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Off-campus abduction, rape under investigation

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A man involved in a standoff situation in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood is suspected in the alleged kidnapping and rape of a KSU student.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported James Scott Carringer, 42, of Gilmer County is believed to have kidnapped the 19-year-old student from the Dick's Sporting Goods store on Barrett Parkway April 6. Authorities say he then drove the student to Ellijay where the rape occurred on what Gilmer County Sheriff Stacy Nicholson called a "logging-type" road near Ga. 515, the northern extension of I-575.

Media reports indicate that following the rape, Carringer drove the student back to Kennesaw and released her, after which she drove herself to North Georgia Medical Center and reported the incident. The following day, a warrant was issued for Carringer's arrest, and a lookout was issued for a black Nissan XTerra Carringer was believed to be driving.

The AJC reported that at approximately 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Atlanta police received a call concerning a suspicious vehicle parked at a restaurant on Peachtree Street. The occupant informed approaching officers that the

Four Ways to Stay Safe on Campus
For members of the campus community concerned about safety, several pieces of advice are online, courtesy of the KSU Department of Public Safety:

- Emergency phones are available in all parking decks and lots, along several streets, in building hallways and in all elevators. Using one of the phones connects the caller directly to the campus police headquarters.
- If a designated emergency phone is not available, campus police officers can be reached by dialing 6666 on any campus phone or 770-423-6666 from cell and off-campus phones.
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) and Self Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (S.A.F.E.) classes are offered periodically throughout the year. Notices of class schedules are distributed through student e-mail accounts.
- Safety escorts are available around the clock to all members of the campus community on a first-come, first-served basis. However, requests must be made at the actual time an escort is needed, rather than in advance.

vehicle contained explosives and that he intended to commit suicide. The occupant was positively identified as Carringer. Just after 8 a.m., officers on scene heard a gunshot from the car. Carringer was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

University officials are not releasing the name of the student at

this time.

"Due to the fact that the incident took place off campus, we don't have the flow of information we would had it occurred on campus," said Arlethia Perry-Johnson, special assistant to the president for external affairs. "And obviously, there are serious privacy concerns for the student."

Housing plan adds more beds for more heads

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During last month's State of the University address, KSU President Dr. Daniel Papp revealed plans to expand the university's on-campus housing capacity to approximately 5,000 beds.

"The demand is there, as evidenced by the fact that ever since we opened the new residence halls two years ago, all 3,200 on-campus beds have been filled," said Papp. "Both years, we have also had a several hundred-person waiting list. Next year, all beds will be filled again, and our waiting list will be even longer."

Work is already underway to make that expansion a physical reality, according to officials with KSU Residence Life. Dr. Michael Sanseviro, interim dean of student success and director of residence life, said construction on the first phase of 3-part project should begin soon.

"The first phase of this housing addition will be a 450-bed housing facility on the south side of campus near University Place," said Sanseviro.

Construction would take place in a wooded area between the University Place property and Kennesaw State University Drive, near the main entrance of campus. Most of the previous housing expansion has been on the northern end of campus, near Canton Place and the Jolley Lodge.

"There's a natural hill on that site, and we're planning to construct the building into it," said Sanseviro. "We're also planning to build a large outdoor amphitheater. All in all, it's really going to be a great setting."

Sanseviro hopes KSU will open the doors on the new facility in the fall of 2011, but adds, "We're very confident it will certainly happen by fall 2012. There are three entities involved in the approval of any construction project: the university itself, the KSU Foundation and the Board of Regents, and we simply have to spend some time getting feedback and approval from all three."

Though the final price tag is not yet known, the new residence building is expected to cost roughly half the final bill for the University Village Suites, which cost \$50 million.

Residence life planners are still determining the exact floor plans of the new hall, but Sanseviro expects they will mirror University Place, with private bedrooms and bathrooms, furnished apartments and standard utilities.

"Rent costs have not yet been determined, but our plan is to make them comparable in value to other similar housing options on and around campus," he said.

According to the KSU Residence Life Web site, 2010-2011 rental rates for University Place run from \$560 to \$630 per month.

Discussions continue with the Residence Hall Association and building designers on exact community amenities, but the overall goal is enhance what exists in the current Town Hall building. On the list of possibilities are additional computer and group study facilities; more programming and gathering spaces; and an amphitheater.

"I think it will be great for campus life," said sophomore foreign language education major Shawn McHugh. "More residence life capacity would seem to create more involvement in everything."

As for the chances of McHugh moving on campus, he said, "I would only be more likely to take advantage of it if it were cheaper than other options."

According to Sanseviro, phases two and three of the housing project include an additional expansion near University Place and more development on the site of the current KSU Place. The first of those developments would likely be construction on top of an existing surface parking lot at University Place, while other plans call for the tearing down and replacement of KSU Place.

Proposed HOPE grant to offer help to low-income students



Senator Jack Hill

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Low-income college students may get a few extra dollars next fall if Georgia house legislators pass Senate Bill 496.

The bill calls for the creation of a "HOPE college opportunity grant," which will give low-income students extra

funds above any financial aid they are already receiving.

"This is not intended to affect the existing HOPE scholarship," said Sen. Jack Hill (R-Reidsville), the primary sponsor of the bill. "It's Georgia's attempt to help needy students."

The new grant will be the only major change to the HOPE

program, according to Hill. The grant shares many eligibility and residency requirements with the existing HOPE scholarship, but stipulates that the additional money be given to "the neediest students."

Funds for the HOPE college opportunity grant will be drawn from HOPE scholarship reserve funds, a state-lottery funded scholarship.

The HOPE program has awarded KSU students \$216,823,997.28 in scholarship money since its inception in 1993, according to HOPE Statistical Report by Georgia Student Finance Commission.

To receive the new grant, a student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate; maintain satisfactory academic progress; be a legal resident of Georgia; and be a recipient of assistance funds awarded under the federal Pell Grant Program.

The criteria to receive the HOPE college opportunity grant is similar to the criteria used to award the federal Pell Grant.

Hill said the new grant will help students stay in school, despite rising tuition costs and a tightening economy.

"Forty thousand students enrolled in

college have family incomes less than \$30,000 a year," he said. "If you are in the lowest income [bracket], you will qualify."

The bill has already passed the Georgia Senate and is currently undergoing review by Georgia house.

The bill is broken into three parts: definition of a grant; eligibility requirements; and the repealing of all conflicting laws.

The Georgia Student Finance Commission administers the HOPE scholarship and will also be responsible for administering the opportunity grant, if the bill is passed.

Proposed university-wide budget cuts have sparked concern about changes to the HOPE scholarship.

"Many rumors are being circulated regarding HOPE and other educational issues," said Rondall Day, director of KSU Financial Aid. "Until Georgia legislators finalize budgetary proposals and allocations, final funding levels are not known. It is our hope that final legislation will be made available soon."

To view Senate Bill 496, visit legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb496_A_s_passed_Senate_6.htm.

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MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND HOLOCAUST EDUCATION HOSTS DIALOGUE

Join the Museum of History and Holocaust Education at the KSU Center on Thursday 4-6 p.m. for "Coffee and Conversation: Muslim Life in the American South." The event includes discussion, dialogue and refreshments. Learn about Muslim life through oral histories collected by staffers from the museum and KSU.

SYMPOSIUM OF STUDENT SCHOLARS

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is sponsoring the annual Undergraduate Research Reception and Symposium of Student Scholars from 4 to 7 p.m. April 27 in Student Center University Rooms. The event will showcase undergraduate research conducted by KSU students and faculty in the last academic year.

SOCCER STADIUM OPENING

Celebrate the grand opening of the new women's soccer stadium from 3 to 6 p.m. May 2 at 3200 George Busbee Pkwy. Free food will be provided. Festivities include live music, soccer drills, ribbon cutting and tours of the facility.

POLICE BEAT

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Help is available

On March 24, an officer met with a University Village resident after she had called the Georgia Crisis and Access Line and threatened to cut her wrists. The resident said she was upset about the current status of several friendships. She said she had stopped taking her prescription Prozac one week ago because it gave her nightmares. An officer convinced her to spend the night at her family's house and scheduled a counseling and evaluation session for her to attend the next day.

"I only had six beers, I mean 12, officer."

On March 25, an officer observed a white Acura driving northbound in the southbound lane of Busbee Parkway and pulled the vehicle over at a nearby gas station. The driver of the vehicle attempted to roll down his windows, but had trouble locating the controls. He rolled down the passenger side window twice before he rolled down the driver's side. Finally, the driver opened the driver's window; the officer immediately smelled the odor of alcohol on the driver's person. The driver indicated that he drank a six pack of beer before driving and did not know how he got to "where he was at." The driver failed several sobriety tests and advised officers that he ac-

tually had 12 beers before driving his vehicle. He was issued a citation for driving on the wrong side of the road and arrested for DUI Alcohol.

Fire in the hole

On April 3, an officer was dispatched to Gateway News Stand in University Village after a call was

made to police in regards to a trashcan on fire. The fire was out upon the officer's arrival, but the trashcan was burnt. The caller stated he saw the trashcan on fire and that another student had poured water on the trashcan to put the fire out. The caller did not see who started the fire, but suggested that an improper cigarette disposal may have started the fire.

April Fools?

On April 1, an officer was dispatched to University Village after an RA informed police that she smelled suspected marijuana coming from an apartment. A second RA informed police that he could also smell marijuana coming from the apartment. The resident of the apartment told police that she is allergic to smoke and that she had just arrived home. The officer did not smell any marijuana odor in the apartment.

Stolen book bag

On April 1, an officer met with a visually impaired person who stated that he was unable to find his book bag. The person said that he was outside the Student Center at the entrance near the Bursar's office and left the area for a short time. When he returned, his bag was missing. The book bag contained a phone and two textbooks worth \$285. Two officers attempted to locate the bag, but were unable to find it.

THAT'S WHAT [S]HE SAID

Story and photos by Hannah Imler

Studying abroad is an excellent way to earn course credit while being immersed in another culture. Students often find that their outlooks and worldviews are broadened and that the life experience gained on these trips is matchless. KSU offers study abroad opportunities in a variety of countries for different lengths of time. There are also scholarship opportunities for such trips. **What do KSU students and faculty think about studying abroad?**



Ashley Boyd, junior, English education

"I went to Italy for the fall semester in 2009, and it was amazing! I took four classes and received 12 credit hours. We stayed in apartments in our small city, and I roomed with five other girls from KSU. It was great because we had to learn the language since we were immersed in it."



Dr. Rochelle Harris, literature and writing professor

"I went to the University of Edinburgh in Scotland while I was at University of Tennessee studying for my master's degree. It was an interesting program called the Scottish Appalachian Exchange where one year, students from Edinburgh would come to UT, and the next year, UT students would go there. We studied issues in Scottish history that intersect with American history."



Rakan Nassereddin, freshman, international affairs

"Hopefully, I will be able to go to France next summer with Georgia Tech. They have two campuses in France, one in Alsace-Lorraine and the other in Paris. HOPE scholarship will cover a portion of it, but I would have to pay for room and board, which will be around \$8,000 a semester."



Tamrah Patterson, freshman, nursing

"I would like to go to Spain. I love the culture, the easy pace and their lively attitudes. I love the slow pace of life and how they have siestas in the afternoons, but then there is the extreme side, with the running of the bulls. I would want to go for a few months, long enough to get to know the area."



Jon Reagan, freshman, information systems

"I think that doing a study abroad would be really cool. I would like to go somewhere where technology is really big, like Germany. Going for a full semester would be pretty cool. HOPE would pay for some of it, and my parents would pay for the rest."



Graciela Olivares, senior, international affairs

"I spent a semester abroad in 2008 in Montepulciano, Italy. It was awesome. We lived there and had classes. We were very much a part of the community, tied into the culture, and we got to know the people living in the town. You get so much experience from being away from home."

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The danger of Ray McBerry and Southern radicalism

During the 2008 presidential campaign, I came to the conclusion early that, while I greatly preferred McCain to Obama because of his position on issues I care about, McCain's competence level was on par with that of his VP pick. Now, the Georgia gubernatorial race has presented me with yet another agreeable politician whom I would be embarrassed to vote for. That politician is Saints Broadcasting Network television host Ray McBerry.

It was not until McBerry won the Monroe County straw poll that I began to view him as a somewhat serious candidate. I had hoped that the more libertarian-leaning McBerry would provide a much needed alternative to the neo-conservative wing of the Georgia GOP. Now I wish he would just fade quietly into the background and not to make a mockery of his own political agenda.

McBerry and I are both proponents of federalism and the 10th Amendment, but for very different reasons. I have the same concerns held by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson concerning the centralization of power around a single political entity, such as the federal government. I fear that McBerry's love of federalism is not founded on the same concern.

I find his stance on illegal immigration especially comical. He wants to use state

law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration law, even though Georgia lacks statutory authority to do so, and then he claims to be defending "law and order."

McBerry is a board member of the secessionist organization League of the South. While I don't endorse the Southern Poverty Law Organization's description of the League as a "racist" organization, I nevertheless predict disaster if someone like McBerry was elected governor. McBerry and his cohorts love to quote the Declaration of Independence to lend support to their secessionist agenda. While the right to alter or abolish any form of government that threatens our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is specifically enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, I believe Jefferson would repudiate the underlying motivations behind McBerry's agenda.

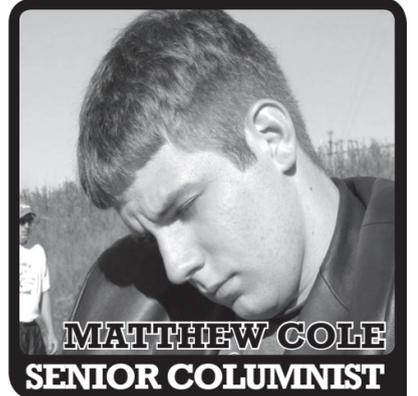
While the League of the South is not an explicitly racist organization, it is most assuredly an ethno-nationalist group that specifically celebrates Anglo-Celtic culture over what it describes as the "corrupt" and "post-Christian" culture of America, or "the Empire" as LS calls this country. It is interesting that it describes America as "post-Christian," especially given the fact that Trinity College's recent American Religious Identification Study shows more than 75

percent of Americans identifying themselves as Christians. Of course, they describe America as "post-Christian" not because Americans lack a belief in the basic doctrines of Christianity, but rather because the federal government is not fulfilling a role similar to a "Christian Taliban" by forcibly imposing the LS brand of religion on Americans.

In a country founded on the idea of a minimalist government with the sole purpose of defending liberty, there should be no place for any politician who seeks to use government power to advance the cause of any culture, ethnic group or religion, since this must necessarily come at the expense of liberty. While it is perfectly acceptable for Americans to prefer one culture, ethnic group or religion over all others, any person who takes that preference into the realm of politics, which is nothing more than the art of exercising force, is displaying contempt for freedom.

McBerry's "Georgia First" campaign is ideologically consistent with the dangerous organization that he is a board member of. Of course, he doesn't seem to consider Atlanta a part of his idyllic vision of Georgia. It has long been a peculiar feature of state politics that Atlanta is viewed as the enemy of rural Georgia.

When I hear people such as McBerry speak about their vision for Georgia, I



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cannot help but be reminded of infamous politicians such as Slobodan Milosevic, whose ethno-nationalist rhetoric turned a relatively stable Yugoslavia into a war zone. I'm not saying that McBerry is necessarily that dangerous, but I am cognizant of the fact that many of the worst despots in history started out with seemingly harmless rhetoric like McBerry's. When a politician abandons the preservation of liberty as his primary aim in favor of the preservation of a particular culture, ethnic group or religion, even if such an ideology claims to value liberty, he is at odds with those core ideas which gave America its historic legacy of freedom.

Slim chance of recovery for state without Atlanta Georgia's economic comeback must begin with success of capital city

More than 53,000 fans, most from here in the metro Atlanta area, trekked down to Turner Field to watch the Atlanta Braves bash the Chicago Cubs, 16-5, on opening day. It was a glorious afternoon for baseball, and for the city of Atlanta.

It was one of those rare occasions when metro area residents decided it was worth it to make the trip into a city so desperate for visitors.

The state of Georgia, however, seems to forget the importance Atlanta plays in the economic future of the state.

More than a series of skyscrapers, colleges and entertainment venues, Atlanta represents the most important asset for Georgia. Unfortunately, due to suburban sprawl and neglect from state representatives and senators at the Capitol, the city is at a crossroads, and so is the state. If the economic recovery doesn't start with rebuilding and cleaning up the city, Georgia will flounder.

Despite the beliefs of some powerful lawmakers who despise the cosmopolitan city and its immense growth over the last 20 years, Atlanta, not the rest of the state, is why we're the home of the 1996 Summer Olympics, professional sports teams, the corporate headquarters for many Fortune 500 companies and the world's largest aquarium. To deny Atlanta's importance to Georgia and the entire region is simply foolish.

Currently, the state finds itself in dire economic conditions, with unemployment above 10 percent and an over-

whelming budget crisis. Atlanta is in the grips of the recession as well, with office occupancy down significantly, leading to severe decreases in tax collections.

The city has fallen quite far since the glory days of the mid-1990s. However, even in this time of despair, it's Atlanta that can and will turn the corner for Georgia.

Founded as a transportation hub,

More than a series of skyscrapers... Atlanta represents the most important asset for Georgia.

Atlanta remains just that and is home to the world's busiest airport. Regardless of the city's standing, the status that Hartsfield-Jackson has earned is unlikely to change in the near future. Unfortunately, it's going to take more than continued growth at the airport to save Atlanta and Georgia from econom-

ic ruin.

The time is now for Georgia to make new investments in Atlanta. Updating Atlanta's infrastructure and preparing the city for the future is crucial, and the continued delays and empty promises from the Gold Dome must end.

For years, metro Atlanta residents have struggled with traffic congestion that ranks among the worst in the nation.

Year after year, Georgia state leaders discuss the issue during legislative sessions, but little is accomplished. During this session alone, a lack of action killed C-TRAN in Clayton County, leaving thousands of residents without the public transit they rely on to get to and from work. While metro Atlanta's unemployment rate reaches well above the national average, the state government just ensured that thousands would now be unable to reach the jobs they are fortunate to possess.

The C-TRAN example is just one of many that plagues Atlanta as state representatives, senators and even the governor focus not on adequately funding crucial services, but on the legality of health care reform and their unrelenting fear of the federal government. Without a second thought on the matter, another legislative session is getting close to ending, and the crises plaguing Atlanta and subsequently all of Georgia will continue for at least another year.



JOEL MENDELSON
COLUMNIST

Georgia needs Atlanta to be a successful state. Just as New York state needs New York City or Illinois would be nothing but farms without Chicago, Georgia needs its major city. Atlanta must boom for the budget crises to end. Without a prosperous city, tax revenues will continue to decline at a rapid pace, and the rest of Georgia cannot supplement the revenue to be had in Atlanta.

The state must encourage growth for Atlanta, not shun its existence. The answers to Atlanta's infrastructure nightmare must be found, even if it means cutting pet projects such as Go Fish Georgia to adequately fund C-TRAN, MARTA and other crucial elements of a major city. Until that moment comes, fewer people will want to sit in gridlock to see a Braves game, and companies will have less incentive to bring jobs back to the city. The state must recognize that without Atlanta, we're just Mississippi with professional sports.

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Libertarianism: The hottest thing in irrationality

An exploration of the trend's mysterious and quick rise in popularity

College students have always enjoyed partaking of nonsensical activities. In the 1930s, students often found amusement in seeing how many people they could cram into a telephone booth, and in the 1950s, the hottest campus trend in the nation was eating goldfish. Of course, these were wholeheartedly absurd forms of recreation, and there was never an attempt by the student body to explain their popularity.

Today is no different. University students across America still enjoy perplexing, illogical acts—ones that defy any and all semblance of rationality. Our grandparents may have mastered the art of jamming billiard balls into their mouths, but their grandkids have upped the ante in terms of ridiculous pastimes: they've taken up Libertarianism.

The first time I heard the term "Libertarian" was in 2007, during the height of Ross Perot (I mean, Ron Paul's) disastrous bid for presidency. Apparently, these Libertarians are some sort of tertiary political group, kind of a third sex. Of course, in reality, they were nothing more than fat, bearded truck drivers in lipstick and miniskirts, but hey, if they want to be called an independent party, let them.

I didn't really understand the party's beliefs at first, and after two years of incessant exposure, I still don't. Find me two people who agree on a unified

definition of Libertarian, and I'll draw you a map to both the whereabouts of Osama Bin Laden and Jimmy Hoffa. There doesn't seem to be a cohesive definition of the party, and that's because there isn't one. Ultimately, Libertarianism is an ideology totally devoid of any real ideals.

To the best of my knowledge, this is what the modern day Libertarian believes: there should be less government, more individual rights and lower taxes. The important thing to note is this: when a Libertarian talks about politics, what he or she is really talking about is "that which allows me to maintain my money."

Of course, there are some deviations here. Some of these guys are really hardcore and want to return to the "gold standard." These are the same people who claim 9/11 was an inside job and seem to never leave the local Starbucks. Then there are the half-hearted ones, the Libertarians who equate TiVo-ing "South Park" and reference "Atlas Shrugged" as a form of social activism, even if they never got past the first chapter.

Ultimately, Libertarianism is nothing more than a form of Republicanism for people who are too cool to associate themselves with the G.O.P. Libertarians are "hip," and "with it" and have no time for all of that boring, inane "Jesus

stuff" that those other fiscal conservatives squander their time on.

There is nothing bandied about in modern-day Libertarianism that can be construed as a philosophical or societal doctrine. Libertarianism is, fundamentally, what happens to Republicans after they lose faith in the church and find it in vapid materialism.

Socioeconomic policy is an important thing to consider, but to make it the entire of crux of one's political allegiance is downright asinine. I've never heard a Libertarian talk about international diplomacy, militaristic stratagem or national deregulation in a manner that encompasses a scope beyond them and their bank account.

The modern Libertarian has the inability to envision the world outside their own meaty husks, especially in regards to fiscal matters. There is a pervasive sense of unabashed selfishness emanating from them, essentially making Libertarianism the National Church of the Avaricious.

But you really don't run into that many "rich" ones, do you? Funny, for a segment of the population so hell-bent on monetary accrual, they really aren't bringing home the bacon, are they? For people who are purported "experts" in regard to money matters, they somehow haven't figured out the whole "amalgamated corporate-military-govern-



JAMES SWIFT
COLUMNIST

ment" concept yet.

Well, no matter how much bellying you do about fractional-reserve banking and no matter how many episodes of "Penn and Teller" you have on your DVR, you are not going to alter the financial status quo. The after effect of Libertarianism, I speculate, is nothing but a few bumper stickers and an additional drop box option for one's Facebook page.

It's an absurd practice, just another passing fad, like bra-burning or hacky sack. I suppose if the Libertarian Party desired a poster boy, the visage of Don Quixote would be most fitting; after all, both have no idea that they're just fighting the wind.

THE OWL FORUM

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RE: Priestly perverts protected

The Editors:

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, a fourth century Church father, often shared the following illustration with his catechumens to make clear to them the presence of evil in the world: "The dragon sits at the side of the road; beware lest he devour you. We go to the Father of Souls, but first we must pass by the dragon." St. Cyril knew well, as do Catholics today, that evil is everywhere. Indeed, when Catholics are confronted with the horrid sex abuse scandals, and the possible efforts to conceal them, we are made painfully aware that evil can even infiltrate the Church.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Catholics around the world grieve these scandals, nor is it extreme to suggest that the scandals represent one of the darkest periods in Church history. And yet, Catholics also believe what Christ said when he founded His Church: "the gates of hell will not prevail against it." Throughout history the Church has been assailed by forces of evil from within and without. It will endure as well this crisis, and will survive not because of the sinister actions of those in power, but because of what the Church has always professed to be—the Mystical Body of Christ that functions in a fallen world.

There is no defense for those religious who have committed the atrocious sins of defiling innocent children. There is no defense for those who may have concealed these sins. There is for the Catholic, however, an obligation to defend the faith against the easy bigotry and fallacious reasoning of those like columnist Matthew Cole who regale the Church with foolish claims—that it "lusts for misery"—and outrageous comparisons of the Pope with "the evil emperor from Star Wars." It's bad enough Mr. Cole demeans the Crucifix, but in the context of his argument, it seems even more abhorrent that he refers to the victims of the sex abuse scandals as "hotties."

Yes, St. Cyril was right; evil is let loose on the world. In the para-

dox that is the mystery of faith, however, this current evil within the Church will ultimately foster reconciliation and love that are far stronger than the darkness of sin, and far deeper than the ignorance and hatred the world delights in hurling at a suffering and sorrowful Church.

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

Dear Editors,

I am a sophomore here at KSU and I am writing you this email because I am completely outraged about Justin Hayes' article "Its time to make English the official language." I have never read such an idiotic and asinine article in what I thought was a reputable newspaper. I am not against making English the official language of the U.S., I am actually for it, but he's reasoning behind it was disrespectful, racist, and completely uncalled for. I am the son of two immigrants and they made the American dream and now because of them, they are able to pay for my college education. He also said that being bilingual was not a useful skill, in what crazy world does he live. Every businessman in the world would tell you otherwise. Also, when is Hawaii a country and blaming the recession on the Latino population is not true at all. It was everyone in America who took out loans that couldn't pay them back. I am a Chemistry major who is already fluent in Spanish and I am taking French classes in the fall. It is proven by science that people who know more than one language have more brain power. I believe that it is necessary that an immediate retraction of this article must be printed in the next edition. I am said to say if one is not posted you will lose a reader and many more who are angered over this article.

Thank you for reading this and I hope you do the right thing.

Diego Cardenas

I was just reading the article called "it's time to make English official U.S language", and I have to say that I find this very offensive, and I don't understand how an editor can let a "senior columnist" say that the current recession was caused by immigrants who do not speak the language. Also say something like "we only trade with English-speaking countries such as Britain and Hawaii (Hawaii is part of U.S territory). Knowing that we trade with countries like China, Russia, Japan, India, Germany etc, I find this last comment very ignorant.

Jose Martin

Dear editors,

The article that senior columnist Justin Hayes posted in the most recent sentinel was absolute outrageous. For one his "facts" such as the U.S. only trades with english speaking countries such as the U.K. (and since when has Hawaii been a country) is wrong. We trade with Mexico, most of South America, most of Europe and Asia and he's telling me that they speak English? And please tell him to do some actual research on the Great Depression.

Unless Mr. Hayes is a native American then his family was at one point immigrants. And unless you can't tell my my last name, I'm not from any English country. My mom came here from Cuba, and my dad from Armenia.

They came here and learned english no problem and they are both highly successful. We speak 3 languages in our home and I was raised on all of them. Mr. Hayes clearly is against immigration, which has this country was pretty much founded on as us immigrants took the jobs that the "Americans" didn't want.

By the way, being trilingual has helped me and my family out. It's gotten me all of my jobs and my father gets to travel the world because he can speak their languages which helps his business.

Get your facts straight. Stop being ignorant.

Nick Altunian

Careful, dude. Some of your readers might not understand the sarcasm...

Nobilis Reed

Do we really want to alienate Israel?

I'm sure you've heard of the recent degradation of relations between the United States and Israel. If you've been living in a hole for the past two weeks (or just don't follow world politics) and don't know about this recent group of incidents, I won't go into too much detail, as they are quite complex. While you should certainly look up a news story or two on the subject, suffice it to say that

Israel sprang an announcement that they were constructing new settlements in the West Bank. The news broke during a visit to Israel by Vice President Joe Biden, who was going to continue peace talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Now, after an escalation of pressure from the U.S. on Israel to cease the building (among other demands), and an Israeli refusal to back down, we have reached a serious diplomatic confrontation.

But there is no reason for it to have gone this far, save for the Obama administration's single-minded devotion toward a dual-state solution. I'm not advocating anything but a two-state solution in the Middle East. What I am saying is that the approach President Obama is taking runs the risk of alienating Israel, making working with them in the future far more difficult. Now I know there are many of you who find Israel to be overly aggressive and believe they are getting what they deserve in this situation. Well, let's look at the situation in the Middle East. While Israel is not nearly as essential to us projecting our power into the Middle East as it was during the Cold War, it is still a vital part of our current involvement in the region (namely allowing us to exert pressure on Iran without using our own military). I'm not saying we should just look the other way and let Israel do whatever they want, but there are ways to address this without shaming Israel to such a degree (which I believe is unnecessary). Do we need Israel? No. Could we use Israel's help in our involvement in the Middle East? Yes. So what could the



NOAH SOLOMON
COLUMNIST

U.S. have done?

Obviously, the announcement of further settlement building when the U.S. vice president is due to arrive in the country to discuss peace settlements was a gigantic misstep for Israel. They should not have done that, and President Obama was right to scold them for it. But now, with U.S. officials allegedly saying that the U.S. might abstain from any future votes in the U.N. Security Council on forbidding Israel to build further settlements (as opposed to vetoing them, the typical stance of the U.S. when these kinds of votes comes up). Of course, there is no resolution like this currently before the Security Council, and the report has not been backed up by officials in Washington. But it stands to reason that this kind of rumor would not have reached the public if Washington didn't want it to, and we would have denied anything like this if we didn't want Israel to wonder if we were serious.

So what should we have done? I think we should have been more private, and we certainly should not have allowed anything to come out that might indicate we would think about opposing Israel in such an internationally public way. Can relations rebound? Of course, but it doesn't seem as if they will anytime soon. With President Obama's firmness and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's stubbornness on the issue, this looks like it could continue to escalate until either relations are scuttled or someone decides to cave. Israel is a very important ally. Do we really want to alienate them?

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KSU 'Rocks' the Student Center this Saturday

VANESSA JENKINS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

KSU students: get ready to rock. Owl Radio kicks off its first multi-band concert, dubbed "KSU Rocks," this Saturday night in the Student Center.

"KSU Rocks is a local band concert that will be displaying all the musical talents of KSU," said Sydney Graham, promotions director for Owl Radio. "Hopefully, we can continue to do this every year. It can be an Owl Radio tradition."

The concert features 15 bands ranging in style from hip-hop to metal, as well as a fashion show featuring skateboarding apparel from Bliss Clothing. The setup includes a double stage so bands can alternate performance, rather than having to wait for the previous band to take down, which will facilitate a constant flow of music throughout the night.

"Owl Radio is the first organization to utilize a double stage venue at KSU," said Reggie Jones, assistant promotions director for Owl Radio.

In addition to live music and fashion, food from O'Charley's restaurant will be provided to attendees with paid admission. Bands performing at the event will also have tables set up to sell merchandise.

"We wanted to do something that would put Owl Radio on the map," Graham said. "We want to let people know that KSU has a radio station. We want students to have pride in it, and this concert was the best way to go."

The bands were select-

ed throughout the month of February by audition via a contest called KSU Idol. Each band was required to fill out an online audition form and perform live on Owl Radio. Contestants were judged by various station members based on confidence, musical performance and musical quality, Graham said.

"We really focused on diversity, because KSU is a very diverse place," Jones said. "We just wanted to create an atmosphere where everyone could show off their talent all at once."

Graham said she expects at least 200 people to attend the event, which is being held in University Rooms from 5-11 p.m.

Tickets for the event are available in the information booth on the first floor of the Student Center this week, as well as at the door. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students, faculty and staff. Owl Radio listeners also have a chance to win tickets all week during on-air contests and giveaways.

Since Owl Radio is a non-profit organization, proceeds from the event will be used for station equipment, said Ed Bonza, student media adviser and associate director of Student Life.

"Some of the money will go toward AM radio transmitter equipment," Bonza said. "This will add low-power AM to the station's current Internet broadcasting capabilities."

Currently, Owl Radio can be heard online at ksuroadio.com, live365.com or via an iTunes live stream.



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A few of the bands that will be performing at the Owl Radio-sponsored concert, "KSU Rocks" held in the Student Center's University Rooms Saturday night from 5-11 p.m.

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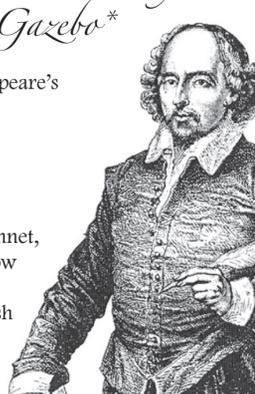
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Golden tablets, prophets, racism and magic underwear: Misgivings about Mormons

EVA BERLIN SYLVESTRE
STAFF WRITER

Far from being solely an American presence, followers of the Mormon faith are observing a massive expansion of their temples worldwide. Among the ranks of KSU's campus is an estimated 30 followers of the Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints. Jonathan Rogers, a first year biology major, sat down with The Sentinel to answer some basic and controversial questions with the insight of a faithful, passionate, practicing Mormon.

EBS: Mormons are often associated with polygamy. Can you explain why?
ROGERS: Unfortunately, that'll circle around until the end of time.

We believe our church is Jesus Christ's church restored to earth and that polygamy, which was practiced in the Old Testament by God's chosen, was brought back with it. However, the Lord commanded the church to obey the laws of the land and when the laws changed to ban polygamy, the church stopped. We haven't practiced polygamy in almost 200 years. If any members practice it, they're excommunicated; they're no longer members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In the news, you may see polygamist sects. They are stems that broke off the original church who said, "We still want to practice polygamy." They are not affiliated with the [LDS] church whatsoever.

Explain the emotions you feel when someone refers to the Church of Latter Day Saints as a "cult."

Certain things in the LDS church we hold sacred and holy. Certain things are only said and done within our Holy Temples and we choose to keep it that way. We believe the inside of the temple to be a link between heaven and earth, where we can literally get very close to our Heavenly Father and our Savior. Many interpret that to be a cultist quality. The difference in our church is that we want everyone to know [the Lord's word.] We invite all men and women everywhere to hear what we have to say.

What's the biggest difference between your church and, say, a Baptist or Methodist church?

We believe we have God's authority and the gift of the Holy Ghost. We believe our church to be the restoration of Christ's original church, and with that restoration comes the restoration of authority to act in God's name.

We believe that our church is being led today by a living prophet, just like Noah and Moses, and that beneath the prophet are 12 apostles who hold the priesthood. When they speak, they speak like the apostles in the scriptures. When they say we are not going to do certain things, it's as though God is saying it or that Jesus Christ is saying it.

Who is the prophet?

The prophet is President Thomas S. Monson. He's the 16th succeeding prophet since Joseph Smith. He is the leader of the church as an organization.

Has President Monson made any changes to the church since taking office?

The biggest change is the rapid building of our temples worldwide.

So who is Joseph Smith?

Joseph Smith is the prophet who translated the Book of Mormon into English. He was a simple man, an honest man, a Prophet of God who only wanted to do the will of his Father in Heaven and the Savior Jesus Christ. [The apostles] Peter, James and John appeared to Joseph Smith and laid their hands on his head, conferring the priesthood and giving him full authority to perform ordinances in God's name, such as healing the sick, baptizing, restoring and organizing the church and so on.

Is Joseph Smith worshipped in the church?

Nope. This is a misconception. I know I have mentioned a lot about him, but we don't worship him. We worship God, our Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ. We remember what Jesus Christ has done for us in His atonement for our sins, in His dying on the cross and in His being resurrected to show us how to return to our Heavenly Father.

Joseph Smith is only important in that he was the prophet chosen in these last days to restore the things that were lost to the earth. It's like the Israelites and how they didn't worship Moses: They worshiped God, but they loved Moses for leading them and teaching them. We feel the same about Joseph Smith.

"The Book of Mormon:" Where did it come from?

It's a common misconception that the Book of Mormon was written by Joseph Smith. It was translated by Joseph Smith, but written by prophets in the Americas long ago.

When God the Father and Jesus Christ gave Joseph Smith his visions, He knew there would be a lot of disbelief, so He sent a heavenly messenger, an angel, to direct Joseph Smith to an ancient record buried in the earth. Smith recovered them and, by the power of God, translated them from an ancient language into English. This is the Book of Mormon, another testament of Jesus Christ. [These tablets] contained the history of God's dealings with the ancient inhabitants of America. It contained the gospel of Jesus Christ that was given to the people who lived here.

The pinnacle in the Book of Mormon is the point where Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, personally appeared and ministered to the people in the Americas.

The book testifies the life of Jesus Christ, of His birth, His ministry, His death and His resurrection like The Bible does, only as a second witness.

There's a promise at the end of the Book of Mormon stating that anyone who reads the book and asks God sincerely with faith in Christ if the book is true, will come to know that the book is true. [Believers will come to know] that Joseph Smith is God's prophet in these last days and that Jesus' church has been restored to the earth.

What happened to the tablets?

After the Book of Mormon was translated into English, Joseph Smith returned them back to the angel to be preserved. Many say, "Well if I can't see it, then I won't believe." But I ask you, isn't that the center of Christianity, believing in Jesus Christ and His resurrections without seeing Him here now? It is a trial of faith and that's why the promise at the end of the Book of Mormon is so crucial. It's inviting all men and women to read the Book of Mormon and ask God in Christ's name if it is true. The promise is that they will know

it's true by the power of the Holy Ghost! It's a beautiful thing.

Were you born into the church or did you choose to join? If you chose to, what attracted you?

I was born in the church, but both of my parents are converts. They joined around the age of 19 because it had what they were looking for and what they couldn't find anywhere else. For my dad, it was the idea that families could be together forever; that families could be sealed together for all eternity in God's Holy Temples. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we aren't just married for "til death do us part." If a man and a woman have remained worthy and clean, they can be married and sealed together by the power of the priesthood in one of our Holy Temples for all Eternity,



never to be separated. Their children are also sealed to them. I am sealed to my father and mother and so are my six siblings.

What are some challenges faced by young Mormons at KSU?

We don't smoke, we don't drink, we believe in abstinence until marriage. It's weird because it's not the status quo for a college student. I don't mean to stereotype, but most college students will have a drink with their friends and find themselves in relationships, doing certain things people in relationships do—Mormons don't. It can be hard to stand up for your beliefs when everyone around you thinks they're "out of date," but we feel they are the standards that the Lord has set for us. We know we'll be blessed for it.

You mentioned that elders are missionaries who have spent at least two years proselytizing. Is this voluntary?

The men are obligated to serve for two years when they are worthy and around the age of 19. Women can serve missions but they are not obligated to.

Can women be elders or apostles?

Since only men hold the priesthood, women are not ordained to priesthood offices such as elder or apostle. However, there are numerous leadership positions they fill and carry out that bless the lives of many men and women in the church.

Men are not held above women in the church. In fact, we men know we couldn't do half the things we do in the church without them.

Let's talk about another misconception: The LDS church was once a racist organization that thought people with dark skin were impure. How true is that?

Up until 1978, black members of the church were not able to receive the priesthood. It was not out of hate or discrimination, which is the misconception. Other than [being denied] priesthood, they were not treated differently than other members of the church.

What was the justification for denying them the priesthood?

Sometimes the Lord doesn't always tell us what we dearly want to know until we've been patient and have prayed earnestly for a good deal of time. God had not stated that to His prophets that it was time to [let black members attain the priesthood].

The prophet and apostles dearly wanted [equality] for all men and they finally received their answer: it was time.

So how did the church know it was time?

After much prayer and supplication in the Holy Temple, President Spencer W. Kimball (12th Prophet since Joseph Smith) received a revelation to extend the priesthood to all worthy males of the church, regardless of race or color. It was the mind and the will of the Lord.

What does the book say about Native Americans?

The people that were led from Jerusalem to America in 600 B.C. were split into two groups: those who followed God and His commandments and those who did not. To help the faithful distinguish between themselves and to punish those who were not faithful He marked their skin with a darker color. All of the faithful followers of Christ were killed off, leaving only those who didn't believe in God, thus the darker skin, and thus why Native Americans

don't believe in Jesus Christ. When I say "don't believe," I mean they didn't originally practice it.

We've always had a special place in our hearts for them, for they are the direct ancestors of the people we've come to know and love in the Book of Mormon. Their skin color comes from the Book of Mormon, but again it's not a matter of discrimination or hate. It's similar to Cain's experience with his mark.

Do you see women being able to attain priesthood one day or is that taboo in the LDS church?

Women won't receive the Priesthood—it's just how the Lord has established it. Men have always received the Priesthood.

But theracism issue was overturned—why not the gender issue? Why would that be any different?

It goes back to the scriptures for specific explanations. We have so much revealed to us, but we still don't know everything; there are some things we just can't answer.

Why blacks couldn't receive the priesthood [until recently] we really don't know. It's simply the will of God. The thing to remember is that when God says yes, and we move forward from there with faith and diligence, we don't grieve about the past.

What about Proposition 8 in California? The Mormon Church came under fire for donating a large sum of money to fight gay marriage. Was that mentioned in your sermons here? Are gay issues big to the LDS church?

The church did donate money toward Prop 8 and we did hear about it. The reason why it's so big in the church is that we believe that marriage is ordained of God between a man and a woman only.

We love gays and lesbians, for they are children of God. We believe that it is not a sin to feel the way they feel, but it is wrong to act upon the feelings they have toward the same sex. It is the sexual actions outside of marriage that is wrong. We know that God has given us all trials in life, some that we don't always understand, but we know that He will always provide us a way to overcome them. We have always welcomed gays to our church.

Do you believe in the separation of church and state?

We believe that if a law of God has been broken, it should be dealt with by the church. If one steals, they must make restitution to whomver they stole from and report to the leaders of the church.

Tell me about "magic underwear." They became a running joke when Mitt Romney, also a Mormon, was a presidential candidate. Are they real or are they something even Mormons get a kick out of?

When members of the church enter the Holy Temple for the first time, they make covenants with God. Covenants are promises between God and man. We keep our promise to God and He promises to bless us. After we make these covenants, we receive temple garments which remind us of the covenants we've made, help us stay morally pure and do what Christ would want us to do. They are also protection against evil and injury. We hold them sacred and we respect their sanctity and symbolism.

Typically we aren't offended when people say they are magic underwear; we are only hurt when people don't really care to know what they really are and purposefully try to offend us.

What do Mormons believe happens after death?

We believe that we lived with God before coming to earth, that He presented a plan for us to come here, gain bodies, experience mortality, learn to obey His commandments and receive the ordinances of salvation. God loves us and wants to give us all He has, just like any earthly father would. The goal was for us to become like our Heavenly Father by being obedient to Him in this life so that we can return and live with Him again in the next life.

In order to get to Heaven, does one have to become a Mormon or can they be a Christian in general?

We don't believe in a literal Heaven or Hell where good and bad people go. All people will receive incredible rewards for how they've lived their lives, but to inherit all of the glory and blessings God has to offer, one must receive the ordinance of salvation from those holding the authority, which we hold.

Where can one go to learn more about the church?

There is a lot of information at Mormon.org. The address to the LDS student church building is 1200 Chastain Road Bldg 300 Ste. 305 Kennesaw, GA 30144.

What's the ultimate goal for the Mormon church?

To bring the truth to men and women everywhere that Christ lives, that He speaks to us today, and to invite everyone to receive the eternal blessings that are in store for them and their families in Christ's restored church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A lot of people call it the Church of Latter-day Saints, which is wrong. It means so much to us to make sure that Jesus Christ is in the name of our church, because we believe we are Christ's church. He is at the center of all we do and say.

Also, just a fun fact: "Mormon" is just a nickname we were labeled with at the beginning of the church. We usually like being referred to as Latter-day Saints or members of the church. We typically aren't offended if someone calls us Mormon, though.

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SPORTS

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Greg Ranallo | The Sentinel

KSU sophomore Zak Griffith pitches against Georgia Tech March 31. The Owls won the first game against the Jackets, but the second game ended in a loss.

BEN POPLIN
BEAT WRITER

Seeking redemption for their late-inning loss at Stillwell Stadium last week, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets came out swinging early. KSU also came to this game prepared, hoping to prove that its win over Tech was not a fluke. Senior shortstop Tyler Stubblefield got the game started with a double and then stole third base to put himself in scoring position. One batter later, junior right fielder Josh Whitaker hit a deep fly, enabling Stubblefield to tag up and give the Owls an early 1-0 lead. The Yellow Jackets answered in the bottom half of the first with three runs, the loudest hit coming off the bat of sophomore catcher Matt Skole.

KSU sophomore pitcher Zak Griffith kept the Yellow Jackets missing in the last meeting between these two teams. He was given the ball again, but the story line was much different this time. Griffith only threw three innings, allowing six runs on five hits. Senior Brad Long and junior Jeff Brown kept the game scoreless, pitching a combined three and two-thirds innings for the Owls. Junior J.B. Johnson then came on, ending the Tech scoring drought by allowing two runs.

"We fell behind a lot of hitters," Coach Mike Sansing said, "and just weren't as aggressive on the mound as we could have been."

Some of the key players for KSU were Stubblefield, Whitaker and junior designated hitter Drew Fowlkes who cleared the right field wall for a home run. The Yellow Jackets' offense, as well as the performance of sophomore starter Mark Pope, is what controlled the tempo of the game. Pope went eight innings, allowing two runs on four hits.

"I thought Pope did a good job on the mound for

them today," Sansing said, "He was able to get a lot of ground balls, and we just weren't able to mount any threats offensively."

The final score of the game ended with the Yellow Jackets tying the series between the two teams with an 8-2 win.

"I feel like we played well, but not as well as we did in the first game against them," Stubblefield said.

On Friday, the Owls battled their conference opponent, Lipscomb University (12-21, 4-5) in game one of the 3-game series. Despite a late inning attempt to come back, KSU lost by a score of 4-3.

In the first inning, as the Owls do so well, they jumped onto the scoreboard early, with a homer by red shirt freshman and third baseman Peyton Hart. In the third, Lipscomb took the lead, thanks to some clutch two-out hitting by senior infielder Andrew Nickerson. The score would remain the same until the sixth, when KSU senior and left fielder Clint Roques hustled to reach base on a Bison error, bringing Hart in from third to tie the game at 2-2. Lipscomb brought in two runs in the bottom half of the inning, which would put the game out of reach for KSU.

Junior starter for the Owls Ryan Rodebaugh pitched well, going eight strong innings and yielding three runs on six hits. Lipscomb sophomore pitcher Josh Smith went nine innings to earn the complete-game win.

"We couldn't scratch out a few runs," Stubblefield said, "On hitting and defense, we needed to take a better overall approach, and I feel like we should have won more games than we did."

On Saturday, the two teams played two games to finish the series. KSU split two games with the Bisons, winning the second on a game-winning homer by Whitaker.

Game one did not feature much offense from the Owls, with

only three batters reaching base with the benefit of a hit. The highlights were Hart, Roques and Freeman, all of whom connected for a hit a piece; Hart also had three hits in the game. KSU was shut out and held scoreless by Bison sophomore Davey Hackett, who mirrored his teammate Smith from game one, going all nine innings to earn his third win of the season.

In game two, Josh Whitaker's clutch hitting gave the Owls their second come-from-behind win in two weeks. A seventh inning rally put the team in front with a 10-9 lead. With the bases loaded, Stubblefield grounded into a double play to bring in a run. Hart then drew a walk, and Whitaker singled to put the Owls within one. Freeman stepped up with a run-scoring single that tied the game. With Clint Roques at the plate, a double steal was called by Sansing. A wild throw from Bison junior catcher Matt Brewer, enabled Whitaker to score, giving the Owls the lead.

Lipscomb took the lead back in the eighth, thanks to some clutch hitting by freshman Lee Wilson and senior Tyler Wilson. Roques tied the game with a timely single that scored pinch runner junior Sean McClurken, sending the game into extra innings. In the eleventh inning, Whitaker drove a 1-2 pitch from Lipscomb junior reliever Chad Fromm over the left field wall to give the Owls what would prove to be the winning run. The Owls won by a score of 12-11, giving them their fifth conference win of the season.

KSU will be back in action today, battling the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks (17-14, 6-2). The first pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Stillwell Stadium. The Owls will also play a 3-game series against North Florida University (19-15, 8-3) at home starting Saturday with a doubleheader. The first game starts at 1 p.m.; Sunday's game is set for 1 p.m. as well.

Last home stand for tennis

MATT BRADSHAW
STAFF WRITER

The Owls enjoyed some of the best weather of the season when they hosted Mercer for their final conference match April 6.

While the women won 6-1 and earned themselves a No. 5 seed in the Atlantic Sun Conference playoffs, the men lost 5-2 in a 6-hour bout, officially ending their season and playoff chances.

After dropping the doubles point, the top three Owl men took to the court to face Mercer's best in singles. The Owls needed at least one win from their top three to stay alive, and it was no surprise that all three matches went to a third set.

Owl No. 2 Tyler Mills was the first to fall, losing to Fernando Armendaris 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

"I felt like I played about as well as I possibly could, just a few mistakes here and there cost me the match," said Mills.

Owl No. 3 Gokalp Ozdemir put the Owls on the board with a win

over Peter Tauchner 7-6(1), 6-2, 6-3. Despite coming back from 5-1 down in a third set to force a tiebreak, Owl No.1 Simon Janik lost 7-1 in the breaker to leave KSU one point away from elimination.

Nearly five hours after the start of play, the Owl men gave up a fourth and deciding point as Owl No. 4 Michael Langel lost 6-4, 6-3 to Mercer Bear David Barton.

The Owls picked up a second point as No. 5 Gianni Kubin ended his season on a winning note, easily beating fatigued Matt Poleon 6-4, 6-3.

"I lost a lot of tight matches (this year), but I won my last three matches, and I think next year will be much better," said Kubin.

The women and their coach Brandon Padgett head to Deland, Fla., to play in their first A-Sun tournament appearance. The team takes to the courts at Stetson University at 4:30p.m. Thursday. They face Campbell University in a quarter-final match up.



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No. 5 Gianni Kubin ended his season by gaining a point for the Owls and winning his match.

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You have to check your conscience if you weren't rooting for him. How could you not?

Tiger Woods' professional return at Augusta wrote the story lines for the Masters when it was announced he would play a month ago. Phil Mickelson changed the story with an eagle-eagle-birdie combination on Saturday.

The contrast between what has happened to these two players in the past year is interesting, to say the least.

An accident in the early hours of the morning after Thanksgiving began the revelations of the adulterous affairs of the world's number one player.

An announcement in May of last year brought heartache to Mickelson.

Mickelson's wife, Amy, was diagnosed with breast cancer in May. Mickelson suspended his PGA Tour schedule, but returned to play in the U.S. Open in June. He finished as a runner-up. Again. For a fifth time.

Less than a month later, Mickelson's mother Mary was diagnosed with breast cancer. Mickelson again suspended his PGA tour schedule, but returned before the season ended, winning The Tour Championship.

The 2010 PGA season did not start well for Mickelson, but it didn't matter when the stakes were major.

Meanwhile, Tiger Woods returned fiercely to the tour, shooting an opening round 4-under-par 68 to put him where he belongs, at the top of the leader board. That doesn't mean he belongs on top of your child's list of role models.

If, like me, you can compartmentalize Tiger Woods' personal life from what he does on the golf course, you probably weren't outraged at the number of mistresses he had. You probably weren't rooting against him. You

probably weren't surprised to find him so close to the leaders through three rounds. You may have been taken aback when even sporting the traditional Sunday red, he couldn't sport his traditional Sunday play.

But it's hard for me to compartmentalize Mickelson's personal life.

I understand what Mickelson is going through. My mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and thankfully, she made a full recovery. Maybe I empathize with Mickelson because I also swing left-handed. Maybe because I respect the Mickelsons' work with the Phil and Amy Mickelson Foundation, which according to philmickelson.com, "operate(s) exclusively for charitable, education and/or scientific purposes." It could be because I admire Lefty's personality on the golf course.

Watch a tournament, and you see him talk to the crowd, shake hands, make eye contact. These were things only an epic fall from grace could produce in Woods. I will praise Woods for showing a new attitude on the course this week, and I'll applaud the gallery for being respectful, regardless of their opinions.

It just never seemed like Mickelson felt "entitled."

I told a friend of mine Friday, "I hope Tiger keeps playing well and well and well, and Phil wins it."

I'm not rooting against Woods, just as I've never rooted for him. It is nearly impossible, with respect to the sport, to not appreciate Woods' abilities with a club. But that's as far as I go, because I can with Woods, but not with Mickelson. I root for him, and that will continue.

It was just great to see a nice guy finish first for a change.

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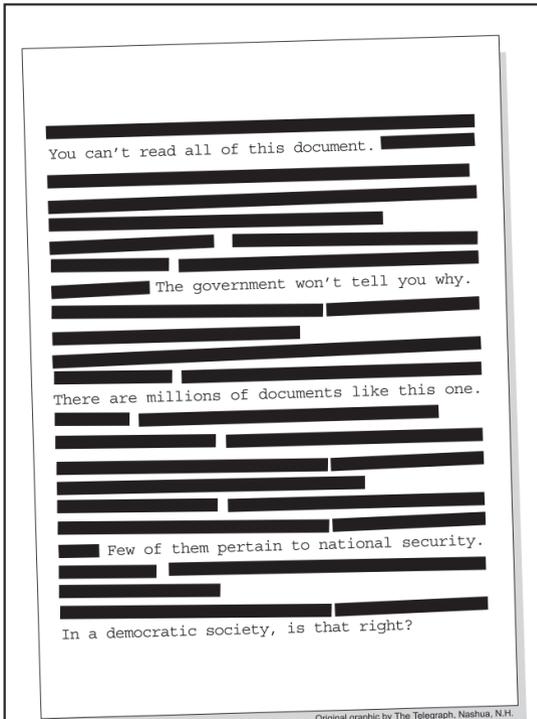
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