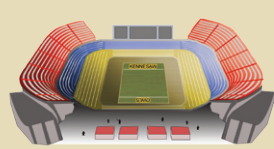


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*Men's basketball will face Georgia Tech soon but without fan support*



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Matt Cutrona  
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team has an exhibition game Nov. 6 against NCAA National Champion runner-up Georgia Tech. The game is going to be one of the toughest challenges for the Owls this season, but they will not have any fans supporting their cause.

"Tickets for the exhibition game were sold as a part of our season ticket package, and the waiting

list is full for years to come. There will be no way for KSU students to get tickets to the game unless they know a player," said Scott McLaren, director of sales marketing and ticket info.

Other universities across the nation reserve a certain number of seats for opposing school fans. There is no NCAA regulation that states a school must reserve seats for visiting fans, but it is a courtesy that most schools practice.

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## Breaking the bank

*Students and student organizations protest tuition increase*

Robin Crawford  
Staff Writer

Liz New  
Staff Writer



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**SG President Munzir Naqvi reviews the budget resolution** during the Sept. 30 SG meeting.

A tuition increase along with university layoffs have been proposed as a possible solution to the 2005 budget deficit. The decision will affect every individual connected to the University System of Georgia.

In August, Gov. Sonny Perdue ordered the University System of Georgia to cut the 2005 budget by \$68.7 million. Does this translate to an increase in tuition at KSU? Lt. Governor Mark Taylor said it does unless students ban together and voice their concerns. In response to this order, Taylor contributed a letter to institutions in the university system. "Beyond unfairness, this represents a policy shift that abandons decades of commitment to higher education," Taylor said. "Historically, Georgia governors have put a strong emphasis on education at all levels. Education is critical for everyone's future success."

Students may be forced to produce an estimated extra \$500 for tuition next semester. The university system may also be forced to cut two percent of the workforce, which would result in the loss of 850 jobs, according to the Sept. 8 Chancellor's Report to the board.

In the last five years, Georgia's university enrollment has increased by 28 percent, while state funding has been raised by only 8 percent. With so many students attending college and tuition rates remaining virtually the same, there is not enough money to distribute among Georgia's colleges and universities.

In response, students from the 34 public universities across Georgia, including KSU, have banded together to protest the proposed tuition increase. The relationship between KSU and other universities was successfully forged last year through work on the HOPE Scholarship

and has proved crucial again this year to draw attention to the tuition hike. Student Government leaders from the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech launched a major petition campaign by summoning universities state-wide to participate in gathering 100,000 student signatures. In addition to the Student Government, the African American Student Alliance and the International Student Association aided in the circulation of the petitions. KSUSG set a goal of 2,000 signatures to add to those of students from the other universities. As of Thursday, Sept. 30, they had received 1,300 signatures.

"We've had great reception," said John Crider, a senior history major and Undergraduate Senator for SG. "Our main goal is just to get debate going for other options besides cutting state funding and increasing tuition for students. They need to cut the budget somewhere else besides higher education."

Students are not pleased about potentially paying more for college. "I basically think it's really bad of them to tell us [about the increase] halfway through this semester. It's heinous bull---," said freshman English major Lauren Gibby.

Freshman Nursing major Caleb McCalla, shared Gibby's sentiment. "They [the state government] need to manage their money better," said McCalla.

Other students share the concern but see a bigger issue at hand.

"The only way the petition is going to count is if students actually vote and know what the issues are," said Jenny Cotton, a senior political science major and SG Secretary/Treasurer. "College students are extremely apathetic about voting and because of that, we are passed over for a lot of things. We only get riled up when it affects us...we sign a petition, that's great, but are we registered to vote? Sign all the petitions you want, but it is not going to matter if you don't get involved."

There are students who understand the impact of a tuition

## Fulfilling the need

*Blood drive aims to ease blood shortage*

A.J. Barnett  
Staff Writer

Monday, Sept. 27 and Tuesday, Sept. 28, students and staff turned out to donate blood for the American Red Cross Blood Drive.

According to volunteer staffer, Carolyn Gallagher, the blood drive has become a quarterly event. The school is in its 10th year of sponsoring the American Red Cross and, on average, 100+ donations are made each day of the drive.

"About 4 million people need blood each year in the United States. That's one person every two seconds and the overwhelming majority would die without it. Healthy donors are the only source of blood. There is no substitute," according to the American Red Cross.

Red Cross statistics indicate in order for national blood requirements to be met 25,000 people are needed to donate daily, and 1,200 donations each day are needed on a local level.

Red Cross blood usage statistics show that patients involved in a car accident or having an organ transplant, require an average of 4-100 pints of blood. Blood is also needed for heart bypass patients, premature newborn babies and many other illnesses.

Anyone who meets specific health requirements is eligible to donate. The basics require the donor weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17-years-old.

Why do students donate? Rebekah Robbins, a junior English major said, "It's a way to give back."

The Red Cross also needs people to sign up for the National Marrow Donor Program Registry. Marrow donor volunteers are eligible to donate marrow or blood stem cells, should the need arise. Please contact [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org) for more details on the Donor Registry.

The American branch of the Red



Jessica Robertson | The Sentinel

**Senior Francessa Sykes donates blood** knowing she may save someone else's life.

Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton according to the Red Cross Web site. Originally it began as a "ratification of the Geneva Convention protecting the war-injured." With Barton at its lead, the ARC gradually expanded to "domestic and overseas disaster relief" and moved on to "the inclusion of peacetime relief work as part of the International Red Cross Movement."

To receive additional information on donation guidelines and locations, please contact the American Red Cross at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) or 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

## Side effects of the storm

*Rains from hurricane cause health concerns*

RykieBells  
Staff Writer

First it was Charley, then Frances and Ivan, now Jeanne. The hurricanes striking the East Coast during the last month have brought heavy

rains with them. So many days of constant rain often lead to an increase in the amount of stagnant or standing water, according to Cobb County Public Health officials.

Pools of standing water are a primary breeding ground for

mosquitoes that carry and transfer the West Nile virus, particularly Asian Tiger mosquitoes. They are the most prevalent species of mosquito in Georgia and prolific biters, according to reports from the American Biophysics Corporation at

<http://www.mosquitomagnet.com>.

While West Nile is not likely to result in death [the Center for Disease Control reported only 262 deaths out of 9,858 cases of the disease in 2003], it can lead to high fever, seizures, paralysis and permanent brain damage in severe cases, which often develop among the elder-



Sasha Bailey | The Sentinel

**Ian McClendon introduces the budget resolution** to the SG members and guests.

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# Budget: Breaking the bank

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increase but realize the state of Georgia has paid a significantly lower tuition rate than any other state. Tuition may need to be increased, but is it fair to increase tuition in the middle of the school year?

"I don't think it is fair that we have a mid-year tuition hike," said Ken Moore, a senior political science major and SG Secretary of Academic Affairs. "I think they should wait until next fall—all the money for financial aid has been allocated already, and that would put an unfair burden on students who have to pay that out of pocket."

"I can't afford to pay another \$500 in tuition," said Jeff Little, a sophomore accounting major. "My loans and scholarships were based on \$1,500, not \$2,000—it makes a big difference."

Financial aid has been allotted to all students, including those who receive HOPE.

"It doesn't really affect me as much, and I don't understand why they are doing it [increas-

ing tuition], hopefully they're going to explain to us why they are doing it," said Andrew Zinkie, a freshman marketing major, "but I am not as up in arms as a lot of people are, but if HOPE doesn't pay the difference, I wouldn't be happy about that. There are a lot of people who won't be able to go just because they won't have that much money to go to college next semester."

A rally in opposition to the proposed increase is scheduled for the morning of Oct. 8 in downtown Atlanta, and the Board of Regents will meet the following week to vote.

"You have the ability to make change happen," Taylor said in his letter to Georgia universities. "You can do this by signing the petition that was started by your Student Government Association. You can do this with your vote in November. You can do this by calling and engaging your legislator. You can do this by calling and engaging Gov. Perdue."

## Tuition resolution

On Sept. 30 Student Government met to discuss the resolution to be proposed Oct. 2 to Governor Perdue. Although there were issues amending the proposal, at press time the resolution read as follows:

### Resolution concerning the proposed tuition increase to take effect Jan. 2005.

**Whereas**, The Student Government represents all students at Kennesaw State University, and

**Whereas**, affordable tuition is essential for the success of students, and

**Whereas**, budget cuts to higher education resulting in higher tuition prices midyear would be harmful to students.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Student Government of Kennesaw State University sees the following as representative of students regarding any mandatory tuition increases:

1. Students should not be required to fact the burden of a tuition increase after financial aid monies have been awarded based on a smaller proposed yearly cost schedule.
2. The students of Kennesaw State University urge the Board of Regents to reconsider their decision
3. Governor Perdue to reconsider budget cuts in higher education.



A.J. Barnett  
Staff Writer

Thursday, Sept. 16, police responded to an **alleged theft** at the **KSU Place Apartments**. According to the report, **UPS delivered two boxes containing Dell computer equipment** on the afternoon of August 25, and they were placed in the **leasing office common area**. Upon returning to work the following day, **staff members realized that the boxes were gone.**

A 23-year-old Marietta woman was arrested Saturday, Sept. 18 and charged with **DUI**. After seeing her car swerve, police pulled her over and **detected the strong smell of alcohol**. She consented to testing and was found to be **above the legal limit**. Police also charged her with **failure to a maintain lane**.

A 24-year-old Marietta man was stopped and then **arrested and charged with DUI Sunday, Sept. 19** after an improper lane change **that forced an officer out of his lane**. The driver's 20-year-old passenger was also arrested and charged with a **minor in possession/consumption of alcohol**. In addition the driver received citations for **failure to a maintain lane and expired tags**.

A 25-year-old Powder Springs man was arrested and charged with **DUI Sunday, Sept. 19**. According to the report, police pulled the man over for **erratic driving and detected the smell of alcohol**. After testing confirmed he was above the legal limit, he was transported to Cobb Adult Detention Center. He was issued citations for **failure to maintain a lane and DUI**.

## Storm: Health hazard

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ly. Presently there is no vaccine against the disease.

Health officials recommend wearing mosquito repellent with DEET, as well as taking measures to prevent mosquitos from breeding, most importantly by emptying pools of stagnant water, such as those that collect on swimming pool covers or in gutters, as soon as possible. Water that cannot be

drained should be sprayed with a larvicide, such as ALTOSID, that kills mosquitoes before they mature and can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

KSU Health Center employee Billy Traylor recommends that students who are interested in learning more about the treatment and prevention of this disease refer to the Center

for Disease Control's Web site, <http://www.cdc.gov>. "We use that site—it's very accurate," Traylor said. "It has good, current information on lots of things."

Symptoms of the virus include headache and slight fever and can easily be mistaken for a mild case of the flu. Students who suspect they have the virus should contact the Health Center at 770-423-6644, or Cobb Public Health at 770-514-2432.

## Taste of China

*Festival gives students chance to honor tradition*

LaToya Cole  
News Editor

Chinese government officials were given a taste of home at the Moon Festival held at KSU Place Sept. 28. "It is significant because the students left their home in Hang Zhou, China a week ago and came to the U.S. to study," said Stella Xu, International Senator for Student Government. The officials came to KSU to earn Master's degrees in Public Administration. The event was

also held to ease the cultural transition for the 43 students.

"It is a very important festival in China next to the Chinese New Year," Xu said. "It is the equivalent of what Thanksgiving is in America." More than 120 people came to sample dishes such as moon cake, dumpling and tea eggs and chicken feet, cooked especially for the festival. They also told the story of the moon festival and how the Chinese celebrate in their homes. Resident assistants at KSU Place decorated

the buildings with lights and balloons. Games were played and winners were given Chinese arts and crafts

Xu said more events would take place in the future.

The International Students Welcome Reception will be held at the Woodruff Arts Center Nov. 7 at 4 p.m. "Governor Purdue has already declared [Nov 7] International Students Day," said Xu.

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## Keeping in touch

*Service aids students in maintaining contacts*

Rykie Belles  
Copyeditor

The task of keeping up in college can be a daunting one. Trying to keep up with friends and family spread out across the country, or even the world, can be an even more daunting task, especially with rapidly changing e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers.

"When I moved here from Colorado I had to get a new phone, and I had a really hard time keeping track of my friends' numbers after that," said junior Victoria Camac, who transferred this semester. "I don't have a paper address book—it seemed like a waste of time."

Camac said the process of informing all her many contacts of her new phone number was, "Very frustrating. I almost gave up a few times, figuring that if they didn't know my new number already they weren't worth the effort—of course I couldn't say that about my grandparents or my sisters, so I had to keep working on it. It was a huge pain."

Enter Plaxo.

"It seems like a good idea," Camac said of Plaxo 2.0, which allows people all over the globe to instantly send their updated contact information to friends, family, employers and anyone else in the user's address book.

Plaxo works in one of two ways: users can choose to download a client for use with Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express, or use select the online option for web-based email addresses [such as those from Yahoo Mail or Hotmail]. No matter the method of connection to Plaxo, the results are the same.

The user enters any contact information he or she would like displayed and indicates other Plaxo users he/she would like to receive this information. Plaxo then updates the other users' address books automatically. Plaxo will even contact non-members with the new information.

Plaxo is a free service, although the company offers a "VIP" customer service option for \$19.95 a year, in which customers can speak directly with customer service representatives. "A 1-year membership entitles you to unlimited priority e-mail support, direct telephone sup-

port, live one-on-one chat support, faster turnaround times and a commercial license to use Plaxo 2.0," according to Plaxo's Web site.

Plaxo offers an online calendar, to-do list and notebook, as well as the address book. Most of these features are also available with web-based e-mail servers, but Plaxo's services also include two different online business cards—one for business information and the other for personal. Users can select specific contacts to see the information contained in each card, whether business or personal, or choose to make the information available to all Plaxo users.

According to the Web site, "Plaxo keeps you connected to the people and information important to you." Set-up is "easy and free" and allows members to instantly connect to just about anyone.

"I signed up, and it's a lot easier than trying to keep track of a paper address book," Camac said. "The only hard part is getting my friends to sign up too."

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# Viewpoints

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**Reinstate the draft?**  
Kerry is bringing up this topic in the debates but what does the current administration think?

## Not for the faint of heart

Dave Dalton  
Columnist

Beheaded. They beheaded him! It was not a guillotine. It was not even an axe. They took a twelve 12-inch knife and literally hacked at his neck until his head it came off. I have seen enough action to leave most people sitting in the corner drooling all over themselves, but this poor guy's screams made my blood run cold. What kind of inhuman savages do this? Terrorists. You have heard the saying that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. I see a clear difference between this human offal and the freedom fighters. Can you?



Everyone grieves for this loss. Condolences go out to the family. Even the White House offers its prayers. Prayers are all well and good, but I, for one, think the president should keep his prayers to himself and just get the job done. It feels like we have turned the heat down a little as election season approaches. I would really hate to think that President Bush has compromised something in his bid for re-election.

I suppose we should be thankful that the attacks are happening over there, leaving us to get more fat and lazy here on our collective butts. It just infuriates me that we maintain the most powerful and technologically advanced fighting force on the face of the planet but we do not have the plain old-fashioned guts to let

them get it done. I was close friends with one of the slain Rangers whom they dragged through the streets in Somalia [yeah, "Blackhawk Down" was based on a true story]. I held his newborn baby in my arms. He is dead and un-avenged because pandering politicians waffled. They had the bright idea to use the Rangers in lieu of foreign policy, but they did not have the stomach to see it through.

We already know what Kerry will do, depending on the weather, of course. He has declared that he will pull us out immediately and turn the whole mess over to the U.N. A person could rightly interpret this as running away from the problem and leaving it for someone else to deal with. Fortunately, it looks like Kerry is going to lose, so I guess the only real question is what will Bush do after he is re-elected?

Hopefully, once the votes are counted [and recounted][and contested][and re-recounted] we will get back to the mission: to root out these filthy savages and to kill them all. If the cowards, despots and outright criminals at the United Nations are not going to do the work, that only leaves the U.S. I know our military can do their job--I just wonder if the rest of us will be able to do ours. It will not be easy, but then again, nothing worth doing is ever easy. Being the adult supervision on the world's playground is definitely not a job for the faint of heart.

## THE MISADVENTURES OF KSU STU

By: Perry Bennett



## Students hurt by budget cuts

Grant Voyles  
Viewpoints Editor

The economy and general welfare of a state depend on an educated populace. You would be hard-pressed to find someone with a dissenting opinion to that statement. Those in the state government have stressed the importance of higher education and keeping it affordable, but the system must be properly funded in order to obtain that goal. It is no secret that the University System of Georgia is suffering from a series of budget cuts, and they will have lasting effects on the future of education in the state.

It is likely that students at Georgia's public universities could see a 10 percent jump in tuition this January, which very well could be increased again in coming years. In October, University System Chancellor Thomas Meredith proposed a tuition increase of an unspecified amount. "It's got to be 10 percent in the spring and 10 percent for next fall," Carl Patton, Georgia State University President, told the Atlanta-Journal Constitution [Tuition May Jump 10% in January 9/8/04].

What will a 10 percent increase mean for students? Students at most 4-year universities can expect an additional \$232 a year tacked on. This increase comes at a most inopportune time given the sluggish job market, and that last fall state law-makers dedicated so much time trying to reduce the services provided by the

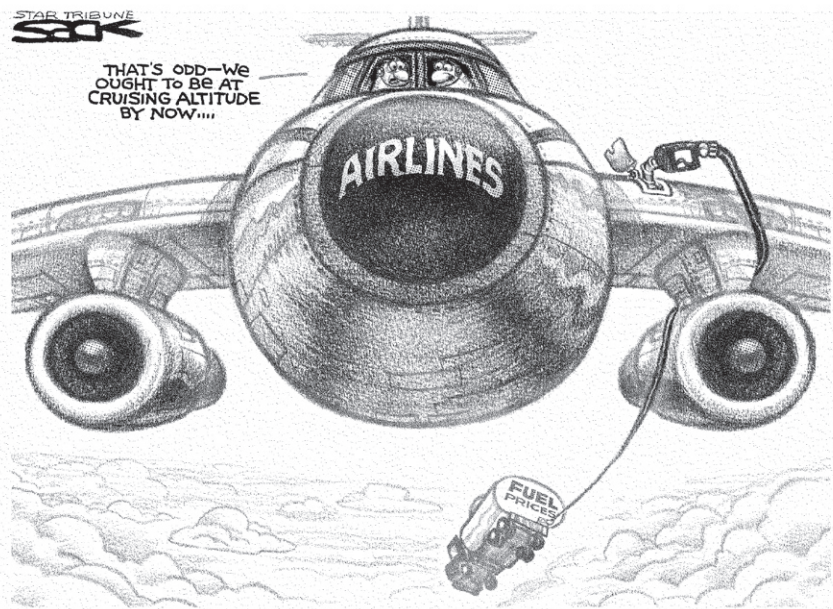
HOPE scholarship. In the aforementioned article, Shelly Nickel, director of the Georgia Student Finance Commission, stated said that "A 10 percent mid-year tuition increase would cost the HOPE program about \$10 million." The increasing strain on resources may result in the further cuts to HOPE, which would leave the program less and less helpful to students.

These budget cuts are more than just a little "tightening of the belt" and raise the question of how dedicated the state is to education. The Gainesville Time reports that since 2001 the University System of Georgia's budget has been cut by \$382 million dollars, while the enrollment has increased by more than 35,000 students. This inverted correlation has left the percentage of the state's budget dedicated to the university system the lowest since 1967. This affects both current and prospective college students. The Board of Regents lists Georgia as 48th nationally in percentage of students age 18-24 who attend college. Rising tuition will deter some students from going to college at all, while others may look for a better deal out of state. This trend will only continue if tuition continues to rise and HOPE continues to be reduced. This can be detrimental to Georgia school's if top students opt to go out of state.

The budget crunch is already hitting KSU. During the Sept. 30 KSU Senate forum, one of the main concerns was that KSU has the highest student-faculty ratio in the state. Of course, one must question KSU's priorities concerning money. With tuition setting record highs, the admission administration feels the need to "nickel-and-dime" the students to death with additional course fees. Last year, The Sentinel reported that

students should "expect to pay \$101 per semester more than last year" [How high can they go? 7/2/03]. That is just what we needed to go hand-in-hand with rising tuition. Of course, a convocation center with a completion schedule that rivals the Tower of Babylon should raise a few eyebrows.

The Board of Regents and state legislature claim that affordable, quality higher education is a top priority and yet there their actions do not reflect that. With enrollment increasing, but not nearly at the level it needs to be at, the state should do everything possible to help keep the enrollment and the value of education on the upswing. Cutting the budget shows that the Board of Regents is not representing the student's best interests, as the cost is always transferred to the student. The future of the state hinges on the education of its students--and the ability to provide such an education will be jeopardized if such budget cuts continue.



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## Demos do not have it

Tracy Turner  
Columnist

After much consideration, I will be voting to re-elect George W. Bush. Why? As anyone who knows me can tell you, I am no Republican--far from it. I have numerous problems with the Republican Party and the Bush administration. Bush, in his attempts to "reach across the aisle," has signed off on too many spending bills. The Republican Party, led by Bush, spends too much time trying to impose its "values" on others. I am completely against

legislating morality especially when it tramples anyone's right to choose their own path in life. But I do not take voting lightly. I consider it not only my right, but my responsibility to educate myself about the issues and candidates and pick the best person for the job. In this election, President Bush is that person.

In his 2000 campaign, Bush made several campaign promises, including a tax cut, education reform and a prescription drug

plan for senior citizens. They all say what they think you want to hear and then forget about it once they are elected.

Surprisingly, Bush has made good on his campaign promises. Congress just voted to renew the tax cut. No Child Left Behind has forced schools to account for their effectiveness, or lack thereof, and given more choice to parents in bad school districts. And senior citizens have the choice to get prescription drug discount cards. Whether or not you like these

changes, credit should be given to a person, especially a politician, who lives up to promises made.

Sept. 11, 2001, our whole world changed. We found ourselves vulnerable, which led to fear and anger. Bush, untested thus far, stepped up and proved he was a leader. Behind that leadership, this country mobilized and came together in a way that would have been hard to imagine before 9/11. Our economy, which was taking a down turn when Bush took of-

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Response to KAB not for non-traditional students**

Dear Editor,

I can see why the banner could be confusing since it said the "first 100 people to sign up get free tickets." In hindsight, it should have read more clearly. When anyone signed up in the office they were told they would receive one free ticket, and they must be a current student. They had to show a validated student ID and provide their name and phone number to sign up. Taking it one step further we also wrote it all down on the sign up sheet. But, error is human and I can see where errors were made on both our parts. I am sincerely sorry that my organization does not have the money to take every student and their significant others to the baseball game. KAB is an organization that is for the students and run by students. This year KAB is offering an event almost every week that is open to students and non-students--everything from movies, to concerts, comedians, novelties, late night programs, etc. On our Web site there is a calendar of events or you can come to our office, 375 in the Student Center, and we can give you a printed ver-

sion. We only have two events this year that are exclusive to non-students: the Braves game and the Thrashers game. We do this because our first priority is students, who have paid their activities fee, which is where we get our budget. It would not be fair for us to let non-students take the spot of a student who could go. I have a feeling that if the tables were turned and you were not going to receive a ticket, because we had given it to a non-student, then you would be even more upset.

**Lindsae Phillips**

KAB President  
Senior  
Art

**Financial aid solution already in effect**

Tracy Turner's editorial on the injustice of the KSU Bookstore's monopoly on financial aid money is ridiculous. Her solution, that the "financial aid office should apply those funds previously available only to the bookstore directly to the students' [KSUOne] cards," is already in effect. I assume Turner is speaking of HOPE book funds, and if that is the case, there is no rule dictating where students must spend their book money. On August

13, \$150 was deposited in my KSUOne account, and while I did spend the money at the campus bookstore, nothing and no one prevented me from going to the General Bookstore [or to an online bookseller or to a restaurant] to spend my money. Even before the new KSUOne cards materialized on campus, though, paper checks were issued, which could be signed directly over to the bookstore. While this was an option for students, it was by no means a mandate. If a student had wanted to, he or she could have cashed the check and spent the money anywhere. While her price comparison between the competing bookstores was informative, the main premise of Turner's article is based on poorly researched assumptions.

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**Kudos to new sophomore program**

Kudos to the new program for sophomores! As a Kennesaw State graduate, I keep up with KSU news through the online edition of The Sentinel. This story caught my eye right away. I took the Freshman Seminar course [before the Learning Communities were instituted]

during my first semester, and it gave me the foundation for a successful college career. I also took the Senior Seminar and the Capstone Seminar for Human Services majors. Both of these courses prepared me for graduation and my career in Human Services. Expanding these courses to include sophomores is a wonderful idea. Sophomore year can be stressful as that is the time many students are choosing a course of study. Taking electives in several majors, researching careers, interviewing professionals in different fields, talking with advisors and knowing students in various majors is truly the key to making this important decision. Sophomores need this "helping hand" to make the best and most informed decision possible. I took electives in my majors of interest, got involved with clubs, talked to professors in different majors and researched careers in these majors. Ultimately, my decision-making process took on a life of its own and before I knew it, I was certain that the best fit for me was Human Services. With the growing and changing nature of KSU, there is no better time to institute such an exciting and beneficial program.

**Laura Overstreet**

Human Services  
Class of 2003

**Enjoy life and what it's about**

It has been over a year now since I left KSU, on my way to different points serving as an Army officer and one thing stands out in my mind the most about it, I miss it dearly. Since leaving, I have attended numerous schools and courses in my field and have now taken a position in the operational section of my unit, planning and coordinating all materials to get geared up for a year in Iraq. I think back to the days when I was battling it out with guys like Grant Voyles and Paul Boshears because I thought they were too opinionated. Mostly about stuff they had very little idea of [sic]. But I think about how fired up I would get when they wrote some of the things they wrote. Those days seem like light years away, and I realized for the first time that there are way more important things in life, and that we should enjoy every bit of college that is there in front of us. Tests, papers--I was there in Dr. Roach's classes and believe me, I did not like it either. But to be able to get out and enjoy what all it has to offer, the activities, the friendship, and the ability to be a student--it was a great experience. I am currently 1,000 miles away from home, [and] I am trying my best to get acclimated to a different environment, living conditions, and a way of life that, even though I chose to do it, is still difficult. In the coming months I will extend that distance to several thousand miles, to a more hostile environment where conditions are less favorable and the laws of average, luck, and the stuffed cat your ex-girlfriend gave me before I left are the basis on your existence. I am scared, I am proud, and I am more or less happy about where I am. There are things I wish I could have done differently, and there are things I hit on the nose. But I look back at my college years, and I realize those were some of the best years I have had. But I had a great time and while I have no regrets, my only wish is that I could have passed this letter on sooner. There is so much out there, there is so much to do, and there is so much living that needs to be done. Go live, because you never know when it is going to stop.

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**Meningitis: From the Other Side**

I am grateful to The Sentinel for printing the "Better Safe Than Sorry: Should Meningitis Vaccine be a Requirement for Students?" because it gives me an opportunity to respond "from the other side".

On March 27, 1997 my youngest child died very suddenly of meningococcal meningitis. She was a freshman at UGA. She was very healthy, a former high school cheerleader, on homecoming court, National Honor Society, an Olympic Torch Escort Runner accompanying the dignitaries as they ran down Peachtree

Street to deliver the flame to the stadium. On March 26 she came down with what we thought was the "flu," and 14 hours after first becoming ill, she died. She was 18.

We were then, and still are, devastated that the information was "out there" and there was a vaccine available that could have saved her life, and we did not know about it. As parents of a college freshman in 1996, we had been given no information about Meningococcal Meningitis. Lauren willingly received all the shots UGA required. Had we known the symptoms, in

my heart I believe we could have prevented Lauren's death. The Armed Services of the United States had been immunizing all recruits for the last 20 years and, very effectively, at that. Why did we not know?

The statistics quoted in The Sentinel article from Georgia Public Health represent a point of view based on the cost-effectiveness of vaccination. I live on another side of those facts. Let me share with you what I know. Every year, there are 2,500 to 3,000 cases of meningitis in the United States--among adolescents and young adults, one out of four may die. According to the CDC, between 10-15

percent of the cases are fatal [about 300 to 450]. Another 15 percent of survivors end up with multiple amputations, organ damage, brain damage or other severe side effects. And there has been a safe vaccine [Menomune] since the early 1980s that can prevent the majority of cases among adolescents. That is, more than 80 percent of cases among adolescents are vaccine-preventable.

Yes, meningococcal meningitis is a rare disease. However, the effects are so rapid and devastating that the CDC [www.cdc.org], National Meningitis Association [www.nma.org], American College Health Association

[www.acha.org], Meningitis Foundation of America [www.musa.org] and many others are actively informing the public about this rare and devastating disease. Out of our 50 states in the U.S., 32 have passed legislation. In fact, two states [CT and NJ] feel so strongly about the vaccine that they even have a "cannot opt out" clause in their legislation.

Instead of "Better Safe than Sorry?", I would say "Why Risk Life and Limb?" To protect my children, I would have given my life. When I think of a \$70 vaccination and Lauren, my mind and heart almost go numb. There is no comparison. And 300 deaths per year?--if just one of those

300 were your child or sibling or friend, believe me, it would absolutely be one too many. Please inform yourself about the symptoms of meningitis and share them with your family and friends. The fact is that meningitis is very difficult to diagnose and, at the same time, there is an effective vaccine available. The choice is yours. The Armed Services of the United States certainly thinks vaccination is cost effective. Why risk life and limb when, in reality, you may very well be risking your life and limbs?

**Jeanne Allen**

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**Turning sorrow into hope**

Jesse Velarde  
Columnist

This time of year will always be a time of mourning and reflection here in the United States. Though time has brought some healing, and to a certain extent, we have moved on with our lives, the tragedy of Sept. 11 is still a sobering reminder of our frailty as individuals even though we live in the most powerful nation in history. During the next few weeks, the tragedy of 9/11 will be replayed over and over and over again. Debates will continue to rage on the best course of action for us to pursue as we fight the war on terrorism. Politicians, intelligence officials, and others in position of authority will continue to be second-guessed. These discussions are only helpful in formulating policies to prevent another such tragedy. What may not gain as much publicity during this time of grief are the stories of hope and inspiration which have risen from the ashes of ground zero. We can never and should never forget the heroic efforts of NYPD and the New York Fire Department who so bravely risked their lives to save those trapped in the buildings. Today with much less fanfare, they continue to sacrifice themselves in order to protect citizens all over the nation. Let us never forget the courage displayed by Todd Beamer and the other

passengers on flight 93 who confronted the terrorists and thwarted their attempts to crash the plane into the U.S. Capitol. Most importantly, we cannot forget the bravery and courage shown by those left behind--who continue to face the trials



of life without the loved one or friend which they will never see again.

One such hero is Lisa Beamer. Like many others, Lisa received a phone call from her husband aboard flight 93 letting her know that the plane had been hijacked. For the last time, her husband told her how much he loved her, when they had finished he uttered the now famous "let's roll" to rally the other passengers against the terrorists. The plane would crash in a field in Pennsylvania. Lisa would be left alone to raise three children without her husband of nearly a decade--thankfully that is not where the story ends.

Understandably, Lisa was overwhelmed with grief and sadness. What would she do all alone with her kids? How could she go on without Todd? This is where Lisa made an important decision. In an interview with NBC News in 2002, Lisa describes her dilemma in these terms, "I can say poor me, because I have to do something by myself and get swallowed up by self-pity, or I can say, I feel relatively happy today. My kids are doing well, and I am blessed to have them." Lisa chose to shun self-pity and

bitterness which would have been justified and rise above her circumstances. In her ascent above trial and agony, she is now helping others rise above their own sorrow.

In 2002, Lisa wanted to honor the memory of her husband and founded the Todd Beamer foundation. This foundation was funded from the proceeds generated by the best-selling book which she had written. This foundation, now known as Heroic Choices, empowers children who have experienced trauma through the loss of a loved one, sexual abuse or other tragedies. Focused on children 8-12 years old in the New York and New Jersey area, this organization describes its mission as "helping children to bounce back from setbacks and emerge stronger than before, prepared to deal with whatever lies ahead of them."

In the last two years, Heroic Choices has helped more than 100 children achieve this goal. Through an emphasis on family and outside mentoring, children are equipped with positive values, a commitment to learning, and a positive identity. The organization hosts various retreats as part of their

year-long program. Donations and volunteers continue to pour into Heroic Choices as part of the effort to reach the hurting children of New York.

Lisa Beamer's story is not unique. There are many other individuals who turned tragedy into triumph. Which begs the question what does that have to do with me as a college student? The answer is simple, a lot. Stories like Lisa Beamer force us to put our lives into perspective. It is a fact of life, collegiate or otherwise, that disappointment, trial and tragedy will at some point in time rear its ugly head. Here at Kennesaw State, it may be something like not getting the right amount of financial aid, having a

difficult professor, or not being able to find a parking spot.

Compared with someone losing a loved one, my struggles seem minute, and I feel like a spoiled brat whining about them. The truth that you and I must recognize is that though we may be justified in our anger, bitterness and discontent, we must not be so blinded by those things that we miss the opportunity to help others through our trial, and in the process, help our self. To wallow in frustration is at times justified, but refusing to be held down is truly the heroic choice.

**"To wallow in frustration is, at times, justified, but refusing to be held down is truly the heroic choice."**

**Democrat: No mojo**

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fice, took a major hit and things have been hard for many people. However, this should not be blamed, as is often the case, on Bush. Our economy is recovering, and we should be grateful it has not been worse considering that, since 9/11, the federal government has had to bail out the airlines, federalize airport security, create an entirely new Department of Homeland Security, and fight the war on terrorism.

Kerry, demagogue of the Democratic Party, tried to impede the free speech of those who happen to disagree with him and threatened to sue TV stations for playing those commercials made by the swift boat veterans. He said his Vietnam service should be beyond reproach. Well, maybe it would not have been such an issue if the Democratic Party had not spent the entirety of their convention trumpeting his service in Vietnam, culminating in his "reporting for duty" speech. Let me say this about both Bush and Kerry's military records. Who cares! It was 30 years ago! We have real, current issues with which to contend. What was Kerry's job before he was elected to Congress? He was a lawyer. And we all know how honest and trustworthy they are. Kerry has spent 20 years in Congress and done what, exactly? He claims to be a leader, but he has led nothing in so many years of Congress. He rarely even attends his committee meetings. In his quest to be "whatever it takes to be president," he has become an

indecisive, spineless, effete elitist who cannot really relate to anyone other than his haughty millionaire friends.

His choice of running mates did not endear him to me either. Another lawyer, a personal injury lawyer? How can John Edwards stand there and, with a straight face, talk about bringing down health care costs? Let me see if I have got this. Shyster lawyers, like Edwards, recruit people to claim they have been "wronged" in some way by a doctor. The doctor gets sued, and the insurance company settles because it is cheaper than going to trial. The lawyers get 40 percent of the settlement. The insurance company raises premiums on everyone to cover the cost of the settlement. The doctors then raise the price of their services to cover the cost of the insurance, and the cycle starts all over again. The same is true for drug companies, hospitals and a host of other health care entities, all thanks to Edwards and his colleagues. Yet, Edwards would have us believe the Kerry-Edwards ticket has a plan for lowering health care costs.

Bush is not my ideal candidate for president, but, without a strong, decisive leader, one who is not afraid to stand up to tyrants, socialists and terrorists alike, this great nation of ours could be in serious trouble. Through his passion to defend our country and citizens, his honor in keeping his promises, and his leadership in times of crisis, Bush has earned my vote.

# Features & Entertainment

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**Rock the Vote**  
Musicians and students alike join together to encourage voter registration



## Passion, power and conviction

Erika B. Neldner  
Editor in Chief

### The Reverend still has it

Chastain Park Amphitheater filled with a variety of people to see Rev. Al Green perform Saturday, Sept. 25. Twenty-somethings to 80-somethings of all ethnicities came with family members and significant others to enjoy romantic R&B classics.

Those who purchased tickets in advance knew a special guest would be joining The Reverend, but the identity of the performer was a mystery. When the lights dimmed to begin the show, Isaac Hayes graced the stage. While some may not recognize Hayes by his name, they would surely recognize him by his voice. Hayes speaks the role of "Chef" from South Park and, during the show, addressed the crowd by saying, "Hello, children," one of "Chef's" signature lines. Hayes did not leave out his character's musical stylings either. When he comically serenaded the crowd with his recipe song "Chocolate, Salty Balls," laughter erupted from every angle of the amphitheater. He kept the crowd going with his classics as well. When he revisited his 1970s hit "Shaft," the crowd sang along.

Stephanie Mills was the second special guest. She is known for songs including "Home" and the 1980 Top 10 hit "Never Knew Love Like This Before." The 47-year-old singer showed the crowd that she still has the energy and the moves to wow an audience. She ran back and forth across the stage, dancing throughout her performance. Mills' energy got the crowd ready for The Reverend.

Then it was time for Green to make his entrance. With the music playing, two dancers came out first to get the crowd on their feet. With the crowd roaring, Green graced the stage in his all white 3-piece tuxedo. He started out with his latest title track "I Can't Stop." While singing the first four songs, he presented red roses to excited women who, some would think, were about to faint. One woman could be heard exclaiming, "I love you," throughout the show. The Reverend

still has it.

For 30 years women have been throwing themselves at Green. Some may interpret the songs he wrote and performed in the 1970s as a seduction. "All these songs, they have a certain emotional feel to them," Green said. "They have a certain type of flair, vibration [and] emotion." Green acknowledged it was not about the seduction but about the love. "You have to put the love where the love ought to be. That is with the one person you love, not with the five girls in your phone book."

Some may think his love songs contradict with his faith, but throughout the show Green said, "When the prayers go up, the blessings come down." The chorus of one song he performed was, "Everything's gonna be alright, He's coming back."

Becoming a man of the cloth was not easy for Green. When he decided to enter the ministry, he endured criticism from every direction. "I caught it left and right," Green said, "from agents, promoters, everybody, managers and my band. Not now--I know what it's about now."

When referring to his return to performing, Green said, "I hadn't sung those songs in years. I was in this religious conviction, and I wanted to be true to that. The calling was bigger than I thought it was. The reason people come to see me [is] because of those songs [like] "Let's stay together."

Green's religious convictions no longer interfere with his entertainment life. It seems that his fans know what he is all about. The third song of the evening was "Amazing Grace." During the interview two weeks before the show Green said, "I always sing Amazing Grace...you'll see. Everyone sings along with me." He was right

on the money. Green began with the first line of "Amazing Grace," and the crowd sang the rest of the song with him. The power, passion and conviction during this song were phenomenal. Tears could be seen on the faces of many fans. Even though he is open about his religious beliefs, Green said, "I make it a point to let people make up their minds of what it's [Christianity] about. I don't try to force my opinion down anyone's throat. God is love, and that's the way he intended it."

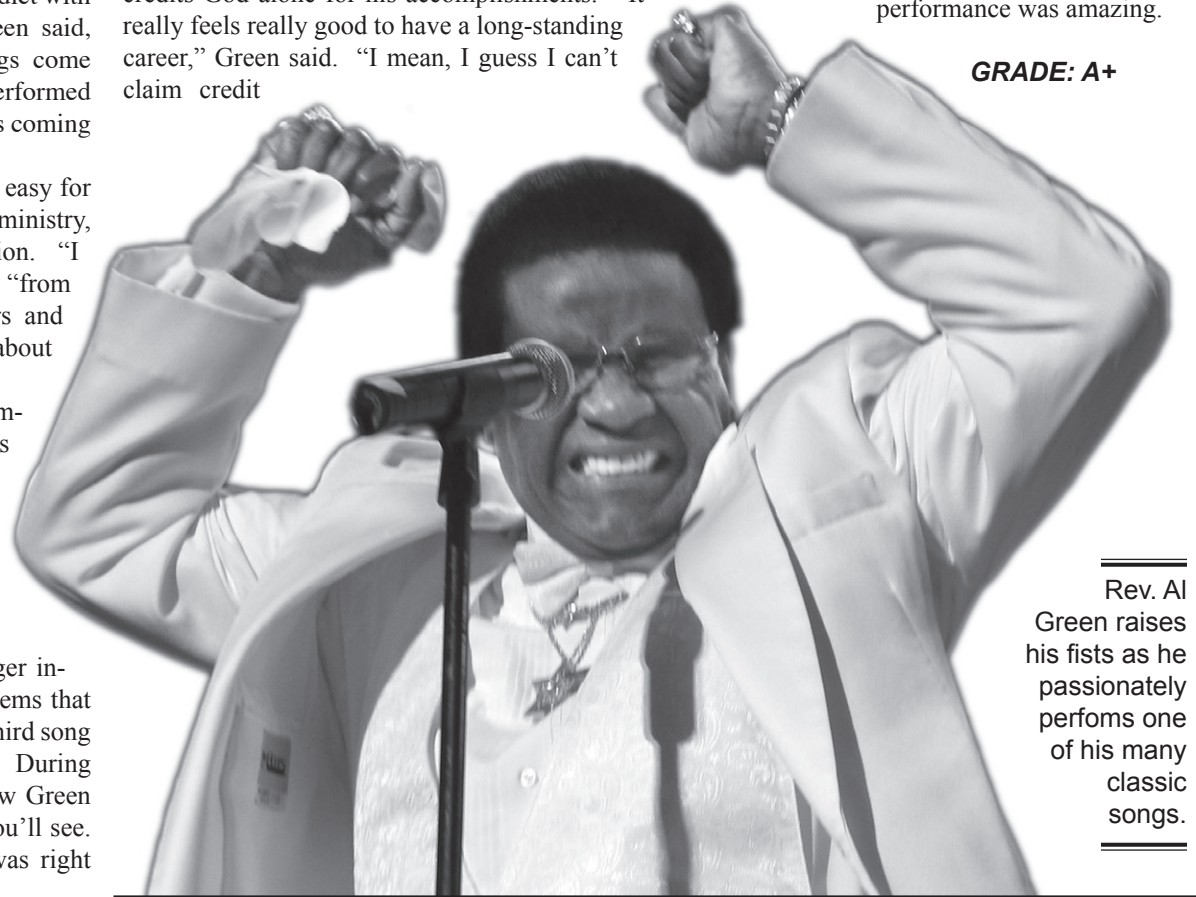
Green has had a long, successful career and credits God alone for his accomplishments. "It really feels really good to have a long-standing career," Green said. "I mean, I guess I can't claim credit

for myself...all praise to Him. I'll take my seat in the little boys' section." These 25-year-old songs are all thanks to him."

Green has been performing rock 'n' roll for 38 years. In 1995, he was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. When asked about how he reacted to the news he said, "I have no idea...I was shocked. They said I had to be singing rock 'n' roll for 25 years, and I had been singing for 26 years." After his hiatus, Green said he picked up where he left off, and he is currently recording a new album with Willy Mitchell. At the time of the interview, Green and Mitchell were laying down the horns on the tracks. There is currently no date set for the album's debut.

All in all, this experience was like no other. The show was spectacular. Being psyched about Green was no match to getting there and hearing Green, Hayes and Miller. All three artists' performance was amazing.

GRADE: A+



Rev. Al Green raises his fists as he passionately performs one of his many classic songs.



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[above] Al Green happily performs his everlasting hits including "Let's Stay Together." [top-right] Isaac Hayes' bassist takes center stage for his solo. [right] Isaac Hayes plays the keyboard while singing the song from South Park "Chocolate, Salty Balls."



## Time to make a difference

Organizations gathered for the Volunteer Fair

Kiki Amanatidis  
Sr. Staff Writer

Volunteer Kennesaw State University held their annual volunteer fair Sept. 29. The fair had exhibition tables from more than 50 different agencies in need of volunteers.

The agencies present represented everything from pregnancy services to making wishes come true for senior citizens.

Many of the agencies stressed how important it was to help, because you never know when that cause may affect your life.

While all the agencies stood out, the ones that were unusual dealt with men wanting to stop violence, and men that suffered spousal abuse, which is something not commonly heard.



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Sylvia Inman [Asst. Dir. of VKSU] and Carolyn Gallagher [Admin. Asst. of VKSU] encourage students to get involved.

VKSU gave out T-shirts to students who visited at least 20 of the agencies present. If you missed the fair and want more information on how to volunteer, visit VKSU in Room 227 in the Student Center.



## A different type of festival

Greek festival comes to Atlanta

Kiki Amanatidis  
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The 29th Annual Atlanta Greek Festival will take place Oct. 7-10 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Clairmont Rd.

This year's festival boasts to be bigger and better than ever with several new additions to old favorites.

There will be an abundance of Greek cuisine ranging from quick pita sandwiches to savory roasted lamb dinners with rice, Greek salad and potatoes. Do not forget those sweet pastries including baklava, loukoumades [fried doughnuts] and an assortment of cookies.

To digest all that delicious food, take a walk

through the numerous shops on the festival grounds. They sell everything from T-shirts to Greek jewelry.

Next to the food is the amazing live music and dancing by the nationally renowned dance group, Troup Ellas. The live music will be provided by three different local Greek acts including Alpha Omega Sounds, Nick Demos and the Islanders and, a new act to the festival, Tessarae. Both Demos and Alpha Omega have played the festival in the past.

The festival will also have a series of educational sessions or Orthodoxy. There will also be viewings of past History Channel documentaries on Greece.

For younger guests there will be a children's area complete with carnival rides and some crafty-type activities.

For more information on the festival and directions visit: [www.atlgoc.org](http://www.atlgoc.org).



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Sophomore psychology major Cindy Shackelford signing up for 'Make a Wish.'

# ROAMING REPORTER: *how did you choose your major?*

Text and Photos by Kiki Amanatidis



"I love acting, and I love watching movies."

Russell Bach, Theatre, freshman



"I want to be a museum curator. I also love learning about the past."

Katie McCannon, History, joint enrollment



"I really enjoy English, and I think it's important for kids to take it seriously and do well."

Alex McKee, English Education, freshman

"I've always liked writing. I've also always been a fan of literature."

Charles Schriver, English, junior



"I plan to go to law school, and I think political science is a good foundation."

Jeremy Gaiter, Political Science, freshman

## A tasty treat in Atlanta

*The third-annual Taste of Atlanta leaves stomachs full*

Melissa Spielholz  
Features Editor

Lenox mall was busier than normal Sept. 17-19, as it played host to Atlanta's third annual Taste of Atlanta weekend. For only \$30 people were invited to come and experience food from more than 60 of Atlanta's favorite restaurants.

Restaurants including Café Tu Tu Tango, Maggiano's, The Capital Grille and Wolfgang Puck Express were just a few that participated in this year's event. To kick off the weekend, a cocktail party was held to benefit the Atlanta Community Foodbank, the Senior Citizens Services of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc. program and Meals on Wheels.

Aside from all the tasty food this event had to offer, there were many other activities--world renowned chef, Emeril Lagasse was one of many chefs to offer demonstrations, there was live music to add to the already festive atmosphere, and for those whose bellies were full and were ready to shop, there was the Rich's-Macy's Harvest market.

The Rich's-Macy's Harvest Market [open



the entire weekend] provided an opportunity for out-of-town visitors to shop and pick-up some Georgia produce and unique Southern gifts.

The event was successful in sending its attendees home with full stomachs and left them anxiously craving Taste of Atlanta's return next year.

"Taste of Atlanta was a great success this year. We filled our capacity on Sunday when Emeril came and were thrilled to see the amazing turn out. The weather was definitely cooperative, it was absolutely gorgeous," Jessica Garcia of 360Media, Inc. said. "Everyone, from restaurants and sponsors to staff and volunteers, was phenomenal to work with. We hope everyone remembers what a great time they had and comes back again next year!"

## Life is good

*Might it be 'Album of the Year'?*

Meredith Pruden  
Sr. Copy Editor

The Good Life's latest release has an almost folksy appeal that floats heavily about the room like misty fog presses down on a New Orleans cemetery. "Album of the Year" is as haunting an album on the tenth listen as it is on the first and never loses the listener's attention as it takes them on a stirring and fluid trip through the mind of singer Tim Kasher.

Kasher's [also of Cursive] voice is vaguely reminiscent of rock icon Jim Morrison of The

Doors, particularly in track five, "Notes in His Pockets," as he belts, "With his shame around his ankles, chains of guilt around his neck." The lyrics throughout the album are a rich narrative--the likes of which one finds in works of literature and are so seldom found in music today.

It is unlikely you will hear a track from this album on your local Top 40s radio station as it is about as far from pre-fab as you can get, but "Album of the Year" is well worth the pur-



chase price. Although I would not suggest listening to this album after a recent break-up, unless you are just looking for a good cry, it is the perfect choice for a lazy evening in front of a fire, those late night road-trips or the slow dance at the next frat party.

Grade: B+

## Plenty of fish in the sea...

*Suitable for children and adults of all ages*

Alex Danaila  
Staff Writer

In 2003, the bar for CGI [Computer Generated Imagery] in movies was set high by Pixar's, "Finding Nemo." "Shark Tale" has succeeded in reaching that scale, if not having moved it even higher.

"Shark Tale" is the first animation movie of this kind to be produced by DreamWorks. Director Eric "Bibo" Bergeron aimed to make the movie both funny and enjoyable for kids as well as adults and succeeds in this mission.

The movie is about a small fish named Oscar [Will Smith] who becomes the hero of the ocean world over night, by telling what he thought was just a little white lie. Always dreaming of a fancy lifestyle on top of the reef, Oscar finds himself in a completely different place. Among trying to stay afloat in the world of the rich and famous, keeping himself from being eaten by the shark mafia boss Don Lino [Robert DeNiro] and figuring out whether his true love is the new-found girlfriend Lola [Angelina Jolie] or his best friend Angie [Renee Zellweger], Oscar has his fins full.

"Shark Tale" teaches viewers valuable life-lessons such as making friends with fish



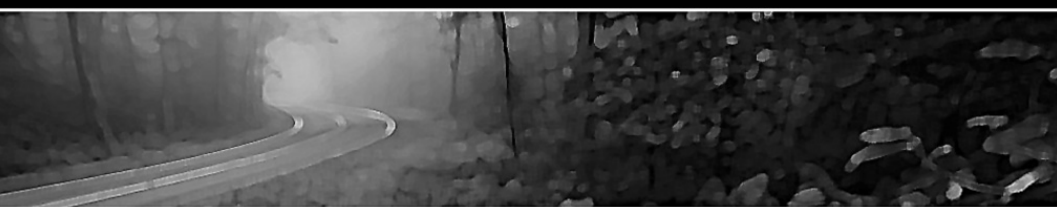
[people] that are different and the meaning of true satisfaction when accomplishing something through hard work.

Go see this movie, take the kids, little brothers or sisters, or

even a hot date-- the shark's expression of Robert Deniro's face alone is worth it.

Overall grade: A-

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# The well-trod path

Perhaps I am stealing Tara the Travel Girl's thunder here by prattling on about wilderness-y experiences, but for whatever reason I thought it might be an interesting subject. This is because I spent the last weekend of Sept. traipsing the trails of Cloudland Canyon, up in northwest Georgia, and I was struck mightily by how crowded it was.

If you are radiating out in pretty much any direction from Melbourne, you will be able to find all manner of parks and recreation areas within about an hour or so – the same seems to be generally true of Atlanta. There is a bit of a difference that I have found, however. Every time I ventured somewhere to wander around a national park or some other scenic place around Melbourne, I was almost always by myself. Whether this is because I chose very odd times to go, or if this is true in general, I can only guess. But heading up to the mountains in Georgia and wandering there was a bit more crowded. Hmmm, maybe about 20 times more crowded—or 100? It was a little difficult doing a head count. At any rate, the parking lot was crowded, almost full, with your usual assortment of SUV's, minivans, SUV's and the odd normal-sized vehicle.

So, maybe going up on a weekend had an effect on the crowds we saw there [I went up there with a fellow hiking enthusiast from Slovakia. Us foreigners have strange hobbies.] Or maybe it is because there are so many people within an hour or so of this

place [Atlanta, Chattanooga, every other tin-pot town along the way] and the weekend only exacerbated the crowds. For me, it was a little bit odd to be walking in a wilderness area [albeit a pretty small, smoggy one] only to be surrounded by a plethora of noisy kids and adults of all shapes and sizes, and especially the bunch of noisy, obnoxious teenagers who decided to go for a swim

**DOWN UNDER**  
By Adam Stevens



in the pool at the bottom of a waterfall, and in the process, stuff up a bunch of my photos. Bastards.

I think the difference is accessibility. At home, most of the places I visited were down dusty little farm-access roads, even sometimes 4WD tracks [not something I recommend you do with a little dinky sedan], or maybe off little regional roads between small towns. Here, you have interstate highways in all directions, decent-sized towns [at least to me] scattered about in all directions, and urban refugees trying to flee the smoggy miasma of Atlanta or other large cities for a little bit of a weekend break. Usually this means several stops at a QT, a

Maccas [McDonalds] or Burger King, brawling kids and a short walk – at least as far as I can tell. Maybe someone can enlighten me on this. All I know is that the 5-mile canyon trail was all-but-deserted, and the poofteenth of a trail down to the canyon's waterfalls was a bit like a conga line in some places.

As far as I am concerned, there are few things more attractive and magical than an untouched setting – you certainly get this in many places that I have taken the time to visit in my home state of Victoria, even though the price you pay is a damned difficult time trying to find them. Georgia has many beautiful places – but it seems as though some of them, if not many, are a little over-run, and after spending some time in Yosemite Valley and hearing tales of traffic jams and the horror of Gatlinburg around the Smokies, I fear these places might lose some of their magic. Unfortunately, there is not really much of a solution to that problem – one can hardly begrudge people wanting to find the beauty in nature. How much of that beauty and peace that could disappear as a result is something that may need to be considered in the future.

Well, I am all doom and gloom today – on the upside, Cloudland Canyon was a delightful place, quite spectacular in places, and I was only really let down by the very hazy air, which I suspect is mostly Chattanooga's fault. I can see why so many people would visit – I just somewhat wish that they would not!

## Ellijay hosts annual Apple Festival

It is that time of year again! The 33rd Annual Georgia Apple Festival is Oct. 9, 10, 16 and 17 in Ellijay, Georgia. For those of you with children, this is the perfect way to enjoy a weekend out of the house. Kids under 10 are free and adult admission is \$5. More than 300 vendors will be selling and demonstrating various hand-crafted items. Every apple dish known to man will be sold at the festival. Just to name a few, there are fritters, pies, cakes, candies and caramel apples. Oct. 16 there will be a parade, as well as an antique car show.

Ellijay is Georgia's premiere apple country in the Appalachian Mountains. Apple season begins in late August and ends in December. The festival is during peak travel time to north Georgia as the weather has cooled off and the leaves are turning. The annual Apple Festival is hosted by the Ellijay Lions Club, the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce and the cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay.

For more information, call: 706-636-4500. To get there take I-75 north to I-575 exit. North on I-575 to Ball Ground where I-575 becomes GA 515. Continue north on GA 515 to reach Gilmer County and the cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay. The festival will be at the Ellijay Lions Club Fairgrounds south of Ellijay, off Hwy. 5. Parking is free.

I would also like to bring up a rather unusual place of interest. The Kangaroo Conservation Center in Dawsonville, Georgia is home to the largest kangaroo collection outside of Australia. I am aware

By Tara O'Shea



**Dimestore Journeys**

my fellow columnist is from Australia, but I do not think it is fair he is the only one who gets to talk about kangaroos, kookaburras and boomerangs! Anyway, a mere hour from Atlanta, you too can experience the "ultimate Aussie adventure" on a tour with more than 87 acres of "Outback" and get close to some of the more well-known wildlife of Australia.

A tour guide will take you on the back of a safari truck and honestly, if I did not have a class, I would go right now. I was excited to learn they have a visitor center and a gift shop that offers hand-painted Aboriginal art and other Australian souvenirs. All this in the mountains of North Georgia! Tours are offered early spring through late fall and last two hours. Advance reservations are recommended. The tour fee is \$24.95 for adults and \$19.95 for children. Call 706-265-6100 for more information. I know this is a little bit pricey for this column, but this really is an interesting place to see. They are located an hour north of Atlanta, at 222 Bailey-Waters Rd. Dawsonville, Ga, 30534.

G'day mate! [I just had to say that].





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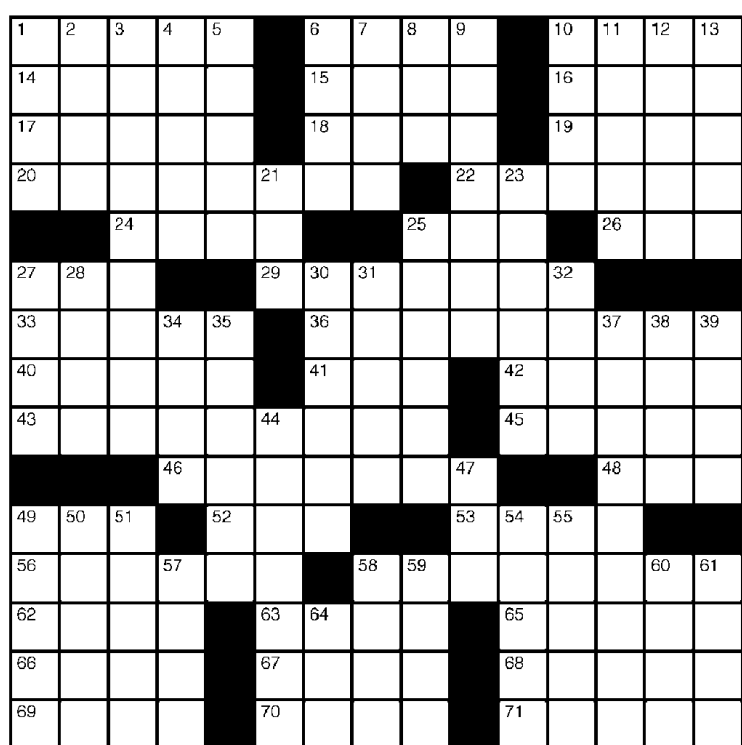
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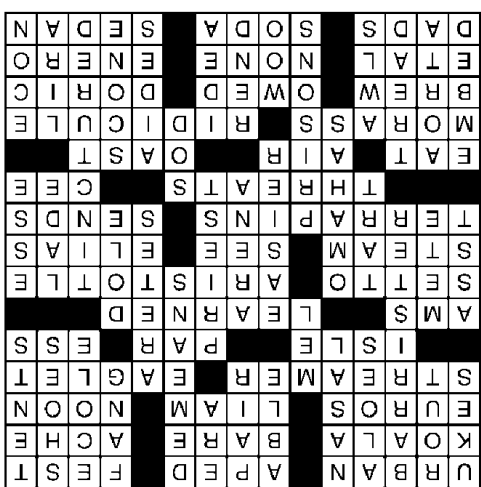
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  - 17 Continental cash
  - 18 Actor Neeson
  - 19 High time?
  - 20 Long, narrow pennant
  - 22 Aerie resident
  - 24 Wight or Man
  - 25 Golf standard
  - 26 Snaky shape
  - 27 Morning hrs.
  - 29 Well-educated
  - 33 Altercation
  - 36 Plato's prized pupil
  - 40 Heat source
  - 41 Comprehend
  - 42 Inventor Howe
  - 43 Maryland players
  - 45 Transmits
  - 46 Evil intentions
  - 48 Average grade
  - 49 What to do at Joe's
  - 52 Jordan's nickname
  - 53 Kiln
  - 56 Quagmire
  - 58 Make fun of
  - 62 Pub potable
  - 63 Was in debt
  - 65 Greek column type
  - 66 List-shortening abbr.
  - 67 \_\_\_ of the above
  - 68 Juan's winter month
  - 69 June celebrants
  - 70 Soft drink
  - 71 Family car
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Decisive defeat
  - 3 Lawyer in London
  - 4 Medicinal plants
  - 5 Like a twangy voice
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  - 7 Couple
  - 8 Important time
  - 9 Degrades
  - 10 Canine tooth
  - 11 Pierre's school
  - 12 Pumps and loafers
  - 13 Pitched abodes
  - 21 Tillis or Torme
  - 23 Sharp ridges
  - 25 Mission man
  - 27 Aide to an exec.
  - 28 Apportion (out)
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  - 31 Where the action is
  - 32 Elizabeth or Bob
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# Horoscope

Linda C. Black  
Tribune Media Services

**T**oday's Birthday (Oct. 6). Discipline is one of your least favorite subjects. You'd much rather negotiate than play by the rules; you don't see life as black and white. You're apt to be rebellious this year, but take care. You could win a small victory but lose the entire war. Or you could acquire a valuable skill.

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 5. A particularly annoying person may be a messenger assigned to bring you information that you don't want to hear. Listen, and take notes.

one with more experience. There's no reason you have to learn it all the hard way, especially since a friend of yours already did.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6. Of all the kinds of discipline there are, the kind you apply to your own self is the best by far. It's not easy, but this is a perfect time to practice.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7. A distant friend or relative dispenses good advice. Trade by sharing the story of a miracle that's happened to you recently.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7. In a perfect world you'd be able to buy whatever you want. You can bring yourself closer to satisfaction by learning to want what you can afford. You'll be closer to enlightenment, too.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7. Common sense isn't really all that common any more. Advise a person who doesn't have much \_ but carefully. Your words may not be welcome.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7. Once you've got the workplace routine firmly in place, you'll produce much more with much less effort. It shouldn't be long now.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7. You're good at fantasies, but you need somebody else to help with the structure. Being in love with a person like that is an excellent plan. If you're not yet, you could be soon.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7. Practice makes perfect, but unfortunately, it takes a lot of time. Learn from a master, and soon you'll be able to teach co-workers a few things.

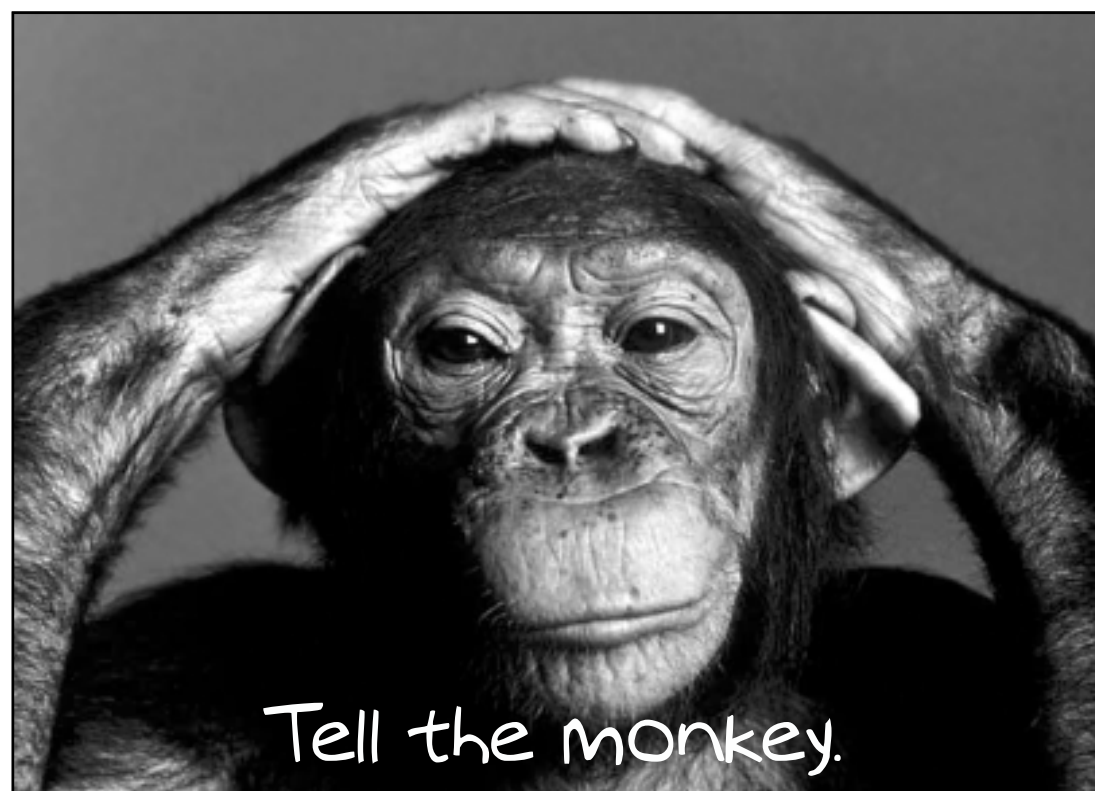
**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7. You'd better not spend your newly won treasures for a little while. There's the outside chance it might be an error. Better stash it away for now.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7. Being thoughtful is more than a natural talent of yours. You work at it, and that may be necessary now.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6. There are so many interesting things to do other than that which you've previously obligated yourself. Don't you hate it when this happens?

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7. Continue to solicit advice from

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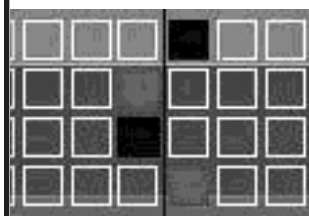
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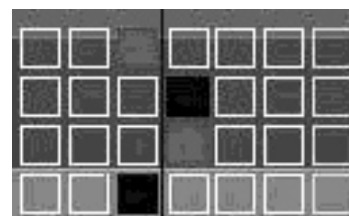
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# Sports

## Next 3 Games: Soccer

**UNC Pembroke** **OCT 9**  
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**Tusculum** **OCT 11**  
4 p.m. - Kennesaw, Ga.

**North Florida** **OCT 17**  
2 p.m. - Kennesaw, Ga.

## Football, at what price?

*Fee increase is one of the main obstacles that has to be overcome before a team is started*

Nathan McCreary  
Senior Staff Writer

The students want it, the athletic director wants it, and the university president wants it. Bringing a football team to KSU is going to be an expensive and complicated achievement that should bring long-lasting dividends and short-term headaches.

Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples said several things must happen before a football team becomes a reality.

"We need a student fee increase to finance new sports. We will be adding sports-- volleyball and women's golf and a men's sport for Division I," Waples said, "Adding a football team is a very extensive process. We would want an on-campus stadium that students could walk to from the dorms."

Waples said two sites have been considered for possible stadium locations. One site is on the existing campus and one is on adjacent land just off campus. Waples admits that ideas are being considered, but no decisions have been made. He could not speculate on how much of an increase the athletic department would need.

A student fee increase would have to be approved by several governing bodies at KSU in order for a football program to even be considered. Earle Holley, vice president of Business and Finance, Dr. Nancy King, vice president of Student Success and Enrollment Services and Dr. Betty Siegel, university president, have to first approve the student fee increase. Once passed, the fee increase goes to the Student Government Association's fee committee. If it passes there, the proposal will go to the Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents may approve the increase but may not allow the entire increase requested.

"The Board of Regents may



approve the increase, but if you ask for \$5 they only allow you \$2 or \$3. You may have to ask for more money to get what you want," Waples said. He reiterated he has not formally asked about an increase yet.

"I know we will not have a budget like UGA or Georgia Tech, but we want to compete," said Waples.

The University of Georgia has a student athletic fee of \$53 per semester. Georgia Tech's student fee for athletics is \$56 per semester. KSU will not have a football program as prestigious as the Dawgs or Yellow Jackets, so a projected student athletic fee may be more like Georgia Southern's, whose students pay \$129 per semester. West Georgia's athletic fee depends on the amount of credit hours a student takes and is not to exceed \$127 per semester. Currently, KSU has an athletic fee of \$84 per semester.

Students do not seem to mind the prospect of a large fee increase, as long as the social gain outweighs the monetary loss.

"I think a KSU football team would bring some unity to the

students, as well as instilling some pride into going to KSU," said Staci Kinsler, a junior early childhood development major. "I would be willing to support the creation of a strong football program and a facility. KSU already has a record of producing award winning sports, a football program would just add to that."

The fee increase will provide needed funds to build the required facilities.

"We will need a stadium and practice fields," Waples said, "unless the stadium has some type of artificial turf."

A football team would not just be attractive to students. Waples believes it would attract major football conferences, which KSU would want to be apart of, such as Division I AA's Southern Conference. The SoCon's members include Appalachian State and Georgia Southern.

## Ga. University's Athletic Fees

### University of Georgia:

**\$53**  
Football Stadium: 91,000 capacity

### Georgia Tech:

**\$56**  
Football Stadium: 55,000 capacity

### Kennesaw State:

**\$84**  
Football Stadium: N/A, Planned: 20,000

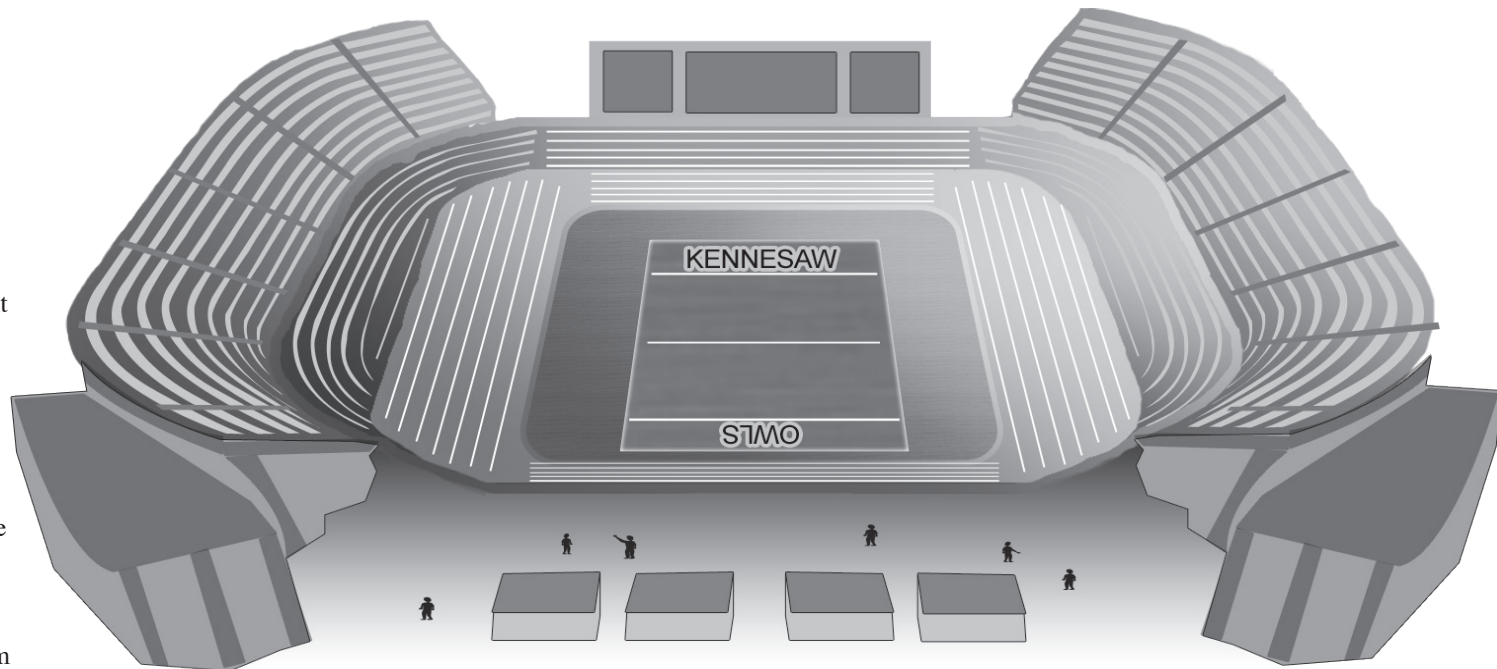
### West Georgia:

**\$127**  
Football Stadium: N/A

### Georgia Southern:

**\$129**  
Football Stadium: 35,000 capacity

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## 50 wins and counting

*The owls reach a landmark as they shutout GC&SU*

Matt Cutrona  
Sports Editor

The soccer team reached a historical point on Oct. 2 when they won their 50th game against Georgia College and State University 2-0.

"I wouldn't have even known about the landmark if someone hadn't had not brought it to my attention," Head Coach Rob King said. "The girls really go out to have fun, it has been a mark of the team from the conception, and they have really stepped it up a level."

The game started slow, but senior midfielder Jessie Fream scored her fourth goal of the season on an assist from sopho-

### Box Score

#### Owls 2, GC&SU 0 (Oct. 2, 2004 at Kennesaw, Ga.)

	1st Half	2nd Half	Final
GC&SU	0	0	0
Owls	1	1	2

#### Scoring:

Kennesaw - Jessie Fream (2), 34:00, 90:00  
Assists by Laura Tucker, Katrina Hirsch  
Shots: KSU - 31, GC&SU - 1

more midfielder Laura Tucker in the 35th minute to put the Owls in the lead.

The Owls continued to apply pressure throughout the night, but Bobcat keeper Michelle Parr had a career night. KSU could not find the net again until the 90th minute when Fream found a perfect pass from junior defender Katrina Hirsch right at her feet. Fream put the ball in the perfect place as she slipped the ball right past a diving Parr.

"Jessie did really well tonight," King said "She found the goal twice and the goals have not really been coming as freely to her like in the past so it was nice to see her get both scores."

The Owls continued to take scoring opportunities all night

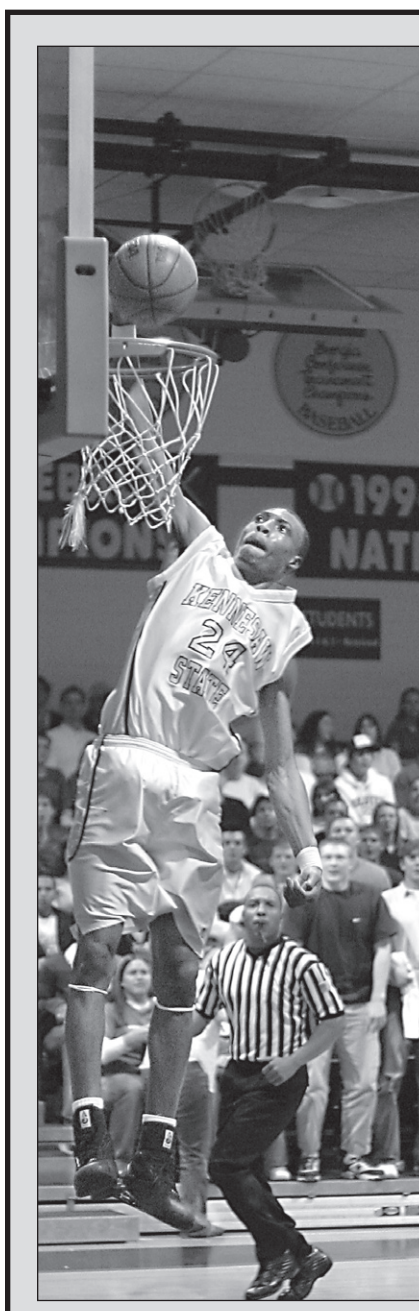
out shooting the Bobcats 31-1 but found the top of the crossbar four times throughout the evening. The most promising of these chances came when senior defender Patrice Rose moved the ball from one end of the pitch to the other making the Bobcats look like they were standing still. Rose took the shot, but missed the net wide.

"The girls knocked the ball around well tonight, unfortunately we just couldn't finish," Assistant Coach Wayne Odgers said. "They did a fine job offensively, but they couldn't get off that final shot."

Junior keeper Jessica Marek recorded her fourth shutout of the season against GC&SU as she only faced one shot on goal. The defense of KSU continues to bunch up well and keep the ball on the Owls side of the pitch.

In the three seasons that the soccer team has been in existence they have posted an incredible record of (50-3-1). King has done an incredible job by winning a National Championship and moving the team into Division I play.

The Owls face Tusculum at home Oct. 11 at 4:00 p.m.



## GA TECH: Season tickets stop visitors

From Page 1

The Alexander Memorial Coliseum at McDonald's Center where Georgia Tech plays their games seats 9,000 people. Georgia Tech does not expect the coliseum to be full for this game, but there is no way to be able to tell which season ticket holders will show up and which will not.

"I was under the assumption that schools had to give a visiting team a certain amount of tickets," said sophomore forward Kenan Knight. "It is almost a matter of respect that I always thought was there."

The Spec Landrum Centre, where the Owls play their home games, is actually separated by sides. If there is a big game, a visiting team will be reserved a number of seats if they are needed. The final regular season game last year brought Columbus State to Kennesaw to face the Owls. The KSU athletic department reserved 150 seats for the visiting fans

out of courtesy.

The event is not as important to Georgia Tech as it is for KSU. Selling out every game is nothing new to the Yellow Jackets, but this is expected in Tech's division, the ACC.

The Atlantic Coast Conference is one of the most competitive divisions in NCAA basketball. Schools including Duke, The University of North Carolina and Wake Forest are expected to bring large crowds, but KSU does not measure up to the numbers teams like the Tarheels bring. The Owls have a great team, but the Spec Landrum Center does not compare to the size of the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

KSU basketball had the best campaign since its inception last season as they were crowned Division II National Champions. Facing Georgia Tech for the first exhibition this year is an honor for the men's basketball team.

# Hidden champions

*A look inside the cross-country team, and their national ranking*

Tiffany Roman  
Staff Writer

When thinking of championship teams at KSU, which sports come to mind? Soccer, baseball and basketball are all at the top of the list. However, the sport that no one mentions is cross-country.

The KSU team, led by Head Coach Stan Sims and Coach Donald McGarey, has been a dominating force since its

NCAA debut in 1994. Since then, the cross-country team has won 27 conference and regional championships, which is more wins than any other KSU team.

The past cross-country teams have made Stan Sims the all-time winningest coach and produced two-time national champion winner Marjo Venalainen [1999, 2000] plus All-American Joseph Mutai from the 2003 campaign. Sims

said, this year's team is a "veteran" team for the men and women, with each team "bringing back experience" which will lead to high expectations for this year's season.

So far this year the cross-country teams have been very successful in the first couple of meets. At the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual GSU Invitational in Panthersville, Ga., the men's team finished in a respectable third place led by Jason Waters who won the event and who Sims said is "running very strong." Landon Taylor won the men's race at the Mercer University Invitational Sept. 17.

At the 2004 Stegemoller Classic hosted by the University of Southern Indiana the men placed in the top ten, beating schools such as Southern Indiana, Grand Valley and Alabama-Huntsville.

"The leader of the men's team, Joseph Mutai, has been out because of back problems and senior runner, Albert Mokaya, has had some problems with the 1000 meters," Sims said, "[Albert is] doing what he needs to do, showing the definite resilience of this cross-country team."

Not only are there veteran top runners on the men's cross-country team, but also newcomers, Shane Walsh and Piotr Kaszkur are both showing major potential on the track. Kaszkur is a new runner from Poland who is described by Sims to be "doing well" with top ten places in many of the races.

Not to be outdone by the

men's team, the women's cross-country team has been dominating other teams at the competitions. Sims said the "women's team will probably be a top ten team" this year. The women's team has been lead to victory by newcomer Patrina Hayes from Michigan, as well as veteran players, Magdalena Polko and Rasa Kavaliauskaite.

The women's team has done exceptionally well, placing second at the GSU Invitational and winning the Stegemoller Classic in the Div. II pre-national meet. The four top runners leading the charge for the Owls on the women's side are Polko, Hayes, Kavaliaskaite and Agnes Kipkuna. But a trip back to the national meet may depend on the performance of Tara Mooney, Ruth Nakatudde and Julita Kusmirek.

How exactly does KSU attract all of these top runners from all over the world? When asked about the process of recruiting, Sims said they "send out letters and make phone calls, go through different recruiting agencies for international runners" [and send] "letters to local runners and coaches" in order to produce a strong, domineering cross country team.

The next competition will be the Georgia Collegiate Championship at Berry College in Rome, Ga. where the teams will prove once again why KSU's Cross Country team is one of the top teams in the region.



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Senior, Kennedy Kitur will continue to be a dominating force down the stretch.

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Oklahoma has looked unbeatable so far this year, continuing its roll with an easy victory over a good Texas Tech team. Sooner's QB Jason White does not put up gaudy numbers but takes care of the ball and does what it takes to win games. Freshman RB Adrian Peterson has lived up to the hype, running for over 100 yards in all four games. Texas has also looked strong behind the running of Cedric Benson, who averages a ridiculous 183 yards per game, while QB Vince Young has been serviceable behind center. Expect the Longhorns mental block against Oklahoma to continue another season, as the Sooners will win the Red River Shootout for the fifth straight year.

### #17 Tennessee at #3 Georgia

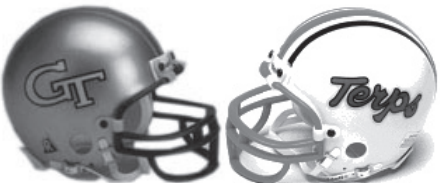
3:30 PM - CBS  
Sanford Stadium  
Athens, Georgia



Who would have thought that the Dawgs would open up a can of you know what on LSU, dropping a 45-spot? David Greene was right on the money and looked like the Greene of old, while wideouts Reggie Brown and Fred Gibson are two top-flight receivers. On the other hand, the Vols were embarrassed at home by Auburn and have some serious quarterback issues. Georgia's defense is at least as good as Auburn's, so Tennessee is in for another long Saturday. Expect the Dawgs to win by double-digits.

### Georgia Tech at #23 Maryland

3:30 PM - ABC  
Byrd Stadium  
College Park, Maryland



The Yellow Jackets have had some high peaks and some low valleys already this season with the latest low point coming in a blowout loss to Miami last week. QB Reggie Ball has been effective running the ball, but needs to stop throwing passes to the opposing team, amassing six interceptions in the last two games. QB Joel Statham has been steady for the Terps, but has had pick-off problems himself, throwing seven in four games. While Maryland can put up the points, the defense has given up their share of scores to the opponents. This one will be a fierce contest, but expect the Terps in a close one.

### #7 Cal at #1 Southern Cal

3:30 PM - ABC  
Memorial Coliseum  
Los Angeles, California



USC had a close call two weeks ago against Stanford, but had last week off to work out the kinks and prepare for its toughest test of the season. QB Matt Leinart looks like a Heisman candidate, completing close to 70 percent of his passes, while RB Reggie Bush has that unique ability to score every time he touches the ball. The Golden Bears, meanwhile, have blown everybody out and could validate themselves with a win over the Southern Cal. RB J.J. Arrington and wideout Chase Lyman are the offensive weapons for Cal, but it won't be enough for the more talented Trojans. Expect USC to pull away late and remain No. 1.

### #24 LSU at #12 Florida

7:45 PM - ESPN  
Ben Hill Griffin Stadium  
Gainesville, Florida



What happened to the vaulted LSU defense? They looked feeble in giving up 45 points to Georgia last week. Things were not any better on the offensive side of the ball as the two-headed quarterback system of Jamarcus Russell and Marcus Randall appeared confused and ill-equipped against a good Georgia defense. The Gators, on the other hand, have QB Chris Leak, who has developed into one of the best signal callers in the conference, and RB Ciatrick Fason who can be a breakaway back, plus a solid defense of their own. LSU is reeling, so expect Florida to get the victory at home.

## Sidelined



Tommy McNulty  
Columnist

Once again, they were ruled out by fans and analysts alike. There was supposedly no way the 2004 Atlanta Braves could win the division an unheard of 13 seasons in a row--or even make it to the playoffs. It also seemed as though this season, having lost the likes of Greg Maddux, Javy Lopez and Gary Sheffield, the critics might have finally gotten it right. But once again, they were wrong.

Somehow, somehow, the Braves turned what looked to be a certain end to an era into yet another division championship. Atlanta started the season with losing records in the months of May and June, and it looked like the road from 1991 had finally ended. However, the same thing that revived the teams in the past worked out again.

Pitching is the one aspect Atlanta could always rely on in the past, but this year looked grim. The only consistent starter who looked to be reliable was the high-heat throwing Russ Ortiz. Pitching coach Leo Mazzone found the Braves a few pitching diamonds in the rough by taking a chance on pitchers who other teams had all but given up on.

Jaret Wright was a 28-year-old wash-up last season when the Braves made the decision to sign him. Wright would turn out to be the team's ace this season, winning 15 games and posting a 3.28 ERA.

John Thomson was sup-

posed to be another discarded arm when Atlanta obtained the 31-year-old right hander last off season. He proved to be more than helpful by producing 14 wins and a 3.73 ERA for the Braves.

Another huge question last off season was how the Braves could ever fill in the offensive holes left by the departures of Sheffield and Lopez. Many were skeptical when the Braves picked up Georgia native and injury-prone right fielder J.D. Drew. Drew avoided any serious injury this season and helped the team by hitting .308, cranking 31 homeruns and knocking in 91 runs.

But perhaps the biggest surprise for the Braves this season was the breakout year of catcher Johnny Estrada. Acquired from Philadelphia for Kevin Millwood in what was considered by many to be a steal for the Phillies, Johnny Estrada carried the team during both the rough and easy stretches of the season. He batted .313 and produced a .379 on base percentage all while battling injury.

Millwood finished a second dismal season with the Phils, winning only nine games and surrendering a 4.85 ERA. The trade started out favoring the Phillies but came back this season to haunt them.

Finally, Chipper Jones returned to his natural position at third base where all Braves fans knew he was most talented and comfortable. His offense skyrocketed after the switch, and he has hit 30 homeruns and 96 RBI's--just

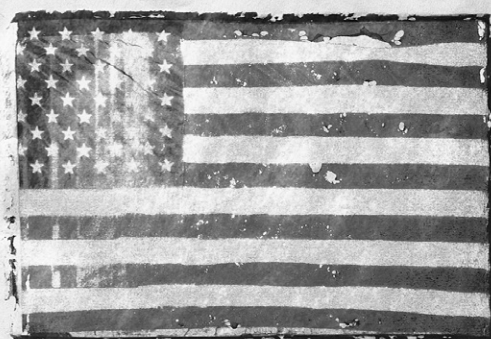
four away from making this his ninth straight season of at least 100 RBI's.

It is hard to believe that only four players remain from the original 1995 Championship Braves team. John Smoltz, Chipper Jones, Andruw Jones and Eddie Perez all know what it feels like to win the title in Atlanta. The way they have played this season, it seems like the rest of the Braves want that same feeling. The Braves will most likely be playing the Dodgers, Astros or Giants in the first round of the playoffs, depending on who wins the wild card. The Braves have clinched home field advantage by having the second best record in the National League. From there, it is the NLCS and then the championship.

It is mind-boggling to think that the Braves are still in the same position they were when we would watch them as children. When "Neon" Deion and Otis Nixon ran the show out in centerfield, and Mark Lemke and Jeff Blauser held the six-four spots. When Charlie Liebrandt would blow the biggest games and Lonnie Smith would forget how to run.

The Braves have dominated for so long, yet, in retrospect, they only have one championship to show for it. Something feels different about this season, however. Fall is coming faster and the ghosts of failed chances past have slowly faded away.

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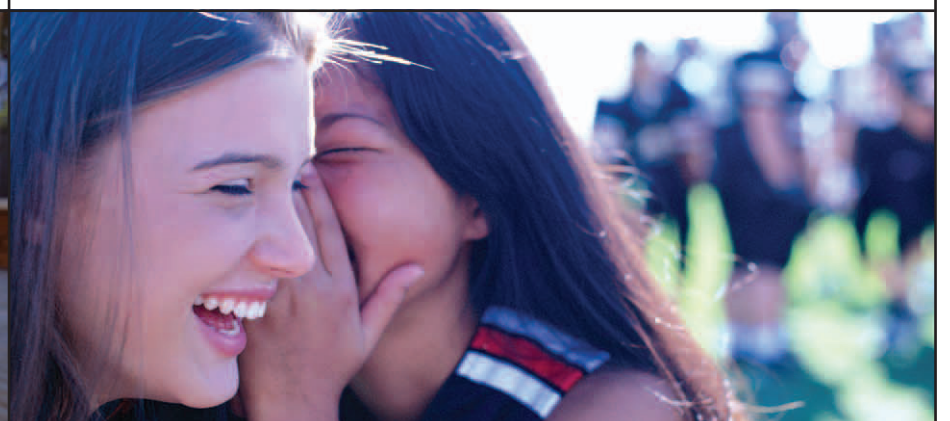
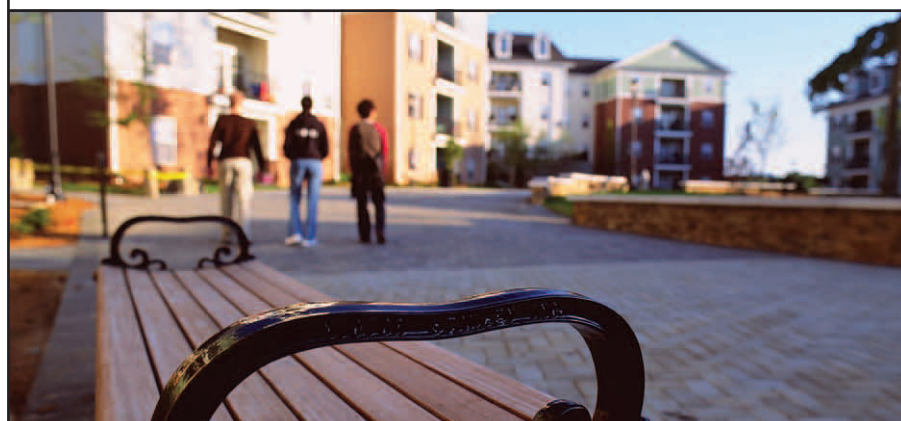
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