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Students' wallets safe for now

Board of Regents votes against a mid-year tuition increase

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Mallory Grebel, vice president of UGA Student Government protests the tuition increase.

The Board of Regents decided against a mid-year tuition increase Tuesday, Oct. 12. The increase was being considered in an effort to recover some of the \$64.8 million in cuts to the budget of the University System of Georgia.

In a statement released by the president's office, Dr. Betty Siegel said, "While today's budget action does not alleviate long-term budget concerns, it allows time for thoughtful planning for fiscal year 2006. As importantly, it eliminates the anxiety of our students being confronted with a mid-year tuition increase."

According to Thomas C. Meredith, chancellor of the Board of Regents, officials have located other sources of funds to address the cuts. The university system recovered \$9.4 million from a University of Georgia research project that was not started. Approximately \$27.8 million will be withdrawn from the health insurance reserves of the university system. An additional \$20.3 million will be managed by cutting the budgets of individual universities and colleges. It is unknown from where the final \$7.3 million will come. It is possible this will be added to the amount individual institutions will have to cut.

While the reductions of the budgets of individual institutions can be carried into the fiscal year 2006 budget, the other sources of money are one-time only, raising the problem of locating that much money again in the next year.

"We know the one-time cost cutting solutions we have identified are, frankly, stop-gap measures that only temporarily solve our problems," Meredith said in a press release. "We will have to find these dollars from other sources for our [fiscal year] 2006 budget."

In a statement released by the Board of Regents, the money cut from the individual budgets of universities and colleges will come from "additional position eliminations, hiring freezes, delayed business purchases, deferred maintenance, reduced operating hours and by hiring more part-time instructors rather than full-time faculty." In the same statement, the Board said these cuts "...will continue to hamper the university system's

ability to deliver high-quality academic instruction in appropriately sized classrooms."

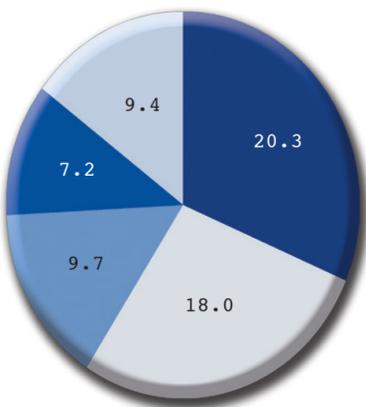
Frances Weyand, director of university relations at KSU, said there are no expectations of any job losses. According to Siegel's statement, a significant portion of the budget cut will be addressed by not filling current position vacancies.

The Board of Regents is extracting \$27.8 million from the university system's health care reserves. The university system operates an employee health plan. The withdrawal will reduce the reserves to a 30-day reserve, rather than a 60-day reserve. It is unclear how the Board of Regents will replace the money taken out.

"One of our main intentions was to stop the mid-year tuition increase," said Munzir Naqvi, student government president. "We have won the battle, but [we] still have to win the long-term war concerning the budget cuts."

"We will keep make [sic] students aware of the budget cuts, and perhaps in the future, the students' voice will be heard," said Naqvi.

Downsized budget FY 2005



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Will it be ready?

Convocation Center is near complete but will it be ready for basketball season?



Nathan McCreary
Staff Writer

The new 130,000 square-foot Convocation Center broke ground in January 2003 and was expected to be completed by the start of the 2004 basketball season, however the opening of the 4,700-seat arena has been delayed. Dr. Nancy King, the vice president of Student Success and Enrollment, said the contractor announced the building will be turned over to the university in early December. "But, we have

been burned before," said King. "We are committed to getting into the Convocation Center sooner or later," Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples said. "We're disappointed, but we have to look at the situation like the glass is half full."

The Convocation Center, which is located across from Kennesaw Hall and the Campus Green, is not just a basketball arena. The building will house 14 classrooms and 48 offices. The removable basketball floor will provide a home for graduation ceremonies and

other conventions. The graduation ceremony in December that was scheduled to occur in the new building will be held at the Atlanta Civic Center. "We're hoping that we can at least play all of the conference games inside the new arena," Waples said. "Thankfully the majority of the conference games occur near the end of the season, so we may be in luck."

"This will definitely be the last time graduation is off-campus," King said, "The May graduation, which is our largest graduating class, will be in the Convocation Center."

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Losing one of our own

Former student killed while working in Iraq

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Steven Ray Osborne, 40, of Marietta was killed while on duty in Iraq. Osborne died in a car bombing while in a shopping district near the U. S. Embassy in Baghdad. He was an employee of DynCorp, which is a civilian contractor that provides security to Dignitaries and escort patrols in Iraq. Osborne had been working in Iraq since May and had formerly worked for DynCorp in Bosnia.

Osborne came to KSU after graduating from North Cobb High School in 1982. He was a member of the Fighting Owls cheerleading squad. He also served Cobb County and the city of Villa Rica as a police officer. His fellow officers thought he was a



warm-hearted comedian.

"You know you always hear about the guy in school that made you laugh," said Cobb County Police Officer Paul Rushing, "Steve was that guy. He would come out of a bad situation and be grinning."

"The best way to describe him is dedicated," said Cobb County Police Sergeant James Bullock. "[He was] dedicated to wherever he worked--whether he was in his Army Special Forces Unit or with his family--he was dedicated."

"You can be a man without being a macho jerk--that was Steve Osborne," said Sergeant Hawk Hageback. Osborne was originally from



Special
Steven Osborne, with his daughter Stephanie, wife Karen and daughter Christianna will be remembered at the funeral service at North Metro Church.

Washington, D.C., and he leaves behind two daughters, ages 16 and 12. He is also survived by his wife Karen.

"The whole reason he was in Iraq was for his family," said Bullock.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. at North Metro Church on Barrett Parkway. The public is welcome to come pay their respects.

Nathan McCreary and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution contributed to this article.

Let's party

Students prepare for Homecoming



Sasha Bailey | The Sentinel
Vanessa Jatho, senior Communication major and homecoming coordinator gets ready for Homecoming week.

AJ Barnett
Staff Writer

It is homecoming week again, and there are many different activities planned for students.

"I didn't realize KSU had a homecoming," said sophomore Ashley Tarr, Graphic Arts major. "I think it's great. This way, organizations can be more active in getting students that aren't involved in extracurricular activities to become involved."

This year's homecoming theme is "Kennesaw Comics." All student organizations were given until Sept. 30 to register their organization and comic theme. The Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB) has chosen Batman as a theme.

The festivities begin Oct. 25 with the Banner and Float Contest at 12 p.m. The banner contest will be located in the Dining Addition of the Student Center, while the floats will be on display in the Burruss Building Atrium and Kennesaw Hall lobby. Judging of the banners will take place at 12:30 p.m., followed by judging of the floats at 1 p.m.

Entries will be judged on originality, theme continuity, creativity, self design, color usage and overall appearance.

The Penny Wars are an ongoing event for all students to participate in. Organizations will decorate a one-gallon milk jug, which will be placed around the

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Staff Writer

Police responded to a threatening call Wednesday, Oct. 6, at University Place apartments. According to the report, an individual followed a resident to her apartment approximately three weeks earlier. He knocked on her door and then entered her apartment without notice. The resident asked him to leave. Before leaving, she allowed him to use her phone. He then called his home telephone number. He continued to contact the resident on her cell phone and came to her residence. When the resident contacted police, they called the telephone numbers she provided them for the individual. Upon answering and being questioned, the individual stated that the resident "was a friend."

Thursday, Oct. 7, police were called regarding a threatening phone call made to the Communication Department left on the voice mail of an employee. The message stated that the caller was going to "kill you, the dean, and all of you teachers." The victim was advised to report any additional calls to police.

An Acworth man was issued a warning for criminal trespass Thursday, Oct. 7. Police stated that after being notified of a suspicious man, they questioned the individual, and he indicated that he worked for Marriott Services. Marriott was contacted, but denied the individual was their employee. He was issued the warning and escorted off campus.

Pay to the order of...

Science grant largest in school's history

Olivia Noland
Staff Writer

CyberTech-ITEST, or Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers, has been given a \$1.03 million grant—the largest of its kind given to KSU by the National Science Foundation. Dale Benham, director of CyberTech-ITEST, believes the program strives to give high school students the opportunity to acquire attainable careers. "This grant will not only affect the College of Science and Mathematics, but will be an important asset to the university and community," said Benham.

The program was developed by the College of Science and

Mathematics in 2001 to introduce underrepresented high school students and first generation college students to the world of technology. High school students and teachers are now involved as the program makes an effort to reach out to high schools throughout Georgia.

"Technology is here to stay," Benham said about the potential growth of the program. "CyberTech-ITEST is positioned to become a national program."

Benham feels the attributes of the program are what initially attracted supporters. He is convinced the program will flourish

with the new grant. Plans are to extend the previous four week summer course to a three year, five semester course in January 2005.

Certain criteria must be met upon entering the program, including strong mathematical skills, high SAT scores, a minimum 3.0 GPA and a good attendance record. Students are extensively interviewed and, once accepted, complete a series of five learning experiences: CyberTech I, SummerTech, Saturday Academy, Imagine and AP Computer Science.

CyberTech I offers Introduction into Computer



Dale Benham

Science and Information Systems 2300, where 25 students from each participating high school are prepared for on-campus courses at KSU. SummerTech offers instruction in VisualBasic.NET, and Saturday Academy teaches students how to create video games, animation and specialized production projects.

Imagine is a computer software program that allows students to enter their work into competitions for awards to gain more exposure in the field.

A student can be jointly enrolled at KSU for a maximum of 6 earned college credits through AP Computer Science.

CyberTech-ITEST is one of the only programs of its kind in the nation. "Organizations and supporters are always keeping their eye toward nationwide initiative, and this program has that potential," said Benham.

Party:

Student Center from Oct. 25 until Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. All students can vote for their favorite jug by dropping in pennies. Any silver coins or dollar bills will result in the loss of points.

The Owllympics will take place Oct. 26 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., and the Cheer Contest will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Both activities are being held on the Campus Green. The Owllympics include a doughnut eating contest, toilet paper wrap race, water balloon toss, lost gumball and a 3-legged race. The final Homecoming Court will be announced that night at the Cheer Contest.

There will be a pumpkin carving and costume contest Wednesday, Oct. 27 in the dining room to get students in the mood for Halloween. Spookfest

From Page 1 will take place later that evening in the University Rooms from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Thursday, a Lip Sync contest will be held in the dining room and comedian Megan Mooney is scheduled to perform for students that evening in the University rooms from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The highlight of Homecoming week will be Oct. 29, with the Homecoming dance from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Spring Street Loft. For the dance, KAB will be transforming the loft into Gotham City where the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced. Tickets go on sale Oct. 18 for \$5. These can be purchased in the KAB office or the Rotunda of the Student Center.

"Everybody is welcome to all events. All students are eligible to vote for the Homecoming Court. Just go to www.ksukab.com and click on the images to choose your favorites. Students will be prompted to enter their student ID in order to do this," said Jimmy Do, KAB Publicity and Public Relations Chair.

Further information can be found by calling the KAB office at 770-423-6279.

A new beginning

Local chapter of student society established on campus

Rykie Belles
Copyeditor

"Our students have been very excited," said Dr. Barbara Gainey, advisor of KSU's recently chartered chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. "I was getting e-mails all summer from students asking what they could do to help get the chapter going. It was very rewarding to see their enthusiasm pay off."

Founded in 1968, the PRSSA is the collegiate division of the Public Relations Society of America—an organization of professionals in the public relations field.

According to the official Web site, the organization has more than 250 chapters and 8,000 members nation-wide. It is dedicated to "enhancing [members'] knowledge of public re-

lations and providing access to professional development opportunities," as well as creating networking possibilities for students and recent graduates seeking careers in public relations.

The KSU chapter will hold monthly meetings with guest speakers on such timely topics as "PR for Elections," which was the October topic. Gainey said the club's officers and the professional organization will host many additional programs for students. Topics for these activities are determined by student interest. Some will include media relations and crisis management, as well as special interests such as sports and music PR.

Gainey decided to start a chapter at KSU when she became a faculty member last fall, because there was "lots of interest" in having one. She informally met with a group of students who helped take care of the necessary paperwork to apply for a national charter, and approval from KSU to have an official student organization. "Many of them became officers after KSU approved the organization for fall," said Gainey.

The national organization granted KSU a charter earlier this semester, and PRSSA Chapter #254 was created. The chapter is currently involved in a membership drive, according to Gainey.

"PRSSA offers leadership opportunities for public relations students," Gainey said, adding that any Communication major or anyone interested in communication could benefit from the experience of being a member. Presently there are no academic standards for members of the organization, although Gainey said this may change after the organization reviews its by-laws after the membership drive ends Oct. 20.

Dues are \$50. Interested students can get applications from any of the officers, some of who will be giving presentations in Communication classes, or pick up an application in front of Gainey's office located in the Wilson Building, room 216.

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Three way action on foreign agendas and economic policy

Enough of the whining about parking

Dave Dalton
Columnist



Enough is enough. I've heard or read about the parking problem at least three times a week since the semester started. Most of the complaints focus on the new dorms. Why build new dorms if there is not enough parking? Who planted these trees in my parking spot from last semester? Why do I have to get here an hour early to find a spot? Why do I have to walk a mile to my class? Why does the faculty get the good spots?

Well folks, I usually drag in here about 15 minutes before class, and I never have a problem finding a place to park. I know that if I choose to hit the snooze button, then I am going to hike a little further. The point is that it is my responsibility. I accept my responsibility instead of trying to blame the school, or traffic, or the faculty. Seeking and accepting responsibility is part of what you are here to learn.

The faculty is here to teach. These people have elected to work at much lower salaries here in the world of education than they could have gotten in the private sector. Is it not better to have them in class a few minutes early to answer your questions rather than fussing

around trying to find a place to park? Where you may have five professors, each one of them is responsible for a couple hundred students. So, if you want a reserved parking space, then start your own business or work your way to the top. Reserved spaces are typically earned. Think of reserved spaces as a fringe benefit. If you take this benefit away, then we are going to have to pay those teachers more. I would rather walk the mile than have my tuition hiked even higher.

As for the trees and bushes, is this not the 'green generation'? Are we not all supposed to be environmentally conscious? Or is that only when it is convenient for you? I am not sure of the exact ratio, but I know that when you cut a tree down for new construction in Georgia, you are required to replace it. Do you not think that is a pretty smart thing? Hopefully, those of you sniveling about parking are not among my friends, the tree huggers.

Most of us are going to graduate and end up in the workforce. Do you think anything is going to change?



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Oh, it will change alright but not for the better. If you are fortunate enough to land a good job in Midtown for example, you can look forward to the same mile walk from car to desk and you can also look forward to paying \$100 a month for the privilege. The sooner you get used to it, the sooner you will get over it.

I guess it all boils down to choice. The school made a choice to expand its dorm capacity. They thought it was the best business decision for the school. Do not feel left out. You have to make a choice too. Choose to accept your walk, choose to leave a few minutes earlier, choose to get used to it.

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Jim Crow rides again

Beau Harper
Columnist

Apparently, if you are black, Democratic and want to vote, beware, you are in danger of having your name removed from registered voter lists. Just like what happened in Florida four years ago and allowed [illegally] for Governor Bush to assume the office of President of the United States. What many fail to realize is that he and his campaign staff have similar plans to steal the election a second time and crown their savior, Bush as President. Harkening back to old "voter integrity" campaigns

of the 1960s, Florida State Patrolmen, on the payroll of Governor Jeb Bush, have taken to the streets of predominately black neighborhoods, employing techniques to intimidate voters from coming out to vote by giving the wrong date of the election, and going so far as informing voters to pay their bills before casting their ballots or risk being denied voting rights. Denied voting rights? Is there not a law in place, Amendment 15 of the U.S. Constitution, ensuring every citizen has the right to vote? [Also Amendment 24, barring any type of "poll tax" to bar voters]. I thought this county had somewhat moved past that. Apparently not. Apparently Bush is so desperate for power that he would authorize actions

"Felons voting-- bad . . . Innocent people not being allowed to vote-- very bad."

in direct violation of the U.S. Constitution, the cradle of our democracy he swore to protect four years ago upon his inauguration. Along with these scare tactics comes the hot button topic of voter registration list purging. Purging originally designed, in the eyes of Florida lawmakers, to prevent felons from voting. Felons voting--bad.

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Free protection for the negligent

Tort reform protects corporations, not people

Grant Voyles
Viewpoints Editor

If there is one group of people Americans are conditioned to hate, it is lawyers. Lawyers are greedy, lying, selfish bastards. Not anything like corporate CEOs or politicians--they always have the public's best interest in mind. Recently, there has been focus on limiting the amount of money that can be rewarded in a lawsuit. This is called tort reform. Tort is defined as "damage, injury, or wrongful act done willingly [or] negligently...for which a civil suit can be brought" [American Heritage Dictionary]. Tort law basically holds business entities responsible for any wrongdoings. The argument behind it is that with too many lawsuits and too much being awarded to plaintiffs, the cost of insurance for entities such as corporations and doctors is rising and the cost is being passed on to the consumers. It is an argument that makes sense--until you examine the situation.

Last June President Bush renounced what he called "junk and frivolous" lawsuits. The medical community is up in arms claiming that malpractice insurance is too high for many to stay in business. Off the top of my head, the obvious solution to that

would be to stop being guilty of malpractice. But the newest plan coming from Washington is to limit the amount that can be awarded to a plaintiff. The current figure being tossed out is to limit "non-economic damages" [e.g. pain and suffering] to \$250,000. So let us look at the situation and see just what is going on here.

The problem certainly is not the number of lawsuits. A recent American Bar Association report found that the number of federal civil cases settled in trial dropped from 11 percent in 1962 to 1.8 percent in 2002 [The Vanishing Trial]. Further, the cases that do make it to trial are hardly frivolous. If a defendant believes a case to be frivolous they can file a motion to dismiss. If that is fruitless they may file a motion for summary judgment that basically requires a plaintiff to provide evidence that he/she actually has a case.

While some doctors claim they feel pressure to settle outside of court, that begs the question "why?" If they are innocent of wrongdoing they do not have anything to worry about in trial. In fact, only 10-12 percent of medical malpractice suits are won by the plaintiff, not exactly

good odds for patients. And the claim that lawyers are lining their pockets because settlements



are going up, therefore raising insurance rates and/or costs, which are passed on to the consumer, is baseless. A study by New York University revealed that, when inflation is taken into account, from 1993 to 2002 "contrary to popular belief, [there is] no evidence that either plaintiffs or fees for their attorneys as a percentage of the class recovery has increased."

An important point to keep in mind is that businesses are not people, their one purpose is to make money. So the only way to punish a business entity for wrongdoing is to affect the goal of turning a profit--thus the need to levy settlements on them. The threat of lawsuits is the only way to deter companies [or doctors, etc] from intentionally hurting people. Anyone remember the Ford Pinto? The Pinto was a car made in the 1970s and had a problem of -- the gas tank would explode in rear-end collisions, even at low speeds. Internal documents revealed that Ford conducted several crash tests that demonstrated the Pinto's susceptibility to fire. So did

Ford recall the cars to protect human life? No. Ford crunched some numbers and found that it would be \$11 per car to remedy the problem with a rubber bladder in the 11 million Pintos that were on the road, totaling \$121 million. Ford estimated that it would only cost them about \$50 million if they simply let the cars explode and paid out compensatory damages. In short, Ford reduced the value of human life to \$11. If the \$250,000 cap were in place then the punitive damages awarded to plaintiffs would be limited in total to less than one-fourth of one percent of the judgment. If the proposed cap had been in effect Ford would have gotten away with it.

This push for so-called "tort reform" is nothing more than a backhanded attempt by insurance companies and corporations to avoid taking responsibility for their actions when they harm others. In a nation that hardly ever punishes business owners when they commit capital crimes [Enron anyone?], lawsuits are the closest thing to justice the people can get. The legal system is not perfect--I will be the first to admit that, but one of its purposes is to help protect the people, and limiting tort settlements is not going to protect people--only big business.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RE: Thank you for not breeding

Dear Editor,

All I can say is, "right on." You have hit the nail on the head. Unfortunately, how can we expect Americans to limit the number of their offspring considering they will not even limit the size of their gas tanks? Overpopulation and global warming are issues which should be at the forefront of American politics, but we have a president who simply denies scientific research wherever it conflicts with his political agenda. As you pointed out, developed nations especially the U.S., utilize/waste resources at a ridiculously disproportional rate to the majority of the world's citizens. Realistically, if the entire world were as industrialized as the United States, then not only would our non-renewable resources run dry, but pollution and global warming would have already done in the human race. As the world's leading energy wasters and polluters, the U.S. and other developed nations have an obligation to aggressively fund scientific research to solve the problems of the future, before the negative impact is irreversible.

What can the American public do? We could start by electing a president that embraces scientific research and at least realizes a threat exists. While I do not believe it is the government's right to tell Americans what cars they can and cannot drive, the government can and should demand much higher fuel efficiency standards for new automobiles sold in the U.S. The auto manufacturers have the research and the ability to greatly increase fuel efficiency in vehicles from sports cars to SUVs. But, why increase efficiency when there is no profit motive for the manufacturers. The problem can only be tackled on the manufacturer's side, as consumers realistically will buy whatever car/truck they can. The only valuable opportunity to ask Americans to conserve energy was directly after 9/11, when the nation was united and willing to sacrifice whatever our country asked of them. The president could have used this as an opportunity to encourage Americans to conserve, as a means of reducing the political power of foreign oil. Unfortunately, the only sacrifice he asked of us was to get out and shop. So I say raise the standards significantly on domestic and imported cars, but allow cars which do not meet the requirements to be sold with a luxury tax which would directly fund alternative energy research.

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Shut the @#% up!

Dear Editor,

I've just about reached the end of my rope. I have spent 3+ hours in class today listening to disrespectful people yak their heads off. My Theatre, Accounting and HPS 1000 classes are full of people who constantly talk while others are speaking, or even worse, while the professor is lecturing. I am a non-traditional student, and I recognize the value of a good education. I am here, because I want to be here and I want to do well

in school. Why are you here?!

I sit in class trying to hear the professor and take effective notes while others are busy talking about their hair, somebody's party, how much they drank last night, etc. The maturity level of these students is disturbing. To disrespect the teacher and other students with your loud and obnoxious conversations is more than ignorant, it's arrogant. The world does not revolve around you! When a professor has to stop the lecture and stare at you to get you to shut up, it is incredibly aggravating. If you want to talk that badly, LEAVE THE CLASS! If you don't want to learn but are so concerned about your attendance, come in, sign the roll and leave.

I know when there are 75 people shoved in to a small room and the topic is dry, it can be hard to concentrate. If it is so hard that you can't be quiet and listen, then you should give up on life now. It only gets harder out in the real world. Present yourself at school the way you would present yourself in any other professional environment. We're not in high school anymore Dorothy!

Sara Anderson

Sophomore
Communication

Not too hard to find a true outdoor experience

Dear Editor,

I consider myself to be a fairly avid reader of The Sentinel. I've been reading Adam Stevens' column which highlights the differences between the United States and his native Australia. Last week, however, the topic hit home. I consider myself to be even more an avid hiker than a reader of our school's newspaper. I live in northwest Georgia and have visited the park Adam mentioned several times ["several" being more realistically "ad nauseam"-- I had to give that place a break and branch out to other places]. I will concede that Cloudland Canyon State Park has a tendency to be very crowded on the weekends, but then again, so do the malls. Although Cloudland Canyon is a perfectly nice park with some wonderful views of waterfalls and a nice loop trail that follows the canyon's rim, the fact of the matter is that it is close by for many people. Many people, it seems, want a Cliff's Notes version of an outdoor experience. And yes, accessibility is the key. State parks are inclined to be centered around a certain attraction, such as a waterfall, a state high point or simply something beautiful. The parks are literally designed around their specific feature. This allows people to pile their families "of all shapes and sizes" into their minivans and SUV's, have a picnic, see the falls and go home feeling reconnected to nature, recharged, et cetera. Unfortunately for those of us who are looking for a little more than that, it makes it hard to acquire a true "outdoor experience." I am truly concerned that Adam just isn't getting the full experience of living in Georgia. Granted, you do have to do a little research and a little digging to find the less populated areas, but there is plenty of wilderness left in Georgia. Allow me to refer you to some of my favorite sources for inspiration for your next hike. *Hiking Trails of North Georgia* by Tim Homan is a great book with lots of "off the beaten path" kinds of places. Another good book by Tim Homan is *The Hiking Trails of the Cohutta and Big Frog Wilderness Areas*. The Cohutta wilderness area [a real wilderness area, unlike Cloudland Canyon] has many great hiking trails with views that are a little less acces-

sible, but there's definitely something satisfying in reaching your goal after working a little harder for it. Another book to consider is *Georgia Off the Beaten Path, 6th: A Guide to Unique Places* by William Schemmel. I hope these can help you get the most out of living in North Georgia.

One final note about hiking: Now is the best time of year to go. You mentioned the smog at Cloudland Canyon, but it's likely that it was haze rather than smog. I'm not saying that my hometown of Chattanooga is void of pollution, but most likely the haze is caused more by the abundance of pollen and humidity in the air. The best weather for hiking is around this time of year when the air is cooler and rain clears things off some. I'm already planning a trip for next week. Sadly, there are only about 2-4 weeks a year when the conditions are nice enough to see the beautiful views created by the mountains of North Georgia. For your next hike let me suggest John's Mountain, Keown Falls or somewhere in the Cohutta Wilderness Area. Happy Hiking!

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Why vote?

Does one vote really count?

Dear Editor,

Does one vote really count? As someone who is politically active, I get this question a lot. To find the answer, one need look no further than the dilemma in which Florida found itself during the last presidential election. President George W. Bush won the State of Florida in 2000 by a margin of 1,725 votes. To put that in perspective, that could mean the difference of just one or two high school classes!

Close elections are not merely a recent trend. History is replete with examples of the importance of a single vote. In 1801, one vote in the U.S. House broke the tie between presidential candidates Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. In 1839, one vote made "Landslide" Marcus Morton governor of Massachusetts. In 1858, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from being removed from office. In 1876, one vote in the Electoral College gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency. In 2000, we had one of the most closely contested presidential elections in American history, and some people are still arguing about who won! Therefore, the answer to the question "does one vote count?" is an incontrovertible "yes!"

Being able to vote is a privilege not every country has. In order to keep this freedom, we must use it and make our voice heard. Former president Rutherford B. Hayes once said, "To vote is like the payment of a debt—a duty never to be neglected, if its performance is possible." Voting is the unique opportunity to express your values in a way that can actually make a difference. Many great men and women have died defending this wonderful country so we could have the freedom to vote. I consider it my patriotic duty to exercise these freedoms. It is also a privilege and responsibility that should not be taken lightly. Please consider carefully for whom you vote, these men and women will be shaping the world in which we, and our children, will live. "Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote . . . that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country." [Samuel Adams] This year, there are many pivotal issues. With heated debates on gay marriage,

abortion, foreign policy and education, there is much on the line. Please join me at the polls Nov. 2 and take a stand for what you believe.

Bethany Nail

Freshman
Undeclared

Voter apathy not only problem

Dear Editor,

Since the night of the first presidential debate in 2004, the talking heads in the media have attempted to answer the question of who was the overall winner of the debate. The Kerry side claims that he looked more presidential and in command of the debate. They claim that the president made faces of frustration and came off looking less presidential. The Bush side claims that President Bush won on the issue of content stating that the senator failed to unveil a clear plan of action in Iraq. No matter which one of these is correct there still exists a very disturbing trend.

Some polls following the debate have shown that Senator Kerry gained a slight "bounce" closing the gap between himself and the president. The disturbing trend is not that the senator has gained ground on the president, but it is the fact that the main factor attributed to this bounce is the fact that Senator Kerry looked presidential.

The very fact that so much weight has been placed on appearance in regards to something as important as a presidential race is astonishing. Many get-out-and-vote groups have stressed the importance of making voting a cool thing to do. These groups are trying to make voting in style. This is what is so dangerous. It seems as though in efforts to raise youth voter turnout there has been a breakdown in voter education.

Voters need to be engaged in what the presidential candidates are saying. Also, voters need to understand the records of both candidates. Voting should not be seen as something a person does on the first Tuesday of November. Voting should be an event that begins long before. Americans have been given the right to rule themselves. This is a responsibility that should be taken seriously. It should not be something that is treated like a fad or a one-day activity. Americans and especially the youth of America must not allow the "I voted" sticker to become a fashion statement, but we must find out what we believe, why we believe it and support the candidate that feels the same way.

Blake Sims

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Protesters on school grounds

Dear Editor,

I am a Catholic school girl. I wore the uniform, I was taught by nuns. I have no problem with people expressing their thoughts on religion. But today I was offended deeply by the words and actions of the religious fanatics that protested on campus.

Today I found myself in a crowd of students watching the moronic rants of a few ignorant people. I know they had the right to be there. I know the school signed a permit allowing them to be there. I may be only 19, but I know what is wrong from what is right. I know cursing people to hell and telling them God hates you is wrong. I know that a grown

man yelling "whore" at a passing teenage female is wrong. I know that yelling "masturbator" at students has no place on campus. I know that grabbing your crotch in public and pelvic thrusting is indecent behavior. Most of all, I know that signs saying "AIDS, Judgment or Cure?" is just plain ignorant. I would just like the school to know that the vast majority of students who attend KSU would like to walk to class without having to worry about being verbally assaulted.

Kerri Dempsey

Sophomore
Art

What makes this country

Dear Editor,

The political predicament in the United States is quite peculiar, that probably the world is watching like an expected mother, every mistake and apology rendered by this administration and the anticipation for the results of this election at the end of year is one that should perhaps warrant international and domestic scrutiny. Bush policies have made many Americans fall in love with him, foreigners hate him and Michael Moore earned recognition for his immaculate depiction in Fahrenheit 9/11. Even as I watched the three presidential debates back to back, I actually wonder if it would have any effect on the upcoming polls. The last and final debate that was supposed to sway the indecisive voters to pick a candidate over another ended up leaving me more confused. I presume that most Americans have already made up their minds or had their minds made up for them by the Republican and the Democrat fanatics and for those that just don't know will probably not remember to vote putting the VOTE OR DIE campaign to mockery.

With the U.S. trade deficit plugging to \$54 billion dollars due to ever increasing oil prices and the Fed's solution to hold back paying government employees pension so as not to increase the deficit seem to only hurt will the American people. The remarks and comebacks of both candidates defy believe with Bush taking the slapstick approach as opposed to Kerry's knowledgeable and almost snobbish statements. In other pressing matters, Kerry's plan was to half the fiscal deficit over the next president term, repeal the Bush tax cuts for household that make more than \$200,000, reduce the health care cost and reinstate new spending committees. On the opposing side, Bush's solution to halve the fiscal deficit in his next term, make permanent taxes cut and issue pension reform. But the reality is inevitable because the baby boomers are leaving the economy is going to be at a different state in say 10 to 15 years. It seems that neither of the candidate took the time to fashion out the possibilities and are in so much of a hurry to fix the immediate situation.

According to most polls, Bush has the slight edge over Kerry which might spell the obvious to many, but the percentage of those that want Kerry are still a persistent, it might just be situation that may call on the electorate to decide who the people will call President. In any case, for those that cannot vote in this election like myself, this might just be fun to watch.

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However, along with felons, a good number of innocent, legitimate citizens were also purged. Guess their race--56 percent African-American. The state of Florida hired DBT, Database Technologies, a division of local Atlanta company, Choicepoint, who does background checks and compiles info for the FBI. But not a single phone call or any follow-

up was done to verify they had the correct information. They did not use their 1,200 databases. They got their info from the Internet, because Florida officials told them to. In front of a Congressional committee, headed by Cynthia McKinney, the VP of Choicepoint, James Lee, admitted to everything but that they were simply following directives from the state of

Florida. [www.gregpalast.com/detail.cfm?artid=217&row=2] And this is just one way votes were stolen.

Innocent people not being allowed to vote--very bad. In his book, "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy," Greg Palast reports that in Gadsden, Fla., in one of Florida's "blackest" counties, one in eight votes was cast out and/or voided altogether

in the 2000 election. More than 700 votes not counted. I am not sure about anyone else, but I would be pretty angry if someone arbitrarily decided not to count my vote. And what of Katherine Harris, Florida's Secretary of State? Not only was she the sole authority over elections in that state, she also served as co-chair of the national campaign. Hmmm...

sounds like a conflict of interest to me. What makes this entire case with Florida so incredible outside of the purging of 2000 and 2002 voter lists is the adopted "Help America Vote Act," to mandate that all 50 states adopt a Florida-style, computerized system of centralized voter files before the 2004 election, something that would help Bush re-elect himself to another four

years, giving him and his cronies reign to purge anyone they choose from voter rolls. It is our democracy, America. And we have been sold up the river. If you feel inclined to take action, use the link below, read and follow the instructions. Send a message that this will not be tolerated in our United States. Link: <http://www.moveon.org/pac/news/suppression.html>

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National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month kicks-off

Tammina Hart
Staff Writer

This month, students may start noticing pink ribbons in the venues that they frequent most. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is dedicated to educating the public about a disease that the American Cancer Society is expected to strike 215,990 women this year.

Breast cancer is the cancer most frequently diagnosed in women in the U.S. according to figures from the ACS. At this time, there is no guaranteed way of preventing breast

cancer, but there are factors that increase the risk, such as obesity, physical activity and alcohol consumption.

According to the ACS, every woman is at risk for breast cancer, even if they have no family history of the disease. But women who have a family history of breast cancer are considered to be at increased risk and should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of starting mammography screening earlier, having additional tests or having more frequent exams. Studies have shown that breast cancer caught in its earliest stages can be success-

fully treated 97 percent of the time. For that reason, the ACS offers guidelines for breast cancer detection targeted towards catching the disease early.

The ACS recommends a breast health routine that includes mammography and clinical breast examinations. The most effective early detection method for breast cancer is mammography. This breast X-ray can be done quickly and safely. In addition, a mammogram can detect a lump as tiny as a pinhead when it is too small to be felt by a doctor or through self-examination. The ACS

recommends that women age 40 and older have a mammogram every year and continue to do so as long as they are in good health.

A clinical breast exam performed by a health care professional is another effective way of detecting cancer in its early stages. According to the ACS, all women over the age of 20 should have a clinical breast exam once every three years. Women over 40 should have their doctors check their breasts yearly.

KSU's Health Center offers breast exams for students, faculty and staff year-round. "Between 30 and 35 women on campus every month get a breast exam here," said Anne Nichols, director of the Health

Clinic. The clinic warns patients about the risk and offers literature about the disease.

The ACS is heavily involved in the fight against breast cancer through research, advocacy and service. It educates the public and health care professionals about this cancer through numerous programs and materials. It is committed to improving the quality of life of breast cancer patients and states early detection is a woman's best weapon in the fight against breast cancer.

Women who need support or know someone who does can contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the Web site at www.cancer.org.

How to perform a breast self-examination

1. Lie down and put a pillow under your right shoulder. Place your right arm behind your head.
2. Use the finger pads of your three middle fingers on your left hand to feel for lumps or thickening in your right breast. Your finger pads are the top third of each finger.
3. Press firmly enough to know how your breast feels. If you're not sure how hard to press, ask your health care provider. Or try to copy the way your health care provider uses the finger pads during a breast exam. Learn what your breast feels like most of the time. A firm ridge in the lower curve of each breast is normal.
4. Move around the breast in a set way. You can choose either the circle (A), the up and down (B), or the wedge (C). Do it the same way each month. It will help you to make sure that you've gone over the entire breast area, and to remember how your breast feels.
5. Now examine your left breast using the right hand finger pads.
6. Repeat the examination of both breasts while standing, with one arm behind your head. The upright position makes it easier to check the upper and outer parts of the breasts (toward your armpit). You may want to do the standing part of the BSE while you are in the shower. Some breast changes can be felt more easily when your skin is wet and soapy.

**All information from www.cancer.org.

New research study in need of participants

Erika B. Neldner
Editor in Chief

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences is looking for 50,000 women to volunteer for the Sister Study. The Sister Study was launched Monday, Oct. 18 in Washington, D.C. It is a research effort to find the causes, both environmental and genetic, of breast cancer. They are searching for women between the ages of 34 and 74 who have not had breast cancer but has a sister who has been diagnosed with the disease. African-American and other minority women, as well as women over the age of 60, are among the highest need for the study.

The Sister Study is the first long-term research study to

find more information about breast cancer, as well as the first to gather "detailed information about environmental exposures," according to the Sister Study's Web site.

Participants in the study will have to complete a questionnaire, provide samples of their toenails, urine, blood and household dust, and fill out a health update every year for 10 years.

The American Cancer Society said the sisters of women with breast cancer can speed up research, because they share the same genes, and sometimes, the same type of lifestyle. These women are more likely to develop breast cancer than the average American woman.

There has been progress in research of breast cancer, but the causes are still not fully

understood by scientists.

"Some currently-known factors of developing breast cancer include a family history of the disease, early onset of menstruation, having no children or older age at first pregnancy, or being overweight or obese," according to the ACS.

People can help with this study even if they do not qualify to participate. The Sister Study is in need of volunteers to help spread the word. Helpful activities include, but are not limited to, distributing flyers and letting other people know about this research.

For more information about the Sister Study and how to participate call 1-877-4SISTER, e-mail info@sisterstudy.com or visit www.sisterstudy.org.



ROAMING | reporter

Q: Who is your teen/childhood star?

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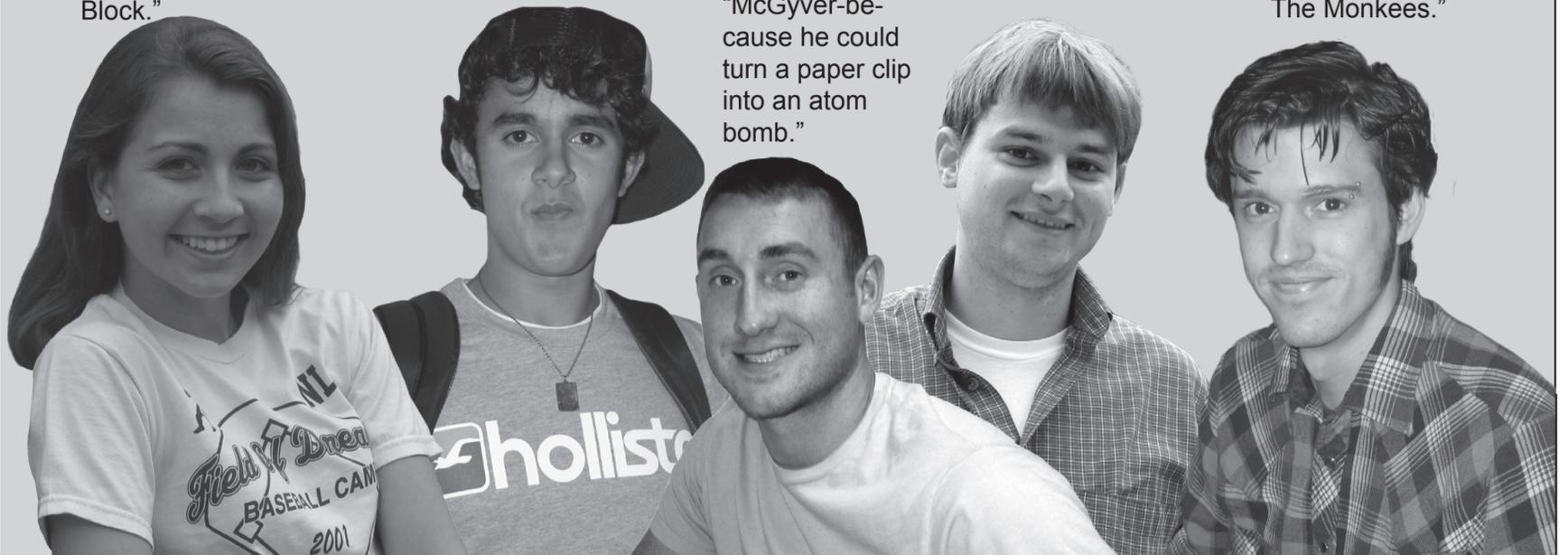
Aundrea Polle
Early Childhood Education, Freshman
"New Kids on the Block."

Isaiah Rana
Bio Chemistry, Sophomore
"The Olsen Twins."

Jeremy Stainthorp
Berggen Fine Art, Senior
"McGyver-be-cause he could turn a paper clip into an atom bomb."

Zack Smith
History, Sophomore
"Michael Keaton as Batman."

Robert Cunningham
English, Junior
"Davie Jones from The Monkees."



Football, huh?

I have been in Atlanta for a bit more than six months now, and I must say the summer months have been something of a sporting wasteland [let us ignore the idea that baseball is a sport for the time being]. Now that school has begun and kids all over the state are hitting the books, the bongs and other people, it is apparently acting as the catalyst for football season. I guess I can see the rationale for beginning now—running around in those uniforms, 15 pounds of padding and those ridiculous helmets would be a little warm in summer, but skidding and sliding around in snow is a little tricky too—or so I would imagine. Unfortunately, that is about all I understand about football. Do not get me started on the jargon. I have already got a headache, and there is no need to make it any worse.

Football in the south is something of an odd animal in my mind. The source of this oddness is that people follow amateur university teams more than they do the overpaid professional prima donnas [well, perhaps understandably!]. This is a little bit of a change in attitude from what I am used to, and it is not just because it is a different, and largely boring, sport.

Where I am from, the recreational religion is something known loosely as Aussie Rules. For those of you who have seen it—yeah, there are rules, and yeah, they are bloody confusing. Basically, it is a fast, physically demanding and essentially violent and bloodthirsty sport played by fairly skinny blokes in short shorts and tank tops [it is a winter sport, you see]. However, by far and away the biggest fan base is reserved for professional teams—some eight of which alone are based in Melbourne [it is a sporting town]. The other eight teams in our national league are based in five other large cities around the country. We actually have about, oh, ten decent-ish sized cities, but we can explore that later.

College or university teams, on the other hand, are amateur in the most literal sense of the word. You would be lucky to get a few hundred bastards to turn up, and in that case you would need free grog and naked cheerleaders as the draws. Since no teams in any serious sporting competitions have cheerleaders, drunken local

girls would probably suffice. In any case, university sports of any sort have no following and are generally played in suburban-level amateur competitions on muddy, poorly-drained paddocks surrounded by medium-density housing. Not really the ideal location for drunken shenanigans with naked inebriated people, when it comes down to it.

Take someone used to this situation and put them in a country [or more appropriately, a region] where essentially the same thing becomes revered over and above professional leagues, and perhaps you can understand my confusion. After all, these are kids often younger than I am, who do not get paid aside from a scholarship and free A's from their dodgy teachers, and they play in enormous coliseums like Sanford Stadium in Athens in front of 90,000 fans and a hideously ugly bulldog [I sense that teams are struggling to find different mascots]. When you factor in that it is a game played by blokes snuggled in insulation and crowned by a big colorful helmet, who throw a pointy ball around every now and again and only if they have to, you have to wonder how this came to be.

So, all you southerner football fans around here, you are going to have to take me aside and explain to me the rationale for this regional obsession. And after you have done that, you need to explain to me the cheerleader thing too. While the idea that perky, cute chicks jumping about in little bitty skirts in and of itself is a pretty good notion, the actual execution of it is a little bit baffling. Maybe if they just stood there looking perky and cute, I would accept it, but the whole dancing-and-chanting thing comes a little out of left-field, and leaves me wondering if perhaps you need to rethink the role of the cheerleader and make it something a little less bizarre.

Now having insulted most of you, I hope that at least some of you folks made it up to Cumming this last weekend to check out the Aussie Rules National Championship. I did not get to go myself, alas, but if anyone else did, I would appreciate a little bit of feedback about it. Now that I am throwing my cultural weight around, I need some of you to do the same back at me!



DOWN UNDER
By Adam Stevens

Over the mountains, and through the woods...

This is probably going to be one of the last few weekends when the weather is just right for camping, especially here. I have been looking for somewhere to camp since I got here, and if I wait too much longer, it will be unreasonably cold. So, lucky for you, I have put together a few good places to pitch a tent this fall. There is nothing I can think of that is more refreshing than waking up in the middle of the woods.

I will start off with one of my personal favorites that I would definitely recommend. Moccasin Creek State Park is on the shores of Lake Burton, an absolutely beautiful place to fish, swim or cook-out. Even though this park is in the mountains, the park itself is very flat, so it is easy to set up your tent on level ground. There are two trails in its 32 acres, with 54 sites for tents, RV's and trailers. The least expensive lots are \$14, and they go up to \$24, but those are mainly for people with RV's, and I do not know many college students with those. This park is located 20 miles north of Clarksville. Call 800-864-7275 to make reservations or for directions. [All the Georgia State Park reservation lines are the same number, just be sure to specify which park you would like camp at].

Close to this park is an-



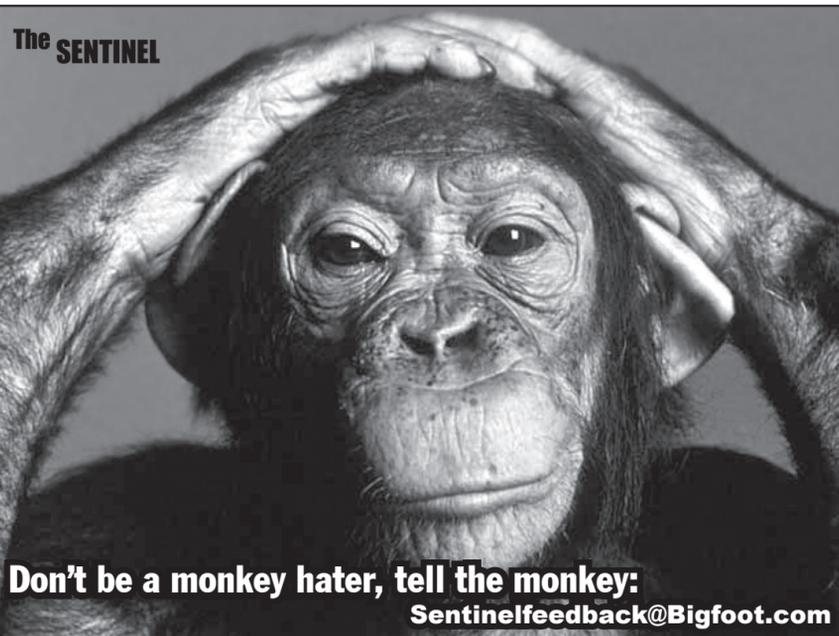
Dimestore Journeys

By Tara O'Shea

other campsite, called Tallulah Gorge State Park. Now, you may be wondering why I am only talking about state parks. I can tell you from experience, you do not want to go a park not run by the state. In a state park, there are noise regulations, and unless you really want to hear banjo music reminiscent of "Deliverance" blasting from the next site over, I highly suggest you stick to these. Georgia has more than 50 state parks, so you do not need to go anywhere else. Anyway, Tallulah Gorge is probably my favorite, because it has one of the most beautiful canyons in the eastern United States. The Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000

feet deep. If you are the daring type, you can walk on the swinging bridge that stretches 80 feet over the rocky bottom. Additionally, Tallulah Falls is right there in the park, and it is beautiful. You can rock climb there, but you will need a permit. Tallulah Gorge State Park covers 2,689 acres with 50 sites for tents, RV's and trailers. Its price range is the same as Moccasin Creek. This campground also has a 60-acre beach on the lake. It might be a little bit cold this time of year, but skinny-dipping is only fun when it is cold, right? The first three weekends of November are the last weekends that whitewater paddling will be offered at the park, so if this is an interest for you, you might want to go now.

The last park I will touch on is Vogel State Park. Vogel is located on the base of Blood Mountain in the Chattahoochee National Forest, this is one of Georgia's oldest state parks. It has 233 acres, and 85 camp sites ranging from \$20-\$22, but their walk-in first-come first-served campsites are only \$12. It has a 20-acre lake and a swimming beach. It is located 11 miles south of Blairsville, via US hwy 19/129. Call the number mentioned above for further directions and reservations.



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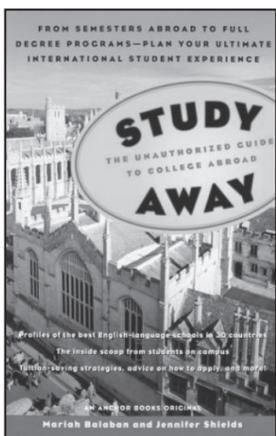
James Williams
Staff Writer

I have so long seen international study as something only available to a person with connections, rich parents or a winning lottery ticket. However, I feel this is an unfair opinion that scares away many people who would have otherwise benefited from a study abroad experience. Perhaps I have found something that will dispel this myth.

A book I came across recently, "Study Away: The Unauthorized Guide to College Abroad," by Mariah Balaban and Jennifer Shields, is a user-

friendly approach to choosing a school for studying abroad. The authors remove the mystery and complexity from the search for international schools. The book starts with 22 pages of advice, followed by almost 300 profiles of schools from 28 countries. The summaries include information about the locations, academics, housing, facilities, campus life, school spirit and admissions. Financial aid and cost information is broken down into easy to

understand categories and some have pictures of the campus. What makes this book even better is that the authors have direct quotes from students who have actually attended these schools. So, whether you want to study abroad for one semester or four years, get a copy of this book. It retails for \$13.95 and is worth the price. "Study Abroad" will save you many weeks of searching and allow you to objectively figure out which school is best for you.



Grade: A-

Lethal dose of American boredom

Latest release from Superjoint Ritual fails to impress

Grant Voyles
Viewpoints Editor



It seems the law of diminishing returns has caught up with Phil Anselmo. "A Lethal Dose of American Hatred," the latest release by Superjoint Ritual--the world's most over-rated garage band--is as heavy as anyone would expect, but is seriously lacking in creativity. And why they felt the need to begin almost every song with a "1,2,3,4" count-off is beyond me.

Basically what you have here is an album without any effort put into it. The guitar riffs are fairly generic for the most part. Although some

songs, such as "Destruction of a Person," start off decently, they quickly digress into the same musical slop resulting in all the songs sounding pretty much the same. The musical transitions are so out of place one could find more composing talent in a Sex Pistols album. The absolute lowest factor of this album has to be Phil's vocals. The lyrics are very repetitive [listen to "Sickness"], and Phil's voice sounds very strained, as though he is struggling to scream in a deeper voice. I really hope that this is a production error, but I am sure that it is all part of Phil's quest to be the most "hardcore" person on the planet. Or maybe years of drug abuse have burned out his throat.

Overall the album has a very disorganized and repetitive feel to it. Yes it is fast, it is heavy, but you will forget about it five minutes after you take it out of your CD player.



Grade: D

A taste of mystery

Agatha's: murder-mystery with a comedic twist

Miki Skelton
Staff Writer

Agatha's is a dinner theater that offers a comedic murder-mystery amongst a fabulous five-course meal. The play is broken into acts, which are presented between courses. The scenes take place amongst the tables with ample opportunity for audience participation. The five-course meal consists of heavy appetizers, soup, salad, your choice of entrée and dessert. Wine, tea, soda and water are complimentary with the meal. A full cash bar is also available.



Courtesy of agathas.com

When patrons arrive, one of the cast members will introduce him or herself and explain what to expect and seating assignments. Once seated, the part you will play is there to look over. Audience parts range from a few independent lines to chorus parts sung in a group. Participation is encouraged but not mandatory.

However, once you see someone's grandfather stand up and deliver a line riddled in sexual undertones in his best impression of a female voice, standing up and singing in a group does not seem so bad.

Agatha's current show "Miss Mortality U.S.A.," written by Nevanne Hensley-Thomas, was on-par with "A Scary Movie." Many spoofs and slapstick comedy were written into the play. Not all the one-liners were met with good reception [queue the crickets], but some of the best lines were the lines the guests performed.

Agatha's is located on Peachtree Street across from the Fox. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Prices range from \$45-55 per person. You must call ahead for reservations 404-875-4321. For more information visit www.agathas.com.

Grade: A

campus shorts

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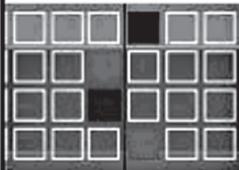
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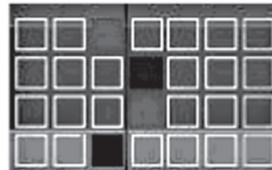
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Social Distortion's back after eight years

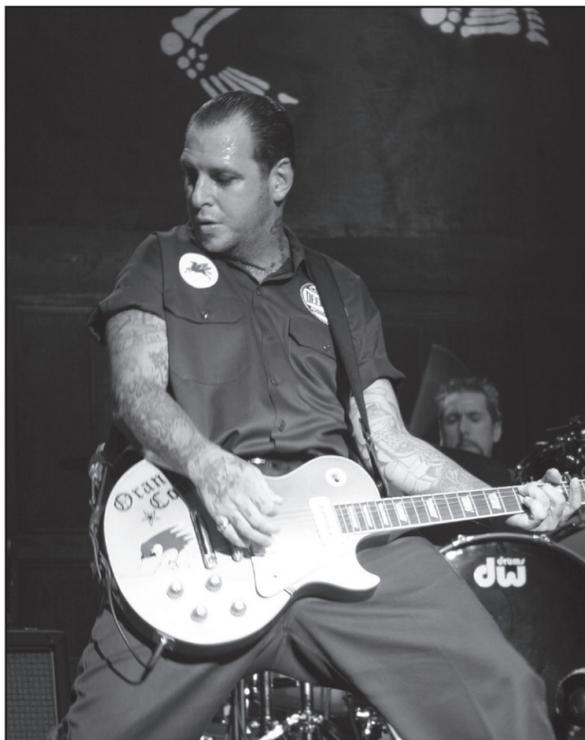
Melissa Spielholz
Features Editor

Derek Wallace
Sr. Staff Writer

Atlanta's own Tabernacle was rocking Oct. 11, as punk rock veterans Social Distortion took the stage to promote their latest album, "Sex, Love and Rock 'n' Roll." After eight years of dormancy, the band is back to try and reclaim their title as punk rock greats.

Fans of all ages gathered to sell out the venue, giving the band a tremendous display of support. Although the set list consisted mostly of songs off their new album (released Sept. 28), the band did not fail to provide their longtime fans with classic favorites, such as "I was Wrong" and "Ring of Fire."

The performance was highly impressive, with Social Distortion's wonderful use of lyrics that made the audience beg for more. The guitarists

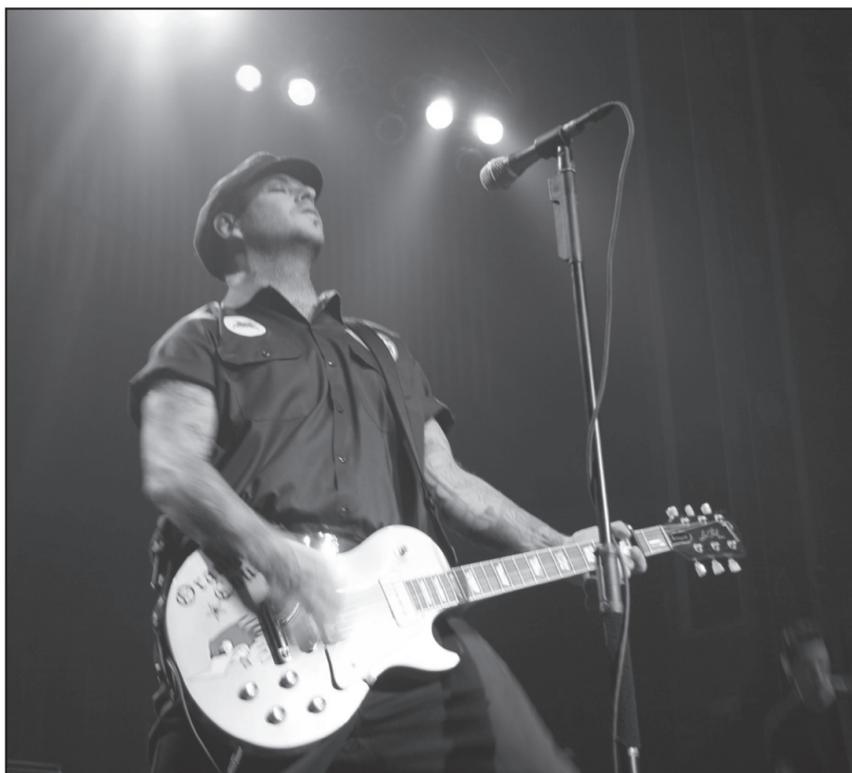


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Mike Ness [vocalist] mesmerizes the Atlanta crowd with the band's hits, both old and new.

worked together perfectly and were in key with one another. The drummer added to the effect of the experience. The lighting did not take away from the songs they were performing and left the crowd in awe. I thor-

oughly enjoyed the concert and would highly recommend that people go see Social Distortion, because everyone left having got their money's worth.

Grade: A-



Melissa Spielholz | The Sentinel
Social Distortion was welcomed back to Atlanta by a sold out Tabernacle crowd.

Eight years later...

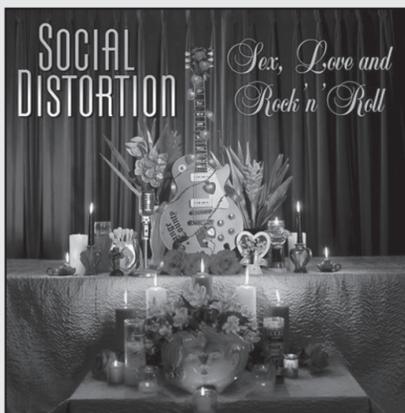
Social D is back for more

Meredith Pruden
Sr. Copy Editor

It has been eight years in the making, but punk legend Mike Ness and the boys are finally back on the music scene for more with, "Sex, Love and Rock 'n' Roll," the newest studio release from Social Distortion. The album's sound is instantly recognizable as Social D, and a true fan would be hard-pressed to mistake this album for any other musical act. The Social D band-mates suffered a loss, both personally and professionally, in 2002 when guitarist and founding member Dennis Dannells suddenly passed away. "Sex, Love and Rock 'n' Roll" is, in part, a heartfelt tribute to Dannells in songs including "Don't Take Me for Granted."



Social Distortion's latest release is on par musically with their previous albums, although lyrically a bit deeper at times, so if you are a long-time fan of the punk pioneers, or you



just have a hankering for the good old days of American punk rock, but are too young to remember, run to your nearest purveyor of compact discs as though your life depended on it and grab "Sex, Love and Rock 'n' Roll." Album hit stores on Sept. 28.

Grade: B



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Ready for the November opener?

The Convocation Center's completion has been pushed back, which has delayed other projects on campus. The new physical education addition and the Student Recreation and Wellness Center may open later than expected.

"It is the domino effect," King said. "Certain offices that are scheduled to move into the Convocation Center cannot move yet, which delays offices from the old Spec Landrum Centre moving into the spaces that should be vacated by now."

"[The delay in completion] is very frustrating. I can only speak for myself, but I am so anxious to see a return to on-campus graduations," King said. "There is something special about bringing family and friends to the university that you are graduating from." When the Convocation Center is finished, focus will shift to other campus construction sites.

The current Physical Education building is getting a 15,500-square-foot addition. The Student Recreation and Wellness Center is projected to be complete in January '05. A fitness area with two-story glass wall will overlook the Campus Green when construction is wrapped up.

Current student Heather Giddens does not seem to mind the constant construction. "Well, the construction really isn't in my way," Giddens said, "I mean there is never really a hold up on traffic or anything. Maybe, because I only take night classes, and they aren't there at that time." Giddens is an early childhood development major and a transfer from Valdosta State.

King believes the construction is, "... an outward symbol of our growth." King also believes the increase in growth improves the value of a diploma from KSU.

Once the athletic buildings are complete, education buildings will get attention. The social science building will get a three story addition, making it the largest building on campus, according to media relations. The building will be 161,000 square feet and five stories high.



Forty-seven new classrooms and a 300-seat auditorium will be included in the upgrade. A dean's suite, eight department office suites and 100 faculty offices will also be included. The expected occupancy date for the new area is in 2006.

Plans for a 32,000-square-foot English addition, which houses 15 classrooms, 43 faculty offices and the English department office suite are in the works.

"We had a strategic planning session with our cabinet last Thursday," King said, "The direction we are going is very exciting."

Construction on a new performance hall

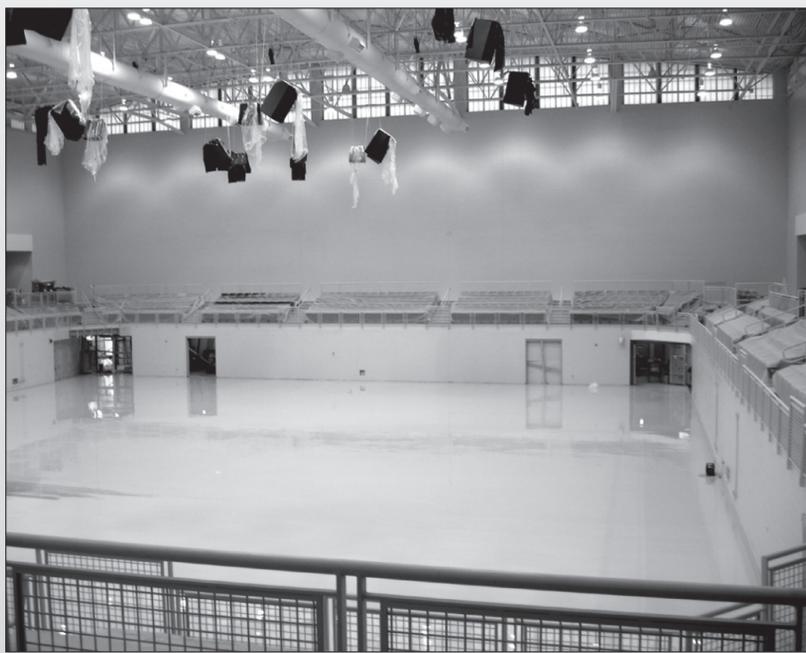
was slated to begin in the summer of 2004. The hall will provide a rehearsal room and nearly 700-seat auditorium. The \$6.5 million project is funded by the university from a combination of public and private funds and is expected to be finished in 2006.

According to media relations, a campus master plan exists and is currently being updated.

"The new master plan is geared toward supporting the KSU strategic plan and current mission and vision of the university," Facility Planning and Design Service Director John Anderson said. "The master plan will address

future enrollment and related academic, student and athletic program issues."

While the construction work continues, the men and women's basketball teams have started preparing for the upcoming season. The Owls' teams will start the season in the Spec Landrum Center, which was built in 1966 as the cornerstone to Kennesaw Junior College. The men start their home schedule on Nov. 15 against Benedict College. The women play Southern Poly on Nov. 16 for their home opener.



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The Convocation Center floor [left] is laid and the drywall is sanded. All we need now is some bleachers and some hardwood. The entry way [below, right] needs some touching up before students crowd the building to watch the nationally ranked Owls play basketball.

Convocation Center by the numbers

130,000 sq feet
Roughly the size of two and a half football fields

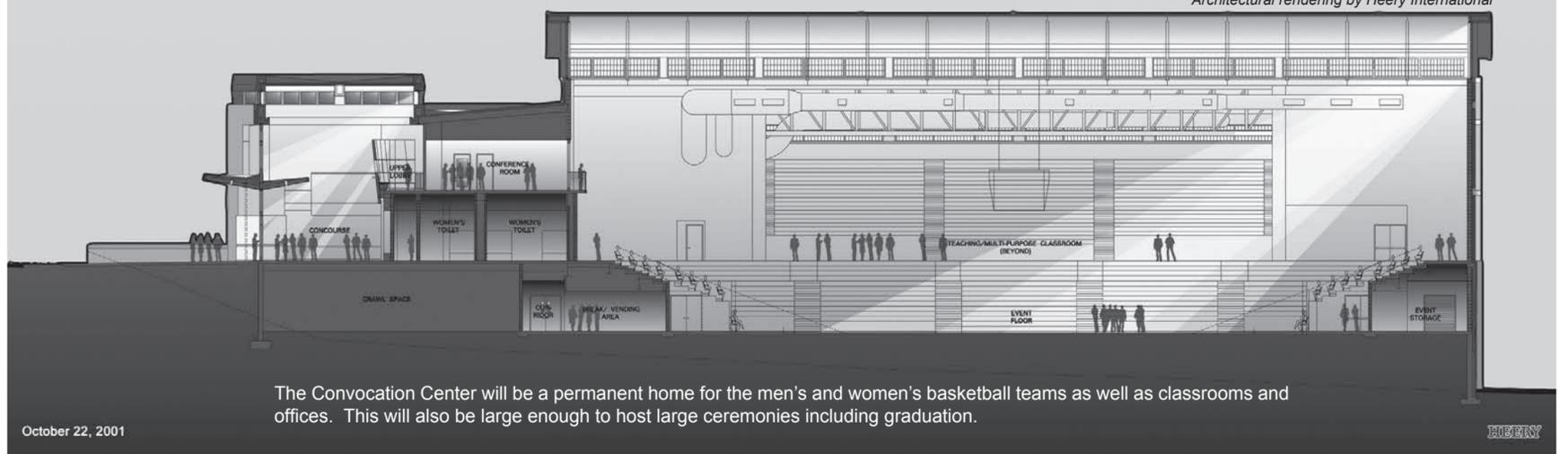
4,700 seat arena
A packed house would mean a definite home-court advantage

14 classrooms
A step outside the gym to hold regular classes

48 offices
Sports faculty will not be stuck in broom closets anymore

1 new home
State-of-the-art basketball facility and a place on campus to hold graduation

Photo illustration by Nick Mracek | The Sentinel
Architectural rendering by Heery International



The Convocation Center will be a permanent home for the men's and women's basketball teams as well as classrooms and offices. This will also be large enough to host large ceremonies including graduation.

New teacher brings new perspective

Chris Collins
Guest Writer

Walk into any of Dave Cohen's classrooms and at first glance nothing seems out of the ordinary. His collared polo shirt, dark dress slacks and grey hair suggest just another professor, but appearances are known to be deceiving. As Cohen begins his lecture one can almost see the microphone in front of Cohen's face, the bass in his voice delivering each word as if it were a pivotal play in the World Series.

His students are wrapped around each syllable completely ignoring the clock ticking beside the exit door. During his lecture, Dave Cohen, a former MLB and NBA announcer, makes no attempt to hide the enthusiasm about his new job.

"I am very excited about passing on my knowledge of the sports information and broadcasting industry to the students at KSU," said Cohen.

Cohen has plenty of knowledge to pass along, as evidenced by his long resume. Before graduating from Syracuse University in 1972 with a degree in Radio and

Television, Cohen began his first job, working as a play-by-play commentator for minor league hockey.

Since then he has lent his voice to ESPN, Fox Sports and CNN as a sportscaster and served as an announcer for the New York Yankees, Washington Bullets and Atlanta Hawks. Cohen also spent time teaching at Syracuse and working independently with the Sportscasting Academy. Dr. Bernie Goldfine, the Sports Management Degrees Field Experiences Coordinator, said, "I think we are fortunate to have him."

Cohen said he met Goldfine years ago, and upon hearing about Cohen's experience, Goldfine began recruiting Cohen to teach at KSU. Cohen said Goldfine has been "trying to get this to happen" for a long time—roughly five years Goldfine said. He went on to say that the sports management major did not have enough students to warrant hiring Cohen, but as time went on the major grew from 30 to 165 students.

The growing interest in the sports management major convinced Goldfine that the

time was right to add Cohen's credentials to the department. Apparently Goldfine's persistence paid off—this semester Cohen is teaching two newly added courses: Introduction to Sports Information and Sports Broadcasting and Performance.

When discussing what he hopes to accomplish at KSU, Cohen becomes passionate. "We all see the same thing, but our brains don't realize what we are seeing," he said. "I try to get people to realize what they are seeing. I want to bring the students to a heightened level of awareness and participation. I want to introduce people to skills and help them act upon those skills."

Neither of Cohen's classes has a text book. Instead Cohen puts his students in position to learn about the sports information industry through hands-on experience. He strives to make his classes aggressive, preparing his students for the competitive environment of sports broadcasting. Class typically starts not with Cohen in front of the room preparing to deliver a lecture but seated among the students, looking out of place among the young faces.

Today he is not the teacher but part of the audience watching a student version of ESPN's

"The Sports Reporters." Most of the reporters hugged the white dry-erase board, careful to avoid the eye contact with their audience.

Jessica McCarthy, who was afforded the luxury of a chair thanks to her unwanted crutches, said she was not sure what to do. Her voice was almost inaudible, as she continually shifted uncomfortably in her precious chair. She was clearly nervous about being the focus of attention, a trait shared by many of her fellow classmates. After the "show," Cohen took the time to address McCarthy's voice issues and advise against the evils of wall hugging while speaking.

Arriving at KSU sight unseen, Cohen had no idea what to expect. Was it just another small commuter college, or did it belong in the same category as Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia?

"People don't realize how big the school is," Cohen said. He also said that people would take the university much more seriously if they had the chance to see KSU's enrollment numbers, campus and facilities, and that the university offers significant programs to the public that are "unique and needed." He said that is a necessary trait of any school looking to move forward.

Ice Hockey smack down

Dominating win over U. of North Carolina - Charlotte

Tiffany Roman
Staff Writer

With a riled up crowd of Owl supporters, the hockey team kicked off their new season against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. New coaches Matt Hogan and Rod Brown, as well as veteran Coach Thomas Kartelias led the team, as they dominated the ice with an ending score of 18-1.

The team skated out to a boisterous crowd at the start of the game and did not let up until the final horn blew.

"This weekend was a good learning experience for the whole team," Owls Captain Tony Lopez said. "We realized the difference between playing as a team and not playing as a team."

The Owls kicked off the game with the first score-taking place within the first two minutes of the game. The Owls skated like pros, worked well as a team and played very aggressively.

The Owls hustled for the puck beating out the 49ers in almost every chase and kept control of the puck for the majority of the time. At one point in the second period goals were not put on the board just to make the 49ers feel a little better about their 4-hour trip to Kennesaw.

The Owls were able to shut out the UNC of Charlotte 49ers from scoring in the first and second periods but through luck the 49ers were able sneak one past the goalie. Unfortunately for the 49ers, many of their players were out due to injuries according to Hogan, which hindered the team from keeping up with the Owls.

"It was a good first game with a win right off the bat," Hogan said after the game "We were able to work on some stuff for tomorrow's

[Saturday] game" which was against Florida Gulf Coast University.

The game against FGCU presented more of a challenge than UNC Charlotte, as the Owls fell to the Eagles 8-1. "In the third period we fore checked a lot harder and applied more pressure," Lopez said. "They started coughing up the puck a lot and lost their whole rhythm."

The Owls shut down FGCU in the third period, but the damage had been done. The Owls offense could not get a jump-start and after the Eagles took a commanding lead, KSU had no answer.

Director of Hockey Operations, Bill Morrison said "Hockey has grown significantly within the last three years with a management team that consists of everyone from the coaches, a cardiologist, interns, lawyers, dentist, professional announcer, and more. Not only has there been an increase behind the scenes, but the players have also increased in numbers from 11 players the very first season to 24 players this season."

The team will also get added publicity with the radio station 96.7 The Buzz coming out to tailgate before the games. Just for the first game, the total number of spectators was 246, which makes hockey history as being the most for a first game. The Owls will travel next weekend to Nashville, Tenn. to play Vanderbilt. Their next home game will be Oct. 29 at Town Center against the University of Southern Florida.

"I look forward to coming together more as a team this weekend versus Vanderbilt," Lopez said. "We should have our system or a 2-1-2 working well."

Owls blast past rival



Photo courtesy of Carl Bickers

Jenae Ghevoiak (Right) watches on as Laura Tucker (Left) elevates to try to put the ball past North Florida's goalie. Kennesaw State won the game, 5-2 with goals by Stephanie Grzeszkowiak (2), Annie Phillips (2), and Mandy Nolin. The Owls outshot them 10 to 8.

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Application deadline:
Monday, November 1, 2004.

FAB 5

Chris Lerstang
Sr. Staff Writer
Last week 3-2
Season 18-12

Alabama at #13 Tennessee

3:30 p.m. - CBS
Neyland Stadium
Knoxville, Tennessee



Big Phil Fulmer played mafia turncoat and tattled on Alabama, and the Crimson Tide faithful want blood. The Tide ran for 304 yards and put up 45 points on lowly Kentucky a couple of weeks ago, but showed they still need help at quarterback as Spencer Pennington is not SEC caliber quite yet. But Tennessee has some QB issues as well. Erik Ainge was solid against Georgia and Florida, but is prone to typical freshman mistakes that could cost his team the game. The Vols have a great defense which spells trouble for Alabama, so even though the Tide wants badly to get even with Fulmer, expect UT to roll.

#3 Miami at NC State

7:45 p.m. - ESPN
Carter-Finley Stadium
Raleigh, North Carolina



Miami QB Brock Berlin pulled another Houdini act last week against Louisville, leading the Hurricanes to a score in every second half possession to remain undefeated. He catches heck, but Berlin does not lose very often, and there is something to be said for that. Miami's defense was unusually soft against the Cardinals and they cannot afford to take a break against the Wolfpack. N.C. State RB T.A. McClendon is a beast in the backfield and will get his yards, but Jay Davis will have to have a monster game if the Wolfpack has any notion of the upset. The Raleigh crowd will be rocking, but expect Miami's depth to be the deciding factor in the Hurricane win.

#11 Michigan at #12 Purdue

TBA - ABC
Ross-Ade Stadium
Lafayette, Indiana



Purdue is coming off a heartbreaking loss at home to Wisconsin and might still have a hangover against Michigan. But QB Kyle Orton makes for a good remedy as he had another solid game despite fumbling at the end. The Wolverines are looking at their first big road test since Notre Dame, which they failed miserably, but are a better team since early September. Big Blue is averaging over 30 points in its last four games and Purdue's defense can be suspect at times, so expect the Wolverines to capitalize on a vulnerable Purdue squad and get the big road win.

#9 Texas at Texas Tech

7:00 p.m. - TBS
Jones SBC Stadium
Lubbock, Texas



If not for Oklahoma, the Longhorns might have two or three national titles, but Texas had their yearly hiccup against Oklahoma again in 2004. Even so, the Horns are still one of the better teams in the country with RB Cedric Benson leading a potent running attack that averages over 300 yards a game, while Vince Young has been dependable behind center. With an extra week to prepare, Texas Tech will be looking to pull the upset with the best offense in the NCAA. Texas will be on the road, but expect the Longhorns to take care of business on the ground and get past Texas Tech.

Obscure Game of the Week

Henderson State at West Georgia

2:00 p.m. - No TV
Carrollton, Georgia
Grisham Stadium



It is homecoming at West Georgia, and we all know how crazy it can get in Carrollton during this week. The Braves have struggled to a 1-5 and lost a shootout last week to always tough Muleriders of Southern Arkansas. Defense seems to be the major malfunction of the Braves, but West Georgia may be OK in this one. See, Henderson State is 0-7 on the year and has lost 12 in a row. Expect the boisterous crowd to help lead the Braves to a blowout.

Just another season

The night ended with warm beer and cold boiled peanuts. Garbage and discarded tomahawks lay strewn across the parking lots and the few fans that had stayed until the end trudged to their cars through a cold and mocking drizzle. "Next season," they mumbled cynically. The feeling was only too familiar and mutually felt.

The Braves had lost--again. Tailgating after the game, without the hope and anxiety I was teeming with in the same spot five hours earlier. I looked up into the night sky to God, who simply laughed and scolded me. "I told you so," he said.

Why does it keep happening? Why is our post-season history filled with failure after failure and in between only one championship? Have Atlantans done something wrong to deserve this annual abuse?

There are too many questions, and quite honestly, none of them matter anymore. The Braves' October infamy is a phenomenon that has been questioned, analyzed and dissected over and over, and there is still no answer or cure found for their post-season ailments.

Their ilk is akin to the hurricane season, guaranteed every year to come on strong in September and grab our attention, only to fizzle away a month later.

In retrospect, this was a team that should have never made it this far in the first place. Their lineup is littered

with journeymen and rookies, and the team ace, Jaret Wright, was a discarded pitcher picked up on waivers last season.

Perhaps it was this element of the team, the fact that they were a bunch of scrappers, which made it easy to believe that this was going to be the season they would finally hush the critics and naysayers.

Yet even if this were a team that was never destined, they still made it to the playoffs, and they still choked. And that made it just another season of broken hopes and dashed dreams.

How foolish we all were to think that this team could possibly withstand the sheer power of Houston's Roger Clemens and "Killer B's" lineup. It was ridiculous to fantasize about a rematch with the Yankees in the World Series, in which we would finally defeat the "Evil Empire," was just absurd.

One positive, at least, was the fact that Atlanta finally showed up to try and push the Braves to the NLCS. The crowd of 54,068 fans would not keep quiet during the game, and until the Astros blew it wide open in the seventh inning, the noise level and rowdiness might have made one think for a second that they were in Fenway Park and not Turner Field.

Many would say that we as Braves fans should appreciate and be content with the fact that we actually have a team that plays beyond September every year. And I would have agreed with these people five

years ago, but now I say to them, "Bah humbug."

The Florida Marlins, our NL East rivals and last season's world champs, are the most efficient playoff team in the last eight years. Within that time span, they have made it to the playoffs twice, and have won the World Series twice. No faith was lost, only glory and praise given.

The Marlins did it as if it were the easiest thing in the world. The Braves have made it 13 times and only have one championship to show for it. I would trade those 13 consecutive division titles to be able to have what Florida has--two great World Series wins and no regrets.

So I could sit here and tell you that last week was it, my commitment and obligation to the Atlanta Braves organization is finally over. It was, after all, the notorious 13th season, and it looks like it is all downhill from here anyways.

I could sit here and tell you that I have had enough, like so many other Braves fans have, and this team is not worth my time anymore.

Yes, I could tell you all of that, but I would probably be lying. I am sure that this time next year, the team will have stirred my emotions yet again and won over my utmost respect. They will have once more made a believer out of me and others, and we will all be sure that, indeed, "This is the season."

I will be there, ready to witness it firsthand. And I will be there, heartbroken and dejected, when the Atlanta Braves loss--again.



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