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Domestic violence bill up for re-authorization

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The Men Supporting Violence Against Women ACT [VAWA] is getting support from districts throughout Georgia for re-authorization of the 2005 version to help stop domestic abuse.

VAWA protects those who have been victims of domestic abuse.

It provides a way to escape harmful environments for not only those who have been abused, but also for children who witness the acts. The bill does not necessarily lean toward women, even though the majority abused are women. Men are also protected under such legislation.

"Violence is nothing more than the ultimate tool of power and control," VAWA spokesperson Bob Richardson said in a company press release. "It only seeks to dominate and create a social imbalance in favor of those who can enforce it."

The bill was established in 1994 to support and educate prosecutors and law enforcement personnel. The bill was re-authorized in 2000 and brought help to minorities and elderly.

"I think a bill like this has tremendous potential to protect all victims of domestic violence," junior psychology major, Jonathan Cronan, said. "The mental effects should not be overlooked and victims should not have to live in a violent environment."

If re-authorized in its entirety, the bill would bring support for additional education. The grant changes with each re-authorization every five years.

The grant would provide more than \$3 billion for the next five years. More than \$600 million per year goes toward victim support programs.

VAWA will be rescinded Sept. 30, unless a successful vote for re-authorization is accomplished.

Without VAWA, the acts of domestic violence could continue.

"Men perpetuate 88.2 percent of violence against men, women and children," Richardson said in the same press release. "No one will be safe until men progress from this controlling mindset to one of respect for all persons."

"The act should be passed in order to improve our society as a whole by protecting and rebuilding the lives affected by abuse everyday," junior international affairs major, Michael Reeves, said.

"Through educating people on this issue, it'll be more of an eye-opener to what happens in this world," sophomore sociology major, Kristin Eylar, said. "This will help people prevent abuse in the future and also let people know how they can help those who are abused."

"I think that education is a waste of taxpayers' money because the only people who would benefit from the education process about domestic violence are people who don't commit violence to begin with," junior nursing major, Blane Sheriff, said. "Do you think someone wouldn't hit someone else out of rage by just taking a class? I think it would take years of therapy and a willingness to change."



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Walkers showed support for diabetes research at Grant Park Saturday.

Atlantans fill Grant Park to Walk for Diabetes

Hittin' the bricks

Elizabeth Sewell
Staff writer

Diabetes is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

It affects 18.2 million Americans, and 5.2 million of these are unaware they have the disease.

The American Diabetes Association's Walk for Diabetes was held Sept. 24.

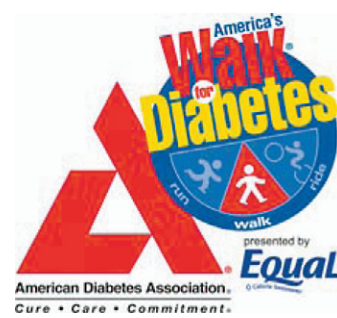
As of Sept. 14, the American Diabetes Association [ADA] reported having 1,100 walkers registered for the annual walk at Grant Park in Atlanta. The walk is a fund-raising campaign for diabetes research, education, advocacy and awareness.

The ADA is "the nation's leading nonprofit health orga-

nization providing diabetes information and advocacy," according to their Web site. The mission is to "prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes."

"Diabetes is a disease in which the body does not produce or properly use insulin. Insulin is a hormone that is needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed for everyday life," According to the ADA. "The cause of diabetes continues to be a mystery, although both genetics and environmental factors such as obesity and lack of exercise appear to play roles."

There are four major types of diabetes: type one diabetes, type two diabetes, gestational diabetes and pre-diabetes. Type one results when the body fails to produce insulin and type two results from the



body's resistance to insulin or the inability to produce enough insulin.

Diabetes often goes unnoticed because many of the symptoms are common and harmless. Some of the symptoms are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. The ADA advises if a person has one or more of these symptoms they should contact a doctor.

The ADA also has an online risk test at www.diabetes.org/risk-test.jsp.

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The ADA national diabetes fact sheet reveals there are 1.3 million people age 20 or older that are diagnosed with diabetes each year.

"It affects so many people each year but yet many still do not know much about diabetes," student Becky Mikulis, who has a family member that has been diagnosed with diabetes, said. "The walk is a good cause that helps raise awareness."

"It is a very fun and informative event," student Ken Chen said. Chen has participated in the walk in previous years and planned to walk again this year. "Diabetes affects so many people and the walk helps to give information to prevent the onset of diabetes as well as raise money for research. Besides information they also give out great free stuff," Chen said.



Ryan Christian leads Aaron Raley from the starting line at the student center terrace Thursday.

Rick Winters
The Sentinel

Global learning

Quality Enhancement Plan announced

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A Quality Enhancement Plan [QEP] for the university will begin summer 2007.

"The QEP is a carefully designed and focused course of action that addresses a topic, which enhances student learning at the institution," Valerie Whittlesey, assistant vice president for academic affairs, said. "The QEP will be implemented over a five year period and will be infused throughout campus and involve in-class and out-of-class learning. All students will benefit from the initiatives that evolve from its implementation."

Southern Association for Colleges and Schools [SACS] shifted to new review criteria for accreditation in 2004.

"KSU is in the third wave of institutions under new criteria," Whittlesey said. "The change in accreditation criteria now requires that institutions complete a QEP."

Several members involved in preparation for SACS accreditation attended sessions related to the requirement at an annual SACS meeting in December.

"QEP is now a major part of SACS accreditation and the university is in an excellent position in terms of developing the plan," Whittlesey said. "A QEP proposal from KSU, which has had campus-wide review, will be submitted to SACS at the regional accrediting association in Jan. 2007."

A review team from SACS will come to campus in March 2007 as part of the university's ten-year re-accreditation.

The SACS review team will provide feedback on the QEP proposal. If the proposal is approved, implementation will begin summer 2007 and continue for five years.

Dr. Betty Siegel selected QEP topic selection task force in January.

Valerie Whittlesey was co-chair of the topic selection force along with Dr. Gail Webster, associate professor of health, physical education and sport science.

The group was presented with five outlined topics from various groups on campus. Those topics were: eLead, Electronic Leadership for Enriched Academic Development, Forging the Language of Civic Responsibility, Global Learning for All at KSU, Go to Mentoring, Advising, Planning, Information Today [MAPIT] for the Best Advice and Taking the Lead in Learning-Centered Institutions.

Faculty, students, staff and administrators were asked to provide feedback and their preferences on the five proposed topics.

"Global Learning for All at KSU" received the strongest support and was selected by the QEP topic selection task force," Whittlesey said.

Siegel recommended changing it to "Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship."

"Although it is important for all students to be touched in significant ways by global

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Dr. Tim Mescon, dean and scholar chair of entrepreneurial management at Coles College of Business.

Down to business

Tetley lecture schedule begins

Casey Childers
Staff writer

The Tetley Distinguished Lecture Series begins its 16th year at the university this fall.

The lectures were first organized in 1990 as a platform to introduce students to corporate executives.

Since then, the lecture series has become a great forum for individuals and companies to be exposed to students and faculty on campus.

Tim Mescon, dean of Coles College of Business, said these lectures would be standing room only with 200-300 attendees.

Dick Anderson, vice chairman of the board of BellSouth Corporation was the first speaker of the series Thursday, Sept. 22 at 12:30 p.m. Mescon said Anderson is a great example of an executive they encourage students to interact with.

All lectures are free to students and last about an hour. They are held every semester both day and night to accommodate the diversity of student scheduling. Speakers usually lecture approximately 30-45 minutes and give students an opportunity to ask questions after the lecture.

The lectures are held in either the Burruss Building or Student Center.



Saving face

Surgery candidates have options

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Face transplanting: The dream of having a new face could come true for people who have disfigured faces.

Dr. Maria Siemionow and her team of experts want to attempt a face transplant, according to an article on CNN Health. Five men and seven women will be interviewed at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio to be chosen for this new surgery.

"They will smile, raise their eyebrows, close their eyes and open their mouths," according to CNN Health. "Dr. Maria Siemionow will study their cheekbones, lips and noses. She will ask what they hope to gain and what they most fear."



A common fear for patients is results could make them look like someone else, which could allow identity to be an issue in the procedure. The intention of Siemionow in this surgery is to give people who have been in accidents or burned and suffered injury around the face a chance at living a somewhat normal life.

"They paint the frighteningly surreal image of a worst-case scenario, a transplanted face being rejected and sloughing away, leaving the patient worse off than before," according to the article.

There are many unknown risks and complications for this surgery. The consent form contains information about the surgery and some of the complications that could occur.

As stated in CNN Health, the face is removed from a cadaver and has to match the patient according to tissue type, age, sex and skin color. The transplant will last 8 to 10 hours and the patient will recover at the hospital for 10 to 14 days.

Anorexia fatal for at least 10 percent of those afflicted

Cary Leider Vogrin
The Gazette(KRT)

At the end, no amount of food would have helped Laurie Borden.

Her digestive system, damaged by years of starvation and laxative use, was long past working. When she did eat, an obvious gurgling would follow within minutes - the sound of food quickly passing from her stomach to the colostomy bag she wore for nearly a decade.

Borden, 38, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died June 1 after a 24-year battle with eating disorders.

"Anorexia Nervosa" is listed on her death certificate as the cause of death. Before

she died, she directed her brother, a journalist, to name the illness in her obituary.

"She told me what to write," said Lark Borden, an editor in Washington, D.C. "She wanted for it to be well-known that she had died of anorexia, hoping it would help other people."

Anorexia or bulimia most often get attention when someone famous - Karen Carpenter, Princess Diana or a member of the Hollywood set - is afflicted. But experts say the diseases, in which people either don't eat or throw up what they do eat, are more common than people think. It's estimated 1 million people suffer from anorexia and an additional 9 million from bulimia, but Doug Bunnell, past president of the National Eating Disorders Association, said those are conservative statistics.

Anorexia - characterized by self-starvation and dramatic weight loss - has the highest mortality rate of any psychiatric illness, said Bunnell, clinical director of the Renfrew Center of Connecticut, which treats eating disorders.

"The best estimates are around 10 percent of the women with anorexia nervosa will ultimately die as a result of their illness," he said. "Most people still see these disorders as fairly benign. You don't really appreciate until you have it in your family how damaging they are and how much havoc they wreak."

About two weeks before she died, Borden ate a slice of cheese pizza, yogurt and a Popsicle - more than anyone had seen her eat in years.

She died shortly after noon June 1, just 65 pounds on her 5-foot, 8-inch frame. A woman from church was with her, holding her hand.

Lura Borden is still sorting through her daughter's things. She's found unopened bills and still-sealed get-well cards from years ago.

Her daughter's birthday is next month, and she suspects it'll be a difficult day. But she's also found solace.

"In a way it was a relief to know that she's not hurting," she said. "I miss her a lot, but she didn't have any life. It wasn't a pretty life."

POLICE BEAT

Compiled from campus police records

Chauntrell Lofton
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KSU Police were dispatched to Panda Express restaurant on Town Park Lane in Kennesaw Sept. 6, in reference to a **motor vehicle accident**. Officers spoke with the two drivers involved. **Driver one said she was backing out of a parking space and failed to see the driver of the second vehicle**, which was behind her. The driver of the second vehicle stated he was backing out of a parking space as well, and failed to see vehicle one. After a check on the status of both drivers' licenses, the second driver's license was suspended Dec. 2004 for failure to pay child support. Driver two was arrested and transported to the Cobb County Adult Detention Center.

KSU Police were sent to the KSU dispatch window in reference to a property incident Sept. 6, 2005. A student was in class when she took her wallet out of her purse to get a pencil. The complainant said **it was the last time she saw her wallet** and she did not notice it was missing until she was leaving a class on the second floor of the Clendenin building. The complainant said she checked with the science and social science departments, but her wallet had not been turned in. The wallet was described to police officers as black and vinyl, with a dark pink zipper. It has dark pink

cording around the edges and a dark pink "M" on one side. She was advised to immediately call her credit card companies to report the loss.

KSU Police were dispatched to Marietta Drive near University Place Sept. 6, 2005 in reference to a complainant standing in a parking lot near a black Mazda 626, **observing a baby screaming in a car seat inside the vehicle**. It was sunny and approximately 80 degrees outside. Upon arrival, KSU police called for back up for the situation. The first responding officer inserted an ASP baton into the opening of the front window and popped the lock open. **He removed the screaming child from the car seat and noticed the infant was gasping for air. The child's clothing and hair were soaked from perspiration.** The officer requested an ambulance. While waiting for Metro to arrive, the father of the infant, a KSU student, arrived on the scene. He told police he had been gone for only 10 minutes, but the complainant stated she observed the father parking the vehicle when she was on her way to class an hour prior to her calling KSU police. After being advised of the complainant's statement, the father admitted he had left the child in the car unattended while running errands to the bookstore and the library. After the mother of the child arrived to take custody, the father was placed under arrest for second-degree cruelty to a child and obstruction. The case was referred to Cobb County DFACS for further investigation.

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Reshaping education

Gulf Coast schools forced to hold fall classes

Tony Capri
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Many colleges affected by Hurricane Katrina are closing their doors for the fall semester.

Included in these closings are New Orleans schools: Tulane University and Loyola University New Orleans.

In a message to students on the Tulane University Web site, President Scott Cowen said he anticipated the college reopening for the spring se-

mester, but made it clear "no matter the progress we are making to restore the university's facilities, we will not start classes until it is absolutely safe to do so."

The university continues to make frequent updates to their site, including a live chat held with Cowen Sept. 15, in an attempt to keep faculty and students informed about new developments regarding restoration.

Loyola University, although closed for fall semester, took only light

damage from the hurricane but attributes closing to the emergency conditions in the area. Plans are to re-open for spring. Students are encouraged to visit the Web site regularly for important updates.

The transition to these schools could be difficult for some affected students, including finding jobs, adequate housing and resources to temporarily move to long-distance areas.

The owner of the Minnesota Timberwolves basketball team, is trying to help smooth the way for displaced Gulf Coast students by committing "to spending up to \$500,000 to help college students affected by Hurricane Katrina attend two southern

Minnesota colleges," according to the Star Tribune in St. Paul.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency is also trying to lend a helping hand by "offering grants of up to \$2,500 to students and families of students affected by Hurricane Katrina," according to the Pennsylvania Business Journal.

Many grade schools affected by the hurricane are also welcomed by schools in neighboring areas - as many as 400,000 grade school students have been displaced by the natural disaster.

Education retirees are being called to duty to help with the influx of chil-

dren, according to the CBS News Web site.

"I thought I was retired," 40-year veteran educator, Sue Ann Payne, said. "But I received a call recently to become the principal of a school re-opening in Houston that would be filled entirely with evacuees."

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin announced last week some parts of the city would begin to open and re-structuring of homes and businesses was well underway.

Officials estimate the water from flooding should be completely cleared up within the next two months, allowing most New Orleans natives to return to their homes and places of work.

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Leave your pencils at home

Medical College Admissions Test format changed

Amy Storey
Staff writer

The Association of American Medical Colleges will modify the format of the Medical College Admissions Test from pencil and paper to a computer-based test, effective Aug. 2006.

MCAT is currently taken by more than 60,000 students and offered in over 600 locations worldwide. This exam's transformation is the first in more than a decade.

"Students welcome the ability to do the writing portion of the test on the computer, but might not be able to do things like annotate or underline on the computer," Amjed Mustafa, MCAT program manager at Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, said according to a press release.

The students find comfort in a pencil and paper exam since it is similar to their other college exams. The new format will offer medical school hopefuls with more test dates, quicker score results, a more controlled test

MCAT
Medical College Admission Test

environment and a shorter testing day.

The number of questions on the exam will decrease and the student's ID will be taken with an electronic thumbprint sensor, which will shorten pre-test check-in time.

AAMC has also noted some computer knowledge is required for the CBT. The content, as well as the time limits per section are going to remain the same in both the written exam and CBT.

CBT will also allow the student to make their own pace through each of the sec-

tions with the option to skip or back up to questions within the same section. Essays will be entered via keyboard.

A recent survey of 3,858 students by Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions exposed that 82 percent of students felt as if they will do poorly on the computer-based test and 80 percent of survey respondents admitted they have never taken a college-level exam via computer.

Kaplan's survey exposed some concerns of students about the change next year. According to the same press release, the following issues

may be of concern: "A computer can freeze at any time, or information may not be secure. A computer test would be difficult to underline in passages, make notes in the margins, and complete written out computations and/or sketches in a booklet. Reading off the computer screen is more difficult. Hearing other people typing would really make concentration difficult."

"I think the MCAT change in formatting will be a positive one," medical school-bound sophomore, Keeley Clarke, said. "I personally type faster than I write and there won't be confusion about what words are due to the lack of neatness."

Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions is offering three practice tests for the remainder of this year. They will be administered at the Midtown Kaplan Center Oct. 8, Atlanta Kaplan Center Nov. 19 and on campus Dec. 3.

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Laura Figueroa takes time out to study.

Making the grade

New Web site helps students succeed

Susanna Rose
Staff writer

Pearson Higher Education has launched a Web site called "E-tips for A Students" to help college students achieve their academic goals.

The program is Pearson's newest contribution to academia and it is part of the Higher Education "First Days of Class" program. "E-tips for A Students" is a user-friendly, interactive site.

"The site is definitely geared more towards freshmen or seniors," sophomore Hayley Watts, international relations major, said. "It offers helpful tips for saving money, deciding on a major and looking towards a career decision."

The site features topics such as "Getting Through College Without Going Broke," "Fishing for A Major," "Have No Career Fear" and "Navigating Your Freshman Year." Additionally, students can post their own tips in either type or video format in the X-change box by going to "X-tras" and choosing "Wallpapers" and "Buddy Icons."

Students have responded well to the concept across the country. The Web site receives an average of 3,000 hits per week.

"The site is good for everyone," Anthony Piere, senior sports management major said. "I would definitely come back."

Pearson welcomes continual feedback from students.

"We are constantly seeking feedback from students and incorporating their suggestions for new features and ideas," Tim Stookesberry, vice-president of marketing said in a company press release.

Pearson has been a global leader in educational publishing and has provided quality educational products to schools for many years, according to research noted on the press release. It is home to well-known publishing services such as Pearson Prentice Hall and Pearson Early Learning as well as primary operations such as Penguin Group, a leading book publisher in the United States.

Pearson's goal is to reach over 2 million American college students in the 2005-06 school year with the new Web site.

"At Pearson, we are in the business of helping improve the way instructors teach

and students learn," according to Stookesberry. "We're not telling students the one best way to do a certain task but we've pooled together a collection of successes to guide students through the sometimes confusing path that is college life."

From Page 1 QEP

learning, our QEP should lead students beyond global learning, by giving them the knowledge, skills, and values they should possess as responsible global citizens," Siegel stated in her letter announcing the QEP title.

"The change of the title is consistent with the KSU mission," Whittlesey said. "This topic was endorsed by Siegel and SACS Leadership team. A QEP steering committee is currently being formed to develop the proposal and implement the plan."

Whittlesey will be serving as co-chair along with Dr. Christina Horne.

"An essential component of the development and implementation is assessment of the impact of the QEP," Whittlesey said. "This assessment consists of two parts, demonstrating completion of initiatives planned and demonstrating increases in student learning as a result of the QEP."

The plan will advance students in their global understanding and use of this knowledge to become productive and active citizens of the global world.

The idea for the topic chosen has grown out of a strong institutional history and commitment to global learning across campus. The university has had nearly two decades of institutional engagement in international education and has gained national recognition.

It was among the first in Georgia to establish an office of international programs, which was re-organized, expanded and elevated fall 2003 to the Institute for Global Initiatives. KSU was also among the first to internationalize the general education curriculum and establish undergraduate majors, minors and certificates with an international focus. Numerous links with higher educational institutions overseas have been established.

"The annual country study program, called the 'Year of ...,' has attracted regional and national attention," Whittlesey said. "Over the last 20 years, the number of international faculty and students has soared, as have the numbers of our faculty and students who have had international experiences. Similarly, the campus community has become much more diverse in its racial and cultural representation."

As a result of these accomplishments, the campus has been recognized in the state and nation as a leader in internationalization.

It was one of eight institutions selected in 2003 by the American Council on Education to participate in a national project, "Global Learning for All."

"It has been intentional and systematic in its initiatives in international education," Whittlesey said. "The implementation of the QEP will be the effort of the entire campus. Every unit on-campus will be consulted in the development and implementation of the QEP. In order to impact student learning in the area of global understanding and engagement, those responsible for curricular experiences, co-curricular experiences, community engagement, study abroad experiences and all other administrative functions together with students will make the dream of the QEP a reality."

"The QEP will be designed to build upon and strengthen the university's curricular, co-curricular and collaborative initiatives related to global learning," Siegel said. "It will provide the policies, practices, resources, and assessment processes needed to advance the university and to achieve our global learning outcomes: global awareness and international perspective, effectiveness in cross-cultural communication and engagement, and commitment to global ethics, civic responsibility, social justice and sustainable communities."

Getting out from under

Workshop offered to educate students on credit cards

Lindsay Deal
Staff writer

Get Credit-ED Certified is an educational workshop by Citigroup to help college students understand credit cards, held Sept. 26-30.

The one-hour, free financial tutorial has been delivered to more than 100 campuses across the country as a part of Citigroup's \$200 million Financial Education Program, meant to provide people with the necessary tools and information to make appropriate financial choices.

Increasing college tuition, room and board, textbooks and other school-related expenses can leave large holes in students' wallets, so many turn to credit cards to help with some of the costs.

According to a recent

study conducted by Smith College's Women & Financial Independence Program, 65 percent of college students carry credit card debt and more than 50 percent max out their cards some or most of the time.

The study also found almost 20 percent of students do not know what the APR is on the credit card they use most.

Although the average credit card debt among respondents was \$2,400, 14 percent owe more than \$5,000. In the 2005 Credit-ED survey of 1,000 college students, Citi found while 80 percent of upperclassmen feel knowledgeable enough to manage their finances after graduation, almost half of those who feel knowledgeable still make significant credit mistakes.

The Citi study also found only 52 percent of college students think their current spending habits will not impact their credit report in the future and 37 percent thought opening unnecessary, new credit cards would lower their credit score and 22 percent thought having a debit

card would help build credit.

Citi believes these figures show more credit education is necessary, so they have provided students with the Credit-ED challenge, designed to help students understand how to use credit cards to finance college expenses.

The workshop kit contains a facilitator's guide, student handout books, a DVD with clips of students discussing credit, informative flyers about the workshop, a credit-ED public service announcement DVD and access to the Credit-ED challenge certification quiz.

Students can also take advantage of the Credit-ED challenge by accessing www.Students.UseCreditWisely.Com.

Citi Credit-ED Program has provided over one million pieces of educational materials to students, administrators and parents as a part of the ongoing educational initiative for students since 2000. College students are Internet savvy and they frequently turn to the Web for answers, according to Celene McDermott, TMG public relations representative.

"Students can take the Credit-ED Challenge online to learn to budget, examine their spending habits and attitudes towards money and understand the rewards and responsibilities of credit card use," McDermott said in the press release.

"Afterwards, they can see how well they've mastered this material by taking an online quiz. If they score 70 percent or higher, they become Credit-ED Certified."



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PROTECTING SOURCES IS PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

Judith Miller, a reporter for the New York Times, has been sent to jail for refusing to testify before a grand jury about a confidential source. For defenders of the First Amendment this is a crucial juncture in our nation's history.

It is essential to our country's democracy that journalists be able to report information without fear of intimidation or imprisonment. This sometimes requires the use of confidential sources. Many major news stories such as the Watergate revelations have depended on confidential sources. The public is the chief beneficiary. Sometimes individuals with critical information will only speak on the condition that their identities are not revealed.

For that reason, a majority of the states and the District of Columbia recognize the need for confidential sources and have enacted media shield laws to protect journalists from disclosing those sources. There is no federal shield law statute, however, to protect Judith Miller from having to disclose the identity of her source. She has been sent to jail, even though she never wrote an article, based on her confidential source.

As citizens—and as journalists—committed to a free press and the free flow of information, we support the passage of a Federal shield law. And we urge you to join with us in speaking out against the imprisonment of Judith Miller.

(Organizations listed for identification purposes only)

In the last 18 months, more than two dozen reporters were questioned or subpoenaed about their confidential sources. New York Times reporter Judith Miller sits in jail and other reporters could face imprisonment. Without the promise of confidentiality, sources—especially whistleblowers—will not come forward with evidence of wrongdoing in government or the private sector. Confidential sources help get information to the public so citizens can participate fully in our democracy.

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VIEWPOINTS

Lost on SPLOST Many complaints, but no action

Varied shades of grey

New Orleans evacuation raises questions

Michael Miracle
Columnist

With Katrina moving slowly behind us, and the rebuilding process starting to take shape, the public has taken to debating why rescue efforts were slow. At the forefront of the debate is none other than the race card and whether the rescue efforts would have been more efficient had many of the residents been of Caucasian descent. A newly published Gallup Poll revealed that six of ten blacks polled believe that race was a deciding factor in the languid relief effort while nine of ten whites say that race was a non-issue. All of this speculating is moot, however, because it skirts around the real issue: that our national government is so absorbed with wars overseas that they have become inept at handling tragedies on our soil.

Our government, whose responsibility it is to protect its citizens, failed miserably in reacting effectively to the warnings of Katrina and failed to efficiently evacuate the citizens of New Orleans after the disaster. While understanding that the job of state protection is that of the state's government [a topic addressed momentarily] our leaders in Washington knew the projected magnitude of this storm and should have been prepared to help in any way possible. Instead, they chose to either ignore these warnings or simply cast them aside as insignificant. Whichever the case may be, the end result proved to be more disastrous and deadly than it should have been. So in the meantime, our government sent soldiers to the other side of the globe armed with sophisticated machinery and elaborate war plans while they sat back and ignored the carnage that killed thousands of people in our homeland. Perhaps channeling some of this sophistication and elaborate planning to protecting our nation rather than wasting it on battles we continually lose would be a more appropriate endeavor.

The state legislation of the evacuation has left a lot to be desired, as well. State and local officials seemed adamant to wait through the storm and simply let it blow over. Once they came to their senses and noticed the deadly situation at hand, it was too late. It is true that some heeded the warnings and fled, but many were deluded into believing that this storm was simply one of many that they have seen before: much rain and wind with nothing else to worry about. Still others did not have the means to evacuate and were left with no choice. This is when the state should have stepped in and helped those who could not help themselves, but even then it would have been too late. Preemptive measures, such as finding out who would need transportation and how to transport them and to where, should have been in place long before this storm was a realization. It is unfortunate that tragedies such as these are sometimes needed to spot holes in our system.

Our state and national governments need to work together in limiting the destruction caused by these disasters and finding ways to cope with them when they inevitably occur. A collective effort will be needed to mend the devastation that this hurricane has left upon our nation. We can only hope that we learn from this tragedy so that we can be better prepared in the future.

Dominic DiCecco
Columnist

Cobb County voters had the opportunity to vote for a 1 percent sales tax increase-also known as a SPLOST [Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax] September 20. SPLOSTs are a big deal. In this case, a passing vote count would directly impact the daily lives of all of Cobb's 650,000 plus citizens as well as the thousands of passers-by that purchase things from Cobb's businesses by increasing the county sales tax from 5 percent [the base Georgia state tax] to 6 percent. What was the turnout? Only 12 percent of Cobb's registered voters cast votes. That is pathetic, especially for a region that has such strong views on taxation in general.

There was plenty of outrage when Denise Majette's campaign voiced concerns over Johnny Isakson's support for the "fair" tax in late 2004. How about the controversy over the state flag? That was important enough to factor into why Roy Barnes lost his gubernatorial re-election campaign. I guess there weren't enough commercials, articles,

billboards, street signs and other forms of media to convince Cobb voters to vote on a real sales tax increase. It's pretty pathetic that citizens let the media have the power to deem what is important enough to vote on but that's how it seems to be in Cobb.

It really isn't that surprising that Cobb has comatose citizens. For example, KSU has to have one of the most catatonic student bodies in the country. In Kennesaw, Old 41/Main St. has to have the slowest speed limit of any city's "downtown" area. The line at the Krystal in the student center isn't exactly breaking the sound barrier. And guess what? No one cares. No one acts. We just keep on toting the line. Everyone bitches but when the time comes to take action, only twelve people out of a hundred [and it would be higher if it included non-registered voters] bother to show up and make a difference.

Cobb County might as well return to the medieval era where the elites can make the rules and the peasants are left to do their bidding. It wouldn't be a drastic change because that's pretty much how things are now. Will we ever wake up? Stay tuned to Fox 5 News to find out!



The other side of the fence Controversy over Roberts' nomination

From the left

Jason Nimer
Viewpoints editor

Let's face it. We, as Americans, have no reason to trust John Roberts. Despite being a Supreme Court nominee [who has just been upgraded to Chief Justice] we know almost nothing about the man. The president has referred to him as "a gentleman," but what does that tell us? That he opens the door for his wife and always picks up the check? What are his stances on women's rights, personal privacy and civil rights for all?

Our government obviously doesn't want us to know John Robert's judicial record. Even after many requests by House and Senate democrats, the White House still refuses to release much of Roberts' past rulings and documents. What do they have to hide? Also, in the recent hearings, Roberts' flatly refused to answer any questions pertaining to his stances on many hot-button issues. Now, there are limits to good taste on what may or may not be asked, but doesn't the country deserve to know if Roberts plans on ripping apart

a woman's right to choose? Or if he plans on stripping rights from minorities or homosexuals? These seem to be issues that would need to be addressed before appointing this man to the highest court in the land.

In all honesty, there isn't much democrats can do now to block Roberts' confirmation.

It is almost a sure thing he will be easily and swiftly confirmed. Still a great number of democrats feel that allowing George W. Bush two Supreme Court nominations is like allowing

a 4 year old to play with a machine gun. With Roberts, the democrats might not have much recourse but to suck it up and appoint him. With any luck, Bush's next appointee will be a horse [a la Caligula] and even the staunchest and most brainwashed of Republicans won't be able to vote for him. Here's hoping.

From the right

David Beaumont
Columnist

What kind of world are we living in when you would expect somebody to know the future? Yet that is exactly what the democrats of the senate expect out of our next Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. They want him to specify how he will judge in the future even when it is impossible to know what kind of circumstances and what sort of cases he will be facing. John Roberts' only job is to follow the constitution of our country, nothing else.

The democrats want to know what stands Roberts takes on Roe v. Wade and gay rights issues. If I remember correctly, neither of those two issues is mentioned in our constitution.

If you wanted to check that document to see, you could have picked up a US Constitution pamphlet from a table in the Student Center. It was constitution day on September 16th and we decided to celebrate by handing out pocket constitutions, but that's what the Supreme Court is really all about. Whatever coincidence it is that the John Roberts' hearings and Constitution Day coincided is left up to the fates, but the true purpose of a Supreme Court Justice is solely to interpret that sacred document.

What is an issue that involves the constitution? Does Roe v. Wade even qualify? If Roe v. Wade were overturned then individual states would still have the option of allowing abortion if their state legislatures so pleased. People are going crazy over non-issues. The chance of a case coming before John Roberts challenging Roe v. Wade is minimal as it is because Roe v. Wade is the status quo. It works for now by killing off untold millions of opportunities for life - the lives of potential democrats. It's ironic. The less poor people that are born, the less ignorant people there will be to vote for democrats. The democrats seem to have bit themselves on their own butts.

"John Roberts' only job is to follow the Constitution of our country, nothing else."



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Four-day weekend

A misguided adventure into trouble town

Jason Nimer
Viewpoints editor

Last Friday afternoon, Governor Sonny Perdue decided to close public schools Monday and Tuesday. What prompted this seemingly insane decision? Fears of a gas shortage, due to Hurricane Rita's imminent landfall, had the governor concerned. So word came down from on high to close all schools in an effort to conserve gasoline, seemingly only the gas the public school buses use. Anyone who gives this more than five minutes of thought



can figure out this will end up costing taxpayers much more than inflated gas prices would have [had they even occurred].

Quite a few mistakes were made here. First off, the governor waited until 4 p.m. Friday to make his decision. Why is this a problem? Most school children and faculty had already left for the afternoon, forcing individual teachers to call every parent to alert them of the change in some cases. This created a huge headache for Georgia teachers. Also, if Perdue put in any thought before making this knee-jerk judgment, he would have seen the hurricane did not affect gas supply or prices. So now Georgia public schoolchildren have two extra days off. What's wrong with that? Everyone appreciates a little time off now and then, right?

What Perdue did not realize



County school busses sit idle on Monday and Tuesday.

in his attempt to save taxpayer money, he actually wasted it. Due to schools being closed, parents who work had to make emergency arrangements for childcare. This means paying a babysitter [if one can be found], skipping work or finding some other alternative to shipping their kids off to school. Babysitters cost money and companies usually don't

pay employees who don't show up to work. It would be interesting to see a graph of how much was lost in childcare fees and lost wages versus the cost of the supposed inflated gas prices. It is almost a sure thing that the lost wages would far outnumber any amount of gas expenditures.

Cathy Cox, who is now running for governor herself,

has already publicly lambasted Perdue for his controversial decision. "We needed calm, level-headed, common sense in the Governor's office but it was nowhere to be seen today. Sonny Perdue is just plain out of touch," Cox said in a press release. She is unquestionably correct. Perdue buckled under the pressure of leadership in an impending disaster, as most

republicans seem to do these days. Our president did it with Hurricane Katrina, and now our governor has done it with Hurricane Rita. Closing schools in response to a hurricane and an imagined gas shortage is almost as bright as waging war with one country when a completely different one attacked us first. Republican leadership at its finest, folks.

Open letter to Kansas school board

Editor's note: the following is an open letter to the Kansas City school board concerning their decision to include intelligent design in their science curriculum

I am writing you with much concern after having read of your hearing to decide whether the alternative theory of Intelligent Design should be taught along with the theory of Evolution. I think we can all agree that it is important for students to hear multiple viewpoints so they can choose for themselves the theory that makes the most sense to them. I am concerned, however, that students will only hear one theory of Intelligent Design. Let us remember that there are multiple theories of Intelligent Design. I and many others around the world are of the strong belief that the universe was created by a Flying Spaghetti Monster. It was He who created all that we see and all that we feel. We feel strongly that the overwhelming scientific evidence pointing towards evolutionary processes is nothing but a coincidence, put in place by Him.

It is for this reason that I'm writing you today, to formally request that this alternative theory be taught in your schools, along with the other two theories. In fact, I will go so far as to say, if you do not agree to do this, we will be forced to proceed with legal action. I'm sure you see where we are coming from. If the Intelligent Design theory is not based on faith, but instead another scientific theory, as is claimed, then you must also allow our theory to be taught, as it is also based on science, not on faith.

Some find that hard to believe, so it may be helpful to tell you a little more about our beliefs. We have evidence that a Flying Spaghetti Monster created the universe. None of us, of course, were around to see it, but we have written accounts of it. We have several lengthy volumes explaining all details of His power. Also, you may be surprised to hear that there are over 10 million of us, and growing. We tend to be very secretive, as many people claim our beliefs are not substantiated by observable evidence. What these people don't understand is that He built the world to make us think the earth is older than it really is. For example, a scientist may perform a carbon-dating process on an artifact. He finds that approximately 75% of the Carbon-14 has decayed by electron emission to Nitrogen-14, and infers that this artifact is approximately 10,000 years old, as the half-life of Carbon-14 appears to be 5,730 years.

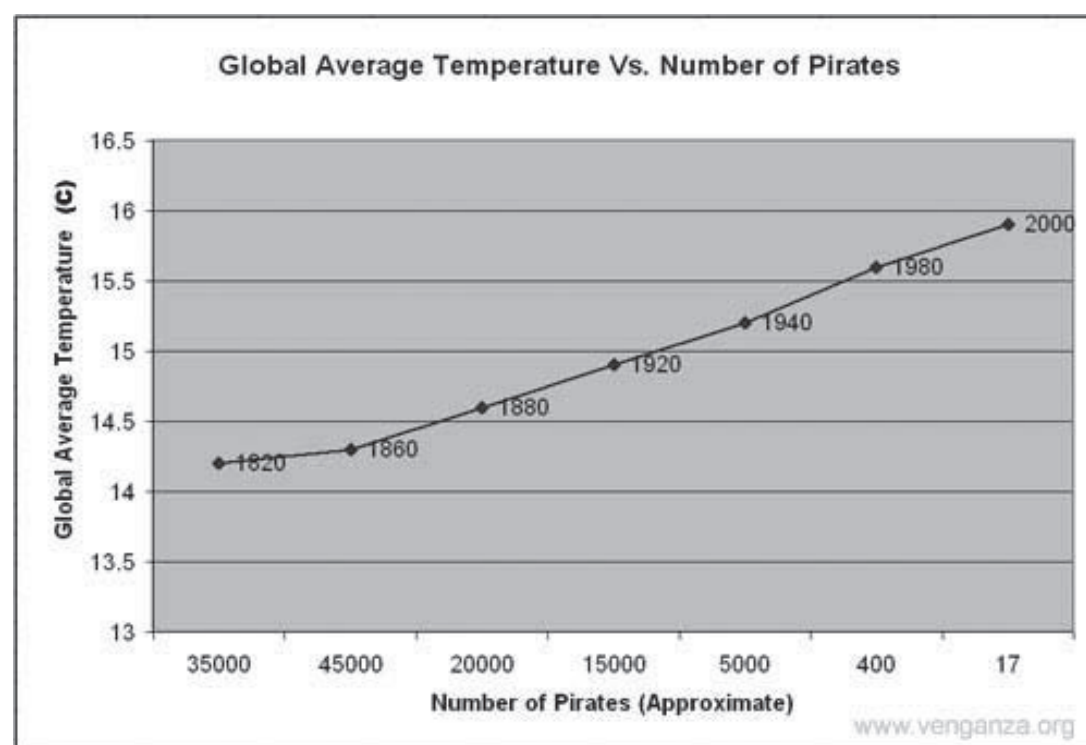
But what our scientist does not realize is that every time he makes a measurement, the Flying Spaghetti Monster is there changing the results with His Noodly Appendage. We have numerous texts that describe in detail how this can be possible and the reasons why He does this. He is of course invisible and can pass through normal matter with ease.

I'm sure you now realize how important it is that your students are taught this alternate theory. It is absolutely imperative that they realize that observable evidence is at the discretion of a Flying Spaghetti Monster. Furthermore, it is disrespectful to teach our beliefs without wearing His chosen outfit, which of course is full pirate regalia. I cannot stress the importance of this enough, and unfortunately cannot describe in detail why this must be done as I fear this letter is already becoming too long. The concise explanation is that He becomes angry if we don't.

You may be interested to know that global warming, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural disasters are a direct effect of the shrinking numbers of Pirates since the 1800s. For your interest, I have included a graph of the approximate number of pirates versus the average global temperature over the last 200 years. As you can see, there is a statistically significant inverse relationship between pirates and global temperature.

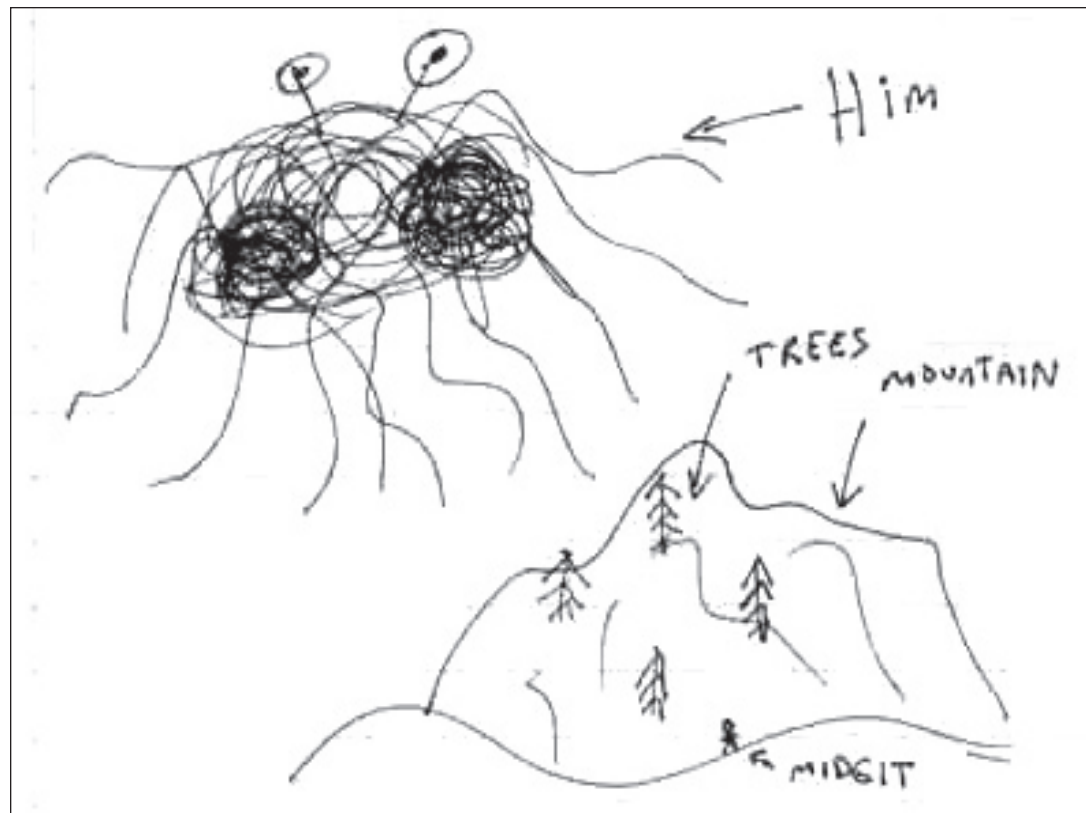
In conclusion, thank you for taking the time to hear our views and beliefs. I hope I was able to convey the importance of teaching this theory to your students. We will of course be able to train the teachers in this alternate theory. I am eagerly awaiting your response, and hope dearly that no legal action will need to be taken. I think we can all look forward to the time when these three theories are given equal time in our science classrooms across the country, and eventually the world; One third time for Intelligent Design, one third time for Flying Spaghetti Monsterism, and one third time for logical conjecture based on overwhelming observable evidence.

Sincerely Yours,
Bobby Henderson,
Concerned citizen



Why you should convert to flying spaghetti monsterism

We have flimsy moral standards. Every Friday is a religious holiday. If your work/school objects to that, demand your religious beliefs are respected and threaten to call the ACLU. Our heaven is WAY better. We've got a Stripper Factory AND a Beer Volcano.



Dear Editor,

The following note is written in reaction to Lauren Pettys' article in the 24 August 2005 edition of the Sentinel, regarding Space, the final frontier.

Until 1191, the industrial countries of both the Eastern and Western hemisphere, the US and the USSR were at nerves end with one another, ready at any time to go to total or nuclear war with one another. Both countries increased their military spending greatly, racing to see who could have better nuclear technology built the fastest. I'd image this was a very dangerous period in history. In despite of this terrifying reality man was challenging himself to leaps and bounds stretching the limits of what he dreamt to become a reality, to bring himself and his country to new heights of exploration and discovery. That is exactly why the space program

is so interesting. Who knows if Columbus didn't brave for the W. Indies what would have happened or if Louis and Clark didn't set out to map North America because of a sense of fear of the unknown. Yes, both risks and mistakes will occur but that's not what its about, its about a time of belief in exploration of the unknown creating the question of not whether or not we can step foot on another planet but what can be realized by setting foot on another planet. To step with a firm foot further into the future, further into the American Dream. To see how far we can make it in an age of exploration. And that is what we strive for today.

Ryan Lekan
International affairs

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

as to not understand this simple concept or are you trying to deceive those that have not looked into the matter? 30 percent exclusive or 23 percent inclusive...it does not matter. It equates to the same amount that Uncle Sam actually receives. Whether you add 10 + 10 or multiply 10 X 2 you get 20, same difference. For Christ's sake man, all you have to do is read the book or read excerpts from fair-tax.org and it is plain as day. You try to pass off the lie that Americans for Fair Taxation are trying to pull the wool over the public's eyes by stating

Dear Editor,

Grant Voyles you are a nimrod. Are you really so dense

a 23 percent tax when in its 30 percent, in reality AFT states plain and simply on their website how it would be a 30 percent exclusive sales tax at the register but mathematically this is exactly the same as having a 23 percent inclusive rate. Our income taxes are calculated and quoted in the inclusive manner so the easiest way to compare apples to apples is to make sure you convert the sales tax [exclusive] to its inclusive form. The fuzzy math you used to come up with your 57 percent exclusive rate has actually convinced me that you are a monkey punching keys on a keyboard. Your perversion of the tax rate is almost as abysmal as your convenient dearth of attention to the explanation of the rebates and how they are a saving grace

to the lower income earners.

This is a tricky subject, and I encourage all the readers to check the facts for themselves but to have Mr. Voyles blatantly misrepresenting the truth is appalling. Actually it's quite possible that the same lack of common sense that has shaped his pinko ideals could be responsible for him misunderstanding such subject matter. It's no wonder you are holding on to the progressive tax so strongly, Karl Marx listed the progressive [graduated] income tax as #2 on his 10 essentials to achieve a communist society.

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Cracking down on campus safety

The KSU police department is taking steps to ensure safety

Kayla Sargent
Staff writer

Have you ever gotten that uh-oh feeling on campus? Do you feel safe walking in the dark parking deck? Do you ever feel you are being followed? If this has ever happened to you on campus, there is good news. The police department is here for you.

Not only do the police take steps every day to ensure safety and prevent crime, they care for our personal safety needs. The police department recognized the dangers of walking to classes in the dark. They asked for a shuttle to transport students from one side of campus to the other, but the notion was denied because it was not in the budget. They also conduct cost-free self defense and awareness classes for women. They are constantly

looking for more efficient ideas, and they are open to your ideas and suggestions.

All officers on campus are state certified. They complete ten weeks of training at the police academy, and even though the annual requirement for training is 20 hours, our police officers complete an annual average of 100 hours of training.

Most of the issues between students and police officers are a direct result of the student not being aware of campus policies.

"Students are required to attend orientation before they start school here," Mary Kate Cochran the Administrative Assistant in the Police Department said. "They are given all of the information they need to know, and it is their responsibility to read it and understand it."

Officer Bernadette Haynes' main concern for students on campus is underage drinking and the problems it can lead to.

"Our policy on underage drinking is absolutely zero-tolerance," Officer Haynes said. "If we catch a student doing it, they get an automatic citation followed by an arrest. The chances of a student being raped, attacked or worse are greatly increased under the influence of alcohol."

The school has placed emergency phone booths on every corner of campus and on every level of the parking decks. These booths are connected directly to the dispatcher, and they can immediately send help. Don't plan on being stalked,

attacked, or raped near the emergency booths in the residential areas as some of them are "temporarily out of order." However, if there comes a time where a student feels unsafe, the police department can serve as an escort service. They want to make sure you get where you need to be, safely.

Yes, parking incorrectly is a safety hazard. It can be hazardous to your bank account as well. Next time you feel the urge

to park in a handicap space, think of the \$125 fine you will be charged with. If you fail to pay it on time, you can make it \$150. It may be better to walk. Most of the other violations are \$25, but if you want a fire hose through your windows, park in a fire lane. There are signs in each lot indicating which decal is accepted. If three or more of your friends ride together, you can apply to park in the carpool lot. Applications are available through Health and Human Services.

"There are more than enough parking spaces available at KSU. No, students cannot always get the spot right next to their building. If they park in the Lutheran Church parking lot and walk to class, they will end up getting to class faster than if they waited for a closer spot," Cochran said.

Safety Tips

- Program 770-423-6666 into your mobile phone for when you are on campus. If you contact 911 for emergencies, they will have to transfer you to the campus dispatcher.

- Be aware and informed of activities on campus that you can attend like Alcohol Awareness Week.

- Women can register for RAD and SAFE classes by calling 770-423-6206.

- If you are attacked, make as much noise as possible to get your adrenaline going and to draw attention to yourself.

- Don't panic.

- In the case that you feel like you're being threatened or followed, contact the school police department immediately for an escort.

- Make sure you are parking in the correct spot for your decal, and always drive safely.



Rick Winters | The Sentinel

Officer D. M. Feeerree and Samuel Vaseekaran go over campus safety near the English building.



Social Darwinism at its best?

The fair's over achievers give carnies a bad name

Joe Pettis
Columnist

The North Georgia Fair is this week, and it brought me to a startling conclusion:

Are we really the superior species?

Only Humans are dumb enough to strap themselves to a contraption that flings them up into the air, twirls them around, and causes their stomachs to launch up into their chest.

Most people spend all day avoiding danger. They put their seat belts on, live in safe neighborhoods, avoid walking alone at night and eat low fat, cholesterol, carbohydrate and calorie foods- all in the name of living a risk-free lifestyle.

Then, once a year, we pack the little ones in the minivan [chosen #1 overall for its standards in safety] and off we are to the fair. It is at the fair that we hand our lives over to a group of people who don't have the ability to keep all of their teeth. We allow them to strap us to giant death contraptions, and best of all, we pay them to do it.

If cheating death was not enough for us, we torment our bodies with carnival food. That hot dog you ordered is the same hot dog on display last year. You don't even want to know what goes into funnel cakes. Make sure you leave room for some cotton candy, after all, there is nothing better than eating a bunch of foam off of a stick.

Of course, you have to bring enough money for that delicious snow cone because there is no delicacy greater than flavored ice.

Make sure you eat as much as you can, because as well all know the whole idea of carnival food is to cleanse your system. Eat enough corn dogs and ride the Twister Of Death enough times and you are bound to vomit. Instead of those cheesy games that are impossible to win, they should

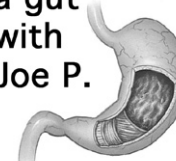
see who can project their vomit the farthest. The winner gets a hermit crab.

However, there are plus sides to every fair. After all, it was carnivals that taught us that

even deformed freaks can be accepted, and for a small amount of money you can gawk at them. Fairs also tend to bring large numbers of people together. Persons who have never encountered each other get the chance to join one another in the great tradition known as a "line". There is nothing greater than waiting in line for 30 minutes to be thrown around on a roller coaster for 30 seconds. Face it, the anticipation of waiting in line for all eternity is much greater than partaking in the ride itself.

In all fairness, no pun intended, I must admit that The North Georgia Fair is still one of the greatest highlights of the year. Just try not to get to mad every time a group of 12 year olds skip to the front of the line. You know you did it too when you were their age. Just keep one thing in mind, we are bigger than they are. Therefore we can just push them out of the way. Steal their cotton candy while you are at it.

Busting a gut with Joe P.



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 8 p.m. Kinsey Sicks: A Drag Acapella [university rooms]
 8 p.m. [through 10/2] SubUrbia by Eric Bogosian [studio theater]

Sept. 29

12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. K.C.A. seminar and lunch *Qualities of a Leader: Becoming the Person Others Will Want to Follow* with Stacy Buchanan-Wood free to K.C.A. members [Burruss building room 152]
 8 p.m. [through 10/2] SubUrbia by Eric Bogosian [studio theater]

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Oct. 1

10 a.m.-12 p.m. the MAPW program presents *The Well Fed Writer* with Peter Bowerman [university rooms. A and B] for more info. Go to www.wellfedwriter.com
 8 p.m. [through Oct. 2] SubUrbia by Eric Bogosian [studio theater]

Oct. 2

3 p.m. [last performance] SubUrbia by Eric Bogosian [studio theater]

Oct. 3

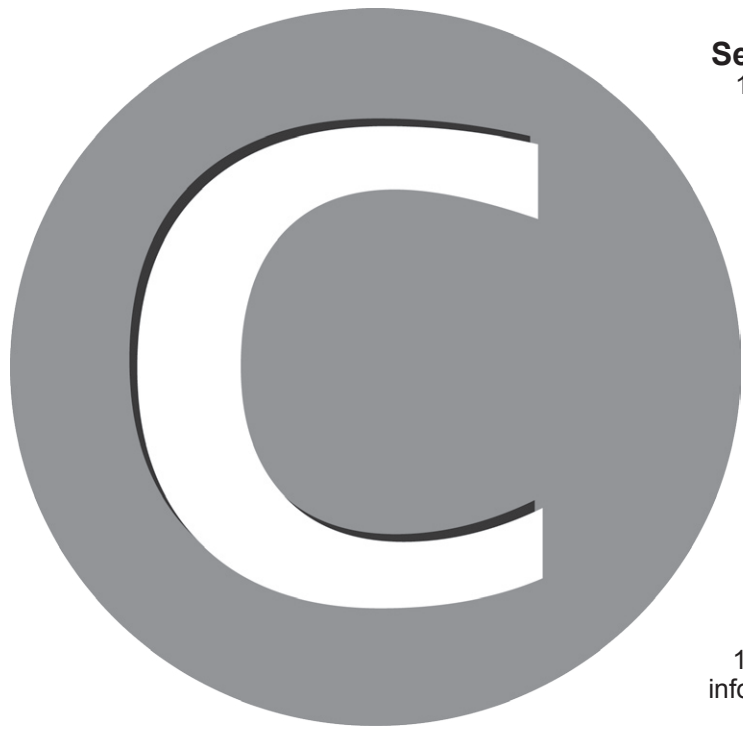
12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. AASA Fall Excursion Information Meeting [university rooms and the leadership room] for more info. contact 770-423-6712

Oct. 4

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Fall Market Day [student center]
 6:30 p.m. The Year in China fall lecture series *Mardi Gras: Made in China* with David Redmon, Film maker [university room B]

Oct. 5

6:30 p.m. [through Oct. 7] The Year in China fall lecture series SINO-American Education Consortium 16th Annual International Conference [university rooms C, D and E]
 12:30-2 p.m. The Year in China fall lecture series Day of China: A celebration of Chinese culture featuring music and performances [legacy gazebo]



CAMPUS CALENDAR

A pointless cautionary tale

Adam Stevens
 Columnist

One of the few advantages of taking the bus in the evening is the opportunity to see some real-life 'characters' as they go about their lives. You know, as in characters that would only normally occur in the movies or in a strange book. In my experience, it's much easier to find these sorts of characters on the bus than it is to find them at, say, KSU. Yes, we need a few more dodgy types to populate the student body, just for the sake of variety I reckon.

Let me give you some examples of what I'm talking about.

Just last week, as I was venturing home after a long day in the computer lab, I encountered a person who I guessed was a female by the length of her hair and by the fact that she was wearing extremely short shorts (with a trendy white belt, too). Other identifying features were sadly lacking. This character, upon no prompting at all on my part, began to regale me with a sorrowful tale that included mentions of her mother's sister (though what was wrong with calling her 'auntie' was somewhat beyond me) and something about child custody that landed her in jail somewhere in Cobb County. I have to say

that my concentration was not what it could have been at that time, but as I write this I still have absolutely no bloody idea what she was talking about. The missing teeth and amusing accoutrement made the moment seem that bit more surreal. She also mentioned several times that she was returning "to her man", and I had to wonder whether her man was fully in control of his faculties.

Another character approached me several months ago, muttering under his breath and pointing vaguely toward something he was holding in his hand. After some physical maneuvering and quirked eyebrows

on my part, I finally figured out that he was holding a gold chain that had been knocked off from some poor jeweler, and that he wanted me to buy it, provided I had a spare \$500 or so in my wallet. Despite the language barrier (I could not understand a thing he said), I finally convinced him that I did not want the stolen jewelry, as I did not have a wad of fifties on me. Doing business with very shonky people is not typically in my nature. He shuffled off to find someone else to annoy. He was quite a character, that bloke.

Lest you think that all de-ranked people are confined to the Atlanta public transport system, I've had several encounters with various nutters on the trains in Melbourne too. One memorable occasion involved some wacky guy who kept sitting down next to the pretty young things as they minded their own business on their way to work. For whatever reason, he began talking nonsense to them, occasionally in German. Eventually some guy told him to "piss off," to which he responded by yelling obscenities for a couple of

minutes. By this time, everyone was trying to ensure that all the seats in the vicinity were occupied, just in case he sat down and scared someone else. Good times.
 Lest you think this is meant to be an instructive piece, allow me to disabuse you of this notion. It is fun to describe the activities of the characters among us, though, and I would encourage everyone to go and find a 'character' of their own, if only for a few minutes. They are everywhere, and one only has to look - but it does help to catch the bus. Until such time as those crazy preachers return to the grounds of KSU, it seems as though our dearth of 'characters' will continue. Is it time for a recruitment drive?



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 By Adam Stevens



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In the Meantime

Band performs at RedLight Cafe

Kayla Sargent
Staff writer

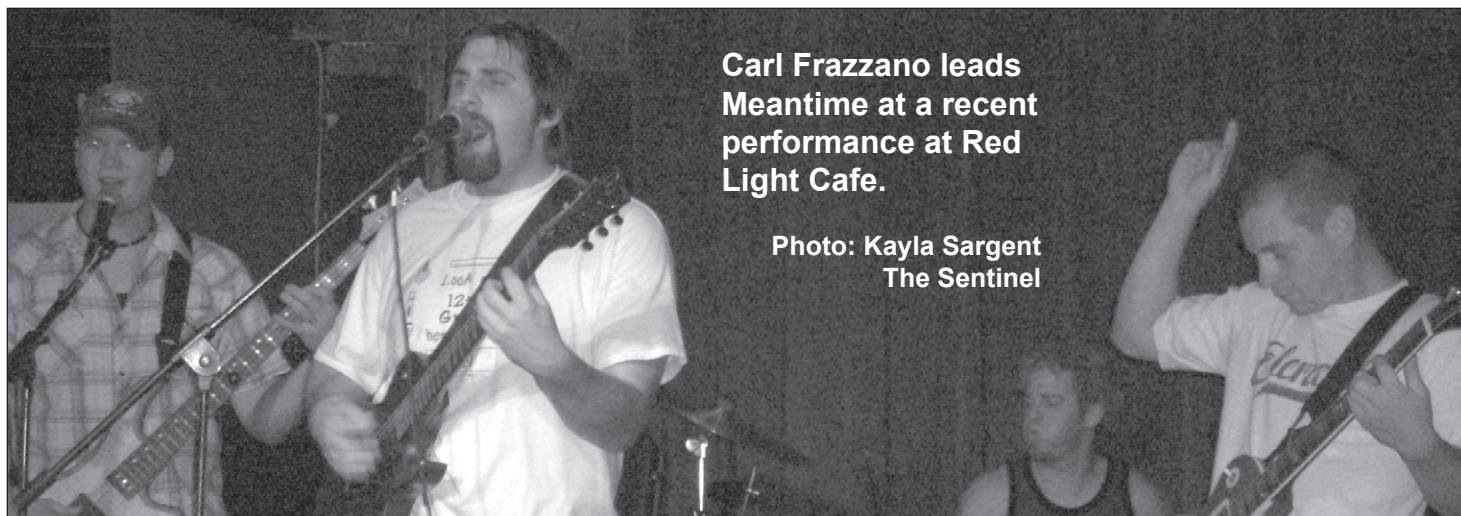
Local band Meantime rocked the house at the RedLight Café in Atlanta. Clay Gridley [lead guitar], Ric Mitchell [bass], Carl Frazzano [guitar and vocals] and Ben Harris [drums] have been playing together for two years. Harris is an HPS major at KSU. Friends since their adolescent days at Cherokee High School, they have been together through thick and thin. Their name came from a spur of the moment decision to create a title for their demo, just for the "meantime." It stuck.

Meantime's sound is a mixture of Three Doors Down and Foo Fighters. Their lyrics actually have meaning, and they

take time to appreciate solos. They put effort into making their music creative and powerful, so if you are looking for stuffy power chords and corny lyrics, this is not the band for you.

Their performance was fairly simple, as opposed to the rockers preceding them who had outrageous belly dancers to enhance their show. It took a while for the RedLight crowd to loosen up. They were a bit tough. The actual venue has more an indie-rock, artistic vibe that did not match the contemporary style rock that Meantime presents. However, after a couple of songs separated by sarcastic quips and anecdotes, we were all "hootin' and hollerin'."

"I come to the shows because they are such good musicians.



Carl Frazzano leads Meantime at a recent performance at Red Light Cafe.

Photo: Kayla Sargent
The Sentinel

Lately they have found their sound, and it just fits," said Sean Wheeler, a business major at KSU.

Past their cover-band stage, 90 percent of their songs are original. Their line-up is versatile, including some hard rock, alternative and acoustic music. One minute you're in the mosh and the next you're whipping

out your lighter. Getting the crowd loose and engaged is what they're all about.

"We have fun playing," said Carl Frazzano. "As long as we are having a good time, we're going to give a good show. That's our main focus."

Just like their music, their personalities are fun loving as well. Like most college age

bands, they're not strangers to the party scene either.

"Ric and I split an 18-pack a couple Fridays ago. Fifteen minutes later, we wrote our opening song for tonight," Frazzano said.

Unfortunately, there are some drawbacks. They do not sell CDs or hard copies of their music yet, so you have to go to

their Web site [www.myspace.com/meantime] to download their demos. Although they are open to the opportunity, they have yet to perform on campus. If you want to catch them live, check their Web site occasionally and see when they are going to be in town. If you are a traveler, you can get a taste in Athens Oct. 3 at Tasty World.

Roaming Reporter



Alex Danaila

What do YOU do on the weekends?



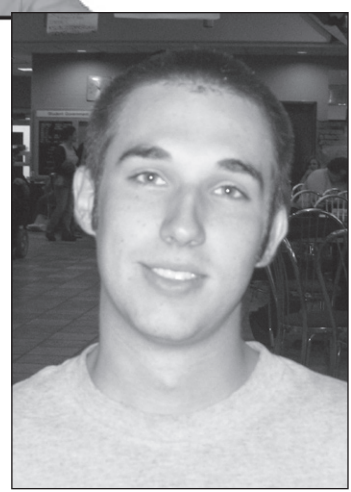
Stephen Valdes
sophomore, spanish education
"I work, attend Model Arab League meetings, go to church."



Lisa Sewerk
freshman, education
"Visit friends at other colleges."



Melissa Haspel
freshman, education
"I socialize."



Matt Ward
junior, undeclared
"Drink lots of alcohol."



Brittany Savas
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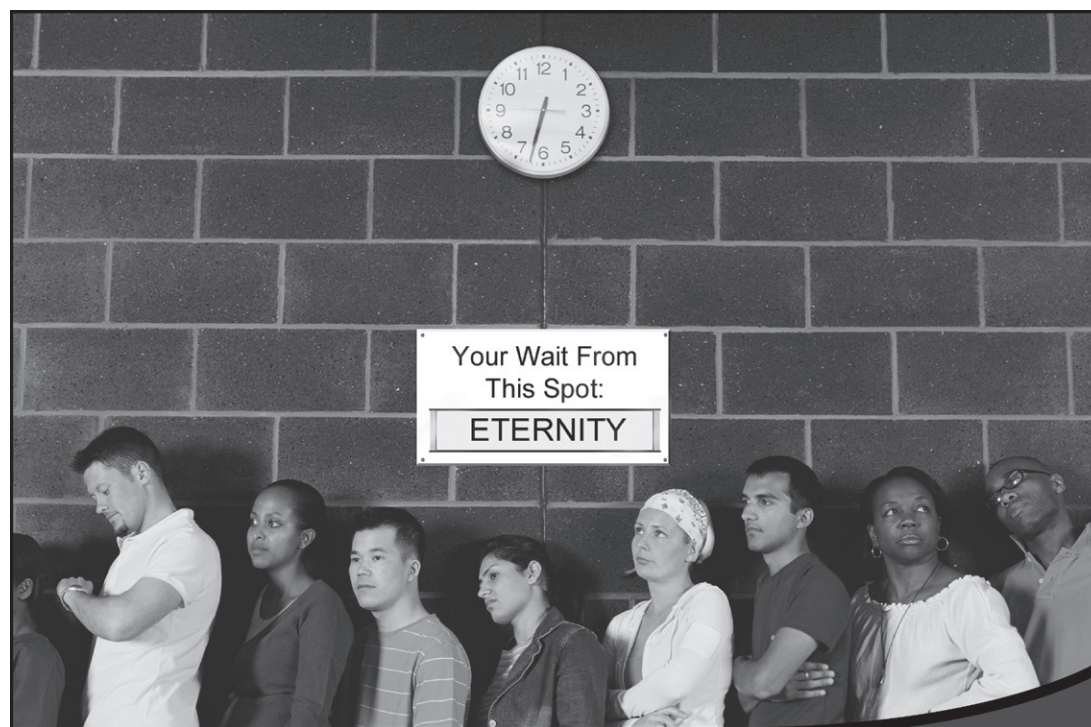
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StimTV changes the way the world watches music videos

Joe Pettis
Sr. staff writer

There was a time when stations such as MTV and VH1 actually played music videos. In today's fast-paced world of television, there seems to be no time for music. With the lack of music videos on television one must turn to other forms of media, namely the Internet. This is where StimTV steps in.

Scheduled to launch October 15, the creators of StimTV hope to change the way the world views music videos. Unlike its cable predecessors, StimTV will be a truly interactive form of media. The inter-

face will present various video clips that will allow the viewer to click on the ones he or she likes, allowing them to personalize their own viewing experience. Instead of having to sit relentlessly through hours of boring material, the viewer can get straight to what they enjoy, all with the click of the mouse. The viewer is actually encouraged to interact with the content presented before them. Besides music videos, StimTV will also include footage of live concerts, as well as interviews with some of today's biggest bands [such as Interpol, Rancid, My Chemical Romance and many others]. The creators of StimTV plan to add additional channels that will feature other forms of media, including movie clips.

Independent artists will also be allowed to upload their content to the Web site, allowing them to showcase themselves to a worldwide audience, making StimTV one of the first to truly embrace indie music. "This is an exciting and rare opportunity for indie and even unsigned artists who stand to benefit dramatically from this platform of expression," said Marcus Glodell, head of StimTV Music's content acquisition.

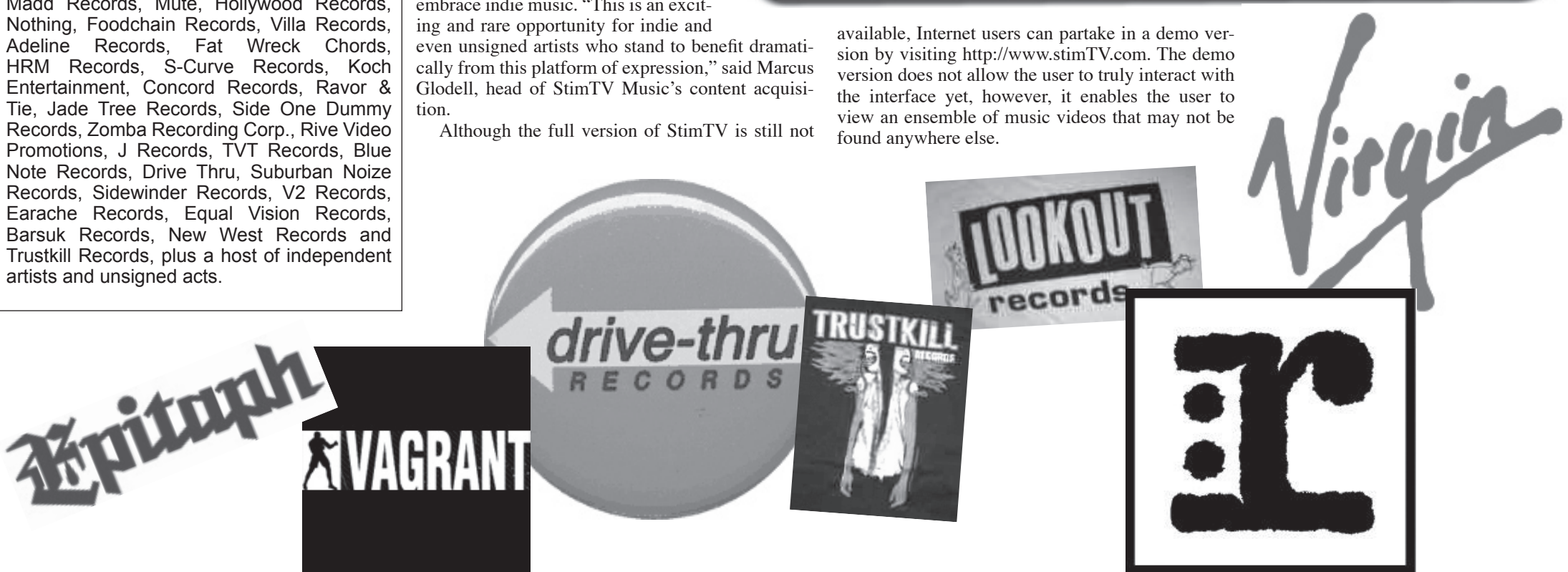
Although the full version of StimTV is still not



available, Internet users can partake in a demo version by visiting <http://www.stimTV.com>. The demo version does not allow the user to truly interact with the interface yet, however, it enables the user to view an ensemble of music videos that may not be found anywhere else.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday [09-28-05].

Learn to play the game by the rules, and then relax. You'll get more and more successful the more you practice. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries [March 21-April 19]
Today is a 9. Love is the most persuasive tool in your entire collection. Not the jealous type, as that won't work. Be compassionate.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]
Today is a 6. You'll find that once you get your workspace arranged just the way you want it, production will increase enormously with much less effort.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]
Today is a 10. You don't mind doing the research when it means you'll win in the end. In this case, the people you love win, too. That's really a win-win situation.

Cancer [June 22-July 22]
Today is a 5. You'll find that the money you put into real estate and/or home improvement is an excellent investment. It'll grow even more than expected.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]
Today is an 8. You're climbing up to the next level of enlightenment. It's a thrill, but you'll also notice there's still a ways to go.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]
Today is an 8. Ask the people who owe you to pay you. It certainly won't hurt, and could even give you enough to pay off somebody else you know.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]
Today is a 9. New friends will fill you in on the rules of a new game. You'll be very good at this, once you get a little practice.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]
Today is a 6. Your secret communication channels are open, but take care. It's best if they don't know how much you know, or how you found out.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]
Today is an 8. Travel looks very good now, as do contacts with foreigners. You could end up with a lot more of whatever you want than you expected.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]
Today is a 6. The best offers that you're getting won't pay off for a while. This is OK, as you're very good at deferring gratification.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]
Today is a 6. Defer to one with more experience. There's no shame in saying you need assistance. Offer your appreciation, too.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]
Today is a 6. Streamline your routine and make your workspace more efficient. You can crank out a lot more stuff and increase your profit margin.

Review: Fullmetal Alchemist

Life not lost for the Anime fan, but the end might be

Robin Staley
Staff writer

Fullmetal Alchemist premiered on Cartoon Network this summer and now they are bringing us the second and final season. It is the first series I was able to watch from the beginning without missing an episode, and it has been a breath of fresh air. This show has been unlike any other making the viewer really think about life and its value. With only 51 episodes, the show will retain its original quality, unlike many preceding shows, which change a few details but the plot is eerily similar.

I obtained season two [subtitled] on DVD months before its premiere. It begins with Edward and Alphonse still trying to restore their torn bodies. Just like last season, things start slowly giving us a satisfactory background. The story moves quicker from there with exciting plot twists, all building up to a heart-wrenching conclusion. Everything they knew is put to the test, even the basic "theory of equivalent ex-

change" the premise on which the entire Alchemy is built. Everything is on the line and no character is safe in this series. Near the end of the story, the characters begin to move through time and space, which is not explained well. The ending is very intense but unfortunately just when you're getting immersed, the end leaves the viewer feeling empty and utterly confused. If you're like me, you'll yell out "What is this? Is this the end?" Yes, it is but there is hope.

In July, the movie FMA-Conqueror of Shambala was released in Japan [no word when or if it's coming to the states]. From what I've seen, it looks as though the movie will pick up where the series has left off, but it's hard to tell.

Until then we'll have to get by with what we have. If you've missed some episodes, or you just want to see your favorites again, CN shows the first season Monday -Wednesday at 1 a.m. or 4 a.m. The new episodes air Saturday at 12 a.m. or 2 a.m.



Videogame Review: Rainbow Six: Lockdown

Lead an assault team in Tom Clancy's new game

Matt Wheeler
Staff writer

Bang, Flash Clear! Ubisoft creates another *Rainbow Six*, and another great FPS. *Lockdown* brings the traditional *Rainbow Six* style to the table, with your usual four-man team, you being the lead hardcore veteran "Chavez." Good waypoints and smooth controls help the single player progress in this game. While the A.I. is not as good as some other games, your team is still on point and will often kill enemies before you even notice they are there. In the game, voice command and easy team commands are still a big part, but your new enemy marker and visions give you ample opportunities to put some lead into the terrorist. *Lockdown* stays true to the traditional style in single player, but instead of focusing heavily on the single

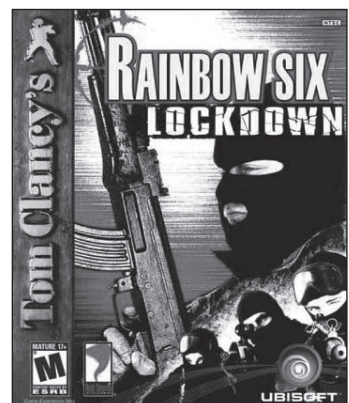
player missions *Lockdown* gives you a wide variety of multiplayer games and options.

The *Lockdown* version on PS2 allows players to customize maps for multiplayer, as well as a new game mode called "rival" in which mercs are pitted against anti-terrorist, where the first to complete the objectives wins the match.

Xbox live gives you the ultimate option of finally being able to create your own *Rainbow Six* hero. Players are able to name their own

character customizing their face and choosing their gear and camouflage colors. Players will also have the option to choose from several different "jobs" like engineer, or commando. If customization is your forte then you won't have problems staying up late with the Xbox version of *Lockdown*.

It would seem, at this point, the *Rainbow Six* series is here to stay, Ubisoft keeps implementing new multiplayer modes, and the college kids never stop loving the good old in your face action. Consider *Lockdown* another rightly made shooter from Ubisoft and go out there and get you a copy. "Tango down."
Grade: B+

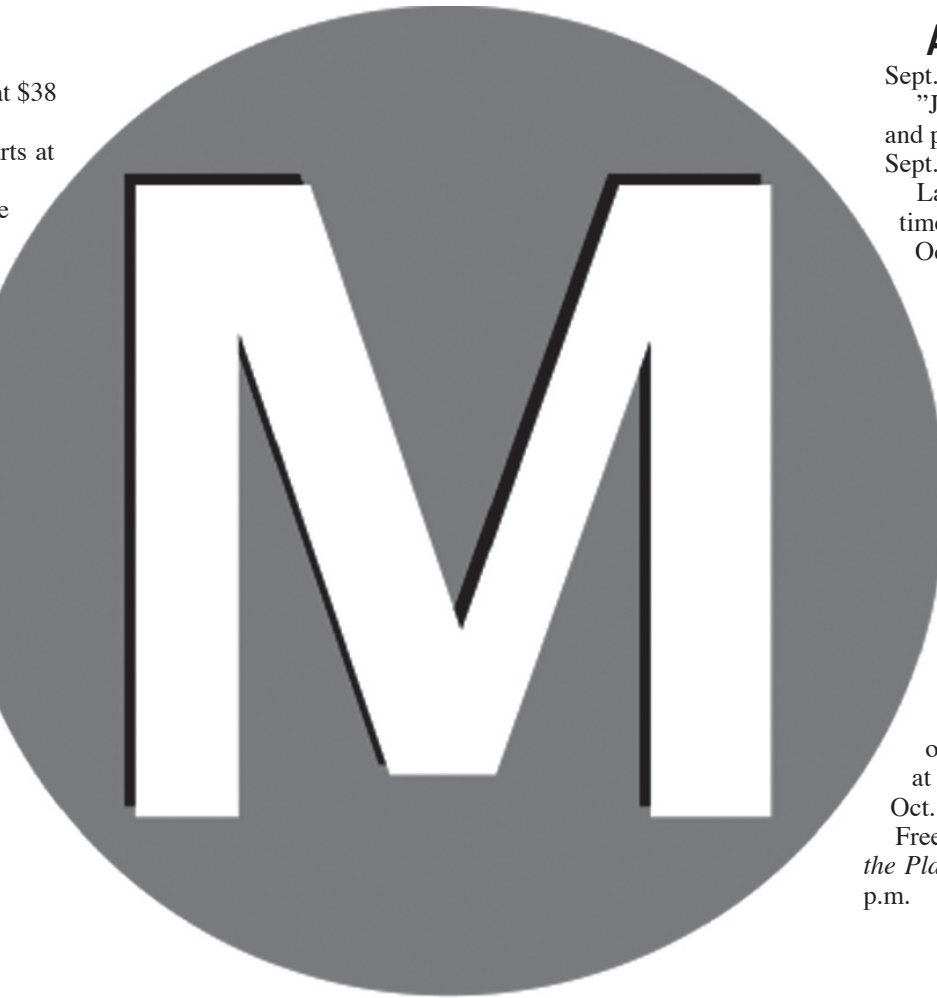


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 Coldplay at Philips Arena, starts at 7:30 p.m. tickets start at \$38
 Sept. 30
 Debbie Reynolds at Fredrick Brown Jr. Amphitheatre, starts at 8 p.m. \$48
 Stranger By Day [Last Show] Nor Am I and One False Move at Swayze's Venue, starts at 7 p.m. \$7
 Oct. 1
 Allman Brothers Band at HiFi Buys Amphitheatre, starts at 7 p.m. tickets start at \$48.50
 Elton John at Philips Arena, starts at 8 p.m. tickets start at \$45
 Oct. 2
 Bleed the Dream, A Change of Pace, Roses are Red and others at Swayze's Venue, starts at 6 p.m. \$10
 Oct. 3
 Amber Pacific, House of Heroes at Swayze's Venue, starts at 7 p.m. \$7.
 Oct. 4
 The Electric Six at The Earl \$10

SPORTS

Sept. 28
 Atlanta Braves vs. Colorado Rockies at Turner Field, starts at 7:35 p.m. tickets start at \$10
 Sept. 30
 Atlanta Thrashers vs. Nashville Predators at Philips Arena, starts at 8 p.m. tickets start at \$10
 GA Fight Company Presents Fists of Fury at Dekalb Event Center, starts at 7 p.m. tickets start at \$25
 Oct. 2
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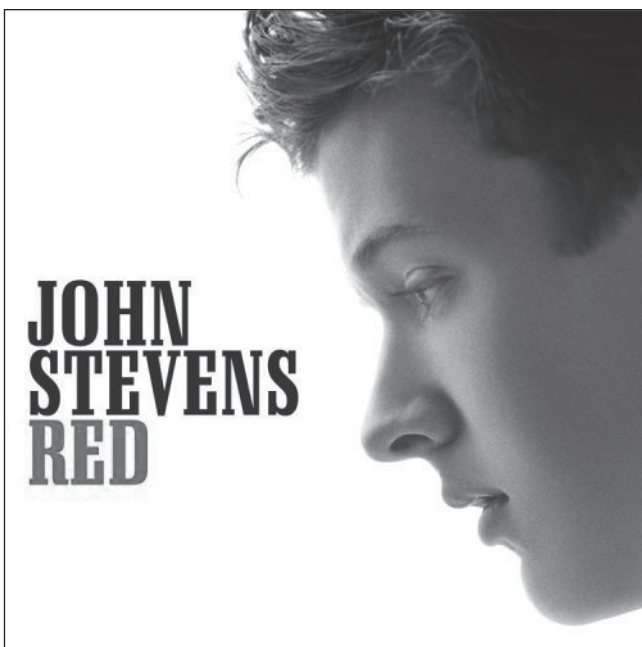
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 Oct. 4
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~ Compiled by Sarah Goehler



CD pick of the week:

Keith Hopper
 Staff writer

Artist: John Stevens
 Title: Red
 Toured With: American Idol
 Rating: Turn It Up!

I'm not a fan of American Idol, or any other "reality" TV series for that matter. But as far as first record offerings go, "Red", by the 17-year-old John Stevens, is acceptable. Compared to some of the other choice acts that have come from the loser's row of American Idol, this album is like gold. Stevens gives us excellently de-

livered renditions of our favorite classic jazz songs and some new pop covers, backed by terrific musicians.

Every classic song on the album is perfectly executed, he has a great talent unfettered by the drugs booze and cigarettes of the original stars. "I want to show America that jazz, big band and swing music aren't dead," John Stevens said. "Those types of music are timeless and fun and there's a whole cool lifestyle associated with it. If done right, these genres appeal to people of all ages."

Grade: **B-**

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Movie Review: *The Corpse Bride*

Burton dead on with latest film

Dustin Jacobs
Staff writer

Director Tim Burton was once an animator for Disney, but became bored with water

coloring. His last animated film, 1993's *A Nightmare Before Christmas*, has gone on to be a cult classic. Twelve years later, Burton has followed up that animated experience with another:

Corpse Bride.

Corpse Bride tells the story of Vincent Van Dort, voiced by Burton regular Johnny Depp, who has been betrothed by his parents to Victoria Everglot,

voiced by Emily Watson, in an attempt to become associated with high society in a 19th century European village. Luckily for both Vincent and Victoria, they fall for each other at first site. One problem arises for the two love birds however, when Vincent rehearses his vows to a buried *Corpse Bride*, voiced by Burton's wife Helena Bonham Carter. The bride then takes her

new husband into the land of the dead, and introduces Vincent to what she hopes will be his home for all eternity.

Everything Tim Burton is known for can be found in *Corpse Bride*. From Danny Elfman, who lends his voice to the score, songs and as the character Bonejangles, to the gothic dark colors and strangely angled sets. This is Burton at his best. Burton

has the uncanny ability to bring his odd visions to life, and also make others work seem original. This could very well be his best work not only as an animator or director, but perhaps as a storyteller.

This particular story consists of a continuous theme. A young bride to be is murdered before she can realize her dream of marriage, so she takes a husband who is still among the living. Parents try to choose what they feel is best for their children, when ultimately they are doing what is best for themselves. A sinister man tries to wed for dowry alone, but comes to find the cupboard is bare. All are best laid plans that have one problem: life gets in the way.

Burton's films all seem to have the same bitter-sweet haze. With one person's happiness, comes another person's sacrifice or sorrow. When you think about it, maybe one person's decision really does affect everyone else. Burton brings to life a great animated film that should give him his first Oscar, if only as the recipient of Best Animated Feature Film.



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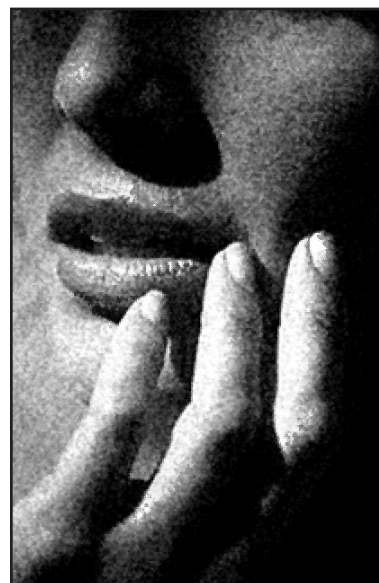
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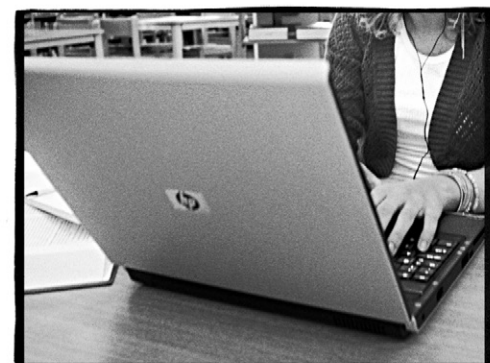
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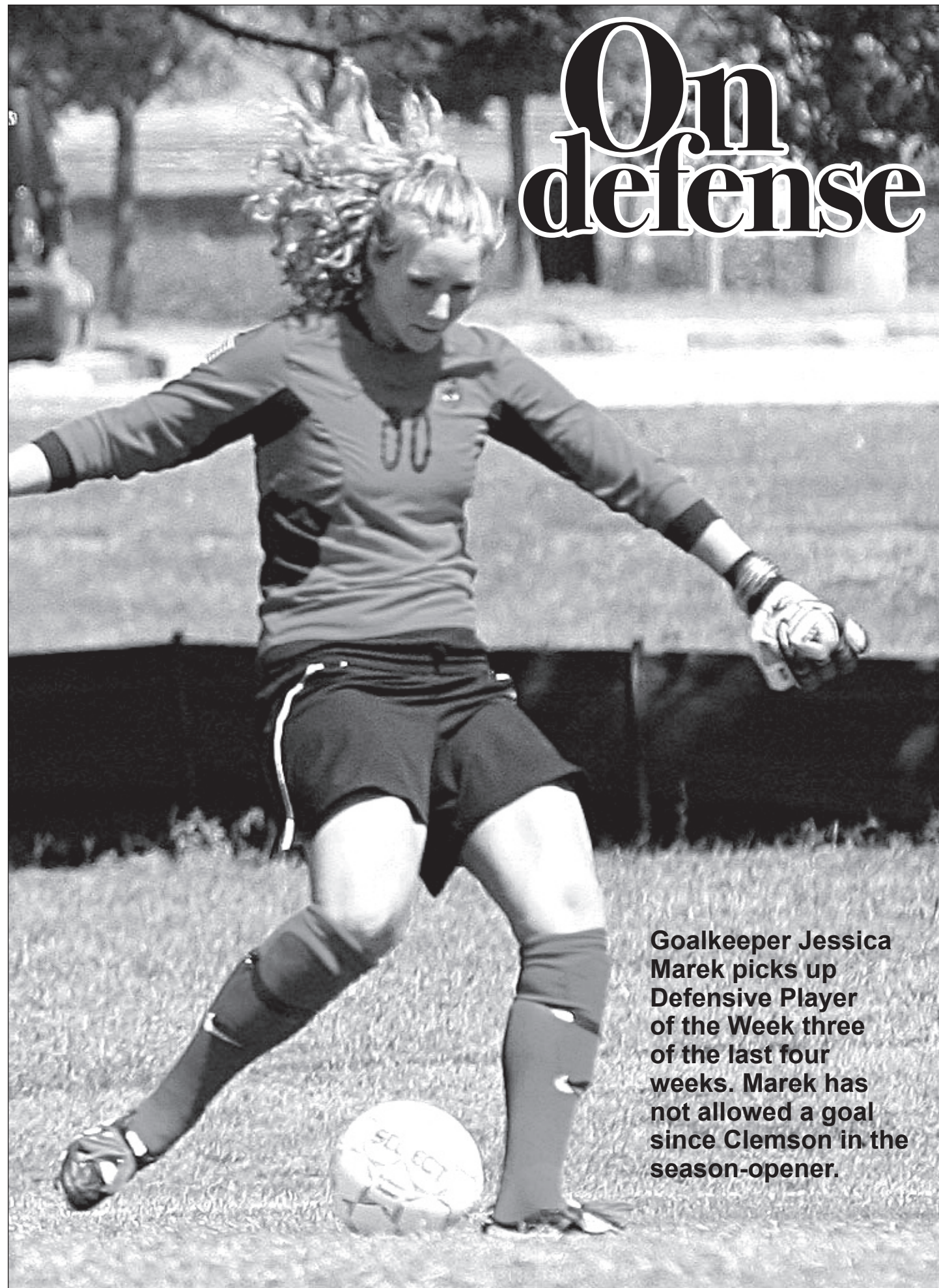
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SPORTS



On defense

Goalkeeper Jessica Marek picks up Defensive Player of the Week three of the last four weeks. Marek has not allowed a goal since Clemson in the season-opener.

Rick Winters | The Sentinel

Marek stifles the competition

David Beaumont
Staff writer

Jessica Marek is the last line of defense, a defensive coordinator with the sole job of repelling all attacks on her goal. She is the goalkeeper, and has accomplished the tasks of her position with prowess. In her career with the Owls, she holds a record of 31 shut outs, which means that for 31 games the opposition was scoreless. Last season, in Division II, Marek was twice awarded the Defensive Player of the Week award by the Association of Independent Soccer Colleges and Universities. The honors have not stopped with the move to Division I and the Atlantic Sun Conference. Marek has twice been awarded Defensive

Player of the Week by the A-Sun Conference this season. "It was definitely a team effort... it's good because it shows that our defense worked hard," Marek said about the accomplishment.

Jessica, born to Mark and Virginia Marek, spent most of her childhood living in Huntsville, Alabama where she learned to play soccer at an early age. Marek first tried playing keeper at the age of 10 and took on her position exclusively at age 14. While attending Huntsville High School, Jessica played for her high school team, the Big Red. In Marek's senior year, the Big Red won the 2002 Division 6A state soccer championship and Marek was voted MVP by her teammates.

After high school, Marek was recruited by head coach Rob King to join the fledgling Owl's soccer team. She went the first 773 minutes of her freshman season without ceding a single goal. Marek has been a starter in every game since the existence of the Owl's women's soccer program, a total of 70 games to date. She went without a goal being scored past her for the last 838 minutes of the 2003 season, the season that the Lady Owls won the D II National Championship.

"I like accomplishing something. I'm not necessarily going for the awards. I just like to work for something and just feel like I'm accomplishing something," Marek said.

Marek also has goals for accomplishment this season

and the future. The Owls are aiming to take the Atlantic Sun Conference title since they will not be able to challenge for the National Championship this year. "The competitive level has raised a lot, varying from game to game. It's intense," Marek said about the D-I level of play. Marek will be graduating this spring and intends on going with her friend and teammate, Katrina Hirsch, to try-outs for a professional league. "We'll see how that turns out," Marek said with a grin. In the event that she cannot be a professional soccer star, Marek will have a degree in the fine arts to fall back on.

Jessica Marek and the rest of our Lady Owls will be playing their next home game Thursday Sept. 29 against Stetson.

Gardner-Webb and Jacksonville. The next event for the team will be the Diet Coke Wofford Autumn Invitational, Oct. 9-11, hosted by Wofford.

Men's golf

The Owls finished seventh out of 13 teams at the Raines Development Group International Tournament in Florence, South Carolina, with a combined team score of 878 for the three-round competition. Oliver West shot consecutive scores of 71 for the last two rounds to finish tied for tenth individually with a final score of two under par 214.

West again finished strong at the Sea Trail Intercollegiate, leading the team to a fifth place finish overall. West shot an even par 216 for the weekend and the team shot a combined score of 883. The Owls have a breather before going to Chattanooga Oct. 17 to compete at the Sonic/UTC Fall Golf Classic.

time of 26:44. The Owls travel to Macon to compete at the Georgia Collegiate State Championships on Oct. 1.

Women's golf

The debut of the Lady Owls golf team was a success at the Draper Valley Women's Invitational in Draper, Virginia. The team finished ninth in a field of 16, with a combined score of 55 over par. Erin Campbell and Patricia Kim tied for 16th individually with duplicate scores of nine over par. The team also finished ninth out of 18 at the Sea Trail Women's Intercollegiate in Sunset Beach, North Carolina. The Owls shot a combined team score of 642. Patricia Kim finished sixth individually with a two over par 148 for the two-round event. The Owls finished ahead of conference rivals

Fall sports in full swing

Jonathon Graves
Sports editor

Women's cross country

The Lady Owls finished fifth out of 14 teams overall at the Crimson Classic in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Patrina Hayes again led the way finishing third individually, with a time of 17:38. Erin Sutton finished 13th with a time of 18:22. The Lady Owls will be in Macon, Oct. 1, for the Georgia Collegiate State Championships.

Men's cross country

The Owls placed fourth out of an 11-team field, at the Crimson Classic in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Jason Waters, finished 10th individually, with a time just over 26 minutes. Piotr Kaszkur finished 23rd with a

Owls dominate in Jacksonville

Win streak at four; opposing teams can't buy goal

Jonathon Graves
Sports editor

The Owls won two more games in Jacksonville, Florida, defeating the University of North Florida 4-0, and then knocking off the University of Jacksonville, 1-0. The team increased their winning streak to four games as a result, improving to 6-1-1 on the season and 2-0 in conference play. It has now been seven games since the team has allowed a goal. The victory over conference rival UNF was important because of the ramifications on the standings. The Owls maintained first place in the A-Sun with the win. The Owls have developed a trend of playing suffocating defense, keeping the Ospreys scoreless, allowing only three shots on goal for the entire contest.

The offense came to life in the second half, netting four goals from ten shots. Annie Phillips and Jenae Gzehoviac both scored in the second half. Caitlin Jadlocki and Stephanie Grzeskowiak added two more scores, the first goals of the season for both players.

The Owls faced a determined Dolphins team in the second game, which developed into a battle of defenses. The contest was another important conference game and the Owl defense held the Dolphins to just six shots on goal, allowing none for the shutout. The lone goal for the Owls came in the second half when Rebecca Hall scored for the first time this season off a set play. Goalkeeper Jessica Marek increased her shut-out streak to 911 minutes, and recorded career shut-outs 32 and 33 over the weekend. The win over JU is the second straight conference win for the Owls who remain atop the conference standings.

Game of the Week

#5 Florida at #15 Alabama

SEC fans take notice. This could be a preview of the SEC Title Game down in the Georgia Dome. The SEC West is represented by the Alabama Crimson Tide, and the SEC East is represented by the Florida Gators. It has been a while since Tuscaloosa saw an SEC Championship, and a win over

Florida would improve their chances of seeing one at the end of this season.

Dustin Jacobs
Columnist

Alabama, though ranked, have remained under the radar, which may have something to do with the fact that they have yet to play a real opponent, no offense to Steve Spurrier. The Gators have been putting up some points, averaging a total of 35 points per game. If Alabama is to win this one, they will have to play keep away with the running game, and WR Tyrone Prothro will have to pull a few more rabbits out of his hat. Gators head coach Urban Meyer hasn't lost a game in some time, and the trifecta of QB Chris Leak, RB DeShawn Wynn, and WR Chad Jackson should be enough to make the Tide drown in its own Crimson tears. The Pick: Florida

Pick 5
NCAA FOOTBALL

#1 USC at #14 Arizona State

USC just finished with Oregon, only to be faced with another high powered offense in Arizona St. Southern Cal really has no complaints after last week's drubbing of the Ducks at Oregon. It is no mystery that this team is talented on offense, but the defense did an amazing job keeping the Ducks to 13 points. The Sun Devils offense is good, mainly because Sam Keller has thrown for nearly 1500 yards and 16 touchdowns. Keller is emerging as a Heisman Trophy dark horse; however his defense will let him and the rest of the Sun Devils down. The Pick: USC

Michigan at #11 Michigan State

A big reason why the Michigan State Spartans are undefeated is because of their high octane passing game lead by QB Drew Stanton, whom broke the school record with 5 TD passes last week at Illinois. That same passing game leads the nation in passing efficiency and leads the Big Ten in total offense. The Michigan Wolverines who are 0-1 in the Big Ten, are in a must win mode after losing to Wisconsin last week. Every tough team Michigan has played has beaten them and that includes the loss to Notre Dame at home, where as the Spartans went to South Bend and won. I have a feeling this intra-state/conference rivalry game will be ugly for the Wolverines. The Pick: Michigan St.

#18 Minnesota at Penn State

A battle of the undefeateds will take place at Beaver Stadium. The Minnesota Golden Gophers are the best rushing team in the land. RB Laurence Maroney leads the nation in rushing with over 700 yds rushing and his backup RB Gary Russell has 8 touchdowns. The Penn State Nittany Lions have yet to face a rushing attack like this, and to be honest have yet to see a team like this. Coach Joe Paterno has done a great job keeping his team together through the first four games. Coach Paterno has many Penn State fans asking for his resignation, but a win over Minnesota could keep them at bay for at least another week. This game will show who the pretender in the Big 10 really is. The Pick: Minnesota

#13 Notre Dame at #22 Purdue

Fighting Irish head coach Charlie Weis has done an amazing job giving Notre Dame a chance to win each week. He has truly turned this team around, and has a chance to put another win on the board this weekend at Purdue. The Purdue Boiler Makers are coming off a heartbreaking loss at Minnesota in double overtime. They will need to bounce back and in a big way against this year's darlings of college football, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Purdue's passing defense leaves room for improvement as they have allowed an average of over 300 yds through the air and 3 passing TDs a game. That bodes well for Irish QB Brady Quinn who averages around the same stats offensively. The battle for the Shillelagh Trophy should be a good one, but at the end of the day, the luck will be with the Irish.

The Pick: Notre Dame

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