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## Former POW shares story

*MLK Day celebration brings speaker to KSU*

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The African-American Student Alliance and the 2005 Black History Month Committee sponsored the celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Stillwell Theatre Jan. 17.

The crowd rose to their feet and applauded when keynote speaker, Shoshana Johnson, was escorted onto stage. Johnson, the first female prisoner of war during Operation Iraqi Freedom agreed to share her story with university students in honor of King's birthday. Johnson was captured, along with other soldiers, from the 507th Maintenance Company and was later rescued by the U.S. Marines.



Shoshana Johnson

Johnson, originally an immigrant from Panama, credited her parents for teaching her what it means to be an American.

Johnson said that is important to realize that everyone is prejudiced in some way and that it is up to us to make a difference. Johnson admitted that she too was prejudiced and used the Kennesaw

State University Gospel Choir as her example. Johnson explained that she was "surprised by the gospel choir." The KSU Gospel Choir performed, "I Made It."

"It is nice to see the choir made up of men and women, black and white, because that is what Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream was all about," Johnson said.

"We can overcome anything that is set before us because we have come so far," Johnson said.

Family, friends, captivity and the guilt of returning home were a few of the subjects Johnson discussed during a question and answer discussion.

When asked about the day she was captured, Johnson said that the details were not pleasant, and that she did not really want to talk about it. She spoke briefly about the days before she was captured in the city of AnNasiriah.

"We had been on the road for three days moving, sleeping and eating whenever we could when we turned around we heard gunfire. It sounded like little rocks hitting the window. We returned the gunfire, and I was trying to make sure that my buddies were okay," Johnson said.

Although Johnson said she expected the worst possible treatment from the Iraqi guards during captivity, she said she was fed and treated with kindness. Johnson also said that the Iraqi



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Shoshana Johnson takes a moment to share her story with children.

guards stepped in on her behalf. One guard even slept outside her door, and Johnson said that she believed it was for her own protection.

When a person from the crowd asked her how she kept going while in captivity, Johnson said that she just kept thinking

about King, and the sacrifices made by him and others during the civil rights movement, and that if they could survive, she could definitely survive knowing that her family and friends were at home waiting and praying for her return.

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## Bassmaster University draws a crowd

*Annual bass fishing event brings big names*

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Approximately 250 people gathered at the KSU Continuing Education Center Jan. 15 and 16 to learn from some of the biggest names in bass fishing.

The annual event, Bassmaster University, is a two-day clinic held at university venues around the country. It was formerly known as Bass Fishing Techniques and was created by Gary White nearly 30 years ago. Continuing Education at KSU has hosted the event for more than ten years.

Todd Shinholster, Director of Conferences in Continuing Education, said he believes the program is designed to teach a wide variety of skills in the sport of bass fishing, helpful to both the novice and the advanced bass angler.

"It is a way for people to get into the science of fishing," said Shinholster.

According to an article by Ed Godfrey of the Associated Press, "Bassmaster University covers mainstream bass fishing techniques, such as fishing with plastic worms, crankbaits, topwater, flipping and pitching spinnerbaits. It also covers lesser-known techniques, such as fishing the floating worm and finesse fishing."

The weekend was packed full of fun, games and celebrities for the interested bass angler. "It was created to give bass anglers the opportunity to listen to their idols," said Shinholster.

Bassmaster University 2005 consisted of six general session classes instructed by famous, sponsor-clad names in the industry including, Denny Brauer, Mike Iaconelli, Randy Howell, David Fritts, Gerald Swindle and Chad Brauer.

Class topics included instruction on: flipping and pitching, boat positioning, speed worm fishing, tactics for spotted bass, deep water cranking, eliminating unproductive water, seasonal patterns, fishing extremes and formulating a game plan.

Many of the Bassmaster University attendees are involved in bass fishing clubs and tournaments, however, most simply enjoy the sport and want to learn more about it.

"It doesn't matter how much you know about bass fishing - you can always learn something new," said Shinholster.

Seven out of nearly 30 sites that host Bassmaster University are in Georgia.

"KSU has the largest continuing education program in the country," Shinholster said. "We are honored to host such a prestigious event at our facilities."

The cost for the two-day clinic was \$109. Spouses and children under 16 could attend for \$55 with a full paying adult.

Visit [www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com) for more information on Bassmaster University and the sport of bass fishing.



Denny Brauer [top] and David Fritts

## Stolen equipment recovered



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Sergeant Stevens explains the problems that lead to campus theft.

### Suspect apprehended in campus thefts

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More than \$25,000 worth of stolen equipment from the PTD lab, which is located on the 4th floor of the library, has been recovered. Among the most expensive recovered goods were touch-screen Creston monitors and several lap tops.

Thefts were ongoing from Sept. 27, through Dec. The person in question is currently in jail, after he was picked up for possession of stolen goods. "This individual is not a student or an employee and was going around and stealing from KSU. They were taking everything to pawn shops," Lieutenant Kemper-Anderson said. "Theft tends to skyrocket before the holidays."

The arrests were made by the Marietta Police Department shortly after winter break. The KSU Police Department is working jointly

with several other departments to wrap up this case.

According to the OPE Campus Security Statistics Web site, the number of burglaries on campus has increased since 2001. Other universities, such as University of Georgia, saw an increase in crime. Ga Tech's crime rate has actually dropped in recent years.

Sergeant Stevens, who is in charge of the burglary investigation said, "The problem around campus is that many people do not report stolen items."

## Kennesaw State ranked low on graduation rate

*30 percent of students graduate on time*

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In a recent study, KSU was found to have a 30 percent graduation rate over a six-year period. The data was compiled by the U.S. Department of Education and then broken down by the Education Trust, a Washington nonprofit advocacy group for students K-12 and post-secondary schools. The study showed graduation rates based on sex, race and ethnicity, and students from low-income families were less likely to graduate on time. The study also showed that women are more likely to finish their academic career on time than men.

Alcorn State University, in Mississippi, was retaining fewer than 50 percent of

its students from their freshman to sophomore years, said Melvin Williams, Vice President of Academic Affairs for Alcorn State. To resolve the problem, the school implemented several new programs for incoming students that set them up with academic advisors to guide their curriculum and help them deal with social life. Because of the program, Alcorn retained 75 percent of its freshmen in 2003.

Nancy King, Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Services, said there is a "direct correlation between preparation and graduation rate." Due to this discovery, KSU is now placing more emphasis on the first year. "We've got to get students off on the right foot, and I think we're doing a great job," said King.

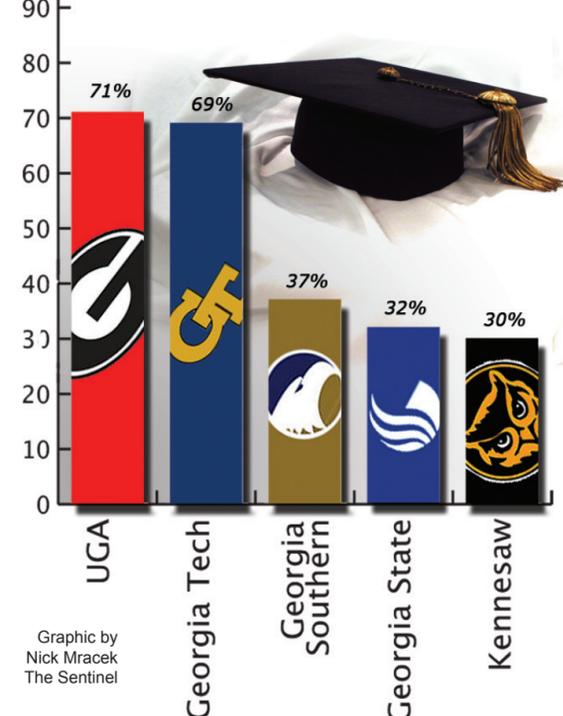
One of the main attributes the university is judged by

is its admission standards. In the past couple of years KSU has raised the admission standards [GPA and SAT scores]. The number of traditional students at the school has risen. In 1997, when the study began, the majority of students were non-traditional. "Many dropped out due to family, job and not being able to take a full load of classes," said King. On-campus housing has played a big role in the number of traditional students at Kennesaw.

So far, students from all but two of Georgia's public four-year universities and colleges graduate during the six-year period. Six of the schools graduate fewer than a quarter of the students during the same time span.

"We shouldn't look down upon a student that takes ten years to graduate," said King.

Georgia university graduation percentages [six year period]



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# Cox Family Enterprise Center bids adieu

*Dr. Craig Arnoff announces retirement plans*

Ashley Williams  
Staff Writer

Founder of the Cox Family Enterprise Center, Dr. Craig Arnoff announced his retirement plans from the university at the end of the year. Arnoff, a chaired professor of business, has not only played a vital role in the study of family business but has also been a well known advocate worldwide.

Arnoff founded the Cox Family Enterprise Center in 1986. The center has laid the groundwork for more than a dozen other educational and research centers nationwide. The center furthered the opportunity to study family business in greater detail and gain a better foundation of knowledge for future generations of family business owners.

When Arnoff arrived at the university in 1983, his assignment was to find a way to put the School of Business on the map, along with being a beneficial asset to the local businesses. "Kennesaw served as the perfect environment in

which to develop education, service and research related to family-owned business," Arnoff said.

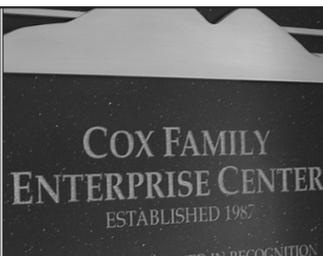
Arnoff holds the Dino's Eminent Scholar Chair of Private Enterprise, becoming Kennesaw's first chaired professor. Receiving the Eminent Scholar is the most prestigious academic honor a professor can obtain from the state of Georgia.

Arnoff, a driving force behind the success of the center, attributed the center's success to the people who supported him throughout the process. "Craig is one of the true pioneers. The impact he's made in the field and in the educational environment is irreplaceable," said current center director, Joe Astrachan.

In addition to his scholarly accomplishments, Arnoff is also the leading man behind the largest consulting group in the world, The Family Business Consulting Group, Inc. Despite his forthcoming retirement, he will continue to practice consulting and writing.



Craig Arnoff



## Ten facts about family-owned businesses

- **80 percent** of the world's businesses are family-owned.
- **In just the past five years**, Americans have started more than 3 million family businesses.
- **Family-run businesses account for half** of the nation's gross domestic product.
- **Nearly 35 percent** of family-owned businesses are Fortune 500 companies including Ford, Wal-Mart and Anheuser-Busch.
- **Approximately 60 percent** of all public companies in the US are family controlled.
- **Family-owned businesses** account for 60 percent of total US employment, 78 percent of all new jobs, and 65 percent of all wages paid.
- **Many family businesses** were started after WWII.
- **There has been a significant increase** in new family businesses since Sept. 11, 2001.
- **More than 25 percent** of family firms expect the next CEO to be a woman.
- **More than 30 percent** of all family owned businesses survive into the second generation.

Courtesy of: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/fec/facts.html>

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## Johnson speaks



Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Shannon Arledge | USMC

Sp. Shoshana Johnson, from El Paso, Texas, and Chief Warrant Officer David Williams, from Fort Hood, Texas, talk with each other after landing in Kuwait City April 13. The two Soldiers along with five others have been held captive by Iraqi forces since March 23. All were safely rescued April 13.

Johnson said that one of the hardest things to overcome during her 22 days of captivity was wondering the status of her fellow soldiers. She said that she had images in her mind of the day they all left for Iraq, and that she hoped and prayed they were all okay.

"I kept my faith. I always felt that I would go home," Johnson said.

"Woul'da, coulda, shoulda" was her response when asked her opinion on the war in Iraq. Johnson emphasized the importance of moving on and said that she agreed with Powell's opinion that we needed to stabilize Iraq and get out of there.

"I don't regret my time in the military at all. I would do it again," said Johnson.

"God doesn't put it on you unless He knows you can handle it," Johnson said.

Dr. Gary Roberts, Professor of Management and Entrepreneurship, thanked Johnson for her bravery and

quoted Theodore Roosevelt at the celebration. He emphasized the importance of her duty by replacing the male terms with female terms.

"It's not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or when the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the [woman] who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends [herself] in a worth cause, who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst if [she] fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that [her] place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

Johnson said she plans to continue speaking to supplement her income to help raise her 4-year-old daughter, she also plans to write a book.



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# Viewpoints

## Online Poll:

**James Dobson accused SpongeBob's creators of enlisting the sponge in a "pro-homosexual video." What do you think?**  
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## Gravity is a theory too

Dave Dalton  
*Viewpoints*  
*Editor*



The Cobb County School board was recently given a well earned slap in the face. I'm sure that you've all heard the story, read the sticker and bought the t-shirt. I won't bore you with the details of the story. We'll suffice it to say that a judge saw through the charade that the school board was running and did the right thing. I'd rather talk about the fundamental problem with the school board's actions.

The school board claimed the intent of the sticker was to embrace diversity of thought. Let me ask you, what impact does the word "theory" have? When you hear the word theory, does it conjure images of the billions of hours of research that have been done that support evolution? No, not so much. When I hear the word "theory" I immediately think of all the grassy knoll freaks. It casts a shadow of doubt over the whole subject. The Microsoft Word Thesaurus tool lists the following words for theory: "hypothesis, conjecture, speculation, assumption, premise and "guess." My personal favorite is guess. Let's substitute the word "guess" into the words of the sticker, shall we?

This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a guess, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things.

This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully and critically considered."

Obviously, this is ridiculous. The premise that this sticker was going to promote the diversity of anything is asinine. Since we're all about finding the truth, let's look at what this sticker could have

This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully and critically considered.

Wording from a sticker placed on science textbooks in Cobb County schools.

reasonably been expected to accomplish. By phrasing evolution as a theory, you could reasonably expect to undermine the credibility of the material. If you undermine the material, you can reasonably expect that students will look around for a more solid answer. What answer is the most prominent alternative to evolution? Why it's creationism, or as I like to think of it, the theory of religion.

The theory of evolution is a theory, and I obviously can't argue that. I wasn't there and neither were you. I suppose that if I wanted to be an ass, I could say that anything we learn is only a theory. I never gave George Washington a physical examination, so it is only a theory that he was male. We don't have empirical data about the Roman Empire, so maybe it was all a hoax. Maybe the Pythagorean theory is all wrong too. Let's see if that flies in my math class. The point of evolution is that it takes all of the available facts and logically explains human origins. When something comes along that disproves evolution, then we should give it the boot, but until then, it is the best answer. I'm sorry if it doesn't support your religious beliefs. Maybe you should consider a new religion.

What really happened with the school board? Gosh, I don't know. Do you want to hear a theory? My theory

is that the school board was pressured by hundreds of fundamentalist Christian parents [or maybe just a few who were really loud] due to the fact that evolution was in the textbook. Instead of exhibiting the character and integrity that supposedly got them to their positions, they considered their jobs. They contemplated upcoming elections and decided that they'd rather take an easy wrong over a hard right. In the true tradition of politicians, they gauged which way the wind was blowing and sold their principles to keep their jobs.

I don't know if evolution is the right answer anymore than I know that George Washington was male. However, the facts all seem to support these assumptions. Religions are built on faith. Science is built on fact and deduction. So, in science class we should teach science, and in religion class we should teach religion. That's pretty straightforward, isn't it?

Do you know what the funniest thing about this whole debate is? Most schools require their students use book covers to keep the books in good condition for as long as possible. No one was going to see the stickers anyway. So if the school board really thought the stickers were an effective way to spread a message, then they should all be fired for terminal incompetence.

## Evolution debate creates a sticky mess

Jesse Velarde  
*Columnist*

One of my favorite professors here is quite fond of reminding his students to question everything that anyone tells them. That includes politicians, government officials and yes, even himself. He challenges us to check things out for ourselves. Often times that is where true learning takes place. When we, as individuals, fail to examine closely the things which are presented to us, we place ourselves in position to be taken advantage of. For example, when you go out to buy a new car or home, or any big ticket item, do you just take one look at it, believe everything the salesman is saying and just start aimlessly throwing money around? Of course you don't. You take the car out for a test drive, and you carefully examine the house, because you are about to make a huge investment. Now, if we are that meticulous regarding how we spend our money, shouldn't we apply even greater analysis to our origins as individuals? This is what the Cobb County School Board was attempting to do when it placed stickers on its science books, which stated the following in regard to the theory of evolution, "This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully, and critically considered." Now I understand that a sticker may not have been the most effective tool to promote critical thinking, and the sentiments behind the text of the sticker should apply to all subjects. However, nowhere in that statement do I see the words, "God said," "the Bible

says," or "Jesus says," do you? Further, I don't even see the words "creation," "creator," or "creationism." Still, federal judge Clarence Cooper ruled last week that the statements on the stickers promoted creationism, Christianity, and religious fundamentalism. What?

So, once again we have a judge overstepping his authority and violating the separation of powers that is central to our democracy. This is troubling on two fronts. First, this is not his place to rule on this matter. The Cobb County School Board, which serves as an extension of the will of the people, had already ruled on this matter in agreement with the overwhelming majority of Cobb parents. This type of judicial activism is what we saw in California when Michael Newdow tried to have "under God" taken out of the pledge. As liberalism begins to decline in political relevance, the judicial branch seems to be the life preserver they desperately cling to for political power. In their minds the people's will does not matter, since we don't know what's best for us anyhow. If this blatant disregard for legal authority continues, then the congress, president, state legislatures, governors, mayors and all other elected officials may as well forget about passing anything that the left disagrees with, because it will be taken to court. If the only opinion that matters is that of an appointed judge, then we as citizens have no motivation to become involved in the political process. Our say regarding what is taught in the schools we pay for does not matter.

Another troubling aspect of this ruling is that the ideas taught in school are no longer subject to discussion or debate. Now, I am not saying to start teaching Genesis, but when evolution is discussed, what is wrong with discussing the pros and cons of the issue. Especially since evolution is just a theory! What would be

wrong with discussing some of the troubles Darwin had with his own theory? For example, in 1860 Darwin wrote a letter to a botanist friend in which he expressed trepidation over how the amazing construction of the human eye defied his evolutionary scheme of gradualism. He wrote, "To this day the human eye makes me shudder." Is there anything threatening about discussing the widespread disagreement within the scientific community over evolutionary issues such as fossil records, geology and bipedalism? What if students looked at creationism from a strictly scientific and critical view? One man who was not afraid to was Micheal Denton, an Australian biologist and self described agnostic who asked, "Is it really credible that random processes could have constructed a reality, the smallest element of which—a functional protein or gene is complex beyond our own creative capacities, a reality which is the very antithesis of chance, which excels in every sense beyond anything produced by the intelligence of man." Why not discuss how DNA and fingerprints point more logically to design than chance?

The true irony in this whole affair is that those who challenged the stickers in court did so because they feared that religion was being shoved down the throats of their children. Yet, students are being taught to sit idly by while they are brainwashed and discouraged from critical analysis and examination. The state is going about promoting the religion of secular humanists who are quite vocal advocates of the theory of evolution. If this philosophy continues, our schools, while seeking to study the origins of intelligent species, instead will be producing less intelligent life.



## Warning: This column contains material on evolution

Grant Voyles  
*Columnist*



I often find myself discouraged by the outcome of court cases, however, every once in a while the courts put forth such a logical ruling that I cannot help but crack a smile. Fundamentalists are put in their place so infrequently that it is especially gratifying when it does happen. The latest ruling to turn my frown upside down is that a U.S. District Court ruled that warning stickers about evolution placed in Cobb County science textbooks must be removed. The stickers stated that "This textbook contains material on evolution. Evolution is a theory, not a fact, regarding the origin of living things. This material should be approached with an open mind, studied carefully and critically considered." The stickers were ruled unconstitutional because they violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, therefore violated the separation of church and state.

The disclaimers were placed

in the books by school officials in 2002 after parents complained that the textbooks presented evolution as fact. The school system weakly defended the disclaimers, saying that they promoted tolerance, not religious activism. Fortunately, the court saw through this sugar-coated attempt to endorse religion and undermine actual science. A U.S. District Court Judge noted that, "By adopting this specific language, even if at the direction of counsel, the Cobb County School Board appears to have sided with these religiously motivated individuals." Yes, there's nothing like common sense crushing the vendetta of over-zealous fundamentalists to warm the cockles of your heart now is there?

It should not surprise anyone that the Cobb School Board is going to appeal the ruling, and it will be up to the courts to once again make the right decision. This debate is not about tolerance, but about a vocal minority trying to debunk 150 years of scientific data to promote an unfounded religious idea. Creationism, which cannot be tested by accumulation and comparison of data, is appropriate

for Sunday school but has no place in a science classroom. Unfortunately, the fundamentalists are having none of that. A Gallup poll conducted in November revealed that only 35 percent of respondents believe that evolution is well-supported by evidence. The reason for shocking statistics like this is the same reason creationism supporters are gaining headway when it comes to what is being taught in the classroom. The creationist argument can often sound persuasive because they are so good at spreading misinformation. Creationists wrongly believe that their understanding of evolution is correct and based on that try to banish the idea, but that is not quite the case.

A key fact to remember is that evolution, because it is based on fact, is relevant in a science classroom, while creationism, which draws its support from faith not fact, is not science in the least. Fundamentalists have recently promoted the concept of "intelligent design" in an effort to get their religion in the classroom. This theory holds that life is so complex that it cannot be explained by natural selection

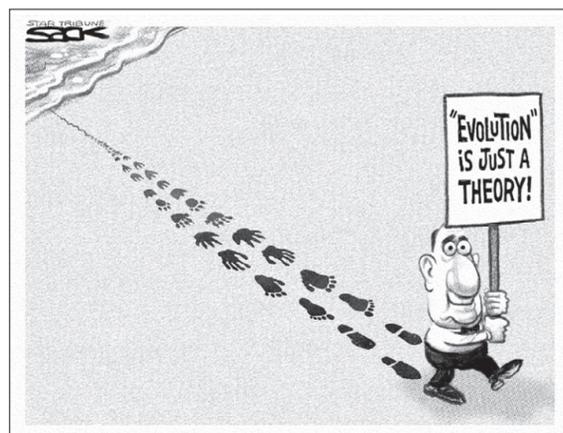
and therefore the evolution of species must be the product of an intelligent designer—namely god. The National Academy of Science has dismissed intelligent design as "creationism in disguise." Neither intelligent design nor creationism is science because they cannot be tested by the usual accumulation and comparison of scientific data. Another key point to keep in mind is that evolution does not rule out the existence of god. Evolution is concerned with the origin of the species, not the origin of life. The biogenesis has no impact on the theory of evolution.

The statement that "evolution is a theory, not a fact" is an effort to promote that evolution is nothing more than guesswork. Scientifically speaking, "theory" is not a term that is just thrown around. Maxine Singer, president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, said that a "theory in science is not a hunch or 'just a theory' as some say. It is an explanation built on multitudinous confirmed facts and the absence of incompatible facts." The term does not hint of tentativeness or lack of evidence. Gravity is a

hard fact, explained by theories of gravitation. Evolutionary change is a fact, it's the process of evolution that is a theory. To dismiss evolution as "only a theory" is like saying that the Bill of Rights is "only a part" of the Constitution.

Never missing an opportunity to make a fool of herself, Sadie Fields, head of the Georgia chapter of the Christian Coalition, said that "it's an example of how the bench is dictating to people... if they can teach a particular subject." Fields is making a cheap effort

to present the fundamentalists as an oppressed group, but she is missing the mark entirely. The court is acting in the right by making sure that the Wall of Separation stays intact. People can believe in creationism by all means, but the court is taking the proper steps to ensure that the fundamentalist view does not overshadow real science. Allowing religious and non-scientific ideologies into the science curriculum will do significant damage to the future of science and the education of the youth.



# God: A four lettered word?

Amie Flanagan  
Columnist



In the halls of government buildings, I detect resistance to a certain word, or name depending on your individual belief. I also sense a lack of enthusiasm for this word even among those who claim to believe in this word, they will even refuse to back it up. Perhaps the most amusing of is that if you wish to cause great distress anywhere in the U.S. government or even walking down the street, all you have to do is mention this one word. This one word is supposedly so vile, so evil, so graphic that one could even say it should be censored like pornography should be censored to little children. This word is your one-way ticket to offend anybody.

What is this word? It is the word "God." It amazes me how people are so terrified of this simple word. It's a word that we can easily say in terms of swearing [the "GD" words anyone?] or even say a phrase like "Oh my God!" and it's fine, but the moment it comes into the "Pledge of Allegiance" in California, suddenly it is the most profane word that exists! Also in California, over at Stevens Creek Elementary, not only is our "Pledge Of Allegiance" horrific because it mentions the word "God" so is the American Declaration of Independence. All because of this simple three letter word. God.

The question that cannot help but be asked is, why is this little three letter word worse in today's society than a swear word? After all, to those who don't believe in this being we refer to as "God" it should be just that, a three-letter word that means nothing. So, why is this word so dreadfully dire? Some say that it is because it is the combination of church and state, and some will argue that in the Constitution there is separation of church and state. Well, my answer to that question is where is it? Look it up in the U.S. Constitution and tell me exactly where it is that states there must be a separation of church and state. It won't surprise me if you don't find it.

It is not there. It was in actuality a letter written by Jefferson as a suggestion to keep the affairs separate so the powers wouldn't be unbalanced.

Some say they are offended by the word "God." Why are they offended by the word? It is only a word. It should mean nothing to those for whom it has no religious significance. Nonetheless, this small word has great power. Perhaps it is because this word stands for something that most people just don't like. Perhaps "God" stands for values, and people don't want to pay attention to values or maybe because it might insinuate that man has no control over what happens in life. Or maybe it stands for something that scares people to death. Maybe "God" stands for a higher power. A higher power that holds you accountable for your actions whether they are good or bad. People do not like accountability. They are scared of it. If you ask someone a direct question that just requires a simple yes or no answer, more than likely you will get the run around, or you get to listen to the blame game.

Why do people find this word and anything related to "God" so offensive? It is because "God," the word itself, represents accountability and the idea that someone is always watching. If you have ever heard the quote "Character is who you are when no one is watching," this quote is basically the definition of "God." God in today's society represents character and accountability. Even if you do not believe but you are offended by this word, chances are if you think about it, it is because you don't want even the off chance of being held ultimately accountable for your actions. When someone tells me they are offended by this word, even though they don't believe in this word, it tells me that they do in fact acknowledge God.

I have worked with many people over the past few years and have met many who are offended by the word "God." In each instance I have had a chance to talk with them, and they would tell me that for some reason or another they hated the word and everything associated with it. I finally came to understand that it is because of character and accountability but also because deep down that person believes in "God." They can deny Him, say His name in vein, swear up and down that there is no "God" and do everything in their power to remove this constant presence even with a three letter word but with this instant denial of the word "God" they are admitting by being offended by a word that they believe in God and that "He" exists to them.

# Bush's religious public policy

Lenore Skenazy  
New York Daily News

"My faith plays a big part in my life," President Bush said in the last debate. But, "I never want to impose my religion on anybody else."

No, he has left the imposing to the groups he funds and the appointees he selects.

From the first day Bush entered office and reimposed the Reagan-era gag rule, by which any family planning clinic in the developing world that so much as mentions abortion loses its U.S. funding, Bush has promoted a far-right Christian agenda. That is probably because, while white evangelical Christians make up only 25 percent of the population, they made up 40 percent of his voters.

This is something I had been aware of, of course, but not until I read Esther Kaplan's "With God on Their Side" did I realize how many profound [and silly] ways Bush has pandered to Christian fundamentalists.

Silly first? Okay, here: In the middle of the 1.5 million-acre Mojave National Preserve in California, there is an 8-foot cross on a big rock outcropping. It was ordered removed for separation of church and state reasons. The Bush administration appealed that decision, lost and appealed again, but in the meantime, it did something weird. At the bottom of a 2004 defense funding bill, it added a provision to trade one acre in the middle of the Mojave Preserve [guess which?] for five private acres at the park's entrance. Bush used a defense bill to keep a cross in a national park.

But let's get down to more serious issues, like sex. Through Bush's faith-based initiative [which has yet to di-

rectly fund any initiative run by a Jewish, Muslim, Hindi or Sikh group], Bush has funneled hundreds of millions of dollars to "abstinence till marriage" programs throughout the country. By law, only abstinence can be discussed in these classes, even when, as Kaplan witnessed when she visited one in Tennessee, a teen directly asks, "How do you use a condom?"

"Abstinence works," Kaplan admits. But there is no evidence that programs promoting abstinence work.

In fact, Adrienne Verrilli, spokeswoman for the Sexuality Information & Education Council of the U.S., Minnesota, Arizona and Pennsylvania all evaluated their abstinence programs and concluded they needed to include a broader discussion of contraceptives and safe sex.

One more bit about sex: Just this year, the Food and Drug Administration's advisory committee recommended approving the emergency contraceptive Plan B for over-the-counter sale. Since it is almost unheard of for the FDA to rule against its advisers, women's groups rejoiced. By some estimates, this pill [which prevents a clump of fertilized cells from implanting in the womb and starting a pregnancy] could eliminate as many as half of all abortions in America.

But guess what? The acting commissioner of the FDA, Bush's man, ruled against the pill.

In this administration, whatever the fundamentalists want, the fundamentalists get. In short: This is a man who does impose his beliefs. Religiously.

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# Take heed, big media, take heed!

Beau Harper  
Columnist



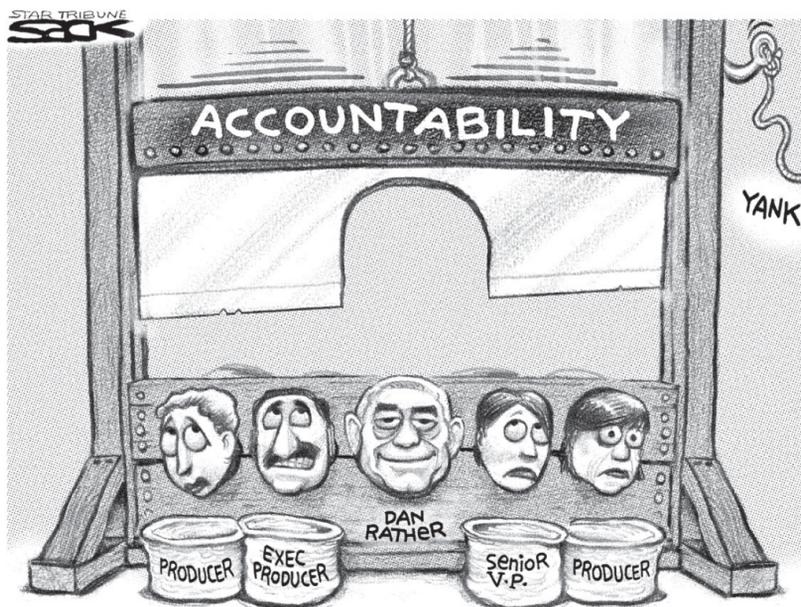
With the Bush National Guard scandal fresh in the minds of CBS executives and following the recommendations of an independent panel, CBS has now added new duties to their news executives and created a senior vice president for standards and practices, Linda Mason.

Aimed at regaining and restoring the damaged credibility of CBS News, Mason is in for the long haul. Quoted in a Jan. 15 New York Times article in regard to the scandal, she said: "...the villain was haste...not a lack of standards..." Mason has clearly identified the root of the problem. The task at hand now is ensuring no repetition of past mistakes made by way of haste. Mason is quoted as saying, "the newscasts will be made more transparent, allowing viewers to see how information is obtained and why [CBS] feels it relevant to the story." This raises several questions. What does this added staff position mean for the overall picture of the

American mainstream news cycle? What will this mean for future generations of journalists who are now students? What will their news cycle be like? Will this force more careful judgments on the part of editors and reporters? Or will this just lead back to the cycle of old habits? More importantly what effect will this have on competitors [i.e. ABC, NBC, FNC, newspapers] in regard to their own newsgathering technique? It is my hope that this will have a ripple/domino effect of sorts, effecting change in the entire industry. While this may be a utopian dream for some, why can it not be a reality for all? Doesn't the American public deserve this? The mainstream media, while still a main source of news for the majority of the populous, is suffering from the continuing encroachment of cable news [CNN, Fox and MSNBC] and the new news phenomenon of blogs and Internet-based news. While blogs do produce a great deal of pure opinion, this format provides a forum where a great deal of relevant, real world information is discussed, causing the mainstream to be cast in a much

more shadowy light, moving people to further re-think their stance on it and branch out, embracing other news sources. It does speak volumes when the majority of people in the 18-25-year-old range get most of their news from sources such as The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." [Thanks to Dr. Kerwin Swint, KSU Poly Sci professor, for that last little tidbit. See, Dr. Swint, I was taking notes on Thursday.]

The point here is that mainstream media needs to re-examine itself, re-think its procedures a little and like any ongoing organization it can make minor adjustments. Like anything, big media, and news in general, must be taken with a grain of salt. You can't take it at face value nor can you analyze all relative sense and logic out of it. Gathering your news from several sources and forming your own subsequent take on it is best. But perhaps other networks could take a little advice from CBS, adjusting themselves to represent a little more fairness and accuracy. Perhaps then people will tune back in and cast a little more faith in mainstream media. Or perhaps this is all just my opinion.



## A college degree and a dollar will get you four quarters

Bill Coplin  
Knight Ridder Tribune

A Texas prison inmate wrote me recently asking for a free copy of my book after reading about it in a newspaper column on the importance of soft skills in the job hunt. He justified the request with a claim that he achieved a 3.7 GPA in getting his associate's degree and "acquired a lot of academic knowledge" but was not ready for the workforce when he completes his prison term soon. I hear this comment frequently from college graduates and current students everywhere from community college to the Ivies, and none of them are in jail.

It reminded me of what a professor said to me 40 years ago with respect to my doctorate, "A college degree and a dollar will get you four quarters."

This statement seems counter-intuitive given the fact that people with an undergraduate degree make twice as much over their lifetime as people with only a high school degree [\$2.1 million versus \$1.2 million]. But it is not.

Less than 30 percent of Americans over the age of 25 have a bachelor's degree. Many of them are doing just fine. Plenty of cabdrivers have their bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees. More than 60 percent of college graduates end up living at home for at least a year. Moreover, economists report that the gap between wages earned between undergraduate degree holders and those who have no college degree has reached a plateau.

The key to career success is to have a strong work ethic and the skills employers want: oral and written communication, people, research, computer application, number crunching, analytical and problem-solving skills. Employers rank "work ethic" the highest because all the skills and knowledge in the world will be

of no use without hard work and continuous self-improvement.

Will a college education help students develop the skills they need for rewarding job opportunities? Employers and researchers answer, "not exactly." A survey of 450 employers in 2004 by Duffey Communications reports that only 20 percent of the respondents said yes when asked, "Are schools preparing students to meet employers' needs?"

Employers tell me they have a difficult time finding applicants with these skills. A high-level manager in a major telecommunications company e-mailed me the following: "Most kids coming straight from college to the work world do not have many [if any] of these skills at the very basic level, let alone mastered."

Reports by the Business-Higher Education Forum in 1999, and again in 2003, refer to a "skills deficit" in "leadership, teamwork problem solving and communication."

Employers know that the academic program and performance of students is a poor indicator when compared to their student activities, internships and jobs. The winning employees are not necessarily those who get the degree and obtain a high GPA. Those who put themselves, and excel, in challenging situations outside of the classroom are a much better gamble.

Tim Russert in his book "Big Russ & Me" writes, "I majored in political science and received a good education, but when I think about my college days, it's the extracurricular activities that I remember most vividly." He became president of U-Club, which brought speakers and entertainers to his college, and he served as president of the student government during the early 1970s. I am sure he found the consequences of his business and political decisions to be far more powerful in skill-building than the judgment of faculty

members.

Lessons for the workforce are best learned when people are forced to make decisions that directly affect them. One of the most powerful activities a college student can undertake, for example, is to become a resident adviser. These sophomores and juniors have survived the twin challenges of unruly freshman and a university bureaucracy.

College provides the opportunity to build the skills employers want and a job-winning resume. What counts most is careful planning early in one's college career leading to part-time or summer jobs, internships and leadership positions on campus during the last two years of college.

Many colleges increasingly give college credit for these kinds of experiences through project-based, internship and field-work courses. Semesters away from campus, especially overseas and with an internship requirement, are valuable because students must sink or swim in an unfamiliar setting.

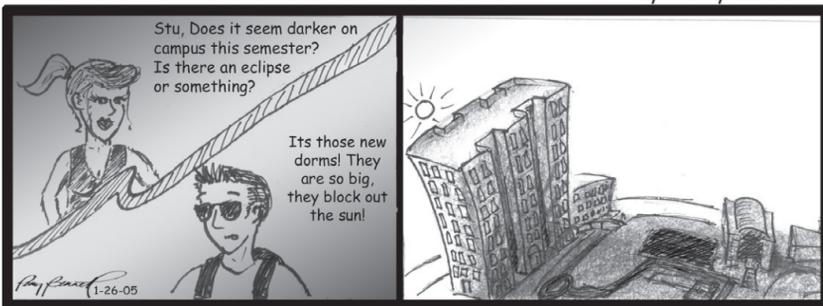
However, the majority of college faculties are not on board. They remain reluctant to give credit for skill developing experiences. They see their role as transmitting knowledge and assume applied activities are an unnecessary distraction.

But distraction is in the eye of the learner. Students who use college to develop their professional skills and character should focus on reality and not appearances.

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### THE MISADVENTURES OF KSU STU

By: Perry Bennett



## Terrorism: It's not what you think

Cleave Pierce  
Columnist

I must attempt, in this article, to dispel some of the common misconceptions regarding terrorism. I cannot, within this limited amount of space, begin to do justice to such an intense subject, but I hope that reading this will make some of you think more critically. In 1988 a study was conducted that counted more than 109 different definitions of terrorism. The current U.S. national security strategy defines terrorism as simply "calculated use of unlawful violence to inculcate fear, intended to coerce or intimidate governments or societies in pursuit of goals that are generally political, religious or ideological." This definition, however, begs the question of who is innocent and by what standards is innocence determined. The 1945 U.S. fire-bombing of Japan certainly terrified its inhabitants, many of who were women and children who had nothing to do with Japan's war effort. The inherent problem with the above definition of terrorism is that it excludes state terrorism, which since the French Revolution has claimed far more victims—in the tens of millions—than terrorism perpetrated by nonstate actors. By excluding state terrorism in its definition, the U.S. gives a pass to all of those states,

including itself, which could be held accountable for terrorist acts.

Immediately after Sept. 11, 2001, President Bush began to state that the freedom and liberty that the American people enjoy was under attack by people who are jealous of what we have. This is a dangerous and misleading statement. It is a statement that is used to inspire, through blind patriotism, support for the militaristic policies of global and economic dominance espoused by the warlords that have seized our government. By creating the illusion that the needs and virtues of the working class of America are somehow directly tied to the needs and the virtues of the power elite, the working class will rally to the cause of the defeat of whatever or whoever the powerful dictate. Contrary to the establishment position, terrorism [which is a method, not a thing] will never meet its end through the destructive course of military conflict. The empirical evidence of this fact is well documented but too lengthy to include here. One problem with military conflict as a solution to terrorism is that the intended targets [terrorists] are hardly ever the ones paying the ultimate price of death. Civilian casualties [or what the right wing ideol-



ogues disgustingly call collateral damage] make up 98 percent of the deaths incurred. It is not then, hard to imagine that those who survive will harbor an "anti-American" sentiment, and rightfully so. Thus, we have created the terrorists of tomorrow from the children of today. The type of thinking purported by the Bush administration fails to address the social and political grievances that are at the root of the issue. As Geoffrey Record of the Army War College has pointed out, as long as irregular warfare, including terrorism, remains the only avenue of action open to the politically despondent and the militarily impotent, it will continue to be practiced regardless of how many governments view it as illegitimate. It is well and good to counsel those with grievances to seek political solutions, but this is hardly useful advice if there is no political process available for doing so.

To view Dr. Geoffrey Record's report "Bounding Terrorism" online, go to <http://carlisle-www.army.mil/ssi/pubs/>

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enough already

Dear Editor:

I am writing to comment on Tara O'Shea's Jan. 19 article regarding the locking of the Student Center. Maybe I am just naive about this situation, but I have a few questions and concerns:

1. If there is a concern about the Student Center being unlocked and unmonitored, why was it built and operated that way until now? Was it the original plan for the building to remain unlocked and unmonitored?
2. I attend KSU at nights and on weekends. There is absolutely no place for our student groups to convene, other than the Student Center. Meetings in the library disturb those who came there to read and study. Where

are we to meet, if not the Student Center?

3. Without Student Center access, I fully expect the university to greatly discount the night students' student fees, since we will no longer have use of the Student Center.

4. Why can't our Student ID Cards be magnetically encoded and card readers installed, so that valid, registered students can gain access to buildings like the Student Center, during off hours?

5. What provisions will be made in the remaining buildings to provide night students with a place to study?

6. Were night students proportionately represented in the SOS committee's 90.5 percent vote to close the Student Center at night?

7. I regularly see campus police in the Student Center. Why

are they unable to patrol the Student Center? I assume that the campus police do patrol the other buildings like Clenendin and Burruss, yet thefts have occurred in those buildings, in spite of the campus police's patrols.

8. Why are the campus police out writing tickets in the surrounding neighborhoods [where Cobb County or Kennesaw City police should have jurisdiction], while our Student Center remains unpatrolled and thefts and other crimes are occurring on campus?

9. After the thefts in the Clenendin Building last semester, the Clenendin classrooms now remain locked between classes when the instructors are not there. Why can't the University install benches in the corridors for the students' use?

**Carolyn Norman**  
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## [Facebook me] – All the cool kids are doing it...

Alex Danaila  
Sr. Staff Writer

Thefacebook.com is taking over the world. Well, maybe just U.S. college campuses. The fact is, if you have never before heard of the site, you will soon be in the minority. Thousands of college students join Thefacebook.com on a daily basis. Upon first discovery, it is reminiscent of a Friendster or Myspace type Web site, but it is so much more.

Thefacebook.com was started Feb. 4, 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg. A 20-year-old Harvard student, Zuckerberg is also known as the founder, master and commander, enemy of the state or simply the face behind Thefacebook.com, at Harvard University. According to Zuckerberg, and his three roommates, who helped design the site and bring it to life, Thefacebook is an online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges and universities. One month after the site was introduced to Harvard it exploded. Thefacebook now supports

approximately 300 campuses across the United States and has more than one million users. The Web site is run with the help of four other people and is free to join but definitely not free to keep afloat. It costs Zuckerberg roughly \$40,000 a month to keep it up-to-date. Where does he get the money? Well, with over one million people logging in every day, advertising revenue should not be a problem.

Thefacebook.com is available to college students, faculty or alumni. The only other requirement is to provide a valid university e-mail address when registering, which takes less than a minute. Filling out your profile is another story and may take anywhere from just a few minutes to hours or days --, it is all up to the user. The next step, after the last touches to the profile are finished and the information posted is cool, hip and up-to-date, is the most fun part of all--browsing.

Thefacebook.com is not so much about making new friends, although that is definitely a possibility, as it is about restoring old connections and

looking up familiar faces. Explore the site's powerful search engine and search for friends by colleges and universities, high schools and home towns, as well as birthdays, music, quotes, books, movies, clubs, etc. There is also a place to post a class schedule for each semester and look for the people who are taking the same classes. This feature comes in handy, especially at times when WebCT doesn't meet the need. It also gives some sense of privacy because Thefacebook.com cannot be monitored by professors.

Finally found the long lost faces from high school or from classes taken freshman year? It is time to ask them to be friends. If they recognize your face and accept the invitation the deal is done. Look up their profile, what they like and dislike and even their current relationship status. You can look up their friends and acquaintances.

Don't be shy, message your friends. Thefacebook.com has a great messaging system that works just like e-mail. The list of friends is the address book, so feel free to send out e-mails to one, two or all of your facebook friends at the same time. Just don't spam. Don't have the time to log in and check for

new messages? Sitting in class all day and work at night? No problem. Have all your facebook messages forwarded to your cell phone and stay in touch that way.

And who can forget about clubbing? Facebook Clubs can range from your major to your favorite band or movie. Can't find a club that meets your requirements? Start your own. It is another simple process that won't take anything but a few minutes of your time. And why wouldn't you want to be a part of the "Derek Zoolander Center For Kids Who Can't Read Good and Who Wanna Learn To Do Other Stuff Good Too" club? Other clubs, such as "KSU needs a football team" or even "Everyone at KSU," are becoming widely popular.

"I just did it [joined thefacebook.com] because all my friends were on it. But now I am addicted and cannot stop using it," said Patty Henderson, a sophomore majoring in finance.

Faculty members are joining the world of Thefacebook as well. Jeannette Eberhart, an administrative secretary at the Student Life office, has recently joined the site. "The reason I joined is because students have pressured me into it," she said with a smile.

To get started, click below to register. If you have already registered, you can log in.

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Matt Bailey [guitar], contributes to the bands high-powered sound.

## Atlanta music unites American Devils aid in the tsunami relief effort



Melissa Spielholz  
Editor in chief

Following the disaster in Asia the last few days of Dec. 2004, individuals worldwide have joined together in an effort to raise funds for the victims of the tsunami.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, local band American Devils joined forces with other Atlanta acts [Girl Parts, Snowden, Family Force and The Californias] hoping to gather funds for those in need. American Devils was one of five bands to take the stage at the Hard Rock Cafe's Velvet Underground with the tsunami relief effort in mind.

American Devils, a band most appropriately categorized in the rock/metal genre is made up of KSU alum Ryan Wexler [vocals], KSU student Reagan Wexler [drums], Chris Buchanan [guitar], Matt Bailey [guitar] and Ben Still [Bass]. Together this long-haired five piece

shook the audience with a highly-energetic, strong performance that drew a crowd.

"We had a great time, and it felt really satisfying to see our community come together for such a serious cause," said Reagan Wexler.

Along with the music, a silent auction was set up, and proceeds were donated for the relief effort. Numerous items, including a night with Toby Keith and an official Jethro Tull leather jacket, were up for auction.

Overall, the night was an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy stellar musical performances and an opportunity to contribute to a much-needed cause.

For more information on American Devils or to check out "Surprise," the bands first CD release, go to <http://www.americandevils.net>.

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[left] Chris Buchanan [guitar], energizes the audience with a guitar solo.



[right] Ryan Wexler [vocals], captivates the audience with the band's strong performance.

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# John Dowis: a talented musician

*KSU grad student plays for the love of music*

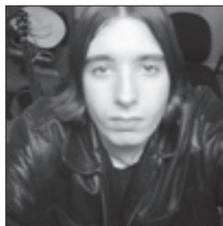
Derek Wallace  
Sr. Staff Writer

John Dowis is a talented musician who graduated from KSU with a Computer Science diploma in 2003 and is currently in the graduate program majoring in Information Systems.

He loves writing and performing songs and does not care if it brings him fame because he is not doing it for the money. He can play both the electric guitar and acoustic guitar, but he mostly plays the electric. His sound is original, and he is not at all one-dimensional. "People tell me I sound like emo, but I tend to think I sound a bit like Coldplay. I am pretty much all over the place with my sound," Dowis said. When asked what drove him to be a musician he said simply boredom and the fact that there were a lot of stupid people playing guitar, and if they could do it then with hard work and determination, then he could too.

His biggest musical influence is Jonah from Far. "His

song writing really influenced me to start writing my own songs," Dowis said. He has experience in performing music because he started out in a band called Widows Offering. He went solo and set up a Web site where people could listen to his songs, but doesn't really



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go out and play in local taverns or coffee shops. He said that one day he would like to be in a band again but is content with being a solo artist. His favorite song that he did is "Antigone." "When I first wrote it I hated it, but after I played it over and over the song kind of grew on me, and I began to really love it," said Dowis. His favorite bands are The Smashing Pumpkins and Far. "I like The Smashing Pumpkins because Billy Corgan is without a doubt the greatest song writer of all time, and I like Far because I like the raw feel to it. Far has been pretty influential to me," Dowis said. He is inspired to write songs because it gets him out of being bored, it gives him something to do, is a stress relief, is

a good feeling of expression and because chicks dig it. His favorite hobbies are programming, playing video games and playing poker with his friends. For now, Dowis does not know what the future has in store for him. "Music, to me, is for fun, and I do it in my spare time. If I can take it somewhere I will but if I cannot then it is no biggie," Dowis said. He has a small studio, which he can use to make CDs, and he plans on putting out an album. Dowis is unique because he writes the words to his songs first before he even thinks of a title. He said that any musician does not like to see singers getting a free ride to stardom, and that he does have an appreciation for how hard musicians work trying to be famous. He also wonders if the MTV singers nowadays even work hard to get where they are, and he said he doubts that they got their start at small taverns and coffee shops as did many groups such as The Beatles. Dowis' Web site is www.johndowis.com where one can listen to his songs. John deserves recognition because he does not make music for fame and fortune but does it for the love of it, and that is truly special.

## Hit the slopes

There's just no escaping it -- it's cold outside, and while some of us [myself included] want nothing more than to hide inside until Father Winter has had his last day, others embrace the chilly weather. The lack of snow prohibits people from skiing anywhere around Kennesaw, but the folks in Gatlinburg, Tennessee have the right idea and the right conditions.

The Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort and Amusement Park is the perfect place to ski and have a good time outside. Personally, I can't ski to save my life. Here is a piece of advice: if you see a sign with a black diamond on it, it doesn't mean beginner! However, for a price considerably less than that of Vermont or Colorado or any of the major ski areas, you and your friends can shuffle, fall or even ski down the slopes in Gatlinburg.

From Kennesaw, it's about a four and a half hour drive to the resort, but it is well worth it. Monday through Friday, from six to ten p.m., you can get an area/lift ticket for \$15. On the weekends, it's a bit more expensive at \$40 a ticket. Equipment rentals during the week are \$15, and on the weekends, it's \$18. If you're feeling brave, you can rent a snowboard for \$25. A one-hour ski lesson with a group is only \$12.

If sight seeing is more your style, Ober Gatlinburg offers a beautiful scenic chair lift for \$5. This is the south's longest chair-lift, and the views are perfect for picture-taking. If skiing isn't your cup of tea, Ober Gatlinburg also offers indoor ice skating. You can skate anytime of the year on Ober's massive indoor ice arena. The arena is the centerpiece



*Dimestore Journeys*

By  
Tara O'Shea

of Ober Gatlinburg's large enclosed mall. Also, one of America's largest Tramways departs from downtown Gatlinburg every day to take you on a scenic ride through the landscape. The cost is \$9.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children. For more information, call 1-800-467-0637.

## Resident Evil 4 a must play

*There are no more zombies, but the game is even better*

Jason Nimer  
Staff Writer

For the past few years, the survival horror genre of video games, in particular Resident Evil, has grown stale. Endless spin-offs, rehashed plot lines, and movies starring Mila "Naked For Any Reason" Jovovich have begun to take the luster off of a once great and fondly remembered series. After two years in development, Resident Evil 4 was set to bring back the series' original shine with an all new story and new game play mechanics. Does the final product deliver? Read on.

In Resident Evil 4, you once again take control of special agent Leon Kennedy, who is sent to Europe on a rescue mission. The U.S. president's daughter has been kidnapped by a cult and, of course, it's up to Kennedy alone to get her

back. For fans of the series, the most notable change in the new version is the lack of zombies that were once a Resident Evil staple. You may be thinking, "Resident Evil with no zombies? That's like lamb without tuna fish!"

Well, it works. Even without zombies, this game delivers the spine-tingling tension of the previous versions. The gamer may actually find him or herself tuning out all distractions and breathlessly waiting to see just what nasty surprise is behind that next door.

The game is scary, but that wouldn't matter if it didn't play well. It does. Gone is the clumsy control scheme and irritatingly slow pace of



the past, this game is strictly action. I dare you not to be sucked in as you aim a pistol at a horde of pitchfork and ax-wielding crazed cult members. The game never gives you a second to breathe [don't put your controller down during cut scenes], and at more than 20 hours of total game play, there is a lot with which to be satisfied. Also, the graphics are some of the best to be seen on any console. Sorry, PS2 and Xbox fans, but it's the simple truth.

So, is Resident Evil 4 worth the price? I think anyone who has spent any time with this game would say, "Yes." From the lifelike visuals to the action-packed game play, I would recommend putting this game at the very top of your "must buy" list. Warning: You may not study for that big test next week.

Grade: A

## ••• Roaming Reporter •••

*"What is your opinion on U.S. healthcare today?"*

Compiled by Kim Everhart  
Staff Writer



**Melanie Busker**

senior, Communication

"We are extremely fortunate as a country in regards to healthcare, but everyone would like to have healthcare available for those who can't afford it."

**Robert Barbier**

freshman, Computer science

"I think that we do a good job as far as having high standards. However, I do think it is too easy to sue and that it causes the expenses of healthcare to go up."



**Danielle Robins**

sophomore, Early childhood education

"Healthcare is really good for those who are fortunate enough to have a job and can actually get health insurance. But for those who do not have access to health insurance it is not so good."

**Josh Berhardt**

junior, Math

"I think it sucks! The healthcare system could use a serious overhaul. There is no reason that it should cost so much."



**Andrew Graham**

junior, Geology

"I think it is overpriced. I would like to see the government give more help to underprivileged families."

**Amber Smith**

freshmen, undeclared

"I don't know much about U.S. healthcare, but I do know that I have not been able to afford it for two years."



**Cassie DuBose**

junior, Social science education

"I think overall that the U.S. does a pretty good job providing for those who can't afford it."

## campus shorts



What?	When?	Where?
<b>African American Sculpture Exhibit</b>	Through March 3 Lecture Thursday, Jan. 27 6:30 p.m.	Fine Art Gallery
<b>23rd Annual Winter Storytelling Festival</b>	Friday, Jan. 28 – Sunday, Jan. 30	KSU Center
<b>A.L.S.O. Networking Mini Cafe</b>	Saturday, Jan. 29 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Burruss Atrium
<b>Showtime "The Wedding Singer"</b>	Wednesday, Feb. 2 8 – 11 p.m.	Leadership Rooms
<b>Student Government meeting</b>	Thursday, Feb. 3 3:30 p.m.	Call ext. 6276 for location

## Cross "The Bridge"

*Letter Kills release new album*

Meredith Pruden  
Features Editor

Island recording artist Letter Kills' debut album, "The Bridge," is an alterna-blend of early '90s-style metal and the revamped 'new' wave – the pop/punk vocal harmony. Fortunately, "The Bridge" falls somewhere happily in between. The hard-hitting drums of Paul Remund and the guitars of Timothy Cordova and Dustin Loveless could blow your car's speakers and are a welcome step away from the candy-coated pop rock to which fans have become all too accustomed. Unlike '90s metal icons Axl and Brett, vocalist Matt Shelton can actually sing, and his lyrics are at once thoughtful and angry. But Letter Kills is no Sum 41 either and for fans of punk and hard rock, that's a good thing. Kyle Duckworth rounds out the quintet on bass.



Track two, "Don't Believe," started to play and I swear I had a tiny little flashback of a Fugazi show I saw 15 years ago. It didn't last long, but it was enough to permanently endear me to these guys. Track seven, "Carry You," starts with a drum solo and some screaming guitar that will make you want to throw the air "rock on" sign and bang your head to the rock 'n' roll anthems of "The Bridge." Even the obligatory ballad, Track eight, "Hold My Heart," is better than most recent contributions.

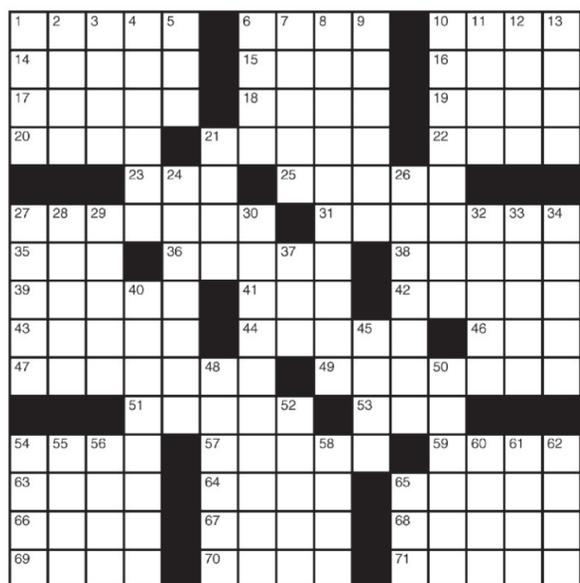
Letter Kills is So Cal's fist of proverbial rock fury. "The Bridge" is not for the faint of heart, but is sure to be must-have for the anti-emo set. That's it, they may not look like Dave Navarro, but I think it's love. If one of these guys starts dating Avril Lavigne, I'll be so disappointed.

Letter Kills is at Masquerade Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Grade: B+

# Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Suspension of hostilities
  - 6 Brits' raincoats
  - 10 Captures
  - 14 Five after three
  - 15 Adored one
  - 16 Continental currency
  - 17 Painful points
  - 18 Go for the gold?
  - 19 Like a dental exam
  - 20 Beautiful bloom
  - 21 Electron tube
  - 22 Summon
  - 23 Pen
  - 25 Cut off
  - 27 Like utilities
  - 31 Vengeful foes
  - 35 \_\_\_ Marie Saint
  - 36 Utopias
  - 38 "\_\_\_ Gay"
  - 39 Fine sprays
  - 41 Average grade
  - 42 Unfamiliar with
  - 43 Two quartets combined
  - 44 Sculled
  - 46 Somme summer
  - 47 Astral
  - 49 Went tobogganing
  - 51 Kind of eagle?
  - 53 Words of commitment
  - 54 Remaining
  - 57 Components of everything
  - 59 Brad or spike
  - 63 Self-defense, e.g.
  - 64 Make weary
  - 65 Desert Storm target
  - 66 Chutzpah



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- 67 Gardener's tools
- 68 Top story
- 69 Feed the kitty
- 70 Dancer Pavlova
- 71 Make fun of
- DOWN**
- 1 Rip
- 2 Puerto \_\_\_
- 3 Grunts
- 4 Curd product
- 5 UFO crew
- 6 Actress Rogers
- 7 Gaucho's goodbye
- 8 Capacitors
- 9 Pipe fitting
- 10 Synthetic rubber
- 11 Nimbus
- 12 Blow one's own horn
- 13 Fish choice
- 21 Soaked in woad
- 24 Sawhorse
- 26 Improved by editing
- 27 Written reminders
- 28 Dislodge
- 29 Esthetic judgment
- 30 Emblem of honor
- 32 Spread seeds
- 33 Lift the spirits of
- 34 Cloyed
- 37 Learning org.
- 40 "The \_\_\_ Heart"
- 45 Yale alumni
- 48 Writer Christie
- 50 Give
- 52 Actress Sophia
- 54 Org. of Webb and Sorenstam
- 55 Spirited self-assurance
- 56 Sensed
- 58 Tableland
- 60 Dog star
- 61 Eye part
- 62 Tatted material
- 65 Winged mammal

Find the answers on page 13

# Horoscopes

Linda C. Black  
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can't pay the debt in full, at least make an installment on it.

**Today's Birthday [01-26-05]**  
You can draw up the plans and let somebody else do the building. This is a joint project. Together you'll get exponentially farther. 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 9, Meetings should go well, and it should be relatively easy to reach consensus. Everybody's in the mood to decide, so they can get to work.

**Taurus [April 20-May 20]**  
Today is a 5, Add the finishing touches to make your home just the way you want it. Get ready to entertain, so you can do it spontaneously.

**Gemini [May 21-June 21]**  
Today is an 8, If you can only learn the language before you go over there, you'll be amazed at how many doors will open. And, yes, you can.

**Cancer [June 22-July 22]**  
Today is a 5, Collect as much as you can when the opportunity presents. Work quickly and be assertive, and gather up the prize.

**Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]**  
Today is an 8, Follow through on the innovations you've recently instigated. You'll get to the part where the money comes in pretty soon, don't worry about that.

**Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]**  
Today is a 5, Follow through on all those promises you made, one way or another. If you

**Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]**  
Today is an 8, A friend can teach you a couple of things that you'll find very useful. You'll be more efficient when you have more technical expertise.

**Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]**  
Today is a 5, Collect up all the little jewels that have been scattered around. Resist the urge to be wasteful. Although there's plenty now, this may have to last you a while.

**Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]**  
Today is an 8, You may get the chance to be the voice of objectivity. A couple of people you know are having trouble finding a compromise. Lend your wisdom to those who need some.

**Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]**  
Today is a 5, Keep looking for bargains in all the likely places, including sales at the better stores and catalogs, and even in your own closets. It's not cheating to mend something old.

**Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]**  
Today is a 6, Somebody else may be able to get through where you've been turned aside. This doesn't need to be a problem. Delegate, and then get on to other things.

**Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]**  
Today is a 4, Concentrate on providing the very best service you can, and do it proudly. You're developing a reputation that's worth more than its weight in gold.

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## Are You Listening?

Who: Jesse McCartney  
Location: Westchester, New York  
Website: www.jessemac.com

### Jesse McCartney

Kiki Amantidis  
Sr. Staff Writer

Jesse McCartney made girls swoon over him in the WB drama "Summerland," which premiered last summer, and he is doing it again with his latest musical release, "Beautiful Soul." This is the 17-year-old singer's second go around in the music business--in 2000 he wowed girls while singing in the boy band Dream Street.

The single "Beautiful Soul" is a catchy love song that is being played on Top-40 stations across the U.S. and has been sitting at the

top of radio charts nationwide. This new found fame even got McCartney a spot on TRL's Breakout Stars Week.

Some of you may remember McCartney as J.R. Chandler on "All My Children" from the late '90s until 2001--a role for which he earned an Emmy nomination.

If you are in the mood for some guilty but good pop, check McCartney out.

**Sample Lyrics:**

"You're the one I wanna chase/You're the one I wanna hold/I won't let another minute go to waste/I want you and your beautiful soul."



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# Where's the grog?

There are many laws in America. Some of them are good, some of them are bad and others are, well, neutral. There is one, however, that I would have had a hard time dealing with if I weren't such an old bastard. Obviously, I'm talking about the legal imbibing age. The age that the law decrees is when you can begin voluntarily poisoning yourself with alcohol [although we all know that the law has a hard time keeping up these days]. Since it's 18 at home, anyone from down under arriving in this country to study at a university would be a might miffed when they're told to bugger off if they had tried to order a drink at the local watering hole. I can only imagine the muttered imprecations of my own if I were turned down



**DOWN UNDER**  
By Adam Stevens

— fortunately, I've not had to worry about this by virtue of being older than everyone but faculty here at Kennesaw.

This little prologue leads into my main point and that is the difference between university cultures in the two countries — at least in my experience. Perhaps since Kennesaw is more of a non-traditional university, in the sense that it's a commuter school rather than a dorm-based school like UGA is, Kennesaw's culture is a bit more suburban. Having said that, I don't imagine they give away free beer at UGA. If anyone has knowledge of this, I'd like to know!

For those of you who've not been to Athens and don't know much about it, I'd recommend a visit, even if you're not at the ridiculous drinking age of 21 just yet. The establish-

ments in Athens offer more of the university culture that I'm used to — however, I'm sure most of the students there are just as deprived of alcoholic sustenance as you lot here are, due to them being mostly 'underage' anyway. It's a shame, because the social advantages of university-sponsored and -abetted alcohol outweigh the hangovers that you might be stuck with the day after — at least in my experience.

The difference is pretty simple. Kennesaw has a strict no-alcohol policy. If you drink, I can't really profess to know what happens, but I doubt they would give you merit points for it. There are no bars within a bull's roar of here and definitely no pubs. On the other hand, the University of Melbourne, which I formerly attended, had all the amenities a student could wish for — cheap food, dingy inner-city housing [although Melbourne's inner city is infinitely more charming than Atlanta's] and plenty of pubs and bars. The favorite of my engineering department was the Prince of Wales, which was about ten yards away from the entrance to the department.

I remember quite a few interesting night's out there — no one in my year level could forget the spectacular antics of a certain student who'd probably never seen alcohol in his life and was in a hurry to make introductions.

Of course, all of the other gateways had their drinking options too. There were several within staggering distance near the Earth Science building, another favorite haunt of mine, and if that wasn't satisfactory, a hundred yards away was Lygon Street — the Italian quarter of the city, full

of pretentious restaurants and unpretentious bars. If you were unusual, in that you had lots of money to spend on alcohol, there were many options to explore. If I wanted to drink here at Kennesaw, I'd need to take myself over the bridge at I-75 to the sports grille or O'Charleys, and I would be forced to eat a burger to go with my alcohol. Very undignified, if I may say so, not to mention it'd take at least ten minutes if you account for the bloody traffic.

One service that ought to be offered out of my exorbitant

student fees and which was provided with some extravagance by the Student Union at home, is a regular beer-and-BBQ event. I realize this might cause problems with immature folks trying to steal alcohol, but I think the camaraderie and socialization [not to mention a smattering of fun] of such an event would make up for this. It would require a radical change in policy, but I'm willing to sponsor it even if nobody else is. Break out the barbie and a keg or two, I say. And if that doesn't work — well, there's always Hooters.

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Owl center, Lauren Harris, leads the team with blocks as of Jan. 20, 2005.

## Lady Owls win close decision

Team proves its worth against tough rival, Augusta State

Tara O'Shea  
News Editor

In a close game Saturday afternoon at the Christianberry Fieldhouse in Augusta, the Lady Owls came out on top with a 62-58 victory. It was their first road conference game win of the season. Augusta State's, Brandi Hollingsworth, who was 2-for-9 from three-point range, hit a long-range three pointer toward the end to give the team the lead, 61-58.

KSU's Shavonder Clarke made a free throw with ten seconds left, insuring the victory for the Lady Owls. Clarke [6-for-11] recorded a double-double as she scored 21 points, made 12 rebounds, and collected five steals.

The Owls came back from an eight-point deficit in the second half due to exceptional play by D.J. Galbiati, Clarke and Stephanie Scarce, all of who contributed to an important 7-0 run. This allowed the Lady Owls to pull within one point of the Jaguars midway through the second half.

Eva Vodrazkova scored a three-pointer to raise the Lady Jags' lead to four points before Clarke answered with a three-point of her own. Danielle Bates then gave the Owls the lead when she made a pair of free throws.

The Lady Jags were able to cut the KSU lead to a single-point in the final five minutes, but the Lady Owls' defense played its best, never allowing ASU to regain the lead. With 4:49 left in the game,

Harris and Clarke combined for three free throws to limit a short ASU run, and with 2:19 remaining, Clarke pulled a reverse lay-up to raise the KSU lead once again.

Harris scored another free throw, and Galbiati made two foul shots to build the lead to an insurmountable six points with 25 seconds left in the game.

Vodrazkova posted her first double-double of the season with 20 points and ten rebounds, and Shirrell Ford added eight points and 12 rebounds of her own. But despite their efforts on the night, it was not enough to keep KSU from handing ASU the loss.

The lady Owl's next game is against GC&SU Wednesday evening at 5:30 at the Spec Landrum Centre.

### Key Player

**Shavonder Clarke**  
Game winning free-throw with ten seconds left



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## Owls cheer for no. 1 ranking

Competitive cheer team gets ready for another championship run

Tommy McNulty  
Sports Editor

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After winning the National Championship last season in Daytona Beach, the Owls have quickly addressed where they stand this season in the competitive cheerleading arena. After sending in a video for the National Cheer Association's National Collegiate Championships, KSU promptly learned that it had been given the preseason No. 1 ranking in Division II.

Strong enough to win the Division II competition, the Owl's video program was also impressive enough to rank third overall, trailing only the University of Louisville's nationally acclaimed Small Co-Ed and All-Girl Division I squads.

The cheer team scored a 9.98 on their 90-second video that included jumps, tumbling and stunting skills. Louisville's Small Co-Ed team finished first with a 10.06, and Louisville's All-Girl Division I team finished second with a total of 10 points.

"We were actually more excited about being ranked third overall because of the

fact that we are moving to Division I next year," Head Coach Felicia Ingle said. "It's a good feeling to know that we can compete at this level, which is the highest level of cheer competition."

This year's championship is approaching fast, and the Owls have been practicing hard in hopes of a repeat title. They will travel to Daytona Beach for the Chick-fil-A Cheer and Dance Collegiate Championship, which will be held April 6-10.



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The Owls are ready to repeat as national champions once again.

Ingle graciously welcomed the preseason ranking but insisted that when the Championship arrives, it will mean very little. "We are very excited to be ranked No. 1," Ingle said, "but all it really means to us is free hotel rooms in Daytona Beach. We have been in this position before and we came in second place, so for us, we realize that we have won nothing yet and that means we have to work harder."

Ingle said she knows top competitors, such as last year's runner-up Hawaii-Pacific, and Orange Coast Community College, have also been training rigorously for the chance to take the title. KSU has had a string of great squads dating back to 1999. The Owls have earned Top Ten finishes each year since 1999 and have won multiple awards. On top of last season's National Championship, the squad's first ever, the team finished second three years in a row from 2001-2003.

This will be the ladies' last chance to win the Division II Championship before the move to the Division I Atlantic Sun Conference in fall 2005.

## Owls baseball wants big Division II exit

Team looks better than ever as final season with Peach Belt nears

Nathan McCreary  
Sr. Staff Writer

The 2005 KSU baseball team is preparing to enter its final season as a member of both the Peach Belt Conference and Division II, and Head Coach Mike Sansing is focused on making a grand exit.

The Owls had a disappointing 2004 campaign and failed to qualify for the post-season for the first time in ten years. This season, however, the team is eager to return to the diamond and prove that it is a nationally top-rated team. "The team itself has been working hard, motivated and excited," said Assistant Coach Bob Roman.

Collegiate Baseball Magazine gave the team a boost when the 2005 preseason poll was released. The CBM ranked the Owls #6 in the nation. "We pay attention to it because the poll is something that is nationally recognized," Roman said. "Anytime you get in the poll it is always good for the program. We have been fortunate to be in it for the better part of ten years."

When asked if the Owls were deserving of a high poll position after a sub-par 2004 record, Roman said, "...it is based more on the success of the program." He also said the program received the ranking because of KSU's success in their recruiting class and returning players, such as senior Jon Love, OF, and junior infielder Scott Hendrix. Unfortunately, a good reputation does not win ball games. The Owls are going to have to validate the poll on the field, which is not an easy task in the competitive Peach Belt Conference.

According to the CBM preseason poll, five Peach Belt teams -including KSU- are ranked in the nation's top 25. Sansing said he believes the Peach Belt is the toughest competition in Division II, "It is pretty well documented. This is the best Division II conference in the country and it is no different, if you look at every year, you will see five-to-six Peach Belt teams in the top 20." Roman said the tough competition in the PBC is good for the program's future, "I think that's going to make it easier with this D-I move. We'd be coming from [the Peach Belt] into Division I, it really, it prepares you."

GC&SU, Augusta State, Columbus State and North Florida all occupy top 20 spots in the preseason poll. The only

PBC team that is ranked higher than the Owls is North Florida. Sansing said he considers NFU a strong rival, which has produced some impressive clashes with the Owls in the past. "We've battled with them for the past four-to-five years. We've matched up in some regionals, and we won a couple and lost a couple," said Sansing.

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Assistant Coach  
Bob Roman

NFU swept the Owls at home last year, outscoring them 31-13. KSU will visit NFU March 12-13. It will not be the last meeting between the teams in the future. NFU will also be making the jump to D-I, and the Atlantic Sun, in 2006.

The final season for the Owls in D-II is a couple weeks from opening day and Sansing looks to enter D-I with some momentum. "We have had a great run in Division II. We would like to go out with another national championship," Sansing said. "Our players are well aware of everything and excited about the Division I move, as well as the coaches. It is the right step for the university and our athletic programs."

Looking into the future, the move to the A-Sun will bring new opportunities for the baseball program. This includes a possible opponent in the LSU Tigers in the coming years, according to Roman. He said he also believes the tough 2005 D-II schedule will prepare the Owls to compete immediately in Division I. "We have always wanted to play Georgia and Georgia Tech because we know we can compete with those guys," said Roman.

The future for the 2005 KSU baseball team is now. Being that this is the last season in D-II for the Owls, and factoring in their preseason ranking, nothing would close the chapter on the Peach Belt history of KSU baseball better than a 2006, D-II National Championship.

### Collegiate Baseball Magazine Division II Preseason Poll [1/4/05]

Rank / Team	2004 Record
1 Delta St.	54-11
2 Central Missouri St.	57-8
3 Florida Southern	35-22-1
4 North Florida	41-18
5 Rollins	48-12
6 Kennesaw St.	32-24
7 Cal St. Chico	42-21-1
8 Grand Valley St.	46-16
9 Columbus State	40-21
10 Sonoma St.	39-28

# Eagles too proud to be caged

Tommy McNulty  
Sports Editor

The game was over before it even started. All one had to do was look at the tears running down Eagles' linebacker Jeremiah Trotter's face as Timmy Kelly, a blind local 9-year-old kid with cerebral palsy, sang his heart out to the "Star Spangled Banner" in front of 67,717 restless souls.

Trotter's face resembled a weather-beaten warrior's, one who would be fighting his last battle with nothing left to hide. The rugged man's face revealed strength, humility, tranquility and a smouldering fire all at once. But most of all, his face reflected what all of his teammates' reflected- that the Eagles would not be walking off of the field that night without a victory.

It was destiny in its purist form. The epic snowstorm, howling winds, numerous critics and a T.O.-less WR corps-- none of those things could prevent this season's Philadelphia Eagles from atoning for their last three heartbreaking seasons of NFC Championship loss after NFC Championship loss.

This time they were the champs, beating the NFC South-winning Atlanta Falcons team easily, 27-10. The Falcons had an excellent season and were a worthy team, and they will only continue to improve in the years to come. But as for this season, they could not stand in the way of destiny or the Eagles.

Donovan McNabb played perhaps the best, and definitely most important, game of his career. Never before had anyone seen the poise and calm he displayed on the field Sunday night. He thrived on the 17-degree weather in which his feet guided him in and out of the pocket flawlessly, and his perception was crystal-clear. He was completely oblivious to anything in red and black.

McNabb had long ago dismissed all of the

critics, those accusing him of being a running QB who sometimes passed, or the ones who said he had built his season on T.O. He let his numbers speak for himself, running for 30 yards and passing for 180.

The Eagles' defense proved that Vick is not invincible. Defensive coordinator/legend Jim Johnson split pro bowlers Derrick Burgess and Jevon Kearse on the ends of the line to cover Vick, and the defense held him to just 26 yards rushing. Vick was clearly not ready for such a lethal attack. He displayed his rookie-ness with desperation runs and poorly placed passes.

Although one day he will shine brighter than anyone in the NFL, it was not to be that day.

Fickle at times, but always the most passionate, Eagles fans poured their hearts into this team once again, trying not to think about the fact that they would be labelled the "Bills of the NFC Championship" if they lost four in a row.

They spilled their beers, started fights, cursed the air and praised Rocky as they finally watched their team make it to the Super Bowl for the first time in 24 years. The city

of cheese steaks, Tasty Kakes and a bundle of brotherly love finally moved on. They broke down the door that had told them they were too dirty, too nasty and too blue-collar to ever amount to anything.

They will face another hard-nosed team in the New England Patriots, a team that is going for its third championship in four years. They will face Tom Brady, the near perfect playoff quarterback, and Corey Dillon, the runner who finally got his chance. And they will face the critics—lots of them. Critics that will tell them once again that they are outmatched, outsized and out-coached.

There is only one thing the Eagles won't be facing this time around, something they had previously faced year after failing year, and something that has now soared forward to a better place—themselves.



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# Owls give away win to ASU

## 16-point second half lead not enough in low scoring game

Tommy McNulty  
Sports Editor

In a game that seemed to be a sure-fire win for the Owls Saturday night, everything that could go wrong did. Visiting the Augusta State Jaguars on their own turf, the men's team played the first half and part of the second like they were a 9th. ranked team. Little of the same can be said, however, about their play for the remainder of the game.

The men headed into the half with a 30-25 lead, and expanded on it when they began the second half with an impressive 13-2 run. Rey Luque was only 4-15 in shooting, but still managed to produce 12 points for the Owls.

There was 14:23 left in the game when things began to fall apart. Holding a commanding 43-27 lead, the Owl's defense simply imploded. It allowed the Jaguars [10-7] to go on a 15-0 run, which broke KSU's morale and cut their lead to 43-42.

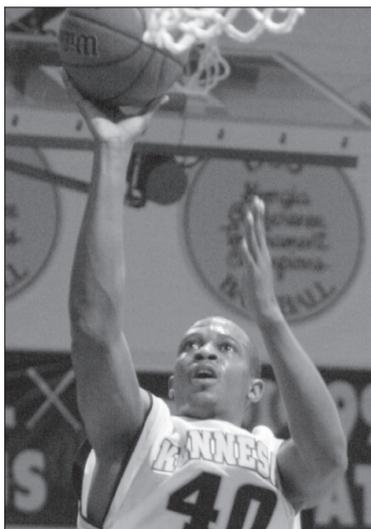
The Owls [13-2] received little produc-

tion from two of their top players in the game, as well. Tommy Thompson was held to two points, both free throws, while Cardale Talley made one lone three pointer.

With 1:56 left in the game, KSU came within one point of the lead. But ASU's Jason Mills stopped the rally when he landed two free throws, which made the score 54-51 and put the game out of the Owls' reach.

ASU's Clarence Brown was the only Jaguar to attain double digits in points with ten. As Brown made his last shot in the final second, the Owls were left wondering how they had lost their second conference game in seven days, and how they are going to ensure a win when they host GC&SU Jan. 26.

Both of the Owls' losses this season have come at the hands of fellow Peach Belt Conference teams. KSU will not drop out of the rankings after the loss to the Jaguars, but will need to step up its defensive play to stay on top of a surprisingly competitive Peach Belt Conference this season.



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Lawrence Pruitt has led the team in shooting percentage this season with 66 percent.

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by Albert B. Kirky

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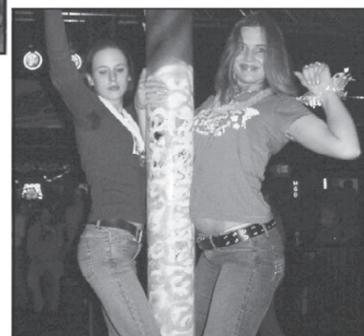
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Primary Prep Academy, a premier preschool located close to KSU in Cobb County, is now hiring lead and assistant teachers for all age groups. Both full and part-time positions available. If interested, please call 678-594-8700 or fax resume to 678-594-0889.

Childcare needed every other Thursday night for 2 children (ages 3 and 5) in our Acworth home. Must have own transportation and provide references. Call or email-pam@finnegangroup.com, 770-975-7173.

Quality child care in my home. Two openings for the 2004/05 Cobb County calendar school year. Full-time and part-time hours available (7 am to 5:00 pm). You will pay only for the days your child attends. 18 years experience. References available. Semi-structured preschool environment offering daily nutritional meals and outdoor play. Located one mile from KSU. When considering quality care and love for your child, call Lisa at 770-419-5585.

E. Cobb family needs after school care for 6 and 8 year old boys (2:30 pm - 5 pm M, W, Th, Fr and 2:30 - 3:45 on Tu). Some driving needed. Help with homework and play! Call Maureen and Dave at 404-526-4043 (day) or 678-560-0414 (night).

Childcare needed for two young children. Must enjoy spending quality time with energetic little ones. Light housekeeping. One or two days (approx. 10 hours). 770-509-9097 or 770-833-0677

Parents who have home offices looking for a student majoring in Early Childhood Education to care for our two and half year old in our home. Flexible schedule/good pay. Please call Annie a.k.a Ashley's mom at:(678) 493-4763.

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Seeking Early Childhood Education or similar major to watch our twin 6-month-old sons two days a week. Which two days you work is flexible. Work hours are approximately 8 to 5. Pay is negotiable and depends on previous experience. Please call 770-426-7405 to set up an interview or e-mail your resume including previous similar experience and references to ken\_ruth@bellsouth.net. Afternoon help wanted 2-4:30, 3-5 days Mon-Fri, Roswell/Alpharetta. Must be reliable and have own car. \$12/hr. 770-752-0760.

Childcare staff needed for Atlanta health spa. \$7.50 + potential bonus. Resumes to kbrannon@wellbridge.com or visit www.acnortheast.com to submit an online app. Great for edu., mktg. & comm. majors. Will work around classes.

Seeking a loving, energetic caregiver for a happy toddler in a Decatur home. 40 hours/week, Monday through Friday. Master's counseling or education students preferred; excellent references and own transportation a must. Relaxed, fun environment. Excellent pay and paid time off. 678-613-7044.

After School Care needed in Kennesaw area for 10 yr. old girl. M, T, Th 2:30-6:30PM. Some flex. in hours if needed. Responsible for taking her to and from dance classes in Woodstock (15min drive). Reliable transportation, Good driving record and references a must. Your time is your own while she is at dance. Interested? Call Jody (D 770/856-0909, (N) 770/529-0607.

Dependable reliable person needed 3 days per week, for 3 to 5 hours per day. To care for a 3 year old. Please call Nicola at 770-270-8139.

Needing someone special to care for my children in my home. Townlake area /3 years old & new born. Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:30. 770-517-1066.

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**BEST LOCAL JOB Nearby!** Sporting goods store seeking motivated, organized, computer savvy indiv. to assist with diverse tasks in a fast-growing, sports-oriented company. Flexible hours. 770-516-5995 fax or email rugby@ballsout.com inquiries/resumes. Perfect job to learn the ropes of innovative business. Avail. immediately.

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Love art, Love Kids. Young Rembrandts needs art instructors for minimal part time work (2 to 6 hrs/week) in the Kennesaw area. Must be able to work at least 2 days per week between 2 and 4 PM. No degree necessary but a background in art and experience working with children is required. Excellent Pay! Please call Young Rembrandts at (770) 424-5685

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Lifeguards: Nautix Pools is hiring ft/pt lifeguards for the upcoming summer. Pools located in cobb county. Flexible schedules. Lifeguard training and CPR classes available. Looking for mature, professional and dependable guards. Call Allison at 770-485-3672 or apply online at www.nautixpools.com

Currently seeking part-time & full-time Bank Tellers who are upbeat and ready to promote Riverside Bank. We are seeking individuals with a winning attitude and the ability to be a team player. A minimum of 1 year bank teller experience required. The part-time positions will travel between our Buckhead and Cobb County branches working 20-25 hours per week. Email your resume to lmeer@riversidebank.net or fax to (678) 784-7195.

Sales Office - Hiring detailed individuals for PT clerical/data entry/customer service and pricing inventory/merchandising. M-F 20-25 hrs. Close to campus 770-928-3338 Fax 770-928-1718

Zyng Asian Grill is coming to the Avenue of West Cobb. Zyng is a full service, casual theme restaurant. We are seeking energetic, outgoing team players to be part of our dynamic opening team. We will be conducting personal interviews Mon - Sat from 10 to 4 beginning 01/17/05. Positions available include Servers, Bartenders, Hostesses, Line and Prep cooks, Bussers and Dishwashers. We offer a great work environment, flexible scheduling, opportunity for advancement and more. Apply in person at Zyng Asian Grill in the Avenue of West Cobb, 3625 Dal-las Highway, Marietta, GA 30064. For early consideration complete an online application at www.zyngatlanta.com. For additional information visit www.zynginternational.com

Atlanta premier comedy club, The Punchline, is looking for additional staff as we continue to grow. Enjoy a work environment that is filled with laughter and hang with celebrities. Perfect work schedule to fit with class schedule or supplemental part-time employment. Door staff, Reservationists, kitchen, waitstaff, and bar shifts are available. Contact Marcey at (404) 252-0358. On the web at www.punchline.com

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Part time weekends \$16/hr -2 openings - will train - operate broadcast video cameras/multi-media computers on location for local Production company working with bands/dj's at high end wedding receptions/bar mitzvahs/corporate events in Buckhead/Dunwoody area - call Rick at Music King 770.888.8838 Tues-F 10a-4p

Part time weekends \$25/hr - 4 positions open on dance team - will train - rehearsals - Music King is a local production company working with bands/dj's at high end wedding receptions, bar mitzvahs & corporate events on location in the Buckhead/Dunwoody area - call Rick at

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Gain valuable experience working with autistic child. All training provided. You will be helping child learn cognitive and self-help skills via behavioral approach. Flexible hours (4-8/wk). Close to campus. Call 770-423-7039.

Waiters and Waitresses wanted by a restaurant on Barrett Pkwy. Call Felix at 770-514-8868.

Certified Financial Planner is looking for office assistant. P/T @ 10 hrs/wk. Finance, business, or management background/major required. Email resume to leslie.a.cook@aexp.com

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