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Remembering all of those ID numbers

More resources mean more to remember

LaToya Cole
News Editor

As the campus and population of KSU expands, so do the resources available to its students. From student e-mail accounts to Owl Express, students have the ability to access information at their fingertips, but they need identification numbers to access this information.

The KSU ID and NetID are two numbers students need to remember.

"There are a lot of students who don't know the difference between the two numbers," said Christina Coronado, assistant director of customer support in the ITS department.

The KSU ID number is a randomly generated number used in place of the student's social security number. It is located on the student ID card. The number can also be looked up online from the campus homepage. Students can click the link on the left of the page for "KSU# Lookup" and follow the prompts.

Owl Express, the program students use to register for classes, requires the use of your KSU ID number.

The Net ID serves two purposes. First, it is the login name and the first part of the student's email address. If the student has been on campus for at least one year, the NetID/username is based on the student's initials and a randomly generated 4-digit number.

Students who have recently come to KSU will have their ID based on the first initial and next seven letters of the last name and possibly a number.

The NetID is used to login into WebCT, student email and other online applications,

with the exception of OWL Express.

Secondly, the NetID system allows students to manage their own passwords. Initially, the NetID account must be activated at <https://netid.kennesaw.edu>.

From the homepage, click the link for "Activation Page." The student enters his or her name, as it appears on the student ID card, KSU number or the last four digits of the social security number and birth date. The student will then enter their mother's maiden name and a security question to retrieve the password if it is forgotten.

The student then creates a password of at least six letters and a number or special character. The password will access all NetID based services as well as the free software downloads on the ITS homepage at <http://its.kennesaw.edu>.

The "Forgot Password" link takes the student to the security question to retrieve the forgotten password.

The NetID can also be used to access the campus e-mail directory. Students can access the e-mail addresses for faculty, staff and students.

The NetID can be changed in the event of a name change, which has to be approved by the Office of the Registrar. The change will take place at the end of the semester.

Students who experience problems can contact the KSU Service Desk at 770-423-6999.

Students can also e-mail the service desk at Service@kennesaw.edu along with their name, NetID, phone number and KSU e-mail address so they can be contacted.



Nick Mracek | The Sentinel

Steve Oughton, senior finance major, finds a spot most would be jealous of just minutes before his 3:30 class.

Fighting for a good parking space

Students come back to more construction and less parking all around campus

Lexie Dawkins
Staff Writer

Should students have to arrive on campus an hour earlier to find a parking space? This may be wise, due to reserved parking, traffic and construction.

"It's almost easier to skip class than go through the stress and frustration, not to mention the verbal fights, of trying to find a decent parking spot," said Tara Yudiskas, a junior communication major.

It is the first week of class, and parking seems to be even scarcer than previous semesters, even though there is a new parking deck located on the north side of campus.

Many of the old parking lots are either reserved for faculty, carpool or gone because of construction and safety issues.

"I can't believe it went from bad to alright to worse, all in three years," said Travis Cook, a senior history major.

Lot C located behind the student center, which used to

be open to students, is now reserved for faculty and carpool. The new housing was built in an area, which was previously used for parking. Many more spaces were filled in with dirt and grass seed, while others were eliminated to provide a walkway, lined with trees, to University Village.

"I can't believe they're taking up parking spaces to plant grass," said Stephanie Adams, an early childhood education sophomore.

This problem has not gone unnoticed by faculty.

Some ideas to alleviate the parking problem proposed in an e-mail by Dr. Harold Trendell, associate professor of geography and social science education, included: limiting the number of students needed to qualify for a carpooling pass from 3 to 2. Another suggestion was to do away with all reserved parking, except for that which is set aside for top administrators, for a year while alleged abuses and complaints are studied.

Afterwards, new criteria could then be set for assigning reserved spaces.

These ideas have been shared with the Department of Public Safety and Vice President of Business and Finance, Earle Holley's office, but nothing has been determined.

Trendell said, "The bottom line is that Public Safety has to get parking and traffic flow patterns ready for the next school year and has chosen to act on some of our proposals under their mandate for Vice President Holley to enforce KSU's parking regulations."

Trendell is a part of a parking task force that is led by Martha Roth, director of universal card services. This group is assigned to coordinate parking on campus. Trendell said, "Other changes will be

coming forward next school year as the task force attempts to sort out the parking and traffic situations that accompany a growing campus."

Carpooling passes can be obtained by meeting the following criteria: students need 3 people and staff members need 2 in order to fill out the application. A copy of each person's schedule must also be submitted. To inquire about carpooling or to submit an application, contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at 770-499-3321.



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Rain only adds to the parking nightmare.

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Jimmy Do of the Kennesaw Activities Board shows new students how getting involved is a lot of fun.

Competing costs

Another way students find cheaper books

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Staff Writer

Financial relief is in sight for computer science students suffering from the pain of the rising cost of education. The world's leading education publisher, Pearson Education and Safari Books Online are joining forces to provide a lower cost option for student textbooks. The company defines Web Books as, "A new option to the print textbook, that will save the student 50 percent off the suggested list price of the print equivalent edition."

This is an option most students find worthwhile. "I just spent more than \$400 on books for this semester. Anything I could have done to save would have been worth it for me," said business major Jacqueline Spurrier.

Students will have access and the ability to buy a print edition of one of 100 books currently available with a subscription to SafariX WebBooks. WebBooks expects to have a database of more than 300 by the end of 2004.

The company claims to offer all the convenience and interactive benefits of the Web by allowing students to print pages, make annotations, take notes, search full text and add bookmarks to organize their studies from anywhere they have browser access.

Pearson Education has a commitment to providing significant flexibility and value for hundreds of its leading titles. Each title in the Pearson Choices program is available in a range of print and digital formats. Faculty and students can choose from low-cost alternate print editions built around their courses, text and web combinations, Safari WebBooks and the traditional textbooks.

While there are a variety of textbooks available, the majority seems to be for those who are computer science majors.

The company's web address is www.pearsoned.com/safarix Students not interested in signing up for the offer immediately can sign up for a 30 day trial period.

Withdrawing from too many classes...

Limits now placed on allowable withdrawals

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News Editor

The KSU Senate voted unanimously to implement withdrawal policy changes effective fall 2004. Students who enter as freshmen will be allowed a maximum of eight withdrawals during their time at KSU. Transfer students will be allowed one withdrawal per 15 credit hours attempted with a maximum of eight. Students may still withdraw from one or more courses anytime before the last three weeks of a semester. Students who entered before fall 2004 will be allowed one withdrawal per fifteen hours attempted.

The change may force students to think twice about the courses in which they choose to enroll.

"It makes me think twice about the classes I want to pick for next semester. I

have never withdrawn from a class though," said Brittany Williamson, a junior History major.

Students who choose to pursue a second degree will be allowed two additional withdrawals.

Only unusual, well-documented circumstances will be considered for exception to the policy change.

Students who wish to appeal may do so to the academic standing committee.

Students who want to withdraw must complete a form in the Registrar's Office. Students who withdraw before midterm will receive a grade of "W" and no credit for the course. Students who withdraw after midterm will receive a grade of "WF," which counts as an "F" in grade configuration.

The Registrar's Office is located in Kennesaw Hall.

Grabbing a movie a snippet at a time with BitTorrent

By Doug Bedell
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

DALLAS — Earlier this year, as filmmaker Michael Moore was putting the final touches on "Fahrenheit 9/11," he unwittingly thrust himself into the debate over Internet file-trading ethics and the relatively unknown, free program BitTorrent.

In an interview, Moore compared file-sharing of copyright movies to friends lending one another purchased DVDs.

"I don't agree with copyright laws," he said, "and I don't have a problem with people downloading the movie and sharing it ... as long as they're not trying to make a profit off my labor."

That was all his political enemies at MooreWatch.com needed to hear. In hopes of denting Moore's box office profits, the Web site's manager decided to help people download free copies.

But rather than simply posting one huge pirated version of the movie for everyone to fight over, MooreWatch.com's backers used the power of BitTorrent to distribute tens of thousands of "Fahrenheits" in a faster, more efficient manner. All they had to do was link to a tiny torrent file.

BitTorrent is like the old Napster with one major twist. Napster and its peer-to-peer, or P2P, cousins connect users directly with each other to receive entire files. That makes downloading full-length, digitized movies a long, arduous task for both the downloader and the person offering the file, especially when a lot of people are trying toglom the same copy simultaneously.

BitTorrent breaks up large files into pieces, then allows users

to "swarm" — exchanging small portions of files with one another — until everyone has a complete set.

Download speeds depend on two factors. First, like the computer bulletin board systems of the 1980s, the software keeps track of how much you contribute to hosting files for the group. The more you share, the faster your downloads.

Second, the more people trading a file, the more options for obtaining its pieces. So, unlike the old Napster, popularity doesn't bog down the process — it gives it a shot of adrenaline.

But it's not instantaneous. A "Sopranos" episode may take six hours or more to download, depending on network traffic. A crude "screener" copy of "Fahrenheit" last week required 36 hours on a moderately fast DSL connection.

BitTorrent was developed by Washington programmer Bram Cohen, 29, and presented to the world at hacker conventions more than three years ago. The program is only now gaining widespread attention as corporations and individuals — and those interested in trading large copyright works — warm to its speed and simplicity.

Fans of the open-source Linux operating system, for example, use BitTorrent to distribute perfect copies of the latest versions. A commercial Linux distribution, Linspire.com, formerly Lindows, does the same.

When Downhill Battle (downhillbattle.org) disseminated an entire album as part of its February "Grey Tuesday" protest over music censorship, organizers used BitTorrent as part of an effort to move more than 1 million digital

tracks to sympathizers in 24 hours. "BitTorrent lets you have a file on a Web site that lets people click on a link and download in a peer-to-peer way," says Nicholas Reville, Downhill Battle co-founder. "It's an amazing tool for people or small organizations running their own Web sites. Most can't just host the large files of video or bundled music files. They can't afford the hosting costs that it would take."

Cohen says that using his creation to exchange copyright files is not smart. It takes digging for the music industry and the Motion Picture Association of America to find who is offering illegal uploads within KaZaA, eDonkey and similar networks. With BitTorrent, the links to torrent files for each download must be posted for everyone to see on Web sites.

A spokesman for the MPAA declined to comment on BitTorrent, but Hollywood is clearly worried about the "Napsterizing" of its

products. It recently commissioned a survey showing that about one in four Internet users had downloaded a feature-length film online at least once and that downloaders averaged about 11 films each.

By some measurements, the use of BitTorrent has eclipsed that of KaZaA, the most popular P2P program for music. The firm CacheLogic says its six-month analysis shows that BitTorrent accounts for 53 percent of all European network P2P traffic. In June, CacheLogic reports, an average of 8 million users were online at any given time sharing a petabyte (10 million gigabytes) of data.

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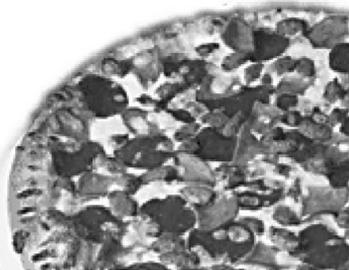
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It is over for overtime

Bush administration makes changes to laws regarding overtime that makes an impact

Beau Harper
Staff Writer

This administration must not like people very much, or hard-working people for that matter. If you are one of the many Americans who rely on overtime pay to help provide for yourself or your family, effective Aug. 23, your livelihood could be at risk.

Under sweeping Bush administration changes regarding overtime, many hard-working, middle-class Americans could lose their fair share of overtime pay. Not only does this affect millions who are working harder for less, but it affects people at the top, so called "white-collar" career people. Is it not traditionally a vast majority

of people making six figures a year who contribute to conservative politics? Now wait. Before your pens start to crazily write responses to that last statement, I am not trying to classify everyone making six figures as a conservative. I happen to be friends with several people in that tax bracket who are quite liberal. I am simply asking what would drive the White House to cut pay at the bottom and the top? Do they want to piss off everyone?



Beau Harper

Roughly 1.3 million more Americans at the bottom will be eligible for overtime under the new rules, but the people between the range \$23,660 and \$100,000 will apparently have to subject themselves to a job knowledge

test to determine their eligibility. Beware anyone who happens to tell someone other than themselves what to do on the jobsite--you may be re-classified as an "executive" and therefore ineligible for overtime pay--regardless of salary.

There lies an enormous gray area of exactly classifying and sorting out individuals to determine eligibility. With the administration's new, 154-page set of rules to govern overtime that reads like typical bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo, it will take months for employers to simply sort through the rules before actually putting them in place. So, in the mean time, soak in the warm rays of overtime before the dark cloud of bureaucratic B.S. makes its way to your employer. If "W" has his way, he will cut your pay and line his pockets with the rest. If you want more info, go to <http://www.workingamerica.org> or www.labor.gov/esa/regs/compliance/whd/fairpay/main.htm, the official Department of Labor site regarding the Fair Pay Overtime Initiative and make your own judgment.

Pot may be dope

But the anti-marijuana campaign is just plain stupid

Grant Voyles
Viewpoints Editor

When it goes to selling a product, advertisers known that fear is a great motivator. Take a look at almost any ad today, and you'll see how it tries to instill the fear that if the consumer does not buy that certain product then their lives will be horrible. If you don't use Clearasil then you'll have bad skin and never get a girlfriend; without a Brinks security system, your family is vulnerable; don't use Deep Woods Off--then prepare for West Nile virus. This tactic is not only useful in selling products but in selling ideas as well, and possibly the most accurate example of that can be found by those who support marijuana prohibition.

Former Congressman Bob Barr, one of the most aggressive anti-marijuana zealots, stated in 1999 [while he was still in Congress], "It is truly sad to see marijuana legalization activists using seriously ill patients as props in their campaign to make dangerous, mind-altering drugs legally available. All existing research strongly indicates that smoked marijuana has no medical benefits, and in fact significantly damages the health of those who use it. It is despicable for legalization advocates to offer false hope to the sick in a cynical effort to legalize marijuana." Barr's statement is full of buzz words such as "mind-altering" and "false hope" but what's missing is factual evidence. That same year the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine issued a report that proclaimed, "We conclude that there are some limited circumstances in which we recommend smoking marijuana for medical uses." Marijuana is used to treat patients who suffer from AIDS, cancer and glaucoma, among other illnesses.

So marijuana has medicinal benefits, how could anyone justify denying patients medicine by keeping it outlawed? Marijuana prohibitionists are not ones to give up easy. There still remains the myth that the legalization of medical marijuana will increase

teen use. Yes, it is quite easy to see how a sixteen year old would want to smoke pot just because a cancer patient smokes to keep from vomiting after chemotherapy [sarcasm mode turned off]. This claim is so baseless that it could have been taken from the Reefer Madness script. California passed its first state medical marijuana law, Proposition 215, in 1996; teen use of marijuana has since skyrocketed, right? Not at all. California's Attorney General, Bill Lockyer released the results of the 2003-2004 California Students Survey this August. The study reveals that marijuana use among teens is significantly lower than in 1996. The percentage of ninth graders who have used marijuana in the past six months has dropped nearly 50 percent, from 34.2 percent to 18.8 percent. Bruce Mirken, director of communications for the Marijuana Policy Project, stated that claims saying legalization of medical marijuana will increase teen use "are false, as eight years of experience in our nation's largest state has now demonstrated."

Perhaps the most nauseating anti-marijuana campaign is the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. This is the group behind those "anti-drug" commercials most of us have seen on television. The ads depict how marijuana smoking will ruin lives and feature such scenarios as a young girl getting pregnant and a child poised to fall into a pool because whoever was supposed to be watching her was busy getting high [but it would be ok if they were busy watching anti-drug commercials on TV, right?]. The hysteria gets even worse if you visit their website www.theantidrug.com. Among sections such as "Drug Lingo" and "Where are Drug Paraphernalia Sold" is perhaps the most interesting section, the "Watch List for Parents". This handy list includes things to look for that indicate they [the children] are using drugs

[the list seems to primarily be geared toward marijuana use]. Some of the things to look for are, "use of incense", "new use of mouthwash", "bottles of eye drops", and "new fascination with clothes that highlight drug use". I won't deny that pot smokers will use eye drops and mouth wash to rid themselves of bloodshot eyes and bad breath; but is this not just another excuse for lazy parents to feel like they're making a difference? That by keeping tabs on the mouthwash and an eye peeled for "clothes that highlight drug use" [whatever that may be], they're doing their best to keep their kids off drugs. Today's parents shouldn't waste their time worrying about their kids' clothes and incense use for the same reason that the previous generations' parents shouldn't have wasted their time being concerned with tie-dye and headbands. Accessories to a supposed lifestyle are not necessarily an indicator of who that person is or what that person does. Does everyone who wears "clothes that highlight drug use" use drugs? And if they don't, does that automatically mean that they don't use drugs.

The importance of parents' role in a child's life is impossible to overstate. Some kids will experiment with everything they can get their hands on; just as some of their parents' generation did decades earlier. You can tell your children that today's pot is stronger than it was in the 1960s, but all that's just something grown-up former pot smokers say in an attempt to keep kids from doing the exact same thing they did. The use of false information and scare tactics shows that the anti-marijuana crusaders are not far removed from failed campaigns in the past [remember Just Say No?]. And it's not very hard for anyone [yes, even teenagers] to see that. Kids [and adults for that matter] need to be educated on the truth about marijuana; why are the marijuana prohibitionists so afraid to tell it to them?



Grant Voyles

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fraudulent use of funds?

Dear Editor,

I would like to ask someone in the KSU administrative offices [Planning and Development] to verify what our student parking fees, in the amount of \$70 per student, are really being spent on?

If you multiply the number of students registered this fall [19,000] by \$70, the funds available are in excess of \$1.3 million and should more than allow me the right to have one, single parking space. More importantly, to park in a safe area of this campus, without becoming one of the numbered women who have been assaulted in the last two semesters? I regret that those responsible will not answer my questions or e-mails. I have sought to ask these person[s] who are given this responsibility why they decided to seize for all faculty members [and a limited number of handicapped], the most prized parking spaces for any evening class that dismisses students after 10 p.m.?

Who had the bright idea to create new grassy knolls and sidewalks where parking spaces once were? I have made an attempt to count the actual parking spaces vs. students

enrolled, and thought, "Anyone who utilizes the other half of their brain knows there are not enough!"

This semester, and the apparent lack of parking will cause more hostility among commuters. The majority of us already pay our "dues" in Atlanta traffic to get to class. Could someone tell me who is responsible at KSU? I would like to visit them at home and confirm or remove the conclusions of many of my fellow students, just where our parking fees are really being used.

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It's a War Zone Out There

Dear Editor,

Fall semester has started. The hideous high-rise dorms where the J-Lot parking lot once stood, loom above the masses of crowded cars and students desperate to find a parking space like a mockery of their futile attempts to get to class on time. The parking decks are crowded, dark, slow-moving and smog-filled. The C lot has been mysteriously

transformed into a 'Staff and Faculty Only Parking' section. G, F and H lots have disturbing barricades erected around more faculty-only parking, involving of all things, giant pieces of wood.

The number of students looking for parking spaces has grown, and the number of parking spaces available for them has shrunk. Even the church parking lot on Frey Lake Road is pretty darn crowded. Getting a parking spot at KSU is no longer a matter of getting through traffic to class on time, it is now a matter of leaving two hours before your first class to have time to find a spot.

It is rising blood pressure and flaring tempers. It is fender-benders and impatience. It is quite simply, ridiculous. It is time for the university to stop ostracizing the original cornerstone of this school, the commuting student, and do something to help us out rather than let us fight it out on the black paved war zone.

Emily Fox
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Serving or slacking?

Dear Editor,

Does anyone find it disturbing that we at KSU have an on-campus police station and yet they are not doing a very good job protecting our campus? I really feel the only reason police officers come to work at the KSU station is to slack off and write parking tickets all day, when in fact they should be concentrating on making the campus more safe. Do the words, "To protect and serve" mean anything to you? Get off your behinds and patrol!

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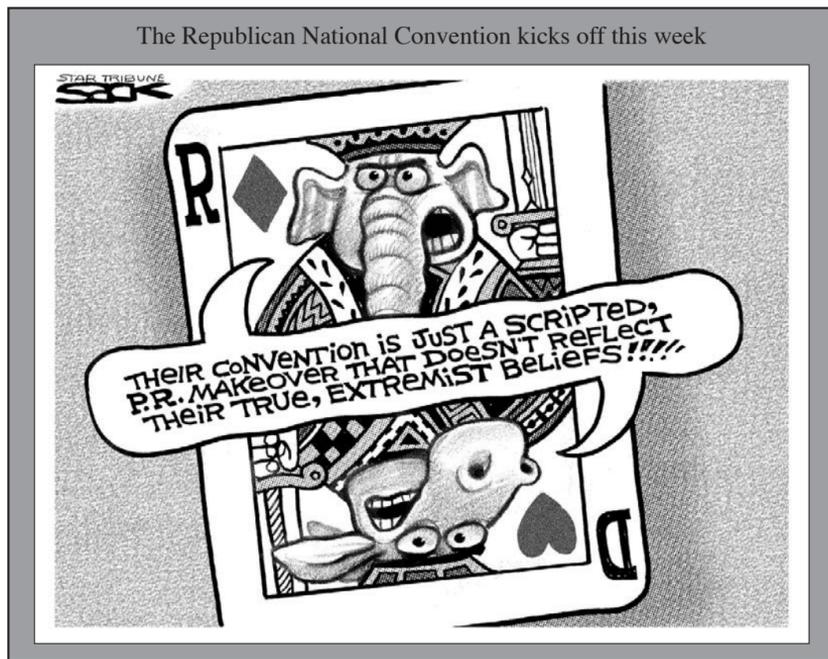
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Features & entertainment



Jayron Weaver poses with his guitar for a quick photo.



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Move over American Idol

KSU freshman wins "Gimme the Mike"

Colleen Wells
Staff Writer

More than 750 people swarmed the gates of Six Flags Over Georgia in April, but they were not there for the rides. Six Flags was hosting the first "Gimme The Mike" contest. The contestants were evaluated by four judges critiquing singing abilities on a scale of one to ten. The 750 contestants were cutdown to 30, then separated into specific radio genres. The contestants in each category competed for the highest scores to represent their type of music in the final competition. The winner of the contest received 24 roundtrip tickets on Airtran Airlines, two days in a recording studio, free haircuts for one year and the entire

inclined as long as he can remember. "My first memory is singing. That's what I've always done," said Weaver.

Weaver's parents blessed him with his diverse talent. "I got my musical side from my dad's side, and my vocal side from my mother. My whole family's musically oriented," said Weaver.

His singing has not always been a blessing, it has gotten him into some trouble. "When I was in third grade I was in the bathroom, and I liked the acoustics in there. So I started singing, and the teacher across the hall came in there and threatened to make me sing over the intercom. I was scared for weeks."

That fear of singing did not last long, he was not nervous about singing in front of hundreds of people. "I'm more nervous about getting music ready for Sunday service," Weaver said "At church, I have to come up with 30 to 45 minutes worth of music for a group of people. At the 'Gimme the Mike' contest I had to sing for a couple of

Redken product line.

Jayron Weaver, a freshman at KSU, was the finalist for The Fish Christian radio station and the second place finalist overall. Weaver, 21, is an avid songwriter, devoted music minister at his church and a self-taught musician. "I play guitar, dobro, banjo, mandolin, piano, congas, drums, bass guitar and the B-3 organ," Weaver said. He has been musically

minutes." Will we be hearing more from Weaver in the future? It is possible. Not only was he born with the natural talent, he was also born with the name. "My father wanted to name me Aaron and my mother wanted Jay," Weaver said. "So they came up with Jayron." They did not know the meaning of the name, or that the name even existed. Years later a friend discovered his name in a baby book. The meaning? "To cry out in singing" or "He who sings." It appears that Weaver's music may not only be his love, but it may also be his destiny.

Roaming Reporter | *What three things would you change at KSU?*



Claudia Gardner
4th year, Sociology
• Meal plan and shuttles on campus
• More sororities & fraternities
• A football team

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James Williams | The Sentinel



Annalee Solley
2nd year, Nursing
• On-campus transportation
• Keep the residents more informed
• Meal plan on campus

Chuck Prellwitz
1st year, Management
• Get stuff [construction] done on time.
• Bigger food court
• Easier to get around



on the bricks...the GOOD, the BAD, the UGLY

Get fired up...

Melissa Spielholz
Features Editor

Who: Los Lonely Boys, Fuel

When: July 16

The Good:

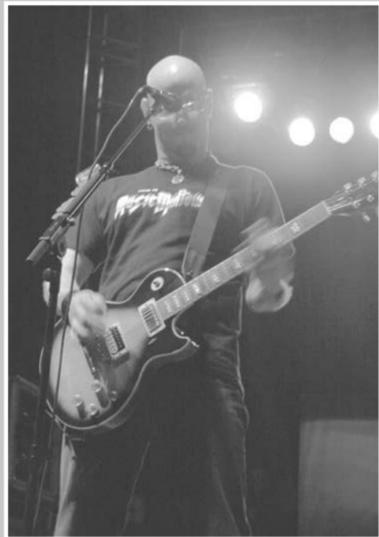
- The variety of music featured.
- Fuel continued their tradition of a stellar performance.

The Bad:

- With only a limited amount of stage time, Fuel was forced to leave out some of their biggest hits.

The Ugly [or maybe not so ugly, you decide]:

- Overall Show Grade: A



Fuel guitarist, Carl Bell, entertains the crowd with the band's hits



Los Lonely Boys guitarist/vocalist, Henry Gorza, performs the bands hit song, "Heaven"

More than just a "live" performance...

Melissa Spielholz
Features Editor

Who: Live

When: Aug 13

The Good:

- Age has not slowed this band down-the band's performance continues to get more exciting with every show.

The Bad:

- Although the band played all of their mainstream hits, they were spread out among some of the band's lesser-known work, making the show drag at times.

The Ugly [or maybe not so ugly, you decide]:

- Overall Show Grade: A-



Above: Ed Kowalczyk performs hit songs, both old and new



Guitarist, Chad Taylor, shows the Atlanta crowd the meaning of rock

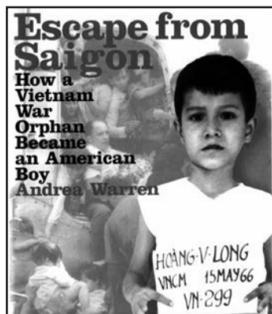
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War orphan makes interesting read

Book review

Amanda Nielsen
Staff Writer

Author Andrea Warren brings to life the memories of a bi-racial child struggling with the effects of poverty, war, discrimination and the loss of family members. This true-life account begins in South Vietnam, where frequent killings of civilians and a threat of communism forces orphanage workers to seek a better future for the children in their care.



Among these orphans, an eight-year-old Amer-Asian [of American and Asian parentage] boy who flees Vietnam via Operation Babylift and is brought safely to the United States. The boy is adopted and grows to love his new relatives, as well as his new country. As an adult, he becomes eager to learn about his past, and has the opportunity to visit the land he was

previously willing to escape.

The beginning of the book is almost dragged down with statistics and bountiful cultural facts, but the end is quite the opposite and leaves the reader feeling rushed and wondering why certain information was included. The final two chapters are dotted with what seems like parts of an after word.

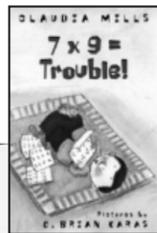
Quite a few author-recommended reference materials are listed in the back of the book, including videos, a Web site and sources for various levels of reading. Warren proves knowledgeable, perhaps passionate, about the subject of war and its affects on children.

"Escape from Saigon" is an interesting, mental-image-provoking presentation of historical fact with descriptive working and numerous photographs. The sentence structure of this book seems to be most fitting for fifth through seventh grade students. Children in this age range should find the story and its topic both comprehensible and attention-grabbing. Definitely a great read for those studying the Vietnam era.

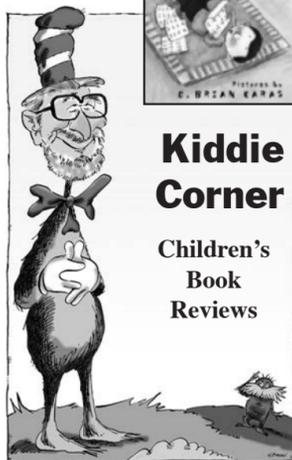
Mills strikes gold...

A book for children

Derek Wallace
Senior Staff Writer



Kiddie Corner Children's Book Reviews



Multiplication table tests! Ick! In Claudia Mills' "7 x 9 = Trouble," Wilson Williams struggles to get past his three times tables. The reader will surely feel sorry for Wilson when everyone in the class seems to be on their sixes while Wilson is still on his threes. Even his kindergarten brother, Kipper, knows how to do the three times tables, which must frustrate the older sibling.

This book is perfect for 7- to 10-year-olds because they can relate to how Wilson could be feeling. Whoever reads this

book will be cheering Wilson on as he continues his quest to get his 12 times tables done by March 16, which is the last day the teacher will reward a cone for completing the multiplication table tests from zero to twelve. Each chapter is about ten pages so none of the chapters are dry and boring or seem to go on forever. The illustrations by G. Brian Karas are good and can jumpstart anyone who may be lacking in the imagination department or just to wow the kids with the illustration's great detail. This book is perfect for "Reading Rainbow," and I highly recommend it for children ages 7-10 and even for the elder crowd.

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Requests for new clubs, funding & changes in bylaws.

- September 15 - Agenda deadline is noon, September 8- Univ CDE
- October 6 - Agenda deadline is noon, September 29 - Leadership Rm
- October 27 - Agenda deadline is noon, October 20 - Univ CDE
- November 17 - Agenda deadline is noon, November 10- Univ CDE

SPRING SEMESTER

Review line-item budgets and allocate funds for FY-2006

- January 12 - Budget review - Univ CDE
- January 19 - Budget review - Univ CDE
- January 26 - Budget review - Univ CDE
- February 2 - Budget review - Univ CDE

One meeting during budget allocation process is designated to hear funding requests.

- February 9 - Funding requests only - Agenda deadline is noon, February 2- Leadership Room

Allocate FY-2004 funds to line-item budgets.

- February 16 - Budget Allocation - Univ CDE
- February 23 - Budget Allocation - Univ CDE

Requests for new clubs, funding & changes in bylaws.

- March 2 - Agenda deadline is February 23 - Univ CDE
- March 23 - Agenda deadline is March 16- Leadership Room
- April 6 - Agenda deadline is March 30 - Univ CDE

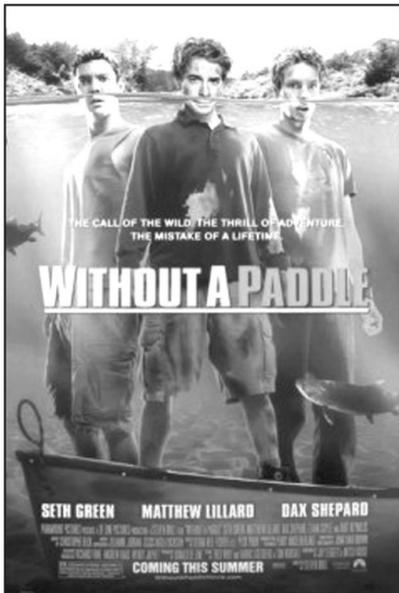
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Up the river... "Without a Paddle"

Colleen Wells
Staff Writer

for a movie about a courageous search, with a comedic twist.

Without a Paddle, directed by Steven Brill ["Mr. Deeds," "Little Nicky"] succeeds in its attempt to create a humorous movie. The film, which is partially based on a true story begins in 1971, when a daring hijacker known by the alias D.B. Copper, takes control of a commercial airplane and threatens to blow it up. Copper releases the passengers in Seattle in return for \$200,000 and four parachutes before heading to Mexico. Law enforcement officers felt they had control of the stormy pursuit, at the point of landing, but D.B. Cooper and the ransom were nowhere to be found. By 1980, only \$5,800 of the money had been found, buried within the banks of the Columbia River.



In "Without a Paddle," main character Billy was determined to search for and discover the unaccounted for money. But, Billy passed away, leaving his three friends [Seth Green, Matthew Lillard, and "Punk'd" star, Dax Shepard] to pursue Billy's long-desired mission.

The three begin the pursuit while canoeing down the Columbia River, but their trip quickly turns hilariously and dangerously awry. A series of mishaps occur, including encounters with bears and crazy mountain men, one of which is played by Burt Reynolds.

Although the film is predictable at times, "Without a Paddle" is a comedic adventure that will put you on the edge of your seat and leave you laughing out loud.

This true story sparked an abundance of exhaustive searches for the missing money and man, and sparked the idea

Grade: B

The answer to a long awaited question "Alien vs. Predator"

Brent Payne
Staff Writer



For years, video games and comic books kept followers wondering who would win in a battle between an alien and a predator.

If you are a fan of the "Alien" and "Predator" series, this film will be enjoyable since both are on the big screen at the same time. Other than the fight scenes and watching the aliens and predators have their way with the humans, this movie has little to offer.

"Alien vs. Predator" hit theaters Aug 13. Starring Sanaa Lathan ["Love and Basketball"] plays a mind-blowing Arctic guide, Alexa Woods, who leads an expedition backed by billionaire, Charles Bishop Weyland, played by Lance Henriksen. Fans of previous "Alien" movies will remember Henriksen as a cyborg named Bishop.

The plot was not at all thought-provoking. The human characters in the movie had little development. When they do try to delve into Lathan's character it is comy and predictable.

If you are a big fan of either the "Alien" or "Predator" movies I recommend going and checking out AVP just for the scenes. You can skip the first 45 minutes of the movie and pick up the plot in about 5 minutes.

Grade: C

A rock sound with a different twist

Bain Mattox's self-titled debut album

Tammina Hart
Staff Writer

There are many musical acts who have attempted to put a refreshing spin on pop/rock music. Bain Mattox is a band that is successful in its attempt. In their debut album, the band proves to be inventive enough to be in it for the long haul.

The band, named after their lead singer, calls Athens their hometown. They have put together a unique collection of sad, but not miserable songs.

Lyrics such as, "Return to the lunar-lit sight with blame laid on the speedy sun. Slumber Plane," are an example of the same type of vague but intriguing lyrics that are used to make up the entire album

The unique nature of the lyrics seems to fit like puzzle pieces with the creativity of the sound. Comprised of instruments that are familiar in this genre, such as the electric guitar and those instruments that are a surprise to hear, such as the accordion and harmonica. The variety of the instruments gives the band



a somewhat folk sound with a modern twist. The group is produced by Don McCollister [Third Day and Indigo Girls].

The numerous hits on the CD including, "Thorn" and "Slumber Plane" keeps the album innovative enough to keep its listeners interest secure until the very end.

Grade: B+

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) *Today is a 6*. You're hot, but are you being sensible? Don't let frustration get the better of you. Patience is a virtue, but it also is an acquired skill. Practice.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) *Today is a 7*. Finish a domestic chore that you've been postponing. This might be nothing more than something you have to talk about. Once that's done, you'll feel much better and be more in the mood to cuddle.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) *Today is a 7*. You'd probably rather go play with your friends than take care of your duties at home. This may not be such a bad idea, but this weekend there's no escape. Well, you might get to relax on Sunday.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) *Today is a 7*. You may be a little edgy, but try to maintain a cool demeanor. That will not only make you look good, it'll increase your profits.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) *Today is an 8*. News from far away gladdens your heart after raising some doubts. Don't be sidetracked by your worries. It looks like everything turns out well.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *Today is a 7*. You're pretty sure you're right, but

you're getting a lot of flack. Luckily, you have friends who help you stay on a difficult path.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) *Today is a 6*. You're kind of between a rock and a hard place, the frying pan and the fire. If you can't please everyone, endorse the team that's digging up the truth.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *Today is an 8*. You're busy, but are you efficient? Can you honestly say you're making the best use of your time? Get coaching from a Virgo.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *Today is a 7*. You're working to high standards now, and that may be inhibiting. You do have a couple of people who understand you perfectly. Let off steam to them even if it means making a long-distance call.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *Today is a 7*. Is the mess at home of your own making, or is it the result of too many visitors? Either way, it'll have to be cleaned up before the weekend. You'd better get started.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *Today is a 6*. You're a natural scholar. You're thorough and intense. But the subject you really should be studying is your own financial security. Make sure you have plenty.

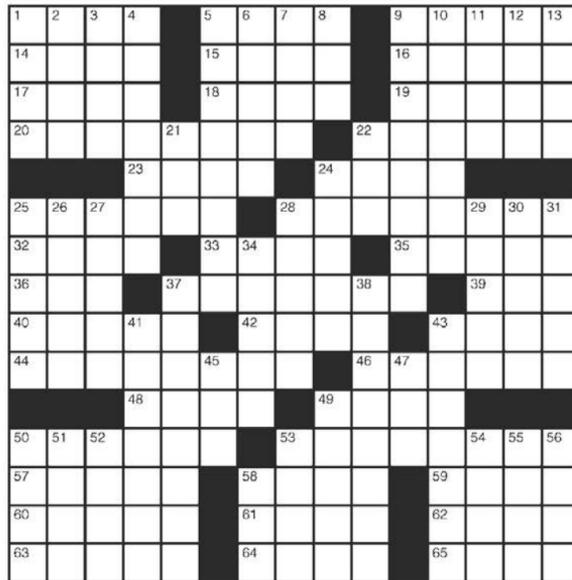
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) *Today is a 7*. Work smarter instead of harder to get the rewards you so richly deserve. Manual labor isn't always required to get money. Let them pay you for your good ideas.

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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Art of the absurd
 - Bump off
 - Some pickles
 - Lena of "Alias"
 - Perforation
 - Messages by computer
 - Brooding place
 - Fateful day
 - Froth
 - Trade
 - Pasture
 - Perimeter
 - Euphemistic oath
 - Original
 - Portable lights
 - Corn units
 - Writer Hunter
 - Part of T.S.E.
 - Lawyers' org.
 - Secondhand ride
 - "Ulalume" author
 - Grow dark, perhaps
 - Iditarod vehicle
 - Tunny or Tierney
 - Shaped like a star
 - Rye grass
 - Lampreys and morays
 - Increase staff
 - Sunk in gloom
 - Dropped trash
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 - Author Morrison
 - Cairo's river
 - Star of "Captain Blood"
 - Jason's ship
 - Latin being
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 - Ball-shaped hammerhead
 - Marsh plant

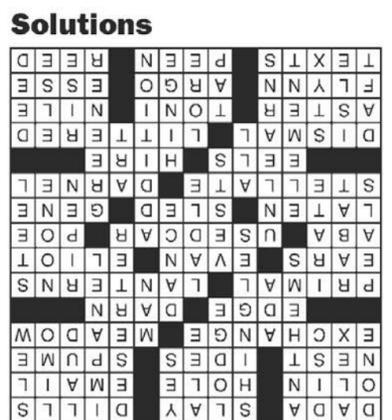
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- Finished
 - Writer Haley
 - Harrow element
 - Patriotic songs
 - Roofing pieces
 - Rustic inn



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- Solutions**
- Away from the wind
 - Affirmative answer
 - Renegade
 - Name a jury
 - Glorify
 - Prom transport
 - Very large amount
 - Rehan or Huxtable
 - Isle of
 - Jig or reel
 - Tolls
 - Morocco's capital
 - Soupy server
 - Age
 - Nary a soul
 - Alloy of iron and carbon
 - Waistcoats
 - Forgets?
 - Contribution
 - Component
 - Kind of pasture?



- Without exception
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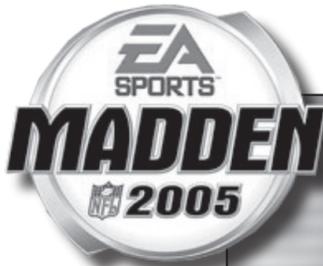
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Battling for number one

A comparison of two of this year's hottest NFL football video games



Nathan McCreary
Senior Staff Writer

For football fans, the wait is over! NFL training camps are open and the regular season is a week away, but most importantly football games for gaming consoles are available in stores now. The Sentinel is here to review *Madden NFL Football 2005* and *ESPN Football 2K5*, so strap on your helmet and get your thumbs warmed up. It is time for some football!

There are only three football games from which to choose from this year, the two aforementioned games and *NCAA Football 2005*. Although the choices are minimal, the games are exceptional. EA Sports has remained ahead of most games with *NCAA 2005* and *Madden 2005*. ESPN Video Games joined the fight for the best football video game with their release of *ESPN Football 2K5*.

Let the battle of *Madden 2005* versus *ESPN 2K5* begin!

Game Play

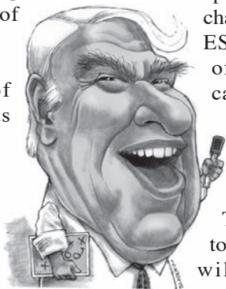
When judging for which game to dish out cash, game play has got to be one of, if not the most, important factor. If the game does not play right, it is no fun. Fortunately, both games have excellent game play. *Madden 2005* and *ESPN 2K5* play like real football games. *Madden* kept the playmaker feature from last year's game, which made it the most controllable sports game to date. This year, the offensive and defensive audibles that a gamer can make are endless. *ESPN 2K5* does not have as in-depth an audible system, however it does allow for in-game substitutions and all the essential audibles.

As far as the selection of plays goes, *Madden* is a step above *ESPN*. Both games offer the basic 4-3, 3-4, nickel and dime packages for defense, but the available plays within the formations are limited with *ESPN*. *Madden's* offensive play selection is also superior to *ESPN's*.

Madden offers a unique mini-camp that can earn extra points for players. The



Ray Lewis (52) and Terrell Owens (81) are featured players on the covers of *Madden 2005* and *ESPN 2K5* respectively and battle head-to-head in our own game of *ESPN 2K5*.



John Madden

camps are fun and challenging. *ESPN* does not offer a mini-camp, however it does allow a gamer to plan for their next opponent. The week prior to a game, scouts will give the gamer a match up report. The report will give the gamer tips on what his team needs to brush up on prior to game day. There are five days to prepare the team. Although the daily preparation is in-depth and tedious, it can be helpful. Film rooms and 7-on-7 drills are just some of the assignments for players. *Madden* wins the game play battle, but not the war.

Actual gameplay from *ESPN 2K5* on Playstation 2

Graphics

The on-the-field graphics for *Madden* games has remained similar for several years. This year the only noticeable upgrade was the way players' helmets reflect the stadium lights. A few additional tackling and player-movement animations were added, but they are not impressive. *Madden* has introduced a new feature called Create-A-Fan. This feature allows you to accessorize a fan who will be seen throughout the game during close-ups. As EA Sports claims, "If it's in the game, it's in the game," and this feature is an example of the EA motto. The accessories available include all the actual souvenirs found at various stadiums. The most noticeable

is the cheese head. The fan feature is not necessary, but it is fun to play with.

When addressing *ESPN 2K5* graphics, the *ESPN* style of presentation itself must be mentioned. Gamer's will identify with the *ESPN* music and logos, but the most recognizable feature is Chris Berman. In *ESPN 2K5*,

Berman comes back at halftime and post game with a recap. Berman takes actual plays from the gamer's game and makes highlight reels, just like on *ESPN's* Primetime. The shows are entertaining each time they are watched.

ESPN 2K5 gets the nod in graphics.

Actual gameplay from *Madden 2005* on PC

Berman is at the Sports Center desk and introduces each game in the way only he can. Aside from the out-of-sync mouth movements, Berman is recreated with a realism that is jaw dropping. That is just the intro. The graphics in the game do not disappoint. In fact, with the realism of an actual *ESPN* produced football game and the superb graphics, it is like watching a real game. Every aspect of *ESPN* is in the game, from the on-the-fly overhead cam to Suzi Kolber on the sideline.

Sound

Any gamer who has owned any of the previous versions of *Madden* knows the game's sound has been an issue. John Madden and Al Michaels are in the booth for *Madden 2005*, but it is brutal to hear. *Madden* is boring, and Michaels sounds like his clips were taped together with Duct Tape. The field sounds are decent and the gamer will hear the home fans chant for their team. The sound is by far the worst aspect of *Madden*, which comes as no surprise

for anyone who is familiar with the title.

A football game needs fans cheering and booing, pads crunching and good, entertaining commentary. *ESPN* delivers and exceeds. The atmosphere for home games is set by the sound. When the Falcons get a first down, a screeching falcon is heard over the public address system. *ESPN's* attention to detail gives the game an intense feel to each game.

The announcers in *ESPN 2K5* are exciting, but unfortunately repetitive. Commentary from a virtual booth has not been perfected by either game developer, but *ESPN 2K5* is superior to *Madden* in every aspect of sound.

Value

ESPN Video Games knew the challenge of out-selling *Madden 2005* would mean attracting long time *Madden* faithfuls to a new game. *Madden* has been the top selling NFL video game for years. They knew they had to produce a superior product and have a selling point. The selling point is not only an outstanding game but the outstanding price of \$19.99. *ESPN* has sold approximately 800,000 copies, according to Gamespot.com. *Madden 2005's* price tag is \$49.99, however sales are up.

Both games feature online play, which will give gamers a new way to play. Online leagues are very popular and competitive. The online play increases the fun and replay value.

With the low price and online capability, *ESPN 2K5* is the better value.

Final Score

When the clock reaches zero it means the game is over, and for this review, time is up. Overall, *Madden 2005* and *ESPN 2K5* are both good, fun games. However, when comparing *Madden 2005* to *ESPN 2K5* the choice is clear. *ESPN 2K5* is a better game at a better price. *Madden 2005* has changed little in the past three years and with increased competition, *Madden's* developers need a new game plan.

Owls unruffled by Clemson

Tuned up for regular season flight, the first major Division I test for the ladies ended on a down note

Richard Johnson
Senior Photographer

After winning their first two preseason games against respectable local under-17 teams, the Owls soared to Clemson, S.C. to get their claws on the preseason No. 12 ranked Tigers. The hunt did not go quite as planned, as Clemson shut out the Owl's explosive attack 2-0, but the Owls came away unruffled.

"Even though we lost, I had fun," freshman Mandy Nolin said. Nolin nearly put a scratch on Clemson keeper

Ashley Phillips' blank sheet with a hooking blast on goal from 20 yards out in the 69th minute.

"We didn't have our best game, but we know now that we can compete with some of the best Division I teams," senior Jesse Fream said. Fream also barely missed a well-placed shot in the 23rd minute of play. "They just played quicker. Once we get our quickness back, we should be okay," said Fream.

"We were just trying to execute the things we've worked on in practice and get

everyone use to the speed of Division I play," Head Coach Rob King said after calling the game. "A good eye opener."

"We knew there would be an adjustment period, but overall our team did well—it was a good team effort. Now we know where we stand, having played that game and we know what we need to do," said King.

"We learned you have to be fit to play Division I—it's a lot faster paced," Nolin said. Nolin has yet to even play a Division II game for the Owls. "The transition from high school to

Division I has been good, and it was easier than I thought," she said, crediting her helpful teammates and team unity.

"There's been a tremendous work rate in the practices since that game," King said. "They've reacted well to the loss, thankfully it was still preseason."

The Owl's regular season begins with four away games; two in Cookeville, Tennessee against UNC-Asheville and Mercer Aug. 28 and 29, followed by two in Chapel Hill against D-I powerhouses Duke and UNC Sept. 3 and 5.



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The Owls struggled to keep the ball on the opponents end of the pitch all day.

Just a minute with Justin Young



Justin Young
Columnist

HE'S BACK! Former *Sentinel* sports editor Justin Young is back as the weekly columnist. The senior sports management major was awarded Best Column by the Georgia Press Association earlier this year. His *Just a Minute* column will appear this semester as he discusses issues and events in today's sports world with his trademark wit.

The Olympic games are now over. The athletes have all gone home to their own beds, whether pillow-topped or a blanket on the ground. They are home - all of the sprinters, gymnasts, weight lifters, divers, table tennis players, equestrians, beach volleyball players- everyone.

Memories were plenty at the Athens games, and the spirit of competition was alive in the game's original home. Now the focus shifts to the 2008 summer games in Beijing, China. There is always room for more precious medals to be handed out at the next games. As inspiring as some of the events were this year, here is my push for several new events.

Have a hand-slap competition, where two players place each other's palms together and try to slap the opponent's hand faster than the other. Only the best hand-eye coordination athletes are allowed to compete for the gold. There is a 7-year-old phenom in Deerfield, Wis., chomping at the bit to battle it out

with the Germans. Someone, please make this happen. The BRAVO network will finally have something to compete with "Queer Eye".

Dodge ball. Even though Tracy McGrady, Shaquille O'Neal and Kevin Garnett played their own version of dodge ball this summer by staying away from the worldwide basketball stage claiming "injuries" or "personal issues with security," the real sport of dodge ball would shoot the ratings through the roof. The International Olympic Committee should call Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn. Hearing the color commentator quote the five D's of dodge ball--dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge--would be priceless.

The USA men's basketball team was once tabbed as the "Dream Team," but after their lack luster performance in Athens, the squad was more of a nightmare. The best "Dream Team" is not in basketball. Allowing major league baseball players is not the answer either. No, the real superstars are found in competitive eating. Certainly a team with an athlete named Cookie Jarvis and 420-pound Eric Booker would be tough to stop.

The Japanese team would be tough. That is a given. The superhuman skills of Takeru Kobayashi deserve Olympic medal recognition. Anyone who can devour 53.5 hot dogs in 12 minutes deserves the world's biggest stage. I can already hear the Japanese national anthem playing for his individual effort. Take that Paul Hamm.

The possibilities are endless for 2008. If table tennis, synchronized diving and ribbon twirling have world champions, then certainly over-eating, hand-slapping dodge ballers have rights, too. Watch out Beijing.

Flying through the first Division I tournament

Women's soccer team dominates UNCA and Mercer University

Nathan McCreary
Senior Staff Writer

Kennesaw State's soccer program began the 2004 season in a new division, but with the same old result, as they shut out the University of North Carolina-Ashville 2-0 on Friday and held on to defeat the Mercer Bears on Sunday, 4-3, in the Country Inn and Suites Tournament hosted by Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tenn.

The NCAA Division I was welcomed by the 2003 Division II National Champion Owls, as they shut out the Bulldogs of UNC-Ashville. The Lady Owls' defense was the story of the game, allowing the Bulldogs only five shots on goal. The Owls had 26 shots at the Bulldog's goalkeeper, and two struck the back of the net.

Laura Tucker, the Owl's leading scorer in 2003, received a pass from midfielder



Kani Brownlee shoots the ball upfield to feed her strikers getting into position for the score.



Stephanie Gzehoviak was her usual self, avoiding defenders in a smooth fashion in the first match against UNCA.

Alissa Saylor and shot the first goal past UNCA's goalie, Michelle Mattos, in the 12th minute of the contest.

KSU's senior midfielder Jessie Fream did not give the Bulldogs a chance to recover from the first Owl goal, when she scored the Owls' second goal two minutes later. A pass from Jenae Gzehoviak, a Walton High School grad, set up Fream for a shot on goal, and she did not miss. The Owl's led by two goals, 14 minutes into the game.

The Owl's returning goalkeeper is # 00, six-foot junior Jessica Marek. She held the Bulldog's scoreless for the entire game, sealing the Owl's first Division I victory.

In an interview with ksuowls.com, KSU head soccer coach,

Rob King said, "It was a good first performance against a Division I school. We dominated from start to finish and I was quite pleased with how we played, especially in the first half."

The Owls' faced in-state rival Mercer on the final day of the County Inn and Suites Tournament. KSU scored in just the third minute of play, when Mandy Nolin, a freshman from Lilburn, Ga, scored off a corner kick rebound to put the Owls up 1-0. Mercer answered six minutes later with a breakaway goal by Courtney Maxey. Owls fell behind the Bears after Chandler Tannery, assisted by Maxey, punched a shot on KSU goalie Marek, who deflected the shot, however the ball crossed into the Owls' net. KSU was in an unusual position trailing at the intermission 2-1. The Owls tied the game at two

goals each, when the Owls' Tucker scored her second goal of the tournament in the 47th minute. Gzehoviak scored her second goal of the tournament off a pass across the goalkeeper's box, which she headed past Mercer's goalie Lauren Burch to put the Owls ahead of the Bears, 3-2. Saylor was awarded her second assist of the game for the Owls' third goal.

In the final minute of the game, Tucker scored again to put an important insurance goal on the scoreboard, and the Owls in front 4-2. Just fifteen seconds later, Mercer's Katie Marshalek scored on a long crossing pass from Michelle Wegrzyn.

The score made the game seem closer than it could have been, as the Owls dominated in shots, 23-9, and corner kicks, 6-1. The Owls held on to win and survive their first Division I Tournament undefeated at 2-0.

The KSU soccer team's next outing is up to Chapel Hill, North Carolina for the Nike Carolina Classic. The Owls will have their first meeting against Duke on Sept. 3, but the main event will be when the reigning Division II National Champion, KSU Owls, lock horns with the reigning Division I National Champion, North Carolina Tar Heels, on Sept 5. If KSU can come home still undefeated, all of the Division I will have their eyebrows raised in admiration for the new kid in town.

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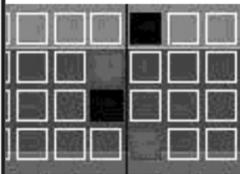
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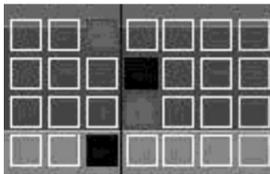
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By Chris Lerstang
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Saturday, Sept. 4

Georgia Southern at Georgia
 3:00 PM
 Athens, Georgia
 Sanford Stadium

The Dawgs come into the 2004 season with a ton of hype and deservedly so. They have a 4-year starter in David Greene behind center, some flashy, speedy receivers and a pretty stout defense. Losing RB Kregg Lumpkin will hurt, but Georgia has a stable of other talented ball carriers. The Eagles are a solid Division I-AA team with some talent at the skill positions, but shouldn't pose a threat to the mighty Dawgs. Expect UGA in a blowout.

Wake Forest at Clemson
 3:30 PM
 Clemson, South Carolina
 Memorial Stadium

Clemson will have revenge on their minds after last season's embarrassing loss to the Demon Deacons. QB Charlie Whitehurst has emerged as one of the nation's best passers, and he will have some tall, fast receivers in Airese Curry and Curtis Baham to throw to. RB Duane Coleman, who injured his knee, will be missed in the Tigers' first eight games, so the running game could be a question mark. Wake Forest is led by junior QB Cory Randolph who completed 59 percent of his passes and accumulated over 400 yards rushing, the most of any QB in the ACC. Expect the Tigers to wear down Wake and get the opening day win.

Oregon State at LSU
 6:00 PM
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The Tigers will be looking to get the 2004 campaign

off to a good start after a national title last year. They will have to replace a lot of studs from last season, including QB Matt Mauck. The defense, which returns seven starters, will once again be the strength of the team. The Tiger's defense must content with Beaver QB Derek Anderson, who is one of the top signal callers in the nation, but it's hard to win in Death Valley, especially at night, so expect LSU to win comfortably.

Notre Dame at BYU
 9:15 PM
 Provo, Utah
 LaVell Edwards Stadium

Notre Dame is trying to get back to the glory days when they ruled college football, but that is a long way off. After a great first year, Head Coach Ty Willingham has suffered through two disappointing seasons in a row, so this season is vital. He will look to QB Brody Quinn to lead the offense, which will struggle to score. That could spell trouble against BYU's defense, which was 14th nationally last year. However, Notre Dame is a little too talented for the Cougars, so expect the Irish in a close one.

Monday, Sept. 6

Florida State at Miami
 8:00 PM
 Miami, Florida
 Orange Bowl

Miami is the one team that can say it owns Florida State. The Canes have beat the Seminoles in five straight games and this one is in the Orange Bowl, a tough place for any opposing team to win. FSU has 4-year starter Chris Rix back, which can be both good and bad. Miami also has an enigma at quarterback in Brock Berlin who may not be the starter at season's end. The team that wins will have a leg up on the ACC and the national title race. Expect the visiting Seminoles to reverse the losing trend and squeak out a thrilling win.



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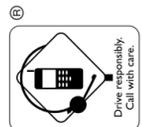
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