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More details given on student death

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The student found dead outside of the Central Parking Deck March 15 has been identified by campus officials as 20-year-old KSU freshman Miranda Leigh Whiteway of Sandy Springs, Ga.

The circumstances surrounding the student's death remain under investigation, though an autopsy conducted by the GBI on Tuesday indicated that "multiple blunt injuries, consistent with the sudden impact from a fall, have been ruled as the cause of death," according to a memorandum issued Tuesday by campus officials. Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.

The report went on to say that the investigation has determined no foul play was involved in Whiteway's death.

Whiteway resided on campus in University Village Suites, said Sheryl Carter, Department of Residence Life office manager.

"We've been working in conjunction with the CAPS center," she said. "We've been holding meetings with RAs and students, including counseling sessions."

Any students, faculty or staff who wish to discuss their feelings and concerns about the student's death are encouraged to visit KSU's Counseling and Psychological Services.

"We have staff members available to offer counseling upon request for students, faculty and staff," said Laurie Smith, CPS administrative assistant. CPS is located in Room 2401 of Kennesaw Hall. Students may also contact the office by phone at 770-423-6600.

"It's a loss to the entire university, whether anyone knew her [the victim] or not," said Kathy Alday, director of the Department of Student Life. "When something like this happens, you think, 'Oh, it actually can happen here.' It can happen, and it does happen."

According to KSU Provost Lendley C. Black, KSU police received a call on March 15 shortly before 8 a.m.



Miranda Leigh Whiteway

Photo from facebook.com

from an unidentified caller who said they saw a person lying on the ground near the KSU parking deck.

"Obviously this is a very sensitive situation, and we need to be respectful of family and of students," Black said. "Our primary concern is with our students and making sure that the friends or anyone else that may be acquainted with her [the victim] are taken care of, including faculty and staff."

A memorial service for Whiteway was held on Saturday at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Alpharetta, Ga.

University offers first Ph.D. degree fall semester 2010

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KSU's first Ph.D. program, international conflict management, is set to launch in the fall 2010 semester.

The program is the first in the state of Georgia. The only similar programs in the country exist at the University of Notre Dame and the other at George Mason University.

The degree is rooted in the social sciences and humanities department. The program is designed to prepare students in the areas of cross-cultural analysis, international relations, the ethical foundations of global conflict and international negotiations to provide them with the skills necessary to understand and solve global challenges.

The development of the program was a group effort consisting of 40 faculty members, primarily from the College of Business and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, said Richard Vengroff, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. "There was broad participation, which is why I think it turned out to be a better program," said Vengroff. "We have lots of leeway as we are building from the ground up."

Program participants will spend a significant amount of time studying overseas in correlation with an internship at an international organization and gain teaching experience through assisting KSU professors and teaching their own classes. They must develop proficiency in a second language other than English. At least 57 credit hours of core and elective courses must be completed in the study of theory and methodological research.

Graduates of the program will find career opportunities that focus on global peacekeeping initiatives. Possible jobs for Ph.D. graduates include becoming professors or researchers in think tanks and working with government agencies involved in international affairs or private disaster relief agencies.

Vengroff said a dozen students will be accepted into the program this fall. The Graduate Admissions Committee plans to accept six international students and six from the United States, to heighten the global span of the program.

"Before the project was even up and running, we had nearly 100 people requesting information on the Web site," said Vengroff. "There is quite a bit of interest already."

A master's degree or work experience in a related area is highly recommended for admission to the program.

"I've been thinking about getting my Ph.D.," said Ben Smallwood, program director for the Master of Science in conflict management who graduated with that degree from KSU in 2006. "I'm excited about having the opportunity to do it here at KSU. It fits with my long term goals in international work."

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is accepting applications for the new program. For more information about the program, visit phd.hss.kennesaw.edu.

SGA adds spending guidelines, changes procedures

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The Student Government Association voted Thursday in favor of a resolution aimed at establishing guidelines for how the organization spends money.

The resolution, introduced by Senator-at-Large Justin Hayes and Senator of Business Kevin Hagler, states that any special or non-operational spending exceeding 3 percent of SGA's starting budget requires a two-thirds majority to pass. Anything less than 3 percent requires a majority.

Before the resolution, SGA could spend money by complying with the Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee manual and having a majority vote.

Just four weeks ago, a similar resolution failed by a vote of 14-11. But on Thursday, SGA adviser Nu'Nicka Epps urged SGA members to fix the perception that there are no checks and balances on spending.

"Students want to know their money invested in KSU is spent well," said Press Secretary Joseph Barbier. "Therefore, it's our responsibility to have internal [spending] guidelines. We can't just do whatever we want to student money."

The resolution passed by a margin of 23-3 with four abstaining. SGA Vice President Darius Robinson was one of the three who

CRITERIA FOR STIPEND ELIGIBILITY

	ATTENDANCE AT SGA MEETINGS	COMPLIANCE WITH OFFICE HOURS	OTHER JOB DUTIES	FORUM
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS <small>PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, PARLIAMENTARIAN, SECRETARIES</small>	33%	33%	33%	
SENATORS	25%	25%	25%	25%

SOURCE: STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

POSITION STIPEND (AS A % OF TUITION AND FEES)

PRESIDENT	100%
VICE PRESIDENT	60%
SECRETARY	60%
TREASURER	60%
SECRETARIES	50%
PARLIAMENTARIAN	35%
SENATORS	25%

voted against the measure.

"It's a great idea but it would cause problems in the future for students that want to spend money," said Robinson.

Brigitte Bequet, secretary of academic affairs, echoed a similar concern when asked about her vote against the resolution.

"I think that in the long run when we find a problem with the resolution it may be a difficult or long process to change it," said Bequet.

During the same meeting, SGA voted on changes to its Policies and Procedures Manual. The major changes dealt with stipends, atten-

dance and responsibilities for specific positions.

SGA stipends are given as a percentage of the members' tuition and fees. Senators receive stipend payments equal to 25 percent of their tuition and fees. The president's stipend equates to 100 percent of tuition and fees. According to the officer list on the group's Web site, SGA pays stipends to 38 students, including 28 senators, five committee chairs and five members of the Executive Board.

SGA also decided that any officer with three unexcused absences becomes ineligible for a stipend and a fourth unexcused absence results in removal from

office.

Criteria for earning stipends were also added to SGA's PPM at last Thursday's meeting.

Senators are required to hold a forum to earn 25 percent of their stipends. Meeting attendance counts for 25 percent; compliance of office hours counts for another 25 percent; and other job duties account for the remaining 25 percent.

For executive members, meeting attendance counts for 33 percent; compliance of office hours counts for 33 percent; and other job duties count for 34 percent.

More info about SGA can be found at ksusga.com.

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THAT'S WHAT [S]HE SAID

Story and photos by Hannah Imler

With budget cuts looming, legislators will make tough choices directly affecting KSU students and faculty. Students protested at a March 15 rally at the capitol, but will the government listen? How will these decisions shape the university? Check out what KSU students had to say.



Mark Bryce, senior, communication

"It's wrong! The people in the gold dome are banking on the fact that students won't make enough noise about it. It doesn't make sense to have a system where people are turning for education, while the government cuts funding. It's not their fault, it's the flawed system."



Marshall Lorden, freshman, history

"I want to be a high school history teacher, so when I hear 'budget cuts,' I think of teaching a high school class of 60 students scares me. I feel like I'd never have meaningful relationships with my students."



Tim Buchanan, senior, criminal justice

"They stink, honestly. It won't affect me at all because I'm graduating in the fall, but it will probably affect my brother who's still in high school or my sister who is midway through college."



Tori Bennet, sophomore, theatre

"It will affect my father more than anything. I respect our government, I love our country and I understand that we need to make sacrifices to remain a country. But what I understand Governor Perdue is going to use the money for, I disagree with. It sort of pisses me off."



Emily Reiner, freshman, psychology

"Cutting the education system's budget is cutting out the state's and country's future. Making it harder financially to graduate will be detrimental to our university system. People will be uneducated and eventually end up on welfare."



Cynthia Bazille, freshman, early childhood education

"It will affect me somewhat but it won't stop me from coming back. I am determined to finish. I am a non-traditional adult learner, so you do what you have to do. We're definitely in a crunch right now."



OWL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

"State of the University" address

KSU President Daniel S. Papp will deliver his annual "State of the University" address on Thursday. The first address will take place at 9 a.m. in the Bailey Performance Center, with a repeat at 3 p.m. in the Stillwell Theater of the Wilson Building. Expect to hear updates on the university's financial situation.

KSU Peace Conference

The sixth annual KSU Peace Conference: Peace and the Economy will be held Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 1017 of the Social Sciences Building. This year's keynote speaker, Dr. George Ann Huck, will discuss "The Economy and Women Leaders in Mexico: How Poverty Impacts

Women's Leadership in the Yucatan." To register, go to <http://hss.kennesaw.edu/about/news-events/events-2010-03-26-peace-conference>.

Writing Workshop

Clean up your writing act with a one-hour workshop on the Top 10 Errors, hosted by the KSU Writing Center. The one-hour session will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. March 30 and again on March 31 in Room 235 of the English Building. For details, go to writingcenter@kennesaw.edu.

Spring Blood Drive

Volunteer Kennesaw is sponsoring the KSU spring blood drive on April 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in University rooms A and B of the Student Center. To make a donation appointment, call 770-423-6700 or go to givelife.org and use the sponsor code "ksu." Walk-ins are also welcome.

POLICE BEAT

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Domestic Disturbance

An officer arrived at the KSU Place clubhouse Feb. 22 after receiving a call in regard to an argument between two tenants the night before. The two students, both males, reportedly fought over roommate issues. One tenant said he was angered by the other and responded by punching and scratching. The officer advised the victimized roommate of the option to file charges. The officer also advised the KSU Place coordinator to move one or both of the students to another apartment. The coordinator stated that she would file judiciary charges and would recommend counseling to the offending tenant.

The Ring is Off

A student met with an officer about a stolen ring on Feb. 26. The victim stated that while in class in the Burrus Building, she took off the 1.5-carat diamond ring to apply lotion to her hands and laid it on the desk. The victim did not realize that she did not put the ring back on until she arrived at home. The officer advised the victim to take a picture of the ring with her while checking the nearest pawnshops. The victim stated that the estimated value of the ring was nearly \$4,300.

Thieving Roommate

An officer met with a University Village tenant on Feb. 24 about \$50 missing from her wallet. The tenant stated she had left the wallet on her dresser in her UV apartment while she was in class. Upon returning to her room, the tenant noticed the money was missing and gave the officer the name of a particular roommate who was the only one at the apartment before and after she left. The officer questioned the suspected roommate and found that the roommate did indeed take the \$50. The officer arrested the offending roommate for theft.

Stolen Projector

An employee of The Art Gallery at KSU reported a stolen projector on Feb. 24. It was discovered to be missing by the employee approximately two hours after its last use. The employee described two suspicious looking subjects who were in the area of the projector when it was last seen as being a white male with a dark Mohawk and a white female with blonde hair. The employee stated that the two were acting strangely. The officer advised the employee to locate the serial numbers of the projector and bring them to the KSU Police Department.

Traffic THC

An officer pulled over a vehicle on Feb. 24 after the driver disregarded a stop sign at the KSU North Parking Deck. The officer smelled marijuana coming from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The driver stated that there was no marijuana in the vehicle and permitted a search of by the officer. No drugs were found but the driver later admitted that marijuana was previously in the vehicle. The officer issued a written warning citation to the driver for disregarding the stop sign and for improper tag display.

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Financial aid switches to direct lending



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Loans will come directly from KSU instead of private lenders.

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Beginning this summer, students receiving financial aid will no longer take out loans from banks; all loans will then come directly from KSU. The deadline to accept all loans is April 1.

The university will transition from offering bank loans to offering student loans directly from the U.S. Department of Education, which will be dispensing these loans directly to KSU.

"The benefit of this would be students getting their loan money faster," said Dr. Philip E. Hawkins, associate director of financial aid at KSU. We [KSU] have a little more control over

the timing."

The Department of Education's policies are the same as those of banks that offer loans. Students will be offered a subsidized or unsubsidized Stafford loan.

Repayments and rates will remain the same. The only differences will be the procedure and source — where the loan comes from and process in which money is delivered to students.

The [reason for the switch] is directly connected to the declining economy said Hawkins. "Banks end up having to sell their student loan portfolios to the U.S. Department of Education," said Hawkins. "So why not get the money from the source?"

So far, three major banks have stopped offering student loans. In total, banks have sold 76.1 percent of their student loan portfolios to the U.S. Department of Education, a percentage that equates to \$46,252,966,517.

"Under President Barack Obama's administration, they want every American to have at least one year of college by 2020," said Hawkins. "He wants all universities to switch to direct lending. It would save between \$62 to 87 billion that can be used toward the cost of college."

The drawback to direct lending is the limitation of choice. Under the new guideline, students will have to get their student loans only from KSU.

"With banks dropping out and delaying payment of loans, we [KSU] honestly felt it was time to move to direct lending," Hawkins said.

All students with loans will have to sign a new promissory note promising to repay the loan through KSU's financial aid Web site. More information about the change to direct lending visit kennesaw.edu/financial_aid/loans/loans.html.

Health Sciences building to be completed in July



Raminta Zebrauskas | The Sentinel

The Health Sciences building, slated to open July 1, will be the biggest on campus.

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The largest building on the KSU campus is scheduled for completion on July 1, and students will attend classes in the building this fall.

The Health Sciences Building, located between the Central Parking Deck and The Commons, has 200,000 square feet — more than any other structure on campus.

Space in the current Nursing building is limited and resources are obsolete. "The current building is becoming outdated," said Jessie Thames, a senior nursing student. "We need more rooms and better resources."

"We have a reputation as a top notch nursing school and its time our reputation with our facilities," said Thames, who will use the building when she returns to KSU to obtain a Masters of the Science of Nursing. "I'm excited about it. There will be more materials, supplies and space to simulate a hospital setting."

Construction started in 2008 and is based on a \$60 million budget. It is a joint effort between University System of Georgia Board of Regents, which allocated \$45 million, and the KSU Foundation, which donated the remaining \$15 million. Construction costs have not exceeded the \$60 million budget so far.

"I think it will give students the feeling of being in a quality place where they learn and where attention has been paid to them," said David Bennett, associate dean for planning, communication and infrastructure of Wellstar College of Health and Human Services. "They have plenty of spaces to go and do their work, relax and meet in groups."

The building is equipped with several innovative laboratories including a biomechanics lab, a human physiology lab, three chemistry labs, a pediatric lab, a microbiology lab, a faculty research lab, three computer and testing labs and several nursing practice skills labs.

The building also has three suites with human patient simulations, where students can study on dummies that react to real-life medical situations. In addition, it is equipped with distance learning capabilities, which allow instructors to transmit lectures and lessons to international locations electronically.

It will also include one auditorium with 230 seats, seven large classrooms, seven seminars rooms, an advise-

ment center, student study areas, a graduate student lounge and administrative suites and offices.

The programs housed in the building will include nursing, social work and human services and health physical education and sports science.

"From my perspective, this high quality facility will have a huge impact on our thriving campus," said John Anderson, assistant vice president of Facilities. "As KSU continues to grow, we are in need of significantly more classrooms, labs and offices, all of which are included in this building."

KSU plans for the building to be LEED certified, a designation based on certain sustainability factors such as the use of recycled materials and preservation of green space.

"Our goal is to have a LEED certification for this project, and there is a possibility of achieving gold certification," said Anderson. "Actual LEED certification is granted after the project is complete. This will be an energy efficient project and there are many other features related to sustainability."



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Proposed changes to HOPE scholarship pity the poor and shun the smart

Senate Bill 496, which the Georgia Senate Higher Education committee recently approved, ignores the most key component of academia to determine eligibility for the HOPE scholarship: grades.

On its face, the bill proposes to add a needs-based grant as part of the existing HOPE scholarship by lowering HOPE criteria to include C students who happen to be poor.

One of the primary concerns about the recent legislation is that HOPE funds have faced threats of reduction for years. Now, amidst a budgetary crisis, we are making plans to squander these already limited funds.

USG Chancellor Erroll Davis is pleased with the Senate bill because of his concern for two groups that he perceives as disadvantaged in terms of HOPE eligibility: low-income students who can't maintain a B average and students, regardless of income, who can't maintain a B average.

What's wrong with lowering the standards? The answer is "everything." If you can't keep a minimum B average, you shouldn't be in college.

I know this because, over the past four years, I have worked hard to hold onto my 3.7 GPA and

to manage all the extracurricular activities listed on my resume. A 3.55 is the lowest my GPA has ever been, and therefore, I have never been in danger of losing HOPE scholarship.

However, now I'm also entering my fifth year at KSU. Why five years? You try maintaining a minimum 3.5 GPA to stay in the honors program while cramming your undergraduate education into a neat four-year package.

Nevertheless, beginning in the fall of 2010, I will no longer qualify for the HOPE scholarship as I will have exceeded the 127 hour maximum. With that in mind, why can't changes to HOPE accommodate students such as I—those making excellent academic progress and graduating within a year of their initial target date—and tell the poor ones to seek aid elsewhere?

Not to employ a slippery slope fallacy, but will the next change reinstate the \$100,000 family income cap as was one of the requirements of HOPE scholarship upon its establishment in 1993?

On that note, I'd like to mention that my parents earn more than \$100,000 per year, but I am just as disadvantaged as any "needy" student in that I have to



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receive awards based on my own merits and achievements rather than using my family's financial status to my advantage.

If anything, the state of Georgia needs to raise the requirements for the HOPE scholarship at both the high school and collegiate levels, especially with budgetary concerns in mind. High school students should have a 3.5 GPA in order to qualify for HOPE and similarly, college students should maintain a 3.5 GPA in order to keep the scholarship.

As for the low-income students, legislators need to lift Pell Grant's cap of \$5,550 per year to fill in the financial gap and leave the HOPE scholarship and its worthy recipients alone.

Give me apathy, or give me...whatever

Old people brace yourself: until about a year ago, only two families had been in the White House in my entire lifespan.

Whether it was Bush or Clinton, one of them was sitting in the Oval Office.

The first Bush started a war. Clinton did have sexual relations with that woman. The second Bush started a war as well and then retired to Texas: the only place that won't make fun of him. Until Obama took office, breaking the cycle. Not too encouraging, is it?

President Barack Obama comes to town and he's making some pretty sweet promises. Whatever your political alignment, how could you not be happy with a guy that wants to bring reform to the college football Bowl Championship Series? Then, he wins the election and, one inspirational speech and an inaugural dance later, he begins going back on promises.

I'll spare you the statistics, because you're reading the news, which means you've been bombarded already. Also, because to provide statistics would really contradict my argument here: I just don't care.

Society wonders why my generation does not care about what our government is doing. Sure, we are like Bill Maher in the Vatican, completely surrounded by something that we could not care less about, but why should I give my time to a system that is failing? It's a bipartisan system that takes turns making mistake after mistake. The Republicans were in office for 8 years and all they have to show for it is low approval ratings. The Democrats get into office and we are facing a record-breaking national debt. Needless to say, no one's happy.

I tried to care; I really did. I became immersed in political science and international affairs, even taking on the latter as a minor. But, the more that I looked into it all, the less hope I felt. Reading about conflicts fueled by religion and repeat after repeat of radical stereotypes being elected due to a lack

of faith in the previous administration. I became informed, as my peers and I are lectured to do everyday.

However, informing myself only made me care less. I realized that apathy is not ignorant; it is realistic. For example, people say that voting during an election is like choosing the lesser of two evils.

Why do I have to pick an evil at all? If those are my only options, I don't want anything to do with it. That's like asking someone who's allergic to peanuts if they prefer almonds or cashews. No matter what, both will only be forced down my throat and cause more harm than good.

My peers—go on with your apathetic selves. Don't listen to those who lecture about how you don't care and you'll be the downfall of our civilization; their parents thought the same things.

Being apathetic doesn't make you sheep-like. On the contrary, you are going against the herd by willfully stating that you won't concern yourself with such petty crap.

If we all just didn't care, we might actually solve something. I find that when I don't care about something, I'm not afraid to lose it by making a mistake. Thus, if we just stopped caring so much, we could all take a step back and realize that maybe it's the arguing and long-established bitterness preventing any progress.

The next time someone ranks you as a lesser intelligence because of your apathetic tendencies, be content with the fact that your apathy is the very reason that you are above them.

You have been released from the bonds of anger and frustration that come from name-calling and across-aisle mudslinging. Of course, that's just, like, my opinion, man.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Where are the capitalists?

By the time you read this column, the U.S. House vote on health care should have already taken place (**Editor's Note: The Health Care bill passed in the House 219-212.**)

According to the Congressional Budget Office score of the bill, it comes with a price tag of around \$940 billion. But, according to some fuzzy accounting, the overhaul of the health care system is supposed to cut \$138 billion from the deficit in the next 10 years and cut another \$1.2 trillion the following 10 years. So by 2030, we should be in the clear.

The programs in the bill don't become effective until 2014, keeping the cost below the trillion-dollar mark—a neat trick for Democrats to use come election time. In the first four years, after the bill becomes law, only \$17 billion in costs are incurred.

Once the programs kick in, the cost of the bill over the next six years skyrockets to \$923 billion. The bill designed to help the uninsured also includes provisions to penalize them around 2015 for not having a federally improved insurance plan.

Now that the bill has passed the House, it will have to be signed by the President and go through the budget reconciliation process in the Senate before it officially becomes law. That's not exactly what you learned in POLS 1101, but procedure's not important, right?

However, it has come to my attention that many conservatives and Republicans believe that if the health care bill does fail and the Republicans gain control of Congress again, that this will be the end all to every problem we face. Unfortunately, my friends, that is far from the truth.

First, the Republicans, in their opposition to health care, have failed to combat the notion that health care is a right. Yes,

they have gone on and on about costs, taxes and mandates, but have very rarely pointed out that health care is not a natural right. Yes, some of you may feel that health care coverage should be provided to us, but by what right? What right do you have to take from others and give to yourself?

To expand health care coverage to those without it requires the government to seize the property of someone else, even if it's not a single-payer system. A natural right, however, cannot require the violation of another person's rights. A right to free speech does not keep other people from the ability to speak their minds. A right to a house, on the other hand, requires the government to take that house from someone else or take someone's money so that you can pay for that house. The latter, like health care, is not a natural right and violates the foundations of our Constitution.

Yet we hear hardly a mention of this idea from the Republicans. It is easier and less philosophical to talk about money and taxes. But without a strong stance against this sort of abuse and without recognition of the foundation of our rights and freedoms, how will this country survive? The people will continue to demand that rights be violated for material "needs."

Secondly if Republicans regain control, there is probably not going to be that much change. Liberals call the Republicans obstructionists, and conservatives call them reformed champions of the free-market.

To me, they are just playing politics. Many of the Republicans in Congress are the same ones who voted for the Medicare Part D expansion, a federal



JUSTIN HAYES
SENIOR COLUMNIST

takeover of our education system with No Child Left Behind and a financial bailout package. Can we really call these people champions of the free-market?

Scott Brown (R-Mass), the "Tea Party candidate," was supposed to be a sign of the return of conservatism and capitalism. Yet, immediately after he took office, Brown sided with the Democratic senators on their "Jobs Bill."

This comes as no surprise, considering Brown's support of Massachusetts' health care mandate. If a "conservative" is willing to sacrifice free-market principles for health care, what makes anyone believe they are not willing to do it again?

With the coming insolvency of Social Security and Medicare, a national debt of around \$12 trillion and a falling currency, this country faces serious problems. Unfortunately, we lack real leaders with long-term, comprehensive solutions that go beyond partisan bickering.

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What's got Obama so pissed?

Fellow political junkies may remember a scene from the Republican presidential debate of May 2007, in which there was an altercation between Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Congressman Ron Paul. The disagreement concerned the motivations behind the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Recent acts of terrorism, such as the Ft. Hood shooting and the attempted underwear bombing on Christmas, should bring this debate back to the forefront of public policy.

Giuliani argued that the 9/11 terrorist attacks were motivated by the hatred of religious zealots for the American way of life. Paul disagreed, contending that U.S. foreign policy is the primary motivating factor behind anti-American hatred in the Muslim world. So which school of thought is right? I hope to explain why both explanations are true.

Congressman Paul likes to talk about the CIA's concept of "blowback" in explaining how actions taken by the United States in the Middle East often result in unintended consequences.

Always ready to second Paul's arguments about blowback as it pertains to U.S. foreign policy is Michael Scheuer, the CIA's former chief of the Bin Laden Issue Station. In his book, *Imperial Hubris*, Scheuer explained how careless and often belligerent U.S. foreign policy created widespread

resentment in the Middle East. In his 1996 fatwa declaring war against America, Bin Laden cited several grievances he had with America, such as America's basically unconditional support for Israel and secular Arab regimes, U.S. military involvement in the Lebanese Civil War, U.S. troop presence in Saudi Arabia during the First Gulf War and Clinton's embargo against Iraq.

Journalist and noted terrorism expert Peter Bergen also agrees with Paul and Scheuer in his assessment of U.S. foreign policy. It would be hard for someone like Bin Laden to motivate thousands of people to make martyrs of themselves and to attack America unless there were real grievances that Muslims in the Middle East had against American foreign policy. Indeed, of all the issues that stir up hatred in the Middle East, none of them are as emotional as the treatment of Palestinians by Israel, a client state of America.

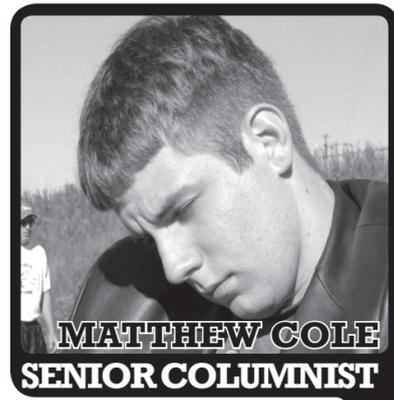
This brings me to the Giuliani school of thought. Why should a Saudi, Yemeni or Pakistani care what happens in Israel? The best explanation is a sense of religious nationalism that unites the Muslim world. American foreign policy may stir up resentment in the Muslim world, but an infusion of religious zealotry by the likes of Bin Laden transforms a bunch of disgruntled protestors into a fanatical death cult. While some Islamic terrorists

are only angry about U.S. foreign policy, some really do hate the American way of life.

As Fareed Zakaria pointed out in his book, *The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad*, attempts by Arab leaders like Nasser and Kuwaiti monarchs to Westernize resulted in disaster. There was enough liberalization for Arabs to be exposed to the West, but not enough to enjoy the benefits of modernization. This dissatisfaction with economic stagnation combined with religious fundamentalism produced an explosive reaction in the Middle East (pun intended).

Of course, the Middle East is not the only region in the world controlled by corrupt governments imitating the West. Although politically incorrect to do so, the role of religion must be addressed. It would be pointless for me to say that a certain position on the issue of violence is representative of the "true Islam" since I don't believe that Islam is a "true" religion, but I do recognize that while not all Muslims condone killing in the name of religion, there are some who do.

Writings by Bin Laden and al-Zawahiri as published in Raymond Ibrahim's *The Al-Qaeda Reader* indicate a religious zealotry that cannot be negotiated with. Bin Laden writes, "Battle, animosity, and hatred - directed from the Muslim to the infidel - is the foundation of our religion. And



MATTHEW COLE
SENIOR COLUMNIST

we consider this a justice and kindness to them." Bin Laden goes on to advocate a sort of "Islamic Crusade". He writes: "Muslims are obligated to raid the lands of the infidels, occupy them, and exchange their systems of governance for an Islamic system, barring any practice that contradicts the sharia."

U.S. foreign policy has screwed up more than just the Middle East. Conversely, Islamic fundamentalism also exists outside of the Middle East. Alone, each of these factors might be manageable, but I believe it is the combination of bad policy and religious extremism that has caused so many problems, and we should analyze both factors in determining policy.

Sorry Israel, more settlements are not the path to peace

Despite recent proclamations that the U.S. is woefully behind the rest of the developed world in education, many Americans have suddenly become foreign policy experts. Not only are they keenly aware of international politics, but their expertise lies in the area of U.S. and Israeli relations. After recent events, Americans are distraught over the Obama administration's response to actions taken by the Israelis.

For those of you who are unaware of these events, Vice President Joe Biden recently visited Israel, and a controversy arose while he was there. Despite warnings against such actions, the Israeli government announced plans to build new Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem, an area heavily populated by Palestinians.

The United States has repeatedly told Israel that continued attempts at building settlements in Palestinian territory undermine for peace efforts between Israel and its Palestinian neighbors. The settlements are exclusively Jewish and typically house far-right Orthodox Jews. If you haven't heard, this sect of Israel's population and the Palestinians don't exactly see eye-to-eye.

With its commitment to bringing the Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table, the Obama administration rightfully condemned a move that continues to hinder progress in the peace process. Many in this country, especially

Jews disagree. Some have gone as far as to say that if the Obama administration doesn't reverse its position, Jews will not vote for Obama in the massive numbers they did in 2008. The lack of understanding that Jews have of this international situation is beguiling.

If you ask most of my fellow Jews in the United States, they will openly say they support a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. Most believe that the ability does exist for both parties to live peacefully together, yet for some strange reason, those same peace lovers vehemently support the very actions that lead to breakdowns in peace talks.

You can't have your cake and eat it to. For two sides to come to an agreement, to achieve peace, sacrifice must be made. Building Jewish settlements in Palestinian areas, thus continuing the squeeze on an already squeezed population, doesn't exactly help the cause for peace, and in fact it breeds quite the opposite.

Rather than wanting to bring reforms, peace agreements and prosperity to the people, Palestinians respond to Israeli actions by electing terrorist groups like Hamas to lead in the Gaza Strip. Their goal is not to bring Israel to the peace process but to launch rockets into schools, homes and shops throughout Israeli cities. In response to these heinous acts, Israel rightfully defends her-

self from terrorist activities by launching counterattacks into Hamas-controlled areas suspected of housing terrorists.

Israel quickly has become one of the world's most developed countries and has helped lead the way in many major technological developments over the last 50 years (if you like cell phones, thank the Israelis; they created them), yet they still struggle with this age old battle. Rather than pursuing reform and development in Palestinian society, Israel pushes for more settlements.

If the Israeli government spent its efforts on building a functioning Palestinian infrastructure that promoted progress, development and education, perhaps Hamas wouldn't currently be the elected body in control of Gaza. Israel has the economic feasibility to put Palestinians on a path of successful development. The notion that a young child growing up in Gaza could one day become a doctor or scientist rather than a suicide bomber is certainly something about which both Israelis and Palestinians could agree.

Many stand firm with the belief that most if not all Palestinians are supporters of Hamas and other terror groups and wish death upon Israel. However, would this be the case if the Israeli government believed that the best way to fight terrorism is with opportunity? Perhaps if Israel is so determined to build settlements, they can find



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ways to accommodate both sides.

Israel may be a "Jewish" state, but they're a democracy, and to preserve that notion, they must represent all peoples. That means in exchange for a settlement, the Israel government should be willing to work with pro-reform Palestinian leaders on building schools, hospitals and other economic opportunities that will provide the path Palestinians need to succeed.

As long as Israel continues its encroachment on Palestinian lives, and Palestinians respond with violent attacks on Israelis, peace will never find its way into the Holy Land. For something so complicated, the answer seems to be simple.

Technology and the disappointment of the Jetsons' dream

We in America are a people of technology. We are fast-paced, futuristic and, at times, revolutionary. We drive fast cars; we develop the latest technologies and programs; and we have often been on the fore front of industry. When I was a little girl watching "The Jetsons," I often wondered what the future would be and if I would be Judy Jetson.

We don't drive in flying cars, and I have yet to have a robotic maid, but what we do have certainly rivals any of my childhood daydreams. I have instant access to anyone, anywhere in the world through my computer, my cell phone, my video game system and my MP3 player. I can even have any meal I want in minutes without getting out of my car.

I don't need to tell you that fast food is not only fast—it's fat. Pure fat drips from greasy burgers put to lips that are attached to bodies that don't even need to stand up and walk to the "food" they eat, but are instead carried to it on wheels that move in excess of 80 miles per hour.

We have traded Mama's good, old fashioned dinner for junk food of the nastiest kind (some say dog food grade) for what? For speed? For expediency in getting from place A to place C?

I can have whole conversations with my friends via text message. I've learned to say everything I need to say in 180 characters or fewer. I don't even need to speak. I can text while riding at more than 80 miles per hour and keep in touch without ever saying a word. Being social no longer slows me down while I go from place A to place C.

On Facebook, I can keep up with all of my friends. I can read their status updates, and they can read mine, and we all know what is going on with one another.

I've learned to get to know people and let



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people know me in 420 characters or fewer. I can know everyone, and everyone can know me without me ever taking a break from travelling from place A to place C.

My tweets are limited to 140 characters. The world can know my every thought, so long as my every thought can be summed up rather shortly. I can tweet my progress all the way from place A to place C.

But when I get to place C and I have no real bonds, no real friendships and nothing left to tweet, text, update or eat—what is left for me? I suppose I could travel back to place A and start all over again isn't that what most of us do?

We run the rat race without a thought to the aluminum wheel we're all really in, happy and satisfied. We feel content with what we now believe to be companionship and nourishment but what is really just a sick perversion of the Jetsons future we were all hoping for.

Our companionship is the backlit screens we stare at day in and out; our nourishment is fast and nasty; and our future, the one we dreamed about while watching the Jetsons, is bleak.

So read a book, fly a kite, take a walk—and do it with all of your family and friends, do it without any of your gizmos and gadgets. You may just find that the Jetsons were much better as fiction than reality.

China vs. Google—Who wins?

As you know, Google caught a Chinese intrusion into the Gmail accounts of human rights activists and threatened to stop censoring the Chinese version of their search engine (**Editor's Note: After this column was written Google announced it will stop censoring search results in China**).

So now that Google's pullout from the Chinese market is inevitable, the real question is: Who wins the war? The obvious answer is that China will be the victor, and that's at least partially true. But while Google was seen as the main beneficiary of the relationship, China and its up-and-coming Internet market also did well due to the competition.

When Google, currently the Number Two search engine in China, leaves the country, much of that competition will be gone. But is that a bad thing? No, but let me put it this way. China's astounding economic rise over the past decade or so has been driven by a turn to more capitalist economics within their market. The more capitalist and freer its market becomes, the more the Chinese GDP grows.

The Internet-based companies operating in China have, through competition, become forces to be reckoned with, at least within the country. A Google pullout from China would take out a good bit of that competition. Could that cause the native Internet-based companies to stagnate? Possibly. Will it? Maybe, maybe not.

Even if it does cause some sort of slow down in the Chinese Internet-based market, it is unlikely to be the biggest change to come out of these events. A more pressing issue is who will fill the void left by Google's withdrawal.

Microsoft, with its recent Bing search engine, has been eyeing Google's market share since the news broke about Google's refusal to continue censoring its search results. Microsoft has only about 1 percent of the total search engine market share in China, so while they will most likely gain ground, they will probably be outpaced in market share by more local search engines, dramatically reducing foreign investment.

Google is the economic loser in this battle; though their Android mobile phone is still going to be sold in China even after the pullout of the search engine. The real consequences here are po-



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litical. While most people were unaware of China's censorship of its citizens' access to the Internet, Google made it public in a way the Chinese government cannot deny, causing much embarrassment to Chinese authorities. The United States has praised Google's decision to cease censorship, further deepening the political hurt felt by China.

Most importantly, Google's move serves as a potent reminder of China's status as an authoritarian regime bent on erasing or burying its history of human rights violations. This is the greatest consequence of these events.

It is the first time anyone doing business with the Chinese government has taken a stand against its oppressive standards and laws. While it took Google four years since the founding of Google.cn (its Chinese web site) to do leave the Chinese market, now better than never.

While China seems to win economically, it is Google that has triumphed in the political realm. I am no economist, but it seems that Google's worldwide dominance of the Internet search engine market cannot be stopped, and economically this is just a stumbling block for the giant, a temporary (albeit self-imposed) setback from which it will recover.

China is not reeling from any political blows that may have been struck, Google proved that regardless of how many customers it might lose, a company can (and should) take a stand against countries that encourage censorship.

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FEATURES

"I'm the biggest boss."

Students share dietary differences

BERLIN SYLVESTRE
STAFF WRITER

Health-conscious KSU students cannot agree on the answer to this question: Is it healthier to eat meat or to have a completely plant-based diet? Sophomore political science major and former vegetarian Jennifer Hay responded to vegan graduate student Blake Ray's justification of his distaste for animal products. In turn, Hay's personal diet history caused Ray to reminisce about the food he ate in his first dorm room.

The Reformed Vegetarian

Hay chronicled her journey from omnivore to vegetarian and back. "I became a vegetarian in the summer of 2007. I had tried to cut back on meat once before when I was freshman in high school. I only cut out red meat and it failed miserably. However, when my sister became a vegan, I was inspired by her willpower—and slightly frightened by her statistics because she's a member of PETA.

"So I cut all meat out of my diet and succeeded. I was hoping that being a vegetarian would help me become healthier as a person, but as more time went by after I made the switch, I found that it was having a negative effect on me. I was gaining weight, and I found that I was tired all of the time. So, after being a vegetarian for an entire year, I decided that it was time to make another change.

"Nevertheless, I was pretty nervous about the effects adding meat would have on my body. I decided to add only seafood, at least for the moment, and so I went out for sushi with some friends to break my vegetarianism. Let me tell you, it was the best sushi I had ever had in my life. Eating it made me realize just how much I missed it. My sister was horrified when she found out what I had done, but I didn't care. I was eating fish now and I was perfectly content.

"In addition to feeling happy, my weight stabilized and I was feeling less and less tired, despite the fact that this was the time I started college. Since then I have also added chicken back into my diet—try giving up Chik-Fil-A for two years and then have it again—it is absolutely fabulous when you haven't eaten it in so long. I still don't eat beef or pork, but I have no desire to eat it and even though it's really strange because I don't eat some meats but I'm not a vegetarian, I'm happy that I eat what I want to eat without letting what people think bother me."

The Unwavering Vegan

As for Ray, who will graduate from the Master of Arts in Professional Writing program in May, he has not broken his vow of veganism. Ray recounted his reasons for deciding to omit all animal products from his diet as a vegan instead of continuing his vegetarianism, which allows the consumption of some animal products such as butter or cheese.

"Before I was a vegan I was a vegetarian for another two years," Ray said. "For me veganism is a moral decision—a decision to cause no suffering that wasn't absolutely necessary for me to live, and, since I live in a time and place that affords me the ability to do so, I chose not to consume meat or animal products. It's not always easy, there are many products that I have a hard time finding, and eating at restaurants is nearly a lost cause, but I have no regrets."

Ray also dispelled some common misconceptions about veganism: "I have run into a lot of people who don't seem to understand veganism. Lately there have been a lot of people going vegan or vegetarian for health reasons—trying to find a quick fix to lose weight or something of the like—and I think that this is leading to a lot of confusion about what it means to be vegan. I have been asked more than once which God vegans worship. People seem to think that veganism is a religion rather than a choice to view eating as an act that has moral implications.

"It seems that in American society food is somehow free of all concerns of morality, but since there are few other acts that are preformed with such daily

frequency this seems strange to me. Also there is a perception that vegans are somehow weak or effeminate, and yet it requires much more tenacity and mental energy as well as personal restraint to make a decision to seek out vegan food rather than just accepting a societal norm. I find this stereotype to be a bit ridiculous and more than a little ignorant.

"I am what is an ethical vegan, one who is a vegan because of moral concerns. Allow me to clarify. One of the first questions I am often asked when I explain that I don't eat meat, dairy, eggs, cheese or use leather or wool, is 'So, what do you eat?' The quick and dirty answer is everything else, but that is a little simplistic. I had to learn to cook for myself pretty quickly and how to balance my diet. I do eat tofu, in case you are wondering, and its better than most people think—if you know how to cook it.

"For me eating is an ethical matter. The words of Jeremy Bentham, which I read as an undergraduate, put the argument rather concisely. Writing about animals he said, "The question is not, Can they reason? nor, Can they talk? but, Can they suffer?" I feel like this sentiment is at the crux of my decision to become a vegan. I cannot in good conscience consume food or use products that cause another being to endure pain or death simply because it is convenient or tastes good.

"I may be preaching a little, and for that I'm sorry. It hasn't always been easy to eat the way that I do. My first Thanksgiving dinner as a vegan was a rather disappointing meal made up of side dishes, but things have gotten better since then."

So what do they think of each other?

After she read Ray's rationale for veganism, Hay was not immediately swayed back into the meat-eating lifestyle. "Upon reading Mr. Ray's response I can say that veganism is something that one should pursue as a personal choice, and regardless of the path we choose, we must respect each other's choices," Hay said. "Vegetarianism is not some fad that one should pursue simply to become healthy, and one needs to hold true to their convictions as a vegetarianism and work to do it right. I did not have the same convictions as my sister, which is how I am now an omnivore again while she has been a vegan for three years. However, it's nice to see that Mr. Ray had a difficult first year as a vegetarian and yet he stuck with it and became a vegan in time. Perhaps some day I might try to go down that path once again, but for now, I am perfectly comfortable with my eating lifestyle."

In regard to Hay's comments on vegetarianism, Ray recounted what happened to his body as a result of diet changes: "Reading Ms. Hay's comments reminded me of my first year as a vegetarian. I was a freshman at the University of Georgia and I was broke. I lived in a 10x10x10 dorm room with no kitchen and a small refrigerator that was mostly used for beverages. My diet consisted of grilled cheese sandwiches, mushroom pizzas and ramen noodle packs that I seasoned with hot sauce because the flavor packets were not vegetarian.

"I gained a lot of weight and was tired all the time because I was not getting enough protein, iron or B vitamins. With a little research I was able to rectify this and have been much healthier since. I don't think I would have had the tenacity to stick to my decision if someone else had convinced me or if my decision had come out of anything other than my own morality.

"I would recommend veganism to anyone who asked, but I try not to impose my moral decisions on anyone else—they are mine and mine alone. I will say that anyone who is interested in veganism or vegetarianism should definitely do some research. It's not easy to eat the way I do, but it can be done."

Although Ray has no regrets about committing to veganism, he still had an answer for which non-vegan food he misses most: "Pizza. All vegans do. Its not worth going back for, but I do miss it and vegan pizza is terrible. Other than that not much. I don't miss meat at all and its been so long since I've had dairy that I couldn't tell you what cheese or ice cream actually tasted like."

Restaurant Review

Big Shanty Smokehouse

NIGEL BRETT
STAFF WRITER

The large pit smoker in front of Big Shanty Smokehouse is all show; the real action is happening inside the restaurant and out back, where the actual smokehouse stands.

Husband and wife duo Chic and Sissy Dillard, along with daughter Shannon, own and operate Big Shanty. They've created a menu of smoked favorites that have been hailed as some of the best barbecue dishes in the metro area.

Convenient to the KSU campus, Big Shanty gives guests the option to enjoy their meals in a side smokehouse or a spacious enclosed porch. The restaurant is an old home that has been retro-fitted with wooden floors, campy decorations representing Kennesaw's past and pictures of the family.

"Chic saw the house and just knew this place needed to be a barbecue restaurant," said Shannon Dillard.

Big Shanty's menu is loaded with barbecue options, such as homemade smoked sausage and a smoked salmon dip that pairs nicely with sweet tea. The Brunswick stew is packed with hand-pulled pork and vegetables. The macaroni and cheese is made from scratch, as are the baked beans and collard greens. In fact, everything on the menu is made in-house, including the signature sauce, dry rub, sides and desserts.

Smoked chicken, beef, pork and sausage are all big draws. In addition, the restaurant serves tenderloin, prime rib and salmon filets. Steve's Sampler, a house specialty,

showcases all that Big Shanty has to offer. It's a massive serving of meats including hand-trimmed ribs and brisket, homemade sausage, hand-pulled pork and two sides for around \$15. Sandwiches are also featured, and meat by the pound can be ordered to-go in any quantity. The larger meat items, such as the Boston butt and beef brisket, are slow-smoked overnight, creating a rich, distinct crust around a fork-tender interior. The hand-trimmed "Killer Ribs" are coated in dry rub and smoked for three to four hours before being glazed with Big Shanty's homemade barbecue sauce.

In an effort to welcome a variety of dietary preferences, Big Shanty Smokehouse has added vegan and vegetarian items. Herbivores can munch on smoked portobellas with caramelized onions and crunch on hand-tossed Caesar salads. The menu even boasts gluten-free desserts, including bread pudding, cookies and cakes.

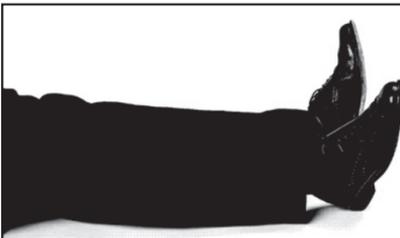
The down-home feel of Big Shanty Smokehouse is only part of its appeal. With menu items starting at \$4, it doesn't take a beefed up wallet to pig out.

Dig in!

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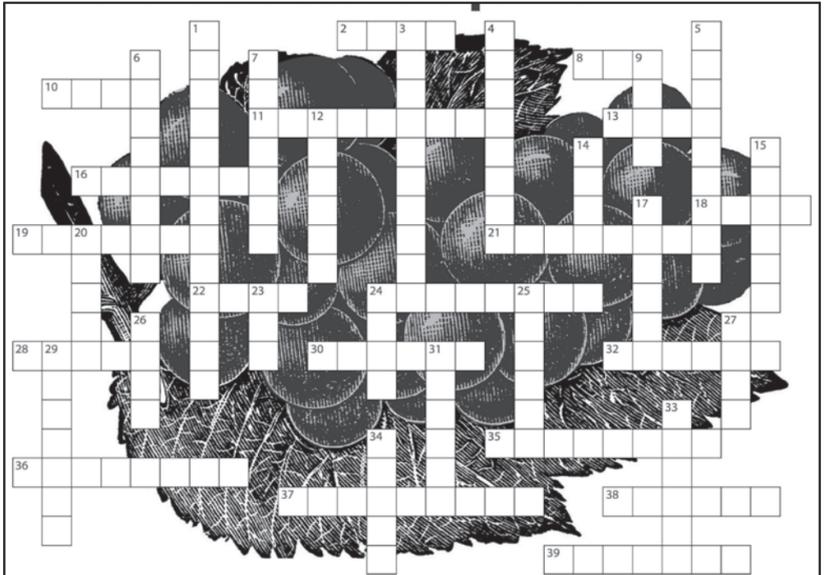
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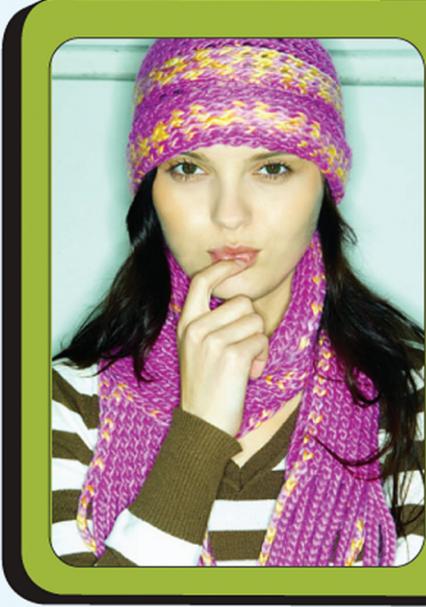
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Movie Review

'Alice in Wonderland'

BERLIN SYLVESTRE
STAFF WRITER

It will cost you \$14 to go through the looking glass in 3D at the AMC Barrett Commons, but Tim Burton's latest creation, "Alice in Wonderland," is worth every penny.

To introduce heroine Alice Kingsley (Mia Wasikowska), viewers are surrounded in the lavishness that the daughter of a deceased English aristocrat would have been accustomed to. Fastidiously-tailored clothing and ornate mansions dominate the scenery, but despite her high-society upbringing, Alice is bored with bourgeois mediocrity. The precocious teen channels, via recurring dreams, a bizarre and fascinating world of confusing landscapes, endearing confidants and farcical foes.

During a dreaded outdoor social of the most revered and esteemed members of her class, Alice learns the party is merely a backdrop over which a young man will ask a young woman for her hand in marriage—that hand belongs to Alice.

Though aghast, free-spirited Alice is not too disoriented to catch a fleeting glimpse of a clothed and frantic rabbit darting about the grounds, stopwatch dangling wildly from its chain. When it's revealed that the rabbit is unseen by others, Alice visibly offends pretentious partygoers by excusing herself to follow the distressed creature's path. Calling desperately for him to stop, she discovers that he has escaped her field of vision by diving into a hole. Never one to back down from a challenge, Alice dives in after.

It is in the swarm of riveting scenes to follow that Alice begins her adventures in the quizzical, befuddling world of Wonderland.

The attention Burton gives to specifics in Wonderland's flora and fauna immerses viewers in a seemingly tangible world of grasses that appear to sway consciously, ivy that twirls around trees affectionately, mosses that casually wave from knotted branches. More than once is the audience invited to pet the silky tufts of the elusive white rabbit.

3D glasses make it possible for a menagerie of free-flying items to confront the audience: embers, ashes, spittle, fireflies, brambles, tongues. When a cryptic caterpillar

lar drags long and slow on his hookah, he exhales a plume of smoke that appears to curl around the seats of the theater.

Most bewitching, and not surprising, is Johnny Depp's ability to mesmerize moviegoers with his performance of the Mad Hatter. Seated around a table in an isolated area of Wonderland, the Mad Hatter welcomes Alice to tea—a tea comparable to a Schedule II amphetamine. Divined clues of drug addiction from the Mad Hatter and his company include wild, unblinking eyes, a tendency to speak too fast for comprehension, a jaundiced set of neglected teeth and dramatic mood swings that appear to ease up only when the sufferers drink more tea. However ridiculous the Mad Hatter's quirks may be throughout the film, they are in equal parts affable.

Apart from laughably unsubtle substance abuse innuendos, the movie stirs audiences with another crowd pleaser—the grisly nature of the Red Queen, played by Helena Bonham Carter. Famously screaming, "off with their heads!" the Red Queen is a relentless killing machine, bent on the destruction of even the slightest of offenders. So unconcealed is her love of death that she surrounds her castle with a moat filled with the severed heads of enemies - one being her unfortunate husband. To play on the detail, characters approaching the Red Queen's domicile must step on the fleshy, decaying, water-logged heads of the fallen to cross the moat.

The Cheshire Cat makes an appearance as an observer so emotionally unaffected, he appears to taunt his worried cohorts, floating and wheeling lazily in mid-air with the languid grace of a manatee.

Danny Elfman, composer for all but two of Burton's films, envelops the audience in dark and moody pieces crafted beautifully around the scenery—a trademark for the duo.

Strange indeed that the movie, with its clearly adult elements and its delving into the macabre, is rated PG. The Motion Picture Association of America gave the film a PG rating for fantasy/action, violence involving scary images and situations and for a smoking caterpillar. Curiouser and curiouser.



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SPORTS



Luck of the Irish swings toward Owls on St. Patrick's Day

Greg Ranallo | The Sentinel

Infielder Ross Tiendler helps the Owls defeat the Georgia State University Panthers on St. Patrick's day with a score of 3-2.

BENJAMIN POPLIN
BEAT WRITER

The Owls baseball team took the field at Stillwell Stadium March 16 after returning from a successful road trip and hoping to cap off the week with two wins at home. Georgia Southern (11-10) came prepared for a fight, and both teams brought their "A" game. KSU was two runs short of claiming its second win at home, losing 8-7 and dropping its record to 7-10.

Eagles' freshman pitcher Justin Hess threw well against the Owls, allowing only three runs on four hits with six strike outs. KSU starting pitcher Zak Griffith, a sophomore from Kennesaw, had a productive outing on the mound as well.

Aside from the five runs on six hits he allowed, Griffith struck out four and left in the fourth inning for KSU senior reliever Brad Long to get out of the inning.

Georgia Southern's hitting attack was led by senior second baseman Kevin Bowles, senior third baseman A.J. Wirnsberger and sophomore shortstop Eric Phillips. All had three hits in the game.

The Owl hitters featured in this game were fresh-

man catcher Ronnie Freeman, junior first baseman Ross Tendler, red shirt freshman third baseman Peyton Hart, senior left fielder Clint Roques and junior right fielder Josh Whitaker, who hit a two-run homer.

Hart had a big hit in the eighth inning, driving in his teammates Tendler and Roques.

"I struck out earlier in the game with the bases loaded," Hart said, "and I did not want that to happen again."

KSU finished with seven runs on 10 hits, but its biggest problem was leaving runners on base when they were in scoring position.

"We took way too many pitches," Coach Sansing said.

At Stillwell Stadium March 17, fans shuffled in for an opportunity to score a free green Owls t-shirt. Only the first 100 fans got one, so many students showed up early to claim the prize.

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, the Owls themselves sported green hats, similar to those that Major League Baseball teams wore at Spring Training.

KSU came out swinging, led by a Roques single. Senior Tyler Stubblefield added another. This game featured superb pitching from both teams.

KSU freshman hurler Catlan Kendrick, with one win already under his belt, threw five innings and allowed three hits and no runs. His pitch count climbed into the upper 80s.

"He is usually a sixties guy," Sansing said.

In the other dugout, Panther junior pitcher Charley Olson held the Owls to four runs on four hits in seven innings of work.

He struck out seven batters and featured a breaking ball that KSU hitters could not catch.

"In the scouting report, we had read that this guy threw a lot of breaking balls," Stubblefield said. "So I made adjustments to look for a lot of those."

The men who drove in runs for the Owls were Freeman, Tendler and Roques. Stubblefield had a great day at the plate as well boasting a single in the third and a big bunt single in the ninth that started a rally.

Along with Kendrick, freshman reliever Kelly Holt pitched three innings, and Johnson got the win to give him a 2-0 record.

The Owls are home March 31 to battle the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at Stillwell Stadium. The first pitch is set for 6 p.m.

KSU Women's golf team ties for fifth in Nevada

JOHN MORBITZER
BEAT WRITER

A final round eight-over par 296, including two even-par final rounds, pushed the Women's Golf team to a second-straight top-5 finish in the Jackrabbit Invitational at Primm Valley Golf Club in Primm, Nev.

"We were going off the momentum from Jacksonville," head coach Rhyll Brinsmead said. "We were excited to be on the West coast. The golf course was beautiful. We were hoping to come out with a win, but to place three girls in the top-10 was a good achievement. They're in a good place right now."

Freshman Ket Premuchen improved each round to tie for a team-high sixth place. Sophomore Patricia Arana cut six strokes from her second round score to finish with a final round 72, and tie for eighth. Senior Abby Fitzgerald also tied for eighth with a third round one-over-par 73.

"We could have won that tournament," Arana said. "We left too many shots on that first day. If we could have saved more putts, we could have won."

The Owls started the final day in sixth place but used five final round scores in the seventies to finish fourth at 43-over-par, 907.

"The greens were rye grass, which is different than what were used too, and we didn't adjust as quickly as we would have liked," Brinsmead said. "We talked after the round about how we needed to putt a lot better, and we definitely did that on Tuesday."

The tournament was hosted by South Dakota State. The No. 70 ranked Owls were one of four teams ranked in the top-100 at the tournament, including champion Oral Roberts University at No. 75.

"We are in position to win, but we need to be patient," Brinsmead said. "I feel we've put ourselves in position to be competitive heading into the last days, which is where we need to be going into conference."

KSU will have two weeks to practice before traveling to Oxford, Miss. for the Rebel Intercollegiate starting April 2.

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2. Missouri State	+30	303-296-295	894
3. Drake	+32	297-305-294	896
4. Kennesaw State	+43	305-306-296	907

Individual Leaderboard	To Par	Rounds	Total Score
t6. Ket Premuchen	+7	78-73-72	223
t8. Patricia Arana	+8	73-79-72	224
t8. Abby Fitzgerald	+8	76-75-72	224
t38. Jordan Lazenby	+20	78-79-79	236
t61. Molly Winnett	+28	83-82-79	244



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Patricia Arana tied for eighth with a total score 224 or eight over par.

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