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Tuition residence loophole

Government discusses
in-state tuition

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Federal and state government ideals are clashing over undocumented students' eligibility for in-state tuition at Georgia's public universities.

The Federal Illegal Immigration and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 banned public colleges from allowing illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition.

Some Georgia legislators now have their own priorities for this year concerning higher education. Georgia's senate Republicans are working to make illegal immigration a key topic in the upcoming legislative session.

They will be supporting proposals that would ban undocumented residents from receiving taxpayer-funded services in this state. Some educators said this could hamper the state's efforts to create a more educated Georgia, while others disagreed.

"I think it's good they are getting an education and not just working minimum wage jobs, but they need to become citizens to be able to pay in-state tuition," freshman Emily Stieren said.

"If we don't educate these kids, what happens to them?" Dan Papp, senior vice chancellor of academic affairs for the University System of Georgia, said, according to the Atlanta Journal Constitution. "That's a question we have to answer."

Out-of-state tuition at this university is \$3,658 more for a full-time student than in-state tuition.

This margin is often the deciding factor on whether or not an undocumented student can attend a tertiary institution.

"I think anyone who is not a legal citizen of the U.S. should be denied entry into any university until they become a citizen," sophomore Mike Taghipour said. "Out-of-state tuition is the least that could be demanded from these individuals."

Since 2000, nine states have passed legislation to make undocumented students eligible for in-state tuition. These states evade the law by simply not asking applicants their citizenship status.

Georgia college officials will maintain their acceptance of undocumented students until a state law is made to stop them.

Dan Stein, executive director of The Federation for American Immigration Reform, characterizes illegal residency as "line-jumping."

"I hope that this legislation will keep many illegal aliens from coming to Georgia in the first place and staying here illegally for their education," junior Brent Simpson said. "If they are getting in-state tuition, so should everyone else who applies to colleges, what makes them special?"

The University System reported they had no idea what percentage of the 6,400 Hispanic students in Georgia's colleges are here legally.

"I'm not in favor of supporting people who come to this country illegally," Bill Fritz, Georgia State University Associate Provost, said according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Row, row, row your boat



Photo courtesy of Stella Xu

22 Member team win 3rd place in Dragon boat race.

Success for dragon-boaters

Michael Miracle
Staff writer

It was a gorgeous Saturday morning when the first team dragon boaters of KSU approached the starting line on the banks of Lake Lanier.

The 22-member team grabbed their dragon-headed vessel and walked out confidently to meet their destiny. The boat, which resembles a large

canoe with an intricate dragonhead and tail ornately crafted on each end, housed all the members snugly.

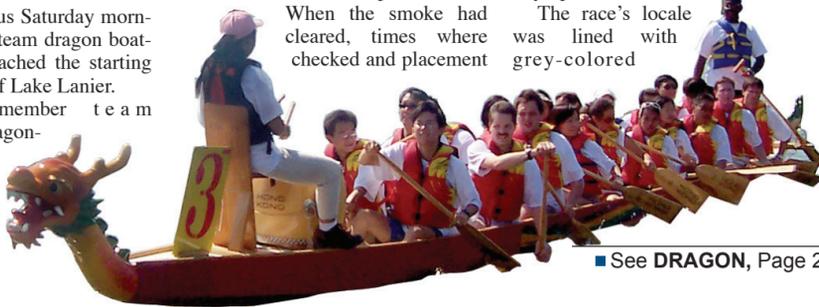
One member manned the front of the boat and one manned the rear as the remaining 20 members split each side, armed with their only mode of movement: a paddle.

When the smoke had cleared, times were checked and placement

designated, team KSU won a third place trophy in their first ever dragon boat race.

The race was held in the man-made confines of Lake Lanier at the same location as the Rowing and Paddling events of the 1996 summer Olympics.

The race's locale was lined with grey-colored



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NSCS awards local chapter

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The National Society of Collegiate Scholars [NSCS] held an annual fall induction ceremony on campus Sept. 16.

"First and second-year students are invited to join NSCS each spring semester," Student Life assistant director Tara Parker said. "They must meet a criteria of top 20 percent of their class and have earned a GPA of 3.4 or better to become members."

Invited students are lifetime members if they decide to join. There is no requirement to maintain a certain GPA once a student joins NSCS.

There are 375,000 lifetime members, and 70,000 new members join each year, according to the NSCS Web site. The site also states the benefits of membership include recognition, networking and career resources, the opportunity to apply for scholarships, leadership development, and social and service activities on campus.

"There were 296 students who joined NSCS in the spring 2005," Parker said.

"The organization was initiated by a student and she enlisted the help of a few other students who became the first officers once the organization was approved," Parker said. "The organization is a student-run organization. Each year the officers nominate faculty and staff members to be Distinguished Members."

The purpose of the Distinguished Member program is to recognize individuals who reflect the mission of the society and who have made outstanding contributions by fulfilling one or more of the following requirements: provid-



Photo courtesy of Tara Parker

Chapter members Tara Parker, Tammy Tso, Taylor Wolleat, Ileana Koczkas, Elaine McMahon, Lissette Davila attended the ceremony.

ing guidance for chapter endeavors, directly affecting the success of the first and second-year students, making a difference in the community and making the institution and community a better place.

"Although it is not required for students to attend meetings, the executive board schedules meetings each month, and they plan a variety of activities, service projects and leadership opportunities," Parker said. Parker said the induction ceremony was a great success. She has been the advisor for NSCS since it became a registered student organization in 2000.

Dr. Alice Terry attended the ceremony and spoke about what leadership and service meant to the organization. The Distinguished Member award was presented to Margie Drivick. The national Merit Award was presented to Heather Lemoine.

Jason Gardner was presented the

Outstanding Member award for his assistance and involvement in the NSCS chapter over the last year.

"I encourage all the members to take advantage of all of the opportunities our chapter [has to offer] as well as [the ones] the national office is offering," Ileana Koczkas, president of NSCS, said.

"KSU NSCS chapter was recognized as a Bronze Star Chapter by the National Office," Parker said. "This means the chapter has held a number of successful events and has contributed significantly to the overall NSCS organization. There are 51 Bronze Star chapters of 205 in the country."

The university is one of five chapters in the country to have achieved in all four of the following areas: Bronze Star level, an advisor honored for five years of service, a fully functioning and active executive board and Merit Award winner.

On the right track

Students engaged for
learning and personal
development

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Staff writer

KSU has received high scores in areas employers find most important in the 2005 National Survey of Student Engagement [NSSE].

"[The survey] is designed to obtain, on an annual basis, information from scores of colleges and universities nationwide about student participation in programs and activities that institutions provide for their learning and personal development. The results will provide an estimate of how undergraduates spend their time and what they gain from attending college," according to the survey.

These results can then be used by institutions to "identify aspects of the undergraduate experience inside and outside the classroom that can be improved through changes in policies and practices more consistent with good practices in undergraduate education."

Last spring, 516 freshmen and 632 seniors participated in the survey, along with students from 500 colleges and universities.

"All four-year institutions in the University System of Georgia were represented in this popular and influential survey research on the ways in which students are engaged in educationally effective collegiate experiences," Dr. Ed Rugg, director for the Center for Institutional Effectiveness and professor of Educational Research, said.

Rugg said the survey revealed 75 percent of seniors reported the KSU experience contributed to their educational growth in general and specialized knowledge, critical thinking and problem solving skills, technological sophistication, effectiveness in communication and teamwork and the capacity for independent learning.

However, only half of the seniors reported to have gained self-understanding, developing a personal code of values and ethics, community service, voting participation and spiritual development from their experiences at the university.

KSU had a significantly higher educational impact on students using computing and information technology than that of other masters-level institutions.

The university had an 84 percent success rate while other institutions had only 79 percent. The survey also showed students at the university scored higher in analyzing quantitative problems, at 79 percent, while other institutions had 72 percent.

"KSU's long-standing strategic priorities and considerable investments in advancing the educational use of computing and information technology appear to have worked effectively to produce an exceptionally broad impact on student learning in this vital area of knowledge and skill," Rugg said.

The university uses WebCT and digital library resources to help students gain knowledge and skills. Rugg said KSU was one of the first colleges to charge a student technology fee to offer advanced technology to students.

Students' ability to analyze quantitative problems was another of the university's strengths.

Rugg said this is because the university requires six credit hours of mathematics for the general education curriculum, whereas many colleges only require three hours.

KSU had a smaller impact on outcomes involving attitudes and values as a whole. The percentages were close to that of other schools, according to the survey.

"The average employer wants someone who can problem solve, work effectively with others in teams, be independent, proactive and get the job done," Rugg said.

"I do believe my time here has helped me to prepare for my field," senior Stephanie Snodgrass said. "The internships I have done have directly led to this through future job opportunities and also knowledge in diverse fields."

Proof positive

Alcohol survey results accurate in college students

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Staff writer

A recent Duke University study has concluded college students can accurately estimate how much they drink, despite their inability to distinguish an average serving size of alcohol.

Aaron White, an associate professor in the department of psychiatry at Duke, conducted the study, which asked Duke students who were under the influence of alcohol to take breathalyzer tests and estimate how much they had consumed.

White found students' "self-reported data was pretty similar" to their actual blood-alcohol content [BAC].

This is the third study of the series White and his colleagues have conducted, which examines the drinking habits of college students.

White said the first study, in which researchers asked students to pour an amount of liquid equivalent to a standard serving size of alcohol into a glass, found students would "pour huge servings and the bigger the glass, the more they would pour."

The second study consisted of educating half of the original participants about the correct serving sizes of alcoholic beverages before repeating the steps of the first study. The students who had been informed about serving sizes tended to pour drinks closer to the standard.

Based on their findings,

White and his team speculated that since many students do not seem to have been taught how to define a single serving of alcohol, they probably underestimate how much they are drinking. However, the results of their third study disproved this assumption.

"This is good news," White said. "With the exception of beer, students tended to have very bloated definitions of what a drink should be. If this has real world implications, then students should be reaching much higher BAC levels than they think, but overall they seem to be able to keep track somehow of how much they have been drinking."

Some KSU students introduced to White's survey results accepted them as accurate.

"Most of my friends would know how drunk they are, unless they're just the really obnoxious-drunk type," sophomore Tricia Baker said.

"I don't think my friends would over-pour," freshman Ryan Foster said. "I think they would all know to pour the same amounts that are served in restaurants."

"I can tell how much I'm drinking because I used to bartend," senior Melissa Robinson said.

"While this is a provocative study, I can't fairly accept it as proof of [the accuracy of self-reporting] because it is based on a small sample at one school," Dr. Henry Wechsler, director of the Harvard School of Public Health's College Alcohol Studies Program and an expert on student



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Dave Turner works the bar at Ray's Tavern in Kennesaw.

drinking behaviors, said in an article on Join Together Online.

Other students seem to agree with Wechsler.

"I think if they are trying to apply [the study results] to everyone, I would say, 'No, that's bogus,'" junior Jeremiah Byars said. "But if they are keeping it at the school I would think it was interesting and probably believe it."

"I don't think I would be able to tell how much I'm drinking," junior Jen Hawley said. "Once you get to that point, it's all downhill."

In the study, White said the results could vary under changed conditions.

"Perhaps at off-campus parties we would find a big difference," he said.

POLICE BEAT

Compiled from campus police records

Chauntrell Lofton
Staff writer

A complainant, found sitting on the sidewalk, said she returned to her car between classes to change books when **a male pushed her down. She described him as a white male, tall and thin with bushy blond hair and wearing a green t-shirt and gray shorts. Three other men accompanied the suspect. The complainant said they laughed when she fell on the ground.** She described one of the men as a black male wearing a blue shirt with a Greek letter 'A' on the front. The other two men were described as a black male and Hispanic male. Metro Ambulance 229 transported the complainant to Kennestone Medical Center for an injury to her ankle.

Someone took \$6 out of the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund bucket between Sep. 9 - Sept. 11. A complainant said the bucket was located in the Student Center room 374 on top of a file cabinet.

A complainant said her roommate asked to borrow her car keys to retrieve her cell phone out of a vehicle. After approximately five minutes, the complainant went to the parking deck to investigate why her friend was gone so long but she was **unable to locate her friend or the vehicle.** The responding officer contacted the complainant's

friend to inquire about the vehicle and was told **the car was moved to another location as a practical joke.**

After inspecting the vehicle for damage, the complainant asked the officer to escort her to her room to be sure there were no items missing. The officer advised the complainant's friends they should not move vehicles that do not belong to them. The Residential Advisors completed judiciary forms.

A University Place resident was **suspected of smoking marijuana.** The responding officer met with the complainant who said she had gone to the suspect's apartment to serve a judiciary form when she smelled a strong marijuana odor coming from the apartment. After approximately one minute, the resident opened the door.

The complainant explained she and the officer were at the apartment because of the **marijuana odor** and asked for permission to enter the apartment. The resident let them in the apartment and told them her boyfriend was in the bathroom when asked if there was anyone else with her. He later complied with the request to come out of the bathroom. **The resident's boyfriend admitted he had smoked marijuana outside of the apartment door earlier and lit an incense stick to cover up the smell.** The boyfriend was issued a Criminal Trespass Warning and advised he could not return to the university without permission. Additional judiciary charges are pending against the resident.

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Dragon

brick bleachers in which spectators and judges sat, all eyeing the 30 competing dragon boat teams, but their watchful eyes would not waver the fighting spirit of KSU's dragon boat competitors.

After traveling the 1,000 meter race in just under 90 seconds in their first year of competition, they would finish a mere 35 seconds out of first - not bad for a freshman team.

"We didn't expect to make it out of the primary races," organizer Stella Xu said.

Almost six hours later, the team found themselves in the semifinals battling dragon boat veterans for champion status.

Xu said she believes next year's race could prove much more rewarding because the team will be more experienced and better prepared.

The race is the 10th annual



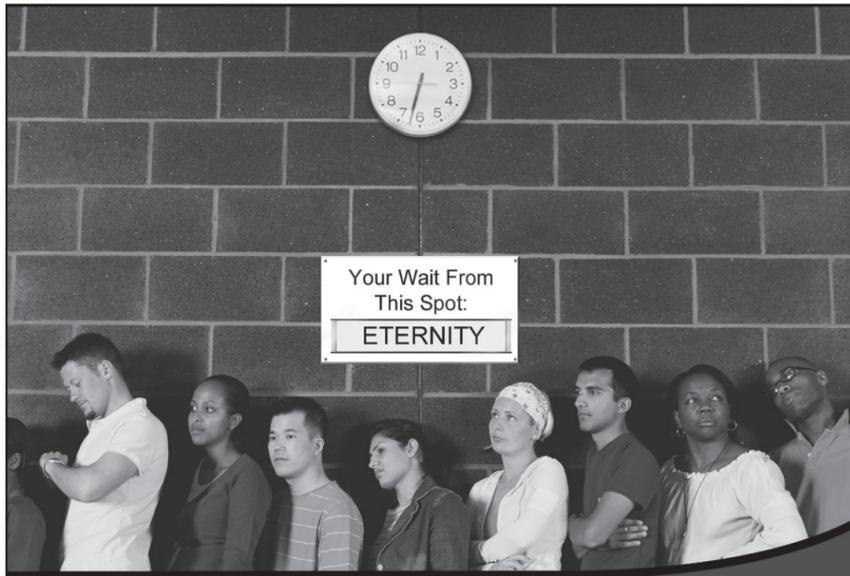
incarnation of a tradition that dates back well over 2,000 years in the form of an ancient Chinese legend, of Qu Yuan, a political poet whose corrupt Chinese government banished him from the proceedings.

In a supreme act of protest he committed suicide by drowning himself in the Mi Lo River.

As the story goes, attempts

by townspeople to save his life were fruitless so they took to gathering in boats and beating paddles in the water to keep fish away from Yuan's decaying body.

The dragon boat race materialized as a symbol of the people's unavailing attempt to save the life of their respected compatriot.



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GALILEO celebrates 10 years

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Staff writer

Governor Sonny Perdue and others involved with the creation of Georgia Library Learning Online [GALILEO] recognized the program's 10-year anniversary with a celebration in Atlanta.

When former Governor Zell Miller and the Georgia General Assembly approved funding for the University System of Georgia to launch GALILEO in 1995, they had no idea of the success it would have.

The database was only available through University System of Georgia campus libraries initially. Today, GALILEO is accessible through 2,500 public and private institutions.

GALILEO has become a gateway for receiving in-

formation and has reached nearly 50 million transactions this year, becoming Georgia's universal electronic library.

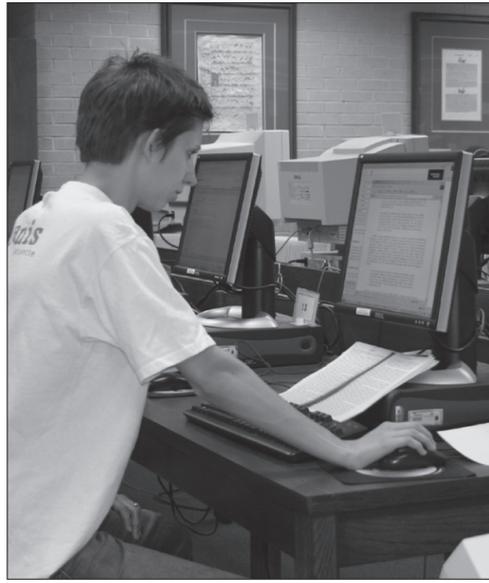
The database will be introducing innovations that allow people to use GALILEO from a Google search.

Student Brad Denny said he really liked GALILEO and would be happy if the database stayed the same.

"It would definitely be beneficial if they added more law articles," student Jeff Glass said.

"I've used GALILEO, but I think it would be much easier if [the database] would run with the speed and accuracy of a search engine," student Chris Morrison said.

GALILEO will embark on a three-year upgrade to improve the search func-



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Danielle Flynn researches using GALILEO in the Sturgis Library.

tion. "GALILEO has grown quickly to serve Georgians from Tybee Island to Dalton, from the big city to the farm," Perdue said, according to an article from

Valdosta State University. "No other state has the participation of all the communities in the way that GALILEO does."

Money talks Student Government stipend summary explained

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Staff writer

With an operating budget last year of more than \$48,000, student government is responsible for a sizeable portion of student fees.

Approximately 4 percent of their budget was allotted to an awards ceremony. "The awards ceremony is a student government tradition," Thomas Cotton, student government president, said. "Outstanding students in different organizations on campus are rewarded for the work they provide to the school through their organization."

This ceremony is an opportunity for these students to meet with campus administrators.

Approximately 6 percent of the budget was spent on plane tickets, registration to the Georgia Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values, Student Advisory Council, student government workshop and a golf tournament.

With more than 40 percent of the budget allotted to stipends for members, the bulk of the expense was awarded to student government members for the amount of time devoted to student government activities.

The previous student government president, Munzir Naqvi, was awarded \$3,360 spanning three semesters during his term as president.

"Out of about 60 days over the summer, [Thomas Cotton and I] spent approximately 50 days on campus working on student government issues," James Touchton, vice president, said. "Thomas is on just about every committee on campus, including Presidential Search and Advisory Committee."

The award each member is eligible to receive is stipulated by the Student Activity and Budget Advisory Committee [SABAC].

For example, the president of student government is eligible to receive up to 100 percent of matriculation costs, while a senator is eligible for only up to 25 percent.

Stipends are not guaranteed, according to Kathy Alday, faculty advisor for student government.

"They have a set up in their policies and procedures manual, a stipend committee, and they review the stipend request each semester and recommend a stipend award within the guidelines set up by SABAC," Alday said. "They have criteria such as attendance at meetings, office hours, the actual work done and any work done above and beyond."

SG members are responsible for determining the amount of the award.

"They are more willing to cut a stipend than to give a full amount," Touchton said.

This is indicated by the fact the awards are taken from the budget student government is awarded by SABAC, therefore, the more money

spent on stipends, the less money available for other expenditures.

"They pretty much hold each other accountable, and I have seen them many times not give a full stipend," Alday said. Other expenses include a \$1,502 charge at U.S. Play.

"This is a team-building exercise that has become a tradition for student government," Cotton said.

Cotton said that the charges were made before he was elected, and were out of his control. With a new president and vice president student government will be able to control spending through such initiatives as bringing the presidential candidates to campus, introducing victims of Hurricane Katrina to the school, upgrading the hockey team to Division I and campaigning to save the mini-gym for extracurricular activities.

Alday said these goals might be within reach because this term's student government has already accomplished more than last year.

"Stipends are not guaranteed" - Kathy Alday, Director of Student Life

Eat your Wheaties

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Staff writer

Fueling your body for the day:

Do you eat breakfast every morning? A recent study found that females who eat breakfast in the mornings have slimmer bodies and a lower body mass index.

The study followed 2,400 females through a 10-year period in California, Ohio and Maryland. Some of the findings stated eating breakfast in the morning, such as cereal, lowered the girls' body mass index.

"As part of the survey, the

girls were asked once a year what they had eaten during the previous three days. The data were adjusted to compensate for factors such as differences in physical activity and normal increases in body fat during adolescence," according to an article on CNN Health.

Girls who ate breakfast all three days had 0.7 units lower on their body mass index than girls who did not eat breakfast. Including cereal as a source of nutrition, the body mass index was 1.65 units lower.

Researchers found, as the girls got older, they skipped breakfast more and ate more



fatty foods later in the day.

Girls who ate a regular breakfast each morning had fewer snacks and chose to eat healthier foods as the day progressed.

"There are some mornings

I am rushing out the door and do not have time to eat breakfast and during the day I can feel the effects of it," Katie Shiner, biology major, said.

"Skipping breakfast may put you on the fast track to weight gain and heart disease," according to an article on Fox News. Not eating breakfast can produce LDL cholesterol, which is a risk factor for heart disease.




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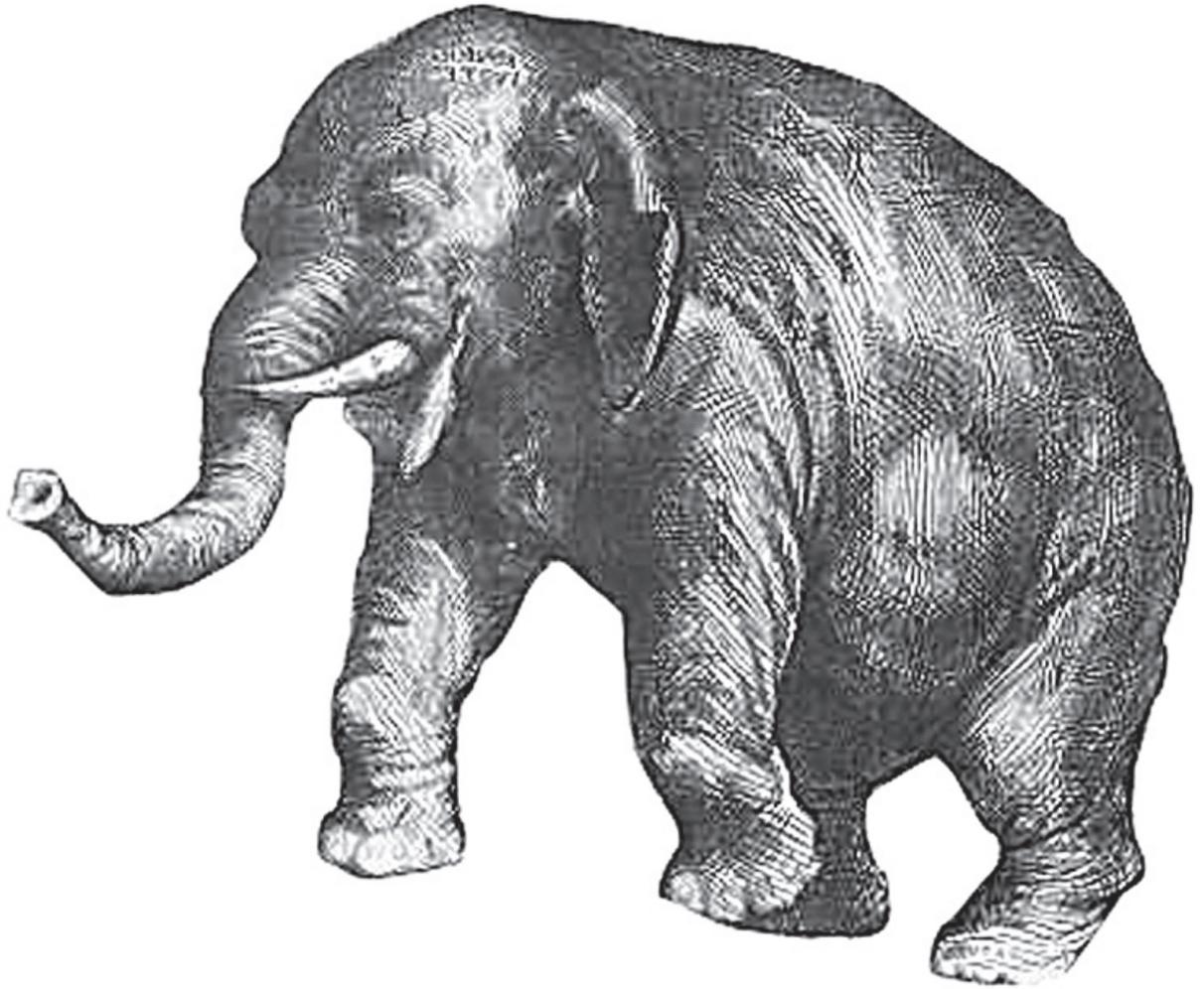
Michael Miracle
Columnist

Roughly one month ago, Georgia's governor passed a voting act that not only makes our state the most difficult to vote in, but confirmed some citizen's beliefs that Georgia is home to the most ass-backward legislators in the United States. The voting rights act, or lack thereof, is being billed as one that will eliminate voter fraud. How? By making it mandatory for every eligible voter to obtain a voter identification card. This special voter ID card costs either \$20 for a five-year subscription or \$35 for a 10-year. Both cards, consequently, carry the same amount of racial inequality that plagued the south for decades. But what if one can not afford these mandatory voter ID cards or simply has no means of transportation to one of the mere 56 state-wide locations that carry these cards? Fret not, because our myopic legislators have those bases covered. They will simply send a bus, yes, one bus, around the state to distribute these plastic shackles to our state's less fortunate residents. Let's hope these less fortunate have a means [i.e. television, literacy, money for a newspaper] to know when to be at the bus stop to pick up their shiny new voter IDs.

As if that were not enough, the law also slashed the number of forms of identification voters could use to vote from 17 to six. Of course, all six are government forms of photo identification. So instead of voters being able to show legitimate forms of identification, such as Social Security cards, birth certificates or billing statements, voters must now essentially embark on a search and rescue mission for these coveted ID cards. And residents thought getting their licenses at the DMV was fun, wait until scores of procrastinating voters rush to the already crowded and sluggishly slow DMV offices to wait in line for this unwarranted waste of wallet space.

Perhaps paramount in this discussion is how well these new provisions will work in countering voter fraud. Well, depending on how one looks at it, either extremely well or extremely poorly. See, in a shade under a decade, Georgia has not had a single instance of voter fraud at the polls. None. The only voter fraud that has occurred in Georgia was that of the absentee-ballot variety, and the amount of in-person voting fraud equals the amount of provisions added to the procedure for absentee ballots. None. So the current legislation has done everything in its power to combat the non-occurrence of voter fraud while simultaneously doing nary a thing to combat the real fraud they know is occurring. It is extremely easy to win a battle against an enemy that does not exist.

This legislation has made no real attempt to battle voter fraudulence and has instead ripped away the Constitutional rights of thousands to vote. Thanks, Governor Maddox...err...Perdue, why not pull out all the stops on your road to the pre-Civil Rights era and reinstate literacy tests at polling facilities? One thing is for certain, our legislature will not be passing any pre-voting tests concerning Constitutional rights-- if only because their apparent recollection of them appears a bit cloudy.



College Republicans cry all the way home

Group upset about on-campus performance

Jason Nimer
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If ever there was proof Republicans can dish it out but can't take it, it happened at KSU last week. A musical group called The Kinsey Sicks, which is composed entirely of drag queens, performed in the University Rooms Wednesday night. All students were invited, but a few in attendance did not like what they saw.

The show contained a few x-rated jokes and, more importantly, bashed President Bush and other Republicans for being oil and money hungry. Most of the people who showed up seemed to have fun and a few audience members even participated in the show. Sounds like a good time, right? Apparently not for KSU's College Republicans, who wasted no time in drafting a press release complaining about the performance. The press release claimed the performance was in poor taste and cites the amount of money it cost. The release even quotes a member of student government. Student government American minority senator Tsen-Tsen Diya said, "I left the room because I did not want to be in the presence of such extreme vulgarity." Keep in mind, though, no blame for this should be placed on student government and the job they do. It was foolish, however, to allow a senator to get mixed up in this whole mess.

In the same press release Jeremy Walts, the chairman of KSU's College Republicans,

made his opinion known. "Kennesaw Activities Board [KAB] spent over \$4,500 of student fees to further an agenda not consistent with our students, our school or our community."

What does all this mean? It means that some group of people who have no qualms about sending thousands of soldiers to die in an illegal war bristle at a few sex jokes and a little political commentary. By all accounts, only a few people were offended by the show, which makes sense, because most of KSU's student population is mature enough to find a little humor in an off-color comment or two. Memo to the College Republicans: please grow up. It was meant to be entertainment and, as college students, we ought to be able to handle a bit of political or racy humor. KAB most likely thought the performance went well and were probably blindsided by the College Republicans' press release. This newspaper even received a letter the day after the performance praising KAB for a job well done. Shame on you, College Republicans.

Due to this false outrage, KAB may no longer be able to provide entertainment as well as they have in the past. Now they may be forced to second-guess every activity or performer they book in an effort not to offend anyone. This single misguided act by the College Republicans could very well bring to

an end all of the great things KAB does for the university.

Brian Laurens, a business major and member of student government, said, "It was an inappropriate use of student funds and against the stated purpose of KAB."

If KAB's purpose is to bring entertainment and special events to the school, didn't they do exactly their job? No one complained about Rachel and Veronica from the Real World when they spoke here a few weeks ago. They used a few choice words and told racy stories.

The real reason for the uproar is that the performers were gay and told jokes about Republicans and the president. The performers painted Republicans as oil and money hungry, but what exactly about that statement is false? This is final proof that Republicans cannot take a joke. It also solidifies what many have suspected for a while; Republicans hate gay people.

After the whole mess blows over, here is what we will most likely be left with. An ineffective KAB board whose hands are tied on bringing us any entertainment, and a small group of College Republicans who feel they have effected change but, in reality, have ruined everyone else's fun. But isn't that what Republicans do best?

"It was an inappropriate use of student funds and against the stated purpose of KAB."

-Brian Laurens

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Governor Perdue's education woes

Was cancelling school a good idea?

Casey Childers
Columnist

With massive losses due to hurricane activity and gas prices set to continue their fluctuation, Gov. Sonny Perdue took action Friday, September 23. Previously, the governor implemented a month-long exemption from state fuel taxes. Last week, on the eve of Hurricane Rita's onslaught of the Gulf Coastline, Perdue, concerned with how another large hurricane could influence prices, determined that closing schools Monday and Tuesday of the following week could conserve up to 500,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Perdue made the announcement Friday evening, asking all of the public county schools to comply with his request. Most of them did. However, Perdue's decision was met with mixed reactions. President Bush praised Perdue for his position and willingness to take the necessary steps toward energy conservation. It is also easy to conceive that he is the new political hero for K-12 students throughout the state. But the decision was less than palatable for parents and many state democrats who criticized him for the inconvenience and for the fact that it affected education. The next argument was that Hurricane Rita hit the shore as a much tamer storm and failed to produce much of the predicted destruction. Consequently, gas supplies have not been suspended and Georgia residents are left questioning Perdue's move. In his defense, one

needs to look at how citizens reacted to the lack of preparation for Hurricane Katrina. They criticized the government for not taking the necessary action before the devastation and maintained that politicians were holding true to the elitist theory of American government. With that said, would the public prefer school be closed without pressing necessity, or would it like for there to be an enormous gas shortage while schools are in session? If the latter took place, some students would make it to school regardless, while others would have to remain at home missing school and getting behind. When all schools are closed from the start, all of the students in the class are in the same position and therefore are not trying to catch up with one another. This argument proves education is a priority of the governor. To assume an educated politician in office would dismiss the importance of education is ludicrous, even more so when that same man is the governor of Georgia-- a state with the lowest average SAT scores in the nation. Taking the initiative before a crisis occurred showed that Governor Perdue is someone who cares about his citizens and who is willing to take a stand for their well-being. Of course, this is no attempt to make light of the inconvenience many parents and students had to endure due to the last minute decision. It was reported that local YMCA's were scrambling for employees and volunteers to help with the large amount of children left in their care. Parents were concerned their children's education might somehow be hindered by the decision to close schools so early in the year. In retaliation, a couple of parents con-

ducted a teach-in for their elementary-aged children on the steps of the state Capitol, which is conveniently located close to Perdue's office. What the mothers did was an outward display of immaturity and a much worse experience for the children than not going to school at all. Perdue warned that although things have remained semi-normal in the passing days there is no guarantee gas prices will remain stationary in the days to come. Perdue has also suggested employees work from home and for businesses to limit themselves to a four-day week in the event gas prices skyrocket even higher. In a nation so divided, it is no surprise emotions and opinions are mixed and complicated. After all, the duty of the opposition, of course, is to oppose. Everyone can see our nation has had better days. With a country raging out of control, its citizens are virtually insatiable. Under these circumstances, the public should focus on the needs of



Governor Sonny Perdue

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our nation, and in this case, our state. There are so many people in this country who have lost loved ones, homes and virtually everything they had. When one thinks of what they're going through, does two days missed of school and having to find a babysitter seem all that significant of a problem?

Controversy over plan

Pill stays off market for now

Chuck Thomas
Columnist

Late last August, FDA Office of Women's Health Director Susan Wood resigned over the controversial decision by the FDA to postpone judgment on the morning-after pill [dubbed "Plan B"] and its potential for the over-the-counter [OTC] market.

"I can no longer serve as staff when scientific and clinical evidence, fully evaluated and recommended for approval by the professional staff here, has been overruled," Wood wrote in a statement to her colleagues.

Indeed, the strange wavering over the final decision by the FDA seems to have been heavily influenced by politics. Approving a drug that is in the middle of a huge controversy would likely have caused some heat to bubble underneath the FDA, and apparently they were not ready for the cookout. Meanwhile, women all over the country are waiting with bated breath over the decision in what could be a great leap forward toward lowering illegitimate and unwanted children.

One of the main arguments against the pill going OTC is that it is just another form of abortion. The same is said for birth control. Recently, some pharmacists have come under fire for

refusing to fill prescriptions for birth control pills, as they were opposed to them. Obviously, these people are to be punished, as the role of a pharmacist is not to use religious or moral reasons to keep someone from getting drugs they are prescribed. In the case of Plan B, the pill prevents pregnancy, it doesn't terminate it. From Go2planb.com:

"It is important to know that Plan B will not affect a fertilized egg already attached to the uterus; it will not affect an existing pregnancy."

No fertilization, therefore no scientific way to identify this as abortion. Oh, in case one was wondering, abortion is defined as "termination of pregnancy and expulsion of an embryo or of a fetus that is incapable of survival."

Another argument is since women are able to get the pill through a prescription, why make it available OTC? If they need it so badly, they should get it through a doctor like any other birth control.

While this may seem like a real argument, it really is nothing more than a red herring. The simple matter is that women have 72 hours to take the pill before things escalate beyond the point of no return and being able to simply drive to the drug store and ask the pharmacist for the pill will help with a number of unplanned or unwanted pregnancies. Plan B's maker claims the chances of becoming pregnant decrease

by 89 percent if the pill is used properly. Considering that the 2003 teen birth rate was approximately 41 births per 1,000 teens aged 15-19, making the morning after pill OTC would be a tremendous help in lowering the rate even further, especially since there would be no visit to the doctor to drive up the cost.

Some would argue that making the pill so readily available will encourage more promiscuous behavior. Talk to someone who has ever taken a pill like Plan B -- Most women aren't going to use it carelessly, as days of vomiting and typhoon-like surges of hormones usually accompany the pill. In any case, seven states [Alaska, California, Hawaii, Maine, New Mexico, New Hampshire and Washington] already offer the pill OTC, and no reports of rampant teen sex have come out of these states. There simply is no legitimate reason why Plan B is not available at local pharmacies.

Some people have taken to finding other methods of getting the pill out to the general public. The Web site Getthepill.com offers those in dire straits an online prescription that is immediately sent to the nearest pharmacy. However, 26 states currently do not accept prescriptions from the Web site. So, unless one lives near the state line or is willing to drive hours [days in the case of Texans], one is out of luck. Georgia pharmacies do take online prescriptions.

Pat Robertson does not represent us

The truth from an evangelical

Susanna Rose
Columnist

Spirituality and politics have become so intertwined in recent years that "Christian" and "evangelical" have become familiar words in America. However, the significance of these words has been lost. The public is familiar with the names given them -- "The Christian Right," "Bible thumpers," "extremists" -- and find easy entertainment in such front men as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell. Unfortunately, these TBN types, with their plastic faces, bad hair and money-hungry mouths, seem to be the face of American and world evangelism today. This assumption has become an easy means to write off all conservative Christian groups.

For Robertson and his followers, salvation is found through Bush and the Republican Party. Their faith is all part of a larger cause, not a substantially grounded belief. It is much too simple to put on the spiritual front that defines them. Robertson is touted as a prophet, spouting foolish and unfounded rhetoric. Inevitably, like Jimmy Swaggart, Jim Baker and others, suspicion follows him due to Robertson's involvement in questionable financial practices as he builds his ever-expanding empire.

Obviously, Robertson is easy to criticize, as he is in the

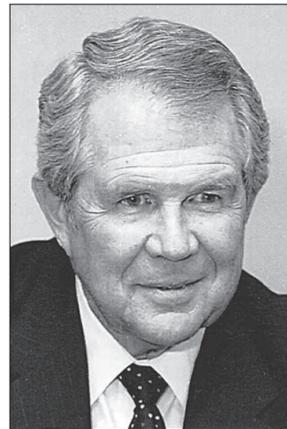
spotlight but, as evangelicals make up the largest, most active and fastest growing group of Christians, it is time the rest of the group were more accurately defined.

First of all, evangelicals' faith is not only a matter of the heart but also of the mind. Scientific breakthroughs are exciting and beneficial, as they can be proved and understood both biblically and intellectually. It is interesting that while creationists can not often even question evolution but live with the fact that it is considered the theory of truth in the public sphere, evolutionists, who would doubtlessly claim to be open-minded, can not stand creationism. On the contrary, they are so infuriated about intelligent design they will not even give it consideration, much less equal footing with their coveted theory.

Although many evangelicals prefer Bush above a left-wing candidate, the wise ones know not to put ultimate assurance and confidence in government. Bush may offer some similar values but many more of his policies also air on the moderate side. He is by no means

the savior of Christians. In a country where we are allowed the freedom to vote, the right preferred Bush just as the left preferred Clinton before.

In today's society, evangelical beliefs such as the exclusivity of biblical truth and anti-abortion, anti-stem cell research and anti-evolution are seemingly shunned. Look at America's pluralistic ideals -- if we are all allowed to believe what we want to believe in this free country, then that rule should hold true for the evangelical community as well. Yes, we may feel deep con-



Pat Robertson

viction that there is ultimate truth found in the bible, but at the end of the day, individuals will decide for themselves where their beliefs lie. If absolute conviction makes the world uncomfortable, it is not the fault of those who carry it.

As we look at America today and see the problems, I think it is important to question the Christians such as Robertson, but not in order to curtail the whole evangelical community. It is he that is the fraud, not us.

Dear Editor,

I agree that we have a problem with voter turnout and that people do complain a lot without taking any action. However, I would have to say that all I got out of Dominic DiCecco's article was that he was just another one of those people, complaining and complaining without any plan of action or even a suggestion of how people can get involved. As far as Kennesaw being comatose, I would suggest that you take a look around. Most of our student body works and goes to school, many of us doing both full time. A lot of people have kids as well. Those students who are more traditional are involved in student activities. Kennesaw State is anything but comatose. Forgive me if I don't turn around to chit-chat with you about the weather but that's probably be-

cause I'm thinking about a report that's due or preparing for a meeting at work the next day.

By the way, SPOST is a joke. How about suggesting that we cut the fat and spend the money we pay in taxes more wisely as opposed to just taxing us to death. Also, support the fair tax plan. Read up on it and you might actually learn something.

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PS: Learn how to write without using vulgar language. All it shows is how immature you are as a writer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

Wednesday night was the performance of the Kinsey Sicks' show "I want to be a Republican" in the university rooms, and we had a packed house. This would have been more appropriate in the theater, but all worked out well, and the crowd roared with thunderous applause and an encore. I saw the Kinsey Sicks two years ago on a cruise, and was shocked to hear that KAB was actually able to book

this "dragapella" group to our campus. It says a lot that they were even willing to perform here.

The group stuck around for hours after the show talking to students and guests to the university who drove from far distances to see Rachel, Trampalina, Trixie, and Winnie perform. They sold a ton of CD's, T-shirts, and signed as many as were requested.

If you missed it am very sorry. This group does not come to the Atlanta area very often, but it was a rip roaring good time to see them

again. I already had their first three CD's, and bought the last two that they have come out with since: "I wanna Be a Republican" and "Oy Vey In A Manger [Christmas Carols and other Jewish Music]" Again, Cheers and hats off to KAB for a spectacular event. I love you guys! I had no idea they had such clout to book such headliners! Bravo!

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Think before you ink

Jason Nimer
Viewpoints editor

Walking around KSU, you'd be hard pressed to go very far without seeing someone with a tattoo. Just a few generations ago, tattoos were exclusively for bikers, sailors and psychopaths. Now, it seems like everyone and their mother has one. Choosing a tattoo is a deeply personal experience and one should take careful time and consideration when picking out their design. Unfortunately, not everyone does. Here on campus, people are committing tattoo faux pas. What are these, you might ask? Read on.

A tattoo faux pas is sporting a tattoo design that is common or badly done. It is easier to describe than define these tattoo faux pas though. The main and most glaring tattoo faux pas is the barbed wire wrap. In the mid to late '90s, this was the tattoo to have. Pamela Anderson even sported one in her movie, *Barbed Wire*. Having this tattoo now is, or should be, beyond embarrassing.

Another tattoo faux pas is a Chinese or Japanese character or anything tribal.

Again, these tattoos had their popularity in the late '90s. People still get them today, but shouldn't. Tribal tattoos are especially problematic because they are usually large and black, making them next to impossible to cover up with a better tattoo. Chinese or Japanese characters look nice now, but that all changes when someone who actually reads the language tells you your tattoo means "loves cake" not "eternity" like you thought.

The worst of all is the common tattoo. Do not get a tattoo of a heart, rose, butterfly or a cross. Everyone gets these tattoos and they couldn't be more played out than they are now. Even Bart Simpson had a heart tattoo, and he's only 10-years old. The worst feeling in the world is running into someone with a tattoo that matches yours. Getting any of these common tattoos ups the chances of that happening ten fold.

So, when choosing a tattoo, make sure you choose a design that means something to you [redundant]. Make sure you put a lot of thought into your design and never pick something from the wall in a tattoo parlor. Wear your tattoos proudly, but be original. There seem to be so few out there.



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According to a survey of 1,010 people conducted between May 4-18, 2003 by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University.

- About one of every seven adults has a tattoo.
- Tattoos can be found among 9 percent of the so-called "boomer generation" -people born between 1946 and 1964.
- Thirty percent of people between the ages of 25 and 34 have tattoos.
- About 28 percent of adults younger than 25 have tattoos.
- In all, the post-baby-boom generations are more than three times as likely as boomers to have tattoos.
- 15 percent of America's adults have tattoos while 88 percent said they personally know at least one person who has a tattoo.

SOURCE: Scripps Howard News Service. Further details of the poll and the operations of the Scripps Survey Research Center can be found at <http://www.newspolls.org/>.



Date rape defense: be aware of your surroundings

Kayla Sargent
Staff writer

Who is watching your drink when you powder your nose in the club?

Without realizing it, an entire generation of women have been protecting themselves from date rape.

Ten years ago, a woman would leave her drink at the bar to fetch something from her car or use the ladies' room. Upon her return she would simply take another sip. Today's women find themselves leaving their drinks in the hands of their girlfriends or even bringing them into the restroom. Leaving a drink unattended then coming back to it later is now unacceptable.

"I usually don't pay much attention to my drink, but when I have to leave it, I'll leave it with my friends," Mandy McNary, history major, said.

Also on the list of unacceptable bar behavior is the idea of a stranger bringing a lady a drink. Drinks are distributed at the bar,



especially for women. Although many bartenders overlook the policy, most bars in Georgia are only supposed to give one drink at a time per person, especially if the venue allows kids 18 years or older. Not to mention, we are all successful ladies. We can buy our own drinks.

Local clubs and venues are noticing this change as well.

"I've been in the night club business for twenty years. Women have been taking their drinks with them for a while

now. If they have to, they'll finish them off or leave them at a friend's table," Bob Johnson, general manager of Cowboy's said.

GHB [Gamma Hydroxybutyrate] is the most common drug used in planned date rapes. According to Drugs.com, it depresses the central nervous system, stimulates muscle growth and produces euphoric and hallucinogenic side effects. The drug can be made in liquid or powder form.

There are homemade versions of GHB and FDA approved versions prescribed for narcolepsy. Other date rape drugs are Rohypnol [flunitrazepam] and Ketamine [ketamine hydrochloride]. Rohypnol is a pill that dissolves in liquid. The newer versions turn the liquid blue, but the old ones are still available. Ketamine is nothing but white powder. These drugs get into the system quickly, and alcohol makes their side effects worse. Nausea, loss of memory while drugged, difficulty breathing, hallucinations, problems seeing and numbness are their most common symptoms. Sexual predators target women who are drinking heavily. It is more difficult to resist a sexual or physical attack, and the ability to think clearly or recognize a dangerous situation is decreased. Those who want can find out more during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, the third week of October.

The Department of Human Health & Human Services produced a list of ways for women to protect themselves against date rape:

- Don't accept drinks from other people.
- Keep your drink with you at all times, even when you go to the bathroom.
- Don't share drinks.
- Don't drink from punch bowls or other large, common, open containers. They may already have drugs in them. Don't drink anything that tastes or smells strange. Sometimes, GHB tastes salty.
- Have a non-drinking friend with you to make sure nothing happens.
- If you think that you have been drugged and raped:
 - Go to the police station or hospital right away.
 - Get a urine test as soon as possible. The drugs leave your system quickly. Rohypnol leaves your body 72 hours after you take it. GHB leaves the body in 12 hours.
 - Don't urinate douche, bathe or change clothes before getting help. These things may contain evidence of the rape.
- Call a crisis center or a hotline to talk with a counselor. The National Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached at 800-799-SAFE or 800-787-3224 [TDD].

Feelings of shame, guilt, fear and shock are normal. It is important to get counseling from a trusted professional.

Roaming Reporter



Alex Danaila

The first thing I did this morning was. . .



Amy Yochum
sophomore, education
"Lots and lots of homework."



Brian Klinect
junior, finance
"I studied for my management class."



Carly James
sophomore, biology
"Took a shower, got dressed and did absolutely nothing."



Stephanie Shedd
freshman, nursing
"I studied."



Vikki Zguzhnitsky
junior, exercise and health science
"Went to class."



Chris Perkins
sophomore, exercise science
"I made a four-egg and cheese omelet and oatmeal."

How's about a song?

Adam Stevens
Columnist

Most of the time my observations of America are of people or humanity has wrought upon the landscape. But now and again, it occurs to me that there are major differences in the native worlds of our respective countries as well. There are no particular things that stand out any more than anything else, but occasionally I get fixated on something specific. I've been thinking lately that the bird life here in Atlanta is exceptionally boring - I don't know whether this can be applied to the rest of the country, but I don't think I'd mind seeing a bit of color and hearing a bit of soulful song from our winged

neighbors. Am I missing out on something?

The wooded outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne are almost perfect for large populations of colorful and exotic flying critters. I was fortunate, [depending on how early it was] enough to be awakened many mornings by a chorus of chattering Kookaburras, which are very loud and strange creatures that have been immortalized in the song 'Laugh, Kookaburra, Laugh'. I am sure that this song is the only reason most Americans have even the slightest notion of what a Kookaburra is. It was amusing to have my wife think that we had monkeys living in the trees across from my house when she visited a couple of years ago.

We also used to have

regular flyovers from the loudest bird in existence, the Cockatoo. There are quite a few varieties of Cockies, but they all tend to have a singularly raucous and piercing call. When there are a dozen gathered together in one place, it tends to make a racket, let me assure you. They are rather attractive birds, though, and for some reason I've seen a few in some animal parks and even down at Disney World. Other common and colorful parrots that used to hang out in my front yard include the Crimson Rosella, which are small and have pretty red and blue plumage. They like to play kamikaze games with passing cars, at least from my observations.

We also had the odd crowd of Rainbow Lorikeets, which are green and red [and orange and a bunch of other colors in smaller doses]. The smaller birds tend to keep quiet, probably so a mob of pissed off cockatoos wouldn't attack them.



Down Under
By Adam Stevens

Just as much fun during the spring were Magpies, a foul-tempered bird if ever there was one. During breeding season, Magpies have a bad habit of swooping everyone who passes by their nest - a neuroses that has led to many a poor bugger being sent flying from a bike or tumbling to the ground to avoid a beak in the back of the skull. Normally, they're pretty good-natured and are easily recognized from their funny

little warbling song. But, they turn into nasty bastards while their kids are up in the nest. People are actually advised to wear a hat when out walking in order to deflect any crazed Magpie dive-bombs.

Contrast this with the sorry state of the outdoors here in Atlanta. Where are the birds? Am I living in the most biologically deserted corner of the city? Occasionally, a little sparrow or some such will fly around and chirp, but so far the most vibrant fliers I've seen are a couple of dueling Cardinals, and they hardly made a peep. I saw a Blue jay over in Yosemite National Park, but he was a boring sod as well. I would be very happy to get a wakeup call from some noisy bludger of a bird if it meant that there was something interesting outside my window, but so far luck has not been on my side in this regard. Heck, I could almost deal with being swooped.

Trivia: Hispanic Heritage Month

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Hispanic Heritage Month is under way, and Hispanics continue to play an ever-important role in the United States. See how much you know about these Hispanic facts and firsts.

1. In 2005, the voters of Los Angeles elected the city's first Hispanic mayor in more than 130 years. What is his name?

- A. Cruz Bustamante
- B. Antonio Villaraigosa
- C. Andres Martinez
- D. Lalo Alcaraz

2. In 2002, Jennifer Rodriguez and Derek Parra became the first Latino Americans to medal in the winter Olympics. What sport did they compete in?

- A. Pairs figure skating
- B. Ice hockey
- C. Biathlon
- D. Speedskating

3. Who was the first - and so far the only - Hispanic actress to win an acting Academy Award?

- A. Salma Hayek
- B. Chita Rivera
- C. Rita Moreno
- D. Shelley Morrison

4. People of Hispanic origin are now the largest race or ethnic minority in the United States. As of July 1, 2004, what was the estimated Hispanic population in the U.S.?

- A. 41 million
- B. 15 million
- C. 27 million
- D. 57 million

5. The Hispanic population in the United States continues to grow. How many states have at least a half-million Hispanic residents?

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 11
- D. 13

ANSWERS

- 1. B
- 2. D
- 3. C - Rita Moreno received the Best Supporting Actress Award in 1961 for her role in "Westside Story."
- 4. A
- 5. D - The states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Texas and Washington.

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~ Solomon Short

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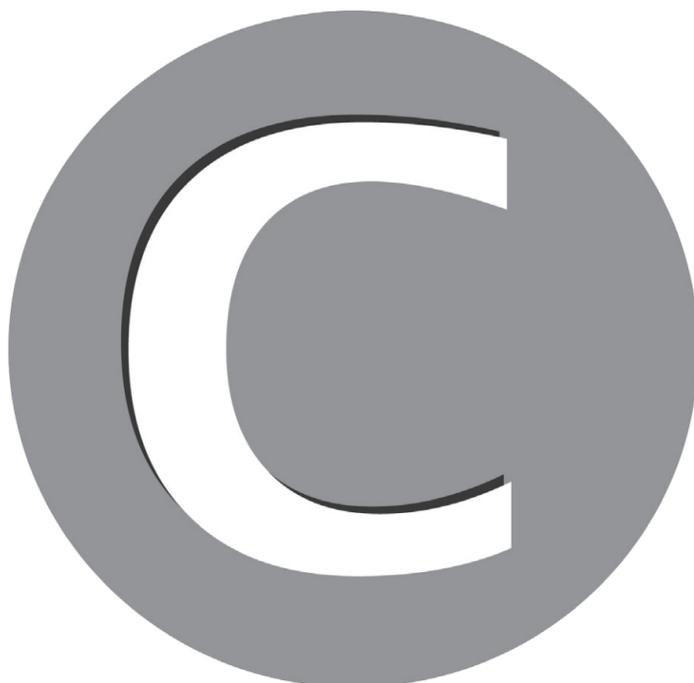
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 • 12:30 p.m. KAB General Meeting; Burruss Building Room 132
 • 7 p.m. AFC Masterpiece Theater views Jimmy Stewart in *Vertigo* Hosted by David King; Student Leadership Room Student Center
 • 6:30 p.m. The Year in China fall lecture series SINO-American Education Consortium 16th Annual International Conference; KSU Center
 • 6:30 p.m. *Spirituality and Feminism in China: A Historical Perspective* with Kwok Pui Lan of the Episcopal Divinity School; University Rooms C, D and E.
 • 8 p.m. KSU Orchestra; \$5 admission fee; Stillwell Theater in the J.M. Wilson Building.

Oct. 7
 • 6:30 p.m. [final night] The Year in China fall lecture series SINO-American Education Consortium 16th Annual International Conference; KSU Center.
 • 8 p.m. *The Spoken Word!* Contemporary Performance Poetry featuring a program of three performance poets; \$5 admission fee; Stillwell Theater in the J.M. Wilson Building.

Oct. 8
 • 11 a.m. Life Long Learning Center's Family Fun Day; *The Incredibles* University Rooms
 • 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. *Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress* Co-sponsored by the Atlanta Asian Film Festival; \$5 admission fee; Burruss Building Rm. 151.
 • 8 p.m. "The Spoken Word!" Contemporary Performance Poetry featuring a program of three performance poets; \$5 admission fee; Stillwell Theater in the J.M. Wilson Building.

Oct. 9
 • 3 p.m. Faculty Recital: soprano Karen Parks; no admission fee. Stillwell Theater in the J.M. Wilson Building.
 • 2 p.m. [final presentation] *Balzac and The Little Chinese Seamstress* co-sponsored by the Atlanta Asian Film Festival; \$5admission fee; Burruss Building Room 151.

Oct. 11
 • 12:30 p.m. NY Times best selling author and former professional wrestler Mick Foley Lecture presented by KAB; University Rooms.
 • 8 p.m. KSU Choral Ensembles; no admission fee. Marietta First United Methodist Church Marietta.
 • 12:30- 2 p.m. Career Conversations with the CIA; University Room A.



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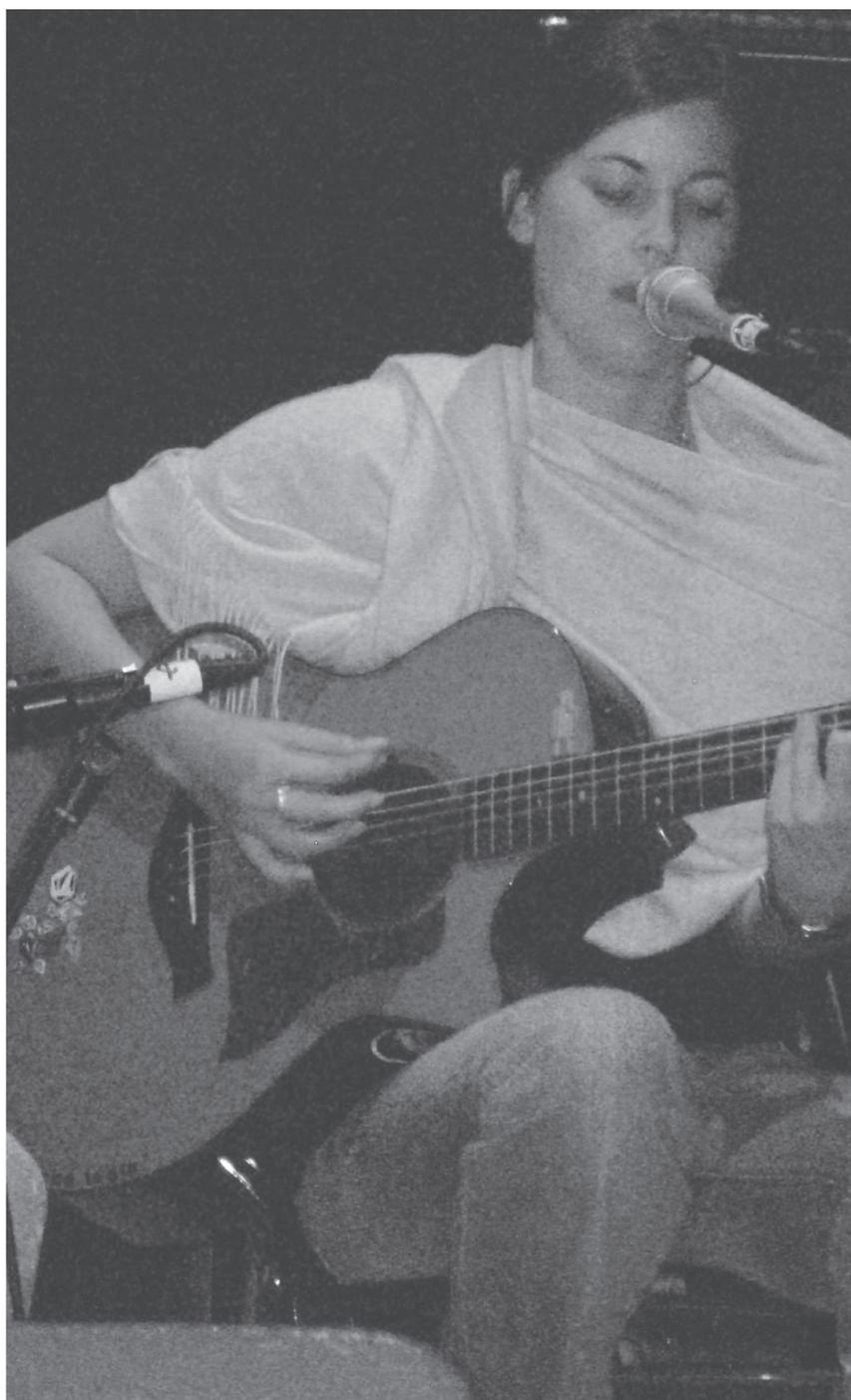
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Playing with 'Stinky feet' Singer mixes pop and folk for the girls

Kayla Sargent
Staff writer

Soulful acoustic rocker, Tristan Prettyman, took the stage at the Variety Playhouse. As the opener for the John Butler Trio, she left the crowd captivated

Her powerful, multi-ranged vocals and top notch guitar playing skills are a mixture of Jewel and Jason Mraz. Uninfluenced by musical rules, Prettyman seems unaware of the chord she strikes when piecing together her melodies. The music is completely hers, except for the cover of Britney Spear's *Toxic*, which she sang for two admiring boys in the audience. Connecting with the audience was effortless for her, even sympathizing with the front row because of her "stinky feet."

"It was amazing. I loved her music and her personality on stage," said concertgoer, Jake Young. "She is hilarious."

On her way to the top, she has already performed with Jason Mraz, Howie Day, and is good friends with Jack Johnson. Her musical influences include Bob Dylan and Joan Byaz, but she grew up worshipping Ani DeMarco.

Matt Young, 21, Pre-Med student at GCSU said, "My favorite part of the show was her vibe and the energy. I thought it was really unique, kind of like Jason Mraz or John Mayor but better."

Although Prettyman loves and welcomes all her fans, she especially appreciates her female followers. As a woman in the industry, she said she has faced a lot of "male ignorance" to her talent. She is always looking for other girls to jam with.

"Guys play together all the time, but for some reason girls tend to want to compete with one another instead of helping each other out," said Prettyman. "Us girls need to stick together."

Currently she is touring to promote her new album, *Twentythree*, which hit stores August 2.

Internet junkies can purchase it on her Web site [www.tristanprettyman.com] and on iTunes. It includes two bonus tracks.

"This album is something I am very proud of, I don't want it to be forced on the radio or on MTV," said Prettyman. "I want it to be discovered and enjoyed because that was how I wrote the music."

The first single, *Love Love Love*, is a passionate but lighthearted recollection of good times in her laid back hometown of Del Mar, California. It's no wonder why the girl is so "chill." Her parents surf more than she does.

Harmony's Haven by Robin Staley



The art of Manga

Robin Staley
Staff writer

Manga is the popular form of Japanese comic books read by both children adults. Clamp is the all female group of Nanase Ohkawa, Mokona Apapa, Mick Nekoi, and Satuski Igarshi. They write, edit, draw and publish their comic. The girls have created numerous books in Manga style including *Angelic Layer*, *Cardcaptor*, *Chobits* and *Magic Knight Rayearth*. Clamp has done it again, by bringing us a new extraordinary tale of wonder, *Tsubasa*.

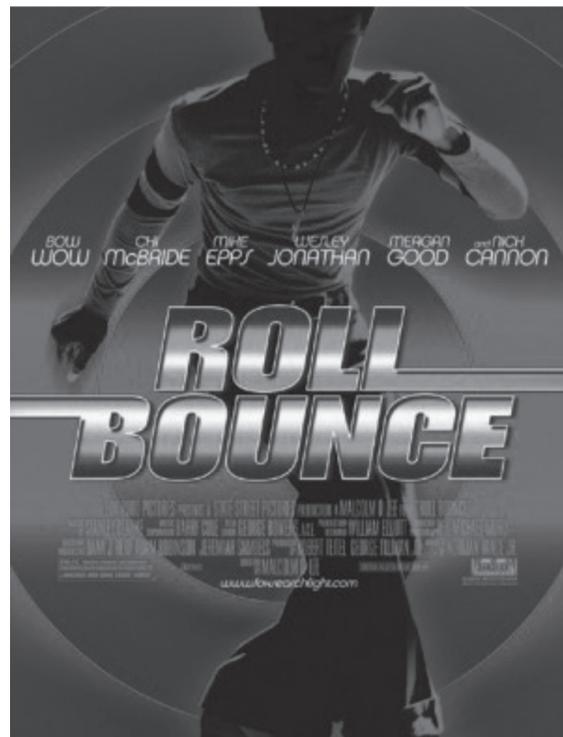
This is confusing. *Tsubasa* is the story of the Cardcaptor, Sakura and her friend Sayoran who are now in the world of Clow. In the first book, something happened to Sakura that is unexplained, and she losses her memory. Her memory has been scattered to other worlds in the form of a feather that has great power, and must be recovered to help the girl. Sayoran accepts the challenge to go to the other worlds and reclaim the feathers for her. In Cardcaptor, there is a love interest that is hinted at but not explored, probably because of their age. In this Manga the two are older and the love is more obvious.

There are two key factors of interest in this particular Manga series. First, the honorifics make this series translate better.

Honorifics are to show politeness and how it is used in the culture. It is very important to address someone correctly in the Japanese culture and these honorifics show us how. Most of these are in the form of a suffix and are attached to one's name. This shows respect to those that have seniority or a job title, and it helps show the relationship between two people.

The second, is the characters journey to different worlds and how they meet different characters. When they travel to distant worlds they meet characters from other comics in the Clamp series. Chi, from Chobits, is in a different setting yet she is still herself. The is a glimpse of the 'what if' in this series. What if a character lived here, in this time or what if circumstances were different for them?

The *Tsubasa* story crosses with XXX Holic, another series they are writing. This different series doesn't have to be read to understand what is going on, but the events are seen from a different perspective. Clamp is an awesome team. The next issue is due out in October.



Movie Review: Roll Bounce

Julia Bourne
Staff writer

Roll Bounce is a fun-filled, feel good movie that makes you want to get up off your feet and dance or skate. This film is definitely one for the younger crowd. The film takes place in a middle class, black neighborhood on the south side of Chicago where a group of sixteen year olds devote an entire summer to their love of roller-skating. Bow Wow [formerly Lil' Bow Wow] stars as X, the group's head skater. When X's neighborhood rink closes, he and his group head to the northern suburbs of Chicago to skate at the newer, more upscale Sweetwater Roller Rink. Sweetwater Rink is ruled by the infamous Sweetness and his entourage of intimidating sidekick skaters and flaunting young women. X and his boys enter a skate off where they want to prove that they have better skat-

ing skills than Sweetness and his gang. X's mission turns into more than just a challenge to prove his skills. X needs to prove to his family and more importantly to himself that his skating skills still warrant the praise of his mother, who recently passed. The movie goes on to show the tribulations that X and his father [Chi McBride] have to endure, especially by accepting the death of X's mother. The film was directed by Malcolm D. Lee, who also directed *Undercover Brother*. The setting of the movie is extremely '70s and makes the viewer feel like the decade is living on the screen. As the movie plays the audience feels more than classic groovy tunes and sparkling disco balls—the audience experiences the pain in overcoming the grief of losing a loved one by overcoming other personal obstacles.

Horoscopes

Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday [10-05-05]

Make financial independence a top priority this year. But don't fool yourself into spending more than you bring in. 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 6. Providing for your own future security is a good idea. If you don't know how, get advice from one who has lots of money in the bank.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 5. A good strategist would be helpful now, to set priorities. You're good at multitasking, but this is ridiculous.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is an 8. Devise your strategy. Define your goals and then you'll see what you need to do, to get from here to there.

Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 7. Conditions are excellent for family planning and planning a family, not necessarily in that order. Just plain old relaxing at home works, too.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]

Today is a 7. A private conversation with a close member of your family deepens your understanding. Be curious, and listen.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]

Today is a 6. Loving attention to detail is one of your endearing qualities. Don't be sidetracked by fantasies, stick with the important stuff.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]

Today is an 8. Conditions are good for making money now, so don't just sit there. Imaginative creative work pays especially well.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is a 6. It's always darkest just before the dawn, and you're about to emerge triumphant. You end up looking good.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]

Today is a 6. Find a quiet hiding place to rest and ruminate. You need some time and quiet to let new ideas sink in.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]

Today is a 6. Time's right to call your team together for a planning session. Once you've got the big picture, the little stuff will be easy.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]

Today is a 7. Don't get too far out when explaining your latest innovation. Keep it simple, so even your boss can understand you.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]

Today is a 7. Venture a little farther out than you've ever gone. Conditions for you now indicate a positive outcome.

CD Pick of the Week

Sarah Goehler
Sr. staff writer

Whoever said that actors can not be musicians has obviously not heard this album. Jared Leto and the gang have pooled their resources and come out with gold. Unlike the first album, which Leto created mostly by himself, there were others involved to add creative input to Leto's already intense album.

"A Beautiful Lie" is what some would call a "concept" album, meaning it tells a story. The album plays like a rollercoaster as Leto explores pain, disappointment, aspira-

tion and eventually, refinement. This more emotional release is something new that 30 Seconds to Mars mastered with ease.

The first single from the album, "Attack" was not one of Leto's favorites. In fact, he said jokingly to Josh Abraham, a music producer, known for his recent work with Velvet Revolver, "Hey, you want to hear a hit song?" and started playing "Attack." Supposedly, Abraham stopped him half way through and said, "That is the best song you have." Before he knew it, the song was their first single from the album.

Finding time in his busy movie career, Jared Leto and 30 Seconds to Mars have started touring to promote the new album. These guys will be on tour until November promoting "A Beautiful Lie," making a stop here in Atlanta October 25 at the Gwinnett Arena. So, make plans to check them out.



Band: 30 Seconds to Mars
Title: "A Beautiful Lie"
Toured With: Chevelle, Taproot, Audioslave
Rating: Turn It Up!

Music

Oct. 5 Dark New Day at the Masquerade, starts at 7pm, \$14

New Model Army at the Star Bar

Oct. 6

Montgomery Gentry at Columbus Civic Center, starts at 7:30pm, \$32.50

Oct. 7

Ashlee Simpson at Earthlink Live, starts at 8pm, \$34.50

10-7 10 High with Bishop Don and Christine Havrilla

Oct. 8

Unseen at the Masquerade, starts at 7pm, \$10

My Chemical Romance at The Arena at Gwinnett Center, starts at 7:30pm, \$18.99

Julius, Foxtrotsky, Love Takes Flight, Ruckspin, The Archaeologists at Swayze's

Venue, starts at 7pm, \$7

Oct. 9

Usher's Project Restart for Hurricane Relief at Philips Arena, starts at 7pm, \$25-100

Punk Rock Sunday with Last Hope Down, The Treatments, The Stedmens, Convix of Society at Swayze, starts at 7pm, \$5

Oct. 10

Liz Phair at the Roxy Theatre, starts at 8pm, \$21

Atlanta Thrashers vs. Washington Capitals at Philips Arena, starts at 7pm, \$10-225

Oct. 9

Atlanta Falcons vs. New England Patriots at the Georgia Dome, starts at 1pm, \$30-94

Oct. 10

Atlanta Braves Division Series Playoff Home Game 3 at Turner Field, time TBD, \$10-53

Oct. 11

Atlanta Hawks vs. Orlando Magic at Philips Arena, starts at 7pm, \$10-150

Arts and Theatre

Oct. 5-9

Tyler Perry's "Madea Goes To Jail" at the Fabulous Fox Theatre, show times and prices vary

Oct. 8-30

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" at the Shakespeare Tavern, show times and prices vary

Oct. 10-Nov. 5

"The Library Dragon" at the Theatre in the Square, show times and prices vary

Other Events

Oct. 7-9

James Gregory at the Punchline Comedy Club

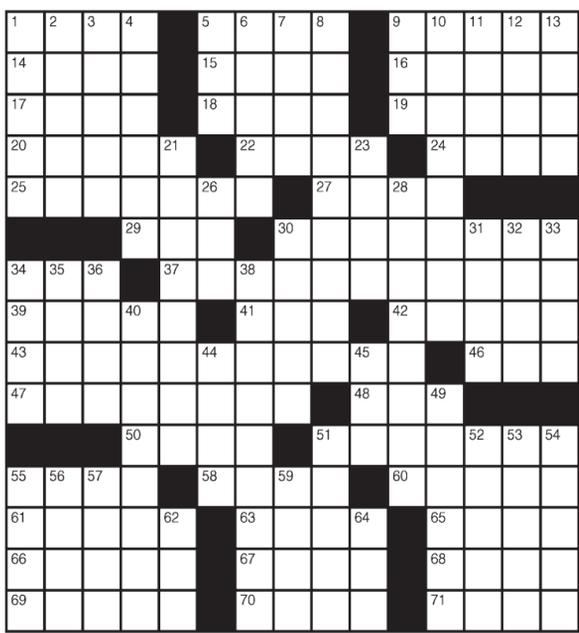
Oct. 5-31

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Crossword

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- 5 Voting alliance
- 9 Eyeglasses, for short
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- 15 Preminger
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- 46 Hedda's topper
- 47 Occupant
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- 50 Wannabe atty.'s test
- 51 Backstabber
- 55 Caterwaul
- 58 Gush
- 60 Brazenness
- 61 Of birds
- 63 On the calm side
- 65 Colorful mount
- 66 Doorstop
- 67 PC operator
- 68 Sheep shelter
- 69 Struck with a bent leg
- 70 Past due
- 71 Fencer's instrument



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- 8 Some ranch hands
- 9 Sound of a leak
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Soccer

Stetson 1, Kennesaw 4
Mercer 0, Kennesaw 4

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Jessica Marek makes a diving stop against a hard shot ball from Stetson. Marek allowed one goal in the 4-1 victory to end her shutout streak.

Winning streak continues

Lady Owls excel against conference competition

David Beaumont
Staff writer

The women's soccer team defeated the Stetson Hatters on Thursday with a score of 4 to 1 and defeated the Mercer Bears on Saturday with a score of 4 to 0, both at the KSU Soccer Complex.

The first half versus Stetson was fruitless despite the valiant efforts of the Lady Owls who were clearly dominating with twelve shots compared to Stetson's two. Attempts on goal were made by Annie Philips, Janae Gzehoviak, Beth Meadors and two header shots from Laura Tucker. The score was still 0 to 0 when the buzzer rang for half time.

The second half started with a renewed vibrancy in both teams along with a new aggression in Stetson that led to a shot by the Hatter's Kelsey Kramer rejected by an amazing leaping save by Owl keeper Jessica Marek. The game, however, soon boiled down into a bitter rivalry after the Hatters' Sarah Isley scored the first goal of the game, ending the Owls' long running shut out streak and jeopardizing their chances for a win. The Owls came back with a vengeance. When Jessica Kalonji fouled one of Stetson's players a fight nearly broke out. Kalonji quickly ended the conflict by walking away. Laura Tucker quickly tied the game with a header coming off the corner kick of Pip Meo and aided by Janae Gzehoviak. Ten minutes later the Owls pulled ahead with a goal by Pip Meo who received the ball from a rebounded shot by Janae Gzehoviak. After the block by April Eilering, Meo quickly slid the ball in with a grounder to the left. Stetson Assistant Coach Rodney Kenney was holding his arms out wide to the referee, perhaps arguing whether Meo had been offside when she received the ball. The goal was good, and the Lady Owls soon added another with a break-away score from Laura Tucker who was assisted by Gzehoviak, making Tucker's second goal of the game. With two minutes to go Stephanie Grzeszkowiak scored, driving the final nail in the Hatters' coffin, with assists from Beth Meadors and Caitlin Jadlocki.

"We played really well...it's kind of a team effort. It felt good, you know, two goals in a game, you always feel



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Stephanie Grzeszkowiak, 8, battles for position against Darcy Kibler, 2, of Mercer.

good about that. The crowd was awesome, we had like eleven hundred people, and the crowd went crazy every time we did something good. It kept the tempo up very high," Tucker said. The attendance at the game was estimated to be 1,145, partially from the designation of "Youth Night" at KSU Soccer Complex. Children wearing soccer jerseys were allowed into the game free of charge and were given ice cream from Cold Stone Creamery. "Hopefully these kids aspire to become just like the girls here, you know, they're at a level where I think that if they see really good players they could be motivated by that. Hopefully they'll get here one day themselves," said Jay Macer, a local youth league coach.

The Owls had a rocky start against Mercer's Bears, prompting head coach, Rob King, to yell "Talk!" in an effort to bring the team together. The team proved able to do this and soon dominated the field with more

aggressive attempts on goal. Their efforts paid off thirty minutes in when Stephanie Grzeszkowiak headed one into the goal from a cross, shooting the ball past the goalie. Quickly adding to the lead, Freshman Beth Meadors added a second score two minutes later, her first for the season, with assists from Mandy Nolin and Katrina Hirsch. The first half ended with a 2 to 0 lead for the Owls.

The second half began in earnest when Mandy Nolin shot just wide of the goal in a close miss. Three minutes later Nolin succeeded assisted by Rebecca Hall, launching the ball past Mercer's Burch for the third goal of the game. The game became successively more physical in the remainder of the second half with several fouls on both sides. Jessica Marek, who made several exceptional saves including a slide tackle grab, was victim to foul play when she was charged while the ball was in her possession. "I knew she was going to run

into me, I knew it, and so I was hoping that the referee was watching. It hurt a little on the landing, but we got the ball so we kept it out of the net...that's the most important thing," Marek said after the game. Laura Tucker was also impacted after she fouled a Mercer player. Tucker was nailed in the back of the head while walking away from the free kick. After being removed, she would return to play 20 minutes later at the 71 minute mark of the game. "It was pretty scary, just getting hit, it's not too fun," Tucker said. The offensive game was still in full swing with Pip Meo and Rebecca Hall ending up sitting in Mercer's goal after a failed attempt to score. The last goal came from Janae Gzehoviak who simply headed the ball over the Bear's keeper for a simple yet satisfying goal, assisted by Abby Hirsch and Jessica Kalonji. "I'm pleased with the result, you know four-zero is a good result against them. We started off a little bit sloppy

and it took twenty minutes or so to get into the game. We put our subs on and Mandy and Stephanie were a real spark for us today. They scored right away and then we sort of settled down and started playing," head coach King said.

Tucker said she feels optimistic about the remainder of the season. "We look really strong, I mean, there're always points that we can improve on and Coach will do that in practice" Tucker said. Tucker also says that there may be a new rivalry brewing in the Atlantic Sun Conference. "Florida Atlantic has been at the top of the conference for the last couple of years and they were previously ranked 10 in the southeast region and we took their spot so they're probably a little mad about that. I think that there will be a huge rivalry between Florida Atlantic and us, Tucker said.

The Lady Owls' next game is against Belmont on October 6th at the KSU Soccer Complex.

Follow the leader

Hirsch sets example

Matt Wheeler
Staff writer

When number four Katrina Hirsch steps onto the field the Owls soccer team know they are in good hands. Hirsch has three seasons under her belt here at KSU and has posted some amazing stats. Hirsch has led the Owls defense to a 7-game shut out streak this season. Hirsch has made all six of her lifetime penalty kicks and since her first game here she has started every one. It is not hard to see why the team now looks to her for leadership. "I am in the defense. When I got here we had a defensive position called sweeper and since I can see the whole field I'm usually shouting directions left and right. Now that I am not necessarily in that role they still look for directions, because most people like direction. I think they look to me for some leadership," Hirsch said.

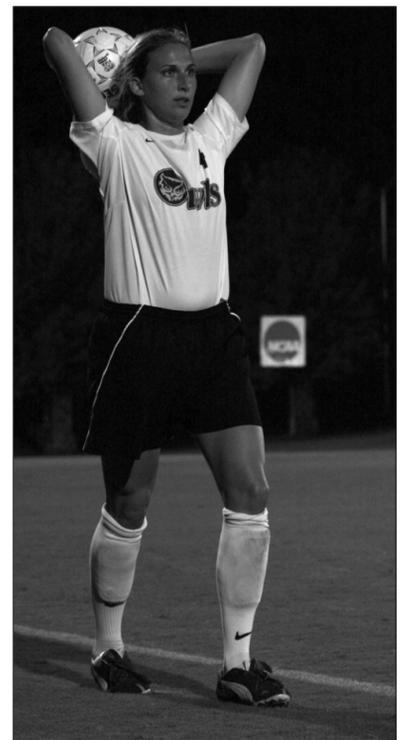
Posting the kinds of numbers that Hirsch has in the past, fans and teammates cannot look past her outstanding performances and ability to lead the team. With a national title last year some amount of pressure has been placed on her shoulders. "I don't think there's any pressure on me because it's a low state kind of environment. You are not going to get punished for a mistake you have in the game, it's just not the style at all," Hirsch said. Although Hirsch says she isn't too nervous about her performance she does agree that the team knows what kind of hype is associated with them. "Being that we have had such a winning record there is definitely still pressure to win...we want to win conference that is one of our goals. We like winning," Hirsch said.

Hirsch carries not only pride from her outstanding record, she holds also confidence in her teammates as well as her coach. "The team is really good. We have some starting freshman this year that are adapting really well to the game...with the new formation. It's new to me even, but coach this year he has been like he has always been really laid back and taking us day by day. He is real cool, I like him," Hirsch said.

Being that this is her senior year, Hirsch says she is happy with not only herself but also with her team. Hirsch was humble when asked about her amazing record and what it meant to her, giving more credit to her team than to herself. Hirsch said she hopes that all her work has paid off because it seems she has some pretty big plans after school. "It's a really good feeling when people ask if I was on the team when they won nationals. I hope my work has paid off because I know I don't want to stop playing soccer after college I want to keep going and maybe play professional," Hirsch said.

Sporting eight wins already this season, and a host of fans supporting them, Hirsch says the team hopes to make the rest of this year a good one. Hirsch says she stands confident that her team will finish the season with a conference title.

Hirsch has many personal and team goals she hopes to fulfill. "My main personal goal is to help the girls prepare for D-I. I want them to do well even after I am gone. I do want to get my name out there and play professionally. I just want to play soccer," Hirsch said. "My main goal for the team was to not allow more than ten goals scored the whole season, and after the Clemson game when lost 4-0 it looked like it wasn't gonna happen. But then we went on a seven game shut out streak so our goal could happen."



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Introducing the new women's golf coach

Killeen makes the move from LPGA to KSU

David Beaumont
Staff writer

This golf season brings the inaugural competition for Kennesaw State's women's golf team. Denise Killeen, the new head coach, is also a professional golfer on the LPGA tour. Killeen was offered the opportunity to lead Kennesaw's golf team in January and agreed to take the job, reducing her schedule on the LPGA tour in order to stay home while her five year old daughter, Kaleigh, started elementary school and her seven year old son, Andrew, started second grade. When asked whether she liked coaching, Killeen said, "I've enjoyed the first few tournaments. You know, coaching presents its own challenges, just getting to know and understand college students and the way they

think again. That's been probably the biggest challenge."

In two tournaments the team attained their team goal to get in the top ten of the competition. In their first match at the Draper Valley Women's Invitational at Draper Valley Golf Club in Virginia, the team finished ninth. They placed ninth again at their second tourney, the Fifth Annual Sea Trail Women's Intercollegiate at the Sea Trail Golf Club in Sunset Beach, North Carolina. "You know, I've got a great group of girls and I've got some really good players. I think they've got the potential to be as good as they want to be," Killeen said about the team.

Killeen has already made an impact on the team. "I definitely think she's a good coach, I mean, she's got a good work ethic. She makes sure that we do our job and that we get our work done and we practice. She doesn't let us slack off or anything and it works! I mean, we've already placed

ninth in our first two tournaments out of twenty teams," Freshman Rachael Williams said.

Denise Killeen was born in Atlanta, Georgia and lived in Marietta where she began playing golf at ten years of age. She played for Walton High School in Marietta and went on to Furman University where she played on the Futures Tour and won four tournaments in 1990 when she was also named Player of the Year. Killeen left the Futures Tour in 1992 and began her career with the LPGA, which has lasted for 14 years. Coach Killeen boasts a 253.4 yard career driving average with a 69.6 percent driving accuracy. Killeen had her best LPGA finish in 2001 with a tie for fourth place in the Longs Drug Challenge, an achievement that she would repeat later that year at the Michelob Light Classic. Her best finish this season was a tie for fourteenth place in the LPGA Corning Classic.

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Pick 5

NCAA FOOTBALL

Game of the week

#5 Georgia at #8 Tennessee

Knoxville will be rocking when the Georgia Bulldogs come to town to play the beloved Tennessee Volunteers. The SEC is wide open this season and with a win over Tennessee UGA will be in the driver's seat. Dawgs QB D.J. Shockley is the be all, end all of the offense. He is accountable for 11 of the team's 14 touchdowns, and he has 1,111 yards of the teams 1,873. This will be Shockley's toughest test as a starter to date, as he will be headed into hostile Neyland Stadium. Shockley's only other tough test was against the Gamecocks. South Carolina did a good job of forcing Shockley to pass, which he has yet to prove that he can do consistently under pressure. However Shockley's legs can be a huge weapon if not attended to and can rip the other team's heart out. All that said, the running games would be key. Gerald Riggs Jr., who has picked up his game dramatically since the Florida loss, will be huge in this one. Tennessee is also tops in the SEC in run defense, which puts even more of a burden on the shoulders of Shockley. UGA will have to continue to create turnover opportunities. The team that best protects the ball will win the game. The Bulldogs have had an extra week to prepare and the away team in recent history has usually come out on top. However, in a must-win-game for both, a battle-tested Tennessee should be able to protect their house.

The Pick: Tennessee

N.C. State at #24 Georgia Tech

The lights will be bright in Atlanta Thursday, as the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets host the N.C. State Wolfpack. Georgia Tech has owned the Wolfpack in recent years but to overlook them on ESPN Thursday Night Football would be a mistake. The Wolfpack is in a very bad mood heading into this prime time match up. They are 1-2 overall and 0-2 in the ACC with losses at home to Virginia Tech and intrastate rival Tar Heels. N.C. State is at the bottom of the Atlantic Division, and if they fail to win their first road game of the season, any chance of a bowl game could be out of the question. Georgia Tech, on the other hand, has had 12 days to soak up what was one of the most disappointing outings in the programs history. If the Jackets haven't washed the bad taste out of their mouth by now, N.C. State is a good enough team to beat Tech. The key will be the battle of the running games, as the defenses should both show up for this one. One team is either going to bounce back or the other will finally feed its hunger.

The Pick: Georgia Tech

#6 Ohio State at #16 Penn State

The Ohio State Buckeyes are headed into a Big Ten match up in Happy Valley with conference championship implications. Penn St. is 5-0, which is exactly where they need to be heading into this ball game. The Ohio St. pass attack is led by multi-threat QB Troy Smith, who has seven TDs total with four of those coming on the ground. He also has weapons around him with wide receivers Santonio Holmes, Anthony Gonzalez and Ted Ginn Jr. The PSU Nittany Lions are well rounded offensively and are strong defensively against the run. They are also coming off of an upset victory against Minnesota. The difference is the offense of the Buckeyes is about passing, which is something Penn St. has not defended well against. When factoring in Ohio State's number five-ranked D in the nation, 5-0 for the Lions is looking a lot like 5-1. Look for the Buckeyes to take charge in search of the Big Ten Championship.

The Pick: Ohio St.

#10 Cal at #20 UCLA

The battle of two of the Pac 10 undefeated will take place in the Rose Bowl Saturday. Cal can run the football and they have the best defense in the Pac 10 outside of Southern Cal, as well as one of the top 10 defenses in the nation. They head into a tough road trip against the UCLA Bruins, whom rely on their passing game to get them through. UCLA is an explosive unit offensively but were held to only 21 points last week against Washington. UCLA has yet to play a tough defense, and this week they will face the challenge. With Southern Cal on the horizon for both, the winner will be given the title of number one contender for the Pac 10 title. A championship-winning formula is definitely on the side of the Golden Bears.

The Pick: Cal

Oklahoma at #2 Texas

The Red River Shootout will be most interesting this season. Oklahoma has had the Texas Longhorns number for the past five seasons, but unfortunately for the Sooners, they have no quarter back. Texas, on the other hand, has a Heisman Trophy candidate at QB, and his name is Vince Young. Young may have gotten by his biggest hurdle in Columbus but nemesis Oklahoma may be a mountain to him and the rest of the Long Horns psychologically. That is truly the only way the Sooners can get the upset. The Long Horns are more talented than OU and should be able to win at home. If not, not only will the hopes of a Big 12 Title begin to dwindle, but it will also be a huge stain on the National Championship picture for the Horns as well. That is what is so scary about this game. The Sooners have been embarrassed and left for dead, while the Horns are on the cusp of a Rose Bowl run. With everything to lose, the Horns are going to feel the pressure. If only the Sooner defense had an answer for RB Jamaal Charles and the best rushing team in college football.

The Pick: Texas

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