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Classes on the move

Convocation center opens for students



Nick Mracek | The Sentinel

Future sporting events will be played in the center's new gymnasium.

Olivia Nolden
Sr. Staff Writer

After several months of construction and postponed opening dates, KSU's academic classes and faculty offices moved to the Convocation Center on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

"We are beginning a phased move of the classes originally scheduled in the building at the start of the Spring 2005 semester," said Dr. Sandra Gangstead, Chair of the Dept. of Health, Physical Education and Sports Science.

HPS 1000, Fitness for Living, was the first class to move because it affected the general population of students at KSU. Classes are being held in Rm. 2007, the smaller lecture room of the Classroom and Convocation Center.

"It will be nice to have heat and air conditioning in the new building," said Andrew Weaver, undeclared sophomore.

Gangstead said there are signs posted around the building to help direct students to their classes.

"It's going to be a transitioning process for everyone in the move," said Gangstead. "The building was just approved for academics on Feb. 10."

"I have an HPS 1000 class and we were scheduled to move Monday, Feb. 14, but it looks like it will be sometime next week," said Chris Early, undeclared freshman.

► The Center will be opened just in time for KSU's Week of Symposium scheduled for April 4.

The next phase of the move will include the HPS Department faculty offices and athletic offices. It is scheduled to take place during the week of Feb. 21 through Feb. 25.

Leslie Clark-Malzhon, Director of the Office of Special Events, said she is looking forward to the many events scheduled in the Classroom and Convocation Center in the near future.



David Waples
Director of Athletics

"We get calls almost everyday on potential events being hosted in the new building, from conferences to clinics and even athletic camps," she said. "Most importantly, we will be able to have KSU's Spring 2005 commencement ceremony in May. It will be the first graduation ceremony held at the Classroom and Convocation Center," Clark-Malzhon said.

"Three of KSU's commencement ceremonies were originally scheduled in the new building, but were relocated elsewhere because it was not ready yet," Clark-Malzhon said. "I know that the future of the Classroom and Convocation Center will be very prosperous."

The opening of the Classroom and Convocation Center will not change the schedule for the remaining basketball practices and games of the Spring 2005 season, however, because the gym floor has not yet been approved for use.

"The remainder of all basketball games will be played in the Spec Landrum Center until next fall," said Dr. Dave Waples, Athletic Director.

Dr. Waples also looks forward to the Fall 2005 season in athletics.

"The new gym will seat 4,000 people, and we are excited for a sparked attendance at future games," Waples said.

The entrance to the Classroom and Convocation Center is on the second floor, facing the Campus Green. All classes will be held on the first and second levels.



New smoking policy

Designated smoking areas to be strictly enforced



Sasha Bailey | The Sentinel
Students frequently stop to smoke on their way to class.

Jennifer Garrett
Staff Writer

KSU may soon follow the trend of banning and restricting smoking in public places throughout the country.

The Public Safety Advisory Committee has discussed a proposed smoking policy, recommended by the KSU administration, but they want student feedback before they approve of the suggested policy.

This new policy would designate smoking areas throughout campus. Smoking would be strictly limited to those areas.

According to Dr. Harold Trendell, Public Safety Advisory Committee Chair, both Gainesville College and North Georgia College have introduced similar smoking policies and they are working well. Right now it is unclear how the proposed policy would be enforced.

Health risks for people affected by secondhand smoke and cigarette litter are the causes for the new smoking policy debate.

"Operating on the principle of public safety and the principle that the right of the general populous to clean air supersedes the right of anyone to smoke, the committee recommended with the backing of the administration, that designated smoking areas be set up at specific sites across campus and that smoking would only take place at and within these sites," Trendell said.

Currently, there is a 20-foot "No Smoking Zone" at all doors, but according to Trendell, "they aren't well marked and people are generally ignoring the signs." He said the only place they are working is between the Social Science building and Wilingham Hall.

"It should be noted that Georgia

Code 16-12-2 gives all public and private institutions the right to regulate smoking on their premises, and that many smokers are seen respecting the 20-foot barrier," Trendell said.

This barrier has been in effect for four years. The Environmental Concerns Committee sought a complete ban of smoking on campus, but they, along with the administration and Public Safety Advisory Committee members, recognized that a total ban would not be an attainable goal at this time.

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Trendell requested Student Government members to "take a look at the policy and convey the message that the administration is really not happy with the way the campus looks." He also suggested that Student Government get students' reactions about this new proposal.

He explained there might be a need for an open forum discussion between the Public Safety Advisory Committee, the administration and students in the future. The proposal will be discussed in further detail at the next Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting March 14.

For more information, contact Student Government, ext. 6276.



Bringing on the new year

Chinese celebrate the Year of the Rooster



Colleen Duffy
Staff Writer

The Chinese Student Association and Asia Club, along with KSU special events and the Office of the Interim Vice President for Diversity and Human Resources, collaborated efforts Feb. 10 in the KSU Center to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

The celebration was filled with fun, food and many unique Chinese cultural traditions that represented the true Chinese culture beyond the "fortune" cookie-cutter stereotypes that Americans sometimes attribute to the Chinese. Stella Xu, Founder and President of the Chinese Student Association and Asia Club, expressed the importance of being able to share the Chinese New Year festival with KSU faculty and students.

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Lin Zhao masters a traditional Tai Chi sword.

Reporters under the microscope

Professionals discuss trust between journalists and the public

Ashley Williams
Staff Writer

KSU hosted "Journalism and the Public: Restoring the Trust," a symposium held Friday, Feb. 11. The event was followed by the Mid-Winter Conference for the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

The symposium is the first event in a series of projects and conferences to help lay the groundwork for the press to gain trust for their audience and for audiences to

gain a trust for the press.

The symposium consisted of an audience of about 80 individuals, three panelists, a mediator, KSU's Robert D. Fowler, distinguished chair in communication Leonard Witt.

The three panelists were Angela Tuck, public editor for the Atlanta-Journal Constitution, Richard T. Griffiths, Editorial Director for CNN and Matt Towery, Columnist and Chairman of Insideradvantage.com. These three individuals encompassed the different me-

dia outlets and brought fresh ideas and thoughts to create an informative discussion.

There were six trust issues between the press and the viewing audience that the symposium discussed: journalists can get facts wrong and refuse to admit error on their part, they use anonymous sources, reporters are either ignorant or incompetent, reporters prey on the weak and concentrate on bad and negative news, there is a lack of diversity and report-



Leonard Witt

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Positions are confirmed

Student Government calls a special session

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Student Government called a special session to confirm three appointments made by President Munzir Naqvi on Feb. 8.

Shannon Thompson, a former senator for SG, was presented as Secretary-Treasurer by Vice President Robert Connelly. Since Thompson had failed to get the required votes at the previous meeting, Naqvi reappointed her for the position.

Sen. Jon Crider motioned for a secret ballot vote that was seconded by Sen. Brad Klaus. The senate voted 16-2-3 to vote by secret ballot. The senate cast their vote and the preliminary results were 13-7-1.

In order to comply with Robert's Rules of Order, Connelly exercised his option as chair to cast the deciding vote. According to Robert's Rules of Order, 2/3 of the senate must vote to confirm an appointment. Connelly's vote was needed to meet the 2/3 vote. Connelly cast his vote in favor of confirming Thompson.

Robert's Rules of Order was originally written by Henry Martyn

Robert, an engineering officer in the Army. Robert decided to write the book after he had been asked to preside over a meeting and was unsure of how to do so. After an embarrassing meeting, Robert realized he needed to learn about parliamentary law. While traveling throughout the United States with the Army, Robert concluded that each country had different procedures. To stop the chaos, Robert came up with the Robert's Rules of Order.

Crider was confirmed as the Secretary of External Affairs with a vote of 21-0-0.

Last semester, Crider was a non-traditional senator and also the governance chair. He worked to keep increasing tuition costs down for the spring semester by participating in a successful petition.

In his new role, Crider will integrate his previous experiences and continue to develop new solutions for possible university budget and funding decreases.

With a vote of 22-0-0, Walter Lawrence was appointed as the Student Activities and Budget Advisory Committee's graduate representative.

This committee is comprised of delegates in the administration, fac-



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Jon Crider and Shannon Thompson are sworn in by President Munzir Naqvi.

ulty, staff and students. SABAC's main job, is to analyze the breakdown of the budget and consider its possible uses.

Lawrence explained that graduates pay more money for student activities than they receive in funding. Therefore, they are subsidizing activities for undergraduates.

In regards to this issue, Lawrence

said he promised, "...to see that the graduate students get treated fairly. After all, they pay student activities fees every semester too."

"The main reason I joined Student Government was to make a difference at KSU and meet new people," Crider said. "This semester we have had an increased interest in SG and have been

appointing new senators every week."

There are still positions to be filled. Anyone interested can download an application at www.ksusg.com and return it to the SG office on the third floor of the Student Center.

Open meetings are held Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Call ext. 6276 for location.

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Reporters

ers cannot admit when there is not a story.

The first issues discussed were the concentration on negative news and the ramifications for errors that occur in print media, like newspapers. Tuck said, depending on the severity of the error, a couple of different actions may occur. The AJC will print retractions and corrections on page two of the paper. If the error is significant enough, additional reporters will be sent out to find out more about the story. Reporters can face disciplinary actions, and if there are continuous errors, their careers are over. They lose credibility with the public. Tuck also discussed the differences between on-line and print retractions. Though it may take away some of the reporters' accountability, on-line retractions are more effective because the story can be instantly fixed.

The next topic discussed was anonymous sources. When reporters use anonymous sources, fact can become fiction and embellishment can occur. Griffiths said that these sources are used most often in dealing with the government.

He went on to say that by allowing use of these sources, the public gets a window into the government.

Towery said that there are two misconceptions about anonymous sources: that most journalists think that the public does have a right to know what is going on and that because these sources are anonymous, they should be protected from the law. He said these misconceptions fall in a murky area. For example, the source should have some protection, but they should not be immune from the law.

When the topic of preying on the weak and only concentrating on bad news was discussed, Tuck admitted that there is some truth to that, but they are moving in other directions.

"Newspapers are taking on higher powers. They are scrutinizing them and holding their feet in the fire. They are not looking to crucify the average citizen," said Tuck.

"Breaking news is usually unhappy," Griffiths said. CNN wants to do more explanatory reports, so their audience can better understand the significance of the news that is presented.

Towery said that media goes where the story goes, and people forget the next day. It

becomes old news and is not typically thought of again.

The discussion went on for an hour and a half, and ended leaving the audience with new perspectives, new thoughts and a better understanding of how the media is trying to overcome the obstacles that lie before it.

The symposium was not originally scheduled to be a part of the Saturday conference. The idea came about when Witt had a discussion with a colleague about objectivity in the media. As the discussion continued, the two decided to create an atmosphere where people could discuss this subject and gain greater insight. Witt said he would organize it if his colleague would help fund it.

The conference was held on Saturday and had 100 scholars registered, all ready to present papers and thoughts on what is going on in the media today. There were academics from 22 states and three countries, according to Witt, who hosted the symposium and conference here at KSU.

Prior to becoming a professor at KSU, Witt was a civil journalist for 30 years and as a chair, has been involved with the Civic Journalist Interest Group. He is also president of PJNet.org.

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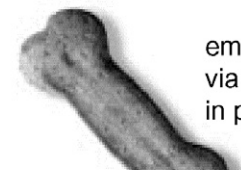
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POLICE BEAT

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Early in the morning, Jan. 31, police were called to the Sturgis Library when a man was noticed in the library prior to its opening.

According to the report, police questioned the Acworth man who said he had entered the library prior to its close the previous evening. He indicated he was not a student at KSU, but "...he didn't think that it was a problem for him to wait until the library opened."

After being issued a warning for criminal trespass the man was taken off campus.

According to a report filed, KSU police arrested a man on Wednesday, Feb. 2, after he gave officers a false name and they discovered his identity from his picture on a Georgia Department of Corrections Inmate Identification card.

Officers investigated a gray Dodge truck, stopped in the middle of a lane, on Chastain Road. When questioned, the passenger said the vehicle was out of gas and he was going to get more at Chevron.

While awaiting his return, the officers asked for the identification of the driver. He looked, and then said he did not have it with him, but gave them a name and date of birth. Once the passenger returned, he also stated he did not have identification with him, but gave them his name and date of birth.

Dispatch ran both names

through the GCIC, along with the tag of the vehicle. The driver showed no record on file, while the passenger had a suspended license for no insurance. In addition, the tag on the vehicle belonged to a Ford Taurus.

Officers again asked the driver for his name, and he stated the same. They then arrested him for driving without a license. The passenger was allowed to call someone for a ride.

Police then searched the vehicle and found the driver's wallet behind the seat. Inside was a Georgia Department of Corrections Inmate Identification card with his picture. Dispatch again checked with GCIC for the driver's status. The officer also saw that the truck did not have a gas pedal.

GCIC indicated that the man's license had expired in 1989 and was revoked for no insurance, felony with a motor vehicle, habitual violator and another no insurance with DUI.

He was then "...arrested on citation arrest for false name and date of birth citation..., unregistered vehicle citation..., license plate used with intent to conceal identity citation..., driving while driver's license revoked citation..., and operating unsafe or improperly equipped vehicle [gas pedal] citation..."

The driver was transported to Cobb ADC and released into their custody. The vehicle was impounded.

Police respond to call Student transported to the hospital

Jason Nimer
Staff Writer

The KSU police dispatched an officer to Campus Services at 11:27 a.m. Feb. 10. The police were notified that a young woman had been wandering around the parking lot in the nude.

When the officer arrived, the woman was found sitting in a chair on the payroll side of building. The officer covered the woman with a blanket and attempted to communicate with her. She

behaved erratically, alternately laughing and crying.

According to the police report, she told the officer "she saw demons and was being attacked by them."

Cobb County emergency services were notified and soon arrived.

The young woman was given a series of tests and it was discovered she needed to be transported to the hospital for further examination.

The girl was not able to give the officers much infor-

mation except for her name. The police department was able to obtain her student records.

The girl's mother was contacted and the situation was explained to her. According to the police report, she stated that she had noticed some changes in her daughter over the past week, and she had been acting very depressed and appeared to be experiencing erratic mood swings.

The police report stated while the woman was being transported to Kennestone Hospital, she became hostile.

Officers searched the woods near Campus Services and discovered the girl's clothing. The area was taped off for further investigation.

"We do not anticipate any further charges. We hope she is okay," said Sergeant Paul Kemper-Anderson, Assistant Director of Public safety.



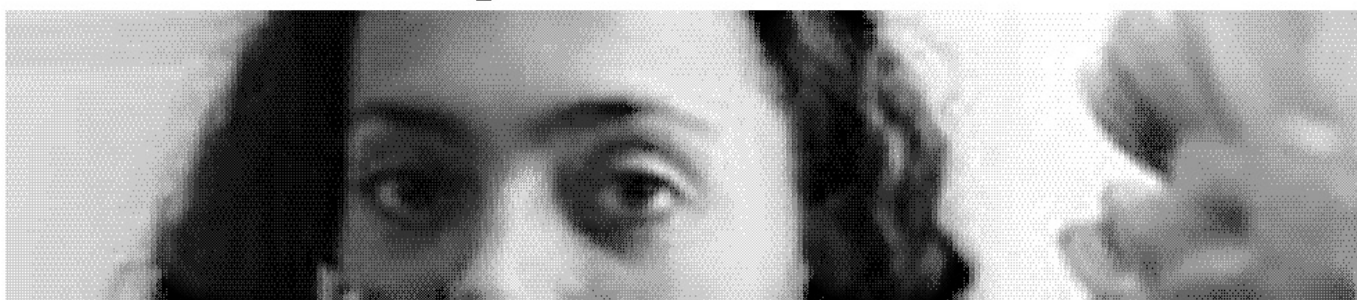
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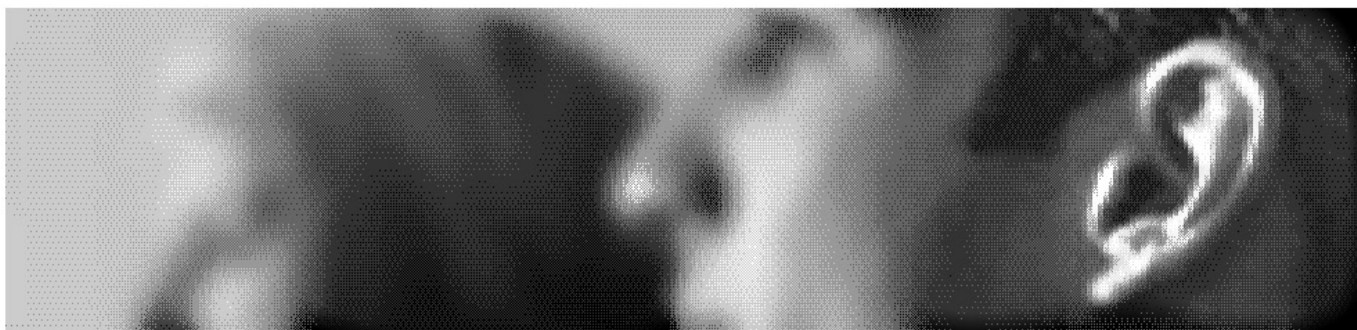
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A last ditch defense of marriage

I was wrong. I recently wrote an article imploring you to reconsider your views on same sex marriage. Please forgive me, as I wrote in ignorance and arrogance. I did not consider that the adversaries of same sex marriage were truly only trying to defend a sacred institution, indeed the foundation of all that is good in our society. My only thought was to defend the honor and image of our country by preventing us from marring our good name with yet another round of persecutions and discriminations.

Having reached the painful [and

somewhat surprising] conclusion that I was wrong, my mind continues to seek other ways that we can defend the institution of marriage. Please consider the following modest proposal as my penance. I have erred, I repent of my errors, and now I seek to accomplish the defense of marriage. I have some small knowledge of tactical defense that I earned during my long years in the Army. Please allow me to put it to work in a cause that will benefit us all. The most potent enemy of every marriage is divorce, so I will focus this effort there.

My first line of defense for this fragile institution is to address the age of consent. It should be no surprise that a disproportionately high number of divorces are among those aged between 15 and 34 years. For whatever reason, the younger population is less inclined to stay married. I propose that we increase the marriageable age to 35. In order to be truly effective, this will

have to be a national standard. We can only accomplish a national standard by amending our Constitution. We must defend marriage at any cost, so the civil liberty of younger people is of no real concern. We must focus on the end and absolve ourselves of the means.

The next layer of our defensive breastworks protects us from greed. With the rising divorce rate in the United States we have witnessed the birth of a new and fearsome enemy, the prenuptial agreement. The sole purpose of these "agreements" is to protect the financial stability of the partner who has the highest monetary value. Indeed, in a society where prosperity theology is on the rise, it is only natural to protect our divine dividends. It must end. Effective immediately, all prenuptial agreements are to be considered null and void. Any lawyer who has facilitated a prenuptial agreement is hereby disbarred. Any lawyer who attempts to argue against the defense of marriage is obviously se-

ditionous, and should be stoned, hanged, executed by firing squad or otherwise made to cease his earthly existence by whatever means are expedient at the time. Feel no remorse for these barristers. They were the enemy of marriage. They sought to destroy the moral fabric of our beloved country, as so many moths will devour a wool coat of many colors.

Our last line of defense, and perhaps the most important, addresses the mechanism and form of marriage itself. Many marriages end through simple neglect. This is a result of the feeling of security and complacency that some gain when lawfully wedded. We take our partners for granted. We ignore the needs and the desires of those whose

needs and desires should matter most. Small hurts build up over time and lead to resentment. Resentment can lead to infidelity. Infidelity can assuredly lead to divorce. The solution to this is obvious. Marriage in its current form, is until death does part us, one from another. All marriage vows and contracts are forthwith amended to read more like a business contract. Would you agree to purchase widgets from the same supplier forever? Of course you wouldn't. You may sign a contract, but when that contract is up, you will reevaluate the market and make the

business decision that is best for your business. If a term of marriage were three years, each partner would know

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There are several positive points about our northern neighbor. They have a public, nationally funded healthcare system, strong environmental and foreign policies, gay rights, no capital punishment and no federal deficit. Canada is the only G-7 nation to run a budget surplus since 1996, while our budget deficit is expected to reach a record amount, over \$400 billion dollars this year.

According to a statistical report published by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, by the end of the second quarter of 2004, immigrants from the U.S. had increased by 49 percent [rising to 2067 people] for a current total of 3895.

Immigration experts speculate that number could double or triple following the recent re-election of President Bush. Check out a recent New York Times article, dated Feb. 08, 2005, by Rick Lyman. It contains real-life cases of people fed up and moving out. While roughly 4000 people is quite miniscule out of a population of 293 million, if that number doubles or triples to 18,000 [roughly the current enrollment of KSU], it could begin an emigration trend.

Does this all mean that America will eventually empty out? Probably not. However, it does signal a significant trend.

A trend of people who harbor deep political and personal sentiments about what is happening in these United States. It signals that the deep divisions in this country are getting deeper, while the President continues his destructive agenda.

Is moving to Canada the right answer? Is it too drastic? Perhaps America the great could take a few lessons from her neighbor on how to properly run a country. On the other hand, perhaps this is all just my opinion.

Beau Harper
Columnist



What a bunch of losers

A true definition of the word

Amie Flanagan
Columnist



You're sitting in class one day and you see that person walk in ten minutes late, talking on their cell phone. The instructor casts them the evil eye, but they don't take the hint. Your first thought? What a loser! Is this the true definition of loser? What is it that truly defines a loser?

I've come across many people who we could say were losers. The druggies, the alcoholics and the people who call a store at 5:00 a.m. to ask, "Are you open?" The ones who walk into a store with every light out and ask, "Are you closed?" Perhaps even the ones who walk down the hall talking to their friends and every time you try to pass them, they seem to have radar because, no matter which way you try to go around them, they block your path. Those are not losers. You can say it, but it is not accurate. Those are just annoyances, pet peeves or chuckholes on the road of life, however you choose to say it. They may drive you crazy, but they can still be winners. So, what is a loser? I've thought about it and narrowed the criteria down to four areas.

Someone who cannot take responsibility for his or her actions is probably a loser. For example, if you like to speed, and the day comes that your license is revoked, then all you can do is whine about how it isn't your fault. Alternatively, maybe the girl who gets pregnant, then screams "she had no idea how that could've happened." Or a parent whose kid is an uncontrollable brat and a compulsive liar, but the parent can't see that their child is just plain bad. Or it's someone else's fault that you failed your test. For example, you couldn't get your significant other to leave, or you had to have your nails done. If you are a loser, you are never at fault.

The second hallmark of a loser is a profound lack of respect. Have you ever been talked down to? Have you gotten the caustic smirk? Did someone shove past you without even so much as an "excuse me?" Yes, these are losers. These are the ones who do not care what happens to you or to others around them as long as they get what they want and they get it now. These people are the ones that will lie to you, steal from you, cheat off you and then blame you for something that they have done.

The third category in this litmus test is my personal favorite. People who refuse to think for themselves. I love it when people come up to me from a political or religious affiliation, and start shoving things down my throat expecting me to agree with them. I adore the students who, when a professor is talking, just sit there and take it in as though the professor is infallible. They swallow anything they are told and make it their own opinion. I had a friend once who was so easy with this, you could tell her anything and she would believe it. A loser has no real opinion. Their opinion is whatever they think will make you like them. Another friend of mine has proven how easy it is to make people think the way you want them to. What is her hook, line and sinker? She has gotten oh so many people to sign up for a pyramid scheme because they couldn't think themselves out of a wet paper bag.

The fourth, and final, tier of my loser flow chart is accomplishment. The loser cannot get anything done. Seriously,

don't sit on your butt and whine that you have screwed up your life. So what if your parents are divorced? So what if you broke up with your significant other? Who cares if you're fat? While it is good to talk things over, to dwell on them will consign you to the loser category. You have the ability to say "Okay, this is happening in my life, so what is my next plan of action? How can I solve this problem efficiently? If I can't solve it how can I react to this positively rather than negatively?" Your past is what made you who you are today, but you get to choose tomorrow. The future is a product of your present choices.

In short, my definition of a loser is a person who refuses responsibility, doesn't respect anyone, refuses to think for themselves and cannot get anything done. We all have loser tendencies sometimes, but if we want to be winners, we have to overcome them.

Marry in haste, repent at leisure

Georgia's marriage amendment will actually benefit homosexuals

Georgia's marriage amendment is going to create a lot of pain and heartache. Not necessarily because it is mean-spirited and reactionary [which it is], but because it is going to create a legal nightmare, the full ramifications of which are not at all clear. In the rush to create laws banning activities, legislative bodies tend to uncover the fault lines in our understanding of society. That is exactly what has happened with this amendment.

Perhaps I should demonstrate. What is marriage? Is it a covenant between two people and their God? Is it a contractual agreement about support and care? Is it a social structure for raising children? Is it a public agreement between private people defining property rights and lineage? Or, is it something else entirely?

If it is a religious covenant, why does the State vest the church with the power to bestow its benefits? If it is simply a contract, where are the forms

and signatures? To say it is only one of these, is to indicate that it isn't any of the others, which can't really be true. To say it is all of them is to assume too much about any given marriage. In truth, each marriage is a conglomeration of some of these ideas. Each marriage is unique in the understanding that its members bring about the nature of that particular marriage. This creates a huge problem when we decide to start defining what is and isn't a legal marriage, because if we cannot define what marriage is we cannot accurately define what it isn't either.

You may ask why this is important. The amendment doesn't really get into that question. The amendment simply points to marriage as a union between

one man and one woman. However, here's the big rub, it turns around and says nothing that isn't a marriage, can be held up as a marriage. In other words, if you haven't gotten married you can't act like you're married. Before you congratulate yourselves on nailing the point, ask yourself another question. Who does that definition really affect? It isn't the homosexuals in Georgia who want to get married, because they couldn't get married anyway. They've been dealing with this lack of social structure all along. So, I'll ask again, who is really impacted by this legislative statement? The largest impact will be on the 126,000 unmarried heterosexual couples in Georgia who, by constitu-

tional amendment, can no longer count on "next of kin" benefits.

In other words, no more health insurance or survivorship benefits. Oh, and there is another group that's getting hurt by this. There are approximately 11,000 children under the age of 17 who are being raised by same-sex partners. Also, 46 percent of those unmarried heterosexual couples are raising children. Those kids risk losing health and survivorship benefits. If you voted for that amendment, you should be proud of yourself. You've profoundly defended marriage by taking medicine and health care away from children. Of course, if you're one of the zealots who pushed this legislation upon us, you could argue that those unmarried heterosexual couples should just get married anyway, right?

That doesn't make any sense at all. This whole issue, the "defense of marriage," came about because the zealots feel that allowing same-sex couples the right to be joined in a legal

union weakens the sanctity of marriage and somehow damages the overall institution of marriage. In other words, allowing gay folks to get married threatens everyone else's marriage. By that same logic, every marriage somehow impinges its merits and faults upon every other marriage. If that were true, why would you want people to get married if they don't want to? Wouldn't that be contrary to the goal of keeping the institution of marriage strong? Ultimately, this is exactly the kind of faulty logic we run into when we decide to impose morality by legislation.

Which brings us to the ultimate problem, those who pushed this agenda have created for themselves. If we don't get rid of the amendment, we will have to put together a purely secular and legal definition of marriage. This will be found unconstitutional if its benefits aren't available to all persons equally.

So, congratulations! In defending your definition of marriage, you may have destroyed it!

Jon Edman
Columnist



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Marriages

that the marriage could end. They would be anxious to please each other so that the contract would be renewed. In the few cases where the partners are truly intolerable to each other, there would be no divorce. The marriage would end when the three-year contract was up and each partner would be free to pursue new and better suppliers.

This change should also encompass a large deposit. The poor have no business getting married in the first place. Lacking the monetary means to partake of acceptable entertain-

ment, the poor often resort to having sex with each other as a form of recreation. Being poor, they cannot afford birth control, and often, this recreational sex leads to children. These children are a further financial burden to those who were poor to begin with and perpetuate the condition of poverty. The petition for marriage will therefore not be considered unless a deposit of \$100,000 accompanies it. These monies will be held in trust until the first term of marriage is completed and then returned. Any interest generated on this trust will be assigned to the retirement accounts of the partners. If, for whatever reason, the first term of marriage is not completed, the trust will be confiscated by the state and

deposited into the general fund to be used for whatever purpose the state sees fit. This will most likely be to provide sustenance and education for the children of the poor.

Let it never be said that I failed to make amends for my errant and misguided advocacy of same sex marriage. Drawing inspiration from Jonathan Swift, I have formulated simple solutions to the most complex of problems. Let nothing prevent us from implementing these remedies immediately. Any who disagree with our chosen course of action are the enemy, and deserve only scorn, contempt and death. We must defend the sanctity and viability of marriage at any cost, even if it consumes our souls.



Abortion supporters terrified of education

There is nothing wrong with a 24-hour wait

Consequences. That word, more than any other, causes moral relativists and narcissists around the world to cringe. The idea is that the choices we make as individuals could make a significant impact on those around us. We do not live autonomous lives that have no effect on anyone else. However, even the mention of the word "consequences," evokes cries and accusations of intolerance, arrogance and self-righteousness.

If we face up to the reality that our choices do affect others, it might change the way we approach our decisions. We might be more inclined to be cautious, caring and considerate. It may even motivate us to be more informed. Which brings us to the Georgia State Legislature and the Women's Right to Know Act.

This legislation is sponsored in the state house by Representative Sue Burmeister, and in the Senate by Nancy Schaffer and Renee Unterman. The bill would require a 24-hour waiting period for an abortion. It would require physicians to inform women of medical risks, alternatives and the probable gestation period of the child. Under this new provision, parents would have to accompany minors who seek an abortion.

These are not sweeping, drastic changes. Abortion would still be legal. The measure has widespread support in both houses. In a recent pole, by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 60 percent of readers supported a 24-hour waiting period. Measures similar to this are gaining momentum in other states as well. The idea is not to completely eliminate abortion, but to make women more aware of all the options.

Predictably, the militant feminists of Planned Parenthood and NARAL are already squealing about what a "radical regulation" this is. Overwhelmed with abject fear and armed with angry rhetoric, they plan to launch a full-blown assault on the state capitol. This is very amusing, because it exposes these people for who they are. To describe them as Pro-Choice is an insult. If they were really pro-choice, they would want women to know all the options regarding reproductive health. The pro-choice mantra they scream about in the abortion debate is conspicuously absent when choice is discussed with regards to schools, social security or other personal matters. The fact is, they are pro-abortion. They appear petrified that if women were given all the facts, there would be a lot less abortions.

For years, they have tried to dehumanize the fetus, and frame abortion as just another medical procedure. They seem terrified that if more information about the pain and suffering of a fetus is brought to light, more women may reconsider abortion. Unfortunately for radical feminists, the tide is turning. More women are thinking for

themselves, and rejecting this agenda. Three such women are sponsors of the legislation. The National Organization for Women, which claims to speak for women, has seen a steady decline in membership. Even the plaintiff in the original Roe v. Wade case in 1973, Norma McCorvey, is an outspoken advocate for life.

In increasing numbers, voters are pro-life. According to a poll conducted by Pace University, published in the New York Post last November, 54 percent of new voters characterized themselves as pro-life, while only 43 percent described themselves as pro-choice.

Jesse Velarde
Columnist



"You are absolutely right. I'm not a woman. But I was once a fetus."

Last year President Bush signed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. The act recognizes unborn children as victims in crimes.

Now, I'm sure to get some angry letters complaining that since I'm a man, I have no right to tell a woman what to do with her body. You are absolutely right. I'm not a woman. But I was once a fetus. Speaking for the 34,000 fetuses aborted last year, I want women to have all the facts before making a decision.

If you want to bring up that tired old argument, fine. Only those who have held political office can criticize politicians or ask for change. Only those who have served in the military can question the Pentagon. Only former prostitutes and former drug users can call for outlawing drugs or prostitution.

The tragic hypocrisy in all of this is that the same people who want to whine about how terrorists are suffering at Guantanamo Bay get angry when women are provided with more options and parents' rights regarding their teenagers are upheld.

The Declaration of Independence states "that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights... life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The first one was life. Isn't it odd that the people



complaining about government trying to protect life create a nannystate? These same people cry out for more government

programs to fund a welfare state that begins at the cradle and ends at the grave. They want the government to pay for health care, retirement and education. They want more government but, if an inconvenient child comes along, they scream, "butt out."

If you're feeling tempted right now to scream "What about rape, incest, or the life of the mother?" Remember that less than four percent of all abortions fall into this category. The Georgia State Legislature wants to do what many doctors already do before a major operation. They advise their patients of the alternatives and the side effects. Major drug companies do the same in their advertisements.

Burmeister, Unterman and Schafer have stood up to feminists by pursuing an agenda that truly looks out for women.

Bill seeks to undermine doctors

Places medical morality into the hands of pharmacists

"I can't fill that prescription, birth control is immoral." Women in Georgia seeking to fill a prescription for emergency contraceptives could hear that phrase. A bill filed earlier this month will allow pharmacists to refuse to dispense emergency contraception [EC] pills based on "moral or religious" grounds and be completely immune to lawsuits or disciplinary reaction from their employers. More and more pharmacists are refusing to fill prescriptions for ECs based on personal objections. These refusals are not only discriminatory but also put women's reproductive health in peril. They could easily lead to an increased number of unintended pregnancies.

This bill stems from the vocal anti-abortion crowd who spew misinfor-

Grant Voyles
Columnist



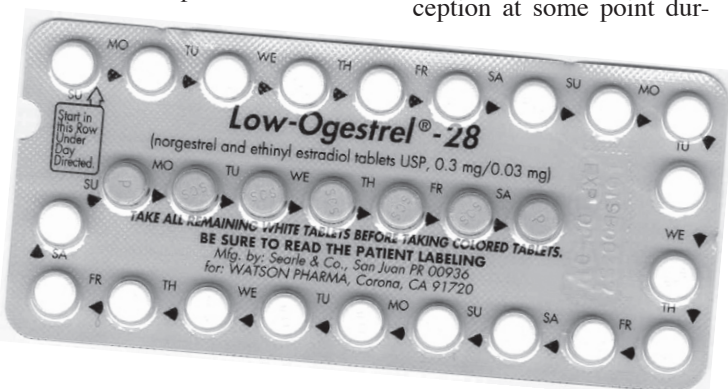
mation about ECs. However, the facts contradict them and their own cause. It is common knowledge that use of contraceptives reduces the number of unintended pregnancies. According to Planned Parenthood, 95 percent of American women use contra-

ing their "reproductive years." This bill has gained support because the anti-abortion groups are intentionally confusing ECs [commonly called Plan B] with the pill RU486. Plan B, when taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, can prevent pregnancy. Plan B works the same as birth control pills do, by preventing fertilization and implantation of an egg. This is not the same as RU486, which causes an abortion once a woman is pregnant. In fact, pharmacists have nothing to do with RU486. It is given by abortion providers, not pharmacists.

Between 60,000 and 120,000 prescriptions are written for ECs every year. Hard facts show that ECs do not cause an abortion. Anti-abortion proponents are actually hurting their own cause by opposing ECs. A study by the FDA reveals that the use of ECs could prevent as many as 1.7 million unintended pregnancies and 800,000 abortions each year. It really is a fairly simple formula. Birth control prevents unintended pregnancies,

so restricting access to birth control will have the opposite affect. This will increase the number of abortions. It is not hard to see the benefits of ECs. Of course, you can't expect too much from social conservatives.

Pharmacists are an extremely important part of the health care system. Their job is to dispense medication and educate patients. Allowing pharmacists to deny the diagnosis of a doctor simply for personal reasons is placing the wellbeing of women in jeopardy. By allowing pharmacists to override the orders of a physician, the Georgia legislature is placing judgment in the hands of someone who does not know any of the details as to why that prescription was written. Pharmacists, like doctors, are responsible for enhancing the health quality of their patients. Denying them their prescribed medicines does not do that. It would be both irresponsible and dangerous for the legislature to pass such a biased restriction on both medical and personal freedoms.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A high horse of a different color

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Jimmy Manor's letter concerning Dave Dalton's Viewpoints column entitled "Nautical Nonsense." Manor, obviously opposing Dalton's "viewpoint" [that's a key word, but I'll get back to that in a second], berated Dalton for, in his words, having "blasted Dr. Dobson." Manor goes on to "blast" Dalton himself, saying that Dobson is protected by constitutional rights of freedom of speech and the right to, "say whatever they want."

Pardon me if I'm wrong, but wasn't Dalton also expressing his freedom of speech, commenting on his displeasure with the Focus on the Family organization's campaign against homosexuality? Doesn't Dalton get afforded that extra right of freedom of the press? The Viewpoints columns in the Sentinel are just that, the viewpoints of those who write the columns.

One would think that the worst way to attack someone's negative opinion, of someone's opinion, is to say "hey, everyone's free to voice their opinion." The freedoms of Dobson and Manor do not outweigh those of Dalton or any other journalist.

On a side note, Manor's previous side note was his opinion, which doesn't necessarily outweigh the opinion of any

atheist, agnostic or any other deity. Perhaps it's Dr. Dobson and Manor who need to get off their high horses.

Matt Cruea

English education, sophomore

Agnostic is a seven-lettered word.

Dear Editor,

I'm actually not offended by the use of the word "God," but, as an agnostic, non-dogmatist, I must give the rationale behind some people's apparent disdain for the word.

First, if you talk of God and your belief of the holiness of the Bible or other texts, you're [if you remain true to the "Word"] subjugating people outside of your religious affiliation to eternal damnation. That tends to make people feel slighted, maybe even mad.

Second, the accountability of non-believers doesn't need to be questioned. In fact doesn't the reliance on "faith" to support the truth basically add up to intellectual, rational, and logical unaccountability? The reason I don't believe is because I hold myself accountable for everything I do. I wouldn't want to devote my life to a system of thought that I couldn't [using the best tool I've got, my mind] accept as true.

I can't say I speak for all agnostics, or even people who value pluralism, but I hope, for at least a few, my defense did justice to the cause of non-dogmatic knowledge. We just want the truth, not Christian truth, Jewish truth, Hindu truth or Islamic truth.

Matt Logan

Social science education, freshman

Is this college or the Roadkill café?

Dear Editor,

I am wondering about the animal shapes, with what appears to be tire tracks across their midsections, displayed prominently on campus. Where did they come from, what exactly are they supposed to be and why are they lining the road? I find them to be very disturbing and dislike passing them on my way to class every day. I'm not quite sure of the message they are intended to send, but I think they that are in ill taste and, in all honesty, they look tacky. My best guess is that they are in place to remind us to slow down to watch for animals, but I think that a "slow down and watch for animals" sign would be a bit more tasteful and appropriate.

Kayla Fox

Sociology, senior

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Bringing music to life
Oral Moses teaching music for two decades at KSU

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BRINGING ON THE NEW YEAR

Chinese celebrate the Year of the Rooster

"I think it's important for people to understand different cultures, especially because of the increase in the Chinese student population on campus," Xu said.

The Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, You You Sun and Jin Feng, cordially conducted the opening of the reception with a warm welcome and greeting.

For good luck and happiness, much of the décor was red, which also signifies protection against evil.

Of course, the Chinese New Year festival could not be celebrated without the legendary story of the evil monster that pillaged and plundered a Chinese village thousands of years ago.

"Usually the monster came on the last day of the lunar year," Xu said.

After the third year of the monster's continual chaos, the villagers displayed red banners, shot off firecrackers and banged loudly on drums to finally ward it off forever, and thus began the celebration of the New Year.

"It's also a time for the Chinese to clear all of their debts and is the best time to reconcile with friends over past arguments," Xu said.

A plethora of traditional Chinese foods, such as dumplings, spring rolls and rice were served for dinner along with a viewing of DVD clips of preparations of the Chinese New Year in China.

"We have a lot of fun in China because everything we prepare is with our own hands," Xu said.

Xu also explained some of the meanings behind the foods such as peanuts, which are believed to bring longevity, and lotus seeds which are symbols of fertility.

"[I]f you look inside a lotus flower, there are many seeds, which mean many children," Xu said.

In with the new and out with the

old is a common mantra associated with the coming of the New Year. For Xu, food, friends and family are her favorite things about celebrating the New Year.

"It's not only about Chinese food, but we have such a rich culture of all of the things that influence us in our lives," Xu said.

The evening climaxed with a traditional instrument played by faculty member Dr. Bin Yao Zheng, authentic Chinese Kung Fu techniques demonstrated by students of Hung Sing Goon Atlanta and a beautiful exhibition of the Tai Chi sword by Lin Zhao. Lisa Chyn and Anna Chyn of the An Fong Dance Company graced the audience with colorful, twirling ribbons and allowed for crowd participation onstage.

During the closing of the reception, the KSU Center was filled with a melodious song, "Hang Zhou, Our Heavenly City," sung by the MPA students, which was met with a standing ovation.

In hopes that the year of the rooster, or in Chinese culture, the chicken, will bring happiness and good fortune, Xu expressed her hope to continue to expand on future projects for the Chinese Student Association and Asia Club.

"I want the year to bring encouragement, harmony, and more understanding of culture diversity, because KSU is becoming the leading institution for international education," Xu said.

As a strong advocate for study abroad programs and international student organizations at KSU, Xu was truly astounded by the numerous amounts of people willing to partake in the Chinese New Year festival.

"We are here, let us make friends," Xu said.



Students from Hung Sing Goon Atlanta demonstrate authentic Kung Fu techniques.



The Chinese Dragon is a symbol of good fortune.



Hand movements play an important role in Chinese ribbon dance.

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James Brown is The Godfather of Soul.

Rhythm Nation

In comes the funk

Angela Mitchell
 Staff Writer

If you were one of the estimated 690 million people who caught the Grammy Awards Feb. 13, the only thing that may have kept your channel surfing to a minimum was, beyond the flaccid paralysis induced by the J. Lo and Marc Anthony bedroom duet, the promise of something a bit more legit. As the cameras panned out for a wide shot of the audience, background music began to play and the commentator thanked you for being a part of "music's biggest night." That promise flashed across

two men to keep the soulfulness of music alive, a physical representation of the wide gait of Brown's effect on the African-American musical community.

Usher may have received confirmation from the man himself, but he was, as so many others, a self-appointed apprentice to The Godfather of Soul at one time. Since the waxing of Brown's career in the 1960s, he has, as a bandleader, dancer and vocalist, influenced a huge stylistic range of popular musicians including Miles Davis, a monument in his own right. James Brown and his gyrating musical tentacles were fundamental elements in the



revolutionizing of African-American music. He was crucial in the evolution of gospel and R&B into soul, and was also exclusively responsible for the evolution of soul into funk. His signature one-three

beat inspired not only the soul of the 60s and the funk of the 70s, but also the rap beats and brake dance moves born in the 80s.

A landmark of musical and performance experimentation to this day, Brown provokes modern hip-hop and electronic artists to give him shout-outs in the endearing form of "the sample." The James Brown sample has become something of a right of passage among rap artists and DJs. But really, how could that 20 second drum solo at the end of "Funky Drummer," the most sampled piece of music in history, not make any track that much more incredible? Brown's golden road to this sampling utopia began in his hometown of Augusta, Georgia, where he collaborated with the vocal band The Famous Flames. His recordings of the late 50s were clear-cut gospel and R&B compositions, and it is these early recordings that contain the vocal and instrumental elements that would eventually become the beginnings of the 'funk' style. There was a rhythmic precision and attack on these albums that and doe-eyed promise between

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Virtual reality

A cyber-café with food, fun and games

Tony Capri
Staff Writer

Any day of the week, you can visit the student lounge at Carmichael Student Center and find a small gathering of folks huddled around a big screen television hard at work. What is their project? Gaming! Between classes, and during any other spare time, students flock to the latest game stations.

Although the Internet has added a large amount of excitement to this enormously growing pastime, gamers still desire face to face interaction with their peers. The demand for a place to meet and socialize with others has been answered, in part, by a relatively new type of venue called the "cyber-café." One of these new meeting places, OnlineDotCom, recently opened its doors in Kennesaw. Located in a small plaza suite on Barrett Parkway, OnlineDotCom, or "The Dot," is a high-tech world of supercharged computers and wide-screen televisions.

Upon entering, I am promptly greeted by one of the customer service representatives. I let her

know I am there to take advantage of their advertised "first hour free" offer, and I am given a brief tour of the café and services provided. The 30 fluorescent blue glowing computers catch my eye. Each is equipped with the latest GForce video card along with many new gaming favorites including Blizzard's World Of Warcraft. While I pass by, staffers are busy installing new games for customers. Opposite the computers stations sit two enormous wide-screen televisions, one accompanied by an Xbox and several beanie chairs. The other sports a Playstation 2 Dance Dance Revolution, an interactive dancing game, for those who might want to "get down."

There is a literal café in the storefront where customers can enjoy refreshments between simulated battles, or surf the web via a laptop that can be checked out from the customer service desk. Simple snacks, beverages and coffee drinks are available, but visitors can bring in food from outside the café. They also offer a special VIP room intended for educational activities, as well as gaming and birthday parties. In addition, a television is located in the main café, so you do not have to miss your favorite shows during your visit to The Dot.

With my student identification card and with a couple of quick clicks, I am entered into

their database. I am now ready to get down to business. Not being too experienced with game stations, I opt to use one of the computers. They are set up in groups of round tables, so gamers can enjoy interacting with each other whilst they smite their 3-D enemies. Games are divided into categories such as "action," "rpg," "sims" and the like. I begin with a car racing game. Stellar graphics and fast processing make this way too much fun for a man my age, but hell, no one is watching. All computers are connected to the Internet, so you can have plenty of multiplayer fun with friends. After test-driving some of the other game offerings, a warning on the computer lets me know my hour is almost up. I am reluctant to relinquish this cozy reclining chair and abandon my post as cyber warrior, but dinner beckons.

Cyber-café's may well prove to be the new stomping grounds for many gamers, and places like OnlineDotCom make it quick and easy to be a part of

this growing community. As a sort of one-stop cybershop The Dot does a fine job of meeting customer needs, but their prices may not be for everyone. At \$10 an hour for computer use, and \$3 an hour for Xbox use, not all gamers will find this cyber-café affordable. They do, however, offer daily rates starting at \$25. As an occasional treat, the OnlineDotCom experience can be a real bargain.

Antar Williamson, owner of the café, is a true gamer himself and said the café is an extension of something he loves to do. He invites input from customers about what services they would like to see offered, and said he will keep a steady flow of new games and technology streaming into the café. According to Williamson, there is no need to let school or office work slide, since their laptops contain a full library of office software.

In the realm of cyberspace, gamers might be the rulers of the galaxy, but there is just no substitution for real human interaction. Instead of flying solo in your dorm room, you may want to give The Dot a try. It just may end up being your own personal Cheers, where everyone could eventually know your name.

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Words to live by

Alison James gives advice and builds confidence

Elizabeth Stott
Staff Writer

"I Used to miss Him...but my Aim is Improving" is the title of Alison James book on relationship advice. This book is not your ordinary breakup survival guide. The words are combined with energy and power. Her writing reaches out to women who need guidance in their life in terms of relationships and who they are as a person. But guys, it would not hurt you to take notes as well about what she has written.

James studied public policy in college, which is the study of how to change our society by utilizing things such as the government and media. She received her bachelor's degree from Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and received her master's degree from the London School of Economics.

Along with studying public policy, James had an interest in women's issues. She felt that there were issues and inequalities that needed to be recognized and addressed. James was idealistic, and knew she could contribute to change the world for the better.

James always had a strong talent for writing, but she knew it would be hard to become

a successful writer while living in New York.

"Growing up, I always enjoyed writing and teachers would tell me I had a talent for it," she said. "[But] it's tough to live in New York City as a writer when you're just starting out. I began working in finance for A&E Television Networks and the History Channel, but in the back of my mind, I still wanted to write."

During this time, she was going through her own strug-

gles with men and breakups. She began helping women with similar problems and wanted to extend this information into a book.

"So I bought a book at Barnes & Noble on how to get published, and here I am today," James said.

James' first book, "I Used to miss Him...but my Aim is Improving," gives women advice on how to handle themselves after a tough breakup.

"I thought women would get a kick out of a book that combined real advice with humor and a 'rip his head off' twist," she said.

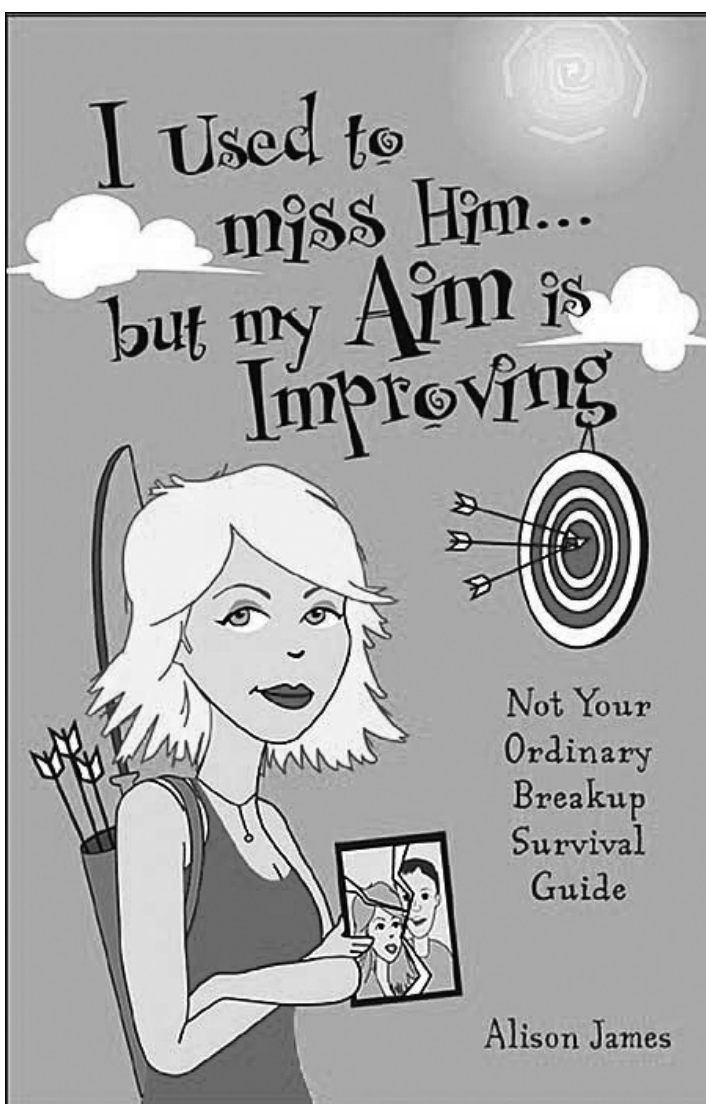
James has a second book coming out this March entitled, "The 10 Women you'll be before You're 35." The book covers different stages women go through when trying to figure out who they are and what they want to be in life. Each stage will make them strong and confident.

James decided to write books about women and how they can improve their self-confidence due to her experiences with relationships, breakups and jobs. She has learned lessons through each experience and would like to share them with women so they can benefit earlier in life.

"It is tough being young and female. We have a lot of insecurities. If I can make someone's life easier, I will feel like I've done something worthwhile," James said.

She said it is important for every woman to take charge of her own life. Women should not let a guy become the center of their life. They need to have their space with their own friends and activities.

"Maintaining some piece of yourself actually makes the relationship better, and you will



be much happier when you have a balance in your life," James said.

James also discussed what makes relationships last between couples.

"The most romantic thing a guy can do is listen," James said. Girls like to talk about their day and their problems and not be tuned out in favor of television or video games. Women feel loved when a guy takes the time to listen to what they have to say.

Overall, guys should "always treat a woman the way you would want someone to treat your sister," she said.

According to James, to make a relationship flourish, the couple should start out with a great friendship. Making each other laugh and helping each other build character is also important.

James said the best time to look for love is when the person has their life in order. Individuals who are confident have the best relationships.

"I think the best relationships are those we enter when we're sure of ourselves and

we're not looking for that person to fill some kind of void," she said.

The most valuable thing James has learned with her past relationships is that no person can provide her with everything she needed in life. There is no such thing as a perfect relationship. Being in a relationship take two committed people who will love and support each other from beginning to end.

James will continue to write in the future. She is currently working on her third book, which is due to be out in spring 2006. Although her books are humorous, she has a message for all women.

"Don't let another person or situation bring you down," she said. "Keep working toward your goals and keep working to make your world what you want it to be."

James has been published in more than 100 newspapers nationwide, and has been seen in commercials, on radio stations and on television broadcasts on CBS Evening News and Cinemax.

Roaming Reporter

"Do you think 'pop punk' is a viable genre of music?"

Jason Nimer
Staff Writer



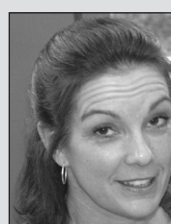
Kristen Thompson

junior, English education
"No, I don't. Pop punk is an oxymoron."



Don Britt

senior, Psychology
"Absolutely. Any form of expression that allows musicians to entertain an audience is viable and necessary for artistic growth."



Margaret Kincaid

senior, Psychology
"No. Many of the words, ideas and thoughts that have come out of this genre of music have been the source of negative behavior in my older children. I watched them transform from well-mannered children to disrespectful teenagers."



Spencer Reeve

junior, English
"Absolutely not. Punk was created in the mid to late 70s because of the mindless corporate rock on the radio. Punks wanted something real, now pop punk has song topics with no real social bearings."



Chace Howard

senior, Social science education
"Yes, pop punk is a viable genre of music."



Roger Prill

senior, Social science education
"No. Pop punk does not at all represent what punk originally stood for."

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Rhythm

could be explained by nothing short of spiritual possession. Brown's live performances were not only high-energy tests of human athletic endurance, but so extremely precise and musically synchronized that they are arguably unmatched by any live performer. Brown and his band gained local success in Augusta with these first recordings, but it was the \$5700 self-financed "Live at the Apollo," recorded in 1962, that thrust the hip-shaking muse into the national spotlight. The spirit and soul that seem to drip from every pore of Brown's undulating body were captured on tape, and America then stood watching as Mr. Dynamite kicked and split his way into musical divinity.

Brown's audience continued to swell through the 60s and early 70s, largely because of the power of his live performances. However, he was not only breaking ground on the stage. "Funky Drummer," in 1969, and "Say It Loud, I'm Black and Proud," in 1968, were stylistic refinements of Brown's brilliant synthesis of the rhythm of jazz and R&B. After the success of "Sex Machine," in 1970, Brown was perched on the throne of funk and soul, king to his newly created empire. It seemed that much of America wanted nothing more than to be enveloped in that swirling, waist-length cape inspired by the flamboyant, curly-haired wrestler Gorgeous

George. Brown embraced this over-the-top charismatic charm. He wanted to be, in his own words, a 'there he is,' not a 'where he is.' Although there was an eventual decline in the mainstream popularity of Brown's music in the late 70s and many of his key musicians joined George Clinton in the funk and disco revolution, his musical imprint remained an indelible one. Brown's music was revived in the early 90s and, as a 72-year-old performer, the self-proclaimed hardest working man in music is still able to captivate us.

There is no doubt that the audience instinctively trusts James Brown with music, and because of his innate sense of soul and musical freedom we are able to excuse his quirky idiosyncrasies. Yes, he wears a cape. Yes, he was behind bars for three years. Yes, he may seem a bit out of his head at times. But this is James Brown. Despite Brown's uniqueness, there is still something about him that humanity is able to connect with on a whole. James Brown said that every single being has soul. He said that although everyone pulls from different cultural backgrounds, everyone has a soul. Brown seems to pull directly from the source, with no editing or shielding of any kind, and that is what we are drawn to. Total inhibition. Just like Robert Johnson, Miles Davis, and the other characters who pepper the musical landscape in America, Brown makes no excuses for who he is. He simply is.

Parking mad

The many ways to get from here to there

I've encountered a strange phenomenon here at KSU during the past few months. It goes a little bit like this – a student, or occasionally a teacher, walks in a little bit late and says "I couldn't find a park." Or perhaps it's "Parking was terrible – I drove in circles for half an hour!" Well, maybe that's a slight exaggeration. But I'm sure every one of us has heard this refrain, and the majority of you have probably had to deal with it as well, unless by some happy quirk of fate all of your classes begin at 9 in the morning when the place is empty.

Because I'm a poor bastard who can't afford a car, I have to deal with taking the bus here every morning, which has its pros and cons. For one thing, all I have to do is sit and do whatever I feel like doing, have a read, do some studying [snicker] or just have an uncomfortable nap. On the other hand, it takes an hour and a half from home to school, so that means no sleep-ins for me. But, it also means I don't have to deal with the parking snafus every day, and I'm grateful for that.

The appearance of all these parking garages and acres of parking lots on university grounds is something of a novelty to me. There's a pretty good reason for this – the university I attended for two years in Melbourne was entirely devoid of parking lots and garages, aside from an underground lot for faculty that seemed rather small, not to mention dark and scary. Bear in mind that this university had at least twice the number of students attending than KSU. So, you may wonder, how did everyone get there?

Excepting the small on-campus population, many students had the good fortune to live close by – close enough to walk, or perhaps to ride a bike. The campus is right near the center of the city, which by contrast with some urban centers in the United States, is an interesting, bustling and privileged area to

live in. I'm not sure I can say the same for Atlanta, though there are some localized exceptions.

The rest of us who didn't have the money for rent or a family home in the inner-city, we got by without our cars for one very simple reason: public transport in Melbourne is exemplary. Aside from the buses, there is an exceptional rail service that gives access to all of the sundry corners of suburbia. You can drive your petroleum-fueled contraption to the nearest station and leave it there all day with no worries. And, it's backed up by Melbourne's interesting and widespread tram lines, I suppose you'd probably call them 'trolleys' over here. The trams run down the middle of many inner city roads, so if you're not within reach of the train, you'll definitely be close to the tram. I lived in an outer suburb of Melbourne, so it took me a good hour or so to get in to the university. The difference here is that I also lived about an hour away by car, not fifteen minutes as is currently the case!

Of course, it's a complete pipedream to hope for improved public transport out here in Cobb County, where the automobile rules supreme. The Interstate rules the roost here, and it makes for an interesting comparison. Personally, I'm happy enough without a car, though there is certainly an inconvenience involved. As long as my legs still function and CCT isn't dead and buried, it'll work for me. If it means avoiding rush hour chaos and not having to worry about some crazy bastard cutting me off while doing 80 mph down I-75, I'm fine with that.

And just as an aside – for those of you who can't find a spot in the asphalt maze, check out the usually empty lot on the opposite side of Frey Road and that enormous parking deck. You'll need to walk an extra couple of hundred yards to get to class, but I suppose it saves the annoyance of searching for a spot. Who says I'm not a helpful kind of bloke?



DOWN UNDER
By Adam Stevens

Time for spring

English gardens for southern lifestyles

Oh, the excitement! It is officially time to start thinking about garden plans for spring. And what better way to jumpstart your efforts than by going to the Southeastern Flower Show March 2-6 at the Georgia World Congress Center? This year's theme is "English Gardens for Southern Lifestyles."

For starters, there will be four acres of landscapes. Among them are 19 life-sized displays of elaborate gardens and landscapes. A great part of the show is the competition. Anyone can enter this competition. One competition is artistic design. Competitors are asked to create an innovative small space using [of course] floral arrangements.

One part of the show is the "Discovery Division." The theme for this division is "Nature's Healing Ways." These particular exhibitions are geared towards conservation and the beauty of nature.

On Friday, March 4, there will be a party for young professionals

age 25-40. There will be cocktails, live musical performances, and demonstrations by some of Atlanta's most popular chefs. The cost to get in is only \$10.

There will be over 100 merchants present so you can gear up for your garden this spring. The Show annually provides much needed funding for the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Among the vendors will be arts and antiques, decorative accessories and gifts, pottery, sculpture, plants, tools and much more.

If you purchase your tickets before March 1, they are \$15. However, general admission is \$18. You can purchase tickets at Family Nurseries, Parisian and Books-A-Million locations.

Something I recently discovered here in Atlanta interested me because I am from Savannah. In Buckhead, there is a new art exhibit called "Savannah." It showcases different art from the Savannah College of Art and Design. This exhibit is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.



Dimestore Journeys
By Tara O'Shea

VIDEO GAME REVIEW:

Game begins a new chapter

Starfox Assault outdoes its predecessor

Jason Nimer
Staff Writer

Last week I reviewed a Playstation 2/Xbox game, but since neither of those systems released anything noteworthy this week, I'm back to Nintendo. Ah, Nintendo. Making violent killers out of kids since 1984, as some extremists would have you believe. I will go back to the other systems with the release of such games as "Devil May Cry 3" and "Star Wars: Republic Commando." However, I will never review a PC game because I don't own a PC [Mac rules] and computer games have a tendency to not work. I will go ahead and post notice, over the next three weeks I will be reviewing the three newest Nintendo exclusives, "The Legend of Zelda: The Minish Cap" for Game Boy Advance, "WarioWare: Touched" for the new Nintendo DS, and of course, this review for "Starfox Assault" for the Gamecube.

Someone in the newspaper office said to me,

"Starfox? I think I remember that game from a really long time ago!" Yes, the first Starfox entry came out for the Super Nintendo and every Nintendo console since has had a Starfox entry, with the exception of the assorted Game Boys. The Gamecube has already had one: the horrific "Starfox Adventures," which was more like getting a root canal while being beaten with a boat oar than playing a game. The new game, "Starfox Assault," seeks to change the legacy of Starfox on the Gamecube. It succeeds with flying colors.



"Starfox Assault" takes place after the events of "Starfox Adventures," which saw Fox McCloud saving the uninteresting Dinosaur Planet from an old enemy, Andross. Now,

the team is dispatched to deal with Andross' nephew, Oikonny, who has taken control of his uncle's remaining army. After quickly defeating him, you are drawn into a war with the mysterious alien race, the aparoids. Now it is time to kill the aparoids and their queen.

This game is extremely fun to play. You can fight in the Arwing, the Starfox team's airship of choice, the Landmaster, their tank of choice, or on foot. All work equally well and all are fun. The ability to switch between vehicles adds a new openness to the game. This component also adds to the replay ability, forcing you to ask the questions "Can I do this without the tank?" or "Maybe this will work better

on foot." Even though the mission statement gives you clues on what to do, everything is varied and excellent.

My only negatives with this game are replay value and length. This game is short and finishing multiple times yields no special rewards, save for an old Namco game, "Xevious," which is playable after you finish the silver medal class. Though the multiplayer feature on this game boosts its score, as it is extremely fun, it still falls short of games like "Halo" and "Goldeneye."

Overall, the game is good even though it is short and easy. Though I would not recommend buying a Gamecube for this game alone, it is a good supplement to games like "Resident Evil 4," "Super Smash Brothers Melee" and the "Metroid Prime" series. I would say rent it first and see if you like it. If you do, you won't soon get tired of blasting your friends. If you don't, just wait for "Advance Wars: Under Fire."

Grade: B

campus shorts

What?	When?	Where?
KSU Wind Ensemble	Wednesday, Feb. 23 8:00 p.m.	Stillwell Theatre
Nite Owl: Late Nite Recess	Thursday, Feb. 24 11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.	University Rooms
Symposium on Jewish Life in the South	Thursday, Feb. 24 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	KSU Center, Rm 400
The Meeting	Monday, Feb. 28 7:00 p.m.	Stillwell Theatre

MOVIE REVIEW:

Bigger than the Sky

Smaller than expectations

Jason Nimer
Staff Writer

Tara Theater offered an advance screening of "Bigger Than The Sky," starring John Corbett, Amy Smart, and Marcus Thomas on Feb. 17. It was a small independent film that was well made, but terribly acted and a tad too predictable.

"Bigger Than The Sky" is about a loveable loser named Peter, blandly played by Marcus Thomas. Peter, bored with his life after his girlfriend leaves him, decides to audition for the community theater's production of "Cyrano de Bergerac." Though he has never acted



before, the director, impressed with his earnestness, gives Peter the title role. In the theater troupe, Peter meets Michael, expertly played by the wonderful John Corbett, who is better known for his role as Aiden on TV's "Sex and the City." Peter also meets Grace, played by Amy Smart, who comes off as a mix of Phoebe from "Friends"

and Penny Lane from "Almost Famous." Micheal and Grace do their best to help Peter be an actor, but Peter turns out to be too slow a learner. He is replaced by Ken, played by Sean Astin, who most recently appeared as Samwise Gamgee, in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. For those of you who decide to see this movie, I won't ruin the ending. I will say that you will see it coming a mile away.

That brings me to my critique. After the first 30 minutes of this movie, you will know how it will end. That is not an understatement, you've heard this story before. Also, the acting in this movie is terrible, with the exception of the great John Corbett. Amy Smart is, at best, annoying, and at worst, doing an awful Kate Hudson impression. Marcus Thomas is overly sweet natured and often

gets on the audiences' nerves. Lastly, though the movie has a few very funny moments, these are outweighed by some stretches so boring, you'll be sending text messages to your friends telling them where to meet you later.

Overall, this wasn't a bad movie, it just wasn't a particularly good one. It did confirm one fact that I was already suspicious of: all drama and theater people are nuts. During one of the final scenes, Amy Smart's character begs the question, "Can you still be friends with someone after you've seen them naked?" In response, I would ask her, "Could you highly recommend this movie now that you've seen it?"

Grade: C+

MOVIE REVIEW:

Uncle Nino

A feel good movie

Sarah Goehler
Staff Writer

Having recently checked out "Uncle Nino," I found myself saying the trite statement, "this is the feel good family movie of the year." Joe Mangetna is cast as a busy workaholic, Robert Micelli, who is almost

fully detached from his family. Robert's long lost uncle [you guessed it, Uncle Nino] happens to drop in for a visit from Italy and manages to bring the family back together. The outcome of the movie can be spotted from a mile away but watching the way this family reunites is pretty entertaining.

The Micelli family represents most modern day American families they never have time for each other. Be it work, friends or whatever, the Micelli's never spend time together as a family. The two kids in the movie take on the stereotypical roles of the teen-

ager with a closet full of angst and the oblivious cheerleader type that just hangs out with friends all the time. With the help of Uncle Nino, all the kinks manage to find the way out of the household. The end result is blatantly obvious, but if you need a movie to see that is suitable for all ages, this is your golden apple.

Considering this was a very low budget film, the outcome is very impressive. Atlanta is one of the few cities fortunate enough to host this movie. If you get a chance and are in the mood for a heartwarming family movie, go see for yourself



what this independent film has to offer.

Grade: C

FOOD REVIEW:

Food for thought

Eat and study at McAlister's Deli

Johnathan Wilmot
Staff Writer

I love to eat food. I eat every single day and love almost every meal. Since I am such an expert at eating, I present the first in a series of articles that will help people figure out where they can find good food to eat.

I went to McAlister's Deli located down George Busbee Parkway. McAlister's is a chain that has nine locations in Georgia and even more locations throughout the southern United States. Their menu includes the deli standard soups, sandwiches and salads, as well as some different items, such as topped baked potatoes. The menu is appropriately priced for a deli: most items fall in the 5-6 dollar range.

The service at McAlister's is always great. The staff is always very friendly and never seems impatient when their customers can't decide what they want.

The deli is a good place to hang out and study. The atmosphere there is very relaxed and the hardwood furnishings create a very warm and welcoming environment. To further remove themselves from the world of corporate delis, McAlister's has gone to great lengths to acquire items from all around our local area and have adorned the whole of the restaurant with great KSU stuff. They do play mainstream, upbeat music selections that could interfere with your study slightly, but on the whole, it's far better to have the music than to have silence.

The food itself is quite good at McAlister's. Their "Texas-Sized

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Spuds" are excellent and quite large. Each of the "spuds" is comprised of two potatoes squashed together and then smothered in top quality ingredients. I enjoyed a "Pot Roast Potato" topped, ironically, with pot roast, carrots and gravy. Despite coming to my table at roughly the temperature of the sun, it was very tasty and reminded me of meals at home. I also had opportunity to try their club sandwich. The sandwich itself was a typical club sandwich that featured surprisingly spicy honey mustard and slightly over-toasted bread. The muffaletta is a study in the plausible size limit for a single sandwich, the thing is huge! It featured an overwhelming presence of green olive salad, but I am a green olive fan, that was no problem for me.

Their side items are worth mentioning as well. The potato salad was very good, if a little sweeter than typical southern potato salad. The beverages are fairly standard in their selection: Coke products, lemonade, "McAlister's Famous Sweet Tea," unsweet tea [apparently not famous] and bottled water. Try their lemonade, it's great and is tart enough to take paint off a car [yes I know, technically stuff that is tart can't take paint off cars]. Everything is served in a 32-ounce size that will ensure you have something to take to class

with you after your meal is done.

If you are of the vegetarian persuasion, you are not at all left in the cold. McAlister's boasts quite a selection of items that are meat free. Their "Veggie Spud" was quite impressive. The vegetables were very fresh and tasted great, despite the odd selection of things put on the potato. Also offered on their vegetarian menu are sandwiches and salads.

On the whole, McAlister's strikes me as a really nice place to eat. The restaurant is genuinely interested in being a part of our community and being a good place for students between classes. Its moderate price range means that you won't be able to eat there every single day [if your budget is like mine] but it also means that this isn't a "once a month super special lunch." I say check it out, it's certainly better than Krystals again.



Food: A
Service: A
Price: B+

A non-traditional student's take on college life

I decided to return to college after, gulp, 12 years. Several factors played into my decision to attend KSU, with the quality of the education I could obtain not being among the least of them. The point that sealed the deal, however, was the fact that KSU offers such a large number and variety of evening and Saturday classes, a requirement of highest priority for many a nontraditional student.

Technically, I seem to be classified as a transfer student, bringing to KSU a plethora of hours from the University of Georgia. However, I believe I can safely categorize myself as a "nontraditional student." After all, I'm 34, have a career, drive 50 miles from my home to campus, and I have very little free time to pursue anything other than school or work. Still, as a KSU student, I wanted to find a way to become involved in the campus community and, as my career is in journalism, The Sentinel seemed to be the logical place to begin my search. It is also a great forum for questions such as, "Why Fitness for Living?" "Why do classes go until almost 11 p.m., but there is nowhere to get a cup of coffee after about 8:30 p.m.?" "Will I ever again have time for a social life?" And, the biggie, "Why was I doing this, again?"



Oldies but goodies
By Mechele R. Dillard

Nontraditional students deal daily with situations that many traditional students will not need to think about until after graduation: monthly bills, families and careers, just to name a few. Balancing time for all of the basic essentials is hard enough without throwing school into the mix, although honestly, if the classes themselves were all that one had to worry about, it might not be such a big deal. But all of those hours of studying, doing homework and paper writing? Groan.

I started classes at UGA in the fall of 1988 after graduating from Gilmer High School in the north Georgia mountains. I was your typical college freshman, stunned at the amount of work expected of me by my professors. I can remember feeling completely swamped and overwhelmed that first quarter in Athens. It wasn't enough, it seemed, for most professors that you knew the correct answer for their questions. Oh, no. They expected you to understand the theory behind the correct answer, and to be able to demonstrate that theory to their satisfaction. Sigh.

All of that extra theorizing and researching takes time, I discovered, and it cut deeply into the rest of my days, which included sleeping, eating, participating in on-campus activities, spending time with friends, and, of course, going home most weekends to see my family and my boyfriend. Ah, those were the days!

Of course, the problem with "those days" is that we often do not recognize them until they are long gone. However, the prudent individual will learn from this, recognize that "those days" are now, and not let them slip away, again, I hope to be that prudent individual.

I enjoyed my days as a traditional UGA student immensely, and I hope all of KSU's traditional students are doing the same. I am thrilled to now be a nontraditional KSU student, and I look forward to hearing the many tales, complaints and suggestions [as well as, sharing a few of my own] of my fellow nontraditionals. Or, shall I say, my fellow "oldies but goodies."

Horoscopes

Linda C. Black
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Today's Birthday [02-23-05]

An unusual assignment pays well, and helps you develop the skills that lead to the perfect career for you. Have faith, and take control.

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 an 8. A moment of perfect bliss is marred by a choice you have to

make. Will it be caffeinated or decaf? Mocha or latte? You can do this.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 6. Once you get the deal settled, you'll have more time to relax. Don't do that before the check clears, however. There'll be last-minute complications.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is an 8. While you're in the mood, learn how to be more practical. You can fix up your place yourself, and save a lot of money.

Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 6. It's good to get yourself a treat every once in a while, but don't spend so much that you have to take an extra job to pay for it. Not unless, of course, it's something you really want!

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]

Today is a 7. You'll have to focus more attention on work for a while. The more you do, the more you make, and that is a good plan.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]

Today is a 6. You'll be on a neatness rampage for the next couple of days. Be careful not to make a bigger mess than you had when you started.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]

Today is a 7. The main way to get your creative Muse to show up is to tell a joke. Your sense of humor helps you find the answer to a tough question.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is a 7. Conditions are not easy for romance, but it does seem to be that you could get a job that pays

more. Is a move required? Only go if you must.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]

Today is a 7. You're about to be held accountable for every little thing you've said or done in the past few weeks. Stand up for the truth, and you're fine.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]

Today is a 6. Indulge in something to help you get more exercise while you're in your own home. You'll get a good deal, or maybe find it in your own attic or garage.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]

Today is a 7. A brilliant insight propels you and your team in the right direction. You may not have had the original idea, but you're the one who makes it happen.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]

Today is a 6. Accept the applause for a job well done, and then learn to delegate. A chore you find extremely tedious will be fun for someone else.

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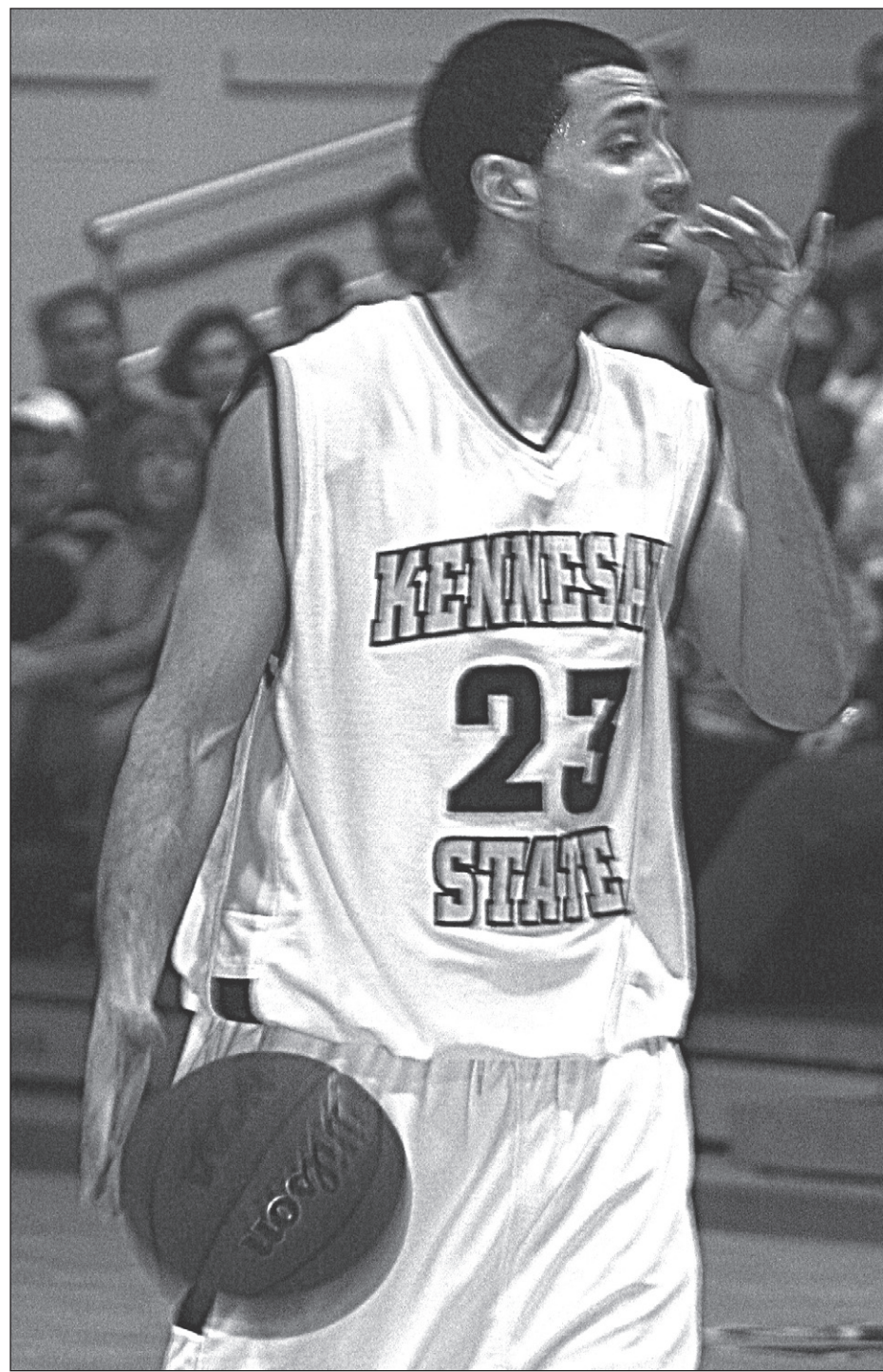
The echoes of cheering, which could be heard flowing through the packed Spec Landrum Centre, became hushed as the visiting Lander Bearcats, once down by as much as 12 points, came back to take a two-point lead over the Owls. Lander, a Peach Belt rival, was drooling like a pack of wolves at the chance to upset the defending NCAA Division II Champions on their home court.

Enter Rey Luque.

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Rey Luque, guard, calls the plays during the dominating UNC Pembroke game. He went seven for ten and led the team with 18 points.

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REY LUQUE: Kennesaw State's leading force

The Owls' 6'5" senior guard would not let the home team lose the battle. He slashed and crashed the enemy and elevated the entire Owls team to a dominating level that left Lander flat-footed.

With 13:27 left in the game, Lander rallied back to take its two-point lead. But Luque's powers over the next eleven minutes of the game proved to be too strong for the visitors. He made 26 points, two rebounds and two assists, including a pass to teammate Georgy Joseph, who threw down a monstrous dunk that exploded the arena into "oooohs" and "ahhs." The strong win provided yet another example of why Luque is the leader of the Owls, piloting the team to an 85-70 victory.

Luque was born and raised in Miami, Fla., where he attended Miami-Springs High School. While playing three years for the Golden Hawks, Luque was scouted by many Division I universities.

To prepare for the NCAA, Luque spent two years at Miami-Dade College playing hoops for the Sharks. At Miami-Dade, he was named FCCAA Southern Conference Honorable Mention.

St. John's University showed interest in the up and coming athlete, who had always dreamt about playing in Division I, but when credits from Miami-Dade would not transfer, Luque fell a couple of credits short of being eligible to enter St. John's.

"[After committing to St. John's], I wasn't even considering Division II, I was sticking with the Division

one thing, but then I had to. I had no choice," Luque said. He then set his sights on Queens College of the New York Collegiate Athletics Conference in Division II, located just 2 miles from St. John's campus.

Luque took a recruiting visit to Queens College, and on his way back to Florida, heard about KSU.

"I had a week left to the signing date and I visited Queens College. On my way back, I just stopped by Kennesaw State and took my visit. I ended up signing with only a couple days left and that was it," said Luque.

The young man came to KSU in 2003 as a junior and started in 37 of his first 38 games, accruing 12.3 points per game and a 39.2 shooting percentage. Luque's 80 percent free-throw average was the highest on the team. He was second highest in points to Terrence Hill.

Luque's impressive stats inside the perimeter helped the Owls, but his three-point-shooting put them over the top. Luque led the Peach Belt in total three-pointers [81] and total three-point attempts [222].

Luque's talents are not just in shooting the rock, however. He can also steal, block and rebound. Luque helped lead the Owls to their first NCAA Division II Championship when they beat Southern Indiana 84-

59 in Bakersfield, California.

In the 2004-2005 season, Rey Luque has become the team's leader now that Hill is gone. He has embraced the role and credits Hill and Justin Thompson for guiding him in leadership.

"Last year, I tried to lead whenever I got the chance, but this year I am looked at as a leader and I can do that. I watch my teammates and they motivate me also," Luque said. He specifically cited another Owls senior guard, 6'7 Kevin McDonald.

"Kevin motivates me as a player on the court," Luque said.

"This is my senior year. I am not thinking about much else but finishing strong."
Ray Luque

Luque leads the team with 15.7 points per game [360 points overall], is second on the team with 27 steals, shoots 86 percent from the free-throw line and shoots over 40 percent from inside and outside the arc.

Luque will continue leading the team into the post-season and will try to defend the National Championship. According to the KSU phenom, that is all that is on his mind.

"This is my senior year. I am not thinking about much else but finishing strong," said Luque, the young Jedi. With his raw talent, electric style and strong leadership, don't be surprised if echoes of "oooohs" follow Rey "The Force" Luque to the next level.

Broken UNC Pembroke Peach Belt rival is swatted away by the Owls

Melissa Spielholz
Editor in chief

The men's basketball team dominated the court on Saturday, Feb. 19, coming away with a 103-61 victory over UNC Pembroke.

An early dunk by Rey Luque, guard, senior, assisted by Tommy Thompson, guard, senior, within the opening minutes set the tone for the remainder of the game.

The Owls took an early lead over the UNC Pembroke Braves, with a score of 22-11, after a dunk by Lawrence Pruitt, forward, junior, only seven minutes into the game.

The momentum continued

throughout the first half, as the Owls led by 17 points with eight minutes left in the first half. Tommy Thompson led the team with seven points at the half. Thompson finished the game with 16 points and five steals. The first half came to an end with the Owls leading 41-30.

The Owls came out strong in the second half with a dunk by Georgy Joseph, forward, junior, less than two minutes into the half.

A steal by Thompson with 12:10 on the clock was the beginning of a one-minute showcase of team domination. Thompson produced three steals, five points, assisted a

"We played with passion."
Georgy Joseph

dunk by Luque and assisted a three-pointer by Ronnell Wooten, guard, freshman.

"We played with passion," said Georgy Joseph, forward, junior.

The Spec Landrum Centre was on their feet as David Dabel, freshman, guard, entered the game with only 3:22 left on the clock. The Owls led 90-53 and were fighting hard to break the 100-point mark.

"Offensively, we played

team ball, we moved the ball around," said Head Coach Terry Ingle. "Some players had good shots and others passed the ball to players with better shots."

With less than a minute left in the game, a three-pointer by Dabel pushed the Owls into triple figures.

"I'm just happy it went, I prayed to God it went in," said Dabel.

The game ended with a three-pointer by Israel Ingle, guard, junior, increasing the team's winning streak to nine consecutive games.

The Owls will travel to Clayton State Feb. 23 to take on the Lakers.



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Tommy Thompson, senior, guard, shoots a lay-up against UNC Pembroke. Thompson had 16 points on the night.

Suhan Stegall, sophomore, forward, is guarded by a UNC Pembroke defender. Stegall had eleven points in the game.



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Leslie Smith, forward, senior, goes up for a rebound against UNC Pembroke.

Lady Owls' second win in a row

Solid win over UNC Pembroke gives team momentum

Jessica Sibley
Staff Writer

The Lady Owls basketball team won its second game in a row Saturday afternoon when they beat the Lady Braves of UNC Pembroke 79-64. After suffering some tough losses, KSU made it obvious that it was not leaving the floor without a win.

KSU took the first lead of the game and only lost it once when Pembroke pulled ahead 4-2.

The Owls' offense was solid, but their defense was unyielding. Lauren Harris towered over the Braves' players and blocked four shots in the first half, prompting loud

cheers from the crowd. Shavonder Clarke finished with an impressive 15 rebounds and 19 points while Stephanie Searce added seven rebounds of her own and ten points from inside the paint.

Coming off the bench, Nikki Gurley showed everyone up from behind the three-point line. It didn't matter who was guarding her or from what side of the hoop she was aiming, Gurley was unstoppable. She finished with 17 points and was 5-9 on three-pointers.

"We ran the floor and boxed out," Gurley said. "We shut down their shooters from the outside and they got most of their shots

from inside. We were patient on offense and we played together well."

With 8:41 to go in the half, Dominika Mieszkowska sank a three-pointer to put the Owls up by 13. Pembroke allowed ten turnovers and KSU scored 12 points off their mistakes alone. The Lady Owls took a lead of 16 points with 3:24 remaining in the first, but Pembroke cut the lead significantly by the half to 35-30.

KSU didn't let the Braves come close to taking the lead in the second half. With 12:19 left to play, Clarke made a lay-up to put the Owls ahead by 20. KSU was on fire and Pembroke felt the heat.

The Lady Braves were making their foul shots, but it was too late to slow the Owls down.

Head Coach Colby Tilley said he has seen major improvements and is confident the girls can keep it up.

"The last three games they have played really well," Tilley said. "I think all the hard work is paying off now at the right time. I think if we continue to work this hard we will win the rest of our games."

The Lady Owls next home game is Saturday Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. against North Florida at the Spec Landrum Centre. It will be the team's last regular season game.

Scandal leaves a generation cheated

Baseball hindered by steroid use

"Baseball, to me, is still the national pastime because it is a summer game. I feel that almost all Americans are summer people, and that summer is what they think of when they think of their childhood. I think it stirs up an incredible emotion within people," said Steve Busby, *Washington Post*, July 8 1974.

We all knew it. We just didn't want to believe it. We willed and forced ourselves not to believe it. We pushed it so far under the covers that, for a short while, everything seemed right again and the issue at hand had vanished. But it broke them down, disfigured their bodies, and shot an arrow through our hearts anyway.

During our childhood, we saw these players as our heroes, even though our parents told us it was not wise to worship men who made millions of dollars for playing a game. We didn't care. We collected their cards, played in the backyard as if we were in front of thousands and even imitated their home run trots around the tattered newspapers we used for bases. We wished to emulate them in every sense. We would make it to where they were one day, and we couldn't wait.

When we were innocent, never did we think that our heroes could or would betray us. But today, the game of baseball has been tainted worse than ever before in its rich and sacred 113-year history. The perpetrator that has attacked and spread its abnormal limbs across our beloved national pastime is steroids, and it has recently revealed to every male from 16 to 26 years of age that the game we loved in our youth, and still love, has been laden with lies and deceit.

In retrospect, the signs of foul play were glaring. How could Barry Bonds, a skinny, line-drive hitting left fielder for the Pirates in 1992, gain so much weight and muscle after his 29 birthday? How did his head and neck swell to such unnatural sizes? "A rigorous workout schedule," we were told. "Perfectly natural," they said.

The infamous Jose Canseco, hated by almost everyone in and around the game, brought the biggest spotlight onto this black eye two months ago, when he admitted that he and many other record-setting players pleased themselves in shooting up steroids.

Though Canseco is perhaps one of the lowest human beings on the planet, demonstrated by his past antics, he still holds credibility. He witnessed the secrets in the locker room. And some of his allegations are too far in depth and detailed for someone of his ilk to concoct. To the dismay of many of us, he named one of our generation's biggest idols, Mark McGwire.

Like Bonds, McGwire was also a lightweight when he first donned an A's uniform. And when he went to the Cardinals, his muscle mass seemed to double.

But we refused to accept the obvious. We were filled with too much excitement, watching Big Mac and Sammy Sosa's epic battle in 1997, each going tit for tat in their efforts to break Roger Maris' vaunted single season home run record of 61. We were watching history in the making, and it was perfect.

The shield around the steroid scandal continues to crumble, the most recent breakthrough being Jason Giambi's testimony to a California court that he used illegal steroids known as "the cream" and

"the clear" when he played with Oakland, and during his time as a Yankee.

Giambi, once a prolific slugger, was a nobody last season, sitting out the majority of the time due to an "unidentified illness." All of the sudden, he looked skinny, fragile and weak, and his home run numbers were not those of a power hitter. Some speculate that Giambi quit using steroids, which, in turn, led to his dismal performance last season.

Major League Baseball and puppet-commissioner Bud Selig have stepped up steroid testing and regulations, but the damage had already been done.

Our parents were lucky. They saw the game at its purest. They remember when a thin, lanky right fielder broke Babe Ruth's all-time home run record on April 8, 1974 in the old confines of Fulton County Stadium.

Hank Aaron played baseball for 23 years and only twice led the big leagues in home runs, never hitting more than 45 in his career. He weighed between 180 and 190 pounds and proved that players didn't need growth hormone or andro to be legends or to even compete.

The worst part about the steroid scandal is its poisonous effect on baseball's past and future. Records that have been broken may not have been done so legally, and some of the players who broke them have already retired and cannot be tested for steroid use. MLB must decide if these records stand, are noted with an asterisk, or just completely erased. The steroid mess casts its sticky web in and out.

Hall of Fame ballots are forever changed now as well. Players noted in Canseco's book, most notably McGwire, are up for nomination into the Hall within the next two years. How his purported steroid use will affect his nomination will be anyone's guess, but the questions it raises now must be raised for all future nominees, making an already difficult process all the more challenging.

There was a time when we watched our heroes awed by their incredible power. Home runs were hit so high and so far that they seemed to be eaten up by the moon. Baseball was the best thing there could ever possibly be, and these guys proved it.

But as we got older, the makeup began cracking and peeling. We saw players burn out in grimacing pain, their careers mysteriously cut short. More and more rumors began leaking to the media, and we became lost in a sea of uncertainties and doubt. And now baseball has crashed into a wall and is trying to pick up its pieces.

Our generation lost something when steroid usage was validated over the past offseason. Something that we had built up since we played tee-ball and collected Topps cards. The loss was a large chunk of our pride in America's greatest sport. We were cheated, fooled, and used by the good guys, our heroes. Neither baseball nor we will ever fully regain what was lost through the scandal.

But the hardest part about this shot of reality isn't that we've been lied to, or even that records once exalted may now ring hollow. No, the hardest part about this is the fact that we have loved the game for so long, we could never break away from it, even if we tried.

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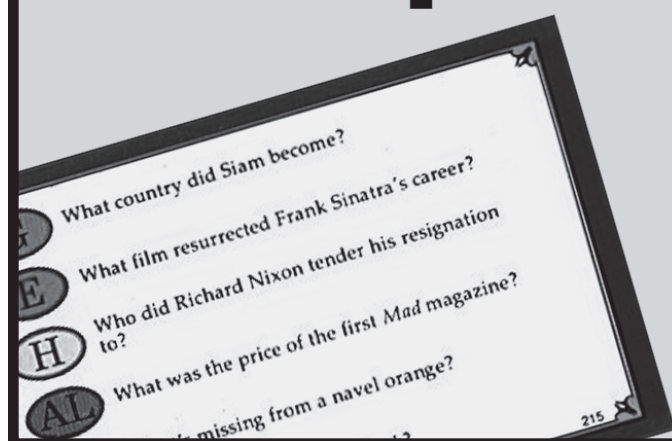
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