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Owls stun No. 2 ranked Yellow Jackets

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There was not an empty seat in Stillwell Stadium Wednesday as fans from KSU (13-17) and Georgia Tech (21-3) showed up to support their respective ball clubs. It was a sea of blue and gold both on and off the field, with the Yellow Jackets players sporting their navy hats and the Owls wearing their yellow home jerseys. There was a play-off atmosphere throughout the entire game, which never had a dull moment. The crowds taunted each other, as well as the umpires and coaches.

As the teams went through their pre-game routines, fans filed into the stands behind home plate, then spread into the seats along the first and third base lines. For this game, KSU coach Mike Sansing took it upon himself to hit balls to the outfielders - a job that's usually delegated to one of his assistants. The Owls looked to be in fine form as they warmed up, with senior shortstop Tyler Stubblefield and junior second baseman Sean McClurken turning double plays. It was then Georgia Tech's turn to take the field for warm ups, but unlike KSU, the Yellow Jackets moved sluggishly, as if this game did not matter. But if Tech thought it was going to walk all over the Owls without

a fight, they were sadly mistaken. The home team took out the downtown rivals, 7-4 — a big win for KSU, not only because it was just its third win at home, but because it came against a number two ranked Atlantic Coast Conference team.

"Any win is exciting," Sansing said, "especially when you get the opportunity to host an ACC school."

The starter for KSU, sophomore Zak Griffith, struggled at first, allowing two runs in the early going.

"The start of the first inning is always the toughest," Griffith said. "But once you can get settled down, you can establish a rhythm and start building momentum."

He did just that, yielding no further runs and striking out four batters in six and one-third innings. Griffith's one mistake came on a 3-2 count in the first to Georgia Tech junior shortstop Derek Dietrich, who connected for a 2-run homer to center, giving the Yellow Jackets an early lead. KSU answered with two runs in the next inning, thanks to a double by junior center fielder Bucky Smith off Yellow Jacket starter freshman Luke Bard. Both pitchers found their niche through the next five innings, yielding a combined two hits. Owl relievers freshman Kelly Holt and junior J.B. Johnson came in later to pitch.

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KSU Day: Free food and casino games

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The Kennesaw Activities Board will host its annual KSU Day on Thursday.

There will be two parts to the day. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be activities on the Campus Green. Later that night, Casino Night will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Student Center with a Glow-in-the-Dark theme.

"KSU day is one of the longest-running KSU events," said junior Sam Dupervil, KAB's KSU Hommie who is organizing the events. "We hope this year will have a good turnout. The event will have lots of free food, games and prizes."

KSU Day is open to students, faculty, staff and the public.

The green will be bustling with booths, inflatable play stations, inflatable boxing, a bungee run and an obstacle course. The money machine booth blows out money, and students get to keep what they catch. There will also be activities in the karaoke recording booth and picture-taking station.

Most of the free food will be provided by Five Guys Burger and Fries, but there will also be selections from Moe's Southwest Grill, Chili's, California Dreaming, Papa John's Pizza and Domino's Pizza. There will also be plenty of popcorn, funnel cakes, cotton candy and snow cones.

The entertainment line up will feature a live performance by the up-and-coming band, Ohio Avenue.

Prizes such as gift cards and T-shirts will be awarded during the day. Students can score more goodies at Casino Night, where the big prizes will include an iPod to a Blu-Ray DVD player.

Casino Night will turn the University Rooms in the Student Center into a blacked-out mini Vegas. Everything from the gambling tables and poker chips to the playing cards will reflect the black lights. There will be slot machines and tables for blackjack, poker and Russian roulette tables.

Student will use chips, not money, to play. Winners receive raffle tickets to turn in for prizes.

Only students are eligible to win prizes, since student fees underwrite the event.



Take Back the Night raises awareness about violence of sexual assault

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Take Back the Night, an event focused on raising awareness about violence and sexual assault, will be held today from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Student Center bridge by the campus green.

The march and rally focuses on breaking the silence of victims, as well as educating and bringing the community together to support victims.

"[The event is] a matter of making the night safer from all forms of violence [and] the movement [against] sexual assault and rape in present days," said Dr. Corinne McNamara, assistant professor of Psychology as well as coordinator of Taskforce of Interpersonal Violence.

Participants don't have to be KSU students to attend the event; it is open to everyone.

During the event, there will be a counseling center for victims of sexual assault as well as a guest speaker - a KSU student who is a survivor of sexual assault. Another feature is a series of open mic sessions during which people can share poems or stories about their experiences.

The survivors' stories of abuse and recovery are a key component of the program, said Dr. Jennifer McMahon-Howard, assistant professor of Criminal Justice.



Photo courtesy of takebackthenight.org

Take Back the Night and the issue of sexual assault is not just an event for women, said McNamara.

"It affects men as well, and often times we think of the men as perpetrators," she said. "But men are also the solution. I do not want it to focus on a negative, but rather focus on [men] becoming the solution to problem."

More than 80 percent of victims of sexual abuse and assault know their attackers. College students in particular are at a

significantly greater risk of being sexually assaulted by an intimate partner, friend, roommate, classmate, neighbor or someone else known to them.

"Also, sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes," said McMahon-Howard. "Only about 30 percent of sexual assaults are reported to the police."

Earlier this year, the Student Taskforce on Interpersonal Violence (STIV) was granted SBAC funds to support the Take Back the Night event.

"Also, this year, the Student Taskforce on Interpersonal Violence (STIV) was granted SBAC funds to support the Take Back the Night Event," said Dr. Jennifer McMahon-Howard. "These funds have enabled the students to develop and obtain a number of different sexual assault awareness materials that will be used during the event, and which will help to bring about greater sexual assault awareness on our campus," said McMahon-Howard.

According to McNamara, 150 people attended last year's event.

"We are expecting just as many, if not more, to attend this year," said McMahon-Howard.

Take Back the Night will provide food and refreshments. There is no need to RSVP.

For more information, go to takebackthenight.org.

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POLICE BEAT

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A "green leafy substance"

On March 14, an officer was called to KSU University Village apartment suites in response to an underage drinking and suspected marijuana complaint. The officer met with an RA who told the officer of five subjects in an apartment who had been drinking and who had a green leafy substance on the counter. The officer met with the female tenant who confirmed that she, along with her guests, many of whom were underage, had been drinking. The suspected marijuana was confiscated, but the amount not large enough to press charges. Citations were issued to the four subjects for underage possession of alcohol.

Suspicious flirting

On March 18, an officer met with a student at KSU Police Headquarters. The student complained of two suspicious subjects in the student center. The complainant informed the officer that two males approached a female friend asking for personal information, including her residence, vehicle location and phone number. The female friend felt uneasy about the situation, which sparked the complaint. The two suspects were African-American males with short hair.

\$70 worth of alcohol later: Lost apartment

On March 18, an officer was dispatched to the KSU University Place apartments. He met with an RA about a person with possible alcohol poisoning. The suspect was a white male who was lying unconscious on the steps outside the complex. The suspect awoke, and the officer asked if he was well and how much he had to drink. The subject responded, "\$70 worth." The subject stated that he was merely trying to get to his apartment. The subject refused to go to the hospital, and the officer escorted the subject to his apartment.

Hit and run

On March 19, an officer responded to a call of a hit and run in Lot D. The complainant informed the officer that he observed recent damage to his vehicle that was not there when he parked. The officer noticed a small dent on the rear passenger side of the vehicle. The officer proceeded to check the vehicles parked to the left and the right of the complainant's vehicle and found no damage. The driver moved the vehicle.

The taste of defeat

On March 19, an officer was on patrol in the Central Parking Deck and observed a car that was double-parked. The officer approached the vehicle and asked the driver if she was in distress. The driver was not in distress and was simply on her lunch break. The officer ran her license and was informed that her license was suspended for failure to appear in court in reference to a traffic ticket. The driver did not, at the time, have the vehicle cranked, and was not liable for arrest. The driver called a friend to move the vehicle, and the officer informed the driver the seriousness of the situation and that she could not drive until her driver's license was taken care of.

THAT'S WHAT [S]HE SAID

Story and photos by Hannah Imler

Facing a massive budget deficit, California is quickly running out of options to avoid bankruptcy. In order to create a new taxable market, a proposal to **legalize the possession of marijuana** could be on the state's November 2010 ballot. Where do KSU students stand on this controversial issue? Check out what [s]he said.



Bianca Edmond, freshman, criminal justice
"I'd vote to legalize it. It's way safer than a cigarette. I don't think there are any bad side effects from it. You can function with it and be OK. You're not out of your mind. You know what's going on; it's not like alcohol."



Dolores Causseaux, senior, spanish
"It should be legal. It's no worse than alcohol. I think there are all kinds of benefits to legalization. It's just a big thrill because it's illegal, so people abuse it. Back in the '70s, I was a total pothead. I never went to high school without being stoned, and I was a straight-A student."



Diana Radchuk, freshman, human services
"I'd probably vote against it, but I heard there are some types of medicines that are stronger or have worse side effects than marijuana, so I can see why some people would be for it. I do think it's OK when it's used to treat people with medical conditions."



Clarence Stewart, junior, theatre performance studies
"I think that if the government made it legal, they could technically make money off it. It could be like prohibition- the way that alcohol was illegal and because of that, people were attracted to it. Maybe legalization could be the remedy."



Eric Nichols, freshman, exercise and health science
"I'd vote yes if I lived in California. I've heard it relaxes you, helps you get your mind off things. I think it'd make life less stressful. But if it's only legal in California, how is the government going to keep it out of the rest of the states?"



Shay Ellis, freshman, nursing
"I'd vote to make it legal. People already use marijuana anyway, so they might as well legalize it because no one's going to stop using it just because it's illegal. I think that fewer people going to jail just for using it would be a good thing for the jail systems."

Women helping women

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Impeaching Attorney Gen. Baker over health care reform is lunacy

Frightened about health care reform's potential grip over states, 14 attorneys general filed suit on behalf of their states arguing that the newly-minted health care law was unconstitutional. An overwhelming majority of those filing suit were Republicans. Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue requested our own state Attorney General Thurbert Baker, a Democrat, follow the lead of these other suits and file on behalf of Georgians. Baker politely refused.

Asserting that he found no evidence that the health care law was unconstitutional, Baker went on to say that any suit filed would be a detriment to taxpayers in an already cash-strapped state. Displeased with Baker's response, Perdue appointed a special attorney general to file the suit. Perdue was none-too-pleased with Baker's refusal. Apparently, the Georgia General Assembly shared similar feelings. They've decided to impeach Baker.

Last week, state Rep. Mark Hatfield (R-Waycross) sponsored HB 1886, which files articles of impeachment against Baker - who also is, conveniently, a Democratic candidate for governor. According to Hatfield, an additional 30 House members, all Republicans, have joined his efforts to impeach Baker.

At a time when the state of Georgia is suffering

a budgetary nightmare, some at the Gold Dome firmly believe this is the best course of action. Despite assertions to the contrary in Hatfield's impeachment articles, Baker was clearly acting within the law when he chose not to pursue legal action against the federal government over health care reform.

Baker is not Perdue's personal attorney and should not be treated as such. Baker represents the citizens of Georgia and if he found nothing worth suing over, then the matter should end. This again clearly illustrates how far off track so many of our state representatives are in handling the more pressing and dire situations Georgia faces.

Many believe that Baker acted inappropriately in denying Governor Perdue's request to sue the federal government, but the fact remains that Georgia has a massive budget shortfall and Perdue still found a loophole allowing Georgia to sue over health care reform. With impeachment hearings unlikely, is this a good use of time for those we send to the Capitol?

If the other lawsuits regarding health care reform prevail and the new law is struck down in the courts, there is no need for the ruckus Attorney General Baker, Governor Perdue and the members of the Georgia General Assembly are making. The law would be struck down nationwide, not just in

the states that pursued legal action. With state revenue in a free fall and legislators having to slash whatever they can from the budget, there is no need to spend taxpayer dollars to sue. This is not about the legality of health care reform; it's pure politicking and for the sake of Georgians and the American people, it must stop.

When Baker refused to sue to the federal government, Perdue, while disappointed, should have accepted his attorney general's position on the matter. The state government needs to save every cent it can. With Republicans calling for smaller government, lower taxes and slashing the budget, Perdue blatantly defied GOP logic. He expanded the state government by appointing a special attorney general and spent taxpayer dollars in order to sue over health care reform.

While it may be politically popular for Governor Perdue to sue the feds and members of the General Assembly impeach the attorney general, it in no way helps Georgians. As Baker said in response to the impeachment filing, "This is not productive - it's not going to solve any of the crushing problems we face - water, transportation and education."

Baker's right. Impeaching a man who will not be attorney general by this time next year (he is running for governor, not re-election as attorney gen-



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COLUMNIST

eral) is a continuation of the counterproductive ways of Georgia state government. School systems, including Cobb County, have recently announced that, due to budget shortfalls, class sizes may increase to 40 students with hundreds of teachers facing layoffs. Perhaps the state government should focus on the dire situation the entire state finds itself in rather than wasting time on scoring political points. At some point, Georgians will lose their patience and good governance will finally win over petty politicking.

Keeping in fine, loud voice

The sound of children's laughter has long been a source of joy; so too are the first words of an infant and the first written words of an elementary-schooler. Parents, family and teachers are enthralled with the sounds of little voices and the thoughts of budding minds on any given day, anywhere in the world. The voices we expectantly wait to hear and the thoughts we so lovingly nurture become the seeds of change in the next generation.

We must not like change, however, because once a child reaches a certain age, the voice we have lauded becomes the thing we most wish to quell. We, as a society, seek to quiet the voices of the next generation, and in our attempts to do so, we break the back of change.

Students all across campus see this every day, in professors who seek to mold you to their beliefs, religions or politics; in editors who seek to suck the voice out of your writings; in parents who wish to hold us under their thumbs even unto our adulthood. All across this great campus of ours, the beautiful voices of children are becoming the dull, lifeless mutterings of adults.

Why is it that to become an adult we must accept the status quo and quiet the one thing that was nurtured in us above all else since our earliest days? I have a friend who has a vision of a world in which her voice will never be quieted, a vision of a world where change is good and where her generation's voice matters. I envy this girl above many others because in this world of status quo and adulthood, I have long succumbed to my fate as another dull, lifeless "grown-up."

I write my articles, and weekly, I wax poetic about some injustice or stupidity and the like, but never do I attempt to use my voice to invoke change. I have long ago turned inward to make my mark on myself, having abandoned the thought of making my mark on this world. But my friend is young, and her enthusiasm for the world is new, and her voice is unbroken. Tested every day by the powers-that-be in her young college life, she is asked often to change her words, to leave



ALESSANDRA LARGENT
COLUMNIST

her voice behind and to accept her role as a budding adult and a dull, lifeless voice in a dull, lifeless crowd. But still she resists.

I envy this girl. I envy anyone who has the courage to stand up to the norm; I envy anyone who has resisted the quieting of their childhood voices; and I hope to convey my utmost respect to those of you who have the courage to make a change in the status quo. To all of my fellow KSUers who refuse to pretend to be a commie for their political science professor, who refuse to think inside the box in their business classes and who wish to read Dante instead of Plath, I say: Stay strong and you will one day change the world. And to those of you on campus who seek to build the next generation of dull, lifeless, voiceless adults I say: Shame on you.

I hope my friend will have the courage and strength to continue to fight against the quieting of the children and to make a difference in this world—starting here, at KSU. To my friend who begs to remain nameless, I say: I hope you become editor-in-chief of the KSU Sentinel so that I may never again kowtow to the powers-that-be, the newspaper staff (the staff that sucks the voice out of our articles weekly). And when one day you look back on this time, I hope you will remember the friend who so believed in your voice because she so wished it was her own. Good luck to all you students, and I hope you all grow to be dynamic and strong, with incredibly loud voices.

Priestly perverts protected

This is a love story about certain white-collar workers in Catholic churches around the world and those young hotties they adore so much. The Catholic sexual abuse scandal has once again resurfaced in the news. This most recent scandal is part of a worldwide systemic problem the Vatican has so far been trying to avoid.

Although I realize my thoughts on this sexual abuse scandal in the Church may be controversial, I believe the issue is worth addressing both because the clergy is traditionally revered by large segments of society and because the leadership of the Catholic Church has failed to respond in a manner fitting for an institution that has such a profound impact on the lives of more than one billion people.

Pope John Paul II was famous for apologizing to the world for all of the many sins committed by the Catholic Church, including the Crusades, the Inquisition, genocide in Mesoamerica and Vatican complicity in the Nazi Holocaust. The Pope should also apologize for the Rwandan genocide, but don't hold your breath on that one. This abuse scandal is just one more sin in a very long list.

The irony here is that the Vatican is obsessed with the sex lives of others, something these repressed members of the clergy are hardly qualified to dictate. I am reminded of the incredibly stupid accusation by Cardinal Chimoio of Mozambique that European condom makers deliberately infect condoms with HIV in order to kill Africans.

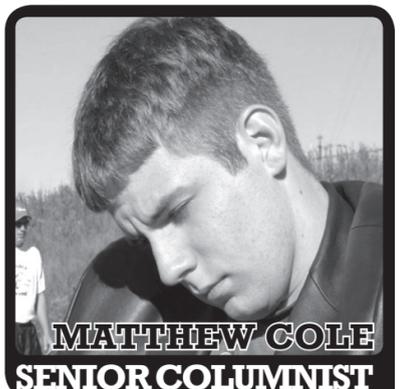
Sexual abuse by Catholic priests became so endemic in Ireland that the current supreme leader in the Catholic hierarchy, Pope Benedict XVI, who looks a lot like the evil emperor from the Star Wars movies, wrote an apol-

ogy letter to victims in that country. It is hard to estimate just how widespread this problem is, due to the understandable reluctance of victims to testify. But to speculate that the number of Irish children who managed to escape childhood without being subjected to some form of sexual abuse by priests or nuns may turn out to be surprisingly low is not out of the bounds of plausibility.

What has been the traditional response of the Vatican to these accusations? Spend millions covering it up and then relocate perverted priests into a new parish with fresh new children to rape. Recent accusations against Benedict XVI come as no surprise to me. In his former role as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he made it Vatican policy to keep cases of sexual abuse quiet until 10 years after the victim had reached adulthood.

Should all of these incidents of molestation really be that much of a surprise? Try to imagine the power that these priests have. More so than many other major religions, Catholicism loves a good horror story to keep believers in line. The Vatican just loves all of those gruesome and pornographic paintings of Hell and the Apocalypse that appear to be the products of minds so disturbed that, by comparison, Tim Burton is made to look like Dr. Seuss.

As much as they relish the suffering of those who do not meet their definition of a "good Catholic," the Church's lust for misery still remains unquenchable. Indeed, figurines depicting a mutilated Jesus Christ hanging on a cross, which I would



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imagine meets the Old Testament definition of a "graven image," are often proudly displayed with the obvious intent of instilling a sense of guilt into believers. Some believers, such as those in Opus Dei, may take this guilt to an extreme and practice ritual self-mortification.

Pope Benedict XVI, nicknamed "God's Rottweiler," has been very adamant about the need of the Church to get a firm hold over the minds of children while they are young. I guess getting them young makes it easier to instill in them an inferiority complex that will make their minds easier to mold. After figuratively "scaring the hell" out of little kids, it is to be expected that certain members of the clergy with less holy intentions might have an easier time exploiting these children.

I suspect disturbed individuals with these sorts of psychological issues may be naturally drawn to certain professions, such as clergy or the U.S. Congress, that enable them to exploit others in this way. I don't believe the Vatican is intentionally leading an elite army of perverts, but its response to this scandal has been a massive cover-up of a Dan Brown scale. That is just sinful.

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Another Point of View:

The reality of military service and war

At noon on the first Wednesday of every month, KSU conducts a test of the school's warning siren. I have made it a point not to be outside while they are running the test. The sound of the siren causes a gut reaction that I cannot control. My heart starts beating faster, my adrenalin starts pumping and I stop to listen for the sound of mortar rounds falling.

I cannot help this reaction. The warning siren sounds exactly like the duck-and-cover siren I heard so many times in Iraq. To me, a warning siren was followed by the instructions; "Incoming! Incoming! Incoming! Duck and cover. Seek shelter immediately. Stay away from the windows." And then there were the explosions of the rockets and mortars hitting whatever they landed on, the ground shaking, debris flying and people injured or dead. That is what I expect after I hear the KSU warning siren test, but much to my relief, there is only silence. I remind myself that I am somewhere safe; no one is trying to kill me.

Every morning when I am walking through the parking deck to class, I see parked cars with a variety of military stickers on the back. It always makes me feel better to know that I may not be the only student who has reactions like this at school.

A column ran in last week's edition of *The Sentinel* in which many assumptions were made

about the military and views on war. While I agree with the columnist that there is nothing romantic about war, there is something to be said for the people who fight them.

The average person joining the military is doing so for his or her own reasons. Sometimes it is just easier to tell someone it was for the college money than to get into the real reason. One cannot assume that the service member has grandiose visions of battlefield glory romanticized by movies and television, or that a smarmy recruiter bribed them with trinkets and promises of adventure. Signing away eight years to government service for a T-shirt or water bottle is completely unreasonable.

When a person enlists in the Armed Forces, they sign an 8-year contract with the government. A specified amount of time will be spent on active-duty and the remainder will be spent in the reserves or inactive ready reserve. This means if the military needs personnel, they can call up anyone with time remaining on their contract. If a commercial could convince a young person to sign away his or her life for eight years, then said person needs to stay away from every car dealership, time share seminar and Amway representative because their life is headed for ruin.

War is often glorified in society. However, as

our culture is changing, it is becoming less glorified. As soon as people could sit in their living rooms and watch live images of what was happening halfway around the world, war became more real for most Americans. No longer were soldiers getting on boats and sailing away to far away places to fight in unknown conditions. People are getting live video feeds of what is happening now. Over the past 20 years, people have had the ability to observe war in a way so radically different from the dispatches of Ernie Pyle.

To say that disabled veterans are kept out of sight to maintain the facade that war is something great is completely insulting to what they have given in service to their country. The emotional scars people carry home from war can be so much greater than any visible injury. So if someone does not want to participate in parades because they cannot, physically or emotionally, they have earned that right. They earned it the hard way by enduring something most will never know, war.

On the bottom shelf of my closet there is a pair of boots. Every day I see them sitting there, and every day I am thankful I will never wear them again. They are just an ordinary pair of tan suede combat boots. They are special to me because I wore them for 365 days in Baghdad. I do not need anything to envision the true face of war because I



MATTHEW ROE
GUEST COLUMNIST

have seen it. All I need is my old pair of boots.

To make assumptions about the Armed Forces and those who join only shows ignorance and closed-mindedness. Instead, try to keep an open mind and know that the military is not for everyone, but for some it is the life they choose. Fawning over the service members is not necessary, but neither is jumping to pessimistic conclusions about their decision to join.

Matthew Roe was in the U.S. Army for six years and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is currently a junior communication major.

It's time to make English the official U.S. language

Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, except to enforce English as national language of the United States. I'm pretty sure that's what it says in the First Amendment of our Constitution.

It makes sense, right? Our country was founded by English speaking-peoples, so why not make English the official language? The Constitution was written in English, so it's pretty much implied that English is the official language.

Our nation suffered in the early 20th Century when waves of immigrants came from Europe and couldn't speak a word of English. They only spoke enough of the English language to get by, but their children were bilingual. Why would anyone ever want to have that skill? It took three generations before English was the main language spoken. I'm pretty sure not having English as the official language caused the Great Depression.

The immigrants contributed nothing to our economic well-being. They only performed manual labor and held manufacturing jobs, but we all know that America has been a service economy well before the waves of immigration.

Despite our experience with this problem, it still continues today. According to the 2000 Census, 72 percent of first-generation Spanish and Latino immigrants who speak Spanish at home speak English either "well" or "very well," but that's obviously not enough. I think we have found what's causing the current recession.

Let's face it: People cannot engage in commerce with people who don't speak any English. That's why we only trade with English-speaking countries such as Britain and Hawaii.

I'm very glad our previous president (one of the best, in my opinion) shared my sentiment about this issue. In 2006, President Bush said, "I think people who want to be citizens of this country ought to learn English."

I could not agree more. If we do not change the official language, businesses will keep hiring people who cannot speak American. Without government intervention, businesses will never realize that hiring people who do not speak a word of English, especially in customer service, is a bad economic decision. It only frustrates customers and drives down sales.

Not having English

as the official language is just plain inefficient. Someone should really do a study to see how much time is wasted in an American's lifetime by having to choose the right language on the ATM or when calling his or her cable provider.

Ensuring that the United States makes English the official language would also cut down on those pesky tourists from those dirty Communist countries. Think of how short the lines would be at Disney World!

I am so thankful I live in a state with common sense. The Georgia Senate recently passed a bill that would make English the only language in which someone can take a driver's license test. Can you believe that we had the test in 13 languages?

All of our road and highway signs are in English. If we do not ensure that everyone can speak and read English, there will be chaos on the roads. Now, some critics argue that the current versions of the test, despite the language, still ensures that everyone understands the English meaning of the road signs, especially when there's a driving component to the test, but it's not worth risking the safety of our children.

Other critics argue that this bill does not solve the problem of illiterate Georgia drivers obtaining a license, but I see no problem there. They might not be able to understand useless things such as books and big words, but they have enough common sense to understand how roads work.

This is a step in the right direction toward doing something that should have been done at the founding of our country. People say that making an official language for the United States in un-American. Next, people will be saying that a Socialist wrote the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Francis Bellamy, the author of the Pledge of Allegiance, was a Christian Socialist. Besides, the whole idea of pledging one's self to a country or a flag is a silly, collectivist notion in the first place.)

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JUSTIN HAYES
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The de-secularization of education?

As it turns out, many people still think that this whole prayer-in-school war is worth fighting. Coincidentally, the state routinely ranks 49th in the nation in regard to public education. Now, my question is this: Has anybody stopped and thought that maybe these two things are *correlated*?

I've done some thorough research and analysis and come to the conclusion that personal faith should play the following role in public education: none. It has absolutely no place in academia, and anyone who wishes to base a municipal service around a religious template is not only grossly incompetent, but dangerously so.

You see, prayer in school is a bad thing, for a number of reasons. First, there is this thing called "separation of church and state," a concept that makes sure that Jesus doesn't get his peanut butter in the DMV's chocolate and vice versa. It's kind of a legal statute, which gives validity and merit to our civil liberties, including freedom of, and from, religion. By desiring prayer in school, not only are you saying "Hey, tear down that barrier!" You are also promoting a uniformity of thought. The school-prayer advocate is espousing a singularity of rationale, a certain, inflexible, unwritten societal coda that segregates and penalizes nonconformist thought.

If history has taught us one thing, it's that cultural standardization based on religious rooting always ends with negative consequences for both national education and society at large. Hey, Hezbollah, the Tamil Tigers and the Taliban are proponents of school prayer, too.

That is the primary peculiarity with the modern day school-prayer lobbyist. They seem to be stuck in this jihadist mentality of the belief that

society should regress as a collective. This, obviously, should frighten the living hell out of the rest of the country.

Why must they feel the necessity for regimented, state-funded religious indoctrination of our youth? I truly have no idea what agenda these people are trying to fulfill other than establishing a neo-theocracy. There is a desire in these people not only to retard their children's intellectual growth, but also to control it completely. If you don't feel shame when noting that evolutionary science is prohibited from a majority of the state's curriculums, then I question your mental adeptness as an adult.

This hyper-zealotry gets even spookier. Think about the number of children in the Southeast who are home-schooled due to religious reasons. It's oft stated that the products of German home schooling were the first to be indoctrinated by the Hitler Youth. I suppose that makes sense, since those are the ones who are already brainwashed.

So, with all of these factors quantified, could it possibly be that our state's pathetic test scores are because of all of this religious interference? After all, it's kind of difficult to study for a biology exam when the town pastor is trying to light the text book ablaze while you read it.

Ultimately, I believe the whole religion-education debacle is about the parent's subjugation of the child. The mother and father desire to have utter control over every aspect of the child's upbringing, and if the public education sector is promoting something that runs antithetical to their governance, suddenly, it's time to start slapping warning stick-



JAMES SWIFT
COLUMNIST

ers on science books.

These are the same people who demand that schools teach abstinence-only sex-ed; personally, I consider ideologically-restrictive parenting of the like to be a form of child endangerment.

I know this is a goofy stance to take, but you know what I think we need in school instead of taxpayer endorsed religious programming? Actual schooling! You know, with teachers who are certified and experienced and who give a damn about what they do for a living. And instead of rabble-rousing about teaching Adam and Eve in science class, maybe we can teach actual physics and chemistry. Maybe if we spent a little less time making the sign of the cross in homeroom, we might be able to up those SAT scores.

Yes, yes, deafened ears, I know. Failing that absurd scenario above, I advocate one final ultimatum: If religion and education simply must intertwine, than I believe that it is only fair that Darwinian sciences, by law, are to be taught in Sunday school. I muse, if church is to permeate government, it's only reasonable that government be allowed to do the same, right? And hey, the I.R.S. has been eying that collection plate for the longest time, you know...

THE OWL FORUM

Letter to the Editor

It's time for Georgia to end marijuana prohibition. Nothing good has come from Georgia's pointless marijuana laws. Thousands are arrested every year and use has only increased. Let's face it; the War of drugs is a complete and total failure. Marijuana arrests constitute 54 percent of all drug arrests in Georgia and almost 90 percent of those marijuana arrests are for simple possession. It is time to think outside of the box. With the methamphetamine problem taking over our state, we need to devote all our drug enforcement resources to these dangerous substances, not marijuana. Stop en-

forcing a law that cannot be enforced, and one that our citizens do not want. Decriminalize simple possession of marijuana and focus our energy on ridding our state of a real problem like meth and opiates. Why should a person in Georgia go to jail for possessing a substance that is prescribed as a medicine in 14 other states? Marijuana is harmless compared alcohol and tobacco; it is not a gateway drug, and it is non-addictive. Decriminalize possession and use our tax dollars and resources to fight real drug abuse.

Tom Mudrak
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2008

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FEATURES

I've never guessed so much on one exam

Bad roommates leave lasting impressions, odors

CAITLYN VAN ORDEN
NEWS EDITOR

They leave crusty bits of stuck-on food in pots and pans for weeks. They keep you up all night or wake you at the crack of dawn. They rummage through your stuff and sometimes even steal from you. They're nightmare roommates, and several students at KSU have lived to tell about them.

When two completely different people are assigned to live together, problems are bound to arise. One senior math major was randomly assigned to live with a 36-year-old, non-traditional student last year. She said living with her was miserable.

"You learn a lot about different people, different cultures," she said. "Certain foods smell worse than others."

The roommate left jars full of vegetables and vinegar sitting out, stinking up the entire apartment to the point that it was hard to sleep at night. She also had trouble catching some Zs because her roommate went to bed late at night and woke up early in the morning.

Once, the roommate stored carrots in the oven. She didn't know, and when she turned on the oven, the carrots burned. Her roommate then tried to make her buy replacement carrots.

The situation got so bad that the normally social student didn't want to invite her friends over to her dorm. Her

roommate didn't want guests spending the night and even complained to the resident assistant about her having guys visit at all.

"It made me not want to renew," she said. "It was a nightmare."

Bad roomie relations don't occur just between those randomly assigned to live together. Live with someone you know, and you may discover a whole new side to your friend—the messy, weird, obnoxious side.

One sophomore English major decided to live with a friend—and quickly regretted it. His roommate had a habit of leaving instructions on Post-it notes around the apartment.

At first, he only left a few notes—nothing too crazy—with reminders such as, "Don't forget to turn off the TV before you leave."

But one time, the roommate was about to leave for a few days and left "10 to 15 notes around the apartment."

The irony was that while the roommate gave explicit orders, he himself was messy. He left a hotplate out for about three months because "he didn't feel like putting it away," said his roommate. He also had a habit of allowing food to rot.

"His macaroni squealed at me," he said.

"He was growing an ecosystem," attested his friend, who witnessed the disgusting kitchen situation.

"He left his clothes in the washer," the roommate con-

tinued. "It stunk up the whole apartment."

Perhaps the roommate's worst offense was opening his mail and leaving commentary—on the trusty Post-it notes—about the letters' contents. He even opened the student's Valentine's Day cards from his mother and grandmother.

"That was the final straw," he said. They are still friends, but not surprisingly, they no longer live together.

One freshman said he's never had a bad roommate since he still lives at home, but he knows the chances are good he'll experience one when he moves out next year.

"My brother had a bad roommate," he said. "He never showered and drank a ton of Arbor Mist. He smelled like fruity s***."

RAs also have plenty of roommate horror stories and are often responsible for helping settle disputes.

"I had a girl say she was going to replace her roommate's shampoo with hair removal cream," said one RA. "She also tried to replace all her birth control pills with sugar pills."

Occasionally, roommate issues get so dire they require attention from campus police. In last week's Police Beat in *The Sentinel*, one student reported her roommate for leaving notes containing "death threats." When confronted by police, the student said she

"had no intention of hurting anyone, but just wanted attention to express living issues."

The officer advised them to consider separate housing. Students reporting roommates for drugs or stealing are also fairly common in the campus police reports.

It's impossible to predict whether your living situation will be peaceful and harmonious or pungent and hellish. But if you do end up with a nightmare roommate, at the very least, you'll have a funny story to tell—that is, if you can survive until the end of your lease.



Tackling roommates' messes may not be what you bargained for, but what you get. Caitlyn Van Orden | The Sentinel

Travel to Thailand and back again

NIGELBRETT
STAFF WRITER

"Asian cuisine" has become synonymous with the uninspired recipes found on any street corner, slopped together in a to-go box and delivered in greasy bags right to your door.

Because of this, most students don't think Thai when

Haven for foreign language resources changes name but keeps atmosphere

TORI WESTER
STAFF WRITER

The Pilcher Building, adjacent to the KSU library, is home to the Foreign Language Resource Collection, a computer lab that caters to students, faculty and staff who are trying to learn a new language.

The lab was formerly called the Foreign Language Resource Center.

"From my understanding, the Office of Academic Affairs [said] a 'center' has to self-generate income," said Patricia Tiblian, FLRC coordinator. "We had to come up with a [new] name and didn't want to change the acronym."

The FLRC is one of the busiest labs on campus. Its 40 computers are in use four to five hours a day during the week. Hundreds of students come into the lab each day, and there is a constant turnover of people using the labs.

Karen Roach, a junior nursing major, visits the lab almost daily, taking advantage of the reference books, computer work stations and quiet, relaxed environment.

"I come to the lab for my Spanish class," she said. "For every 10 hours of work I do in here, I get an extra credit point."

Most people use the computers to do their online homework and listening exercises, said Tiblian.

"Also, we have multi-language spell check in [Microsoft] Word for typing up papers and homework," she added.

A separate annex across the hall from the lab can be used for group projects and conversation. There is also a TV located in the room so groups of students can check out and watch foreign films together. There are more than 100 movies available, in all the major languages taught at KSU. Some professors even offer extra credit points for accrued time in the lab.

One of the best resources the FLRC offers is free tutoring in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Chinese and Japanese. There is also Rosetta Stone software in Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian. That may be used at no charge.

The quiet, comfortable atmosphere in the FLRC makes studying a pleasant experience.

Located in room 134, the lab is open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays.

To view the schedules for available tutors in the lab, visit kennesaw.edu/foreign-language/flrc.html.

considering original and healthy cuisine, but Bangkok Cabin may change their minds.

The outside of the small cabin with a large covered patio is unassuming. But inside, the décor is chintzy. The wood-paneled walls are reminiscent of a mountain cabin and create a unique blend of Thai and old world charm.

Ultra-plush upholstered dining chairs evoke a sense of English Imperial times. You can almost hear the posh accents discussing politics and cricket over afternoon tea.

The pearl of Bangkok Cabin is the food. The menu is a sophisticated collection of healthy eats and some original beverages perfect for the spring and summer seasons.

For starters, try the basil rolls, a wonton-wrapped blend of crab meat with Thai basil, lettuce, bean sprouts and cucumber. The chicken satay, the Thai version of Japanese tempura, is also a savory option. The chicken is marinated in coconut milk, which lends a sweet and buttery flavor, and is topped with peanut sauce and the chef's special yellow sauce.

The coconut chicken soup or house salad can be paired with lunch or dinner. The soup is a familiar Thai cuisine flavor that features coconut milk and chicken broth dotted with chicken, mushrooms, scallions, lemon grass, lime juice and galanga, a pungent East Indian rhizome. The house salad complements the Thai experience with crispy tofu and a sweet peanut dressing for \$3.95.

For lunch or dinner, the most popular dish is Pad Thai, a perfect starting point for anyone looking to experience the flavors of Thai food for the first time. White rice and stick noodles are stir-fried with chicken and shrimp, tofu, egg, bean sprouts and scallions then topped with crushed peanuts, which add a textural experience to this classic creation.

Panang curry offers diners a taste of the spicy side of Thai cuisine. A surprising mixture of sweet coconut, ginger, red pepper and Thai spices create a burn that lingers. The mixed vegetables are accented by the curry sauce and chicken. The jasmine rice finishes the plate with simplicity and offers some relief for the tongue.

A word of warning to the brave souls who love really spicy foods: Asking for extra hot will get you the extra hot.

Bangkok Cabin occasionally offers house specials and seasonal dishes such as roast duck, salmon, sea bass and lamb. These meals, priced from \$14 to \$16, are slightly more expensive than the regular entrees.

The Thai iced tea will rinse the palate after sampling these exotic flavors. Served in an elegant glass, the black tea is finished with a layer of chai spiced milk, a refreshing and light flavor with notes of pumpkin and nutmeg that goes well a meal or is enjoyable by itself as a respite from the spring and summer heat.

Bangkok Cabin delivers to the KSU campus during dinner hours. Appetizers are priced from from \$4 to \$15. Entrees average \$10; lunch dishes run about \$7.



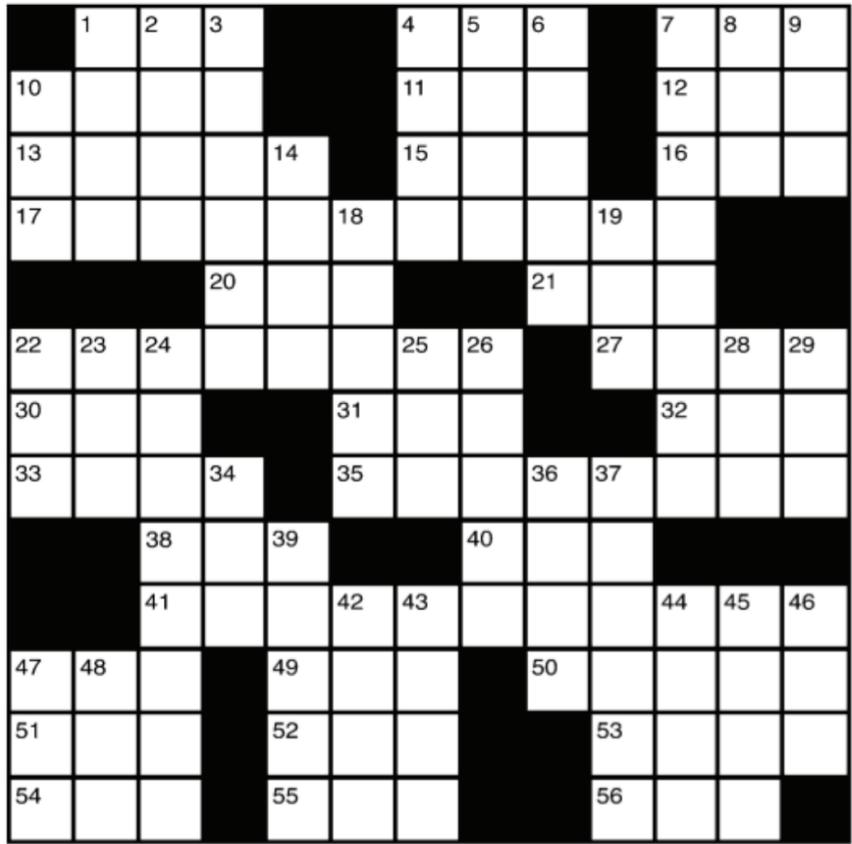
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- 13 College credits
- 15 Trucker's truck
- 16 Actress Leoni
- 17 Eric Mabiuss' role on "Ugly Betty"
- 20 Miner's discovery
- 21 "Diamond ___"; Mae West play
- 22 "___ Let Her Go"; Mark Harmon/Rachel Ward movie
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- 31 ___ Arden
- 32 Mai ___; rum cocktail
- 33 ___ Laurel and Oliver Hardy
- 35 Workers
- 38 "Blame It on ___"; Michael Caine movie
- 40 Eerie sighting, for short
- 41 Actor on "Mercy"

- 47 Comedienne Margaret
- 49 Fruit drink
- 50 "...from ___ shining sea."
- 51 "___ La La"
- 52 "___ Haw"
- 53 Place in order of importance
- 54 Lorne Greene's "Bonanza" role
- 55 "Two ___ a Half Men"
- 56 Spanish woman's title: abbr.

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- 3 "Face the ___"
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- 5 Lover of an Irish Rose
- 6 "Boston ___"
- 7 "The ___ Show with Craig Ferguson"
- 8 "___ to Billy Joe"
- 9 Actress Thurman
- 10 Stick-in-the-___; old fogey
- 14 Very dry
- 18 On the ___; honest
- 19 "___ Hard"; Bruce Willis movie
- 22 Gore and Pacino
- 23 Butterfly catcher's need
- 24 Early series for Judd Hirsch
- 25 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 26 Present an argument against
- 28 "My Mother the ___"
- 29 ___ and hers
- 34 Peeples or Long
- 36 "Just the Ten ___"
- 37 "The ___"; Norman Fell sitcom
- 39 Largest city in Nebraska
- 42 Actress Barbara
- 43 Bit of canary food
- 44 Jack, once of "The Tonight Show"
- 45 Blues singer ___ James
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Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



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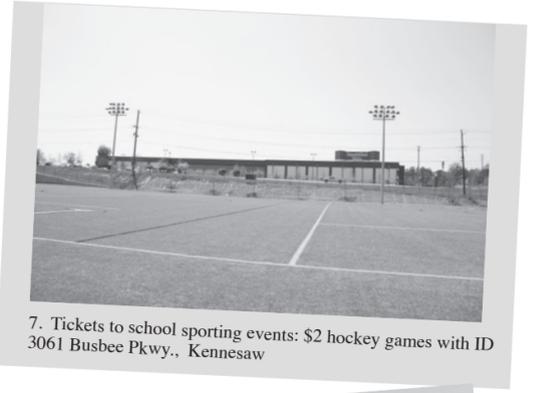
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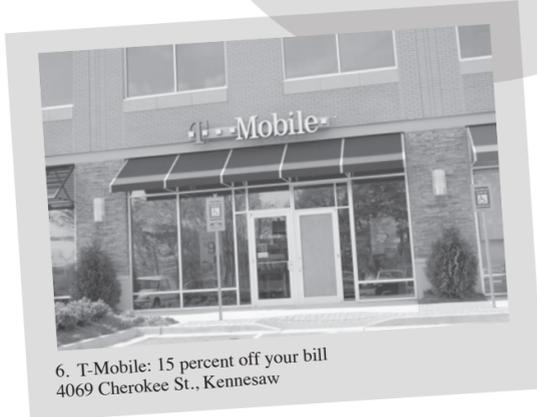
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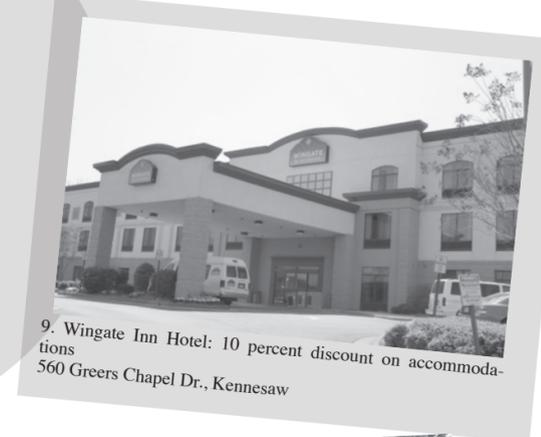
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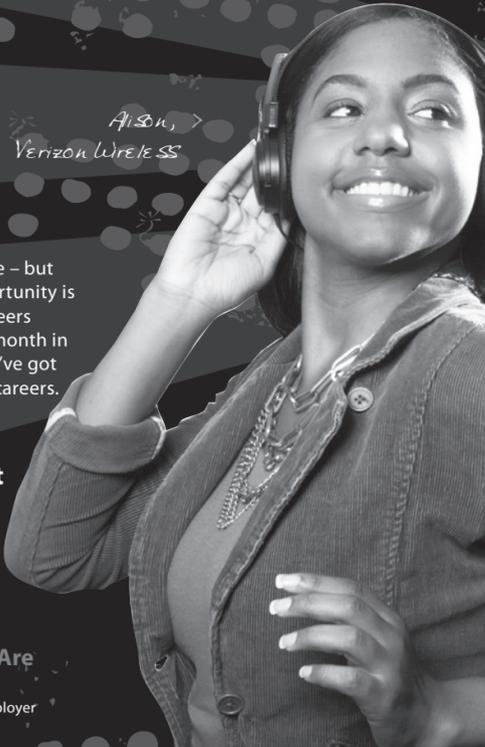


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Chefs use Twitter to give customers their fill of information

(MCT)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ask Jasper Mirabile why he's Twittering, and you get three words back you didn't expect.

The Jonas Brothers.

Let him explain.

"My daughter, Alexandra, came upon Twitter when she was following the Jonas Brothers," the longtime Kansas City, Mo., chef and owner of Jasper's restaurant said. "Then she said, 'Dad, there's some national chefs like Emeril who are Twittering. I'll set you up an account.' I started Twittering the same day. Within three minutes I started getting e-mails from people saying, 'I'm following you on Twitter.' Within three days I had 103 followers."

It wasn't long before his tweets were hitting the target.

"The third day I put 'Jasper's is having a wine dinner with Peter Seghesio (a California winemaker). Seven courses, \$75,' and I put my phone number," he said. "The event sold out in two days."

Social media such as Twitter and Facebook are changing the way chefs communicate with their customers. Menus, ads and coupons are not going away, they're just augmented by the instant interactive communications of Twitter's 140-character "tweets." (It's easy to follow someone on Twitter. Just go to www.Twitter.com, set up an account, then search for someone's name.)

When Mirabile started on Twitter in March he had no expectations.

"I figured it wouldn't hurt as long as it didn't take that much of my time," he said. "I thought I'd throw a few lines out there. But I had no idea I'd get these kinds of results. And my daughter was like, 'Told you so.'"

She even told her father that whatever he sends on Twitter she will automatically send

to his Facebook page.

Never underestimate the power of a 16-year-old.

"What's so great about Twitter is I can be sitting here in the kitchen and I'll put, 'Jasper is cooking fresh asparagus today.' And then I will go in my dining room that night, and I will see some guests who say, 'Hey, I follow you on Twitter. That's why I came in for dinner.' So you know it's working. It's instantly letting my customers know what is going on."

Now that he has started Twittering, he can't stop.

"If I don't do it for a day I get e-mails from people saying, 'Hey! Where are you? Are you OK? Why aren't you Twittering?'"

So Mirabile Tweets all the time—at his cooking classes, the farmer's market, even during his radio show. And when his new cookbook comes out? That's right. He'll have to send tweets about book signings.

Typically he sends three to four messages a day, but sometimes as many as eight.

"My new thing? I'm going to take pictures while I am Twittering," he said. "I just found out you can do that."

Colby Garrelts, executive chef and owner of Bluestem restaurant in Kansas City, Mo., says tweeting from his cell phone is a revolutionary way to stay in touch with his best customers.

"It just lets people know, 'Ooh, they're doing something cool today,'" he said. "What that does is try to make us the first choice if they're deciding to go out to dinner. You still have to use traditional media, but this helps reinforce your base. It's an enormous tool."

But a tool not all chefs embrace.

"A lot of older restaurateurs may think this is silly," Garrelts said. "Let them think that."

Celina Tio, former executive chef at the American Restaurant, is opening up her own place called Julia(n) in the fall. And she's

counting on Twitter to communicate spur-of-the-moment events.

"On Sundays I'm going to have a family meal, where there's no menu and I just cook and it's served family style," she said. "When I decide what I am going to be cooking I could Twitter and let the guests know," she said. "Or I could say, 'We're starting to get busy, you might want to come down now, or two seats are opening up at the bar in about 30 minutes.'"

"Right now I'm tweeting about milestones in opening the restaurant, like 'I just got the chairs,' or 'I'm getting the liquor license.' It creates excitement, and if people don't know what goes into opening a restaurant they can get a little taste."

Jenny Kincaid of Will Gregory Public Relations knows a good thing when she sees it. And when it comes to getting the word out about a chef or a restaurant, there's nothing better than instant communication. Being on Facebook and Twitter is not a requirement for being Kincaid's client, "but we certainly recommend that chefs Twitter as well as restaurant managers and people in the industry. It's a very effective way to get information out. It's quick. And it's free."

When the Food Network named Blanc Burgers + Bottles in Westport the best burger in Missouri, Kincaid sprang into action.

"Immediately we sent out Twitters and updated our Facebook pages," she said. "It was surprising to see how many people were posting back (nice comments). That's a perfect example of how big it's become and how many people are doing it and checking it daily. And you are able to add both Twitter and Facebook to your phone, so you automatically get updates. I'm just getting into Twitter myself, but it's fascinating. I love it."

"When Colby Garrelts was in New York

for the James Beard Awards, people were Twittering all night. Every 10 seconds everyone was posting an update about who won, who was up next, what they were eating or who was there. ... It was interesting. You just felt like you were there without being there."

Chris Kimball, founder of "America's Test Kitchen" on PBS and publisher and editor of "Cook's Illustrated" magazine, uses Twitter to communicate with viewers and readers. Since he began Twittering in March he has posted short recipes (pickled cucumbers, anyone?), answered questions (what coffeemaker should I buy?) and created contests.

"The one I got the most response from was when I asked how much we spent per year in the test kitchen (\$335,000). We had a lot of people guessing. We gave away lifetime subscriptions."

He's not a fan of Twitter's original "What-are-you-doing-now?" concept.

"I don't care what you're doing now," he said. "I mean ... looking out a window? I don't care."

What he does care about is having a conversation.

"It seems to me the more personal the tweet the better," he said. "For instance, I'm having this huge 12-course dinner party. So I asked, 'Who are the A-list people I should invite?' We made it a contest and gave the winners a few cookbooks."

Not everyone's happy with his new practice, though.

"My wife's very upset with me that I am doing it," he said. "We went on vacation to Rome in March, and I (embarrassing pause) actually tweeted when I was there. I think she views it as the end of the civilization as we know it."

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SPORTS

Easter win in womens' softball double header

DEREK WRIGHT
SPORTS EDITOR

While children around the country were hunting for prized Easter eggs on Saturday, the KSU Owls women's softball team was hunting a win against the Mercer Bears in a double header softball matchup at Bobby Bailey stadium.

The first game of the day was a pitching war between Owls' sophomore Jessica Cross and Bears' Jennifer Holtz. With both pitchers throwing more than 120 pitches (Cross with 127, Holtz with 136), Cross won out by allowing only two hits and three scores, winning the game for the Owls 4-3.

"We were a desperate team today," Head Coach Scott Whitlock said. "Going 1-5 in the conference would have been catastrophic; going 2-4 would have been hard to come back from. We were playing for our lives today."

As the first game went into two extra innings, in the bottom of the ninth inning junior Klair Wells ended the game with a home run over the right center fence. Wells got on base with three-out-of-four at-bats.

Freshman left fielder Sharon Swanson started off the Owls' victory with a homerun in the first inning, scoring two.

A scare for the home team came at the beginning of the second game as the Mercer Bears took a quick 3-0 lead by the second inning of play. Sophomore Amanda Burns started off by striking out the first two batters, then making the third hit a pop fly to center field for an out. Burns seemed to lose her rhythm in the second inning, forcing Whitlock make the decision to pull her and put in freshman Abbey Meixel.

"She [Burns] seemed to get out sequence," Whitlock said. "If we were 4-1 in the conference then I would have stuck with her a little bit longer. She came back later during the game and told me she felt like she got her game back."

Meixel was able to hold the Bears to four runs when Whitlock decided to put Cross in to close the game during the fifth inning. Cross only allowed one

run in her 35 pitches during this game.

"Any time a pitcher has to throw that much worries me," Whitlock said. "She was brave, had to labor, and she was very consistent."

This was not just a pitcher's fight, though; the entire team played well during the second game. Swanson made a diving catch to get the second out of the inning in the top of the seventh as the Mercer batter stepped up to the plate and hit the pitch into the left-field out-of-bounds area.

Wells played outstanding defense with some key plays to keep the Owls in contention. Down by three in the third inning, the Owls turned it on and scored four runs. Wells was hit by the second pitch in the game. Cross then sent Wells and freshman first-baseman Ashley Burkett home. Senior catcher Jenna Closner and senior right-fielder Kelsey Kulk also hit runners in, making the score 4-3 in the third inning. Burkett hit the home run to take the lead in the fifth inning, making the score 6-4.

"I just started noticing that we had two hits and they had eight," Burkett said. "So, I got to the plate, relaxed, came back from an 0-2 count to hit the change up."

As the sun started set, Cross stepped up to the plate and hit a 2-run homer that sent the Bears back into hibernation, sealing the game with a score of 9-5.

"We took a big step forward today," Whitlock said. "They will be better because of today. They realized that every pitch is important. A year ago we wouldn't have been able to come back from behind from a 3-run game. But this team is better team than a year ago."



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Left: Klair Wells throws a batter out at first base, helping the Owls win Saturday double headers 4-3 and 9-5, respectively.



Top 3 in Irish Creek Collegiate; women just miss top 10

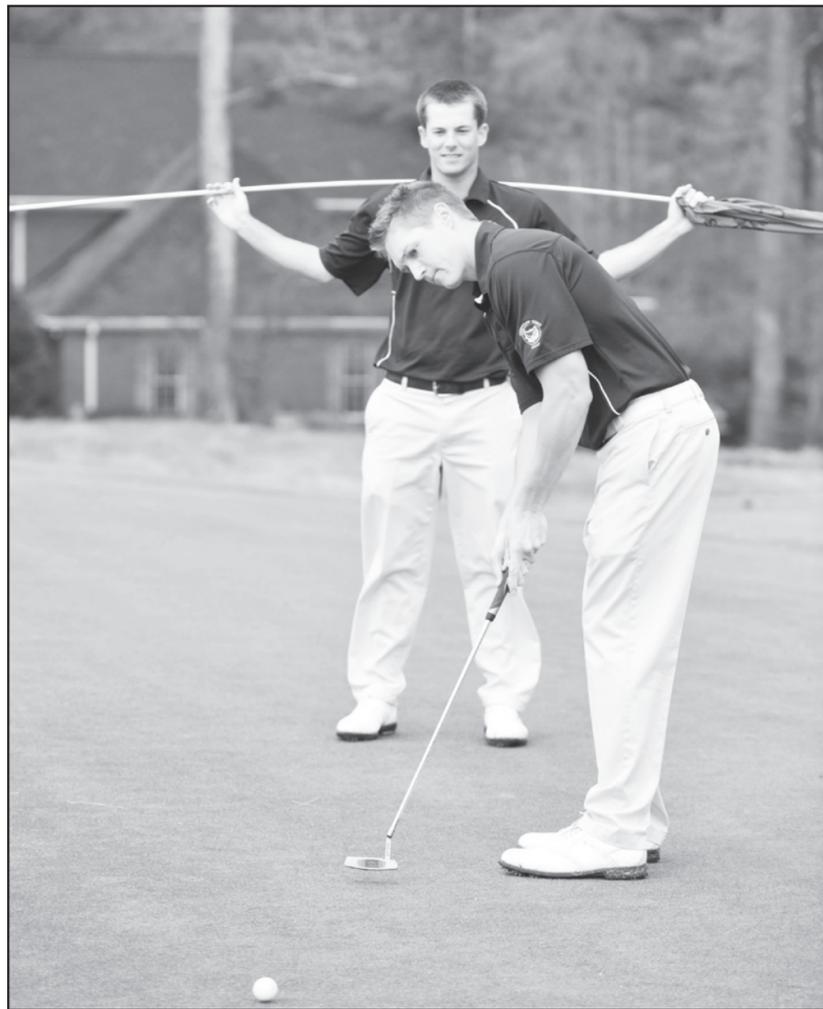


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J.P. Putnam putting for a final round score of 72 in the last tournament before the A-Sun Championship while Coach Moseley looks on.

JOHN MORBITZER
BEAT WRITER

Starting the last round in fourth, the KSU men's golf team moved up to a third place finish with a final round 291 at the Irish Creek Collegiate in North Carolina.

"It was a decent finish overall," Head Coach Jay Moseley said. "We had a chance to go out today and make a run at the leaders, but we didn't get off to the start we wanted. All in all, it was a good showing for us."

The Owls sat eight strokes behind leader and eventual champion, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, after the first two rounds. KSU finished one spot ahead of in-state rival Mercer, and five places above conference foe Campbell as all five Owls shot in the 70s in the last round.

Senior J.P. Putnam scored low on the first day with an opening round 3-under-par 68 and a second round 2-under-par 69. A final round 1-over-par 72 gave Putnam a tie for third place at 4-under-par 209.

"Overall, I hit the ball well and the first two rounds I putted really well," Putnam said. "The last day I missed a few short putts. If I made those, I could have won the tournament. I haven't had a top-5 finish in a while so it feels good. It gives me confidence, and I feel good right now going into conference."

Sophomore Jeff Karlsson shot even par after the first day recording both rounds at 71. A 1-over-par 72 on the last day put Karlsson in the top 10, tied at seventh.

"Jeff played well, but just couldn't capitalize on his opportunities," Moseley said. "Both those guys got top 10, so it was pretty solid for them."

Participating as an individual, sophomore Sam Curtis used an opening round

even par to finish tied for fifteenth. Senior Chad Wilson finished tied for 26 at 8-over-par 221. Senior Alex Jones tied for 32 with a 9-over-par 222, and freshman Ben Greene used a second round even par 71 to finish tied for 36, as all Owls placed in the top 40 individually.

The weather at the Irish Creek Golf Course in Kannapolis, N.C., was not a factor, and the course was set up for low scoring.

"It was a really good golf course," Moseley said. "The greens were perfect, which makes for ideal scoring conditions. You had a lot of wedges into the holes, so you have a lot of birdie opportunities. If you make the putts, you can put up a good number."

The men will have a week off before traveling to The Legends Golf Course at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Ga., to co-host the A-Sun Men's Conference Championships, April 19-21.

Women improve each round

Two inches of rain Friday night delayed tee times for the tournament until 10 a.m. Saturday morning, but the softer conditions allowed for lower scoring.

After starting the final round at 15, the women's golf team shaved six strokes from their second round score to post a third-round 299 and move into a twelfth place finish. The women were one stroke off from tying for tenth place.

Freshman Ket Premuchen recorded 1-under-par 71 in each of her last two rounds to put her in a tie for sixth. Senior Jordan Lazenby tied at 41 with a total score 228.

The women will travel to the Venetian Bay Golf Club in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., for the A-Sun Women's Conference Championship, April 12 through 14.

Women's tennis heads to A-Sun Tournament

MATT BRADSHAW
BEAT WRITER

The women's tennis team made school history last weekend when they picked up two conference wins over Belmont and Lipscomb to guarantee a first time trip to the Atlantic Sun Championships.

"We came out and played some solid tennis against Lipscomb and dropped off a bit against Belmont," said Head Coach Brandon Padgett. "The important thing is getting the win, and we did that in both matches."

Morgan Carney played the match of the weekend when she came back from beng down 5-2 in the third set of a 3-hour-plus marathon match. Carney claimed the win on her sixth match point, 6-4, 6-7(3), 7-5.

"I am especially proud of Morgan Carney with her singles performance this weekend," Padgett said. "She played with more intensity than she ever has, and her level of play in both matches shows us, and her, what kind of player she can be for KSU."

The ladies have guaranteed themselves at least a No. 6 seed for the playoffs, but if they can beat Mercer at home today, they will earn a No. 5 seed.

"Tuesday is a huge match, and I'm hoping we come out and dictate play early," Padgett said. "We will need to be sharp in order to pick up the win."

The men's tennis team was also victorious over Lipscomb, winning 6-1 to earn its first conference win of the season. They were unable to win over Belmont, however, falling 5-2. Plagued by injuries, the Bruins played their full line-up for only the second time this season.

"We played two good matches this weekend, and I am very proud of the team," Head Coach T.J. Greggs said. "We knew this was going to be a tough season to try to make the conference tournament; we have five teams who have either had a national ranking as a team or have nationally ranked players. When only six teams even make the tournament in a conference this strong, it's an uphill battle for a program that has only been around for two years."

The Owls play their final match of the season at home against Mercer today. Mercer currently holds the final playoff berth.

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Owl represents U.S. in Quebec

ANDREW
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STAFF WRITER

A KSU hockey player was one of three Americans to compete in the Red Bull Crashed Ice Championship in Quebec last month.

Senior Hunter Gahl placed first in the Atlanta qualifiers, allowing him to skate with 140 other international competitors. The championship is a combination of hockey, cross country and downhill skiing, where hockey players and ice skaters skate in a downhill race over jumps and around obstacles.

The streets of downtown Quebec were closed and transformed into an icy slalom for the weekend of March 20 as thousands of spectators flooded the city to see the 140 top international skaters compete. During his final practice run, Gahl crashed, dislocating his shoulder and taking him out of the competition. Despite his injury, however, he is already looking forward to his next chance to compete.

"I had no idea the magnitude of the track until I climbed up the stairs," Gahl said. "I thought to myself, 'I'm supposed to go down this thing?'"

The 550 meter course had competitors going down four at a time and reaching speeds up to 43 mph as they drop nearly straight down.



Photo provided by Ryan King

Senior Hunter Gahl (back) competed against 140 international competitors on March 20.

Having never done any downhill skiing or skating on sloping ice, Gahl had to quickly learn new techniques. Competitors shared secrets and tips when not on the ice.

"He has become a very important part of the KSU ice hockey program with his leadership skills and passion to play the game of hockey," KSU hockey Assistant Coach Bill Morrison said. "He is one of the fittest athletes in our program and works out on a daily basis, even during the off season."

Max Beam of Raleigh, N.C., and Karlis Zirniss of Nashville, Tenn., also represented the U.S. in the competition. Kyle Croxall of Canada was the overall winner, followed by Martin Niefnecker from Germany and Scott Croxall from Canada.

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It intrigues me when a college or university uses a nickname representing the state or region where located.

There are four Division I universities that have the Owl nickname: Florida Atlantic, Kennesaw State, Rice and Temple. While our mascot fits with the Atlanta franchise theme of Hawks, Thrashers and Falcons, I started looking around Kennesaw to think of a couple of different ideas. We'll ignore the original name for the city, Big Shanty; it is a little nicer now.

First thing I notice is what is on nearly everything around campus. Kennesaw Mountain is on the signs, the buildings, the school Web site and the school logo. Let's try, the Kennesaw State Mountain Men and Women. Eh, maybe not. The jersey lettering could become expensive, and being only a stone's throw from Atlanta doesn't exactly make us mountain people. We would have to be farther north and more hillbilly, like Morgantown.

So, what else? Well, the school is continuously changing. KSU has grown since it was formed, staying cutting edge. Maybe we could try the Kennesaw State Revolutionaries. That's not bad; it's kind of catchy and depicts the ever-changing persona of the campus. But hold on, Kennesaw played a role in a famous American conflict, just not that one.

Ah ha. That's it. The Kennesaw State Generals.



JOHN MORBITZER
SPORTS COLUMNIST

This could encapsulate the fighting spirit of the students and athletes at Kennesaw. It is reflective of the history of the area and portrays the leaders produced at our University. There is only one other college with the Generals nickname, so this isn't saturation. The museum in the heart of Kennesaw is home to the Civil War locomotive The General. It makes some sense.

OK, you say, but the Kennesaw Elementary school mascot is the Generals. True. However, we could build on that and the younger generation will have something to relate to, growing up wanting to be Generals and not Bulldogs, Jackets, or Tigers.

So what about the new student incentive program, Owl Nation? That's all right; we can change that name, too. How about General Attendance? No. General Seating? No. Fine. General Disinterest, since there probably isn't much concern in changing the mascot anyway.

Ole Miss students voted to change their mascot with an early backing for Admiral Ackbar, Supreme Commander of the Rebel Alliance Fleet. Yes, a Star Wars character. However, as awesome as that would be, "It's a trap!"

As we are, we'll proudly be Owls. The mascot is a "symbol of tenacity and intelligence," and I agree with that. "Generals" is general anyway.

Besides, we could always be the Stetson Hatters.

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In the bottom of the seventh, KSU came to life. Although there were only three hits, the two walks, hit batsman and fielder's choice also were factors. KSU also took advantage of passed balls, moving up into scoring position several times during the inning. Pinch-hitting for redshirt freshman Ray Anderson, sophomore Jordan Craft collected a run batted in to start a rally. Stubblefield drove in two runs of his own, as well as one run from redshirt freshman third baseman Peyton Hart on a suicide squeeze bunt play that brought Stubblefield home.

"We had decided that we would try the squeeze on the first pitch," Coach Mike Sansing said. "I think it is the first time we have tried it

all year, and it worked out for us."

The deciding run came when junior designated hitter Drew Fowlkes singled in Hart, giving the Owls a 7-4 lead.

Once the final out was recorded by J.B. Johnson, the Owls rushed the mound, depicting a scene similar to one of a World Series Championship in the major leagues. This win was a big confidence booster, and a combined team effort.

"This was a huge win at home," Griffith said. "It is great for the university and for us going into conference play."

KSU will return home April 13 to take on the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks (16-12) at Stillwell Stadium. Game time is 6 p.m.

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KSU baseball double header victory short lived

BEN POPLIN
BEAT WRITER

The Owls continued their streak of at-home wins against conference opponent Belmont University after pulling off an upset over the number two ranked Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

KSU (13-17, 4-5) and Belmont (15-12, 4-6) squared off for game one of their 3-game series at Stillwell Stadium last Thursday.

The Owls' starter, junior Ryan Rodebaugh, got the ball for KSU, allowing just two runs on six hits. Rodebaugh recorded nine strikeouts through seven innings of work. Junior Jeff Brown came on in the eighth inning to relieve Rodebaugh and finished the game, yielding one more run to Belmont. Brown and Rodebaugh did not do it by themselves, though. As it did in the Georgia Tech game, KSU's offense was fierce.

"We wanted to get off to a good start," Coach Mike Sansing said. "And we scored four runs in the first with two men out."

The Owls offense was led by junior right fielder Josh Whitaker, who drove in three runs on a single, double and his first home run of the season. Other offensive highlights for KSU included home runs from freshman catcher Ronnie Freeman, junior first baseman Ross Tendler, junior designated hitter Drew Fowlkes and junior center fielder Bucky Smith. Red shirt freshman third baseman Peyton Hart and senior shortstop Tyler Stubblefield also collected hits for the Owls. In all, KSU collected 14 runs on 16 hits.

On Friday, the two teams played a double header, with KSU winning one of two. With KSU down by one run in the ninth inning of game two, Whitaker stepped into the batter's box with one out. He delivered for his team, connecting on his second homer of the season and giving the Owls a walk-off win. The two teams fought neck-and-neck before Whitaker's game-winning hit.

Freeman put KSU on top in the second with a solo shot to left, and in the third, four more runs came in. Smith delivered with a triple to score junior second baseman Sean McClurken, and Hart mimicked his squeeze play from the Georgia Tech game to bring in Smith. Whitaker singled to score Stubblefield, and Freeman later drove in Whitaker for the final run of the inning. The hot hitter for the Belmont Bruins was junior outfielder Nate Woods, who connected for two home runs off KSU sophomore Josh Carr.

"We got off to a great start," Sansing said. "But then Belmont did a good job of limiting us in the middle innings."

The score remained 7-7 after a KSU comeback, until the ninth when Whitaker came up with a 2-2 count and crushed the Bruin's hopes of a win.

In game two of the contest, Belmont lit up the scoreboard, beating KSU 15-9. They started in the first, putting five runs up off Owls starter junior Bryan Blough. The rest of the game went downhill for the Owls. Another Freeman homer and a bases-loaded double by senior left fielder Clint Roques gave the Owls some hope, but it was short lived.

Belmont scored seven more runs, putting the game out of reach for KSU.

The Owls will return home April 13 to battle the Jacksonville State Gamecocks (16-12). Game time is 6 p.m. at Stillwell Stadium.

“We got off to a great start, but then Belmont did a good job of limiting us in the middle innings.”

International Bazaar celebrates diversity

Students gathered in the Carmichael Student Center yesterday to sample international foods, learn about different cultures and enjoy live music from Gwen Hughes and the Retro Jazz Kats Band. The annual event is sponsored by the International Student Association.



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L-R: Gunner Williams, Queen Ngimbe, Pooche Pall, Mia Samb, Wale Akin and George Achonye



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