential Education associate and Kennesaw Pride Alliance co-chair, organized the event to educate KSU students of the work climate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) employees.

"LGBTQ students face different hurdles in the workplace than 'straight' students and this event served as a space to educate everybody on LGBTQ workplace issues," Janus said. "It can be very daunting for an LGBTQ job seeker because they don't know how their potential employer will treat them based upon their sexual orientation or gender identification."

Melissa Carter, Nathan Knight and Lillian Martinez participated in the panel discussion.

Carter is a well-known morning disk jockey for "The Bert Show" on Q100. She hoped to encourage the audience by letting them know she has never received a piece of hate mail for being a lesbian during her 14 years of work in radio. Carter said most companies are concerned with having an employee who is making profit for them, regardless of his or her personal life.

"For every company that you feel uncomfortable in or awkward in, there's three companies who will have you for who you are," Carter said.

Knight is a manager at Deloitte Consulting's Human Capital practice. He also works with the Human Rights Campaign and Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, which are opportunities Deloitte opened for him. Knight shared his struggle of coming out to co-workers during his previous job at Home Depot. His pinnacle moment occurred during his first performance review. Knight's manager asked him why none of his coworkers really knew who he was.

"I knew the answer, but I was so afraid to say it," Knight said. "I didn't want to build those relationships with my boss because I feared we would get into conversations about my weekend and I would need to change pronouns."

Studies have shown that employees who don't hide their personal lives are more engaged on the job and perform better, Knight said. Once he let people know

he was gay, a weight was lifted. "If you don't have a strong network of people that know you on a professional and personal basis and are supporters of you, you will sink," he said.

Martinez runs Seat of our Pants Productions, an Emmy award-winning production company she started with her partner Rossalind Luna. When Martinez started her career at more conservative organizations, she initially hid her sexual orientation at work. At Pride events she would intentionally avoid cameras, fearing a coworker might see her on television. Garnering inspiration from some friends in Miami, Martinez decided to try a new tactic. "Be yourself, talk about it like it's no big deal and then it doesn't become a big issue," Martinez said.

Instead of avoiding questions when asked about her weekend, she would simply talk about what she and Luna did. "Eventually, people will catch on," Martinez said. "If they want to know, they'll ask; if they don't, they won't."

Senior Jessica Bull found the discussion educational for all students. "I think it's really important to let students know there are resources out there, not even just for gay students—we're all going into the business world—so that everyone is just a bit more conscious."

The conclusion of the panel discussion highlighted how KSU is becoming more LGBTQ inclusive. Junior Mary Frances Edgemon is president of Kennesaw Pride Alliance and co-chair for Dr. Papp's Commission for LGTBQ Initiatives.

"We're currently working on an LGBTQ alumni association, we've already started getting gender neutral bathrooms, we're working on a multicultural resource center including LGBTQ resources and we're working on improving campus climate for LGBTQ people," Edgemon said. They will also add literature in resource centers and admission offices on campus so students are aware that KSU is a progressive school.



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Nathan Knight, Melissa Carter and Lillian Martinez led the "Out at Work" panel discussion.

French poetry night highlights renowned and original works

BERLIN VALLENCOURT
STAFF WRITER

Instructor of French Sophie Vainer hosted French Poetry Night Nov. 5 as part of National French Week—Nov. 4 to 10. Vainer welcomed more than 70 guests that evening with a warm introduction that set the mood for entertainment.

Noah McLaughlin, William Griffin, Kristin Hoyt, Lucie Viakinnou-Brinson and Anne Bray were among the French professors who joined the audience, showing support for their colleague and National French Week.

As a native of France, Vainer understands quite well the importance of poetry to francophone culture: "For French people, poetry is learned at a very early stage in life. We have to memorize very early." Vainer has a plentiful list of favorite French poetry, including works from poets such as Charles Baudelaire and Arthur Rimbaud.

Park Kausen and Carolyn Cook, two inspired members of Atlanta's French-language theater company, Théâtre du Rêve, performed well-known fables with such enthusiasm that even audience members without knowledge of French language could laugh along.

Using a bike tire to inflate a balloon, Kausen imitated a frog who coveted an ox's size, puffing herself up so big that she popped. Her demise, conveyed to the audience with the jarring burst of

the balloon, cut through the somber production to deliver a collective gasp.

The intense energy and expressive faces of Kausen and Cook infused the crowd with the universal, undeniable language of laughter. The duo did well to accomplish the theater's mission, which is to bring to life the language and cultures of the French-speaking world on the American stage.

Once the performers had departed, francophones, both students and natives, took the floor to read poetry written by famous poets and their own works.

In particular, Guillaume Apollinaire's "Le Pont Mirabeau (The Mirabeau Bridge)" moved one of its impassioned readers to tears. The poem itself recounts Apollinaire's own sad story of amour, as he reflects upon a lost lover, in comparing their love to the water of the Seine River that flows beneath the Mirabeau Bridge.

Among those students of French reciting their original poetry were Heather Hendon-Sigley and Megan Griffin who presented their cooperative work "Notre Amour (Our Love)."

Senior interdisciplinary studies major, KSU French Club president and one of Vainer's grammar and composition students, Mallory Brewer, also read her own poem, "Une nuit dans la jungle (A night in the jungle)," which she co-authored with classmate Eduardo Duron. "The poem was an

assignment for Madame Vainer's French 3303 class—I didn't expect to read it at Poetry Night but I enjoyed sharing my work with the audience," Brewer said. "Madame Vainer is very passionate about French poetry and I think her passion contributed to how well this event turned out."

"This exercise allows [the students] to be creative and to combine knowledge and art. It would be different with improvisation. I think that poetry can make them feel confident about their work," Vainer said.

For more information on KSU's francophone community, visit <http://freewebs.com/kennesawfrenchclub>.



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Park Kausen and Carolyn Cook (above) act out fables at KSU's French Poetry Night.



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Cherith Morgan (left), Helen Hernandez and Izelenn Ledezma (both right) read poetry before a group of peers.

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Students speak their way to cash prizes

JENNY HARRISON
STAFF WRITER

KSU's Department of Communication presented the third annual Public Speaking Showcase Nov. 6 to exhibit KSU's top public speakers.

At the end of the event, senior Marissa Donker was declared the winner of the showcase.

The showcase contained 21 speakers who had taken public speaking at KSU, were currently enrolled in the course or had transfer credit for the course from another college.

Emily Holler, assistant professor of communication and public speaking coordinator, said participants had to turn in persuasive speech topics at the time of registration the week before the showcase. Each speech needed to be eight to 10 minutes in length. Speeches were required to be extemporaneous, so students were not allowed manuscript speeches for the event. Past those requirements, the topics were unlimited.

Holler said that since the students were not required to submit a final outline, students could make changes to the speech itself anytime before the first round of competition, which began at 6 p.m.

For the semi-final round, the speakers were divided into five rooms, with four or five speakers in each room. The students presented their speakers to two of the 10 judges, who were KSU faculty from the Communication Department as well as other faculty across campus that hold communication degrees.

One speaker from each room was chosen to compete in the final competition at 8 p.m. Finalists were competing for the top prize of \$300 and a gift certificate from The Buckle store. Second and third place winners received \$200 and \$100, respectively, as well as gift certificates from The Buckle. The cash prizes for the event were provided by Mr. Rhubarb Jones, a KSU professor and communication professional, Bedford/St. Martin's Publishing Company and an anonymous donor.

This year, the five finalists were Scott Barron, Marissa Donker, Tiffany Harrell, Annie Snead and Bridget Szuminsky. Two faculty members from KSU as well as a guest judge from Georgia Highlands College scored the finalists during the showcase.

Donker, the winner of the event, delivered a speech meant to inspire the audience to set goals, titled "Ready, Set, Goal!" Donker wanted to create a speech to which everyone could relate.

She said her speech on goal-setting did just that.

"I feel that everybody can relate to setting goals," said Donker. "Whether you're a child or a parent or even a grandparent, anybody and everybody can set goals, especially college students."

Donker said she was proud of herself for making it to the final round.

"I like doing this. I like speaking," said Donker. "I'm having fun and I like it."

Second place went to Bridget Szuminsky for "The New Drunk Driving."

Szuminsky discussed the problem of texting while driving and used personal stories to persuade the audience to think twice before picking up a cell phone in the car.

"It's a big issue," said the KSU sophomore, who is currently involved with programs to prevent texting while driving and drunken driving.

Junior Scott Barron secured the third place slot with his speech titled "Sleep Your Way to a Degree," which stressed the importance of sleep as a factor in how successful students will be.

Barron's speech was inspired by a Facebook group called "Sleep ... It's the New Sex," which tied sex and sleep together.

"I love to sleep," said Barron. "I wanted to help students get more sleep because I've actually personally been sleep deprived and know what it's like."

Junior Tiffany Harrell, another student who progressed to the final round, gave a speech titled "Through the Eyes of Suicide: You Can H.E.L.P." which described the signs of a suicidal individual and ways to step-in and assist those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

"I use this speech in the showcase as an opportunity to touch somebody else's life," said Harrell. "I feel like I can definitely at least touch one person if they're out there."

Junior Annie Snead, the other finalist, persuaded audience members to be more frugal on their wedding days with her speech, "One Day Worth \$20,000."

"It's a topic that I've thought about for a while," said Snead. "I just decided this would make a great persuasive topic to try and get people to not waste their money on one day."

Dr. Birgit Wassmuth and Emily Holler thanked the five finalists and 16 other students who competed in the Public Speaking Showcase for making this event a success for the third year in a row.

"We hope that it will continue to be a fall annual event," Holler said.



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Public speaking showcase finalists were Bridget Szuminsky (left, second place), Scott Barron (center, third place), Marissa Donker (right, first place).

Romantic film makes viewers relate to their own lives

EARNEST AARON
STAFF WRITER

The Cinema Society (CS) met Nov. 3 to watch "White Nights," an adaptation of Fyodor Dostoevsky's book by the same title. The movie, as directed by Luchino Visconti, premiered in Italy under its original title "Le Notti Bianche."

"This club is for those who appreciate great movies and those who are interested in meeting others who have an interest in film. We watch everything from classical to main stream," said Samantha Casto, the CS public relations agent.

The movie is a tragic love story as it begins with a young girl named Natalia, who falls in love with Lodger, an older man. Lodger later has to leave but says he will return within a year. Natalia waits a year but Lodger still has not returned and the film's true protagonist, Mario, saves her from being raped and quickly falls in love with her.

While spending time together, Natalia recounts to Mario her tragic story of love, she then convinces him to send a letter to Lodger. However, Mario breaks his promise and destroys the letter, later revealing the intensity of his love for Natalia. Eventually, Mario takes her on a gondolier ride where he informs Natalia that this is how he wants to propose to her.

As in most romantic movies, an act of nature is introduced—in this story, snow begins to fall. The two lovers play in the snow, enjoying their time until they arrive at the bridge where Natalia's first love left

her. Upon arriving, Lodger stands on the bridge a year later as he had promised. Natalia quickly runs to him, leaving Mario behind. Natalia walks back to Mario but only to tell him how strong her feelings still are for Lodger. Mario is left alone to wander the streets and the movie ends shortly thereafter.

After the viewing of "White Nights," the group held a discussion so that everyone could share their thoughts and ideas on the movie.

"He tricks you into thinking it will all work out but in the end it hits you," CS president Daniel Singleton said of Visconti's direction.

In particular, guests shared their opinions on how Luchino Visconti changes the setting of the movie—in Dostoevsky's book, the story takes place in spring, whereas Visconti chose to set his film during the wintertime. The discussion later moved to the characters and how well the actors portrayed them.

Singleton said, "It's like they're obsessed and their need for someone to say 'I love you' is making them see things that are not there." His comment provoked a conversation on how the movie allows viewers to relate back to their own lives.

Most members who experienced this connection thought that the movie brought up some memory or a time in which they have rushed into love like the film's Natalia and Mario.

The club meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in room 1079 of the social science building.



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Wednesday, November 11:

The Kastle Joust! Field Games Competition; 4 p.m.; KSU Main Campus Intramural Field
The Melodic Lute: Annual Lip Sync Competition; 8 p.m.; Student Center University Room

Thursday, November 12:

Lunch and Live Concert: Rolling Stones Tribute Band and Food Sale; 12:30 p.m.; Legacy Gazebo
An Enchanted Knight: KSU's 20th Annual Homecoming Dance and revealing of the Court; 8 p.m. to midnight; Embassy Suites, Town Center (Chastain Road)

Friday, November 13:

War of the Robes: Scrappy's Wardrobe Contest; judging at 2 p.m. in the Department of Student Life

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Jump, Jive an' Wail helps feed the future

BERLIN VALLENCOURT
STAFF WRITER

"Baby, baby it looks like it's gonna hail. Better come inside, let me teach you how to jive and wail!"

Louis Prima recorded that line in 1939, but KSU's Museum of History & Holocaust Education brought it back to life Saturday, Nov. 7. Jump, Jive an' Wail, the second annual swing dance event, was a rollicking good time filled with live music, free swing dance lessons, a delicious array of foods and the most impressive assortment of wingtips and pillbox hats under one roof. Dancing or not, more than 500 people attended the event, which was held at the KSU Center on the university's extended campus.

Only 20 minutes into the festivities, more than 70 eager dancers took to the floor when two generous young instructors offered to school them in swing. The set up was simple: the men were asked to line one wall and the women lined the opposite.

Separately, they learned rock-steps and triple-toes from their male instructor, a "gate" (that's swing for man) who goes by the name of Nick Yaitsky. His partner, a "duchess" (that's swing for woman) named Shannon Yaitsky, provided an equal amount of coaching. "We were very lucky to secure such wonderful and experienced instructors," said Anna Tucker, the assistant museum manager. "Both {Shannon and Nick} have have several

years experience swing dancing and are well connected in both the KSU and the GA Tech Swing Dance Associations."

As soon as the moves were down, the dancers were all asked to move to the center and clasp hands with the random dancer directly in front of them. The chance union of hep-cats and pigeons made for the most interesting pair-ups, with agile gents in their 70s twirling virile dames in their 20s. "Older attendees are here to dance!" said Patricia Taylor Mosier, the museum's director. Once the Peachtree Jazz Edition blew the top on the clam-bake (in layman's terms, started playing music), the jitterbugs came alive with bopping and joint-jumping.

In their red headscarves and blue Dickies, museum staffers donned Rosie the Riveter attire, providing an ample supporting cast to the striking and intricate 1920s-1950s regalia worn by most of the evening's dancers. Stylish and festively dressed cigarette girls traipsed about with open-faced vendor boxes proffering free CrackerJacks and Hershey bars in vintage wrappers.

To further steep the audience in the atmosphere of the era, a shuffling of war-time photography and antiquated advertisements flashed on screens lining the dance floor, harkening to decades past. "Our swing dance celebrates the spirit and energy of the 1940s at home and abroad," Mosier said.

Admission to the event was the donation of a single, non-perishable

food item. The goods were collected to assist KSU's Feed the Future program, a project that aims to provide basic food necessities to homeless and undernourished students.

"We were very pleased with the turnout of donations, as several attendees brought five or more non-perishable items, and the total amounted to several hundred non-perishable items," Tucker beamed.

The benefits did not stop there. Dr. Catherine Lewis, director of the Museum of History & Holocaust Education, encouraged the crowd of more than 500 to enter their names in a raffle. The drawing was for a basket of 1940s era chocolate and confections. Also included were books on World War II and the Holocaust including Holocaust survivor Tosia Schneider's "Someone Must Survive to Tell the World" and Alan Davies memoirs from the London Blitz. The basket was worth approximately \$100.

"All of our programs are free and open to the public. On Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m. we are opening our newest exhibition 'The Tuskegee Airmen: The Divided Skies of World War II,'" Tucker said. "All are welcome to the opening reception to hear original Tuskegee Airmen speak about their experiences."

Additional information concerning all of the museum's events can be found at kennesaw.edu/historymuseum.



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The Peachtree Jazz Edition keeps the house swinging with infectious grooves.



Hopeful participants practice the swingsteps they've just learned.

Secret Service and Vegetarian-Cake: anecdotes from Mike Lukovich

JOSH PATE
STAFF WRITER

When asked about his target audience, Atlanta Journal-Constitution (AJC) cartoonist Mike Lukovich replied, "I really draw for my wife. I take home my drawings and show her, and if she likes one, that is the one I like."

This Catholic cartoonist isn't afraid to stand up and laugh out loud at big institutions and pop culture, but his good-natured demeanor sets him apart from other satirists. In his recent speech, sponsored by KAB, he showed the audience a cartoon of Michael Jackson waiting in limbo for a verdict from heaven and hell; ultimately a coin toss decides Jackson's fate.

Another pop culture phenomenon Lukovich touched on was text messaging—in one cartoon, a giddy driver proclaims, "Im txtng while drving," and a black-hooded figure of Death texts back, "Lol."

Both of these cartoons show Lukovich's working definition of contemporary society. His work silently reflects current trends. In his speech, Lukovich told many stories about his cartoons actually animate his life.

Lukovich realized his affinity for drawing in grade school, where he drew caricatures of his teachers and passed them around the class to meet new friends. During the summer months in college, he drew caricatures of tourists under the Space Needle in Seattle, Wash..

He embarked on a journey with a political science degree and kept drawing until he won the Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning in 1995 and again in 2006.

A centerpiece of his 2006 Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoons is a list of 2,000 American soldiers who lost their lives in the Iraq War, arranged into the form of three large letters, "WHY."

Lukovich admits that cartoons don't have a huge impact on people, but he feels it's a way to get his point across. To that extent, he has done quite well. In his cartoons his opinions are straightforward, but in his speech he delivered short anecdotes about his work that explained his opinions.

In a candid story about how he met Henry Kissinger, his lightheartedness

shone and the audience was quickly swept away by his friendliness. During the White House correspondents' dinner, Lukovich explained he attended a Newsweek/AJC party in a large up-scale hotel with lots of other demi-celebrities and news channels. At the hotel, George Clooney had been invited and was schmoozing in a VIP section.

After receiving word of Clooney's arrival, Lukovich phoned his friend and hatched an evil genius plan. He called up his buddy in the hotel room and specifically asked him to take out the cord to his room telephone and bring it down to lobby along with a pair of sunglasses.

Lukovich and his cohort then stood at an entrance to the hotel with their sunglasses on, phone cords tucked into the collar of their shirts and into their ears, impersonating security detail. Their ad hoc disguises failed at their original plan to catch Clooney on his way out, but their Secret Service bait worked on Kissinger. Lukovich put on a thick German accent and impersonated Kissinger who, after inspecting both swindlers for wearing sunglasses at night, asked very seriously, "Will you escort me?"

Lukovich told the story about meeting Kissinger as easily as he drew a live subject's portrait in front of the audience. When Lukovich opened the floor for questions, an elementary school-aged boy named Nathan raised his hand and commented on his eating habits: "I like junk food;" the child also mentioned that his mother was a vegetarian.

Unflinching, Lukovich answered another question and called on Nathan again who was wincing and waving his arm around in the air. Nathan stood up and gave Lukovich a cake that his mother made. Warily, Lukovich accepted the gift and retorted, "It's not a vegetarian cake, is it?"

Lukovich then invited Nathan on stage to be a model for the audience. The portrait was done in a few minutes and when Nathan told everyone he was a ninja for Halloween, Lukovich's sarcasm hit another cord, "I bet your mom didn't let you have a sword—being a vegetarian and all," so onto the portrait he juttied out a stick body, a sword and a caption, "Nathan: THE JUNK FOOD EATING NINJA."

Authors give publishing advice at GWA Conference

BERLIN VALLENCOURT
STAFF WRITER

Georgia authors, accomplished and unknown alike, need little more than the Georgia Writer's Association to illuminate their path to publishing the next big thing. From dark, wintry poetry to world-collapsing science fiction, a colorful gamut of Georgian scribes congregated at The Red Clay Writer's Conference and filled the student center with laughter, sound advice and good old-fashioned storytelling during the five-hour conference Saturday, Nov. 7.

The conference boasted a national celebrity as its keynote speaker. Anita Renfro, a Smyrna native seen on Good Morning America and lauded by Dr. Phil and Oprah, gave an enlightening talk that was not only informative and inspiring, but also had the packed university room doubled over in laughter. While Renfro is best-known for her comedic YouTube videos, she has also authored six books, all with a focus on the comedy inside the troubles that women (notably mothers) go through. "All my stuff is about my life—it's real and it connects people—and that's a wonderful thing," Renfro said.

Other speakers included Steve Miller, H.M Cauley and Michael Lucker, who talked about heightening book sales, freelancing and breaking into the movie business, respectively. Among other topics in the many dialogues were tips on writing romance, getting published in the young adult market, penning memorable memoirs and public relations advice.

Richard Goldberg, a native of Auburn, Ga. and first time author of a new science-fiction novel, "Strolok," was happy to take questions from curious onlookers about his book. "Strolok is a pristine planet that finds itself targeted for extinction by another," Goldberg said. In response, the typically altruistic planet sends an emissary in the form of a nine-year-old boy to seek help from Earth.

As fascinating as the novel's premise is, getting published was not easy. After months of searching for takers, Goldberg relented: "I self-published this one, meaning I came out of pocket for everything."

A large number of authors agreed that

after the writing is complete, getting published is the next hurdle that may take a newcomer longer than he or she expected. Alice Shapiro, contributing author to "Cracked: Timeless Topics of Nature, Courage, and Endurance" shared a bit of insight.

"Poetry is especially hard to break into," Shapiro said. "There isn't as much demand for it."

As were the other authors' books, "Cracked" was readily available for viewing and purchasing.

Janet Sierzant, author of "Gemini Joe," also took questions about the biography of her father, who was raised in Brooklyn by his iron-fisted father, a member of the mafia. Inspired by the five cassette tapes her father sent her, in which he chronicles his life as the son of a mobster, Sierzant has written a painfully true account of familial abuse and the price of mob loyalty.

Sierzant found the trials of getting published so frustrating, she skipped the middleman and started her own publishing company.

"The fact that you can print on demand saves you a ton of money," she said, smiling at what sounded like an amazing feat. "It only costs me around \$3 to print one book."

"Printing on demand is actually the way to go," said Robert King, editor-in-chief of FutureCycle Press. "You don't have to keep a large inventory of books around that may never sell."

Contrary to some of the other authors, King insists that getting work published doesn't have to be that much of a headache. "You can honestly get anything printed, anytime," he said. "Even if it's awful, someone out there will print it."

King warns, however, that a new author should shop for a reputable publishing company to get their work out to the global audience. He suggests doing some research on the interested companies: "If buyers know the company that took your work also has a reputation for printing garbage, they're going to associate your name with garbage. You definitely don't want that."

The Georgia Writer's Association holds conferences every second Saturday of the month. More information can be found at <http://GeorgiaWriters.org>.

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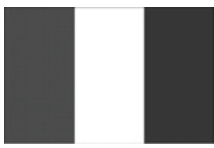


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'2012' Movie review

ROGER MOORE
(MCT)

Nothing like a dandy evening's apocalypse to take the edge off recession, unemployment, Afghanistan and Glenn Beck. With "2012," Roland "Day After Tomorrow" Emmerich serves up World's End 4.0, with cataclysmic effects showcasing what volcanoes, tidal waves and earthquakes will do once that fabled Mayan calendar runs out on 12-21-12.

Don't mull over the fact that the Mayans couldn't wait and ended their world centuries early, the "If the Mayans were so smart, how come their civilization ended?" argument. And try not to dwell on the general hopelessness this movie engenders. It's "Apocalypse Three Years From Now" as simple spectacle - with moments of humor and human-

ity tucked into a downbeat "Roland Emmerich Presents: Disaster Movie's Greatest Hits."

There's the volcanic inferno of "Dante's Peak" and "Volcano," the earthquakes of "Earthquake" and the cruise ship staring down a tidal wave (and losing) of "The Poseidon Adventure."

Seismic events all over the planet concern a government geologist (Chiwetel Ejiofor). "Earth crust displacement" is coming. The continents will shift and the world, "as we know it," will end. The president (Danny Glover) mobilizes the G-8 nations to act. Years of secret labor ensue, with nobody knowing about it but a select few. Well, and nutty conspiracy buff Charlie Frost (Woody Harrelson, well-cast). He spills the beans online and on his pirate radio station. But sometime science writer, now limo-driver Jackson Curtis (John Cusack) isn't buying.

"Nobody could keep a secret that big."

Wanna bet?

A trip with his kids to Yellowstone, "the world's largest (potential) super volcano" changes Jackson's mind. And as Charlie's predictions, based on end-days prophecies from Mayan and other ancient cultures, start to come true, Jackson goes on a mad dash to rescue his estranged wife (Amanda Peet) and kids from soon-to-be-sea-floor Los Angeles. He wants to take them someplace where Charlie has theorized that "the government" might be up to something - a safe haven.

"When they tell you not to panic," Jackson screams, once he's seen the light, "that's when you run!"

Emmerich packs his script with too many characters to keep track of easily. Aged musicians on the cruise ship (George Segal and Blu Mankuma), scattered scientists, a Russian billionaire (Zlatko Buric), the novice Buddhist monk, the White House team (Thandie Newton is the president's art-expert daughter, Oliver Platt is a cold-hearted chief of staff), all face the end their own way. Moments of pathos pop up in the usual places - noble sacrifice, people waiting too long to mend fences with doomed relatives, a small dog in jeopardy.

What's missing here is someone to root against - the monster in Emmerich's "Godzilla," the global warming-denying White House of "Day After Tomorrow," the aliens of "Independence Day." Are we meant to applaud when skyscrapers topple and ships capsize, with tiny digital faceless bodies plummeting into the void? You make the disaster this real and it's not entertaining or chilling. Like "Deep Impact," another movie with a black president presiding over the end of time, it's more depressing than entertaining.

The cast, however, play this as if their next paycheck depended on it. Cusack & Co. sell the cataclysm unfolding in the rearview mirror of an RV, through the windows of a small plane or, in the case of Ol' Charlie Frost, that glint in his eyes as Yellowstone erupts - the wonder and fear and utter satisfaction of a crackpot who can say, with smug conviction, "Told ya so!"

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KATHY VAN MULLEKOM
(MCT)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - Two families vacationing in Virginia Beach, Va., started their stay with an adventure they can write home about - kayaking in the Atlantic Ocean with dolphins playing all around them.

"It's marvelous to be so

close to the dolphins because the ocean, it is so big," says Roger Tobon, 38, from Montreal. "It was fantastic."

Virginia's oceanfront is a popular travel destination for Canadians because the weather is warm and there are big beaches - with watchable sea life like dolphins, says Bernard Vannerum, 45, also from Montreal. His clan drove down the East Coast with Roger's family and is staying at a nearby camping site.

Dolphin-watching is ideal along a point of land at Atlantic Avenue and 89th Street, just above Fort Story, in Virginia Beach. The dolphins are there spring through fall, feeding and raising their young.

Companies like Kayak Nature Tours of Virginia Beach take children as young as 6 and adults 50 to 100 yards offshore where dolphins like to frolic. No paddling or swimming experience is needed to join a group; single and double kayakers are available.

Before a group heads to the beach on an August morning, tour guides Ben Jackson and Zach Christman hand out life jackets and give quick instructions on how to paddle a kayak. Ben, 32, is a PE instructor at a private school in Virginia Beach and has been doing the tours for four years; Zach, 24, is an Old Dominion University student working on an internship in tourism and recreation.

"We call the doubles divorce kayakers because you have to decide how you are going to paddle and do it in sync," Ben jokingly tells the group, which includes several couples and families. The company recommends young kids or nervous adults go in a double with a more experienced paddler.

The company uses only sit-on-top kayaks for dolphin trips because there is the chance they will turn over - something that can happen when you return to shore because the surging surf can easily flip the craft. When a sit-on-top kayak flips, you

just fall out of it, and it's easier to get back aboard than a sit-in kayak.

"If you fall off, fall toward England, never get yourself between the kayak and shore because you could get hit in the ankle and ruin the rest of your vacation," Ben says.

Fortunately, a calm lake-like Atlantic Ocean and mild surf greet the group when they get to the water's edge. Ben and Zach help each kayaker adjust their seat and foot supports, and accompany the boats into the water.

Paddling is easy, even if you've never stepped foot in a kayak. The key is to sit with your back straight, knees bent slightly, while you take long, even strokes.

Once the group is about 50 yards offshore, the kayakers stop paddling. Everyone is quiet, not wanting to startle the dolphins that begin to appear around the boats.

Dolphins and kayakers hang together about an hour. The group paddles toward the Cape Henry Lighthouse at Fort Story as the dolphins make their way along the shoreline. Dolphins surface six to seven feet from a kayak, then dive under again. It's their artful game of hide-and-seek.

Midway through the 2-hour tour, a Rudee Rocket tour boat speeds past the group - well out of the way of creating any hazards for the kayakers. Within minutes, the dolphins are behind the boat, leaping in and out of the boat's wake. Everyone laughs, pointing at their antics.

"When there are no waves, they'll find one," Zach says.

With no dolphins around to entertain everyone, Zach encourages the group to slide out of their boats and into the tepid salty water. First, the kids go in and several adults follow. It's the next-best way to spend the remainder of the time sunning, swimming and socializing.

Too soon, it's time to head back to where the kayakers launched. One by one, Zach and Ben guide each boat through the surf that can cause those sudden spills. If

you don't believe it, watch the YouTube videos that show a surf crash. Kayak Nature Tours recommends everyone watch the video before deciding to sign up because typically it's not a flat-water trip.

"It was hilarious - everyone crashing at the end," says Todd Nussbaum, 35, and wife Megan, 33, who watched the video before they left their Columbus, Ohio, home to also vacation at the beach.

On this tour, no one tumbles into the surf - everyone makes it to the beach with paddles and pride intact.

"We didn't crash, we just wobbled," says a grinning Todd.

Kayak Nature Tours. Dolphin-watching kayak tours are offered most mornings and afternoons May-October. \$55 for 2-hour tour, instruction and gear. The company also does kayaking events at Norfolk Botanical Garden, First Landing State Park, Great Dismal Swamp and Eastern Shore, all in southeastern Virginia. www.tidewateradventures.com; 757-480-1999.

Chesapeake Outdoors. Kayakers launch at 56th St. and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach for dolphin-watching morning tours that are \$55. www.chesapeake.com; 755-961-0447.

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Cooks can do their part to help save the Earth

LISA ABRAHAM
(MCT)

You've changed all of your light bulbs to those energy-saving twisty kind, you faithfully recycle your newspapers, glass and plastics, and you've even installed a low-flow toilet.

You may be feeling as green as Kermit the Frog, but there's one big area that you may have overlooked for conversion: the kitchen.

Now is a good time to review some steps cooks can take to develop kitchen habits that are more environmentally friendly.

Going green in the kitchen doesn't mean turning into a vegetarian, said Jackie Newgent, a dietitian, cooking instructor and cookbook author of the newly released "Big Green Cookbook" (Wiley, 2009). Newgent, a Fairlawn, Ohio, native, said she was motivated to write the book after learning more about climate change and the negative way carbon emissions are changing the environment.

Newgent's advice is to pick just three things to try to change. "Three things that you know are realistic. ... It's like dieting: if you try to do it all at once, you get overwhelmed," she said.

Don't get discouraged if you find your old habits are hard to break. "Every little change adds up to a big difference in the long run, even if it is just one change," Newgent said.

Here are some suggestions for greening your cooking and kitchen:

Limit the time the stove/oven is used.

Never light the oven or turn on a burner when a small appliance will do the job. Microwave ovens, toaster ovens, electric griddles, panini makers and, yes, even a slow cooker all consume less energy than a traditional gas or electric stove.

Consistently using these small appliances can make a huge difference in your energy consumption, Newgent said. Even though slow cookers are typically on for hours at a time, they will burn less energy than a traditional oven to prepare the same dish, such as a roast.

Look for ways to lessen the amount of time the oven and burners are on. When cooking pasta, Newgent recommends using skinny varieties, like angel hair, that will cook more quickly. She also uses a method she dubs "lid cooking" to turn the stove off sooner.

Newgent brings a pot of water to a boil, adds her pasta and brings it up to a boil again. But then she turns the heat off, puts a lid on the pot, and lets the pasta finish cooking from the heated water.

When baking something, turn the oven off five minutes before the item is done and allow the residual heat in the oven to finish the job, she said.

Consider making one meal each week that doesn't require using the stove at all, such as a salad.

Eat more fruits and vegetables, less meat.

Newgent suggests eating one meatless meal per week. It requires more energy to produce meat than vegetables and fruits. Cutting meat out of just one meal per week can lead to significant energy savings over a year, she said.

If you aren't prepared to go meatless more often, you can still increase your veggie intake. Newgent said a simple rule to follow is to make sure that every item you prepare contains at least one fruit or vegetable.

Macaroni and cheese, she said, is one dish that is easy to add a vegetable to without altering the dish dramatically. Put lettuce and tomato on a sandwich. Add fruit to your cereal. "It's easier done than it seems," she said.

Run an energy-efficient kitchen.

While new major kitchen appliances may not be in the budget for many homeowners, most would see an immediate

savings on electric bills with the conversion.

Appliance repairman Bryan Rambler, who operates Mr. Appliance of Northern Summit County in Akron, Ohio, said newer kitchen appliances use about half the energy of ones made before the mid-1990s.

He said proper care of appliances also will keep them running on less energy.

Refrigerators should be away from sunlight and heat sources, like ovens. The warmer the environment, the harder the appliance will have to work and the more energy it will use.

Refrigerators also need breathing room - at least two or three inches of open space between the coils and the wall behind them to allow for better air circulation. Keeping refrigerator coils clean of dirt, dust and pet hair also will improve performance.

The harder an appliance has to work, the faster it will wear out, Rambler said.

Constantly opening and closing the refrigerator causes it to lose cold air. The same goes for the oven - keep the door closed as much as possible while in use to keep the hot air inside.

Rambler said gas stoves typically are less expensive to run than electric ones.

Always have the dishwasher fully loaded before running, and consider scraping your dishes instead of rinsing them before loading, to save on water, Rambler noted.

Newgent also noted that when cooking outdoors, choose a gas grill over charcoal because gas emits less carbon into the atmosphere.

Eat seasonally and buy locally.

When cooking, select fruits and vegetables that are in season and look for local sources for foods.

Jeannine Snyder, food chairwoman for today's Scarlet, Gray and Green Fair at Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, said buying local means getting better produce.

"It doesn't travel for 1,500 miles and it's fresher," she said.

Studies have shown that foods on average travel 1,500 miles to get to our plates. And

while the jury is still out on whether buying locally versus trucking foods across country actually saves fossil fuel, there is no argument that fresher foods are more nutritious.

Snyder, who operates Cafe Carmen at the research center, said she tries to purchase from local sources for the restaurant and often serves vegetables grown right at the research center. "The greenhouse program is raising lettuce and tomatoes for us," she said.

While purchasing from local sources and farmers markets may cost a bit more than mass-produced foods, Snyder said, she likes knowing her money is going into local hands.

"I feel that supporting local business and keeping things close at hand is better than paying someone from California or Argentina," she said.

The Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy in Peninsula, the local organization that lobbies for local farmers and farmland, advocates eating locally to help local farmers stay in business, and as a way for consumers to become more aware of what they eat and where their food comes from.

Be waste-conscious. The terms "reduce, recycle and reuse" apply to food as well as traditional recyclables, Newgent said.

Recycling household waste - paper, glass, plastic and metal - is a good place to start in the kitchen. But Newgent said food scraps can also be recycled through composting. If you don't garden to use your own compost, consider saving compostable scraps and donating them to a community garden.

For items that can't be recycled, such as certain plastics, Newgent suggested looking for a way to reuse them. Not all plastic yogurt containers can be recycled, but Newgent said they make great holders for small items like crayons, craft supplies or small pieces from children's toys and games. A soup can easily becomes a pencil holder.

Take steps to stop waste before it gets in the kitchen. Newgent said buying bulk

foods eliminates a lot of wasteful packaging. Use dishes instead of paper plates, a rag instead of paper towels and cloth napkins instead of

paper ones - all of which can be washed and reused many times over.

Here are some recipes to try that will help you go green

in a number of ways: They're packed with vegetables, use eco-friendly gas grills and slow cookers, or require no cooking at all.



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SPORTS

Cross Country in NCAA South Regional



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Freshman Nabil Hamid came to KSU as one of the top runners in Georgia.

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The cross country teams head to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to run in the NCAA Division I South Regional meet Nov. 14. This is the first division I post-season event for both the men and women's programs.

Both teams have spent the majority of the season in the top 15 of the regional rankings. The men have spent six consecutive weeks in the rankings, and the women cracked the top 10 in the latest rankings.

Senior Britany Reilly heads to the South Regional to represent the Owls along with junior Mackenzie Howe. Reilly posted a personal record time of 18:13 at the Atlantic Sun Conference meet, and she is looking forward to the level of competition she and Howe will be up against at the NCAA South Regional meet.

"Just knowing that there is going to be really good competition there and just having the opportunity to be able to go this year is exciting," Reilly said. "We're both really excited, and it's what we have been working for. Now we can go to that extra level and be able to run with top teams and top girls, it's definitely something that is a good opportunity for both of us."

The regional meet is comprised of a 6K race for the women, and a 10K race for the men. The women ran 5K events for the majority of the season, and the men ran 8K races. However, Reilly is confident in her running of late and she is ready to do as well as possible.

"I'm planning on laying it all out on the course and just hoping for the best," Reilly said. "I don't think

I'll be too disappointed because I've been running well. It's really going to come down to getting that mentality right."

Freshman Nabil Hamid has been one of the leading runners for the men all season long, and he is also confident and ready to run as well as possible at the meet in Tuscaloosa.

"I'm so prepared right now," Hamid said. "I push hard, and I give 120 percent at practice every day."

The native of Ethiopia has his sights set beyond the regional meet as well.

"[At the regional meet] I want to finish in the top 15 and qualify for the [national meet]," Hamid said.

The Druid Hills High School graduate made the predictable impact to the team after a successful high school career.

"I wasn't expecting this to happen, but I guess my hard work is showing," Hamid said. "I'm so happy to be here and to continue what I'm doing right now."

He won the state championship as a senior, and, according to his bio on ksuowls.com, chose to run at KSU because of the education and the opportunity to run for head coach Stan Sims.

"Nabil was arguably the best high school distance runner in Georgia last year. We're really glad to have him, and we feel he can make an immediate impact on our program," Sims said according to ksuowls.com.

Nabil will be joined at the regional meet by senior Scott Burley and junior Nathan Haskins along with other members of the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship team.

Men's basketball entertains in exhibition game

MATT BRADSHAW
STAFF WRITER

Four Owls scored in the double digits in their 96-61 win over Fort Valley State University (FVSU) in an exhibition game at the KSU Convocation Center Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The win is KSU's seventh straight win in exhibition games played at the Convocation Center.

"People who weren't here tonight missed a show," said head coach Tony Ingle.

A competitive first half included five lead changes, but the Owls were able to build a ten-point lead by the end of the half.

"I thought we had good effort," Ingle said. "It's very obvious we have things to work on. The thing I was looking for is effort."

The Owls maintained a high energy pace on both sides of the floor, and they never allowed FVSU to lead by more than four points early in the first half. Owl defensive play only improved in the second half as FVSU often could not get shots off before the expiration of the shot clock, and were held to 28 points in the half.

Freshman Markeith Cummings made the game his own personal introduction to the KSU fans. The 6-foot-7-inch forward was 9-10 in field goal attempts and 3-3 from the land of three as he played 20 minutes in his Owl debut.

"[Cummings] is electrifying," said Ingle.

Cummings certainly electrified the 1,000+ crowd at the Convocation Center with two dunks in the first half.

"I worked on a lot of dribbling and pull up shots," Cummings said of his off-season work. "I'm just happy to be back on court."

Forwards Matt Heramb, Mirza Medicin and LaDaris Green combined for six blocks and 13 rebounds as they held FVSU to only 18 points in the paint. Green scored eight points, had five assists, six rebounds and managed to grab a couple steals as well.

"Ladaris met my expectations, did just what I thought he'd do," Ingle said. "He has a chance to be one of the best big men to play at KSU."

The Owls hope to make a surprise run this season despite being picked to finish near the bottom of their conference. Strong play from multiple players such as Kurtis Woods (16 points), Kelvin McConnell (14 points) and Cortez Irby (10 points) is encouraging.

"We should do a lot of damage this year, I think we can be one of the best defensive teams in the conference," Woods said.

Owl fans will get another chance to see what kind of damage their basketball team can do when they host the North Greenville Crusaders Friday Nov. 13 at the KSU Convocation Center at 7:30 p.m.



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Freshman Markeith Cummings led the Owls with 21 points in his first game at KSU.

Women's golf team soars into the off-season

JOHN MORBITZER
STAFF WRITER

The KSU women's golf team has played remarkably well in six fall tournaments, and they hope to carry the momentum into the off-season and spring schedule.

The team finished three tournaments in the top five, and placed 12th in a field of 21 at the Challenge at Onion Creek, finishing above teams such as the University of Michigan, University of Iowa and Baylor University.

"To finish right there in the middle of such a big field, and to beat a couple schools that realistically I think we didn't have a big chance over was really exciting, so it was a really good way to finish off," head coach Rhyll Brinsmead said.

KSU's performance in such a deep and competitive field is reassuring progress going into the winter break.

"It was funny when we were flying home we said, 'Ugh, I couldn't do another one,' but when we were making the schedule I couldn't say 'no' to any of these tournaments," Brinsmead said. "The momentum was nice. It really worked out well. We had three tournaments, a break and three tournaments, and the last three tournaments were our strongest. We could sense the momentum coming off each week."

Worries of exhaustion and schoolwork were dispersed as the team came together through the final week.

"I started out with no confidence, and didn't feel in my element. But by the third tournament I was in my groove. I'm actually sad to see it's over because I want to keep playing," senior Jordan Lazenby said. "I'm really proud of [the team], none of them gave up, we all gave 100 percent. I wouldn't want to be on another team with anyone else."

Lazenby led KSU with a tie for 32nd, shooting a final-round 72. Finishing ten spots and one stroke behind was freshman Schbongkosch Preamchuen, who while shooting a second-round 66 set a new KSU 18-hole record.

Patricia Arana tied at 42 as well, with an opening round 71. Abby Fitzgerald shot an opening round 72, and Molly Winnett closed with a final round 74 as the two tied for 53rd and 76th, respectively.

"The field was so stacked with quality teams that everyone played so well, which fed off everyone else," Brinsmead said. "For Jordan it was just great, last tournament in the fall of her senior year. She was just so consistent. We talked about the 72 she shot the week before, and she was saying that she just let it happen and got out of her own way. I'm proud of the work she's put in."

Looking ahead, the Lady Owls will keep the roster

intact, as all players will return for the spring season. The off-season will present time for the team to work on the course and in the indoor facility.

"We have an extended break, so we really have four months. We'll move to four-day workouts, three days of conditioning, one of heavy lifting. We have the indoor facility so we really shouldn't have an off-season," Brinsmead said.

The opening tournament for the spring season begins March 1 at the Kinderlou Challenge hosted by KSU and the University of Kentucky in Valdosta, Ga. KSU will begin conference competition in the spring season and the team stands to fare well in the conference tournament.

"The current rankings have us a couple spots behind Stetson, Campbell and ETSU, but we beat Campbell last week. We'll have our eyes set on ETSU, and we'll see them a couple times before conference. Confidence wise, we'll look to get a win over them before we head down for the championship in April," Brinsmead said. "This team has already exceeded my expectations, if you asked them I think they'd say 'Yeah, we have a chance,' so if we can do what we did in Texas and have it all come together, there is no reason we shouldn't be moving to regionals. I'm excited."

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In the second half, the Black and Gold came out with a purpose. They dominated play and kept constant pressure on the Jacksonville backline, taking 11 shots and attempting 10 corner kicks.

"We kept pressure on them in the second half," King said. "If we allow that team some time, they have one or two really good players that could hurt us so we knew we had to keep pressure on the ball which would create scoring opportunities for us and we did that really well."

As regulation came to an end, neither team was able to find the back of the net, sending KSU to its first overtime of the year.

Then with four minutes remaining in the first half of overtime, senior Caitlin Dingle received a cross from Thais Gibson and scored the game-winning goal off a terrific header that found the upper-left corner of the net.

"Thais [Gibson] made a great run," Dingle said. "I knew she was going to get a cross off so I made sure I got to the near post, just like Coach King always tells us to do. It felt really great."

The championship match saw KSU matched up against the Belmont Bruins (10-

6-4, 6-1-3 A-Sun) for the second time in two years.

It was obvious from the opening whistle that both teams were fighting for a position in the 2009 NCAA Women's College Cup, as both teams gave it their all.

For the second time in two matches the Owls came out a little slow, allowing the Bruin offense to control much of the first half. The KSU backline led by the A-Sun Defensive Player of the Year, Bridget Gaughan, was up to the challenge as they sent away every attack the Bruins could muster.

The Owls aggressive defense led to Belmont's only goal of the match as a foul in the penalty box midway through the 18th minute led to a penalty kick by Jessica Rix. The Bruins junior defender shot to the left side, as Pugh broke right.

"It was disappointing to give up the penalty kick," Pugh said. "I tried to do the best I could with it, but I had total faith in our team to come back. There was never a doubt in my mind, I knew we would win that game."

KSU had several opportunities to tie the game in the first half as their pressing offense led to four corner kicks, all of which were all cleared away by the Belmont defense.

"We didn't play very well in the first half," King said. "We gave them the penalty and went down 1-0, but we spoke at halftime and regrouped and decided that we would rather get beat 4-0 than 1-0 so we wanted to put a lot of pressure on them and push up offensively in the second half."

The match became very physical in the second half as momentum switched to KSU's favor.

The Owls tied the match when Attin-Johnson scored in the 51st minute. The Owls senior received a cross from Brittany Vining on the right wing. She then put a move on a Bruin defender before sending a well-placed shot just past the out-reached hands of Belmont's All-Conference goalkeeper, Sari Lin.

Just as the match looked destined for overtime, a handball was called against the Bruins, which gave the Owls an opportunity to take the lead on a penalty kick in the 87th minute. Dempster, who took her first penalty kick of the season, made good on the opportunity placing a well-taken penalty kick into the lower left corner of the net to give the Owls the 2-1 advantage.

"I picked my spot before I even got to the ball," Dempster said. "Rather than thinking

about taking the penalty kick, I just kept concentrating on the floor and staring at the ball and blocking out everyone else. I felt confident taking the shot."

For the final two minutes of the game, the Owls tried to keep possession of the ball and prevent Belmont from having a chance on goal, which allowed the one goal lead to stand.

"I couldn't ask for a better senior year," Gaughan said. "We won the A-Sun regular season; we just won the tournament title. Everyone has worked as hard as they could and I am so happy that we pulled out the win."

After the match, six Owls were named to the A-Sun All-Tournament Team including Gibson, Dempster, Dingle, Attin-Johnson, Gaughan and Pugh, who was also named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The women will find out who their opponent will be in the first round of the 2009 Women's College Cup Monday at 8 p.m. on ESPNNews.

"On Monday night we will get together as a team, talk about the experience that we've had, and see who we will be playing," King said. "When we know who that team is the coaches will get busy and find out as much as we can about them and get our team prepared."



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Freshman Jade Dempster (No. 6) scored the game-winning goal for the Owls when she converted a penalty kick in the final minutes of the Atlantic Sun Tournament Championship game.

Owls successful over Knights and Vols

LUCAS BIGHAM
STAFF WRITER

The ice hockey club earned two big wins over the weekend against Central Florida (5-3) and Tennessee (8-2) at the IceForum in Kennesaw.

"Our game plan going into it is to inflict a little damage," said club president Dylan Morrison. "Sometimes when you do that teams seem to fold."

The Owls (7-4) were coming off back-to-back losses on the road against Kentucky, one of the top teams in the Southeast region in ACHA Div. II. However, KSU knew they needed to win both games this weekend to give them some momentum prior to their games against Florida Gulf Coast next weekend.

On Thursday, KSU met Central Florida (12-4), the number one ranked team in the Southern region in ACHA Div. III. This team arrived in Kennesaw looking to test the Owls, and that's just what they did.

The game was back-and-forth until the end of the second period with both teams tied. However, KSU turned up their offense in the third where they scored two more goals to win the game, 5-3.

"They've got a really good hockey team," Morrison said. "We just buckled down."

Jerry Holden led his team with two

goals against Central Florida. Owl's freshmen Scott Frenzel, Tucker Green and Ryan Brown each had a goal. Morrison had three assists this game, which increased his season total to 23.

On Friday, KSU faced off against rival University of Tennessee (4-4). UT is currently in fifth place in the Southern region in ACHA Div. III.

KSU kept the pressure on UT's defense from the drop of the puck. The first period was back-and-forth, but the second and third periods favored the Owls.

Holden earned himself a hat trick, which increased his total goals to 19 this season. He is currently in a tie for fourth in total goals this season in ACHA Div. II.

"I just like to contribute to the team," Holden said.

Morrison, Frenzel, Brown, Chris Koutnik and Jake Garrison each added goals of their own, and Morrison had three assists.

"[Koutnik] played well," said head coach Ken Honeyman. "He came to play tonight."

Coach Honeyman also credits the team's strong performance to defenseman Sean Devine and forward Jake Garrison whom he felt stepped up their game.

The Owls will travel to Florida to face off against rival FGCU Nov. 13-14.

"We don't really know what to expect, but we're going to do our best," Holden said.



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The ice hockey club moved to three games over .500 with wins over the Vols and Golden Knights.

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