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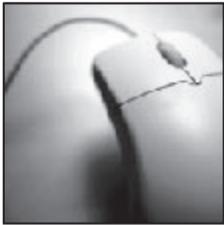
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A place for support and understanding

Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance

Tony Sarrecchia
Senior Staff Writer

The Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance is a busy group: they have sponsored free HIV testing as well as performed volunteer service for AIDS Walk Atlanta, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. Through a combination of volunteerism, community service and talking to students and faculty, the group hopes to raise awareness of gay issues. The personal touch makes a big impact.

"We make people aware just by being out, being active in school and being active in more than just the GSLA," said Kita Sims, a senior middle grades education major. "There's more to me than just this 'lesbian girl'."

The president of the group, Amanda Clements, a senior early childhood development major, estimates that about 25 percent of the group is straight. Not that revealing your sexual preference is required for membership. "Part of our mission is not making your membership or who you are part of your sexuality," Sims said. "But because we are such an oppressed group, we have to say who we are."

It is a "Catch-22" situation. Members would rather be defined by who they are, rather than by whom they choose as partners, but the group must define themselves by their sexuality to raise awareness of the challenges faced by gay and lesbian students. The group's name also serves as a beacon to students who may feel ostracized because of their sexual preference.



(L to R) GLSA President Amanda Clements talks with Vice President Josh Liley and Scott Tatum.

"Part of our mission," said Vice President Josh Liley, an undecided freshman, "is to bring students to a place where they can identify with other people like themselves and feel a part of the community. [A place] where they can grow and learn from each other either through volunteer activities or social activities." Sometimes the group helps just by assisting students who may be unsure or curious about their sexual proclivities.

"We've received e-mails from students who say 'they were wondering' or 'I was confused', but now I am pretty confident

"Part of our mission is to bring students to a place where they can identify with other people like themselves and feel a part of the community. [A place] where they can grow and learn from each other either through volunteer activities or social activities."

~ Josh Liley
GLSA Vice President

I'm straight or I'm pretty sure I'm gay," Clements said. "I guess they just want to let us know 'thanks for being there'."

"I've already gone through my [coming out] process," said Scott Tatum, a senior majoring in international affairs, "and I want to make sure that other people get a chance to do theirs. I've marched...I've done everything I need to do. I just want to make sure that [others], especially people who may have come from small rural communities, know that people are here for them. There is a support network if you need it."

SEE GLSA SUPPORT, PAGE 7

Say good-bye to the telephone

KSU eliminates telephone registration system

Melissa Spielholz
Staff Writer

It is time for students to say their good-byes to the telephone registration system. Starting summer 2004, students will no longer be able to use the telephone as a method for registration.

In 1988, the telephone registration system was implemented as a means of relief for the walk-in registration that was in place. At that time, telephone registration was the rage in advanced technology. This system provided a way for students to register from any location, at any time of day, by dialing one number.

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Student assistants and employees wave good-bye to telephone registration. (L to R): Malgorzata Morka, Tracy Heffer, Kristina Usaite, Natalia Meneses, and Kate Stoddard.

'King of the hill' in women's soccer

Coach King named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year

Amanda Dumich
Staff Writer

The women's soccer coach, Rob King has a name befitting his status. He is quickly becoming the "King" of women's collegiate soccer. After only two seasons with the KSU Owls, King is receiving the highest honors and recognition from his fellow coaches and soccer fans across the country.

King was recently named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Being named coach of the year is an honor, but for King, it is becoming a tradition. He was also named NCAA South Regional Coach of the Year for the past two consecutive years.

"It was great to be recognized with the award. It is one of those

things that is such a team effort," King said. "I was delighted to receive it."

King guided the women's soccer team to a Division II National Championship in 2003 with a 25-1-0 record in the Division II standings, thus continuing the success of the Owls, who have accumulated an astonishing 43-1-1 record in the two seasons since King formed the team.

Notwithstanding the obvious talent level of his players, King attributes the success of his program to the extreme hard work and dedication of all the coaches and team members. King believes another key factor in the success of this year's team was building on the success that the team had the previous year.

"We brought in some additional recruits from this coming year, and strengthened the squad even further," King said. "I think they were given a lot of confidence from what the team did the year before. We played a lot of good teams in our first year that have been very successful, and I think the girls thought this year coming in, if they worked very hard and got a little bit of luck along the way, they should be competing, at least, for a national championship."

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"The telephone registration system was used for the first time, in November 1988, and it has continued to be used since. As times have changed, students have migrated more and more towards the Internet for registration," said William Hamrick, head registrar. "The telephone registration system has outlived its time and is existing on borrowed time. We (the registrar's office) would rather discontinue the system prior to registration than have it quit during the registration process."

With new advances and additions to Internet registration (OWL), the telephone system's practicality is left in question. According to registrar personnel, the school must maintain several individual telephone

lines, dedicated strictly for registration use to operate the telephone registration system. When the system started, 36 phone lines were dedicated to registration, which later dropped to 20 lines. Maintaining several phone lines is a costly task, especially if these lines will only be accessed for priority and final registration periods three times a year. Each phone line costs approximately \$60 per month, with an additional annual maintenance fee.



With budget cuts and the new advancements and improvements in Internet registration, the registrar's office has decided that it is time to eliminate telephone registration, which leaves students with only the Internet as their registration method. According to registrar office personnel, approximately seven to eight percent of KSU students use the telephone registration system, so the transition to the Internet will not be difficult for the vast majority of students. Students have mixed feelings on the issue. "I like regis-

tering on-line because it is a lot quicker, and I can actually see what I am registering for," said junior communication major Kiki Amanatidis. "It sure beats having to sit on a telephone and listen for course numbers."

On the other side, the issue of student's individual computer access comes into play. "I currently do not have access to a computer at home or work," said Maureen Poole, an undeclared junior. "Now I will have to find a computer in order to register for classes."

"We believe that between the library and the computer labs located on campus, all students will have plenty of access points for the web," Hamrick said. With summer semester looming, students who are accustomed to telephone registration must be prepared to enter the world of OWL on-



POLICE BEAT

Compiled by Richard L. Johnson

A Kennesaw man told officers "he had been drinking beer earlier and had drunk too much to be driving," when he was stopped for speeding and failing to maintain a lane of travel on Barrett Lakes Boulevard Feb. 3. According to the report, the driver also said "he was over the limit." The man was arrested for DUI and speeding. The state breath test indicated a blood alcohol concentration of .176 grams.

A student's car was broken into during the morning of Feb. 4. The man told the investigating officer that he left the passenger door unlocked; because when it was locked it would set off the vehicle's alarm. It is unknown if the theft from the vehicle set off the alarm.

An officer observed a Ford Explorer make an unsafe turn onto Barrett Lakes Boulevard from Chastain Road on Feb. 6. When the officer tried to stop the vehicle, the driver pulled into the Arby's drive-thru. The officer determined that the St. Louis man driving the Explorer was wanted by the city of Kennesaw for violating his probation. The man was arrested and turned over to Kennesaw Police Department.

A KSU officer observed a passenger of a vehicle with an open container of alcohol while the SUV was on Idlewood Avenue on Feb. 7. The vehicle was stopped and officers discovered that both the driver and his three passengers had been consuming alcohol and were under 21 years of age. The driver was charged with DUI and the passengers were charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

Stopped for failing to maintain a lane of travel on Barrett Lakes Boulevard, an Acworth man told police that he had not been drinking. The man's passenger, however, advised the officer that they had been drinking all day. The man was arrested for DUI. The state breath test indicated a blood alcohol concentration of .110 grams.

Driving on the wrong side of Busbee Drive caught the attention of a patrol officer who stopped the vehicle on Feb. 8. After performing field sobriety evaluations, the driver was arrested for DUI. The officer also determined that the Knoxville, TN man's license was suspended. The driver refused to take the state breath test.

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VIEWPOINTS

RESPONDING TO "AMERICA MUST DEFEND THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE" (2/04/04)

Cookie cutter solutions

Dear Editor,

An interesting argument was posed in the February 4 edition of the KSU Sentinel that drew my attention and the undeniable urge to refute the misinformed claims. In her article "America Must Defend the Sanctity of Marriage," Ms. Emily Daniels reiterates the same old sing-song ideal of marriage as some sort of sexual institution that, as the largest government and religiously sanctioned practices in the nation, has no room for gays and lesbians. Some readers sensitive to her arguments may ask for evidence, and of course Ms. Daniels is quick to follow with, "society cannot exist without [marriage] because sex between a man and a woman creates babies." Setting aside the obvious wisecracks, I fail to see how marriage is necessary for this miracle of heterosexuality to occur.

Ms. Daniels obviously expected my devil's advocate position and counters winningly before I can so much as form a single doubt as to her credibility - "Research clearly, unmistakably, irrefutably and consistently confirms that family structure does have a direct impact upon the lives of children, and the family structure that offers the best protection and rearing of children is unquestionable that family headed by one biological father and one biological mother that are married." Taking into account the confusion which arises from Ms. Daniels' poor grammatical skills, let me sum up her argument: Family structure affects children and a married biological mother and father are the best choices to raise children.

Not presupposing that Ms. Daniels is choosing to consciously omit such marital side effects as abuse, divorce, and poor living conditions my question is simple - where is this supposed irrefutable research? As a philosophy minor specializing in feminist perspectives, I see very little in Ms. Daniel's thesis to take seriously. Instead of clear fact, she has given hearsay. This little matter of evidence aside, why are biological parents singled out as superior? If the issue is same-sex marriage, at least in the case of a lesbian marriage, artificial insemination is an option. If one parent is biologically related to the child, what differentiates such a child from those whose parents have remarried? And are you saying that children who are adopted have received less care? Heterosexual couples have indeed produced quite a number of successful children, but they have also been responsible for many psychological problems. Divorce and depression are most often associated with long marriages, and with most heterosexual unions ending so disastrously (with or without children) why not give homosexuals a chance to marry?

My argument is simple - America is no longer the cookie-cutter scenario of the post WWII era so often portrayed in films and on television. More often than not, it takes both parents to raise a child, and often child-rearing in our country is too expensive. The fact is, homosexual couples will continue to cohabitate together whether or not they are allowed to marry. The question is whether they

should be given the same tax breaks as heterosexual couples who are rewarded in the eyes of the law for their ability to churn out future voters. Why Ms. Daniels is so hung up on child-rearing is beyond me. Perhaps in the future she should research her facts before pretending to be a journalist.

Kelley Frank
English Major

Columnist not God

Dear Editor,

I am appalled at the latest viewpoint published in The Sentinel. I strongly disagree that "America must defend the sanctity of marriage." Who gave columnist Emily Daniels or anyone else for that matter the right to decide who should or shouldn't get married? I can't stand others trying to control other people's lives. I am proud to be a gay male. I have even served as the president of the Gay-Lesbian-Straight Alliance at KSU.

I went against everything I was taught

Reader respects viewpoint

Dear Editor,

I appreciated seeing your article regarding same sex marriages. I was surprised by the opinion of the author. When I glanced at the title and realized that the article was going to be about same sex marriages I assumed that it was going to be a pro same sex marriage article with the author on a tirade about how since it's 2004, people need to open their minds and end the persecution of homosexuals by letting them marry, etc. I was pleasantly surprised by what the article did contain; well written arguments supporting her opinion against homosexual marriages. I respect the author for her choice to "go against the flow" and speak up even though it may not be the most popular opinion of the day. I am also grateful that her opinion was published.

Katrina Nelson
Sophomore, Biology

man and a woman can procreate; however, procreating is NOT a requirement to marry. If it were, thousands of heterosexuals would not be allowed to marry either as many couples cannot or consciously choose not to have children.

As for Emily's following arguments of giving children what they need and her later question, "Would government promote single-mom households, when they clearly are inherently incapable of providing kids with two of their most basic needs: a mom and a dad?" This denial that homosexual families exist (i.e. two same sex people with children) means that we deny these children the protections that are offered under marriage. Children in homosexual families do not benefit from social security if they need it, they may be sent into foster homes if the biological or adoptive partner of the child becomes deceased - removing them from the other parent they already know and love. A homosexual couple cannot benefit from tax breaks offered by the federal government to married couples (and again the children do not benefit from this possible

Love is blind

Dear Editor,

I have to say that I am floored by all of the talk of same-sex marriage in the news and now on my campus. Let me start by saying that my personal position is, be it straight or gay, I do not need to have my significant other bound by contract to love me and be committed to a life with me, loving me as I love thee as long as the ability exists in us.

The paragraph in the viewpoint that addresses the "pilot argument" is ridiculous. "We let y'all sit in the front of our buses, now y'all wannasiny'all younguns to school wit our younguns"...sound familiar??

Also, to answer the question about whether the government promotes single moms, yes the government does - AFDC, subsidized housing, and subsidized child care proves that.

I would just like to close by saying that if we were really a culture that valued our youth, we would be spending our legislative time on issues that matter, like reducing class sizes, not giving crash courses in teaching and then

sticking people in our public school classrooms. If we were a culture that cared about our kids, we would care about our educators. Educators who pay into the state retirement fund would not have their Social Security benefits reduced (Windfall Elimination Provision). If we were a culture that cared about our kids we would not have to fear tying HOPE to SAT scores because some of our children aren't receiving comparable educations to their counterparts and are therefore presumed underachievers, when in fact the classroom teacher probably went down to the community center for 3 Saturdays a month and got a license to educate. When the closed minded, judgmental, discriminatory attitudes of a minority conflict with the open-minded, unconditional hearts of loving, genuine people, we must make a choice. We must choose to no longer sit silently and let hate, intolerance, or bigotry creep its way back into the fabric of a nation where the fight has already been fought and won once before! We must make a choice based on truth, and that truth is: Love is blind.

Juaquita M. Sims
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Columnist needs life

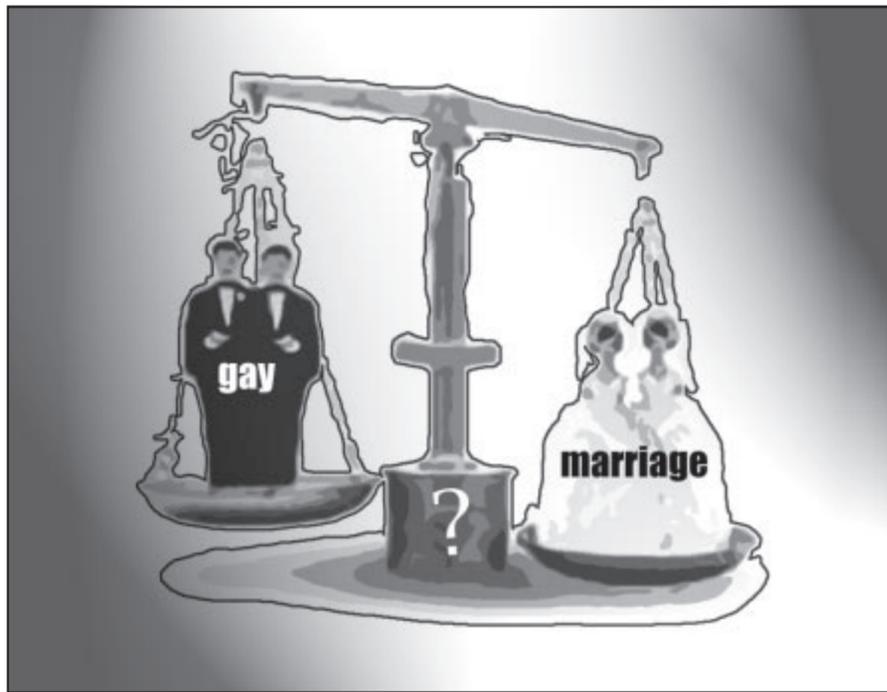
Dear Editor,

Emily Daniels' piece on protecting the sanctity of marriage compels me to search her out and give her a hug. We could do brunch and I would assure her that everything was going to be okay.

It is commendable that she advocates the making of choices not "based on hate, or intolerance or bigotry, but a choice based on truth." How encouraging! I can see a younger Meryl Streep playing her in a Lifetime movie. It is however perplexing that this comes from her when only a few paragraphs earlier she singlehandedly dismissed other forms of unconventional households as "family structures that don't work" and "self-destructive" (single-parent, step-parent, unmarried parents, co-habiting parents along with same-sex families). The truth in our society is that in 1997, 43% of new marriages ended up in divorce (DivorceMag.com). There are millions of people who belong outside the traditional Mom-and-Dad-and-Kids household and last time I checked it seemed that majority of society is fairly well-adjusted. Real life isn't as peachy or as ideal as Ms. Daniels would like it to be but regular folks persevere and make the most of it.

When Ms. Daniels states that marriage matters because "society cannot exist without it because sex between a man and a woman creates babies," she implies that same sex marriages will usher in the ultimate demise of life as we know it.

This is a horrific scenario which is indeed truly scary. The good thing about that Doomsday notion is that it is so Y2K. To allow gays and lesbians to commit to a monogamous state-sanctioned marriage does not really mean it will stop heterosexual couples from procreating. I am sure that men and women, married or unmarried, will not cease to have sex regardless of who marries who in that



to do because I knew in my heart I was right. The homosexuals of KSU have done their hardest to survive on campus and in this screwy world we live in. I have the same rights as everyone else, except for certain insurance benefits, rights to adopt, and get married.

On October 22, 2004 I will be having a commitment ceremony with my partner Eric Hillbrand. We have a wonderful life and I have a wonderful stepson. I couldn't care less what the federal or state governments have to say. I am having my ceremony and no one is going to stop me. I have rights and by George I will defend them.

I know people that have had both of their parents in the same household from the time they were born to the time they left for college who have the same issues that I had growing up in a single family home. Is this science? Maybe or maybe not.

Is anyone on this planet GOD? NO. So why the hell is everyone trying to control everyone else? It all needs to end!!

Darrett Burr
Human Services

Column lacks research

Dear Editor,

I am the Secretary of the Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance. I am also VP of Communications for the Kennesaw Communication Association, Secretary for the Adult Learner Student Organization, and a member of two additional student organizations. I believe The Sentinel was very misleading in this Viewpoints article. By failing to identify Ms. Daniels as the Political Director of the College Republicans you did a disservice to your readers. Also by allowing broad generalities to be printed as facts, with absolutely no citations of research, you have committed a lapse of journalism standards. Even opinion pieces that purport to be supported by "irrefutable research" should at least mention said research. I do not agree with Mr. Voyles on most subjects, but at least he lends credibility to his arguments by citing sources of information. Maybe you should tell your guest columnists to adhere to the same standards, but that only applies if you wish for them to seem credible, not undereducated imposters.

John Finch
Senior, Computer Science

Denying rights

Dear Editor,

In response to Emily Daniels article "America must defend the sanctity of marriage," I would like to make the following points: Emily states in the beginning of her article "society and laws have recognized the union of one man and one woman as the only suitable combination of people capable of procreating," and at the end of her article, "Society celebrates marriage; we throw huge weddings to share in the joy that marriage brings: a loving, lifelong commitment to someone-of the opposite sex. We encourage parents to have children within marriage because by its very nature, marriage coincides with what is best for children." Yes, it is true that only a

increase in household income). While science might prove that biological parents can provide the ideal family structure, ignoring the fact that homosexual families do exist, and the fact that they will continue to exist, will cause more harm to society than acknowledging that these families are real and offering them the legal benefits of marriage.

Furthermore the argument "By its very nature, homosexuality is a human sexual desire and a purposeful behavior, not a human right or need." is incorrect. Sexual drive, whether heterosexual or homosexual is a human need, and the choice to have sex with whomever one chooses is a right.

As for Emily's "rights" argument, there are many rights denied to homosexual couples including but not limited to the following:

- Same-sex couples are denied more than 1,000 federal benefits and protections of marriage and in all states except Vermont, they are denied most of the state rights and responsibilities that come with marriage. (According to a U.S. General Accounting Office report)
- Gay, lesbian and bisexual employees are not given the right to take care of a seriously ill partner or parent of a partner under current provisions in the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.
- Same-sex couples are denied Social Security benefits when a life partner dies.
- Gay, lesbian and bisexual U.S. citizens are prohibited from petitioning for their same-sex partners to immigrate, forcing thousands of couples to live apart or to migrate to one of the 15 countries with more hospitable immigration laws.
- Under federal tax laws, same-sex couples are taxed on employer-provided insurance benefits for domestic partners whereas married spouses receive those benefits tax-free. (source: http://www.hrc.org/Template.cfm?Section=LGBT_Families)

So in response to Emily's question, "Are there any rights defined by the Constitution that have been withheld from homosexuals?" The answer is an irrefutable yes!

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"I think they were given a lot of confidence from what the team did the year before."

Rob King, Head Coach for Women's Soccer - see the article on pages 1 & 12

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proverbial Platinum platter. Ms. Daniels, sex will happen, our society will persist and life will go on.

Rather than to view same-sex unions as desecrating Marriage as an institution, it actually attempts to elevate it by making it a status worth aspiring for. Homosexuals are not out to 'convert' your children, Ms. Daniels and there are no plans to turn this world into one screaming Mardi Gras musical (although that's not really such a bad thing).

Insisting on rewriting the Constitution to (1) exclude a specific group from expressing their love, and (2) to prevent them from enjoying the same legal opportunities as heterosexual couples enjoy is just plain unjust.

Forwarding same-sex marriages isn't seeking for a 'benefit, affirmation, or celebration.' It's simply asking that the rights some straight people take for granted be extended in the simple name of equality. Who knows, we might even make it work.

Dennis Flores

Sophomore, Nursing Major

Opinion is narrow

Dear Editor,

Your tirade on marriage between a man and a woman was disconcerting. The premise of marriage is different for everyone Ms. Daniels. Ponder this: marriage is a union between two people for the sharing of love, intimacy, and commitment. Contrary to your opinion, my definition does not exclude a single per-

son, hence, it includes all people regardless of race, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation. To exclude people is to encourage prejudice and/or discrimination. Above all, your opinion eradicates the civil liberties of all people with whom you share this nation. You so easily disregard the rights of the individual and alienate people with your derision. In America, the government was founded on the rights of individuals. I say, let us include all the people and exalt the change! The right to happiness is for all; which leaves no room for exclusions or exceptions. Lastly, you successfully insulted and disrespected a majority of minorities including single parents, gays, lesbians, libertarians, divorced people, researchers, sexually active individuals, and extended families. Your diatribe does not speak for America, rather, it directly contradicts the principles of America. Furthermore, it emphasizes ignorance, prejudice, and contempt. I refuse to succumb to your narrow ideologies. Examine your conscience!

Suzanne M. Sinclair

Senior, Psychology

Right to choose

Dear Editor,

In a made-to-order, cookie cutter editorial, Emily Daniels merely repeated the inane anti-gay rhetoric we should all be sick of hearing; and barely managed to stay on topic. An article about why homosexuals should not be allowed the right of marriage quickly evolved into a condemnation of all people who raise their children in a non-nuclear family

situation (by the way, these people are a majority in this country). She then failed to support her theory with anything more than a few general statements about some alleged, irrefutable research. Other than the lack of evidence and the failure to stay on topic, there were at least a dozen other misstatements as well as an overall quality of intolerance or at the very least, ignorance.

Emily Daniels lists the all the standard explanations as to why it's important to our society to oppress this group of people: it's bad for the kids, it's different from what we're already doing, etc., but we have no non-biased, reliable evidence that it is in fact bad for children. We are a nation built on doing what we're not already doing but when we break it down and really look at this issue at its lowest common denominator, this is mostly about personal freedom and human rights. Emily Daniels does not seem to believe this is a civil rights issue, when in fact it is and it is one that should matter to all of us. We are a nation that has spent centuries fighting off intolerance. For example, in a past and less tolerant America, there were strict state-to-state laws prohibiting interracial marriage. In these cases, "the right to marry [was] clearly given to every American" and Emily Daniels claims that is enough. However, as all rational people now understand, that is not enough. The Supreme Court recognized this in 1967 when they overthrew a Virginia law prohibiting interracial marriage. Incidentally, public opinion was even more opposed to interracial marriages when "activist" courts made this decision than it is to gay marriages now. 80 percent of people were opposed interracial mar-

riages in 1967.

No, the ability to marry is not enough. We must all have the right to choose to marry the person we love regardless of their race or gender. America's duty first and foremost is to protect the sanctity of freedom. By "protecting the sanctity of marriage" through irrational law and oppressive Constitutional amendments, we are undermining the very ideas that we are supposed to be defending.

Barbara McClure

Freshman, International Affairs

Marriage not fundamental

Dear Editor,

Perhaps there is no better time to address civil rights and civil liberties in this country than the month of February. Black History Month is not only the celebration of courageous African Americans who fought for equality, but it is a celebration of the American Spirit. It has become a testament to the American character. Unfortunately, another test of that character is upon us. Do we stand up for equality and justice, or do we cower in our own fear, prejudice, and ignorance?

Emily Daniel's editorial, "American Must Defend the Sanctity of Marriage," was not based on fact, nor was it logical. I would simply like to inform the readers of The Sentinel about a couple of simple truths. First, marriage is not the fundamental element of civilization; it is man's ability to find solutions in order to overcome challenges (i.e. agriculture). Secondly, what children need most is

love. I was not aware that a child's biological mother and father were the only people capable of doing this. So ask you Ms. Daniel's, do adopted children ever feel love? Are infertile couples unable to love children that they adopt?

You have stated that all societies recognize marriage as the joining of one man and one woman. Are you aware that in Iran men are able to have as many spouses as they want? However, if a woman were to do the same, her husband, father, or brother could kill her? On the other hand, if they decide not to kill her, she may have to endure vaginal mutilation - so much for the sanctity of marriage.

You seem to have forgotten that the sole purpose of the court system is to protect the rights of the people, and that "activist judges" declared the "separate but equal" doctrine unconstitutional. This is not a fight about homosexuality; it is a fight about civil equality and justice. The issue is about what rights homosexual couples are entitled to not only from the State, but also from God.

Zachary Smith

Freshman, History

Blanket condemnation

Dear Editor,

On February 5 when I picked up The Sentinel I saw an article that can only be described as bigoted, homophobic, and directly insulting; Emily Daniels' article "America must defend the sanctity of mar-

riage." This insults me as an open-minded supporter of gay marriage as a simple matter of equality, it insults me as a reader of this paper that this kind of article was even published, and it insults me personally as the son of a single mother. Ms. Daniels' blanket condemnation of all families save those of heterosexual, biological, married parents without any noted support of this argument is a personal insult to every single parent, adoptive parent, and homosexual parent. My mother worked very hard to raise my brother, sister, and I after she and my father divorced and Ms. Daniels is in no position to judge the job she did raising my siblings and I, or any other single parent, adoptive parent, or homosexual parent.

With blatant disregard for the feelings of the readers, she goes on to declare how homosexuality "can not be equated with race or any other inherent, immutable human characteristic" and as much as she may wish to deny it, the denial of the legal benefits of marriage to homosexuals is the denial of a right, the right to be in a legally bound institution of romantic commitment with the person you love. The denial of this right from homosexuals stems only from hate, bigotry, homophobia, and the desire of the masses to put down those different from themselves, much in the same way this article does.

Sam Squires

Freshman, Art

Religious extremists need to evolve

There is a widespread stereotype among many Americans that southerners are backwards, Bible-thumping red necks. Unfortunately, certain events occur to reinforce that negative image. No, I'm not talking about the undying flag debate; I'm referring to the latest scheme by Kathy Cox and her cronies to replace the term "evolution" in school curriculums with the phrase "biological changes over time". Although Cox finally succumbed to common sense and, as of February 5, has retreated from the proposed change, the issue of how such an ill-advised agenda could even be taken seriously is well worth a look.

Cox obviously made the proposal in an effort to appease the fanatical religious right. This bloc is a powerful political force across both Georgia and the south. Even Cox isn't so oblivious that she is unaware that an effort like this could help win her votes come election time. Had "evolution" been taken out of schools, the losers would have been the students of Georgia. Scientists, including members of the esteemed National Academy of Science, have stated that "biological changes over time" does not mean the same thing as "evolution". So, it would not be just a euphemism employed to appease the Bible Belt, but it would be an actual step towards eliminating the teaching of evolution in Georgia. Taking evolution out of Georgia schools is basically dumbing-down the curriculum; such a move would place Georgia students at a disadvantage when entering colleges and universities; most of which in the United States teach evolution. Rev. Barry W. Lynn, a United Church of Christ minister, proved himself to be both religious and rational when he stated, "Denying young people instruction about evolution is an additional disservice to students who go to college, where evolution is taught without controversy." It is true that evolution is only a theory. Keeping that in mind, teachers should present students with information that both

supports and questions the validity of the theory. But creationism has no place in a science class. Science has to be based on fact, which evolution is. However, creationism is based on faith - not fact.

Besides that, the courts have been very clear that teaching creationism is a violation of the First Amendment. The First Amendment sets up the Establishment Clause, which prevents the government from endorsing a religion. Teaching creationism - which Cox supports, as seen in her comment reported by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "It was a good thing for parents and the community to stand up and say we want our children exposed to this [creationism] idea as well" - is obviously a violation of the "wall of separation" between church and state. This is true especially in light of the fact that typically, only remember the Judeo-Christian story is related in American schools; why not Iroquois or Hindu stories? The courts have dealt with this matter on several occasions. In *Epperson v. Arkansas* (1968), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a 1929 Arkansas statute prohibiting the teaching of evolution was unconstitutional. In 1987, in the case of *Edwards v. Aguillard*, the Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional a Louisiana "balanced treatment" law requiring the teaching of creation "science" in public schools whenever evolution was taught. Taking out the term "evolution" and replacing it with the inadequate phrase "biological changes over time" obviously raises an issue already settled with this line of court cases, all of which ruled that the religious favoritism was unconstitutional.

Cox's proposal drew criticism from both sides of the political spectrum. Former President Jimmy Carter (a Democrat) said he was "embarrassed by [Cox's] attempt to censor and distort the education of Georgia's school students." State Senate Majority Leader Bill Stephens (R-Canton) simply stated, "They ought to drop this and drop it now." What Cox doesn't seem to realize is that everyone would much rather see positive developments in Georgia's educational system and not divisive and ill-advised policies. The students and people of Georgia deserve better than that.



Grant Voyles
Viewpoints
Editor

Relish in individuality

Tracy Turner,
Viewpoints Columnist

I go to church, but I worship no god. I am a homemaker, but I have a career. I vote in every election, but for neither Democrats nor Republicans. I advocate equal rights for women, but I am not a feminist. I am well educated but poor. I am a logically minded, generally unemotional female. I am pro-choice and pro-life.

What judgments did you make about me when you read these statements? What label would you apply to me? Whether you admit it or not, you most likely drew some kind of conclusion based on one or more of these statements. There is certainly nothing wrong with doing so. We discriminate as our primary method for making every decision in our lives, be it as simple as choosing chocolate or strawberry ice cream, or as complex as choosing a life partner. It can even be a matter of survival when assessing danger in a particular situation. The problems come when we attempt to discriminate "on a basis other than individual merit" (Merriam-Webster Online).

A disturbing fact is that, in the name of equal rights, people voluntarily separate themselves into these groups and either demand special treatment for themselves or demand rights of others be denied. Basing decisions of any kind on something as arbitrary as race, gender or sexual orientation is ludicrous. The only outcome of such a mind-set is division and enmity.

A perfect example of such

"The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders of minorities."

~ Ayn Rand



capricious classification is Westside High School in Omaha, Nebraska. They give an annual "Distinguished African American Award." The administration recently disciplined four students for circulating posters asking students to vote for their African American friend. Why? Apparently, the award doesn't apply to a 'white' student from South Africa.

Races do not actually exist. There are no biological differences in humans other than individual variations and those attributes that some associate with certain 'races' are merely evolutionary adaptation to different environments. Further complicating such classification is the 'mixing' of so-called 'races'. Into which group does a person with a brown-skinned mother and a pink-skinned father fit? During slavery in the South, I think the line was drawn at one-eighth 'black', which meant that one 'black' great-grandparent could make you a slave but seven 'white' great-grandparents couldn't free you. Isn't that completely insane?

Much of it is something akin to the "separate but equal" philosophy of the segregationists in our history. Take female athletes, for example. Does playing in the WNBA put female basketball players at the same level as male basketball players? Of course not. There is nothing wrong

with creating a female basketball league, but if these women want equal opportunity and pay, they will have to play on the same teams in the same league, in direct competition with men. Only then will they be able to prove whether they have equal skills or not. This is exactly what Annika Sorenstam, Michelle Wie and others are doing in golf and they should be commended for stepping up to the challenge, yet, for some reason, we feel the need to categorize others into homogenous groups and put neat little labels on them. We want equality for everyone and this is where a vast majority of our problems arise. There is quite a bit of difference between equality and equal opportunity. Equality is a myth. Equality will never be achieved because all men (and women) are NOT created equal nor should we want them to be. We are all different and we should relish in our uniqueness.

The goal for which we should be striving is equal opportunity. This means that every person should have the freedom and opportunity to choose her or his own path. This must include many things with which others may disagree, such as gay marriages or abortions, because no one has the right to impose a personal morality, or lack thereof, on anyone else. Certainly, there are no guarantees when it comes to making choices, but with individual rights come individual responsibilities. Only as individuals are we genuinely free. As part of a group, we become slaves to the will, ideology, and morality of that group.

Interracial relationships: A wave of the future?

Joel Guerra,
Viewpoints Columnist

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V in Diesel, Mariah Carey, The Rock, Bob Marley, Alicia Keys, Christina Aguilera, Tiger Woods, Shakira, Zach de la Rocha and Lenny Kravitz. Recognize any of these names? Do you know what they all have in common? These people are all products of interracial relationships.

America's population is increasing which means increased diversity. When you look around at college cam-

pus, it is an amazing feat to see that in just over 40 years America has gone from separate but equal to acceptance of different ethnicities. With such rapid change, it leads me to wonder where America will be in 20 or 30 years. I think an indicator of where America might be is the fact that the top Rapper (Eminem) is white, and the top golfer (Tiger Woods) is multi-racial. When I think of the "All-American" boy, I think more along the lines of The Rock. A person that looks like all Americans, not the typical

blonde-haired, blue-eyed Scandinavian guy the media has historically presented as being all-American. Evidence of America's ethnic acceptance can be seen in the media in cases of celebrities and movies. Some examples include Laura Dern's marriage to Ben Harper, David Bowie's marriage to Iman, and the late John Lennon's marriage to Yoko Ono. Can you really imagine the Dave Matthews Band being successful back in the 1950's? Is art imitating life, or vice versa?

Some people are opposed to interracial relationships. A classic argument that I have heard is the notorious "the kids will suffer" argument. It seems to me, that the only way kids who are the result of interracial relationships will suffer, is if individual persons look at them differently from other human beings. If everyone would do their own individual part in looking at mixed kids as regular human beings, the chances of the child "suffering" will be minimized. I wonder how the multi-millionaire mixed kids

mentioned above would feel about the "suffering mixed kid" statement. Honestly I would much rather hear someone stand up for themselves and say "I just prefer people of my own race and culture in a relationship," as I have actually come across with some of my friends, rather than use kids as a scapegoat.

Well KSU here is your chance to make your opinion heard. I have taken the liberty of putting together an interracial dating poll, to find out where KSU stands on the issue of interracial dating. Simply go to

the sentinel website at www.ksusentinel.com, click on FORUMS then click on GENERAL DISCUSSION, which will allow you to access the INTERRACIAL DATING POLL. Now mind you, you will need a username and password to get in, and if you don't have one it only takes a few seconds to register. So go to it, and show me what you think. The results will be posted in part 2 of this article.



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What's eating you?

A look at eating
disorders

Colleen Crawford
Staff Writer

Bulimia, anorexia, and compulsive overeating control the lives of an estimated five to ten million women and one million men according to experts at the Eating Disorders Information Network (EDIN). These disorders are usually outward signs of inward battles and are an individual's effort to control deep psychological struggles - and students here at KSU are not immune to its tangled web of destruction.

Rhonda Perry, Ph.D., Associate Director of Counseling, Advising, and Program Services (CAPS) at KSU estimates, "...that about thirty percent of our clients come in presenting with issues around eating or a poor body image. This would include those who do not necessarily have anorexia or bulimia, but possibly have problems with self-esteem or self-concept that includes not feeling good about their bodies. It also includes those who wish to lose weight or who struggle with compulsive eating."

EDIN also reports ten to twenty percent of those struggling with anorexia nervosa die of starvation, cardiac arrest, or suicide. This disorder is marked by stark and willful weight loss. Anorexia often gives the individual a false sense of power and control when he or she

"achieves" weight loss, and they may even feel superior to those who have a need for food.

Girls in the throes of puberty between the ages of twelve and fourteen are the most susceptible, and dieting at this age increases the onset of anorexia by eight times. It often strikes at the girl that is a "people-pleaser," perfectionist, and seldom shows anger. Other signs of anorexia include excessive exercising, depression, fainting, hair loss, anxiety, and cold hands and feet.

While anorexia is marked by excessive thinness, signs of bulimia can be more evasive because the person is often of normal weight or even a little overweight. When overwhelmed by stress, loneliness, or boredom, a person who suffers from bulimia often goes

into a frenzied eating mode ingesting large amounts of food high in fats and sugar without tasting or chewing it. Riddled with guilt after the binge, they then purge the food by vomiting, laxative use, or fasting. This practice easily turns into an out of control cycle of addiction accompanied by more shame and depression. People in their late teens and early twenties are most

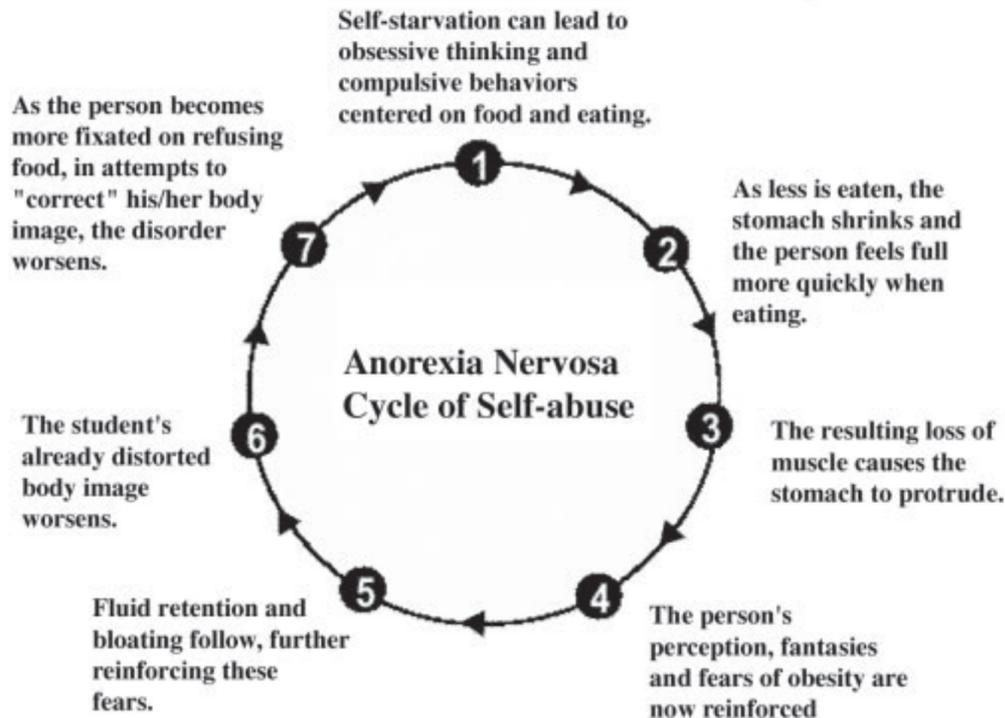
susceptible.

Signs to look for are repeated trips to the bathroom after eating, acidic damage to teeth from frequent vomiting, ruptured blood vessels in the eyes and

"[Eating disorders] are an illness - just like athlete's foot. It should not be viewed as deviant behavior, but as a person who needs to be cared for - it's also not exclusively female."

~ Anne Nichols, Director of
KSU's Health Clinic

Eating Disorders: a vicious circle of self-abuse



face, weakness, and sore throat. This disorder can lead to dehydration, damage to bowels, liver, and kidneys, and sometimes cardiac arrest.

Compulsive overeating retains all the same rhymes and reasons for bingeing as bulimia, minus the purge afterward. This logically often leads to weight gain, and that in turn leads to shame and isolation. A cycle of low self-esteem and feelings of inferiority can saddle the person with crippling beliefs that keep them from leading a full life.

Compulsive overeating may lead to high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, and some kinds of cancers. Getting and keeping compulsive overeating under control neces-

sitates analyzing many planes and aspects of a person's life and personality spirituality, medically, and psychologically.

Help dealing with these eating disorders is available on KSU's campus through the CAPS Center, the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness and the Health Clinic. They will sponsor activities dealing with this subject Feb. 23 to 26 in order to educate about the dangers and pitfalls of bulimia, anorexia, and compulsive overeating.

Many people in the community are very helpful in detecting when a person might be in trouble. "We're not the only ones on the lookout," said Anne Nichols, Director of KSU's Health Clinic. In her 23 years of college health experience

she found housekeepers to be a real aid. "A housekeeper might notice lots of empty Krispy Kreme Doughnut boxes, or a repeated odor of regurgitation, or a faculty member might come to us concerned about a very thin student who becomes light-headed when they stand up from their desk."

She then asks the concerned party to encourage the person to come to the Health Clinic or CAPS center for assessment. Eating disorders "...are an illness - just like athlete's foot. It should not be viewed as deviant behavior, but as a person who needs to be cared for - it's also not exclusively female," Nichols said.

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Roaming Reporter

Gerry-Anna Jones
Staff Writer

KSU speaks out

Attendance policies have become increasingly prevalent in classrooms lately. Some teachers keep a record simply for reference, but most institute some penalty if one misses more than a designated number of classes.

So KSU: Do you think it is beneficial for teachers to institute attendance policies?



- Suzanne Hunter
- English Education
- Sophomore
- Hiram

"Yes and no, depending on how it's done and whether it affects the grade."



- Dorothy Gantt
- Business Management
- Freshman
- Marietta

"Yes, participation in class can boost your grade and give you a better chance of succeeding on the next test."



- Travis Griffin
- Business Management
- Freshman
- Dallas

"No, because it's the student's choice on whether to come to class or not."



- Kerstin Spalla
- Psychology
- Sophomore
- Alpharetta

"As long as you know the material it doesn't really matter. I usually go to class anyway."



- Melody Spellman
- Bio Chemistry
- Freshman
- Kennesaw

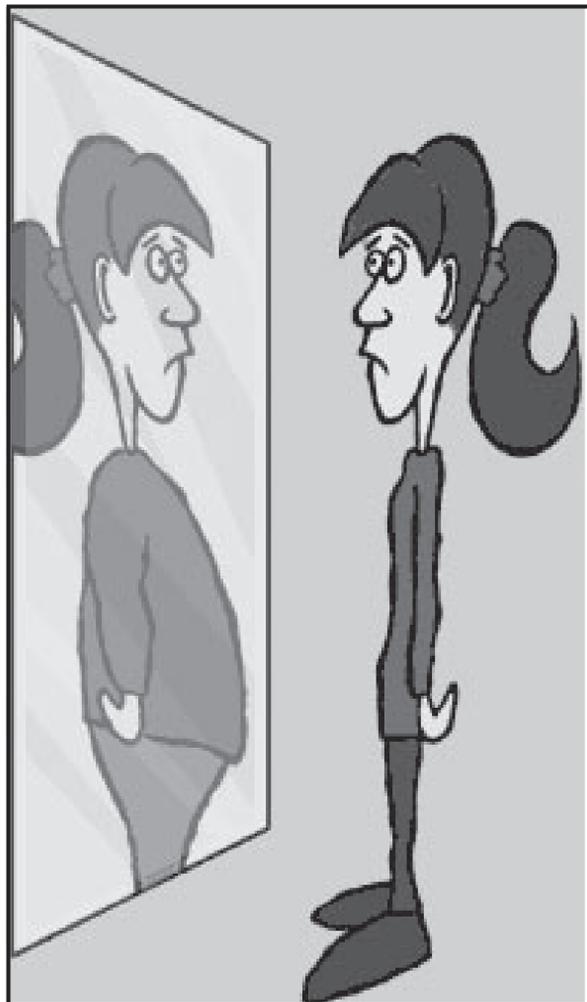
"No, I usually just go to class to be counted there. I learn more from reading my textbook. It's funny because the professors who are competent, teach and convey the message to me do not need attendance policies."

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"Eating disorders are a difficult issue because often individuals do not believe they have a problem, although others around them can see it. It's akin to an addictive disorder (drugs and alcohol), because the individual does not want to give up the disordered eating as it has become a coping strategy for other stressors." Perry said, "often there's a lot of fear around change, and individuals have to learn how to develop healthier ways to manage the emotional pain they experience. It's a very complex issue, which is why the most effective treatment often requires a treatment "team" that can look at all the factors, including medical, psychological, social, and environmental."

The CAPS Center offers private, confidential counseling held on a continuing basis with counselors that specialize in that area. "Eating disorders are very real and a prevalent problem particularly among college students, both men and women." Perry said, "Please do not be ashamed or afraid to get help and know that if you come to the CAPS center, there is a staff that is sensitive and knowledgeable about the problem and ready to help!"

Sherry Twidwell, Director of the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness, said about a handful of people come to her every year with concerns about a friend with an eating disorder. The center has basic information for them and tips on how to talk to the person with the eating disorder in a caring way without making them feel as if



they are being attacked. If an individual with an eating disorder comes in for help, she refers them to the CAPS Center and tries to make a good and comfortable match with one of the qualified counselors. Twidwell said, "I'm concerned with body

image and want people to realize that it's what's on the inside that counts."

For off-campus programs and more information on eating disorders visit the CAPS Center or www.edin-ga.org.

Make order out of eating disorders

Collen Crawford
Staff Writer

Education can be entertaining. The CAPS Center, Wellness Center and Health Clinic are sponsoring a week of activities combining entertainment and fun with learning about the dangers of eating disorders.

According to the CAPS Center, about one in five Americans suffer from anorexia, bulimia, or compulsive overeating. Gather valuable information in a relaxed atmosphere void of commitment or pressure, and learn to be aware of the sometimes subtle signs that accompany eating disorders.

Feb. 23 Digital Deception: Perception vs. Reality (Body Image Awareness)

Have your picture taken with a digital camera, and then see how your body can be manipulated.

Location: Student Center, University Rooms C, D, & E
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

center. If you have questions, these are the people to ask.

Location: Student Center, University Room A
Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 pm

Feb. 25 "Real Women Have Curves: Celebrate Your Body"

DANGER – Curves ahead: learn to enjoy your voluptuousness. Free lunch for the first 20 students who register (770-423-6394)

Location: Student Center, Leadership Room
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 24 "The Thin Line"

She was so good last year they had to have her back. It is a 20 minute one woman show. Diane Cooper depicts four characters addressing eating disorders.

Get inside the life and mind of a person struggling with an eating disorder and be enlightened. Discover how an eating disorder develops and the psychological and emotional impacts on the individual. Afterwards, there will be a panel discussion that including a psychologist, nutritionist, an individual who is recovering from an eating disorder, the Director of the Student Health Clinic, the Assistant Athletic Director and Compliance Director, and Assistant Director of the CAPS

Feb. 26 "Love That Belly! An Intro to Belly Dancing"

Become one with your belly – learn to jiggle, wiggle, and roll!

NEW! A six-week belly dancing course begins in March.

Location: Student Center, Aerobics Room
Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

For more information contact the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness at (770) 423-6394.

campus shorts

Tauheedah Hasan
Staff Writer

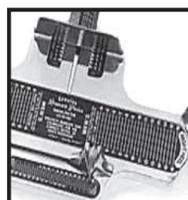
Feb. 19: AASA presents the Storytelling Event from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. AASA states, "In honor of our oral traditions, join us for the sharing of events of legendary and factual proportions that have shaped our community." Families are encouraged to attend. For more information call 770-423-6000.

Feb. 21: The Stillwell Theater presents the Emerging Artists Series starring Nanae Mimura, the queen of the marimba. She has performed throughout Latin America, Asia, Europe and the U.S.

Feb. 20: KSU Studio Theater presents the Spoken Word showcase of vocal poetry. It begins at 8 p.m. Call 770-423-6650 for more information.

Feb. 22: Also Gospel Singing Group, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. University Rooms A and B.

Feb. 23: Atlanta Symphony Brass Quintet performs at 8 p.m. in the Stillwell Theater. For more information contact the box office at 770-423-6650.

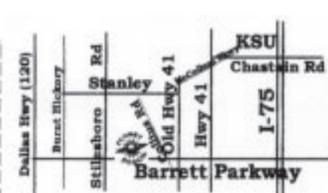


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Return applications to the Student Life Center, Room 274

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February 26, 2004
12:30 pm

Voting:
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"We let everyone know who we are," Clements said. "We are involved in the Safe Spaces program, which is a nationwide program to promote awareness of gender issues. We have someone come in and train students and faculty how to handle different LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) questions."

"If you have a student who is having any type of problems, they feel safe to come to you—not for counseling, but for the information on where they (the student) can go," Clements said. "This is one of the big things we are doing."

When asked about the climate on campus toward gay and lesbian students, Liley said, "Cobb County has a stereotype of being ultraconservative, but KSU is not that way. We don't have any problems. When we do things that are visible; a bake sale or a T-shirt sale, people know it's the 'gay group' and it's never presented any issues on campus."

Tatum said that occasionally there have been "errors of omission"

in the classroom when the discussions have taken a religious turn. "It takes a lot of courage to say anything contrary to the general public opinion," Tatum said. "How safe do you feel in your class making your opinion known or do you just sit down and be quiet and let everyone go off..."

"...and leave the conversation as ignorant as it was when it started" Sims interjected. "I feel like if I don't say anything I'm doing you a disservice by allowing you to be as misinformed as you were when you started. I feel compelled to come out and I feel compelled to say 'that's not really how it is.'"

Opinions about gay marriage were as varied as they are in the heterosexual community. While all agreed that rights needed to be afforded to gay and lesbian partners, they didn't all agree on what to call them.

"I can understand in a religious marriage that people don't see two men or two women as being [right] for that."

That's fine with me," Tatum said. "If they want to call it a civil union or whatever, that's fine with me."

"I have a big problem if one of the partners die and you now have to negotiate with that person's family who may or may not like you because of the relationship you had," Tatum said.

"You're not just going to treat me differently; you're going to punish me for choosing to love a different way than

you do. I just want something that protects [our] rights."

Liley saw the issues of marriage and civil unions as being inseparable. "If [President] Bush puts in a constitution amendment banning gay marriage there won't be any civil unions for gay marriages," said Liley. "It's black and white, I wish people would just understand."

"Two men or two women, we're just regular people. We're your doctors, lawyers and teachers. We are your gas station clerks. You're holding a basic civil right [from] us. It would hurt so much to see that my own country is against me and who I am and what I stand for."

After a pause, Liley continued with emotion in his voice. "I wouldn't want to live here anymore," he said. "It would just really hurt to know that people who are supposed to be protecting everyone wouldn't be protecting the gay people cause they are banned. People who are gay wouldn't want to come out. It would take away everything we gained."

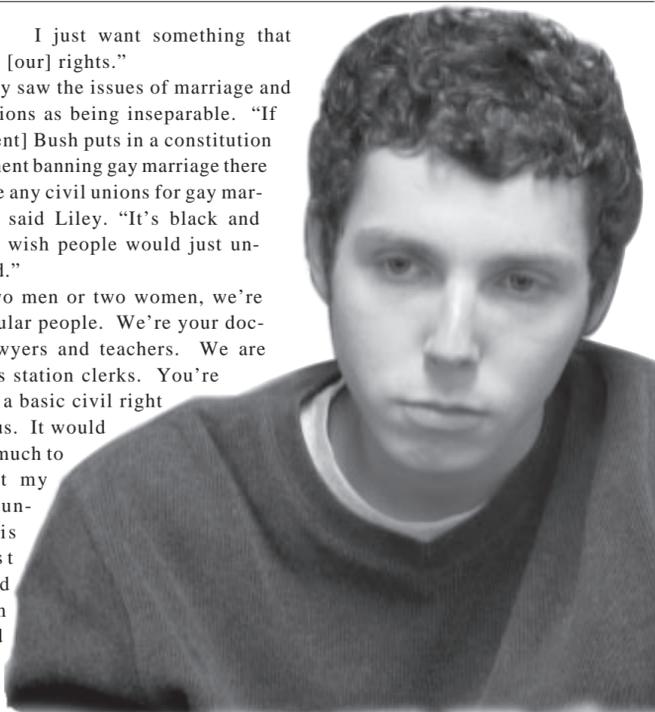
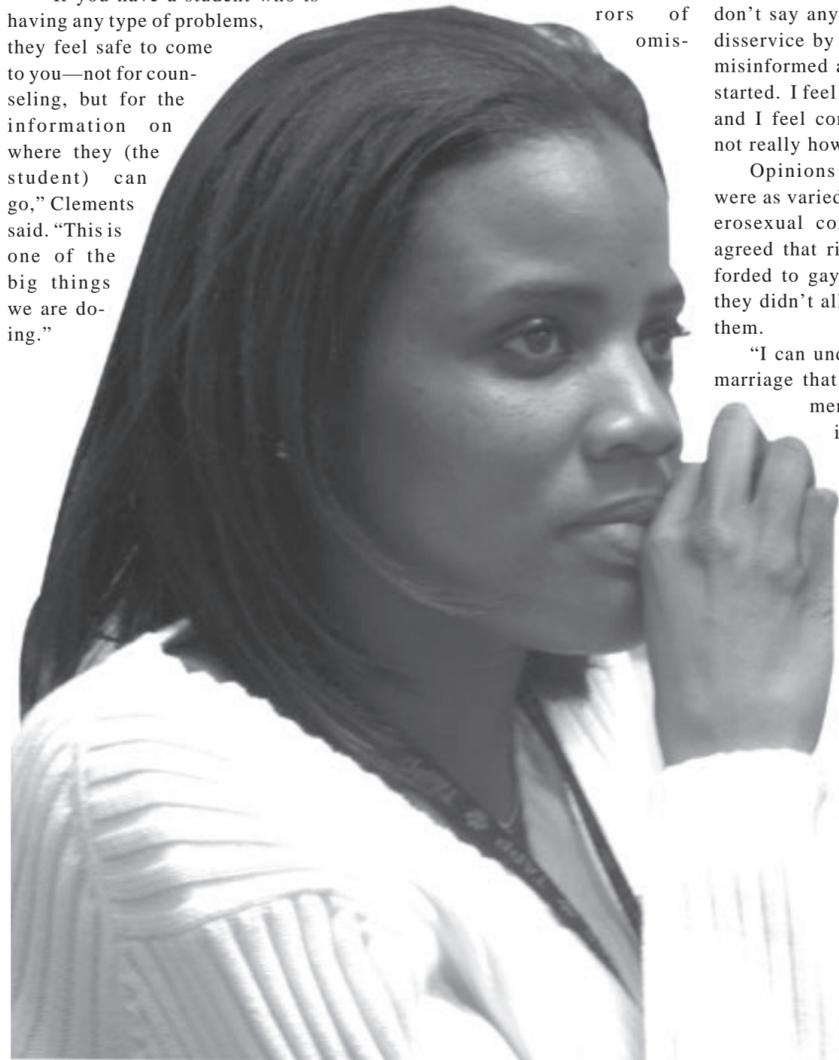
Sims had a relationship of six years end, in part, because of the lack of legal protections offered to her and her lover. "She wanted to have kids," Sims said in reference to her partner, "and her parents aren't okay with our relationship. I don't want to bear the kids and feel like my children are going to visit some people who don't acknowledge them."

"I didn't want her to bear the kids and something happen to her and I have no rights," Sims said. That created a lot of friction in our relationship. I can't think of buying a house when I am not legally protected in that house, and I

know for a fact that her family will do everything in their power to keep me out of it."

"Call it whatever you want to call it, but please allow me to share in the same rights," Sims said. "It's just a wonderful caring relationship between two people who love each other, it shouldn't matter sexually what they do."

GLSA's Web site is <http://www.kennesaw.edu/clubs/glsa/> or they can be reached via email at ksuglsa@yahoo.com. The GLSA meets the first full week of the month on Wednesday and Thursday. Everyone, straight or gay, is welcome to hear what the group has to say. "Even if you don't think it's your thing," Tatum said. "Just come and listen—please participate if you want to, but just come to hear what it is we talk about."



Giving the gift of life

Meredith Pruden
Copy Editor

In the state of Georgia, it is a simple matter to technically become an organ donor. When a driver goes to renew his/her license, the person can choose whether or not they would like to become a donor. The second thing a person must do is discuss his/her choice with their family.

According to Lifelink of Georgia, there are currently more than 80,000 individuals in the United States who are awaiting an organ transplant, more than 1,500 of those are here in Georgia and there are thousands more who are waiting for tissue transplants.

"When I die I know my spirit is going to Heaven, it would be selfish of me to keep my organs when I have no use for them," said Melissa Casey, a KSU sophomore and organ donor, "Why not give them to someone who could truly benefit and save a life."

Lifelink of Georgia statistics show that more than 24,000 lives were saved through organ transplants last year and an estimated half million tissue transplants prevented amputations and replaced lost bone tissue. "Making the decision to donate, and sharing that decision with family members, is an action that could potentially change the lives of 60 people



in a positive way," Vice President/Executive Director of Lifelink Kathleen Lilly said.

Rachel Askew is a heart valve recipient and Miss Henry County 2003 said "donation is a generous act of love that gives someone a second chance at life. It has given me the chance to reach my goals and the opportunity as Miss Henry County 2003, to share my story so that others will make the decision to become an organ and tissue donor."

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Against the Ropes scores solid punch

Vibeke L. Hodges
Senior Staff Writer

Boxing is an internationally recognized and respected sport. However, it is a sport that is male dominated in terms of athletes and management. At least it was until the introduction of Jackie Kallen. Through every jab or punch thrown, *Against the Ropes* stands strong. Grab a ring side seat and enjoy a film that educates as well as entertains.

Welcome to Cleveland, Ohio and meet Jackie Kallen (Meg Ryan). Jackie is in a dead-end job program managing her boss (Joe Cortese) or as she puts it, "covering her boss' ass." Boxing runs deep in her blood. As a child, play time was spent ringside with her father watching him train boxers including her uncle.

A celebratory fight night party brings Jackie into a bit of a brawl with mob connected boxing manager Sam Larocca (Tony Shaloub). Afterwards, she ends up with a boxer's contract for one dollar.

Excited by the challenge, Jackie sets out to meet her future prize fighter and is greeted by a washed up mess. The trip to the 'hood is not wasted, because Jackie meets Luther Shaw (Omar Epps) and vows that he will be the next middleweight champion.

The problem is, Luther's got a bit of an attitude and thinks he knows everything there is to know about anything. Jackie brings in retired coach Felix Reynolds (Charles Dutton) to channel the fighter's energy and passions. It is also to try to help shape his attitude.

Director Charles Dutton does a wonderful job



of weaving in Jackie's story amongst really cool boxing footage. Omar Epps and Charles Dutton have an amazing father-son like vibe on screen. Meg Ryan shines in this role, and favorite scenes include the bar fight with Sam Larocca and the training sessions with Omar Epps. The only really annoying thing is that Meg Ryan's character has an overdone heavy Ohio accent.

Against the Ropes effectively tells the story of one woman's challenges against an entire industry, and the length that one must travel to succeed but somehow keep some dignity in tact.

The real life Jackie Kallen is one of the most successful female managers in boxing, and has written her own life manual entitled "Hit me with your best shot." For more info, check out her Web site at www.jackiekallen.com

Grade: A-



Movie Review

40 Below Summer hits again

Kiki Amanatidis
Staff Writer

What do you get when you put together a drummer from Peru, a Puerto Rican bassist and some American rockers? 40 Below Summer. The band, who formed in 1998, consists of: Max Illedge, vocals, Hector Graziani, bass, Joe D'Amico and Jordan Plingos, guitar, and Carlos Aguilar, drums. They range from 25-30 in age and lead singer Illedge is quite the looker. The band has been playing together since



Music Review

1998 and has recently released their second full-length album "The Mourning After." By looking at the cover, I was expecting a heavy metal album, but I was

shocked at how it was not as close to metal as I imagined it to be. While it was still slightly "harder" than my usual taste in rock music, I came to find myself really enjoying the album.

In their song "Better Life" Illedge sings "Take that weight off your shoulders/It's kinda hard when it keeps getting colder inside." This album does that. It made me feel like I could listen to it while I drove or ran and just release all that internal emotion.

40 Below Summer is currently touring in the mid-west and Canada.

Grade: B+



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Reel News (Movies/DVD)

Highway Men (Movie releases 2/13/04)

James Caviezel (*High Crimes, Pay It Forward*) plays Rennie Cray, a man determined to track down the hit-and-run driver who killed his wife five years ago. James Fargo, played by Colm Feore (*Paycheck, Chicago*), is the deranged serial killer that Cray is hunting.

The other players in this game of cat-and-mouse include Macklin, played by Frankie Faison (*Red Dragon, Showtime*), the traffic investigator who has been following Cray's search for Fargo, and there is Molly Poole, played by Rhona Mitra (*The Life of David Gale, Sweet Home Alabama*), who is the only survivor of a major car accident caused by Fargo. This causes Poole to become the target of Fargo's obsession, and the cheese that Cray will use to catch the killer.

Trivia

- Caviezel had completed his 140th training lap at the Indy 500 track when he was contacted by the director about the movie.
- The car graveyard scenes were filmed at one of North America's largest recycling plants
- Cars play a large role in this film, and there were six Barracudas (three hero cars and three stunt cars), five Eldorados (one hero car and four stunt cars), one Mazda and one Sedan were included in the film's mechanical cast.



50 First Dates (Movie releases 2/13/04)

Drew Barrymore (*Charlie's Angels, Never Been Kissed*) and Adam Sandler (*Mr. Deeds, The Wedding Singer*) are teaming up for another romantic comedy.

The film is about Lucy Whitmore (Barrymore) and Henry Roth (Sandler). Roth is a bachelor who gives up his playboy style when he meets Whitmore, but the problem she suffers from a severe case of short-term memory loss. Whenever she goes to sleep, she completely forgets what happened the day before, and that means that Roth must work hard every day to make Whitmore fall in love with him.

Trivia

- Cameron Diaz and Julia Roberts were considered for the role of Lucy Whitmore.
- Jay Roach (director of the *Austin Powers* series) was originally slated to be the director of this film, but Roach eventually backed out in order to trim down the number of films he is committed to.
- The film's working title was *50 First Kisses*.



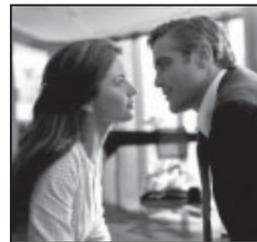
Intolerable Cruelty

A slick divorce lawyer (played by George Clooney) frames the wife (Catherine Zeta-Jones) of a client to get him released from the marriage without a settlement. The ex-wife uses wedding vows as revenge by hooking up with the attorney. Her plan is to take him for everything in a divorce, but she unexpectedly falls in love with him.

Extras on the DVD are light only including three featurettes and outtakes.

Trivia

- Clooney had an unsuccessful try out with the Cincinnati Reds after spending a few years studying at Northern Kentucky University.
- Julia Roberts and Richard Gere were once considered to play the title roles in this film, instead of Catherine Zeta-Jones and George Clooney.
- Jonathan Demme (*Philadelphia, The Truth About Charlie*) was originally going to direct this film instead of Joel Coen (*Fargo, Raising Arizona*).



Masked and Anonymous (DVD releases 2/17/04)

The film takes place in a fictional country entrenched in a Civil War. It is a war that has been fought for so long that nobody remembers what the fighting is about.

Uncle Sweetheart (played by John Goodman) decides to promote an alleged "charity" concert, and his main attraction is Jack Fate (played by Bob Dylan) who is currently in prison. Sweetheart is Fate's former manager and bails Fate out for the show. Nina Veronica (played by Jessica Lange) is the TV producer who has made her goal to turn the concert into an international success.

Extras on the DVD include audio commentary, trailers and deleted scenes.

Trivia

- Bob Dylan (Sergei Petrov) and Larry Charles (Rene Fontaine) used pseudonyms as a play on the title of the movie.
- The film was shot on 24-frame digital video.
- The movie was a "Centerpiece Premiere" at the Sundance Film Festival, Jan. 22, 2003.



Dickie Roberts - Former Child Star (DVD releases 2/17/04)

Most child stars find themselves in a quandary once they go through the puberty, and not all of them are able to continue in the roles that sparked their fame. For Dickie Robert (played by David Spade) this leads to the realization that, at the age of 35, he needs to find a comeback role, and when he finds a part as an "everyday guy," Roberts is eager to fill it.

The problem is that he has is clueless to what an "everyday life" is, and he decides to hire a family (parents and siblings) to recreate a "normal" childhood for him. Alyssa Milano (Dickie Roberts girlfriend) and Mary McCormack (Grace/the mother of the family rented by Roberts) join Spade in this over-the-top comedy film about recapturing youth lost.

Extras on the DVD include deleted scenes, audio commentaries, the featurettes *Behind "Child Stars on Your Television," The True Hollywood Story, Pencil Dickie: Writing the Story*, Comedy Central's *Reel Comedy*, and a music video.

Trivia

- Alyssa Milano is not the only former child stars in this movie. Look for appearances by Maureen McCormack, Emmanuel Lewis, Danny Bonnaduce, Dustin Diamond and Corey Feldman.
- David Spade received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Sept. 5, 2003.
- A picture of Alyssa Milano was used to create Ariel in Disney's *The Little Mermaid*.





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The four faces of Chuck

He stands before a stack of empty pizza boxes his posture slumped. His eyes are lidded and glazed. His expression is so slack that the casual observer might expect him to start drooling. The only signs of life are his rapidly moving hands. They speed along with super human precision, folding and stacking pizza boxes unlike any human before him; and probably any human after him. He is Physical Chuck, just one of the many mysterious, yet mindless, personalities that make up this enigma of a man.

Physical Chuck is the personality most of the world sees. He is the working force behind the man. It is Physical Chuck that meets and greets the public during working hours. He moves methodically; his abilities leaning more towards the literal rather than the intellectual.

The Normal one



Leslie Thompson
Humor Columnist

He does as he is told, exactly as he is told. He can however, hold a limited sort of conversation, depending on how much the other personalities like you.

Angry Chuck is a force to be reckoned with. He is vindictive, spiteful, and just plain evil. He is the type of guy who would cut off his nose to spite his face, but Angry Chuck barely exists. He requires too much energy to maintain

and so Hungry Chuck throttles him into oblivion.

Hungry Chuck is a human vacuum cleaner. It has been reported by many close friends and family that he can and will consume anything. He has been spotted eating pickle relish by the spoonfuls, Buffalo wings by the bucketful, and gallons of Coke. His favorite prey is the microwavable burrito, preferably of the beef variety. Do not be alarmed when confronted with Hungry Chuck. He is mostly benign and will not consume anything that moves, moos or talks back to him.

Mental Chuck is the well kept family secret. He is the brains of the operation, the commander-in-chief; the one none of the other personalities can do without. Too bad he's rarely in the building. Mental Chuck can quietly seduce super models, spout witty quips with the greatest of ease, and contemplate the meaning of God while supervising Hungry Chuck's ravenous search for the next burrito. He is elusive and quick. He can suddenly be there, declaring that Captain Kirk and Mister Spock were communists (don't believe Mental Chuck? Watch Star Trek IV closely), and just as quickly he is gone with the wind.

What could possibly be the cause of such an obvious split in personalities? What could have happened to a young boy that was so terrible that his mental facilities go on vacation whenever possible? It was the middle child syndrome. Chuck's elder brother Chris was a relentless prankster. He would often wake Chuck in the middle of the night screaming that he was late for school; then laughing as the child dressed himself and then fell asleep in the dresser. Chris never allowed him peace in the bathroom. He once lost Chuck on a mountain hiking trail for an hour.

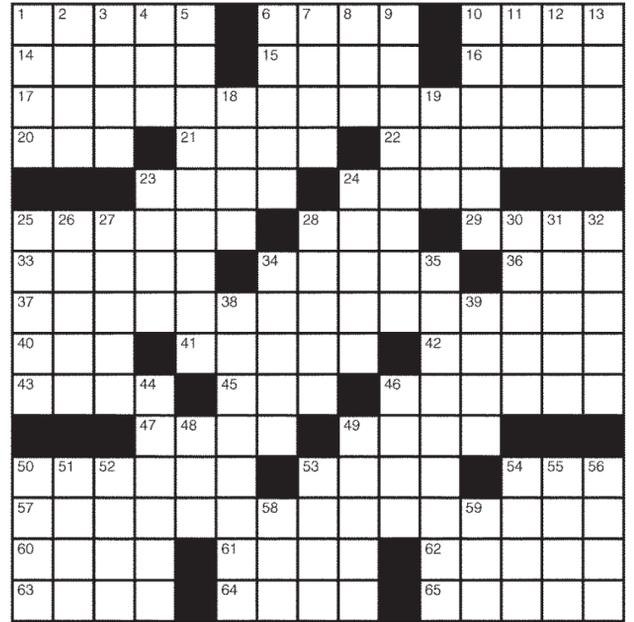
Chuck's younger sister Jenni was just under two years younger. While Jenni was nice enough as a sister (meaning Jenni ignored Chuck unless he had something she wanted) there is something to be said about the mental anguish of having your baby sister match your stature inch for inch.

They say that the path of the human mind is a twisted maze. With Chuck that is powerfully true. As he grows older, new personalities will emerge and split from the core. Soon there will be Married Chuck: who will no longer notice the existence of other women, and then Daddy Chuck: good god will that really happen? With the emergence of two new personalities, what will be Mental Chuck's ultimate fate? Perhaps he will merge with Angry Chuck, and mutate into Perpetually Irritated and Vocal About it Chuck. The worst could occur with Mental Chuck being mobbed by all the other personalities, hog-tied and jammed into the darkest closet of Chuck's ever expanding mind.

The Weekly Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- God of the Koran
 - Fencer's foil
 - Burrows and Fortas
 - Ta-da!
 - Cartoon Betty
 - Anna Sten film
 - Daily run
 - Vitamin fig.
 - Stable locks
 - Travolta movie
 - Dashing Grant
 - Preacher Roberts
 - Minor adjustments
 - One Gabor
 - Roe source
 - Undue speed
 - Tight perm
 - Wallach or Whitney
 - Daily doze
 - Born in Paris
 - Good judgment
 - Twangy
 - Does wrong
 - Kind of chart
 - Al and Bobby of auto racing
 - Bk. of Revelations
 - H.S. junior's exam
 - Fifth Hebrew month
 - Female military grp.
 - 4-stringed guitar
 - Daily redevye
 - Not quite shut
 - Skewer
 - Brilliant success
 - Low places
 - Creche figures
 - Rouen's river

- DOWN**
- Asseverate
 - Take a ___ off
 - Old Italian bread?
 - Everything
 - Knockout blows
 - Hard, dark wood



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- Skin opening
- Many years
- Clever quips
- Anaheim nine
- California south of the border
- Son of Seth
- Profoundly wise
- Fourth planet
- Gun grp.
- Actress Blanchett
- Sheepish?
- Clan chief
- Thin cookie
- Organic compound
- Irregular as if eaten away
- "Demian" writer
- Church table
- Gauges
- Dunce-cap shaped
- Highest points
- Favoritism for family
- New York City river
- Rescuers
- Mil. branch
- "Peter ___"
- Singer LaBelle
- Stick starter?
- One who has been to Mecca
- South Dakota, to Pierre
- Early American political party
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2/20 - 2/21 KSU Invitational (Kennesaw, Ga.)
2/20 North Alabama 9:00 a.m.
2/20 Texas Women's University 5:00 p.m.
2/21 Limestone 11:00 a.m.
2/21 Mars Hill 5:00 p.m.
2/25 @West Georgia 3:00 p.m.
2/27 - 2/29 Owl Classic (Kennesaw, Ga.)
2/27 Southern Indiana 12:00 p.m.
2/27 Wayne State 4:00 p.m.
2/28 Nebraska-Omaha 10:00 a.m.
2/28 Lenoir Rhyne 2:00 p.m.
2/29 Wayne State 11:00 a.m.



2004 Baseball Schedule

2/21 @Francis Marion 1:00 p.m.
2/22 @Francis Marion 1:00 p.m.
2/25 Clayton State 5:30 p.m.
2/27 USC Spartanburg 5:00 p.m.
2/28 USC Spartanburg 1:00 p.m.

2004 Basketball Schedule

2/18 Columbus State 5:30 p.m.
2/21 @UNC Pembroke 2:00 p.m.
2/25 Clayton State 5:30 p.m.
2/28 @North Florida 2:00 p.m.
*Times denote women's games
*Men's games start 2 hours after women's times



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SPORTS

One of the NBA's TALLEST visits KSU

Shawn Bradley of the Dallas Mavericks stops by KSU

Joseph Dollar
Staff Writer

At 7'6", Shawn Bradley of the Dallas Mavericks is one of the tallest players in the National Basketball League, and he was Head Basketball Coach Tony Ingle's special guest on campus Feb. 9. The moment he walked into the student center, it was evident he is not the average NBA player. He stopped and shook hands with anyone who approached him, and he accepted all picture requests.

In town for a game against the Atlanta Hawks, Bradley accepted the invite, because Ingle has a long-standing relationship with Bradley, stemming from the NBA star's college days.

Ingle was an assistant coach with BYU when Bradley was deciding on a college to attend. As the number one

national high school basketball player, Bradley had colleges like Duke, UNC, UCLA and Arizona all vying for his services. "I chose BYU because it was close to my home," Bradley said. "If I had lived near another school, I probably would've gone there instead."

Bradley grew up in Castle Dale, Utah with a population of about 1,500 people. Like many people in the area, he was, and still is, a practicing member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He admitted that his faith was a big part of his decision when looking at his collegiate options. He was planning on taking a two-year mission trip during college, but many schools were not receptive to this idea. He just crossed them off his list of possible candidates.

Bradley noticed the size difference between him and other kids very early in his life. "I had to carry around my birth certificate to get into the same amusement parks as my friends," he said. As a third grader he was already playing basketball with the sixth graders.

After Bradley greeted onlookers in the halls of the student center, he met for a couple hours with boosters, players, coaches, and a few press members in a conference room in the same building.

Students and faculty continued coming into the room to meet and greet the star. Bradley politely paused whatever he was

doing to accommodate fans. He also set aside some time to meet with some of the basketball players to talk basketball strategy, NBA lit, and his view about various players in the league.

Bradley's relationship with Ingle is unique, because he lives as his former coach wants players to live their personal and professional lives. Bradley is a good husband and proud father of five, and he is involved in countless charities.

Professionally, Bradley is an outstanding post presence and has led the league in blocks on numerous accounts. With such a loaded roster, it must be difficult to get offensive shot "Everyone has to accept their roles for a successful team to exist," Bradley said. "They don't need me to score. They need me for other things and I'm comfortable with that."

His team won over 60 games last season, but they fell short of the championship in the quarterfinals. It is unlikely that this year's team will win as many games, but he likes their chances at the championship because of the revamped roster. "We have three all-stars and two former all-stars," he said. "No matter who gets the ball, we feel confident that they should've had it."

Over the years, Ingle and Bradley have spent time together for various reasons. In the beginning, it was as player and coach, and later it was helping Bradley condition for the 1999 lockout season. Now it is as old friends.

Bradley and Ingle had the chance to reminisce on old times. While at BYU, the team played a tournament in New York City,

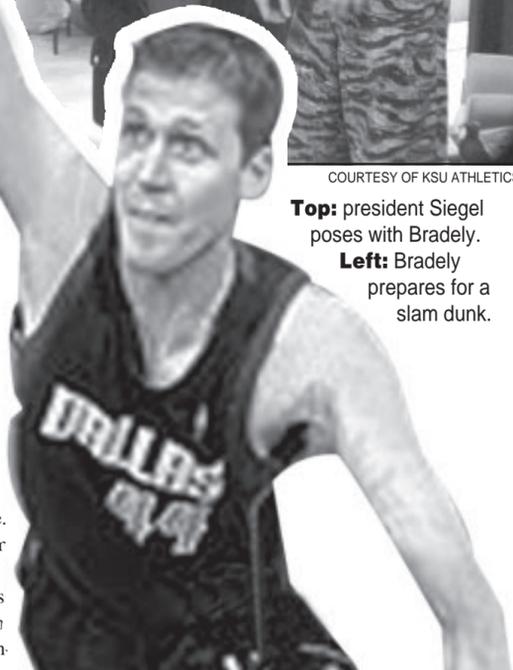
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~ Denisha Ferguson
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Top: president Siegel poses with Bradley.
Left: Bradley prepares for a slam dunk.



COURTESY OF KSU ATHLETICS

Siegel and Ingle discuss things with Bradley.

KSU men's basketball wrap-up

Owls improve on last year's performance

Joseph Dollar
Staff Writer

Twenty-four points from senior guard Terrence Hill led the Owls over rival Clayton State 59-51 Feb 11. KSU came into the game looking to break the Lakers 12-0 unbeaten streak at home this season.

In the first half, KSU ran into trouble putting up their usual high scoring output. "They just came out and matched our intensity in the first half," Hill said.

The Lakers stayed within striking distance of the Owls late into the first half. Head coach Tony Ingle was called for a technical foul for yelling at the referees for a foul called against the owls. Clayton State was able to sink the free throws, which gave them a 19-18 lead with 4:49 to go before half-time. Clayton State extended their lead to 27-22 at the half.

"I was encouraged," Ingle said. "Last year we were down 17 at half against them."

In the second half, Hill moved to point guard so he could be isolated against the defense. "I like having the ball in my hands," Hill said. "I feel like I can control the game better when I'm at point guard."

KSU slowly closed the gap with

"I was encouraged. Last year we were down 17 at half against them."

~ Coach Ingle

8:50 left in the game. Then Rey Luque made his first appearance in the scoring column by sinking two free throws to tie the game at 44. On the next possession, Luque was able to give the Owls the lead for good with a 15 foot jumper. Luque finished the game with seven points.

Hill was not worried about being down for most of the game. "We knew our endurance would pay off in the second half," Hill said.

Not to be forgotten was the inside presence of sophomore forward Georgy Joseph. Joseph grabbed eight tough rebounds to go with his nine points. It seemed every time the Owls needed a stop on defense or another chance on offense, the reigning freshman of the year came up big for KSU. Clayton State was held to a meager 33 percent shooting for the game.

KSU ended the game on a 22-7 run. "It was a pride factor for the team," Ingle said.

Tough defense and bad calls not enough to stop the Owls

Joseph Dollar
Staff Writer

KSU (22-4, 12-0) overcame a tenacious and defensive minded North Florida men's basketball team to get their 12th straight conference win 66-53.

Head coach Tony Ingle was very modest and quick to knock on wood when the subject of being undefeated this late in conference play was brought up. "We're excited for our fans, players and faculty," Ingle said.

With his second 20 plus point output of the week, senior guard Terrence Hill led the way with 21 points. "I knew if I picked up my game, the team would follow," Hill said.

The first half was slow-paced and methodical. North Florida is a team that likes to lull its opponent with unrelenting defensive and well-executed offensive plays that run the shot clock down to the last second.

Hill and the rest of the starters were having trouble putting up points on the UNF team. So Ingle decided to use

his bench players more frequently than usual, and as a result, the bench accounted for half the team's 28 first half points.

"It's always refreshing to see your bench step in and play well," Ingle said.

Junior center Cardale Talley led the bench in the first half with six points and three rebounds.

The story of the game was not just UNF's defense, but also the physical play they got away with the whole game. KSU was continually fouled, mauled and molested without any reprimand from the referees. Regardless of that, the Owls still held onto a 28-20 halftime lead.

KSU came out pressing and playing a full court system of basketball on both ends of the court. "We had to work hard to get them to play at our speed," Ingle said.

Hill and senior forward Reggie McKoy sparked the Owls' offensive in the last 20 minutes of play. They combined to score 24 of the team's 38 second half points. "My teammates were looking for me a lot tonight," McKoy said. "I was fortunately able to find some open spaces on offense."

McKoy finished the game with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Blood, sweat and tears were not the only thing that McKoy

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~ Senior Reggie McKoy

gave up for the win. Late in the second half a UNF player inadvertently hit McKoy's jaw, knocking a tooth loose.

KSU hosts Columbus State tonight at 7:30 p.m. in a huge game that will help shape the conclusion of the regular season. With a win, KSU secures the south division title of the PBC. "It would be a nice thing to have," Ingle said. "We have had to earn it. Nobody has given us anything easy all season."

Hill was more excited about the chance to give the fans a chance to see a great game in their own building, but strategy was on McKoy's mind. "We have to stop them on defense," McKoy said. "They are a great scoring team. We have to them slow down."

First conference game a shoot-out

Chris Lerstang
Senior Staff Writer

With Mother Nature raining out a doubleheader on Saturday Feb. 14, KSU and Armstrong Atlantic decided to make up for it by playing a wild game the next afternoon in Savannah, Georgia. Down 7-2 after five innings, the Owls went on a furious rally to score seven runs in the next two innings and then hold on for a 9-8 victory in their first Peach Belt Conference game of the 2004 season.

Things started out well for the Owls (4-1, 1-0 PBC) in the top of the first when Jon Love (2-for-4) singled and was followed by a Scott Conway (1-for-3) bomb over the center field wall to make the score 2-0.

Armstrong Atlantic (5-1, 0-1) quickly answered in their half of the first inning as the first four hitters reached base on three hits

and an error on Owls starter Blake Whitaker. Throw in a wild pitch, a sacrifice fly and two more hits, and the Pirates were up 3-2. Only a great throw by centerfielder Clint Watters to cut down Steven Kinney (2-for-4) as he was trying to go from first to third on a single by Sean Hotzak (1-for-4) would keep the Pirates from scoring any more runs.

After a quiet second inning, AASU got hot at the plate again to score three more runs. They quickly chased Whitaker from the game after he gave up his fourth single of the inning to Kinney. Brent Jackson (1-0) came in to stop the bleeding and record the final two outs, but not before three Pirates had crossed the plate on five hits. All three runs were charged to Whitaker, who gave up a total of ten hits and six runs in only 2.1 innings.

The Owls would start their rally with two outs in the sixth inning. Love doubled to right centerfield

and was followed by a Conway walk. Sophomore Scott Hendrix (3-for-5, 4 RBI) then ripped a double down the left field line to score both runners and came around to score on a double by catcher Kevin Gergel (1-for-5).

The Pirates would notch a run in the bottom half of the sixth, but the Owls would bounce right back in the top of the seventh inning with four runs to take a 9-7 lead. Chad Grass (0-1) was able to get the first out of the inning on a harmless fly-out, but he got into trouble by giving up two straight single and a walk. Conway then coaxed a walk to plate the first run, before Grass was relieved by Zach Shelnett, who promptly gave up another two-run double to Hendrix. Gergel would drive home the final Owl run on a ground out to shortstop Adam Pelley.

The Pirates were not about to go quietly, though, as Jackson gave up a double and a single to the first

two batters of the ninth inning to make the score 9-8. Jackson was relieved by Travis King, who gave up a single to the first batter he faced. With two runners on and no one out, the Pirates were staged to at least tie the score, but when a pitch by Travis King popped out of catcher Derrick Tucker's glove, both runners broke towards second and third. Tucker was able to retrieve the ball and throw it to second base in time to get Brandon McKinnon into a run down. After he was tagged out, Kyle Craven was thrown out trying to advance to third. King then got Hotzak to fly-out to end the game.

The Owls remained in Savannah to complete the three game series on Monday, but because of rain, the results were not available in time to print.

The Owls hit the road again Feb. 21-22 to take on the Patriots of Francis Marion. The two teams will play a doubleheader starting at 1:00 on Saturday and conclude with a game on Sunday at 1:00.



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FROM WOMEN'S SOCCER, PAGE 1

The Raleigh, England native began building the women's soccer program three seasons ago, starting out with no office and no players for a team. Since then, he has recruited hard and formed a nationally recognized team with outstanding coaches and excellent players.

When asked how King felt about KSU, he said that for him personally it was the first university where he could coach and receive the full support necessary to go on and win national championships at a high level. "I like Kennesaw, I like the university and the surrounding area, but the biggest factor for me is that I get the support from the adminis-

tration, from the athletic director and from the president to be able to do what we do at the highest level," King said.

When KSU announced the position for a soccer coach, King interviewed with Athletic Director, Dr. Dave Waples.

"He made his commitment

to the sport clear, so it was an easy decision," King said.

The school wanted to have the same kind of success that they have had with other sports such as baseball, basketball and cross-country. "Once they said they were going to commit to it, and fund it properly, then it was an easy decision," King said.

King began his soccer career at the University of Alabama at Huntsville where he attended college and lettered three years in soccer. After graduating, he accepted an assistant coaching position at UAH. King also coached at Martin Methodist College in Tennessee and The University of Montevallo.



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Weekend series ends on a positive note

Owls Hockey feeling good after close games

Richard L. Johnson
Assistant Photo Editor

The Owls split a two-game road trip against the Tulane Green Wave over the weekend.

KSU (14-13-1) was edged out 5-4 in the first game. The game was close, but the nine-hour ride and missing four key players due to injuries seemed to be just too much for the team as Tulane (11-8-0) took the win.

Brian Wickstrom, KSU's most prolific scorer, had two goals in the game. Robert Farris and Steve Baxter each added one more.

KSU came back the next day to

beat Tulane 7-5. Wickstrom again led the Owls' attack with three goals. Bryan Griggs added two goals and Farris and Baxter each added one more.

"Great team effort," said Coach Craig MacDonald. "The boys played with plenty of heart and desire."

Injuries in the second half of the season have hurt the Owls in key games. This season, KSU has 18 players on its roster. The team is looking to improve its depth by adding some new faces.

"Injuries late in the season continue to hurt us," said the director of team operations, Bill Morrison. "We will be looking to carry a 25 man roster next year."

At the Feb. 20 game, the Owls will be recognizing the Georgia High School Hockey League and its players.

KSU has been recruiting local high school seniors heavily and hope to bring in more talent in for the 2004-05 season.



"Great team effort. The boys played with plenty of heart and desire."

~Coach Craig MacDonald



The Owls play Middle Tennessee State University on Feb. 20 for the final home game of the season. With a loss earlier in the season to MTSU, the Owls are looking to even the score in what Morrison calls a "revenge match."

The final game of the season, the Feb. 29 rematch against the University of Georgia (25-3-0) is the second game of a double-header at Phillips Arena. The first game features the Atlanta Thrashers hosting the New York Rangers. KSU and UGA will take the ice at the conclusion of the Thrashers game. The team will be selling discounted tickets to the Thrashers game at the MTSU game.

Gearing up for the conference tournament



Lady Owls take down rivals North Florida and Clayton State

Matt Cutrona
Senior Staff Writer

The women's basketball team defeated their rival University of North Florida on Feb. 14 at the Landrum Centre. The win brought KSU's team within one game of UNF for second

place in the Peach Belt South Division.

Every game is crucial with seeding for the conference tournament just weeks away.

The Lady Owls built a nine-point lead in the second half, but like so many other games the girls watched that lead slowly dissipate. "This team knows how to change gears," said Head Coach Colby Tilley. "When they're down they know when to step it up."

Denisha Ferguson acquired

yet another double-double scoring 28 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. She was also named PBC player-of-the-week for the fourth time this season.

The basket that really got the Owls rolling in the second-half was a three-point jumper by Larvisha West. "Lu's the kind of teammate that contributes with more than just points," forward Denisha Ferguson said.

The ladies also defeated Clayton State on Feb. 11 to pick up their first away win since

Jan. 28. A lead was formed from the beginning of the game, and the Owls never looked back.

KSU had three players that scored double digits against Clayton State in the 84-74 victory. Denisha Ferguson completed another double-double scoring 20 points to lead the team with Larvisha West following with 17 points. Senior Lauren Gaines netted 12 points with a huge contribution of hustle.

"That's the way I play, hustle all the time," Gaines said.

The Owls have three games remaining in the season before the Peach Belt Conference tournament. The next home game is against Clayton State on Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Feb 5

Chris Lerstang
Senior Staff Writer

No. 9 Louisville at No. 12 Cincinnati

1:00 p.m.
 Shoemaker Center
 Cincinnati, OH

This is the last big test for both teams. The winner will have a leg up for the Conference USA title. Cincy got blown out by 27 points in their last meeting, so they will be looking to get revenge on their home court. It will not be easy, though, because of Louisville's balanced scoring attack, led by Francisco Garcia and Luke Whitehead. The Shoe will be rocking, so expect the Bearcats to come out on top.

No. 2 Stanford at UCLA

4:00 p.m.
 Pauley Pavilion

Even though the Bruins are not that good, it is only fitting that Stanford's run at a perfect season must go through Pauley Pavilion, a mecca in the college basketball world. The crowd should be rowdy, and a win for UCLA could salvage their season and maybe send them on their way to an NCAA berth. Stanford has proven they can win anywhere and will not be intimidated. Expect the Cardinals to stay undefeated.

Florida State at No. 17 North Carolina

1:00 p.m.
 Dean Smith Center
 Chapel Hill, NC

The Seminoles are on the bubble

with the NCAA committee, and a big conference road win could go far. Tim Pickett is the only 'Nole to average double figures, so they will need someone to step up. The Tar Heels counter with Rashad McCants, whose fluid moves net him just under 20 ppg. UNC can't afford to lose at home, so expect the Tar Heels to come out swinging and get the "W."

Kennesaw State at UNC Pembroke

4:00 p.m.
 Jones Athletic Center
 Pembroke, NC

The Owls have an inside-outside game that is unmatched only in the Peach Belt Conference with Reggie McKoy and Cardale Talley down low and Terrence Hill and Rey Luque from the outside. UNC Pembroke has the worst defense in the conference, so even though the Owls are on the road, do not expect this one to be close.

No. 18 Wake Forest at No. 16 Georgia Tech

8:00 p.m.
 Alexander Memorial Coliseum
 Atlanta, Georgia

Both of these teams have probably already locked up an NCAA berth, but another win over a top 25 team can't hurt. Each team has had an up and down year, winning some big games, but dropping some mysterious ones as well. B.J. Elder has been on fire for Tech and always excels at home. This will be the third straight game for the Deacs against a top 20 team. They will be tired, but expect them to find a way to get it done in Atlanta.

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