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A lesson in free speech

Campus tolerates another visit from the street preachers

by **Michelle Babcock**
Staff Writer

Last week, several "street preachers" visited the campus to use the First Amendment area as a designated forum for spreading their religious message.

Visits from the street preachers and other outside groups have been taking place several times each semester for more than

ten years. As non-students, however, their presentations on campus are confined to the designated First Amendment area. Outside groups wishing to use this area must pre-register with university officials and must remain within its confines during presentations. Spectators are required to remain in areas outside the designated zone. For safety and crowd control reasons, this area was relocated over the summer to an

area between the Social Sciences Building and Sturgis Library.

While some of these groups can be controversial due to their brand of confrontational evangelism, some students, such as freshman biochemistry major David Barragan, supported their guaranteed right to speak.

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Student input considered in library renovations

by **Meg Hand**
Staff Writer

The Sturgis Library has reopened with several renovations in an effort to increase ease of use for members of the campus community.

Suggestions from students for new study areas prompted library officials to add two new study rooms to the parameters of the

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Nationwide search for new Provost begins

by **Alan Moore**
News Editor

The newly-appointed committee to locate a successor for former Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Lendley Black holds its first meeting tomorrow.

President Daniel Papp appointed a 19-member committee to oversee the

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First week play leads to awards for two Owls

by **Jack Morbitzer**
Sports Editor

After helping the women's soccer team win its first two regular season games, junior midfielder Alyssa Mahan and senior goalkeeper Staci Pugh were named the Atlantic Sun Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week.

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Photo by **MARIA YANOVSKY** | Staff

Street preachers visited KSU last spring as part of their routine **campus crawl** around Georgia universities. Students oftentimes argue with the **religious fundamentalists** from beyond a barrier to keep things from getting out of hand.

BREAKING NEWS

Monday, **Aug. 30**, the Social Sciences Building was evacuated at 11:35 a.m. due to a suspicious device. **Crisis Management** staff were called to action as students filed out of the building. Students were given the all-clear hours later. No further information was available at press time.



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Police beat

by **Caitlyn Newmeyer**
Staff Writer

Party in the parking deck

On Aug. 15, an officer saw eight males and females on the sixth level of the North Parking Deck. Several of the males admitted to skateboarding in the deck. The officer saw a 12-pack of light beer in the rear of a Honda owned by one of the males. The group stated they were dispersed by police from a party earlier in the night and then returned to campus. The officer issued a judicial referral for underage consumption and possession of alcohol for the males and females who had been drinking. The owner of the Honda was issued a criminal trespass warning. The officer advised the owner of the Honda not to leave campus until he was able to drive safely. The beer was confiscated and poured down a drain.

Steal my hang-tag, please!

KSU police met with a female in the public safety lobby on

Aug. 16 in regard to theft from a motor vehicle. The student stated that she parked her car on the first level of West Deck. When she returned, she noticed her KSU parking hang-tag was missing from inside of her vehicle. She said she left her driver's side window down, and the decal was the only thing missing. There was no damage to the vehicle.

Drunk driving

On Aug. 13, an officer conducted a vehicle stop on Busbee Parkway. A female driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and tested positive for alcohol with a blood alcohol content of .133 on the state administered breath test. She was arrested for DUI, issued a citation for failure to maintain lane and given a written warning for speeding.

Mistaken RA

Two officers were dispatched on Aug. 17 to University Village in reference to a public peace offense. An RA said residents of an apartment would not comply with a room inspection. The RA also said he believed the occupants were storing alcohol in their room. Officers knocked on the door and were allowed in by a resident. All occupants of the apartment returned with no hits or warrants.

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Committee to oversee Provost selection

Executive Search to assist in the process.

According to Student Government Association President and search committee member Ali Kamran, KSU officials hope to have the new provost in place by the start of the 2011-2012 academic year. At tomorrow's meeting, committee members will learn what initiatives and projects the new provost will be expected to focus on.

"After the first committee meeting tomorrow, we'll have a better idea of what sort of administrator we

are looking for after the committee receives its charge from President Papp," said Kamran.

Once that process is complete, a search will then begin for KSU's new athletic director to replace the retiring Dave Waples.

While the search is taking place, Dr. Ken Harmon, dean of the Michael J. Coles College of Business, will serve as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Kathy Schwaig, also of the Coles College, will serve as its interim dean.

From **LIBRARY**, Page 1

Library reopens after construction

technological areas with more computers installed by Information Technology Services.

"Most libraries don't do traditional anymore," said Library Director Betty Childres. "Modern students want free and open technological areas."

Dr. David Evans, assistant vice president for library services, and a number of staff used available funding to provide more room for students to study. One of the new study areas is located behind the first floor information desk and another is behind the reference area.

"We are trying to get away from the term 'library,'" added Childres. "Information commons' is a better way to describe the renovations to the building." Evans said another major addition will be a repository for storage of library materials and archives.

"To provide space for the repository, we will be removing older books and shelves," said Evans.

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Aw, was the mosque mean to you?

Aim your fear at the Islamic radicals, not American citizens who happen to be Muslims

You've probably heard the controversy surrounding the "Ground Zero mosque" or, more accurately, the "two-blocks-away-from-ground-zero-Islamic-community-center-with-a-prayer-room."

Many people have expressed displeasure and outrage over the plan, arguing that putting this community center so close to ground zero dishonors the memory of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks.

Some have even gone so far to say that this is akin to a memorial to the terrorists.

While the "Ground Zero mosque" is certainly a polarizing issue, the more important question may be: Are we angry at or fearful of Islam? It has to be clear that, as a country, our views on Islam are skewed.

If we believe an Islamic prayer room being built two blocks from ground zero by a moderate Muslim is in any way a monument to the radical Muslim fanatics who killed more than 3,000 people, we are clearly off-base. But that is exactly what is happening.

"As a nation, we don't understand Islam. It is a relatively new religion to the American public and we fear what we don't understand. After 9/11, our fear morphed into anger at those who committed those terrible atrocities and that was certainly understandable, but our hatred of all Muslims is not."

We are applying the beliefs of a small fraction of the Muslim faith to every member.

We assume, out of either fear or anger, that all Muslims are the same. That is not to say we believe they are all interested in (or even capable of) terrorism, but a majority of Americans view them with a wary eye.

A Rasmussen Reports poll in January showed 59 percent of Americans are in favor of racial and ethnic profiling in airport security. The cover story of the latest *TIME* magazine tells of several American Muslims who feel disliked or distrusted by those around them.

The recent controversy over this community center delves into deeper



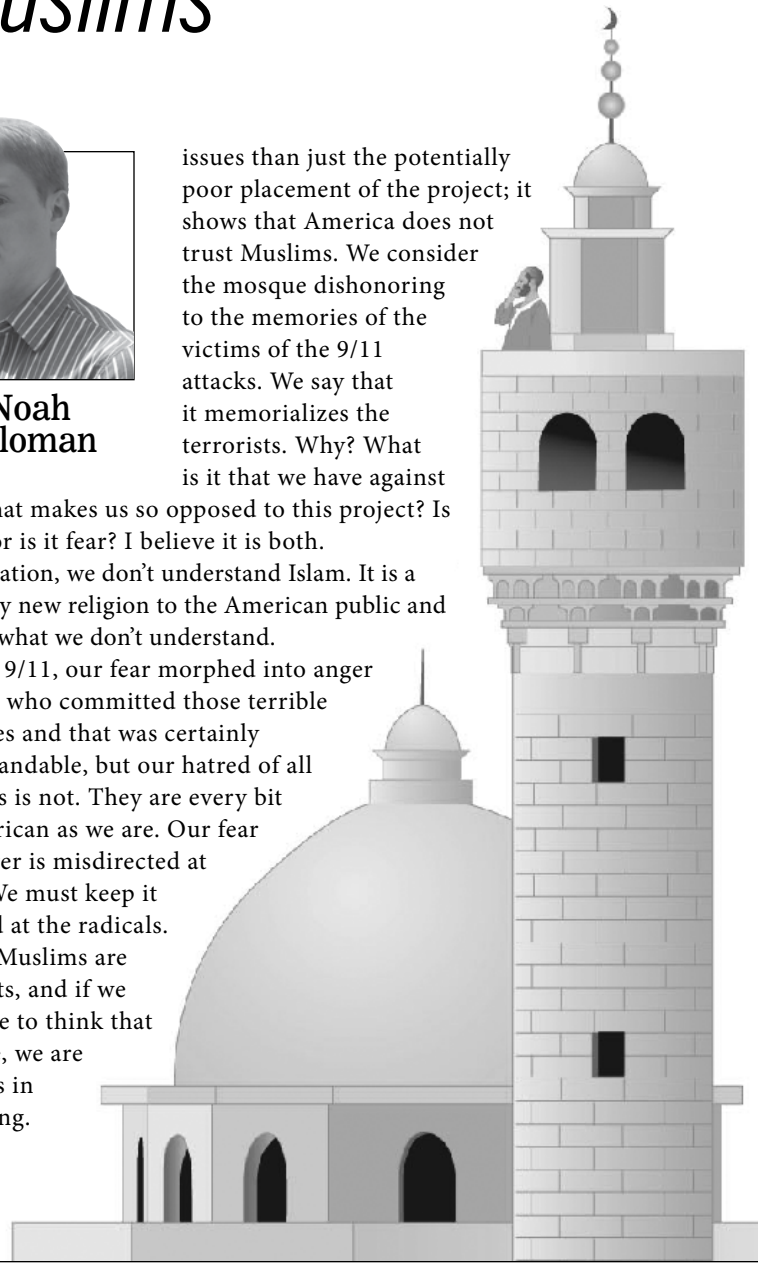
Noah Soloman

issues than just the potentially poor placement of the project; it shows that America does not trust Muslims. We consider the mosque dishonoring to the memories of the victims of the 9/11 attacks. We say that it memorializes the terrorists. Why? What is it that we have against

Islam that makes us so opposed to this project? Is it hate or is it fear? I believe it is both.

As a nation, we don't understand Islam. It is a relatively new religion to the American public and we fear what we don't understand.

After 9/11, our fear morphed into anger at those who committed those terrible atrocities and that was certainly understandable, but our hatred of all Muslims is not. They are every bit as American as we are. Our fear and anger is misdirected at them. We must keep it directed at the radicals. Not all Muslims are terrorists, and if we continue to think that they are, we are the ones in the wrong.



Guilty until proven innocent

The verdict is in on Rod Blagojevich, at least for one charge. A deadlocked jury resulted in a mistrial for 23 charges against the former Illinois governor charged with attempting to sell President Obama's former Senate seat.

As is common in these sorts of federal prosecutions, the Department of Justice compensated for their lack of evidence for these charges by also accusing him of lying to federal investigators five years ago about a technicality. The jurors elected to convict him on this single count of making false statements to federal officials.

What is really troubling is the public reaction to news of Blagojevich's case. Both the Illinois House and Senate were nearly unanimous in their decision to impeach Blagojevich and subsequently remove him from office. Given the fact that the federal government threw everything they had at Blagojevich, but still could not bring forth enough evidence to make the charges against the former governor stick, perhaps the public rushed to judgment on this case. It wouldn't be the first time.



Matthew Cole

offense. Faced with staggering sentences, defendants can be coerced into accepting a plea bargain.

This is why the DOJ had a 94.1 percent conviction rate in 2009. The vast majority of these convictions were the result of plea bargains that never went to trial. The public sees these convictions and automatically assumes that these defendants must be guilty of something, when in fact many may very well be the victims of politically-motivated prosecutions.

Consider the example of Don Siegelman, the

former governor of Alabama who was prosecuted by the Bush administration's Justice Department. Siegelman was accused of corruption for appointing a major donor to the cause of a establishing a state lottery, a cause Siegelman happened to support, to an unpaid health-care advisory board, which the donor had previously served on. If this standard of corruption were applied fairly, most of the Bush administration would be serving life sentences.

Similar trends also hold true for white collar crime, such as the prosecutions of financier Michael Milken and accounting giant Arthur Andersen. In fact, white collar crime prosecutions often involve SEC subpoenas that violate the fifth Amendment rights of defendants against self-incrimination.

Such unfair, yet effective, tactics by prosecutors lead many citizens to automatically assume the guilt of those accused of corruption and white collar crime. Such assumptions are dangerous if our society truly values liberty.

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Capital punishment is a waste of capital

Richard "The Night Stalker" Ramirez celebrated his 50th birthday earlier this year. It was his twentieth spent while awaiting execution at San Quentin on the taxpayer's dime. The current number of inmates on death row in the United States is estimated to be more than 3,000 and, according to a 2008 state commission report, the citizens of Florida are spending more than \$25,000 a day housing death row inmates.

California reportedly spent more than \$130 million on its death row inmates in

2009. At the same time, the state cut educational spending by more than \$5 billion.

What does this say about our culture when we're investing more money in murderers, rapists and terrorists than we're investing in our own children?

Instead of improving the living conditions for inner city youth, we're putting serial killers into warm bedsheets. If you're not outraged

by the fact your money is being used to house a man that slaughtered 13 innocent people, you are beyond moral delusion.

Ethics aside, there are only two logical conclusions one may jump to regarding the economics of the death penalty: in order to cut costs, we are either to expedite or abolish the execution process.

A Duke University report found the cost of housing death row inmates to be more expensive than housing inmates with life



James Swift

sentences. According to the report, the United States would have saved over \$1 billion in costs since 1976 if non-capital sentences were imposed. A National Bureau of Economic Research report states that the nation spent

over \$1.6 billion on capital cases in a 15-year period. Likewise, a 2008 U.S. Courts study states that tax payers spend more than eight times as much money on capital cases than non-capital trials.

Capital punishment is a costly and largely ineffective judicial institution. A Bureau of Justice Statistics report finds the average death row inmate spends almost thirteen years in custody before execution, and a Georgia Department of Corrections report from earlier this year lists almost as many natural cause deaths on death row as there were actual executions in 2009.

From an ethical standpoint, further use of the death penalty will continue to stir debate. However, from a sheer financial stance, it is obvious that repealing capital punishment laws is an economic necessity.



Not a Democrat? Not a Republican? Not a candidate.



Alessandra Largent

Don't judge a politician by his religion, his city of birth or the color of his skin. These are some of the lessons we have learned over the years of American political highs and lows. We have elected a black president, we have elected a catholic

president and we've entertained the thought of electing a podunk Alaskan vice president.

With all of the openness of mind Americans have displayed over the years of unlikely political players, it astounds me that the handicapped, the Catholic (in a world of Protestants), the disadvantaged, the minorities and even women have all had their chance at political stardom but third party candidates have not.

Why do we all accept that it is OK to judge a candidate by the name of his or her party without any research into the candidate's ideas, credentials or background? Why is it that we can move past all other labels, skin colors, sexes and even sexual orientations in politics but we can't

move past the imaginary two-party line?

"Not a Democrat? Not a Republican? Not a candidate," seems to be the motto of the American people who have long been brainwashed by the idea of a two-party system while miraculously being scrubbed clean of all other prejudices.

The third party prejudice remains (and sometimes seems stronger than ever) as more viable third party candidates present themselves. The money thrown at parties oppressing the opposition is the juggernaut that keeps this special brand of bigotry alive. The ignorant claim that a third party vote is a "throw away" vote is propagated and kept alive by Democrats, Republicans and people with third party prejudices, despite the fact that they claim to be fully fed up with both Democrats and Republicans.

Political prejudice must be overcome. Learning that black was not less capable than white, catholic was not less capable than protestant and that a man in a wheelchair could run this country was a great and important stride. Learning that someone who is neither Democrat nor Republican is as capable of holding political office as a big party politician has got to be next.



ANTI-ANTI

Rise up against hate

by **Maria Yanovsky**
Art Director

It's really hard to ignore the obnoxious hate group that comes into town. You know, the crazy "You're going to hell because you brush your teeth" crowd of suspender-wearing fanatics.

Glued to the megaphone, they stand in their freedom of speech bubble while students tolerate the screams. Well, like I said, it's hard to ignore them. And like many students will confirm, it's even harder to reason with them.

In fact, it's impossible, irritating. Because they are crazy. So in rebellion, when one infamously witty student organizes a healthy and hilarious revolt, you will notice it.

Hollis Adler is a regular at these things, and he easily makes fools of the fundamentalists. "I don't feel that they are, in all honesty, looking to help anyone," says Adler.

"They say mean, spiteful things and then film students reacting understandably to their jibes."



Protesting religiously

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"They can say whatever they like," said Barragan. "Frankly, they don't know me, so it doesn't bother me. It shows that at KSU, your right to free speech is upheld. But, at the same time, these preachers do tend to take that right too far."

Throughout their visit, these preachers displayed large signs with such messages as, "Homo sex is sin," and "Hell awaits you."

Wendy Weinhold, an adjunct communications professor, felt that the preachers were provocative.

"They have the ability to hide behind a very powerful publication: the Bible," she said. Much of what I heard from them was hate speech, intended to provoke fear and anger, not to share the love presented in the Bible."



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The must-see documentary

Learn more about the Westboro Baptists that flood the campus religiously. Rent "**Fall From Grace**," a compelling and creepy look into the minds of Rev. Phelps and his church (made up of his many children and grandchildren). They are oftentimes associated with the unforgiving protests at military funerals and street preaching. Add to your Netflix queue or order it today.

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Peace out!

Non-denominational group seeks to calm busy students

by **Meg Hand**
Staff Writer

Walk up to the Alpha Omega cubicle on the third floor of the Student Center and you may find the support system you've been seeking.

Upon first sight, the cube appears to be a gathering of six or seven friends casually laughing, telling jokes and having fun. Walk inside and you learn that these students share a deep bond, which provides great comfort in their lives.

The name Alpha Omega was chosen for this association in reference to a Bible verse. In Revelations 21, God says, “I am the alpha and the omega.” For the past three years, AO has been a non-denominational campus ministry that aims to spread the word of Christ.

“We consider ourselves disciples who happen to be in college,” said Liz Chang, an AO member. “A disciple is a person who follows doctrine with everything. For us, the doctrine is the Holy Bible.”

Although the members do not deny that they all share very common beliefs, they acknowledge that AO is a non-denominational student association and that

absolutely anyone is welcome. The group currently has 34 members.

“Our focus is to get the message of the cross and of Jesus Christ onto KSU’s campus and to pull people into our bond,” said Chang. “We are in favor of teaching people to hold accountability for their sins.”

On various occasions throughout the semester, AO conducts worship sessions at the campus amphitheatre directly outside of the student center. The sessions are geared toward the late teens and early twenties crowd, although anyone is welcome to attend. The gatherings are an upbeat way of worshiping Christ through singing, clapping and praying. As AO member Kameko Langston put it: “Our goal is to know God and to make Him known.”

Attend the worship sessions and you will see that AO’s refusal to commit to a denomination helps the club serve every type of student. “I love the diversity,” said Langston.

AO President Kendall Albert echoed Langston’s sentiment. “We are very much an equal, giant group of people who love God,” said Albert. “My title of president was just a written name given to me, but I am on the same level as everyone else.”

Pizzaholics rejoice! New joint is too mouth-watering to ignore

by **Sarah Hitt**
Staff Writer

Many say pizza is like sex: even when it’s bad, it’s good.

After working in the pizza business for 16 years, the DeSantis brothers decided to trade dough-tossing for textbooks. The brothers received their masters in business from KSU, and tried their hands in the business world. In a struggling economy, they quickly decided to go back to the pizza business specifically. With Rick as business guru, and Dave as a spokesman, they ran with the idea.

“We wanted to only take the things we loved from our previous pizzerias and leave behind anything we weren’t crazy about,” said co-owner Dave DeSantis.

With a groovy environment, everything here is fully inspired by the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Dave DeSantis described the inspiration for their establishment: “We decided on the name Peace Love and Pizza in a brainstorming session over a 12-pack of beer. After that, we just formed the whole brand around the idea.”

Adam Jungers, a sophomore business management major, works as a chef. “I think the set-up appeals to students,” he said. “Customers like the way we conduct ourselves. We want to promote happiness. It’s all good vibes.”

The DeSantis brothers had plenty of options when choosing an area for their store. “One of the big reasons we chose

this area was because we knew KSU was growing so much,” said Dave DeSantis. “We have so much opportunity in our own back yard to experience the boom of Kennesaw.”

Sarah’s spin:

I have always been a fan of the underdog. When given the choice of supporting the big company or the shop owner across the street, I always opt for boosting my local economy. Peace Love and Pizza makes this decision a no-brainer.

Their superior choices make sure you have delicious meal every time. Ingredients include fresh cut veggies and great quality meats. Dough and sauce are made on location.

After reviewing their menu online, I thought I knew what I was in for when I stopped

by for lunch. What I didn’t expect was their amazing lunch specials that go beyond pizza. With so many options for around five dollars (drink included!), a great meal here probably won’t break your bank.

I had a chicken calzone. With a butter garlic crust, every bite was filled with flavor. I could only eat half of it, and at five dollars it was worth every penny.

Outside tables provide some room for a casual date, but because of the small interior, I would recommend grabbing your food to-go. Or, if you’re within a three-mile radius of the pizzeria, have your food delivered.

For more menu information, or to order online check out www.peaceloveandpizza.com.

Many of the artists were also Mellow Mushroom employees, inspired directly by their artful work of creating the delicious pies.



Photo by MICHELLE BABCOCK | Staff

Mellow Mushroom responsible for pizza-inspired art

by Jayne Hoffman
Contributing Writer

The Mellow Mushroom across from campus neighboring the General Bookstore held a pizza-themed art show last Tuesday night.

Mellow Mushroom, a favorite place among KSU students who like to enjoy their favorite pizza and selection of beer after a long day of classes and studying, has now opened itself to hosting artwork.

It may come as no surprise that Mellow Mushroom's "Magical Pizza" would inspire the artist to take to his canvas, and he did. The artwork hosted by Mellow Mushroom was all about the pizza, ranging from ornate collages of apotheosized slices to portraits of Janis Joplin and Bob Marley, all hanging from a black backdrop also decorated with luminous mushrooms.

Many of the artists were also Mellow Mushroom employees, inspired directly by their artful work of creating the delicious pies. One of the artists in the show, Steven Vimmerman, 28, of Kennesaw, created a collage consisting of a pizza from which beams of light were emanating, all centered in the middle of a large triangle. Vimmerman's collage reminds the viewer of the mysticism of the triangle and all-seeing eye on American currency, perhaps suggesting the omnipotence of the delicious Mellow Mushroom pizza.

"The artwork was due in a few days, and one night I realized I was very unhappy with my collage; it was too plain Jane," said Vimmerman. Thus, he added a few other clippings to the collage, including a black and white image of a man with strange goggles over his face, as well as the large black triangle surrounding the pizza.

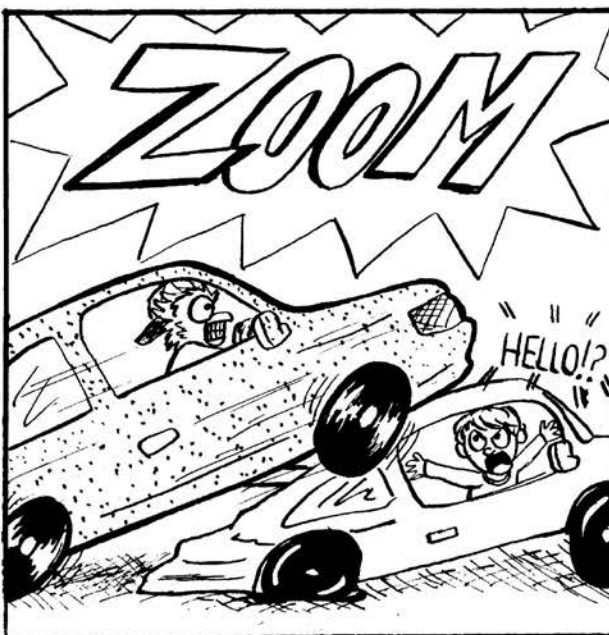
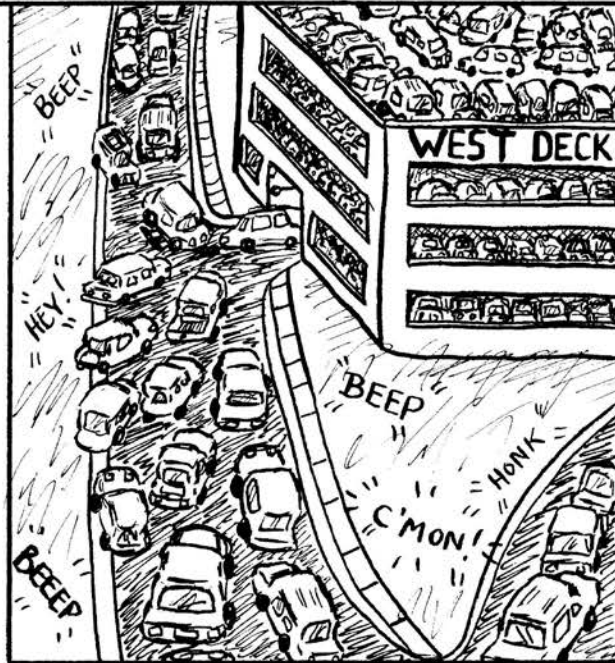
Other pieces included portraits of mushrooms, paintings of favorite bass players and even some sculptural art. Although any deeper meaning to the pieces may be ambiguous, the "pizza art for pizza art's sake" theme is all right with the customers.

The art show, held on the patio, also featured live music by Jimmy Conley and Ethan Tindall, both of Atlanta.

For those commuter students of KSU who might be out of the loop when it comes to activities outside of campus, adding Mellow Mushroom on Facebook would be an open invitation to any of Mellow Mushroom's future art shows and live music performances. Will Frye, a junior at KSU, said Facebook is the usual medium through which he hears about the happenings at Mellow Mushroom, including the art show as well as the live bands Mellow Mushroom hosts every Thursday and Saturday night.

For all those who attended the art show, the next hosting of themed art is much anticipated. Until then, the customers shall continue to enjoy their favorite pizza, which perhaps will inspire them to create a little art of their own.

SCRAPPY HAPPY BY KATHY JO RYAN





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Style & Swagger

Wardrobe upgrades, budget-style

by **Shawn McHugh**
Staff Writer

You're in college now so it's time to upgrade your look. Obviously, this isn't always the cheapest thing a guy can do and, to be honest, I can't help you set up a budget, but I will say this: If you're paying for clothes with rent money, we'll need to have a little chat later about priorities. To beef up the wardrobe without breaking the bank, all you need to know is where to go and what to look for.

The best stores to find the good stuff are discount retailers like Marshall's, TJ Maxx and Ross. Second-hand stores like Plato's Closet, Goodwill, army/navy stores and thrift shops are great for budgeted upgrades, but some people have an aversion to items that aren't fresh from this season's rack. These guys could learn a lot from the many well-dressed men I know who pick up great stuff from consignment shops. Listen, if you're looking for fashionable items of the best quality, you need to know that you don't have to pay ridiculous mall prices to get them. However, if you should find yourself at the mall with the urge to splurge, steer clear of the clothing showcased by mannequins and make your way to the clearance racks; you can usually find markdowns on

stylish goods in the mix.

Another way to keep the power on in the apartment while adding style to your life is shopping via the computer. The Internet has revolutionized just about everything—especially the way we shop. There are a myriad of online stores to help in your quest for all things stylish and inexpensive. Retailer websites like Urban Outfitters or the Internet shoe-giant Zappos.com have great sales and clearance items from time to time. Again, don't be afraid of the second-hand market: eBay is the best site I've ever visited for buying shoes at incredible prices. I've seen just about any brand or style of shoe imaginable—Rockport, Clark's, Sperry, Florsheim, Hugo Boss, Prada, Tom Ford—, you name it—for next to nothing on eBay. Granted, some of the shoes have been worn once or twice, but if they look all right in the picture and they're your size, GET THEM.

The real key to finding good clothing at great prices is patience and self-control. You have to be able to go to a store, look around for a good deal and be willing to walk away if you can't find a quality item that's in your budget. You can always come back another day or go somewhere else. That \$100 jacket you tried on at GAP might look great on you, but keep in mind how much more you would get for your money if you got a few stylish items off the clearance rack in the back corner. With this attitude, you'll find yourself with a great wardrobe and money to spare in no time. Trust me, all that hard work will pay off when a woman compliments those DKNY dress shoes you paid (shh) \$6 for while your buddy's \$140 Jordans garner no more than a dismissive glance.

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All this Hurley-burly over Weezer's new album

by **Glen Gamboa**
Special (MCT)

In this music industry age of falling sales and constant searching for new business models, is it still possible for bands to be considered sellouts?

In some circles, apparently so. Weezer raised a lot of questions by naming its upcoming album "Hurley" and its cover featuring only a picture of actor Jorge Garcia- yes, Hurley, from "Lost."

"We struggled super hard trying to come up with an album title, trying to find some kind of phrase that summed up the whole aesthetic behind the album- 'Heavy Mental,' 'Smaller Than Life,'" singer Rivers Cuomo told Spinner.com. "I was coming up with all kinds of stuff, but ultimately, we just went with some random word that doesn't really have anything to do with anything. I just loved this photo of Jorge Garcia- it just had this amazing vibe. We didn't want to do a fourth self-titled record and we knew people would refer to it as 'the Hurley record' even if left without that title, so we just called it 'Hurley.'"

However, the band has since signed a deal with the Hurley clothing company to launch a Weezer fashion line of T-shirts and hoodies, available starting Sept. 10 in PacSun stores. That has led some to question



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the "Hurley" story. "Weezer misleads fans, sells out to Hurley International," declares Hypebot.com, while other blogs call it product placement.

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Little feet, big goals

by **Kara Teresi**
Contributing Writer

The Atlanta Beat Soccer Foundation recently joined the Little Feet Foundation to send soccer balls to Niger, Africa.

For every soccer ball it sells, the Little Feet Foundation donates a soccer ball to a disadvantaged child. Since its inception in March 2006, the organization has made donations in more than 40 countries.

Now they’ve teamed with the Atlanta Beat to distribute additional soccer balls to children in Niger.

Atlanta Beat fans can visit www.littlefeet.com/atlantabeat to make their online purchase. Fans who print out their proof of purchase and bring it to any Atlanta Beat home game will receive a

free Chick-fil-A sandwich coupon. “I am thrilled to see the support from Atlanta Beat fans and the community to help send soccer balls to Africa,” said Little Feet Founder Trevor Slavick.

Jen Plante, director of the Beat’s foundation, said supporting Little Feet helps her team make a difference.

“By sending Little Feet soccer balls, we will,” she said.

The Atlanta Beat and its partners want to show that the world’s most popular sport can be used to change the lives of underprivileged children. However, this is a worldwide initiative that goes beyond just the soccer community. The Atlanta Beat Soccer Foundation would like to ask that people find even further opportunities to help those in need.

Open tryouts for baseball team

by **Ben Poplin**
Staff Writer

This season the Owls’ baseball program, looking to improve upon its record (23-32) from last year, will host open tryouts at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Stillwell Stadium.

The coaches will be looking for at least one standout player to make the team, but that is subject to change if they see talent in more than one player.

“We are looking for some type of exceptional skill like above average power, strength, or speed,” Head Coach Mike Sansing said. “We want them to make a light bulb go off in our head and make us say ‘This is what we are looking for at KSU.’”

Those who are trying out will participate in several conditioning exercises. The tryout will begin at 3 p.m. with players running the 60-yard dash. Sansing encourages players to arrive between 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. to stretch and prepare themselves.

Coaches want to make improvements this fall, particularly in the area of pitching. “We are looking for someone who has a feel for strikes and can throw a couple pitches,” Pitching Coach Kevin Erminio said.

Last year, the KSU pitching staff yielded multiple 5-and 6-run innings, which diminished the possibility of a win. The Owls’ record with five or more runs scored against them last season was 7-17, and both Sansing and Erminio plan to cut down on those multi-run innings. The two coaches said the pitchers will be working on situational pitching to help the staff keep its composure during those points in the game.

“I think if we get them in enough situations like that, then they will improve and pitch better when the time comes,” said Erminio.

Sansing will be looking to a combination of upper and lower classmen to be leaders in the clubhouse for him this season. Sophomore third baseman Peyton Hart and catcher Ronnie Freeman stood out in the lineup for the Owls, with Freeman leading the team in average, slugging percentage and runs batted in. Hart was among the team leaders in doubles and on base percentage. Senior outfielder Bucky Smith and designated hitter/first baseman Drew Fowlkes will be relied on to lead the way at the plate for the Owls as well. Fowlkes led the team in homeruns last year, while Smith led in walks.

The main goals that Coach Sansing and his team will focus on this season are simple. “I want to lead the league in earned run average, hitting and fielding percentage,” he said. “If you look at the top of the league last year, those teams who led in those categories advanced and performed well.”

The Owls had a solid .300 batting average last year, but Sansing would also like to improve the team’s on base percentage.

Everyone is encouraged to show up, but they must have a physical on file and have given it to the athletic trainer prior to attending the tryout. Players must also bring the proper equipment with them, including a glove, bat, baseball pants, hat, cleats and catching equipment if that is the spot desired on the team.

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	JSU Cross Country Invitational Women’s XC / 10 a.m. @ Jacksonville, Ala.
Sept. 5	Women’s Soccer v. Wyoming / 1 p.m. @ KSU Soccer Stadium.



Photos by **GREG RANALLO** | Staff

Junior midfielder **Alyssa Mahan** works against an Alabama A&M defender Aug. 22. The Atlantic Sun Conference noticed her solid offensive output in the first week as Mahan helped the team claim early victories.

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Conference awards two Owls after first week performances

"I'm delighted that Alyssa and Staci were recognized this week, as they were both excellent during our opening weekend matches," Head Coach Rob King said in a statement by the athletic department.

Mahan scored two goals in two games and also recorded an assist in the 6-0 victory against Alabama A&M Aug. 22. The offensive production helped Mahan get her first career Player of the Week award.

"I'm really happy to be out there on the field helping the team," Mahan said in the statement. "The coaches are giving me an opportunity to play more this year, so I'm really making sure that I take advantage of the time I'm getting. Hopefully, this is just the beginning for myself and for our team, and that we're ready to keep moving forward and have a great season."

Pugh made eight saves in the 4-3 win over the

College of Charleston Aug. 20 and stood tall in a one-on-one situation, preventing a possible tying goal in the victory against Alabama A&M. She also played one half in the shutout of the Bulldogs and recorded two saves. The award marks the fourth career Player of the Week honor for Pugh to complement her 2009 Atlantic Sun Tournament MVP award.

"This is a great honor, especially to win the first one; it sets the season off on the right foot," said Pugh in the statement. "The hard work that we all put in as a team against Charleston and Alabama A&M really paid off. Alyssa and I have worked really hard, and it's great to be recognized."

The Owls' next home game against the University of Wyoming is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sept. 5 in the KSU Soccer Stadium.



Senior goalkeeper **Staci Pugh** hones her skills in practice. Her defensive effort was noticed and she added another **Atlantic Sun Conference award** to her trophy case.



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