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SGA responds to cutbacks



From left to right, SGA Press Secretary Joseph Barbier, Parliamentarian Greta Noren, President Daniel Street, Vice President Darius Robinson, Treasurer Crystal Rouse and Secretary David Noren listen to SGA officers' input at the meeting Thursday.

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STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association passed a resolution Thursday outlining responses to the possible \$300 to \$385 million cut in Georgia's higher education budget. KSU President Daniel Papp held a town hall meeting at 10 a.m. today to discuss the issue.

SGA amended its agenda to spend two hours drafting and voting on a resolution outlining its recommendations to avoid a possible 77 percent increase in tuition.

Last week, University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll Davis mentioned a possible leap in tuition before a Joint House-Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

SGA President Daniel Street voiced concerns to State Senators John Wiles and Chip Rogers, KSU administration, KSU students and USG administration, but agreed that the state faced "unprecedented fiscal times." His presentation showed the effects the recession has had at KSU as well as in the University System.

KSU was forced to give back 10 percent of its 2009 allocated money. In addition, USG required universities to enact six furlough days, 2,437 positions and shift 20 percent of health insurance costs to employees.

SGA Vice President Darius Robinson invoked a special rule of order so the resolution only needed to be read twice at one meeting, whereas standard procedure requires that it be read once in two consecutive meetings.

After his presentation, Street outlined three things to consider while the mem-

bers broke into committee to come up with budget-crunching ideas:

- An increase of tuition between 15 and 20 percent;
- Additional furlough days;
- A cutback of services across the state, or an increase in taxes, such as a 1 percent sales tax.

"We will have to accept a tuition increase," said Street. "Not that we want to pay more, but we can't afford to let the legislature blindly cut from our budget."

Much of the debate centered on the language of the

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Athletic Dept. unveils Owl Nation program



Greg Ranallo | The Sentinel
Scrappy pumps up the crowd at a home basketball game against the Jacksonville Dolphins Feb.18.

JOHN MORBITZER
STAFF WRITER

The Athletic Department recently unveiled the new Owl Nation Student Rewards Program to build more support among students.

"We knew we needed to get the students more involved, to take pride in their school," said Assistant Director of Marketing Brian LeHeup.

The incentive program is a starting point to create a more uniform and involved fan base.

"We've had different groups come in and that's great, but we want them to all join together and all become one," LeHeup said.

By scanning their student IDs at home varsity contests, students accumulate points to cash in later for prizes. The points are stored electronically on a scanner and uploaded to a docking station synched with a computer. Auburn University, Clemson University and The University of Oklahoma have implemented similar programs.

"We wanted to know how they did it because there is a lot of coordination between the registrar, card services and IT to get everything up and running," said Lauren Katovsky, director of marketing. "Then once they got the program together, [we wanted to know] whether they were successful."

Certain sports will count for more points than others, and the program offers double point nights. The top five point leaders will be entered into a grand prize drawing, with the total points leader winning a cus-

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Smoking policy enforcement falls on students, faculty, staff

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Smokers continue to ignore the KSU smoking policy, and they're getting away with it because enforcement of the policy rests on student, faculty and staff.

Enacted in 2006, the smoking polycystates that lighting up is only allowed outdoors in specific areas. One problem area is the fenced walkway leading from the Central Parking Deck to the Commons. The section is crowded during class changes, and smokers often light up on the way to or from class.

Other problem areas are wherever large groups of smokers congregate outside building entrances and exits. Some smokers simply ignore the policy while others are often unaware that there is one.

The Department of Public Safety fields complaints about smoking in unauthorized locations. Officers attempt to address issues, but violators have often left the scene by the time an officer arrives.

If they are caught, violators may be referred to the appropriate judicial or administrative department for disciplinary actions.

"In the last quarter of 2009, officers conducted 35 sweeps of areas where large concentrations of violators were observed," said Kemper Anderson, assistant director of Public Safety.

"We're primarily interested in key areas and keeping them clear. Whenever officers see people violating the rules, they stop and educate them. Rarely are



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A student smokes a cigarette outside of the Student Center, a non-smoking area.

referrals made in such situations."

But Anderson added that there will always be those who willfully break the rules.

Anderson is concerned that more smokers will congregate outside building entrances and exits as the weather becomes warmer. He said DPS plans to conduct more "sweeps" as warm weather arrives.

Tyler Wright, a freshman who smokes,

said he supports and follows the policy.

"If people don't want to be around smoke, they shouldn't have to be," he said. "I think it would be much appreciated for smokers and non-smokers if there was a sheltered place to smoke."

Gerald C. Donaldson, executive director of Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management, believes educating smokers should a primary method of

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Health Clinic offers on-campus solutions

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Affordability and convenience are the two magnets drawing more students to the KSU Health Clinic.

"We see 80 to 100 [students] every day," said Kathryn Siggelko, clinic office manager.

The clinic on Campus Loop Road offers a variety of services such as immunizations and women's health programs. There's also a mental health department. A \$51 student fee each semester covers most of the costs.

"I actually don't mind the fee," said Rebecca Tart, a senior studying Information Systems who has visited the clinic for a cold, sinus infection and stomach flu and believes it is beneficial. "It is local and convenient for the students living on campus. It also provides for students who cannot afford insurance."

At times, additional fees may apply to visits. The actual cost varies by service.

"An uncomplicated sick visit [costs] \$10 to \$20," said Siggelko. "An annual women's health visit, \$20 to \$65. All charges are billed to the student's Owl Express account, and they have 30 days to settle with the Bursar."

Felicia Lyn, a sophomore studying International Business, said she finds the clinic convenient since she lives on campus. She has health insurance but uses the clinic because making appointments there is easier. But many more of the clinic's visitors do not have insurance.

"In our last survey, 39 percent of stu-

dents were uninsured," said Siggelko. "With the poor economy, we feel that this number has increased."

Not all students are aware of the services the clinic offers.

"I didn't know much about the clinic until I actually got there," said Tart. "Their Web site was pretty good, but more information and more flyers around campus would be helpful, I think. It would bring more awareness to the fact that there is a clinic on campus for those commuter students. It may also inspire people to be healthier, since we all know college life is not the healthiest."

Kevin Griffis, a junior studying Journalism, echoed Tart's sentiment.

"I have a very vague idea of what they do, but that's about it," said Griffis. "Just advertise in some way other than handing out buckets of condoms."

Sigelko believes there will always be a certain number of students who are unaware of the clinic's services.

"However, students who do not pay the health fee - MBA students at the Galleria or off-campus sites, or strictly online, still find their way to us, so we feel it evens out."

The clinic operates from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fridays for walk-ins only.

In addition to the Campus Loop road location, the clinic operates a space with the same hours in the University Village Suites.

For more information, visit kennesaw.edu/col_hhs/hc.

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tomized KSU bean bag toss game.

The program is presented by the Credit Union of Georgia, but KSU has also paired with other local sponsors such as Willy's Mexicana Grill and Chick-fil-A.

"We've got some great sponsors that we normally work with, and we've also joined with the Atlanta Braves [for the Grand Prizes]," LeHeup said.

Students can check their points any time by visiting ksuowls.com/owlnation, and entering the library number (LIB#) on the back of the student ID where prompted.

"We want students to be excited over it and fighting for the top spot," Katovsky said.

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enforcing the policy.

"Some are conscientious, others may just not fully understand," he said. "That's the challenge."

According to Donaldson, students, faculty and staff are responsible for enforcing the policy.

There are 18 designated smoking areas, including off-campus sites

such as the KSU Center and Chastain Pointe.

"I think it is fair," said Christine Ziegler, professor of psychology, "but there should be more smoking locations and they should be protected from weather."

The smoking policy can be viewed online at kennesaw.edu/ehs/oh_smoking.html.

Currently, news of the program is spreading by word of mouth. This spring will be a trial run, but the department has a long-term commitment to the program.

"I think it could be very successful at KSU because we're right there," said Katovsky. "People are excited about some games, and hopefully this will bring that excitement to more games."

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The resolution also stated that SGA would "strongly support the Board of Regents' decision not to increase mandatory student fees until the reduction of the institutional fee" students pay each semester.

The resolution passed 26-0 with three abstentions.

According to SGA Secretary of Press and Public Relations Joseph Barbier, "Dr. Papp and Dr. [Jerome] Ratchford both strongly approve of the resolution and are encouraging us to send it out to more legislators throughout the state."

Papp sent an e-mail to students Friday explaining the situation. He said KSU's share of the possible \$300 million cut would be \$14.1 million, an amount he described as an "immense setback, even a disaster, for the university." The effect would include "some combination of a cap or even cutback in student enrollment, a reduction in the number of faculty and staff, program elimination, the reduction and probable elimination of faculty and staff programs and travel, and other draconian measures."

The last, and possibly most controversial, measure advocates an increase in GPA requirements for the HOPE Scholarship. While the resolution mentions no specific numbers, 3.25 and 3.5 were discussed.

Citing "reduced enrollment, workforce decline and financial consequences" of a possible 77 percent tuition increase, the final resolution contained three provisions:

- A modest tuition increase of around 15 percent;
- Seven to 10 furlough days per academic year;
- A change to the Hope Scholarship minimum GPA requirements.

SGA's FY 2009-10 budget \$102,555

JENNY HARRISON
STAFF WRITER

Given the recent controversy surrounding the proposal to buy massage chairs for the Student Center, KSU students may wonder how the Student Government Association manages its money.

President Daniel Street said SGA's budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year is \$102,555. The group has a line-item budget, which means it receives its allotted money in a lump sum at the beginning of the fiscal year in July.

"Line-item budgets are awarded to the largest organizations on campus—the ones that have been voted in by Student Activity Budget Advisory Committee [SABAC] to receive a direct budget," said Street, a senior accounting student.

SGA receives its budget through the \$72 activity fee students are required to pay each fall and spring semester. The money then goes to SABAC, according to Crystal Rouse, treasurer of SGA.

KSU differs from other universities because of the way student fees are distributed.

"Here, students are fortunate because the money does not come directly to us," said Rouse, a senior and international business major.

The money is disbursed directly to SABAC, who then decides how to money is distributed.

Once SGA receives the money, Rouse said she is responsible for making sure enough money is in the budget before it is spent.

"I look at the money we have and see where it needs to be allocated," Rouse said. She does not decide how the money is spent; that job is left to the voting members of the Senate.

Street said the largest portion of the budget goes toward stipends for the 10 executive officers and 25 voting members of the Senate.

"We do compensate them for their time," Street said. "The compensation is based off work performance. If they've accomplished the duties as outlined in our bylaws, they're eligible for up to a certain amount."

Officers and senators are paid a percentage of their tuition and fees, depending on the position they hold. Last fall, the total of awarded stipends was \$17,806.22. Spring stipends have yet to be determined.

After stipends, the next largest areas of spending were for T-shirts and sunglasses. SGA spent \$5,500 and \$1,575 for the two, respectively. Street said they purchased the items to hand out

to students in exchange for feedback on what they would like to see accomplished on campus.

"Our purpose for this spending was to get to know the exact student interest outside of our Senate," said Street.

SGA also created the KSU Vision forum where Papp presented the strategic goals for the university that he had developed with SGA. Street said this covered potential Recreation and Wellness Center renovation, the sports park and the possibility of football at KSU. In addition, SGA regularly supports the Health Clinic and KSU Staff Senate with donations of food or proceeds from past events.

Street said SGA also participates in other events and programs across campus and has people working with the parking, food advisory, public safety and information technology committees.

"We've appointed four people to the football exploratory committee," he said. "We had two people sitting in on the Bartow County land gift committee. We adopted Strategic Goal Six recommending action steps for increased diversity on campus. It's just really cool, the things we get to do."

Street stressed that the line-item budget is what allows SGA to be so flexible with its spending, which in turn benefits KSU students.

"When we find out demands at the drop of hat, we can be very effective and leverage our resources," he said.

Because of its flexibility, SGA can support other university programs across campus as it sees fit. However, Street said there are guidelines when it comes to SGA spending.

"We are currently bound by the SABAC guidelines for funding," said Street, referencing the Registered Student Organization manual on the Student Life Web site. "The question is whether we need any additional principles to guide our funds."

Street said SGA must work on defining its purpose on campus before adding more spending guidelines. The group's existing guidelines have been under review. Two weeks ago, a resolution that would require new spending guidelines was proposed by two senators but voted down by SGA senators.

Students who wish to become more actively involved in SGA can complete a senator application at ksusga.com. Requirements to apply are listed on the site.

All students are welcome to attend the weekly SGA meetings at 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Locations for each meeting are announced on SGA's Web site.



Kevin Schmidt | The Sentinel

CORRECTIONS

In last week's story "SGA spending resolution proposal fails," information about how spending bills are introduced was incorrect. Any motion put forth to spend money needs only to comply with the SABAC RSO Manual and be passed with a majority vote. Under the failed resolution, a spending bill would have had to pass with a two-thirds majority if it exceeded 3 percent of SGA's starting budget or pass with a majority if it was below 3 percent.

In last week's sports section, the name of Jacksonville University's women's basketball team was incorrect. Their correct name is the Jacksonville Dolphins. It is the policy of The Sentinel to correct all errors of fact.

THAT'S WHAT [S]HE SAID

Story and photos by Hannah Imler

Thousands of students use lab computers or wireless Internet on campus every day, and with updates such as Windows 7 being implemented at KSU within the next year, students are asking, "Is the technology available at KSU sufficient?" Check out what [s]he said.



Taylor Phillips, junior, finance
"I pretty much use my own computer. Does [KSU] not have Windows 7? They definitely need to get it... I have trouble a lot of the time getting [an internet] signal. Sometimes it doesn't connect, which is frustrating."



Wesley Ford, sophomore, computer science
"[The technology] can definitely be improved, but I don't know how much of an improvement Windows 7 will be... I use a Mac, but every time I use the computers on campus they are slow. The wireless connection is patchy in several areas."



Kevin Tribble, freshman, biology
"I use my laptop, but when I do [use campus computers], I have problems with Microsoft 2007 updates. There seem to be lots of holes programming-wise... Windows 7 is a step above Vista, so that's going to be a good update."



Kayla Medina, freshman, dental program
"Based on what I use [the computers] for, they work fine. I use the computers for basic things like checking Vista and looking up sources. I don't know much about Windows 7, but the printers are wacky... they get jammed a lot in the library."



Samantha Gillis, sophomore, marketing
"I think it's a really great idea! Windows 7 is one of the best things Microsoft has come out with. It's one of the better running programs. If I use the computers on campus, I work in the library... I think the set up [in the library] could be different. I mean, we have 20,000-plus students and how many computers?"



Katherine Brown, freshman, early childhood education
"I just use the computers in English. We used to have to do group work on them, but not so much anymore... I heard from a lot of people that Windows 7 has problems... I wish wireless extended to the dorms. I live in University Village and don't get wireless."

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Hiding marijuana in a vitamin bottle

An officer was dispatched to University Place after a resident complained of marijuana odor coming from another resident's room. Upon arrival, the officer noticed a strong smell of marijuana. Officers knocked on the door, and a man and woman answered. Both denied smoking marijuana. An officer found small traces of marijuana on the bed and study desk. The woman stated that the traces could have fallen off someone's books or been transported inside by another visitor. While thoroughly searching the room, an officer found a B12 vitamin supplement bottle containing 6.5 grams of suspected marijuana. The man claimed ownership of the drugs and was arrested for possession of marijuana less than one ounce.

It only takes one beer

An officer arrived at KSU Place Feb. 17 as backup in reference to a party at an apartment. An officer met with an attendee of the party. She said she was under 21 and had one beer at the party. She was issued a citation for underage consumption. An RA stated she would complete judiciary charges for the attendee.

Three shots of tequila gone wrong

On Feb. 20, an officer pulled over a Cadillac after noticing the driver disregard two traffic signs. The officer noticed a strong smell

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of alcohol on the driver's person. She stated that she had three shots of tequila in two hours. The driver failed several sobriety tests and had a blood alcohol content of 0.131 grams. She was arrested for DUI alcohol and issued a citation for disregarding a traffic control device.

Little Houdini wannabe

Officers were dispatched Feb. 18 to University Village in reference to a male who had been criminally trespassed from the university. The officers found the male sitting on a couch in one of the rooms. He was arrested for violation of criminal trespass warning. The male refused to get inside the police vehicle. Police forced the male to get inside of the vehicle. While on the way to the jail, the male attempted to kick out the window of the police vehicle. The officer informed dispatch of the male's behavior, but was successfully able to transport the male to jail.

Stolen license plate

An officer met with a woman in Lot J on Feb. 1. She stated she had parked her vehicle in Lot J on the previous day. She drove home after class and realized

that her license plate was missing from her car. The license plate was entered in a database as stolen.

Get a job

On Feb. 17, an officer arrived to University Village Suites in reference to an argument between a resident and her boyfriend. Both the resident and her boyfriend told officers that the argument was about the boyfriend not being able to find a job. The resident said that she wanted her boyfriend to leave campus. The boyfriend left peacefully. Officers informed the resident that she was in violation of housing regulations because she allowed her boyfriend to sleep over more nights than permitted.

There's no place like home

An officer arrived at residence life Feb. 17 in reference to a man who had been evicted from housing, but continue to return to housing premises. The man was seen several times on housing premises. The next day, an officer met with the man and explained that he was no longer allowed on housing premises. He was issued a criminal trespass warning.

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ANNOUNCEMENT:
KSU is moving to Direct Lending in Summer 2010.
ALL returning and new students must complete a new promissory note for Summer 2010 and any future term.
To complete this requirement, go to: <https://dlenote.ed.gov/empn/index.jsp>

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Dear SGA: I want a pony. Buy me one.

Dear Student Government,
I consider myself sympathetic to the problems of collegiate life. Many a time following a test or riveting debate in class, I'm left quietly musing to myself, "Wouldn't a massage chair be great right about now?" I don't know about you, but my loins amass quite an ache after an hour or two of staring at a Scantron sheet—and I always envisioned no greater paradise than that of a vibrating mechanical chair digging into my spinal cord in the middle of the Student Center. My chest tingles a little just thinking about it.

You can imagine my disappointment when the "Great Battle for the Massage Chairs" student government vote ended with a victory to Team *We-Don't-Really-Wanna-Spend-Money-On-That*. Curse you, you budgetary hooligans with your concern for how and where our money is spent! Some people on campus have real problems.

Nevertheless, I was delighted when I heard that the SGA voted down new rules and regulations around how they

spend their money—just when I thought you were about to embrace fiscal responsibility, no less. Phew, we certainly dodged a bullet there. Look SGA, I understand that you still have some pesky guidelines to follow (pish posh, I say), but now's your chance to go *wild*. Embrace it. In fact, let's just get right to point of things: I want you to buy me a pony.

Your vice president said it himself a few weeks ago when justifying his vote for the massage chairs: "If this is what the students want, we should give it to them." Well, I want a pony—so give me one. I know that there's probably some red tape involved with SABAC and the RSO manual, but I'm hoping we can work through that with some clever engineering.

Does the pony need to function as a resource for the student body as a whole? Fine—let it live where the old pizza shop or deli used to be inside the Student Center. We can let people take rides on it for a small fee. Imagine the travel time we'd cut from University

Village to the science building. Don't worry—you can thank me for my genius later.

Perhaps you're asking if this proposal is too absurd. I figure after the massage chairs, I'm allowed to test the waters a little. You should've seen the other proposals I had in mind, like a gentlemanly man in a suit offering students warm scented towels after a big test or KSU's own Large Hadron Collider. I figured we could get to those later in the year, depending on the success of the pony vote.

These are all issues that I'm sure you'll work out with the expediency we've come to know and love from you, SGA. Who has time for sitting around and debating something as trivial as how money is spent? Not you, that's who, which is exactly why you voted against that pesky spending resolution. I'm in full agreement with you. I mean, what if there was an emergency and we needed to order 5,000 Snuggies over the course of a weekend? That spending resolution would make it nearly impos-



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COLUMNIST

sible to do so. May I remind you it's already snowed in Kennesaw more than once this year?

The bottom line is this: Now is the time for action, and by action, I mean indulging the student body in whatever cheap, material benefit you can give to them at the spur of the moment. After all, that is your purpose, isn't it? I digress. Godspeed, SGA.

Matt Nix hosts 'Matt Nix on Mondays' every Monday night, 10 p.m.-midnight on ksusradio.com.

You are mindless sheep GOP, practice what you preach

Do you know who your mayor is? Do you know who your representative is? Your governor? Senators? Do you know the branches of government? If you said no to any of these questions then you are just another sad example of everything that is wrong with this country.

The truth is that the American government is glad if you said no to any of those questions because you are just the kind of American the government wants you to be: ignorant. Blissfully unaware of a world outside of your recliner, your junk food and your Tivo is how the American government hopes to find the American people.

But why? Because sheep are easier to control, sheep are easier to appease and sheep are easier to slaughter. If you believe more of your government then you are not only a sheep, but a brainwashed sheep as well.

It serves a purpose that some should be lame while others capable, some smart while others stupid, but to what purpose and what side are you on? Sheep keep government fat-bellies fat; sheep keep government wallets fat as well. But the thing that sheep do best is to go along with whatever they are made to do, even unto their very deaths.

You will work for this country and you will die for this country, all the while with a stupid grin on your face. And for what? For what the American federal government has brainwashed you into thinking is freedom: a car, a house, a meaningless job and "American Idol." This is what being a sheep is all about; this is what being an American is now all about.

Across campus, we are all studying to be a great many things. I am studying to be a political scientist. And I believe that most all of you are sheep. I believe you are made lazy and stupid and kept unaware by the government.



ALESSANDRA LARGENT
COLUMNIST

I believe you sheep have the wool of pop culture, fast food and television over your eyes, and that most of you will live, die and toil for a country that is using you, abusing you and asking you to thank them for it.

I also believe you deserve it. If you are too stupid to pay attention to what is happening to you and your country; if you are too lazy to stand up for yourselves and your fellow countrymen; or if you are too Americanized to remember what being an American truly means, then I believe you deserve nothing more.

People have told me before that Americans aren't stupid sheep, that Americans still have spirit and courage as well as chance at the future they were promised 223 years ago. But the more I study, the less I believe. I don't believe in you—the collective "we" - of America. I don't believe in "us." We the people have become fat, lazy, mindless, ignorant and apathetic fools who stand up for nothing more than Starbucks and "Twilight" tickets.

But what do I know? Students of the Political Science Department of KSU are currently conducting studies to find out if you are in fact mindless sheep. To become involved feel free to e-mail them at Lessa2205@yahoo.com. Or don't. Baaa.

You can feel it in the air every February. Those who are not apathetic to this annual event either display excessive enthusiasm or utter contempt. My reaction is the latter. What am I talking about? Valentines Day? Lupercalia? Black History Month? Presidents Day? Nope. I am talking about that orgy of hubris, delusion, xenophobia, paranoia and hypocrisy known as the Conservative Political Action Conference.

Notice that the key word here is "conservative," not "Republican". This is certainly the message that CPAC keynote speaker Glenn Beck tried to pound into our heads as he rightly criticized the GOP for expanding the size of government. Contrary to the Beck's implied position, I think that the Republican label isn't as scary as the "conservative" label. As an organized political party, the ideology of self-described Republicans seems to find its focal point in the words of influential Republican leaders.

Conservatives are a much more diverse breed. One of the main reasons why I detest the word "conservative" is its very ambiguous meaning. It is easy to define a Republican; it is much harder to define a conservative. The word itself has taken on drastically different meanings through various times and places. I am a Libertarian, but the wide diversity among self-described Libertarians pales in comparison to all the manifestations of reactionary philosophy that fall under the wide umbrella of conservatism.

This ambiguity allows for many different, pretentious hacks from diverse ideological backgrounds to put out their own "conservative manifestos" and claim to represent "conservatism." Since it is widely assumed that all good conservatives must vote for the Republican Party, it is easy to see why GOP insiders would have a vested interest in

helping shape this philosophical disharmony into something more politically advantageous.

The Tea Party movement is the perfect mix of reactionary populism that any aspiring demagogue could ever wish for. Although the Tea Party movement was primarily the creation of Congressman Ron Paul, it has since devolved ("evolved" would be far too flattering of a word) into something that bears little resemblance to its original vision.

The lack of ideological coherency within this populist movement cannot be disguised, but it can be re-directed toward more manipulative ends. The anti-intellectual Tea Party movement may not be the most coherent, but the "Tea Partiers" have numbers on their side, and in electoral politics, numbers are more important than ideas.

The fact that CPAC seemed to attempt to co-opt this movement should not come as a surprise to anyone who believes that Republicans like to win elections (even if the McCain campaign can be seen as evidence to the contrary). What really disturbed me, though, was how easily Republican icons could get away with their blatant hypocrisy.

Keynote speaker Beck didn't stop his tirades against big government long enough to explain why he was an eager cheerleader for staples of statism such as the Patriot Act and the TARP bailouts. When Ron Paul won the CPAC straw poll, Ann Coulter felt compelled to claim falsely that she agrees with Ron Paul on every issue except for foreign policy. This is just what Republicans do. When they are in



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control of the White House and Congress, they unthinkingly blow trillions of dollars, shred the Constitution and expand the size of the federal government to an extent that would embarrass even FDR. But when they are out of power, they pretend to care about responsible spending habits, the Constitution and smaller government.

It is very likely that Republicans could regain control of the White House and Congress in 2012. If that happens, just watch how quickly they will do just the opposite of what they preach at CPAC.

Of course, it ultimately comes down to the voters. If I may borrow an expression from British politics, they can "throw the rats out" on election day. The reason that the Republican Party has no backbone is because this is not what Republican voters actually want.

I will write about why I believe this to be the case in a later article, but for now, I think it will suffice to state that the ease with which established Republicans can manipulate a movement that should be hostile to them reveals a disturbing flaw among the voters who enable this kind of behavior from their elected representatives.

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The gayest article ever: Why both sides are wrong

Periodically, we have clashes on campus between gay activists and Christian fundamentalists. As something of a mediator among the ideological poles, I would like to take this time to address why both sides are, fundamentally, wrong.

The pro-gay side is wrong because of an obsession with banalities. What's that - did I hear something about biological urges?

So? It's only natural to be hungry, yet I once went eight days without eating just to see if I could. Believe it or not, human will trumps any and all genetic urges, so if a person wanted to forego sexual endeavoring altogether, he or she could. That's because sexuality, like one's dietary preference, is completely manufactured by the individual. A gay person chooses to be gay; a straight person chooses to be straight. A person could vow not to engage in sexual activity, or eat cheese, or ingest a single gram of wheat. As long as the person has mental dedication, he or she can (internally) be anything they desire. It's all up to one's tastes, and that's it.

Sure, I could squander a lot of print space blabbering about the ills of repression, but here's the rub I have with gay-rights crusaders: It's a personal choice you, and you alone, made. People have no control over their skin

hue, the nation they were born in, or the social stature of their parents. Racism, ethnocentrism and classism are "wrong" because they attack people based on genetic conditions. Your sexual preference is exactly that - a preference - and to liken your plight to ex-slaves or victims of ethnic cleansing is downright asinine. You incur a lot of prejudice, I shan't argue that; the thing is, that is the price one pays for going against folkways, and the rough side of living in a marketplace of free ideals is that the other people may not like what you're selling.

My advice to the Gay Pride folks out there: If you don't want people bismirching you in public, stop flaunting in their faces. If sexual preference is just a humdrum factor, then drop the militant garishness and act like it is. There are no Straight Pride parades, nor are there clubs for people that like chunky peanut butter instead of creamy. That's because it's idiosyncratic facileness, and nothing more.

Now, let's turn our attention to the anti-gay side, shall we?

The most common passage fundamentalist Christians cite to explicate their antipathy for homosexuals is Leviticus 18:12, a verse that decries homosexuality as "an abomination." Since these guys are such adamant fans of the Bible, I am certain they believe

that every word of the gospel is, well, gospel, right?

Well, take a look at Leviticus 11:11, a passage that declares the ingestion of crustaceans as likewise abominable. Now, if the Bible is to be taken as literally as they claim, shouldn't these guys be protesting Red Lobster as well?

And what about the parts of the Leviticus that condemn multi-fabrics (19:19), condone slavery (25:45) and give parents the OK to murder unruly offspring (20:9)? If these people were real Christians, they would be slave-owning child-killers burning down Banana Republics and Red Lobsters all across the nation.

But alas, these people are not real Christians, nor are they real anything. They are living, breathing cartoon characters, a bunch of sexually repressed ne'er-do-wells who can only achieve self-gratification by harassing college kids to make up for all of the great sex that they've never experienced, and perhaps never will. My diagnosis? These people must have incredibly small genitals. I mean infinitesimal.

Obviously, the pro-gay side is a whole lot less wrong than the anti-gay side, since ceaselessly vaunting the mundane is a far lesser offense than living one's life by archaic, selectively interpreted dictums and porting about a condemnatory disposition



based on phony piousness. That being said, I still find multiple flaws within the argumentations of both sides of the debate, and I shall offer no further advice for the warring tribes.

Ultimately, we will have to accept the reality that gay activists and Christian fundamentalists will continue to be the veritable cats and dogs of the Southeastern hinterlands, the veritable Yankees and BoSox that provide such splendid entertainment during our springtime campus strolls. Sure, I could conclude with a Rodney King-esque cry for civility, but at this juncture, why squelch something that provides such an economical source of amusement?

Yep. He's gay.

A girl's guide to her boyfriend's sexual orientation

Women, regardless of sexual orientation, who publicly pose as the girlfriend or wife of a closeted gay man are called "beards." I have been a loyal beard for the better part of my adult life, so I know a bit about the timid gay man who fears societal unacceptance. Given my experience, I've developed some pretty stellar "gay-dar." I feel that my insider knowledge may help sound warning bells to the Jills on campus who have no idea they're merely a beard for their Jack. Below are some clues:

1) Your man has always made every excuse to avoid intimacy, even when the relationship was new. This one is pretty obvious, but you wouldn't believe the number of women who willfully wear blinders to avoid tackling the issue head-on. She might reason that, indeed, he is always "just tired" or that he still, after eight months, needs "more time" to get to know her first. (Mmm-hmm, sure.) Listen, girl: I know there are viable reasons that could prevent your man—who isn't wearing a promise ring—from sleeping with you. Most likely, though, if you're the only one in the relationship with any semblance of physical attraction, it's symptom One of his gaiety.

2) After the sad, few times you managed to get lucky, he avoided you afterward. It always seems like such a strain for him to touch you affectionately or to kiss you like he means it, doesn't it? When he (perhaps after a glass or two of red wine) loosened up a bit and let "one thing lead to another," he couldn't dress fast enough when all was said and done. Hell, he might have even hit the brakes midway! At any rate, while you were still basking in the glow of his lovin', he was scrambling for his keys. With some lame excuse ("I can't use the distraction of sex in my life right now!" or "We disgraced our relationship by being tipsy while we were intimate!"), he doesn't call or text you for a few days. Then his parents start asking where you went, leading us to our next clue:

3) He is more affectionate with you around his parents and friends than he is in private. Girl, this one should put a lightbulb above your head. When you're on the couch in your dorm and you attempt to make out with Loverboy, his suddenly awkward body language throws a cold, wet blanket over the offer. When you straighten back up, he's fine and game to resume talking about boring professors on campus. However, take him to TacoMac with a mutual group of friends and his passion for you is suddenly fiery. No one around you two could ever doubt the attraction. Ditto goes for a visit with the



family: With all those smooches and looks of love, you'd think you were practically engaged—just as he wants it to appear. Sigh.

4) Your man's utter abhorrence for anything gay is egregiously overstated. When you mention the "giddy" guy in your class or recall a one-liner from "Will and Grace," his disdain for the topic is so thick, it's almost psychotic. This is so often an indicator of repressed homosexuality or bi-curiousness. Make no mistake: I know there are people in this world who are genuinely disgusted by the idea of same-sex coupling, sure. However, being that a hilarious percentage of my closeted pals' liaisons were with men who, in high school and beyond, were ostentatiously repulsed and infuriated by gay men, flags go up when I meet loud-mouthed, homo-hating bigots. Huge rainbow flags. I would put money on the fact that, because he's so overtly and ridiculously enraged by (and perhaps even a little obsessed with) gay culture, he's trying to pull an invisibility cloak over the shame of his own curiosity. Smirk all you like, Lady Turncheek. It happens every day.

Ladies, I understand that there are men out there who, for reasons not related to homosexuality, disagree with having lots of sex and/or doing so before marriage. If you've got one of these disciplined fellas, you know like I know he's probably not gay. The same goes for women, though I will add that there are some out there who use love-stricken gentlemen for more agreeable social standings. Sadly, I know it well.

I'm not judging anyone who hides their "wayward" sexuality by dragging others into a deluded tangle of deception and self-loathing. I know it can be difficult to say the words aloud, my friend. Instead, I'm offering a little insight to unwitting beards on campus with frightened gay boyfriends who won't come out. You'll thank me later, girlfriend—perhaps after you take him shopping for skinny jeans.

Mitch Daniels for president

"Simply put, Governor Daniels is the perfect candidate to go up against spend-happy, big-government President Obama."

As the field of candidates for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination grows, one name stands out: Mitch Daniels. Why? Because he has everything a Republican candidate needs, especially for the upcoming election.

First, he's the governor of Indiana, so he has that coveted executive experience (yes, it is better to be a governor than a senator in terms of useful experience for presidential office). He also has the even more coveted connection to Ronald Reagan, having been chief political advisor and liaison to the late president during his second term. That last point is especially important, however trivial it might seem, as the contest for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008 often devolved into an argument over who was closer to Reagan.

Above all, what stands out about Governor Daniels and his chances of being elected is how he conducts himself, both in governing and in public. Recently, the governor has risen to the national spotlight as a result of writing a response to the Democrats' policies on cap and trade legislation, published in the Wall Street Journal on May 15, 2009.

The response articulated conservative opinions, and Governor Daniels likened the legislation to imperialism in succinct and powerful language. The article is well-written and displays the writing of a man who can get his point across while connecting with the people, something we need in both a candidate and a president.

Even more recently, Governor Daniels stated some general "rules" he would like to see followed by the next Republican seeking the presidency. These rules came in the form of two major ideas. First, any candidate should have a plan for solving the spending, deficit and debt crises, a plan having "intellectual credibility" that "holds water" (can you see how Sarah Palin is immediately excluded by this rule?). Second, any candidate should "speak to Americans in a tone and voice that is unifying and friendly and therefore gives you a chance of unifying around some action."

Clearly, Governor Daniels wants the Republican candidate in 2012 to run a generally positive campaign (in fact, he did not run a single television commercial attacking his opponent during either of his campaigns for governor).

These statements were made while the governor was attending a session with reporters sponsored by the *Christian Science Monitor*, where, according to Fred Barnes, a writer for



the *Weekly Standard*, the governor "handled the questioning by reporters impressively and with ease."

Even more important than his thoughts on candidacy are his achievements as governor of Indiana. During his tenure, Indiana balanced its budget for the first time in eight years; turned a \$600 million deficit into a \$370 million surplus within a year; created the public-private Indiana Economic Development Corporation to replace a poorly performing state bureaucracy in an attempt to attract new jobs to the state. In every one of the first four years of the agency's existence, it broke all records for new jobs in Indiana and was responsible for more than \$18 billion of new investment.

The governor issued a slew of reforms in his first year in office aimed at streamlining and improving the state's government.

These achievements, especially the ones in economics, are clear signs that Governor Daniels has the talents and skills we need in a candidate and in a president. He meets his own guidelines. He knows how to handle an economy. He knows how to talk to people and the press. He is committed to reforming and simplifying government. He is the fiscal conservative that we need. He is also the small government candidate we've been dreaming of, leasing the Indiana Toll Road in 2006 in the largest privatization of public infrastructure ever to occur in the United States, a move that generated \$4 billion for reinvestment in Indiana's transportation and infrastructure program.

Simply put, Governor Daniels is the perfect candidate to go up against spend-happy, big-government President Obama. Whether or not he'll run remains to be seen. He said he's not seeking it right now, but friends have convinced him to remain open to the idea. Let's hope he decides to do it. We can give the Democrats a run for their money and reform what it means to be a GOP candidate at the same time.

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FEATURES

"I started retouching myself."

Korean Buddhist waxes philosophical

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STAFF WRITER

Robert Buswell, a Korean Buddhist, visited KSU Thursday and spoke at an event hosted by the Philosophy Student Association and the Atlanta Center for Asian Studies. The lecture, Korean Buddhism in East Asian Context, was part of the Mike Ryan Lecture Series. Buswell's address served as the PSA's contribution to "Year of Korea."

Dr. David Jones, a philosophy professor at KSU, the faculty advisor to the PSA and the director of the Atlanta Center for Asian Studies, spent several minutes introducing Buswell to the crowd and listing his many accomplishments.

Buswell earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. He has taught at Berkeley and Stanford and is currently a professor of Chinese and Korean at the University of California, Los Angeles. He also serves as chair of the department of the Asian Studies and is the president of the Association of Asian Studies - the first Korean specialist to hold the title.

Jones jokingly stated that he hates Buswell.

"I walked in to my office and he was sitting in my chair, at my computer, in the full lotus position," he said. "I assure you I cannot do that."

Buswell spoke at the beginning of his lecture of the wonderful memories he has of visiting KSU's campus five years ago.

"I love that I was able to connect with the students

on a personal level," he said.

Buswell spoke of the historical events that led to Korean Buddhist principles being diffused throughout all of Southeast Asia and emphasized the "importance of understanding the role Korea has played in Buddhism." His goal was to dispel the stereotype that Korea is simply a bridge between China and Japan.

After sharing his extensive knowledge on the history of Korean Buddhism, Buswell opened up the floor for questions. Many students asked him more about the methodology and practice of Korean Buddhism versus the Buddhist traditions of other Asian nations. He also spoke on the physical landscape of Asian countries and how many mountains have been renamed to "remap the Korean (and other Asian countries) landscape to fit Buddhist culture."

Buswell also explained the difference between the daily routine of a Korean monk and monks in Thailand. He said the subtle differences are "variations [of Buddhism] cut from the same cloth."

Sarah Christopherson, a senior majoring in philosophy and Spanish, attended the lecture and ate lunch with Buswell and other KSU students.

"All the history was new to me," Christopherson said.

"I've studied Buddhism on my own and in class. He did a really good job of explaining concepts that are hard to put in to words."



Photo from philosophystudentassociation.blogspot.com

Robert Buswell spoke on the influence Korean traditions have had on Buddhism as a whole.

Curator returns to KSU

KATHERINE TIPPINS
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Former Curator and Assistant Vice President for Library Services Robert Williams has returned to KSU's library staff to continue supplying the university with his bibliophilic expertise. Williams retired in October 2009. This month he began his new position as senior curator of Rare Books and assistant vice president Emeritus of Library Services.

"Mr. Williams will get to do what he loves best—share his passion for books and book collecting with students, faculty, staff and the KSU community through lectures, workshops, seminars and courses," said Dr. Tamara Livingston, director of the Department of Archives, Special Collections and Records Management. "He will also advise the director on developing the Rare Book Collection and developing a new set of programs as the 'Center for the Book.'"

Livingston created the new position and offered it to Williams.

"I'm excited to come back," Williams said. "When Dr. Livingston asked for my advice, I gladly accepted. I didn't know I'd miss KSU so much."

Williams hasn't come out of retirement completely. "I went from retired to semi-retired," he said. "I'm just here 14 to 16 hours a week."

Before his retirement, Williams served the KSU library for 24 years. He and Fred Bentley, Sr. created the Bentley Rare Book Room in 1986.

"We are amazingly fortunate to have someone with such a depth of knowledge and experience join our staff. Mr. Williams is passionate about books, and he very much wants others to share that passion," said Livingston, who did not act alone in the creation of Williams' new position.

Livingston cited Dr. Randy Hinds, vice president for Operations, chief information officer, chief business officer and professor of information systems, as instrumental to the process: "The department reports directly to Dr. Hinds, and it is due to his generous support that the department is what is today. Dr. Hinds was a strong supporter of Mr. Williams' new position."

Other members of KSU's staff are happy to have Williams back as well.

"[Williams] has recently joined Dr. Livingston's department and is working with her to create a new educational entity, the Center for the Book," said Curator of Rare Books Rita Impey-Imes. "This is an exciting new project that will engage the KSU campus and Georgia community. Mr. Williams is a remarkable scholar, teacher and collector."

One of Williams' contributions to the Center for the Book is teaching classes.

"Programs include courses on collecting and identifying books and the history of the book," Livingston said. "I teach students how to find value in their books. I often have more interested students than I can accommodate."

The ambitious project aims to reach further than just the KSU campus and the state of Georgia.

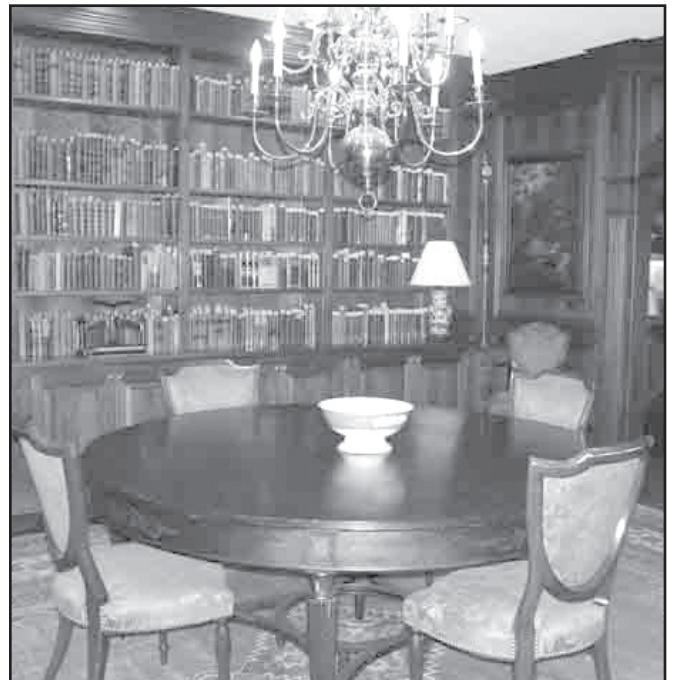
"It also includes book-centered events, exhibits and

a tour program of great libraries and archives, here and abroad," Livingston said.

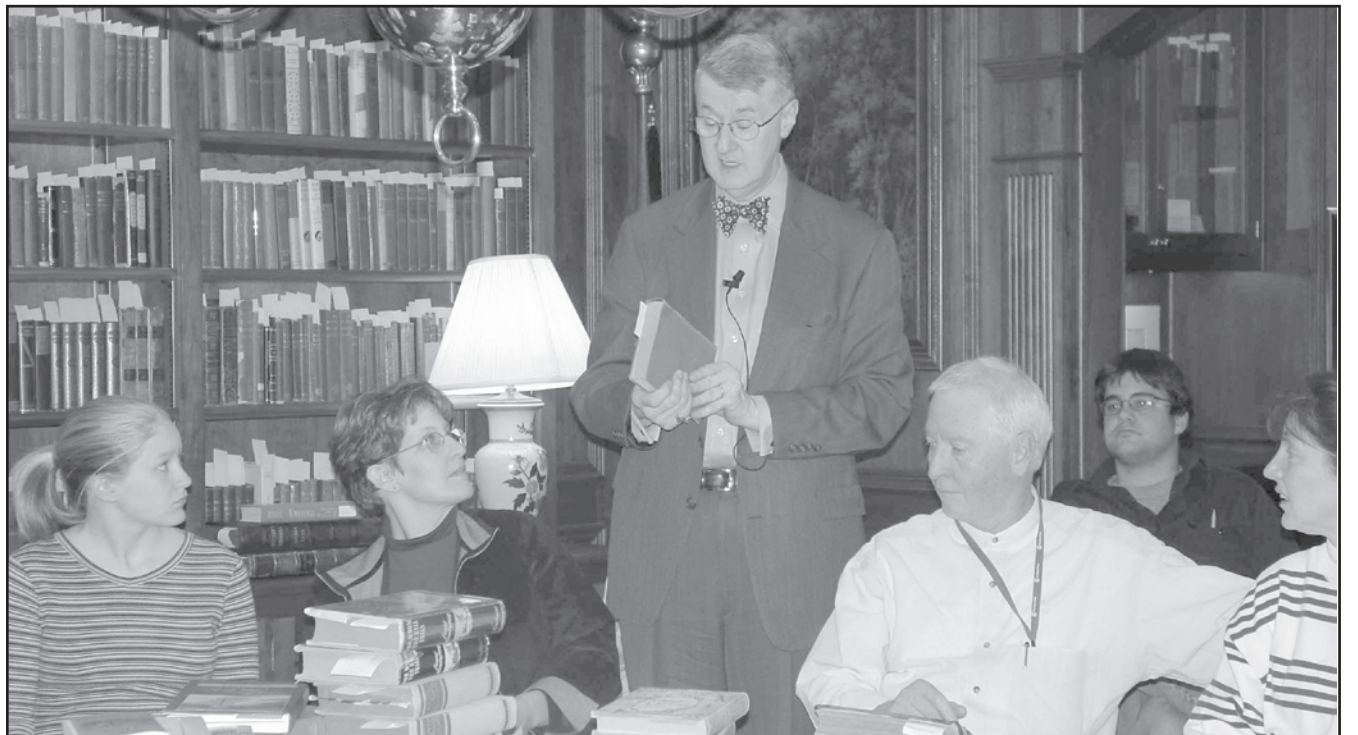
Contact Impey-Imes at 770-423-6535 to learn more about Williams' classes or to make an appointment to visit the Bentley Rare Book Gallery.



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Williams helped establish the Bentley Rare Book Library in 1986.



Robert Williams teaches the value of books to KSU students and staff in his Book Collecting Class in the Bentley Rare Book Library.

Campus exhibit permits free expression

SARAH HITT
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The Sturgis Library Art Gallery is holding a Post Secret exhibit containing more than 400 postcards of secrets from around the globe.

Frank Warren started Post Secret in 2004 as a community art project to allow people to express a secret anonymously and creatively. Warren has received more than 350,000 postcards since its inception.

Participants write their secret on a post card-sized

piece of paper and mail it to Post Secret's Maryland address. Most posters decorate their cards with pictures and drawings to complement their message.

Yvonne Wichman, a KSU English professor, has followed Post Secret for many years. She believes students will benefit from the Post Secret experience, whether by participating or by viewing others' secrets.

The guise of anonymity is one of the most important aspects of Post Secret.

"Since it is anonymous,

people do not have the fear of rejection," Wichman said. "The open forum allows people to express anything they want, no matter how scary or outrageous, since their name is not attached."

"A sense of relief is in each card," said junior early childhood education major Judith Arbelo. "Once you put a secret on paper, you release that experience."

Many of the secrets are rooted in taboo. Rape, adultery, suicide and addiction are recurring themes in the post cards' messages. One

card reads: "I drink too much and hope that someone worries," while another reads, "I think more than usual about killing myself after I have a really good day."

Some cards stray from alarming topics and focus on positive or humorous secrets. One card, covered with a drawing of a sun reads, "If your [sic] waiting for a sign... This is it. Do it. It will be amazing."

Visitors have the opportunity to display their own secret after they've taken the time to sit down and write it on a piece of

paper. One card in the visitor's section of the display was decorated with a large mouth that appeared to scream, "I don't have any secrets. Why can't I keep my big mouth shut!"

Post Secret attracts viewers from various stages of life. Dayna Melton, a junior visual arts major, believes everyone is connected through the exhibit.

"Maybe you'll read one and have the same secret," Melton said. "Maybe that secret is not as big a deal to some people or maybe some of the secrets are

things that have crossed all our minds at some point. I think a lot of students can relate to a lot of the secrets being shared."

Because the exhibit displays so many cards, it is likely that viewers will relate to at least one.

"You can identify with people you will never know," Wichman said. "Finding that you are not alone in your secret validates your feelings. Emotions are universal."

Students can view the display until March 27 on the basement floor of the Sturgis Library.

Fighting Spirit: Dan Keplinger 'King Gimp' speaks

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STAFF WRITER

Dan Keplinger provided students, faculty and staff with an inspiring tale on Wednesday at the Social Sciences auditorium. Keplinger, born with cerebral palsy, documented his struggles in the 1999 Oscar-winning film, "King Gimp."

From the age of 12 until his college graduation at 25, filmmakers Susan Hadary and Bill Whiteford followed Keplinger on his journey in Baltimore, Md. The documentary begins with Keplinger stating, "Most people think 'gimp' means someone with a lame walk. But 'gimp' also means fighting spirit."

Students asked Keplinger questions after the lecture, which was hosted by Dr. Richard Stafford, adjunct professor for public speaking. In discussing his condition, Keplinger said, "It makes you more able to read people because you have to tell what kind of person you are dealing with. It is almost like a safety net because why would I want to hang out with someone who does not have the best intentions for me? Everybody has a handicap, but we all have a fighting spirit."

Students were inspired by Keplinger's story.

"It was very touching—his success is well-deserved and admired," said Dennis Brown, a junior art major.

"It was very shocking—a story that I have not seen or heard," said Christine Tanaka, a junior art major.

When he was 12, Keplinger attended Baltimore's Ridge Ruxton School for the disabled, but he eventually decided he wanted to attend a public school. At 16, he was mainstreamed into Parkville High School in Baltimore, Md. From there, Keplinger attended Townson University in Townson, Md. While there, a teacher

told him he would never be an artist. The experience almost made him never want to paint, but he persevered.

"In college, you find people who have the same thing in common with you, and I found out once you get more into your major—you almost become peers with your professors and students," he said.

"[Having cerebral palsy] makes you more capable of reading people, because you have to tell what kind of person you are dealing with," he said. "It is almost like a safety net because why would I want to hang out with someone who does not have the best intentions for me? Everybody has a handicap, but we all have a fighting spirit."

Today, Keplinger holds two art degrees and is a successful artist. His work is marketed through the Phyllis Kind Gallery in New York.

In the documentary, Keplinger said that he is often asked about the meaning of love and if he believed he would ever find it. He mentioned that he loved his caretaker, Laura, but that he wanted to find his soul mate. He eventually did: He married Dena Huggler-Williams in 2009.

"I became his friend, fan, girlfriend, fiancé and wife," Huggler-Williams said. "We met and had an endearing relationship for five years."

The couple's wedding day was on April 1.

"Everything that could go wrong happened that day—chaos with catering, my dress never arrived," Huggler-Williams said. "The only thing that happened correctly was that I chose my right mate."

The lecture ended with Huggler-Williams and Keplinger dancing to their wedding song.

For more information, visit king-gimp.com.



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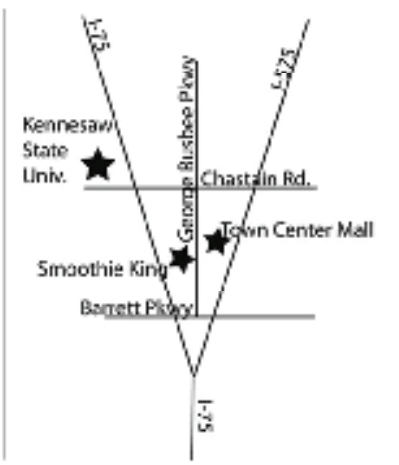
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Is there potential for carbon 'nanotubes' in battery technology?

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE (MCT)

Dear EarthTalk: What is the potential for carbon "nanotubes" in battery technology? I heard them referred to as the biggest battery breakthrough to come along in years. And what else can we expect to see in terms of new battery technology in coming years?

R.M. Koncan, via e-mail

The rechargeable lithium-ion batteries now so common in everything from iPods to hybrid cars can store twice the energy of similarly sized nickel-metal hydride batteries and up to six times as much as their lead-acid progenitors. But these advances are only a small evolutionary step from the world's first battery designed by Alessandro Volta in 1800 using layers of metal and blotting paper soaked in salt water.

With battery technology advances long overdue, researchers are racing to develop more efficient ways to store power. One hopeful option is in the use of carbon nanotubes, which can store much more electricity by weight than lithium-ion batteries while keeping

their charge and remain durable for far longer.

But what are carbon nanotubes, and how can they be used to store energy? Technicians skilled in working with matter at the molecular (nano) level can arrange pure carbon molecules in cylindrical structures that are both strong and flexible. They have significantly higher energy density and can store more electricity than any currently available technology. These tubes, each only billionths of a meter wide, essentially become highly efficient, electrically conductive pipes for storing and providing power.

Electrical engineers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have formed carbon molecules into tiny springs that store as much electricity as same sized lithium-ion batteries but can maintain a charge while dormant for years and work well in temperature extremes. Stanford University researchers have created ink made from carbon nanotubes that can be drawn onto paper where it serves as a high-capacity rechargeable energy storage medium. And University of Maryland scientists have created nanostructures able to store and

transport power at 10 times the energy density of lithium-ion batteries.

Other technologies in development include batteries using zinc-air, lithium-air and other combinations of elements to provide longer run-times between recharges. Others still are working on prototype nuclear batteries, the trick being to make them small enough to be practical, let alone safe.

Of course, the accelerating growth of nanotechnology itself, which has not yet been thoroughly tested to evaluate potential downsides, has some health advocates worried. Animal studies have shown that some nanoparticles, if inhaled or ingested, can harm the lungs and also cross the blood-brain barrier, which protects the brain from toxins in the bloodstream.

And then there are fuel cells, created in 1839 but only recently commercialized. Not batteries per se, fuel cells generate, store and dispense power by forcing a reaction between a fuel (hydrogen from water, methanol) and oxygen, creating usable non-polluting electricity. One major hurdle for fuel cell makers is making them small enough to be able to work in laptops and other small personal electronics.

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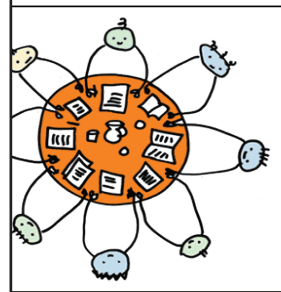
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Association shelters aspiring veterinarians

BERLIN SYLVESTRE
STAFF WRITER

Since 2001, the KSU Pre-Veterinary Medical Association has provided KSU's pre-vet students with the guidance and support that can be difficult to find on campus. The association helps students gather information about the field of veterinary medicine.

According to PVMA President Kaylan Stone, members are eligible for counsel on a variety of topics relevant to veterinary school, such as the amount of service hours a student will need in order to obtain entry or a vet school's required GPA.

PVMA regularly invites guest speakers to its meetings and provides volunteer opportunities and veterinary experience for associates. Members can expect to be surrounded by a welcoming group of like-minded learners who offer tips, sound advice and plenty of encouragement. PVMA also helps students determine whether vet school would

be a good fit.

"Not many students who go into science majors know for sure what they want to do," said Stone. "They may not associate themselves as pre-vet or pre-med."

Hands-on experience gives participants an insight into the kinds of duties they can expect from the field.

"We are all working hand-in-hand to create an association for students who would like a better understanding of this field," said Andrea DiGuardi, club secretary and sophomore biology major.

KSU does not currently offer courses required of pre-vet students, such as animal science and animal nutrition, which could deter pre-vet hopefuls from attending. But citing the advantages of KSU, Stone said, "KSU is a smaller community than other universities; you can get the same quality and the same quantity of education, but in smaller classrooms for a lesser tuition."

A junior biology major, Stone is familiar with the uphill battle of

pre-vet courses.

"A student has to go through four years of veterinary school training in order to become a doctor of veterinary medicine," shee said. "Adding undergraduate years to this number, that student is in college for seven or eight years total. This is about the same number of years for a medical doctor."

The association's love for animals is a driving force behind their activities. They have volunteered at Gorilla Haven and other wildlife reserves and have held numerous bake sales to raise funds for animal rescue organizations. Stone cites saving and improving the health of animals as motivating factors behind their events, adding, "If you have a love for animals, then this is the organization for you."

PVMA invites anyone to join, regardless of their major. Club dues are \$15 per semester. PVMA is planning a trip to Zoo Atlanta and a tour of the Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine). For more information visit kennesawpvma.com.



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Heather Banks feeds a beaver strawberries when KSU PVMA was building a beaver sanctuary.

New York-style state of mind: Giardino's Pizzeria



Nigel Brett | The Sentinel

The staff at Giardino's Pizzeria cook up huge portions of Italian-American favorites.

NIGEL BRETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In the world of pizza, many hands vie for a piece of the pie. A newly opened restaurant near KSU campus, Giardino's Pizzeria, sets the standard for pizza as a college diet staple.

With more than 40 years of restaurant experience among them, and all hailing from the New York/New Jersey area, Dallas Prezzano, Jerry Berry and Mark Hoell started Giardino's with a simple goal—to make the best possible no-frills, New York-style pie.

The menu is filled with other Italian-American favorites such as stuffed pizza, calzones, New York-style sandwiches, homemade soups and the "Bolinator," a

10-pound, 5-foot stromboli, ready to challenge the heartiest appetites.

Inside Giardino's, the décor is simple, the atmosphere is comfortable and the restaurant itself is immaculate. A display case located near the pizza bar hosts many of the menu's best items which are freshly made and ready to serve.

"A lot of people say their tomatoes are Italian, but our tomatoes are grown, packed and imported directly from Italy," Berry said.

The Giardino pies are also noted for their dough, topped with fresh mozzarella cheese.

"One of the best things about our stuff is the dough," said Prezzano. "We make it fresh every morning. You will never find dough like

this anywhere else."

Walk into Giardino's and hear customers enjoying the pizza and being fairly vocal about it. The atmosphere inside the restaurant has an authentic New York feel because of the banter that passes among the owners, the staff and the customers.

One of the best perks of the place is that KSU students receive a 15 percent discount on their meals if they display student IDs.

The bottom line: If you haven't tried Giardino's pizza yet, you're missing out. You can find Prezzano, Berry and Hoell tossing dough at Giardino's Pizzeria at 3930 George Busbee Parkway, at the intersection of Frey Road. Prices range from \$2.25-\$13.95. For info call: 770-419-7950

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SPORTS

Defense helps Owls go 1-3

BENJAMIN POPLIN
BEAT WRITER

In a series that featured multiple home runs, big defensive plays and clutch players, the KSU Owls (1-6) won one of three games this weekend against the Samford Bulldogs (5-8).

"Practices had been very good and the players were handling the rough start to the season maturely," said coach Mike Sansing prior to the first game.

From the start of the first game, the Owls' bats boomed. Senior shortstop Tyler Stubblefield wasted no time connecting for a solo homer on the third pitch from Samford's Jonathan Stephens in the bottom of the first-inning. Three batters later, junior Drew Fowlkes, a left-handed hitter, put the ball over the head of Samford right-fielder Trey Hayes, driving in Josh Whitaker who had singled. The game featured starter Ryan Rodebaugh and a relief effort from Brad Long. Third baseman Peyton Hart, a red-shirt freshman, stepped up in the bottom of the seventh inning and hit a triple to score three Owl base-runners.

"I thought fall because I wanted the ball to fall over the guy's head," Hart said. "It means a lot to me because it is my first college win."

Looking to build on the momentum from their first win, Sansing and his team came into Saturday's game feeling good.

"It is all part of the maturation process of college sports," Sansing said. "Not only on the field, but away from it as well."

Samford got off to a hot start, scoring six runs with the help of first baseman Bo Smith and second baseman Michael Johnson. Owl starter Sean Fream walked three Bulldogs earlier in the inning, putting runners into scoring position.

Similar to Friday's game, the Owls' bats were also active in the first inning. Fowlkes connected for another two-run homer, and junior first baseman Ross Tendler followed with his own.

In this game Samford's bats proved to be too much for the Owls. Solid relief efforts from Josh Carr and Kyle Clayton kept the Bulldogs at bay long enough for the Owls to come within one run of tying the game. Runners left on base and missed opportunities plagued KSU and contributed to the loss.



Greg Ranallo | The Sentinel

Freshman catcher Ronnie Freeman had a season-high of three hits and one RBI.

Even though both teams had solid offense before Sunday's game, the first inning went quietly. Both teams scored in the second inning with help from a 2-run homer by Samford designated hitter Trip Swann and a run-scoring single from KSU freshman Ronnie Freeman.

Owls' starter Bryan Blough pitched through the bottom of the fifth inning and left the score tied at 2-2. At first, sophomore Zak Griffith struggled to deliver a strike, but settled down and got Samford outfielder Trey Hayes to ground into

a double play started by Tyler Stubblefield. An inside-the-park home run by Samford's Mason Meredith sealed the deal for the Owls despite center fielder Bucky Smith's effort to make the catch.

A bright spot for KSU was freshman Ronnie Freeman who went 3-for-3 at the plate with a run batted in. "I shortened up my swing and spent a little more time in the batting cage," said Freeman about the adjustments. Ray Anderson, Peyton Hart and Drew Fowlkes also recorded hits for the Owls.

Softball battles in-state opponents

DEREK WRIGHT
SPORTS EDITOR

As the KSU softball team finished a 3-1 week, the Owls end another chapter in their book. The scene is set mid-week, in the midst of the night-lights of downtown Atlanta at Mewborn Field, Georgia Tech's home field.

As dusk turned to dark, the Jackets, ranked eighth in the nation, stung the Owls with a score of 8-3.

"The score was not indicative of the game," head coach Scott Whitlock said. "Tech is a better ball club than we are, but we played hard. I was very proud of our team and very optimistic."

The Owls played a close game. At the bottom of the fifth, there was a glimmer of a winning hope. Redshirt sophomore Jessica Cross hit a home run with two on base making the game 5-3 in favor of the Jackets. As the night dwindled to an end, the Owls gave up three more runs due to some well-hit balls by the Ramblin' Wreck.

Cross is a double threat, being one of two KSU's starting pitchers and having the best batting average on the team.

The story of the night for the Owls was Cross's homerun, which gave her four homeruns and 13 RBIs.

As the week passed into the weekend, the Owls were prepared to take a stand

against another in-state rival, the Georgia State Panthers. In a pitching duel between Cross and GSU's McCall Langford. Cross out-classed her opponent, throwing nine strikeouts and allowing four hits.

"The game was about Cross," Whitlock said. "She shut them down. It took her a couple of batters to settle down a little, but once she got out of the inning it was a boost to her confidence."

Cross is a double threat being one of two KSU's starting pitchers, and also having the best batting average on the team.

"I've finally hit my stride," Cross said. "I made sure I worked the corners and making sure I span the ball right."

Sophomore Jenna Closner was the offensive threat that the Owls needed. Closner hit the game-winning home run, making the score 2-0 and giving her three for the season and five RBIs.



Greg Ranallo | The Sentinel

Jenna Closner ran in her third home run and fifth RBI for the season.

"I know the strike zone a little better [being a catcher], but it is different when you are at bat," Closner said. "The more at bats, the better sense of the strike zone you get. We are getting confidence and we keep bouncing back."

The tale of the two Owls is far from

over. Cross, Closner and the rest of the team are improving week to week.

"We are improving," Whitlock said. "By mid-season, the freshman will be playing like sophomores, the sophomores like juniors and the juniors like seniors."

Men's tennis gets revenge Women's tennis win at home

MATT BRADSHAW
BEAT WRITER

The Owls clinched the match 4-3, avenging a 6-1 loss from last year. In wind and bitter cold, the Owls fought for more than five hours until the score was tied at 3-3 and sophomore Ryan Bouttell was the last man standing. Serving up 6-2, 5-3 with match point, Bouttell approached the net and hit a perfect drop volley. He dropped his racquet and lifted his fists to the air as his teammates cheered.

"I'm glad we got revenge after losing last season, it's amazing how far we've come," said head coach TJ Greggs.

It all started with doubles, where the No.2 team of Simon Janik and Michael Langel quickly claimed an 8-1 win. Elliot Kahler and Tyler Mills soon secured the doubles point by winning the No.1 contest, 8-3. Gianni Kubin and Gokalp Ozdemir made it a sweep, winning the No.3 doubles 8-7.

"Tyler served well, I volleyed well, this match was probably the best for us all year," Elliot Kahler said. Kahler gave a performance at net, hitting volleys from his shoelaces and coming in behind big serves volleying winners at his hip-side.

The Owls did not start off with wins in singles. No.1 singles player Tyler Mills was beaten 6-0, 6-3 by Blue Hoser Andrew Brigham. Simon Janik made Matt Martin work for the No.2 singles point but eventually fell 6-4, 6-4.

With the team down 2-1, it was Gokalp Ozdemir who caught the Owls up with a win at No.3 singles. His 6-4, 6-1 win over Ivan Ho tied the match at 2-2 and put the fate of the Owls in the hands of the bottom line-up.

Ozdemir was returning serve, down 3-2 in the first set but motivated himself and to reclaim a break of serve.

"I saw him making errors and I knew if I made more balls he would start missing," said Ozdemir. "I told myself to keep fighting. After the first set, I got more confident and my momentum carried me through."

The Owls lost the lead again as Michael Langel couldn't come back from a single set deficit against Zach Sprouse, dropping the No.4 singles point 6-4, 7-6(6).

Elliot Kahler continued his impressive serving and net play as he tied things at 3-3. Kahler broke the will of his opponent after winning the first set in a tiebreak, 7-6(4). He took the second set 6-0 and set the stage for Bouttell to take the No.6 singles point and seal the win for the Owls.

MATT BRADSHAW
BEAT WRITER

The KSU Women's tennis team beat Presbyterian College, Blue Hose 5-2 Tuesday, avenging a 5-2 loss from last year.

Despite a quick 8-1 win at No.1 doubles for Vera Shkundina and Alena Sergeychik, the Owls eventually lost the doubles point after the No.2 team of Lasha Holton and Morgan Carney fell 8-5 and Agatha Palider and Mackenzie Swindall blew a 7-2 lead to lose the No.3 doubles 9-7.

"We're still trying to figure out what to do about doubles—I'm happy with the teams response (in singles) after a very difficult loss in doubles," head coach Brandon Padgett said.

A quick response by Owls' No.1 Vera Shkundina dropped her opponent Olivia McMillan 6-0, 6-2, in less than an hour. Mackenzie Swindall soon made up for her part in losing the doubles point, having little trouble with Cara Caruso as she took the No.3 singles point 6-2, 6-4.

Agatha Palider followed suit of her doubles partner and dispatched the

No.4 Blue Hoser Megan Davis 6-1, 6-4. Palider's win put the Owls ahead 3-1 and within one point of a team victory.

The Blue Hose responded by taking the No.2 singles point, after Owl Morgan Carney was outlasted by her opponent Paige Oelke, losing 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Similar to their male counterparts' struggle with the Blue Hose, the fate of the women was decided by the bottom of the line-up.

With injured Owls Lasha Holton and Ayano Tanaka unable to play in the singles line-up, freshman Therese Lagerkvist and sophomore Alena Sergeychik were put in at the No.5 and No.6 spots. The Owls only needed one of the young players to step up and secure the win.

After dropping the first set, Lagerkvist came back strong and win 4-6, 6-2, 6-0. With the win already in hand, Alena Sergeychik was the last Owl on court. Sergeychik's 6-3, 6-4 win completed the Owl vengeance as they returned the favor for last year's 5-2 loss.

"I'm happy to win, and happy to see so many people here even in the cold," said Sergeychik.

The Owls (6-4) have now won five of their last six matches.

Men's track and field wins A-Sun tournament



Photo courtesy of Atlantic Sun Conference

Men's track and field won the Atlantic Sun Conference Indoor Championship. The second day had 15 top-three performances, including two first place wins. The final victory came during the final event, 4x400 meters. East Tennessee State University and KSU were neck and neck into the final, where the finish line had to be reviewed to see whose team crossed first. KSU won the race by inches. "This couldn't have ended in any more of a dramatic fashion. We gave it everything we had, right down to the last moment," head coach Don McGarey said, according to an article on ksuowls.com.

Owls tie with JU in opening tourney

JOHN MORBITZER
STAFF WRITER

The KSU men's golf team dropped in the second round from 10 to 13, where they would finish with a 44-over-par, 908, in the Mobile Bay Intercollegiate at Magnolia Grove Crossings Golf Course.

"Overall we were all disappointed with our performance in Mobile," head coach Jay Moseley

said. "It was important for us to get off to a good start this spring, but we were unable to do that."

A first-round 12-over-par 300 put KSU 10 strokes off from leader Vanderbilt. However, a second round 15-over-par, 303, put the Owls out of contention as eventual champion Mississippi completed the round at 3-under-par, 285. The team finished with a third round 17-over-par 305.

"It was our first tournament,

and there is that rust," senior J.P. Putnam said. "It's been cold and we haven't had the best weather to practice in, but we're working hard on getting ready for next week."

Conference opponent Jacksonville University tied with the Owls at 13, and Atlantic-Sun member Belmont finished 18, with 58-over-par.

"I take the responsibility for our poor play," Moseley said. "But all the players realize they must get

better at executing our game plan."

Putnam shot a first-round 1-over-par 73, finishing tied for 30 with Daniel Smith and Scott O'Brien of Belmont. Sophomore Sam Curtis also recorded a first-round 73, ending the tournament tied for 35. KSU sits in the Golf Week Top-100 rankings at 95.

"The course was tough, and there were new greens that were firm, and that's another challenge," Putnam said. "We're working on

our own thing this week; we all have something to work on. We're just taking reps to get the muscle memory to go out there and play well."

March 8-9, KSU will travel to Oneonta, Ala. for the Samford Intercollegiate at Limestone Springs.

"We expect to do much better when we return to action next week at the Samford Intercollegiate," Moseley said.

Remain calm and breathe

As I crumbled up the third piece of paper while listening to a remix of '99 Problems' and 'Points of Authority' by Jay Z and Linkin Park, a question comes to mind. Why does society think that all fighters are angry people? The view of two grown men beating each other until one of the pair gets knocked out or submitted by the other...ok, maybe I can see their point.

But let's travel back into time when we were all younger. Being the youngest out of three boys, I was constantly fighting (or tattling on mom, depending on the situation) with my older brothers. We were a competitive bunch, and it seemed like we all hated each other at times. There is a correlation to the sibling rivalries and the men in the ring. The men in the ring have to learn to hate each other; it is a physical sport where the two participants have to be aggressive, but that hate--it really is a love for the other person.

Doesn't make sense? Nine times out of ten the two fighters will embrace at the end of the fight, and for the most part the loser will hold the winner's hand up in victory, especially if it was a fantastic fight. The "anger" there is not really anger, and the hate is not really hate. It is the same hate we have for our younger or older siblings, it is a loving hatred for the person.

A trainer once said, "Anger is a fighter's worst enemy, they [the fighter] has to be calculated; they have to remain calm."

Being calm during a fight may seem crazy. Why wouldn't they want to rely on their adrenaline? Adrenaline will only take you so far before you are "gassed," or out of breathe and fatigued.



DEREK WRIGHT
SPORTS EDITOR

As a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu student at TUF martial arts, I constantly hear Steve Broughman and Juan Guavara, owners of TUF MA, saying, "Remain calm, and breathe." This is harder than you think--when you have someone on top of you trying to choke you out, the first instinct is to squirm and bridge (bridging is where you push up with your neck and feet to try to buck the person off), but all these do is gas (what does this mean?) you. Once you are gassed it is only a couple minutes before you are submitted.

That is a fighter's true motto, "Remain calm, and breathe."

Next issue I will be looking into what makes fighters tick; we will venture into the minds and hearts of fighters and trainers. If you have any comments please send them to sportseditor@ksusentinel.com

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KSU COMPETITIVE CHEER



For the past thirteen years, KSU's Competitive Cheerleading team has climbed up the ladder and is now nationally recognized as one of the top division I all-girl programs. Having placed in the top ten for the past 11 years, with two division II national titles in 2004 and 2005, the program is continuing to grow. With the determination, talent, and the "it's not about you" mentality this year's team is looking as strong as ever and is expected to perform well at NCA College Nationals in Daytona, FL, April 8th and 9th 2010. "Being a part of KSU cheer is like having a second family, its also about finding out who you are and how hard you can push yourself physically and mentally," says senior Ashley Schmidt. KSU's next performance is March 6th at the American Royale competition held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA and will also be performing locally two more times in March.

If you are interested in finding out more about this program the team is hosting a recruiting clinic for the 2010-2011 team on Sunday, March 14th 2010 from 1-4pm. Please contact Jocelyn Yarnell at jjarnell@students.kennesaw.edu for more information regarding the program.

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Students with a business sense or a bias toward being an entrepreneur can take advantage of a most remarkable offer from the IRS. For \$87,500, why not buy a 2BR 2.5 BA townhome and rent out the other master bedroom to your current roommate? Your mortgage payment would be only about \$600 and would be offset by your roommate's contribution. You build equity and get a rebate check for \$8,000 for being a first time home buyer. No income? Sure, you won't qualify for a mortgage by yourself. But, if your parents cosign, that's a different story. The only key is to have the property in your name. This offer from the IRS requires a signed contract by April 30, so time is running out. Call Dan Olejnik at 678.977.0533 to explore this interesting scenario where everybody wins.

CHILDCARE

I am looking for a responsible, fun-loving nanny for my two children (ages 3 & 5). From March to May, I will need someone Mondays (9:00-1:00) and Tuesday/Thursdays (1:00-4:00), or roughly 10-12 hours per week. From June to August, I will need someone on Mondays (9:00-1:00) and Tuesday/Thursdays (9:00-4:00), or roughly 18-20 hours per week. From March to May, this candidate will need to pick my children up from school. A good driving record is a MUST, and a background check will be requested. Ideally, this candidate could start around March 15th.

PART & FULLTIME POSITIONS

Seeking a motivated, enthusiastic individual who enjoys working outdoors and would like to learn about aquatic resource management. Landscaping experience a plus. Valid GA driver's license with good driving record required; CDL a plus but not required. Hourly pay, commensurate with experience. Work schedule is Mon-Thurs 6:30 am - 5:00 pm. Seasonal but could become permanent. Complete forms at www.aquascape.net/employment and fax to 678-445-0078 or email to jobs@aquascape.net. No phone calls, please.

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