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Payup

Business school fees
increased to \$100

Amy Storey
Staff writer

Students are now expected to have more than just a 2.875 GPA for admittance into the Coles College of Business.

A one-time matriculation fee of \$100 was applied June 13 to all rising juniors interested in joining the professional program in the Coles College of Business.

The school, which teaches about 70 percent of postgraduate degrees offered at the university, is not the first business college to implement this fee.

"Many business schools throughout the nation charge a matriculation fee and many charge a great deal more," Dr. Timothy Mescon, Dean of the Coles College of Business, said.

Of the two largest Georgia universities, Georgia State University and The University of Georgia, only Georgia State has a matriculation fee, which amounts to \$413.

Neither Valdosta State University nor Georgia Southern University has a fee aside from the initial application fee.



"I look at it as an investment," junior business major, Taylor Patterson, said. "Who cares about the \$100 fee? Students should be grateful they are on their way to getting a business degree."

A degree is not all that students will receive from the fee. Upon admittance, business students will also be given a 91-week subscription to *Business Week*. The fee will also support the expansion of advising hours for the school.

"I don't like the fact it is \$100 to just apply to the school," Kelly Runfola, junior business major, said. "I think that they're trying to discourage so many people from trying to apply. I understand they have many applications to go through, but it's just too much. On

top of the fact the people who actually do get accepted must then pay a phenomenal fee just to attend the specific business school."

"It has a bad material adverse affect on our student body," Alpesh Patel, sophomore business major, said. "We're college students, we can't afford that."

"The \$100 fee is not justified," Ryan Houghton, junior computer science major, said. "They don't have any reason to charge people just because business happens to be their major."

The total enrollment fee for the Coles College of Business is \$3,520. The College is nationally recognized in areas including the study of family business, accounting and entrepreneurship.

"The fee has not discouraged any students from applying to the Coles College of Business," Mescon said.

A new kid in town

Human Resources director is appointed to university

Elizabeth Sewell
Staff writer

The university has appointed a new Human Resource Director. Rodney Bossert comes to Kennesaw with more than 20 years of experience in Human Resources.



Rodney Bossert

Bossert was previously employed with the New London Hospital System, which has helped his transition into the new position.

"Hospitals are similar to universities for the fact they have a strong amount of their budget going to people," Bossert said.

He said hospitals provide a service to patients while universities provide a service to students and faculty. The core services of human resources are the same and transfer easily to different industries.

Bossert plans to "take HR from a transaction reactive service operation to one that is anticipatory and contemporary in the way it delivers services to the campus."

He said the key to success in Human Resources is the ability to think forward, to use the available technology effectively and to invest in people and reward them for the quality work they do.

"Human resources is a good field because it chooses people that will help strengthen your company making it more successful," junior graphic design major, Shelly Goble said.

"It's important to have a business degree [in the field of human resources]," Bossert said. "It is also important for them to have a technology background and legal knowledge."

He said most laws that effect human resources are case laws that are always changing.

"It [human resources] seems like a field that is evolving right now," Faith Gary, junior public relations major, said.

Bossert said he is excited to be at the university and he gains personal satisfaction from being associated with an educational institution. He was attracted to the university because he was able to follow its success throughout the years through his friends and family.

He said he welcomed the opportunity to join a growing, successful university.

His office is located in the Campus Services building.

"The department is very pleased to have Bossert as the new director," Kathy Rechsteiner, human resources administrative secretary, said.

Student government to sell bracelets for Katrina victims

Wes Staley
Staff writer

In the weeks following Hurricane Katrina, students of various universities from the New Orleans area have been relocated all over the nation.

"Thirty students who were displaced by the hurricane are currently enrolled at Kennesaw," Joe Head, director of admissions, said.

To help ease the newcomers into the community, student government held a luncheon Sept. 23 in conjunction with Student Life, the Graduate Student Association and Golden Key.

The new students were introduced to many campus organizations, and Dr. Nancy King, vice president for student success and enrollment services, delivered a speech to welcome the new students.

In an effort to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, student government has been selling bracelets for \$1 each.

"Student government has raised \$350 [to date]," Jon Crider, secretary of external affairs, said.

In addition to the money raised by the sale of bracelets, student government is currently looking for a local company to match the contributions made by the student body.

All of the money raised is given to Volunteer KSU. When all of the money has been collected, VKSU will donate these funds to the Red Cross.

Elevator malfunction shuts down Student Center



Rick Winters | The Sentinel

Olivia Noland
News editor

The Student Center was evacuated yesterday after the fire alarm went off at approximately 5:45 p.m.

"At this point, the problem area is pinpointed in the elevator control room," Cobb County Fire Services fireman, Garfunkal, said. "We think either some electrical source or hydraulic fluid started to burn, causing smoke in the elevator control room."

The control room is located adjacent to the Game Room.

"I was inside the Student Center when the alarm went off," senior English major, Tara McIntyre, said. "We were all told to get out of the building. We thought maybe someone had pulled the alarm until we started to smell the smoke."

"We have shut the power off to get rid of the smoke until a mechanic can get in here to find out what has caused the malfunction," fireman Smith said.

"I'm glad that KSU Police and the fire department responded as quickly as they did and I thought they did a good job clearing out the building and working on the problem," Kathy Alday, director of Student Life, said.

Who's who at KSU?

Students unaware of the honors program at the college level

Susanna Rose
Staff writer

Who's Who Among Students is an honors program committed to rewarding outstanding students across America who are involved in campus and community activities.

There is no cost to apply for selection as a Who's Who student. The deadline for applications was Oct. 7.

Approximately 105 KSU students have applied for the program this academic year. This is the largest ever response on campus, according to Charlotte Doolin, assistant to the vice president of Student Success and Enrollment Services. "I am very excited about the response this year," Doolin said.

She attributes the recent success of the program to the creation of an online appli-

cation process.

"Many students are not aware of Who's Who Among Students at the college level," Doolin said. "Students don't know it's going a lot of the time."

"I haven't heard about it at KSU, though I was nominated in high school," Samantha White, senior criminal justice major, said.

Many students are eligible for this program, although they must be in their junior or senior year.

"I haven't heard about it in high school or college," Sam Rone, junior history major, said.

A committee evaluates each candidate's involvement in the campus and the community, rewarding points for each activity they are involved in.

Unlike most colleges, KSU allows students to apply for the program themselves instead of waiting to be nominated.

"These students are given the honor to

represent their schools in a nationally recognized honors program," according to Sarah Landrum, junior college administrator for Who's Who, on a press release.

The scholarship awards range from \$1,000 - 3,000.

"I knew about it in high school and was in it for three years but didn't know about it here," Jessica Gates, freshman physics major, said. "It gave me a good sense of accomplishment."

The rewards, as a member of Who's Who Among Students, are numerous, according to the organization's Web site. Recipients are looked upon favorably by future employers and will be recognized in an official campus ceremony hosted by President Betty Siegel.

Additionally, students will receive a framed certificate, engraved commemorative key and a Who's Who Among Students biographical volume with their name listed.

"It really is an honor that is only offered to a select pool of students and you can carry it with you for the rest of your life," Doolin said. "It sets you above the rest of the student body."



Charlotte Doolin



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POLICE BEAT

Compiled from campus police reports

Chauntrell Lofton
Staff writer

KSU Police have been busy writing tickets and investigating property damage as the fall season arrived last week. Officers performed a total of 54 traffic stops last week, with 36 of those stops resulting in traffic citations, according to the Student Right to Know Log located at the campus police department. The officers did show leniency to some violators by issuing 16 traffic warnings and two reports. There were also

13 traffic accidents that ended with officers filing reports. As a result of the increased activity, only four parking citations were issued.

Officers have started to focus time and efforts on damage to property reports. In the last week, officers have responded to five calls regarding damage to property. The student parking decks and the Carmichael Student Center are some of the areas where the incidents have occurred. Students have complained about returning to parked vehicles to find scratches and dents on their vehicles.

Correction



A mistake was made last week in the attribution of the front page photo. The photo was taken by Yong Hong Zhu, a team member of the Dragon Boat team.

Enzyme time

Elizabeth Stott
Staff writer

The Nutritional Institute has distributed a new line of energy drinks and whole food supplements called Student Formula to college bookstores nationwide.

These natural products were created for college students to satisfy their nutritional needs, according to CEO and president of the company, Linda Slater Dowling.

"We have designed the products to make the student of today feel better, get more energy, improve mental clarity and focus, sleep

better, get better grades, be more relaxed—even live longer," Dowling said.

She said she believes these products will allow students to make healthier food and beverage choices. There are a variety of flavored drinks introduced, including Beyond Berry, Green Latte, Bounce Back, Inside Out, Just Chill, and Enzyme Time.

These beverages contain all the nutrients the body needs during the day, including vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and enzymes.

"I personally like to put our Beyond Berry product in a blender and mix it with frozen organic berries, water and ice to create a smoothie," Dowling said.

"I like the energy drink, Red Bull, but this new line of energy drinks seems phony to me," Jonathan Teague, junior chemistry major, said.



Voice yours Students have say in search for new president

Julie Bragg
Staff writer

Student Government [SG] is trying to change existing rules to allow students more input in deciding who will take the position of the new KSU president.

"Each constituency has a representative on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee [PSAC], which is chaired by Dean Joseph Meeks," Cheryl Brown, public relations coordinator for the College of the Arts, said. "These constituencies include students, alumni, staff, KSU Foundation and Board of Trustees and each of the academic colleges."

The student representative is Thomas Cotton, president of Student Government. He is a full participant in the committee, and therefore has been involved with developing criteria and will meet and interview candidates.

The role of PSAC is to review candidates who have been pre-screened by the executive search firm of Baker-Parker, which was hired by the Board of Regents.

PSAC will not select the next president, according to Brown. The committee will submit a list of five unranked candidates to a committee at the Board of Regents, headed by Regent Michael Coles. That committee will forward its recommendations to the Chancellor and the full Board of Regents.

PSAC and the Regents Committee will not reveal the names of any of the candidates nor provide information about the status of any candidates. As stated in the Regents' Policy Manual, "Insofar as is compat-

ible with state law, all parties to the search, screen, and selection process shall maintain strict confidentiality as to the identity of applicants and any considerations of their credentials, while making efforts to keep the campus community and the public appropriately informed as to the general progress of the search."

"The purpose of this confidentiality is to attract more highly qualified candidates by protecting their identities, in case they should not be selected," Brown said. "This is a standard operating procedure for searches at this level of responsibility."

Students can participate in the search by submitting feedback on the Web site, <http://presidentsearch.kennesaw.edu> or by contacting Cotton.

Students and others can offer advice about the qualities and experience they feel the next president should have and can offer comments and advice to PSAC members regarding the search.

For instance, College of the Arts representative Peter Witte asked arts faculty and staff to suggest questions he might ask

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-Jon Crider

the candidates when they are interviewed, according to Brown.

"The Presidential Search Committee voted not to bring the candidates to the campus for an open forum or release any information on the candidates, this was their internal committee decision," James Touchton, vice president of

student government, said. "In many cases, students do have input on hired faculty by way of ad-hoc committees within each college. Why is it that the person with the greatest influence at this university should be any different? This individual represents what KSU means to the students, they will be the one who will be recognized as the leader, ultimate representative and speaker of KSU.

Student input is vital to this process because students should have a voice in the choosing of the President. Students pay their fees and should all be allowed an equal chance to have a say so and be able to meet the potential candidate."

SG passed a resolution in its Sept. 15 meeting, which stated the following, "Student Government feels the decision not to bring the prospective president to campus in order for students to have an active voice and say in the choosing of the next president."

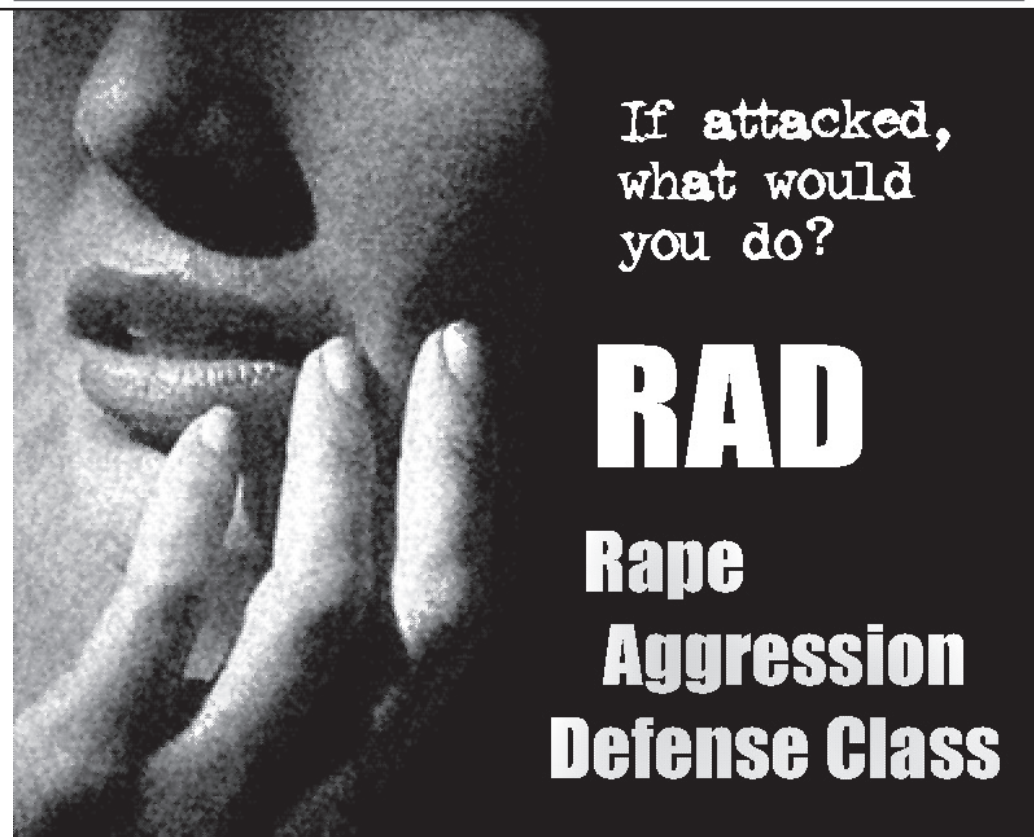
"This is crucial in fostering the community involvement KSU so highly values," Touchton said. "This resolution was passed and sent to Dr. Nancy King and Dr. Betty Siegel. It was presented at the Faculty Senate and University Wide Senate Meeting Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m."

The timeline and information provided on the Web site will allow students, faculty, alumni and other interested parties to follow the progress of the search and submit feedback at any time.

"The more input we have, the more successful we will be in representing the entire campus and community," Dr. Joseph Meeks, Dean of the College of the Arts, said. "We are honored and humbled to have been appointed by the Board of Regents to assist in this process," Meeks said.

"If the students of KSU are dissatisfied with the views, work, ethics, etc., of the new president, the president may prove to be ineffective," Leah Malone, graduate student in the MACC program, said. "That is why it is only appropriate the students have input on their future leader by being able to ask him/her questions and provide feedback to the search committee," Malone said.

"The idea that a potential president and leader of our university will not even set foot publicly on our campus before he or she is hired is appalling," Jon Crider, senior history major, said. "[The university] prides itself on allowing student input on almost all aspects of university life. Why should the decision to hire president who will direct the future of the university be any different? The Presidential Search Committee needs to realize that they are not the only ones who have an opinion on this subject. The 18,000 plus students and faculty have and should have a voice on who will lead KSU next."



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Student's investigation leads to ticket refunds

LaToya T. Cole
Managing editor

For some drivers, traffic tickets are a part of life. Tickets are so common that many do not question the fines when they receive them. Delores Bunch-Keemer is not like most people.

When Keemer received two tickets in the mail, she did not know what they were for or from where they came. "My daughter saw them and told me they were from the red light on the corner of Windy Hill and Cobb Parkway in Marietta," said Keemer, a senior finance major.

The light has seen its share of traffic problems. "The intersection has one of the highest accident rates in the nation," Keemer said.

After looking at both citations, she saw the times were inconsistent. She realized the light was not set correctly and, before she went to court, she timed the light.

Keemer found the light was set at random intervals. "It was never at exactly four seconds," she said. "Four seconds is too short, the speed limit is 45 miles per hour. You need 4.5 seconds to stop." Keemer found a lot of people were trying to stop, but couldn't. "They just went under the light anyway."

The camera takes a picture of the vehicle's license plate as the car goes over the white line, once it is under the light and after it has gone under the red light. "When you go to court, the judge has all of these pictures along with the ticket," Keemer said. "So, it is pretty hard to say you did not get the ticket."

She shared her findings with the judge and told him the light's timing was incorrect. He reduced her fees by 50 percent and urged her take the findings to the commission.

From there Keemer started to research the program. Its implementation began when the governor designated more than \$2 million for the program and any county that wanted to utilize it. The grant awarded \$200,000 to each county. "Cobb was one of the first counties to apply for the red light camera program," Keemer said.

Although running a red light is a moving violation, she found it does not go against the driver's insurance. "It is purely a revenue stream," Keemer said.

Georgia is not the only state that issues citations through the program. "California charges \$271 for the ticket," Keemer said.

Keemer said she believes the program was set up incorrectly. "Lockheed made the technology, but the ticket is issued by the manufacturer, Lazercraft," she said. The manufacturing company sends the ticket and charges \$54 for processing.

The discrepancy lies in the county's assessment of a small portion of the fee. Because the charge is categorized as a fee, not a fine, the county can not charge for it. "They thought they were supposed to do that," Keemer said. The mistake is one that will cost Cobb county approximately \$300,000.

The difference, more than \$24 a ticket, now has to be repaid to recipients of the citations. "It is actually costing money to refund the fees," Keemer said.

The county has to hire people to go through all of the tickets and decide how the refunds will be handled. It is, however, on hold for now. "We are still waiting to hear back from the state," Shannon Long, assistant to the Marietta city manager said. Since the funds were collected on behalf of, and



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Delores Bunch-Keemer explains how her persistence led to refunds for overcharged citations

sent to the state, Cobb County has to see how the state wants to proceed. "It is a slow process," Long said.

Keemer decided to take things a step further. She wrote a policy about the entrapment and presented it to the Carter Center. "I was supposed to be there 30 minutes but it ended up being five hours," Keemer said. She received help rewriting the policy.

Since the camera program is currently in place, Keemer knows the odds of her policy change being implemented are against her.

She would, however, like to create an algorithm on how to time the light. The rhythm would allow the light to time according to the traffic flow. Keemer said there are already "pressure point" sensors in the street. "The light should be at about 5.8 seconds," Keemer said. "Boston has implemented it at 5.4 seconds."

Keemer said she is hopeful that the algorithm can be put in a model and used for the rest of the United States.

Keemer said she believes all of the work was worth it. "I feel they will really address this problem now," Keemer said. She wants to use Cobb County as a test case for other counties. "Gwinnett plans to put in 20 additional lights," Keemer said. Cobb also plans to put another one at the intersection of Allgood and Cobb Parkway.

She plans to test the light again after the timing changes are made. There is a need for the red light camera program, but "It should get the violators who are blatantly running the light," Keemer said.

Campus puts safety first

Public Safety Committee discuss issues around campus

Kayla Sargent
Staff writer

The Public Safety Committee met to discuss campus safety issues Sept. 14.

The committee formulated changes and recommendations to accommodate all members of the campus. Faculty and staff parking will be available to everyone after 7:00

p.m. on weekdays and all day during weekends and holidays until 6:00 a.m. the following morning.

This does not include handicap, loading and service spaces. Five carpool spaces are being added to Lot A and 10 added to Lot G for students who chose to ride together.

Cobb County is planning to synchronize the traffic lights near campus following the completion of construction on Chastain Road to improve traffic flow.

The committee recommends that the Department of Public Safety start distributing hanging decals for drivers' rearview mirrors, to replace the sticker decals. They must be large, colored and coded so that they are easily distinguishable.

Students and staff are only allowed one decal.

Hanging decals make it easier for commuters who drive more than one car, although the hanging decals available at the bookstore are not easily visible.

In addition to parking and traffic issues, the Public Safety Committee also reviewed the campus smoking policies. Georgia Code 02-16-04 allows KSU to regulate smoking on campus, according to the minutes of the meeting.

Many students have complained about walking through smoke as they travel to their classes.

"I really hate walking to my apartment surrounded by smoke, especially when I just sat through a couple hours of class," Jennifer Kennedy, freshman marketing major, said.

According to the code, smoking facilities must be available near all 26 major buildings. The regulations also stipulate a 20-foot non-smoking border around public buildings, which many people have been ignoring. The Department of Public Safety will begin citing those who flout

this non-smoking border.

Receiving citations for smoking on the sidewalk or on the way to class may become as common as getting a parking ticket.



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Ridiculous Catholicism



The excommunication of homosexuals

Michael Miracle
Columnist

Hear ye, hear ye! The Catholic Church, in all its glory and self-righteousness, hath decreed to eradicate the negative light in which this holiest of religions has bathed for decades. So, for the betterment of the Church, the newly elected Pope Benedict XVI doth proclaim the exclusion of all gays from the priesthood.

The decree is not a complete re-working of the church structure, because it does allow for currently ordained gay priests to remain in the church. The premise of this decree is concerned with barring those men with the aforementioned sexual inclination from future candidacy in the priesthood. The signing into papal law of this decree, or document, as it is now known, is expected within the next six weeks. As would be expected, the document has divided many people, and none are more outrageous than Mike Sullivan, a member of Catholics United for the Faith. Sullivan is an advocate of the document and feels that having

gays in the priesthood is inappropriate because of the seminary's all-male population. His rationale for the passing of this statement is as follows: "It's not appropriate to put an alcoholic in a bar, either." [New York Times, 9/22/05] You have got to be kidding me! This sort of comparison not only shows the ignorance of Sullivan and supporters of this statement, it also shows the flaws in this impending document. It shows that the members of the Catholic Church do not know how to begin picking up the pieces of their shambled religion, with its problems brought on in large part by pedophilic priests. Using Sullivan's alcoholic analogy, one would surmise that all pedophiles are gay men or, to take a literal interpretation, that placing gay men into a room full of schoolboys would inevitably result in mass pedophilia. But here is the problem with that reasoning – supposedly heterosexual men commit the most occurrences of this perversion. These acts are being carried out by men with serious character flaws, which has

less to do with their sexual orientation, and more to do with their upbringing, family background or mental problems. The problem is stymied through close observation of the goings-on inside these ministries and not through the exclusion of gay priests.

This sort of exclusion shows greater ignorance and incompetence within the church with regards to dealing with these issues. Denying gay men entry into the ministry because they are gay is akin to a corporation refusing job placement because of race, sex or gender. People are gay for the same reason that people are straight – they are born that way. And denying those who feel the desire to preach Catholicism because of their born identity does not seem very godly at all. It is discrimination, plain and simple, and those in favor of this document reside in the same realm as Civil Rights foes and Klansmen. Or, to use an analogy such as that of Sullivan, it's not appropriate to put a racist in charge of a major "all-loving" religion. Apparently, it's too late for

Campus stir after KAB hosts a politically charged drag show

Ideals challenged by comedy troupe

Casey Childers
Columnist

Who wants to be a Republican? The Kinsey Sicks do. However, it is doubtful the College Republicans will be inviting the group to become honorary members in the near future. The drag show performance entitled, "I Want To Be a Republican," was brought in by the Kennesaw Activities Board in an attempt to cater to the broad interests of our student body. In their press release, the KSU Republicans accused the Kennesaw Activities Board of hosting a show that "bashed Bush, conservatives and heterosexual Caucasians."

Censoring comedy and entertainment just brings us back to the nightmare concept of over-censorship and book burning.

can we laugh at if we cannot laugh at ourselves?

The fact of the matter is that The Kinsey Sicks targeted Republican and conservative beliefs. What the College Republicans fail to recognize is that the group's targets were fringe conservative ideals. Just because one considers oneself a Republican does not necessarily mean that one agrees with everything that every other Republican has to say. In an effort to take a bit of the heat off KAB, The Kinsey Sicks responded with a well written statement that included: "We didn't make fun of Christians, we made fun of people who claim God is on their side. We didn't

make fun of minorities, but rather of the racism and tokenism of the rightwing. Oh — and the raunch? Well, we did that 'cause it's fun."

Clearly, the group meant no harm. After all, it is just entertainment. If The Kinsey Sicks had appeared on C-Span with such material, things would have been different. Instead they performed a comedy routine on a college campus where they expected to find mature adults. It must be pointed out here that a key stepping stone to adulthood is learning to accept that other people may have ideals and beliefs that conflict with your own. Another step is being able to tolerate those beliefs. It would be ridiculous to assert that every person or even the majority of the audience was offended by the crude comics' behavior.

Those who were offended reserved the right to excuse themselves, and those who were not offended enjoyed the right to stay and continue watching. The routine that The Kinsey Sicks performed for Kennesaw was not intended to belittle, discourage or send a hurtful message to students. It was meant for comic relief and was in no way an attack on students. It is not the board's responsibility to alter campus entertainment based on the intolerance of the minority of the audience. After all, it is not as if every student attends every performance that the activity board hosts. The Kinsey Sicks brought in more people than most of the other shows combined. Censoring comedy and entertainment just brings us back to the nightmare concept of over-censorship and book burning.

Although that may seem like a huge exaggeration, it is definitely possible to use a situation like this as a catalyst for such radical behavior. Eliminating something simply because one does not like it is unjustified, especially when the vast majority does not agree. An important thing to remember is that when one has a problem with something one needs to make it worthwhile and save one's anger for something important. That way, when it comes time, people will be more apt to take the issue seriously, and not just roll their eyes. Republicans, you chose to enter the room even after you saw the sign hanging on the rather large KAB board that read, "I want to be a Republican." That alone was a dead giveaway to what the show would entail. Is it possible that then choosing to attend could indicate that someone was looking for trouble? If not, all you had to do was leave.

Did New Orleans have it coming?

Religious leaders show no mercy

Chuck Thomas
Columnist

"There's been Satanic worship in New Orleans. There's been sexual perversion. God is going to use that storm to bring a revival. God has a plan. God has a purpose."

Reverend Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, uttered these words shortly after the water was settling on the homes of New Orleans. Alongside Graham, religious leaders such as Rev. Bill Shanks, pastor of New Covenant Fellowship of New Orleans, said "New Orleans now is free of Southern decadence and the sodomites, the witchcraft workers, false religion -- it's free of all of those things now," and that "God simply, I believe, in His mercy purged all of that stuff out of there -- and now we're going to start over again."

While some Christian leaders were

yelling this was God's way of dealing with the evil in New Orleans, in an ironic twist Islamic Extremists were busy agreeing with them. In a recent video, members of Al Qaeda said that "...completely humiliated, George Bush, a fool who is being obeyed, announced his obvious incapability to deal with the wrath of Allah that visited the city of homosexuals."

While most people feel compassion and sadness over a disaster like Katrina, a few loudmouths are making it their duty to show the world just how useless and twisted religion can become. As an atheist and former Christian, it is difficult sometimes to look past the sound-bytes of illogical people such as Graham and company. To say that a god would kill hundreds of people because he doesn't approve of a few character traits is ridiculous and disgusting, especially since these gods are supposed to love humanity so much. Why not just come down and tell us to stop being gay and partying so much?

Instead, according to Shanks, a whole city is wiped out with no word from the great flooder himself. In the New Orleans Parish alone, there are 27,000 families

below the poverty level. Thousand of poor people were left behind even after the initial flooding to die of disease and hunger simply because they were too poor to get out. Does Shank's God hate poor people too?

Most people see the tragedy for what it is and rush to help or simply send their thoughts and prayers. Leaders such as Graham are only using human suffering to further their ministries with fear tactics. It has been said that this event has shown us the best and the worst in humanity. The behavior from these supposedly respected leaders is among the latter. What's worse, some people out there agree with these clowns. Wanting other humans to die and using it for your agenda should not be a part of any forward-thinking and healthy religious, moral or societal code.

To sum this up mentality and to show how far it can go the psychotic Rev. Fred Phelps said, "Thank God for Katrina. New Orleans, symbol of America, seen for what it is: a putrid, toxic, stinking cesspool of f*g fecal matter. Pray for more dead bodies floating on the f*g-semen-rancid waters of New Orleans."

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Reverend Franklin Graham

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Cobb County: Island of Ignorance?

The nerve, the gall.... the accuracy!

Dominic DiCecco, Columnist

Three cheers for Cobb County! We've made the top ten in something! We're even close to the top of the list, sitting at #2! What is the context of this grand silver prize victory, one might ask? Apparently, Cobb County placed second in an "Islands of Ignorance" contest that was administered by the Campaign to Defend the Constitution. Whoa, wait... ignorance is a bad thing! The reason for the high rating was the Cobb school board's highly evolved decision to place stickers slamming evolution in science textbooks in 2002. Who received the top rating? A Dover, PA school board that mandated biology teachers read a similar disclaimer discrediting evolution topped the chart.

If things had gone our way, we could have been #1! Think of the possibilities! Maybe we could have gotten Dan Quayle to do a pep rally or something! Cobb school board Chairwoman Kathie Johnstone doesn't think it's a big deal. According to the AJC, Johnstone said, "It's not going on our local letterhead any time soon. We do quite well academically and work very hard to go above state standards. Maybe they're not

clear in their geography. None of the places they're listing are islands." Ding ding ding! Wow, so the people who can't comprehend an attempt at alliteration are the same ones that cause our county to be classified as ignorant? I am shocked! And what's with the comment about Cobb going above state standards? Georgia is by far one of the worst states in the nation when it comes to public schools: It has been rated as low as 49th in the past. Beating Georgia state school standards is the equivalent of placing Michael Vick on the North Cobb football team and asking him to win. It's like challenging a one-legged man to an ass-kicking contest. It's like... okay you get the point.

The Cobb County school board is out of line and out of touch, and it doesn't take one

"The Cobb County school board is out of line and out of touch, and it doesn't take one of those Darwin-types to figure it out."

Darwinian to figure it out. Certain members of the school board need to evolve some intelligence, and until then they might want to consider quitting the school board and trying to get their old job back at the Flat Earth Society. School board members should be forward-looking people with respect for greater intellects than their own. When's the last time you heard a biologist tell a school board how to run the school district? There's a reason certain people are on a school board and certain people are scientists and each should not cross the line into the other's jurisdiction.

Tom Delay stepping down

Democrats howl for leader's head

David Beaumont Columnist

In accordance with Republican Party Rules, House Majority Leader Tom Delay temporarily stepped down from his position to face charges of criminal conspiracy. If the senator is convicted, he could receive a sentence of up to two years in prison. District attorney Ronnie Earle can not even say what proof there is that Delay was 'conspiring.' The truth is that Earle has a vendetta against Delay for his role in helping Republican congressmen to victory in the 2002 congressional elec-

tions, which created a strong Republican majority.

Delay is hardly the first Republican leader to be attacked by leftist activists. Delay's indictment is reminiscent of former Republican Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's crucifixion for a few pleasant comments made to Strom Thurmond. Another example is the current investigation of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a heart surgeon, who sold his stocks in hospital chain HCA Inc. as it was going downhill. Lott simply expressed an opinion, and Frist doesn't even have control over his account [it is held by a trustee], and yet the liberals are howling for blood. Whoever's at the top is the next target in a game of ugly and unending partisanship that is really a defining quality of the Democratic Party.

House Majority Leader Tom Delay's innocence could not be more obvious. The grand jury indictment against him is merely a plot by district attorney Ronnie Earle to damage the Republican Party and grab headlines for himself in the process. That Earle has allowed movie crews to document his progress against Delay proves his ambition and greed. Claims by Earle that he is not biased because he prosecutes more Democrats than Republicans is not evidence against bias. On the contrary, it is merely evidence of greater corruption by Democrats, including Earle himself. Delay will be acquitted of all charges of conspiracy and hopefully Earle will not be reelected for his misuse of the Office of District Attorney.



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Dear Editor,

I respectfully disagree with Jason Nimer's article about the four day weekend that Governor Sonny Perdue decision to shut down schools for an extra two days. When it comes to one of our critical resources, oil/gasoline keeps our country moving. We have to deal with two major hurricanes within the past month and it almost took a toll on our oil refineries in the gulf cost. Not to mention we are at war with countries that we depend

our oil on. Governor Perdue made a smart move of shutting down schools in order to conserve our energy. In addition, he gave the option to business of shutting down as well. Remember it was only on a voluntary basis. I do not see what is up with parents complaining about childcare arrangements and other issues. I'm not a parent but yes I do understand we need to go to work and putting bread on the table but its only two days off. I don't understand why parents have children if they

are not to spend time with them. Governor Perdue has given us the opportunity to spend more quality time with our families during this time of crisis. Now that's family values. Sorry Cathy Cox, Sonny Perdue did us a huge favor.

Gabriel Rodriguez
Sophomore
Information Systems

Dear Editor,

Jason Nimer, in classic liberal fashion, attempts to equate the acceptance of filth with 'maturity'. In reality, however, discernment is more equated with maturity. Discernment is the ability to distinguish between that which is healthy and that which is unhealthy behavior. Belittling, sneering and disrespectful activities are never healthy. It is sad to see our newspaper chooses not to recognize this.

A fellow conservative once told me "be proud to stand against arrogance and vulgarity---and be gentle with those who don't know how to tell the difference between behavior and maturity."

Why is it that Jason has the 'right' to decry actions by president Bush and accuse the Republican administration of greed and corruption and make irresponsible generalizations regarding Republican views; yet our objection is held up as intolerant? If the Kinsey Sicks have the 'right' to present lewd, disrespectful and vulgar behavior (...and it is a fact that KAB, a line item organization, paid for such 'opinions' to be expressed), why don't we have the 'right' to oppose it? Can students who pay into that fund have no right to speak out against events that we find offensive?

During Nimer's hissy fit of sneers he works very hard to steer around some important facts: the leadership of a student organization that represents the entire student body is always responsible for what it chooses to fund, and it is always responsible to make sure that it is respectful to the wishes of that student body. KAB should always second guess every event. 'Maturity' demonstrates responsible behavior. Maturity is as maturity does.

Jeremy Walts
Junior
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KSU College Republicans, Chairman

Dear Editor,

If the KSU College Republicans really feel threatened by a few satirical drag queens, then President Bush and Karl Rove must seriously question whether the United States can "Stay the Course" in Iraq.

This extreme sensitivity to mere expression at least explains why no KSU College Republican has ever taken a couple of years off and volunteered for Iraq. [If I'm wrong, please provide examples, and state whether any of the current KSU College Republicans have considered serving in our military].

Our Army just missed its annual recruiting quota for the first time since 1999. Even our President's strongest supporters [eligible to serve] need to ask themselves to do their duty. If not, you deserve the criticism you get.

Karl Olson

Dear Editor,

The Sentinel is the KSU newspaper, correct? Good newspapers state facts and publish stories while trying not to portray an obvious viewpoint on the matter, correct? Then why does nearly every article that you publish have an overwhelming liberal tone? Don't get me wrong, some of the stuff I still agree with, but that is no reason to slam a party, make childish comments, and only state one side of the story. I believe it would be in the paper's best interest [and everyone reading it] if the Sentinel's articles were more openly diverse in their viewpoints. Thanks for listening.

Tara Godfrey
Biology
Sophomore

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article "College Republicans cry all the way home." It is hard to know where to start when responding to Nimer's outlandish claims and rude remarks. I do not associate myself with the Republican Party, nor do I claim to be part of the Democratic Party, however, the remarks made in this article towards the Republican Party only prove Nimer's poor writing techniques and childish mindset. After reading several of his articles in the past few weeks, its is obvious that his purpose is to ruffle feathers and to make people angry, however that does not justify some of his claims. I was taken back when I learned of the performance by The Kinsey Sicks, not because I disagree with it being available to watch, but the fact that my student fees were used to fund it. I have no problem with it being a privately funded event, but to use student fees was out of line. The thing that bothered me most about this article however was the direct strike at Republicans. To say

that they "hate gay people" and "ruin everyone else's fun" is just ridiculous.

Nimer's blanket statements are really starting to show what an immature writer he is. Not all Republicans are as he says, and thank God not all liberals are as intolerant as he is. For a person continuing to complain about conservative intolerance, he shows no sign of being tolerant himself. So what if some people have a problem with the show, are they not entitled to their opinion? As much as Mr. Nimer shoots his mouth off about his beliefs, he certainly has guts to criticize people who come out and do the same with theirs.

Bottom line, the article was unfounded and poor journalism. If you are going to write a Viewpoints article Nimer, try considering all viewpoints before injecting your juvenile and childish remarks, and maybe show a little professionalism.

J. David Williamson
Freshman
Undeclared

Dear Editor,

As I read over the article bashing College Republicans for standing up for something, it made think about how truly biased our paper really is.

The press release clearly stated that the College Republicans were mad about the event A. Bashing Christians and minorities B. The sexually explicit acts, emphasis on acts. C. KAB, a line item organization and non-political entity, misusing thousands and thousands of Student monies to bring this disgusting group to campus.

If Jason Nimer was not so liberally biased, he might have actually read the press release.

R. Brian Laurens
Business
Student Government senator

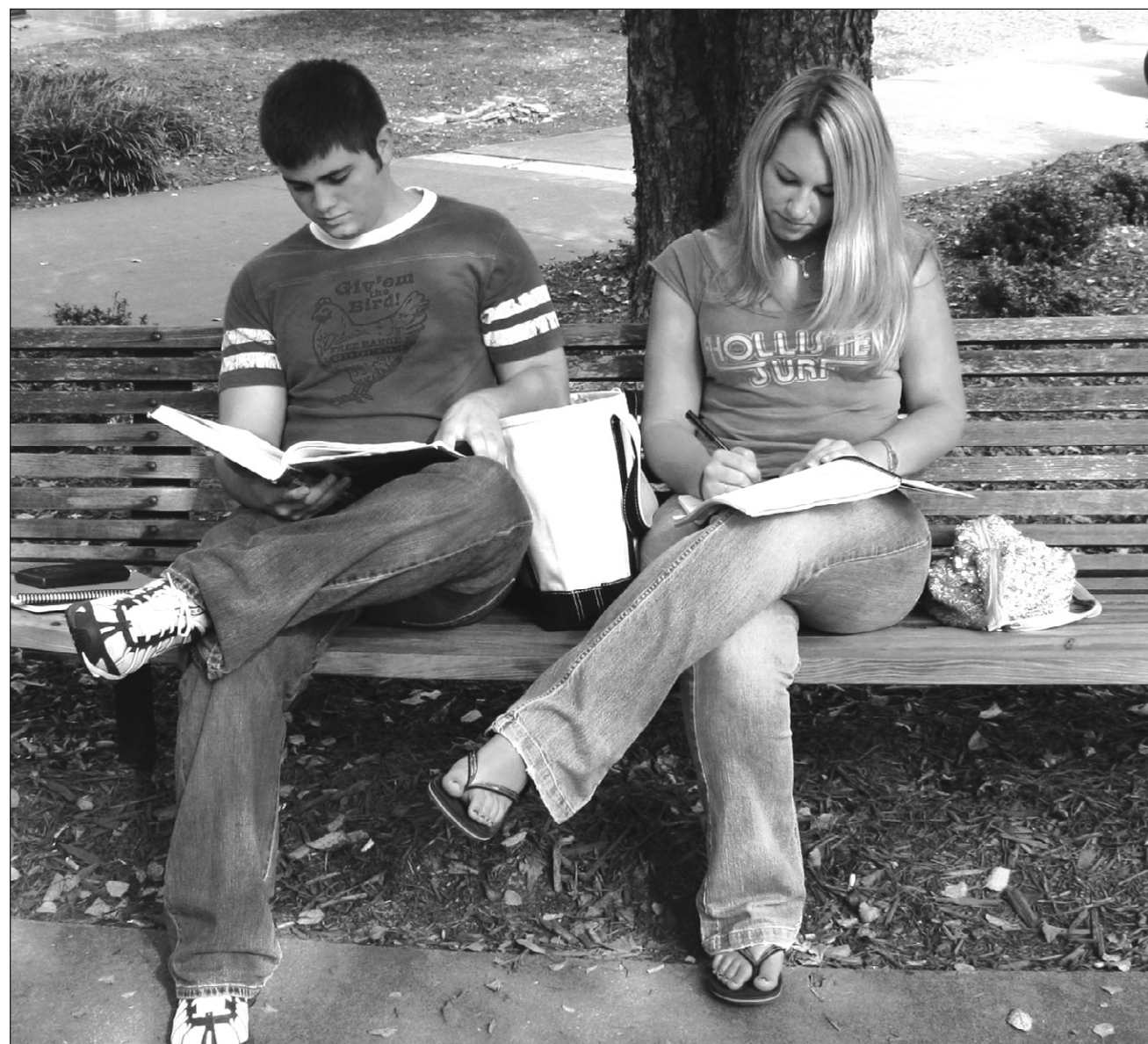
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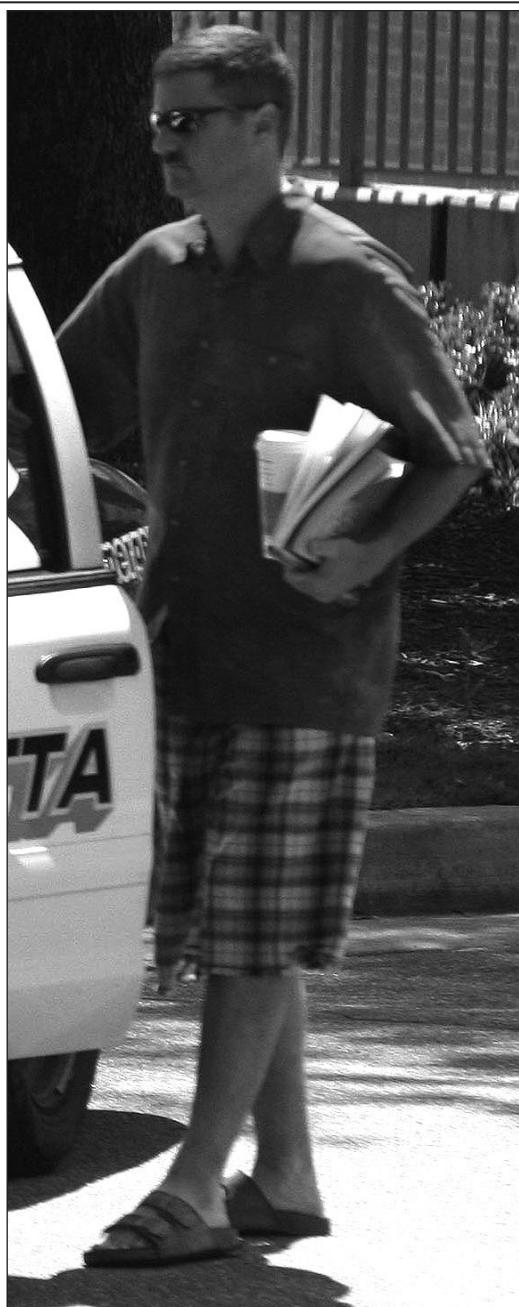
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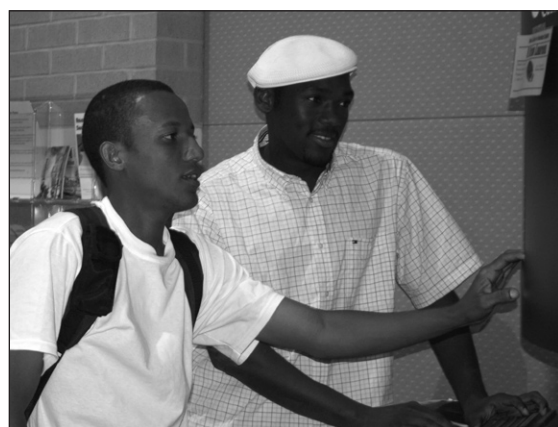


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Above: Joseph Boes.

Professor films documentary

Kayla Stargent
Staff writer

Calling all reality TV junkies. It is time to step away from the mainstream reality genre consisting of sex, alcohol and partying to take a closer look at something truly and incomparably real.

Such honesty can be found right on campus, with Dr. David Redmond and Ashley Sebin's independent film documentary *Intimidad*. The film is truly intimate. Documented in northern Mexico, the story revolves around a young Mexican couple struggling to find work and happiness. Redmond said, "I want people to know that these workers, immigrants, that come to America were people first. They worked, they sweated, and they were lovers and fighters before we put them into categories."

The film began as an attempt to document a Victoria's Secret bra throughout its existence. The purpose was to capture how many lives one bra could travel through, starting with its manufacture. However, it evolved as Redmond and Sebin realized their story was not with the bra. It was with the first stage of the bra's development.

"I wanted to bring humanity into objects we normally take advantage of," Redmond said.

Intimidad's stars, Camillo and Ceci, live a life in what most Americans would consider extreme poverty. They live together in what resembles a shack, fighting to stay alive every day. Their story exemplifies hardship, love, faith, hate and all of the other aspects of dramatic television that captivate us today. With Camillo, working only enough to put food on the table, their toddler must live miles away with Ceci's family.

While Camillo is working overtime, Ceci stays home and wishes for a better life. She dreams of working, having friends, being single, retrieving her daughter and returning to her family. Ceci's uncertainty counters Camillo's stability throughout the film. As they bate one another, their problems evolve from humorous or lighthearted into complex, real issues. They struggle through life altering changes like relocating their house, separation and leaving their daughter. At the same time they deal with dishes, dirty laundry, and making bras at the Victoria's Secret warehouse [earning the equivalent of 80 cents per dozen bras produced].

"At first I connected with Ceci or Camillo independently, depending on the situation. Their arguments were sometimes even humorous, but I was starting to feel that as they were happening, they were really hurting inside," said Chris Mont, 21. "In this film, there is a realization that these relationships are real. I found it extremely powerful."

This touching story has the ability and the potential to change the way we view human interaction. As noted in the film, we are not connected just through our physical relationships with one another. Through common objects, ideas and themes our individual stories are intertwined.

"It was nothing but raw emotion," said Nikki Rankin, a junior business major.

Joe P. takes his midterms and likes it

Joe Pettis
Columnist

We are approaching that dreaded time of the year again—midterms. Many students fear them, yet we must all still face them. You probably think the best conceivable thing to do around this time of the year is to study or maybe catch up on your reading material. Well, you are wrong.

Studying is by far the worst thing you could do at this moment. Not only is it useless, but it also takes up valuable time. There are many ways to pass an exam, and I assure you that studying is not one of them. Thankfully as a 23 year-old sophomore, I have plenty of experience with exams

and I am going to take the time to share some of my secrets with you. Best of all, you don't even have to pay me, but it would be nice if you named your first child after me.

The first thing one should do in preparation for an exam is find the smartest student in the class. This is usually pretty easy. You know that kid in every one of your classes that likes to raise his hand every time the teacher asks a question. Avoid that kid at all costs. Not only is he the dumbest kid in the class, but everyone hates him, including the teacher. There is nothing worse than a show off, especially when they have nothing to really

show off. Anyway, I digress.

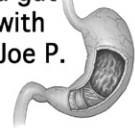
The smart kid is usually the quiet one. You have seen them before. They are the one that sits in the back of the class, usually sleeping or reading the latest Entertainment Weekly. Now, you probably thought that they were just a slacker. This is just a front. Only the smartest kid in the class could afford to not pay attention. He is not being lazy. He is just bored with the material because he already knows it all. Your best bet is to just sit next to him during the exam. No one would ever expect you to cheat off of him, after all he is the lazy kid.

Of course, like any problem, there is more than one solution. You could sleep with your professor I suppose, but I think that only happens in the movies. I've tried it numerous times myself, and so far all I've received are restraining orders. If you can't find a way to pass the exam, then you must find a way to avoid taking it in the first place.

One method of doing this is faking your death. This can be a little tricky, but it works really well. Not only will it help you avoid taking the exam, but you can use it to avoid paying your taxes as well. The only problem with this method is that it makes it hard to return to class. In all reality, though this might be the answer to all of your problems. If you can't go to class than you don't have to take any more exams. See, it all works out in the long run.

If all else fails, then most likely you will fail as well. After all, you wasted all that time you should have spent studying avoiding the whole thing in the first place. Don't worry. There is always one last resort. Just find someone rich and marry them. As a matter of fact, just drop out of school and get married. Why waist your time being miserable in school when you can be miserable in marriage instead. Just don't forget to name your first born after me.

Busting a gut with Joe P.



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Mourning the death of summer

Adam Stevens
Columnist

As I sit in the air-conditioned confines of the office today watching the miserable drizzle and washed out skies outside, I've come to the realization that the glorious days of warmth, sunshine and beer guzzling that make up the summer are finished. It is a sad realization. I have fond memories of summer no matter the location. In Melbourne, summer meant going to the beach, watching the cricket at the MCG or on the TV, and generally being pretty lazy. Here in Atlanta, summer means three months' holiday, ignoring the baseball on the TV and generally being lazy. In both cases, the one major constant is sun and warmth.

I have heard many people bemoaning the heat and humidity of the South, and while to an extent it can be pretty uncomfortable, it beats the hell out of bundling up in five layers, a scarf and a beanie — and that's when I'm inside. I have no problems at all with a bit of heat, but I turn into a whiny little bitch at the first hint of a chill. You'll have trouble recognizing me in a couple of months, when I'm mocked up as an Eskimo.

As any die-hard alcoholic knows, there are few things better than sitting out in the sun over summer with a cold beer. The relaxing lilt of conversation over a cool beverage out on the patio is unbeatable. Try doing that in the winter, when it's cold enough to freeze a brass monkey's unmentionables off. By the time the chill really comes around, I'll be taking to the bottle to ward off the chronic bouts of depression wrought from being constantly hypothermic [or, f----- cold].



DOWN UNDER
By Adam Stevens

So cold isn't my favorite thing, in case you were unsure. I can only imagine how I'd go living somewhere like Maine, which seems positively polar in the winter. No, winter in the south is bad enough. Somehow, it just seems so much colder than a Melbourne winter, which was more bleak and dreary than cold. Perhaps I am still suffering the effects of walking to work in the mornings last winter when it was still 25 degrees. Losing feeling in one's appendages is an unpleasant experience.

If there is one detriment to an Atlanta summer, it is the lack of beaches. It's all well and good to go and sit by the pool or to fling myself down slides at Whitewater, but it certainly

lacks a bit of atmosphere. The feel of sand between one's toes and the peace found in laying out a towel and soaking in the sun is one that cannot be replicated anywhere else. I could always drive to Savannah or some other spot on the Atlantic coast, but a five-hour drive for fairly mediocre beaches just doesn't appeal. Of course, the lack of beaches also means that I get sunburn a lot less, which can only be a good thing. There is a reason why Australians have the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, and it's not because we love tanning salons.

Perhaps the most irksome thing about a southern winter is that it hardly ever snows. I would be much more at peace with having my arse frozen off on a daily basis if there was some aesthetically pleasing cause for it. A cover of snow every day would a go long way to making up for having a constantly icy nose, but it never seems quite cold enough snow, for some reason that I haven't quite fathomed. I was always under the assumption that when the temperature dips below freezing it snows, but perhaps there are some meteorological details I am missing out on here.

Summer has had its last hurrah for this year, so until it comes in May next year, I'll be praying for a blizzard or two. I hope you're all with me on that.

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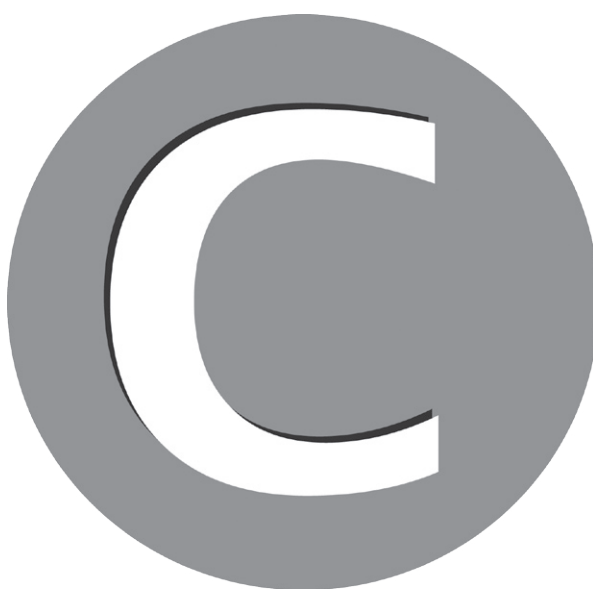
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October 13

- 12:30 p.m. KAB General Meeting [University Rooms C, D, E]
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- 3:30 p.m. Student Government meeting [University Room B]
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• 5 p.m. "Cuban Art from the 1990s Into the New Millennium" Gallery Lecture by Ana Fernandez, free [Sturgis Library Gallery]



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Boys Night Out with The Sentinel

Sasha Bailey
 Arts & Entertainment editor

Boys Night Out is on the road again with the 2005 Nintendo Fusion Tour. Promoting their new album *Train Wreck* and adding fans to their masses leaves little time for anything else, but guitarist, Jeff Davis of BNO called the Sentinel and gave us an exclusive interview.

S: Would you say that *Make Yourself Sick* is more of a pop-punk album and *Train Wreck* has taken more of a creative leap away from that?
J: I suppose so. I'd say that *Make Yourself Sick* is the younger record. We did it really fast, and it's more fun. Yeah, it may be a little more poppy. But *Train Wreck* is more rock, and it's definitely darker. It still has the same BNO feel, but it's grown up a little more.



Sentinel:
 Congratulations on your new album *Train Wreck*. I heard Boys Night Out broke Ferret Music's sales record and debuted on the Billboard Top 200 Chart.
Jeff Davis: Yes, I think so. Thank you very much

Sentinel: I heard you guys were based out of Canada. So I have to ask. What's your favorite hockey team?
Jeff Davis: I'm not a hockey fan. There's a couple of hockey fans in the band, but I personally never got into it. I couldn't care less.

S: The last time Boys Night Out came to Atlanta you were on the road with the 2005 Van's Warped Tour. How did you like playing that show?
J: It was great. Very awesome.

S: What's your favorite city to play in?
J: Toronto, our hometown.

S: What did you guys take with you from being on that tour and being around so many different types of bands, ranging anywhere from emo to metal? Did BNO take any inspiration that appears on the new album?
J: No, not really. We find it kind of hard to listen to a bunch of new music. We pulled any kind of inspirations for the new record from older stuff. The record was actually written mostly in January of this year before we went on the tour.

S: What don't you want your fans to know about you?
J: I was a child actor. You know that show *Goosebumps*? I starred in an episode of that show.

S: PC or Mac?
J: Mac

S: What kind of equipment do you use?
J: I use an Orange head and a Les Paul guitar.

S: Where did the name BNO come from?
J: It came from Billy Madison.

S: Would you say BNO is transforming out of the underground scene and more into the mainstream?
J: I don't know about that. There are lyrics on the new record about some very gruesome subjects like murder and making love with dead bodies and stuff like that. There are still some really

S: Isn't *Train Wreck* a concept album? Aren't the 12 tracks a story?
J: Yes. The general theme of the story is the healing quality of music. It's told through the story of a man who accidentally murders his wife in his sleep and then wakes up to realize what's he's done. Then there's a tragic downfall in his life fueled by murder, mental institutes, drug abuse, therapy, self-mutilation and all kinds of intense stuff. That's about all I can say without giving too much away.

S: Do you think people will relate more to *Train Wreck* because of the story line?
J: I don't know. I guess it depends on who you are and what you pull out of the music. It's kind of up for interpretation. It does tell a story through the lyrics, and I think everyone can find something to relate to.

S: Where did the concept come from of adding Kara Dupuy on synthesizer and vocals to BNO?
J: We knew when we were writing the story for the record that we'd need a female vocalist to fill in the part of the main character's murdered wife. On *Make Yourself Sick* we had a few piano parts and singing in the background, and we knew we wanted to get more into that on this record. Brian, our drummer, is from Detroit, and he knew Kara. He's been in other bands with her in the past, so he recommended her to us. He said she was really talented, and she's really great. We jammed with her and it worked out. She flew up and hung out with us for like a week. And in that week we probably wrote five or six songs for *Train Wreck* right away. It seemed obvious to get her in the band full-time.

S: Doesn't BNO have a wide variety of musical tastes? What are your favorites and influences?
J: We definitely have a very, very wide variety

heavy subject matters. I don't consider us jumping into the mainstream at all. We write music about what we want to write -- what sounds good to us. If it sounds more rock, or sounds more pop, or if it's heavy, then that's what it's going to be. We don't really try to sound like anything.

S: Now you're touring on the Nintendo Fusion Tour with Fall Out Boy, The Starting Line, Motion City Soundtrack and Panic! At the Disco. How are things going so far?
J: Great. It's been awesome so far. There have been huge crowds and video games and stuff. It's all been really cool.

S: Are there any highlights? Anything really crazy happen yet?
J: No, nothing crazy yet. We almost got murdered by some bums in Detroit but that kind of goes with the territory in Detroit.

between us. Anywhere from really old country to classic rock to Hip-Hop to metal to old-school punk. It's all over the place. For me personally, I'd say my biggest influences are Nirvana, Stone Temple Pilots, Guns 'N Roses and Green Day.

S: BNO has constantly toured since the release of *Broken Bones and Bloody Kisses*. What are you going to do when you get a break? What do you do in our free time?
J: Seriously, as little as possible. Whenever I have time off I sit on the couch and play video games, just relax and hang out with friends. Go out and drinking. Do as little as possible.

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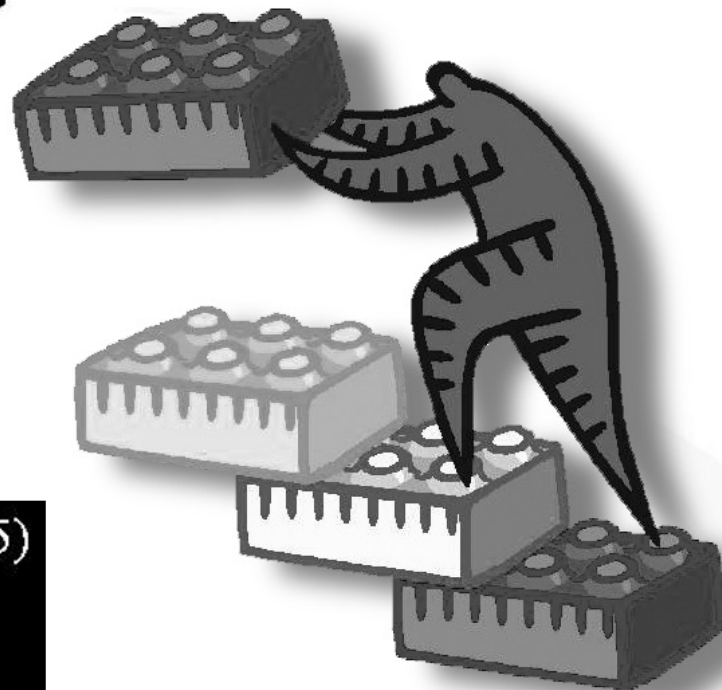
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Compiled by Sarah Goehler

MUSIC

- Oct. 12
 - Alan Yates Band at 10-12 Perry National Fair
- Oct. 13
 - Styx and REO Speedwagon at the Arena at Gwinnett Center, starts at 7:30 p.m. \$35-55
 - Our Lady Peace at Roxy Theatre, starts at 8 p.m. \$22
- Oct. 14
 - Cartel at the Masquerade, starts 7 p.m. \$8
 - Lonestar at Wild Bills, starts at 10:30 p.m. \$16-\$100
 - The Awkward Romance, The Sophomore Year, Stop the Revolution, Sativa and According to Plan at Swaye's, starts at 7 p.m. \$7
- Oct. 15
 - Widespread Panic at the Macon Centreplex, starts at 6:30 p.m. \$31
 - Gwar at the Masquerade, starts at 7 p.m. \$17-50
 - Rolling Stones at Philips Arena, starts at 7:30 p.m. \$62-\$352
 - Jethro Tull at the Chastain Park Amphitheatre, starts at 8 p.m. \$38-\$43
- Oct. 16
 - Nintendo Fusion Tour with Fall Out Boy, Boys Night Out, Motion City Soundtrack and Panic! At the Disco at The Tabernacle, starts at 5 p.m. \$25
 - Black Dice and Growing at the Drunken Unicorn, starts at 9 p.m. \$8
- Oct. 17
 - Trisha Yearwood at the Symphony Hall Atlanta, starts at 8 p.m. \$27-\$81
- Oct. 18
 - MXPX and Relient K at The Tabernacle, starts at 7 p.m. \$20

- Hanson at the Roxy Theatre, starts at 7:30 p.m. \$33-50

SPORTS

- Oct. 12
 - Atlanta Thrashers vs. Montreal Canadiens at Philips Arena, starts at 7 p.m. \$10-\$225
- Oct. 14
 - Atlanta Thrashers vs. Toronto Maple Leafs at Philips Arena, starts at 7 p.m. \$10-\$225

ARTS AND THEATRE

- Oct. 14
 - Atlanta Symphony Orchestra with Dianne Reeves at the Symphony Hall Atlanta, starts at 8 p.m. \$27-59
- Oct. 15-18
 - Men Cry In the Dark at the Bell Auditoriums, starts at 8 p.m. \$25-\$28
- Oct. 12-28
 - Something Wicked at The Center for Puppetry Arts, show times and prices vary

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

- Oct. 12
 - Reno Collier and James Johann at the Punchline Comedy Club.
- Oct. 16
 - Atlanta's Funniest Accountant at the Punchline Comedy Club
- Oct. 18
 - Craig Shoemaker at the Punchline Comedy Club
 - The ADVANCE job fair series is at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free event

CD Pick of the Week

William James Russo
Staff writer

Band: Anthrax
Title: Anthology: No Hit Wonders [1985-1991]
Toured With: Metallica, Megadeth
Rating: Turn it up!

Power, aggression and speed. All of these words cannot begin to encompass all that is Anthrax. Being a band whose debut CD depicted a man getting his face smashed in by a brass knuckled fist, one has to respect all this band has done for the head bangers of today. Anthrax is a pioneer of the metal industry, along with other big name acts like Metallica and Megadeth.

When this little band arose from the Bay Area in the early 80's no one could imagine the impact they would have on the music of today. It is only fitting that the band is righteously served with a Best of CD. This isn't your mother's Barry Manilow Greatest Hits, though. This CD is packed with 30 songs that incorporate the entire attitude and fierceness you would expect from Anthrax, a band made famous by such classic songs as "Madhouse" and the earth-shattering collaboration with Public Enemy on "Bring the Noise". It's all here and more, Joey Belladonna's celestial voice, Scott Ian's buzz-sawing riffs, and drummer Charlie Benante's pounding drums.

Anthrax is a band that has been through it all. The group has battled its way through constant struggles, including a departure of members, and an attack from terrorism when they were ridiculed for having the name, "Anthrax". But they have progressed forward into the new millennium and have paved the way for new metal acts such as Lamb of God and As I Lay

Dying to come forth today.

Along with the CD, comes a live DVD displaying the band in all their live glory. It gives you a chance to witness the band in their most raw, primal aspect minus having to stand behind a drunken fan screaming vulgar obscenities. You'll feel like starting a mosh in your own living room when the band charges through

such classic hits like "Caught in a Mosh" and the epic ode, "I am the Law".

So if you're tired of the same-old cliché pop songs that constantly bombard the airwaves of today, run to your local music store and pick up Anthrax's Anthology: No Hit Wonders [1985-1991] and Alive 2: The DVD, and join the band as you get caught in a mosh.



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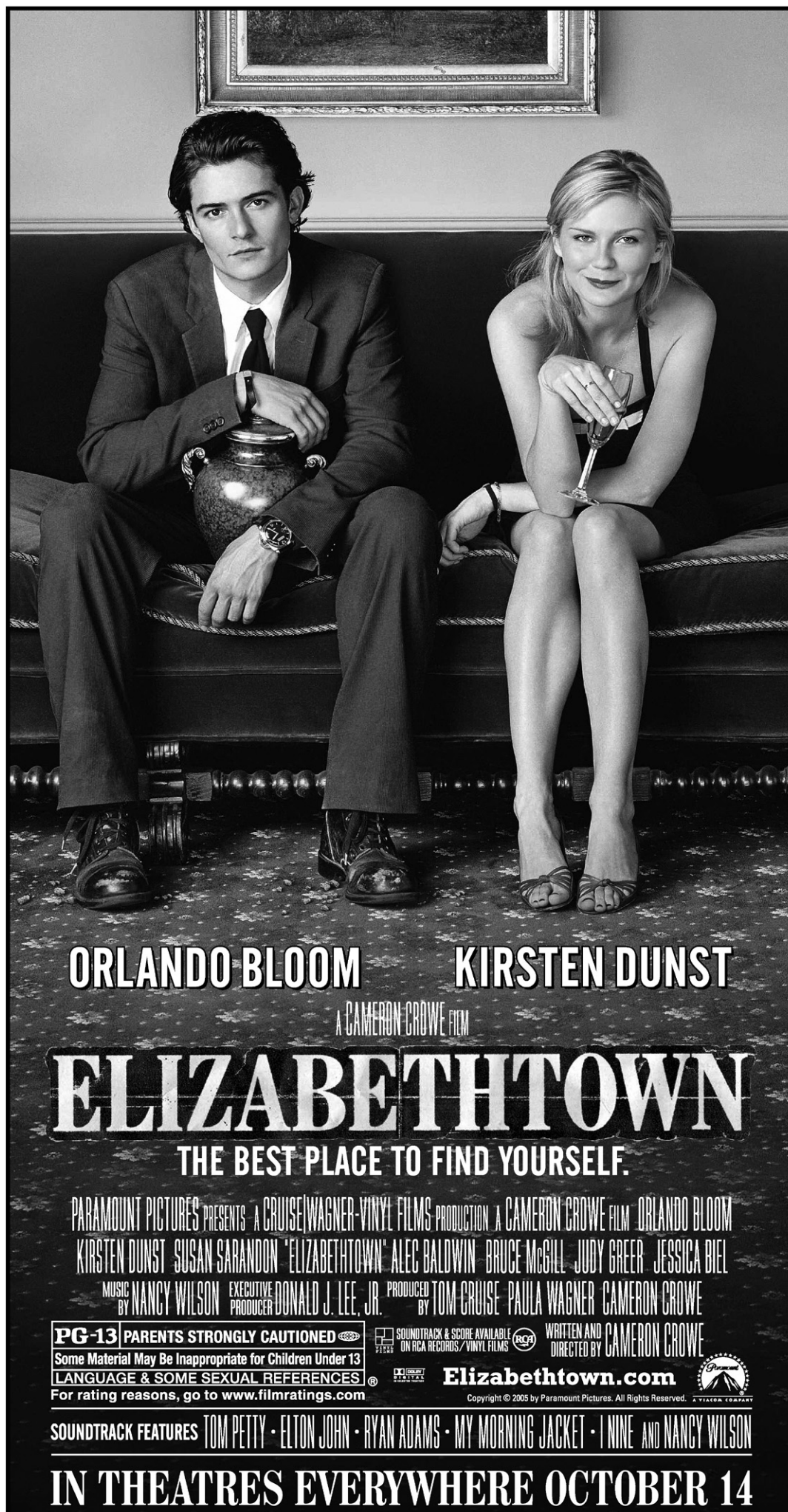


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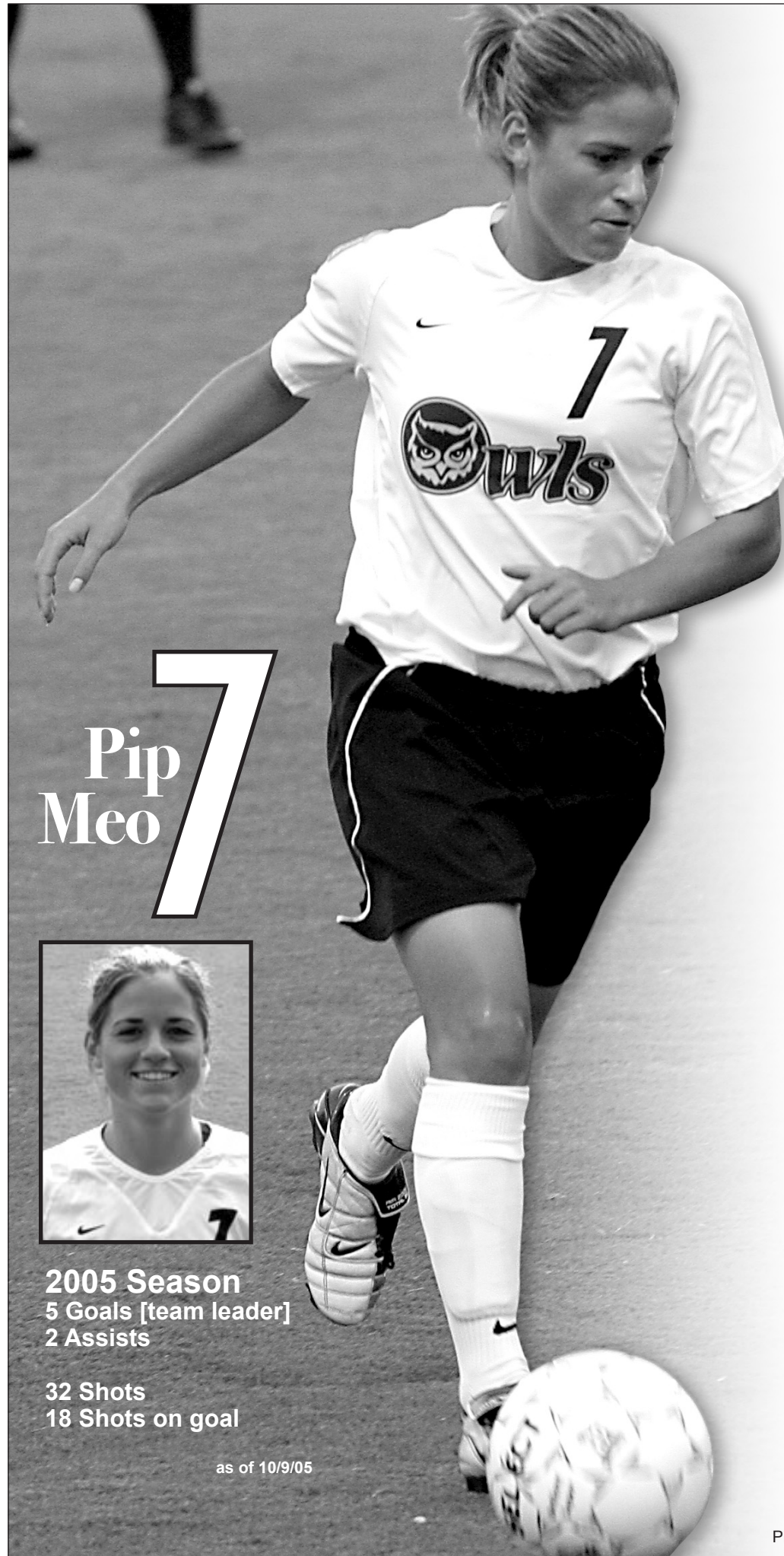
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SPORTS



Pip Meo **7**



2005 Season
5 Goals [team leader]
2 Assists

32 Shots
18 Shots on goal

as of 10/9/05

Far from home Soccer takes Meo half way around world

Matt Wheeler
Staff writer

In the spring of 2003 a young soccer player took a long flight from New Zealand to Missouri to play for Southern Baptist University, not knowing what kind of impact she would have with KSU soccer.

Pip Meo transferred to Kennesaw after a short time with SBU, and the number 7 has led the offense of the lady Owls ever since her arrival. Meo found it difficult making the transition from soccer in NZ to playing here in the US, saying "yeah it's very different, in NZ you have a lot of older players so you have more experience on the field, so you have to be less responsible. Over here you have to be more responsible to lead the team and the game is very different as well." The transition from SBU to KSU seemed to be a positive one, and Pip seemed to enjoy being at Kennesaw. Meo said "I went from a school with 2,000 to one with like 18,000 people, and the players are better, even on the bench and stuff".

Meo was honored for her skills at SBU and held some of the best offensive stats at Southern Baptist. Pip had such a good record that it was luck more than scouting that got her in KSU black and gold. Meo said "I was sitting by my friend after I knew our coach got fired at the other school, she was going to Kennesaw and I asked if I could go too. That's what got me here".

Eating, sleeping, and watching T.V. are the simple things that Pip enjoys when she is training. Pip believes her dedication has given her an offensive edge. Meo said "I am a really motivated person and I always train hard. I train twice a day by myself and it seems like im always training, but you have to do it to get better."

Meo regards her teammates with respect, and she is happy with team unity and the relationship she has with her teammates, as well as with her coach. Pip says "Some teams at other schools where always complaining against each other but the seniors and other girls are really great here. It's a good team, and coach is a lot different, a lot more relaxed and that's good." Like most of her teammates, Meo wants another conference title. Pip was asked if she had any personal goals this season, and she simply said "The team wants to win conference, and every other game, but I just want to keep helping my team out, and help the team win". With half a season left to go Meo is feeling pretty good about reaching that goal. So far KSU's record is 8-1, and supporters of women's soccer are looking forward to seeing number 7 continue to lead a victorious Lady Owl team.

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Dustin Jacobs
Columnist

Game of the Week

#1 USC at
#9 Notre Dame

Pick 5

NCAA FOOTBALL

The Trojans have had it made for three seasons. They are well on their way to a third straight National Championship. There are still a few tough tests ahead of the defending champions, however. One of these challenges comes from the surprising Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Notre Dame has one of the best offenses in the nation, and QB Brady Quinn has a lot to do with that. The Irish have a huge opportunity this Saturday. As good as the Irish's offense has been, its defense has left plenty to be desired. Their D has allowed an average of 400 yards per game, and has only kept one team, Washington under 100 yards rushing. That does not bode well against the USC Trojans, the foremost offense in the country. The offensive squad is led by Heisman winner Mike Leinhardt and Heisman candidate Reggie Bush, who leads the nation's #1 rushing team. Though USC's defense has struggled at times, they remain undefeated. The reason for USC's success is because the team averages 52 points per game. The Irish D will have a long day, and as good as its offense is, they will not be able to keep up. USC should give the Irish an 0-2 record at South Bend.

The Pick: USC

#5 Georgia at Vanderbilt

The Georgia Bulldogs are riding high right now with a 5-0 record, including wins over SEC East foes South Carolina and Tennessee. A year ago, the idea of a Vanderbilt upset would be laughable. However, this Vanderbilt team is different from its predecessors. The Commodores are a surprising 4-2, with a 2-1 record in SEC conference play. Thanks to UGA's trouncing of Tennessee last weekend, Vandy is now ahead of their rivals in the SEC East rankings. Commodore QB Jay Cutler has led the team through the air, while RB Jeff Jennings has done it on the ground. Question is - will this tandem team be enough to create the biggest upset in Vanderbilt's college football history? I doubt it. Georgia's defense is one of the best in the country, and Vandy really doesn't have a way to keep Georgia out of the end zone.

The Pick: Georgia

Georgia Tech at Duke

The Yellow Jackets have been backpedaling recently. It was blown away by National title contender Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. It was two yards away from a win against N.C. State, and sensational WR Calvin Johnson could not hang on to a ball that found the open arms of a defender. Needless to say, the Jackets desperately need a win against the Duke Blue Devils, who on paper seem to be the easiest test the Jackets will have all year. The Duke Blue Devils just need a win. The Blue Devils are the unofficial whipping boys in the ACC, and a Georgia Tech loss this Saturday could solidify a pink slip for Tech head coach Chan Gailey. In all honesty, there should be no reason why the Jackets lose this game, even if they have one of the most inconsistent programs in the nation under Gailey.

The Pick: Georgia Tech

#11 Florida at #10 LSU

Baton Rouge will be champing at the bit for some Gator gumbo. LSU and Florida need to win this week and unfortunately for both teams they have to play each other. Both programs have put up big numbers offensively, and kept their opponents numbers down. This game will prove who the real contender for the SEC is. After Saturday's showdown, Florida will have two weeks to prepare for Georgia, the team currently ranked #1 in the SEC East. LSU has one of the best defenses in the nation, which means that Florida QB Chris Leak and the receiving core will need to be at the top of their game. Last time the Gators played a tough SEC West team on the road, its offense, which has averaged 35 points a game, was kept to only three points in a blowout at Alabama. For LSU, possession and field position will be the key. They can also not afford to do what they did against Tennessee, where the Tigers blew a 21-point lead in that contest. LSU has a great punter in Chris Jackson and a running back who averages 100 yards per game this season in Joseph Addai. The Gator's O could become one-dimensional, and that spells doom for almost any team.

The Pick: LSU

#16 Michigan St. at #15 Ohio St.

The Buckeyes head into this big home game against Michigan St. after a tough loss against Penn State, a team that proved they were for real last week with a 17-10 victory, and now the Nittiny Lions are frontrunners in the Big Ten. Ohio St. has to bounce back against Michigan St. or they could slide down the standings. This should be a classic battle in the Horse Shoe, as Ohio St. has a good defense and Michigan St. has a good offense. A great rushing defense vs. a great rushing attack should lead to a close game. However, Michigan St. QB Drew Stanton will have to manage this match well, and he will also have to make as few mistakes as possible. He is a good QB, but he can become a great QB if he helps his team win in such a hostile environment. With the pressure turned on high, expect the better defense to win.

The Pick: Ohio St.

Overall 12-13

Bruins secondhalf surge overwhelms Owls

Owls drop to second in conference standings

David Beaumont
Staff writer

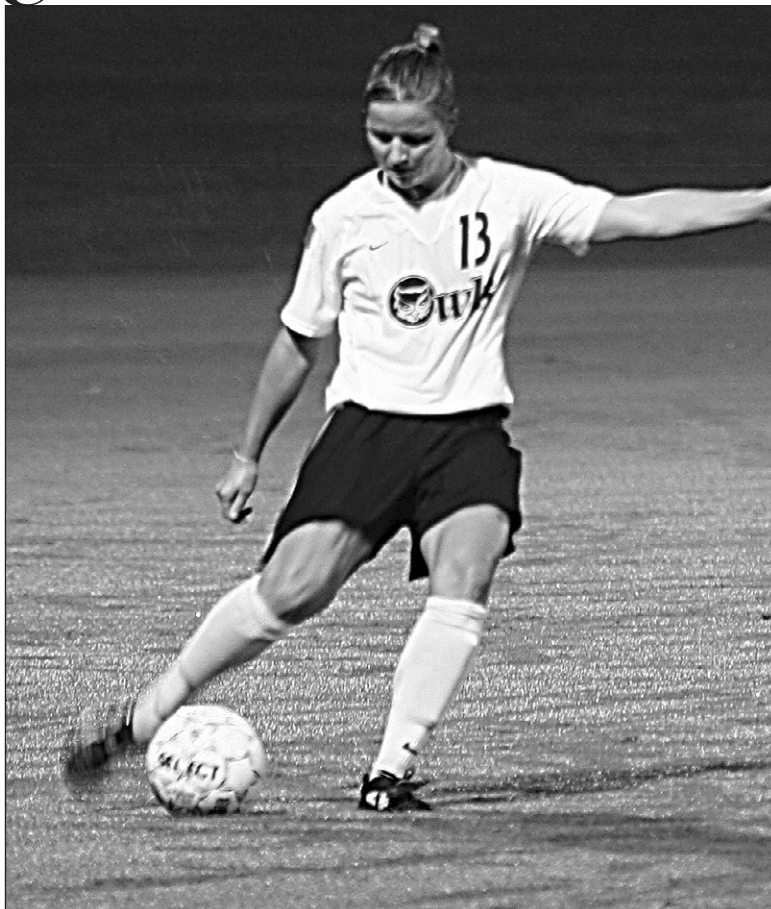
The women's soccer team suffered its fourth ever loss on home soil October 6, losing to the Belmont Bruins 2 -1 after a second half comeback by the away team. The Owls now have a conference record of 4-1-0, while the Bruins celebrated their first conference win. The Owls lost despite 32 shots on goal, compared to the Bruins' five attempts.

The crowd, estimated at 312, was exceptional for the wet weather. A constant mist fell over KSU Soccer Complex and spray would come off the ball as it rolled. The game began with little dominance from either team. The Owls, trying to take the early lead, were unable to break the Bruins defense, which created a nearly impenetrable perimeter around their goal. They swiftly headed off attacks and returned the ball to midfield. The Owls offense started putting the heat on the Bruins with a ground shot from Laura Tucker, saved by a dive from Bruins keeper Micaela Crowley. Tucker followed up just minutes later with a header that went wide. Beth Meadors saw a shot sail over the crossbar, and both Tucker and Mandy Nolin had shots that were saved by Crowley. At long last, the Owls met with success when Hall kicked a spectacular goal from midfield from more than thirty yards out, eluding Crowley's hands to find the back of the net. The Owls were ahead 1-0, and the score-line stayed that way for the remainder of the first half.

The second half started with the first shot from Bruins' Kari Lennon blocked by Jessica Marek. The Bruins were on their offen-

sive game, and their defense was still working hard with Crowley blocking another shot from Nolin. "My defense in front of me played brilliant. I think this is the best game they played all year, and, you know, when your people in front of you are playing with such confidence and they want to win, it goes down to you. They made some good saves, just as much as I did," Crowley said after the match. The tide of the game began to turn in the Bruins' favor with a goal from Kari Lennon, a shot that rebounded off the goalpost and circled around to the back of the net. The goal was practically unstoppable. With the score tied, the Owls picked up their own offensive game in an attempt to regain the lead. Mandy Nolin shot hard and the ball rebounded in front of the goal where Pip Meo took a shot from point-blank range, only to watch Crowley make the save, causing Meo to throw her hands down in frustration.

The game picked up the pace with more shots, and fouls, on both sides. Eight fouls were committed after the Bruins first goal, five on KSU and three by Belmont. Tensions were running high when Bruins head coach Lisa Howe yelled, "You're the worst!" at center referee Serdar Erta after the referee missed a foul. Nolin, Meo, Tucker, Katrina Hirsch, and Jenae Gzhoviyak all had shots on goal for the Owls, but to no avail. Then, with less than six minutes to go, the Bruins scored. Anna Holt headed the ball in from a corner kick from Kari Lennon to win the game. Struggling desperately to tie the score in the closing minutes, some Owls' players would cry out in agony when a teammate made a mistake. The game ended with the



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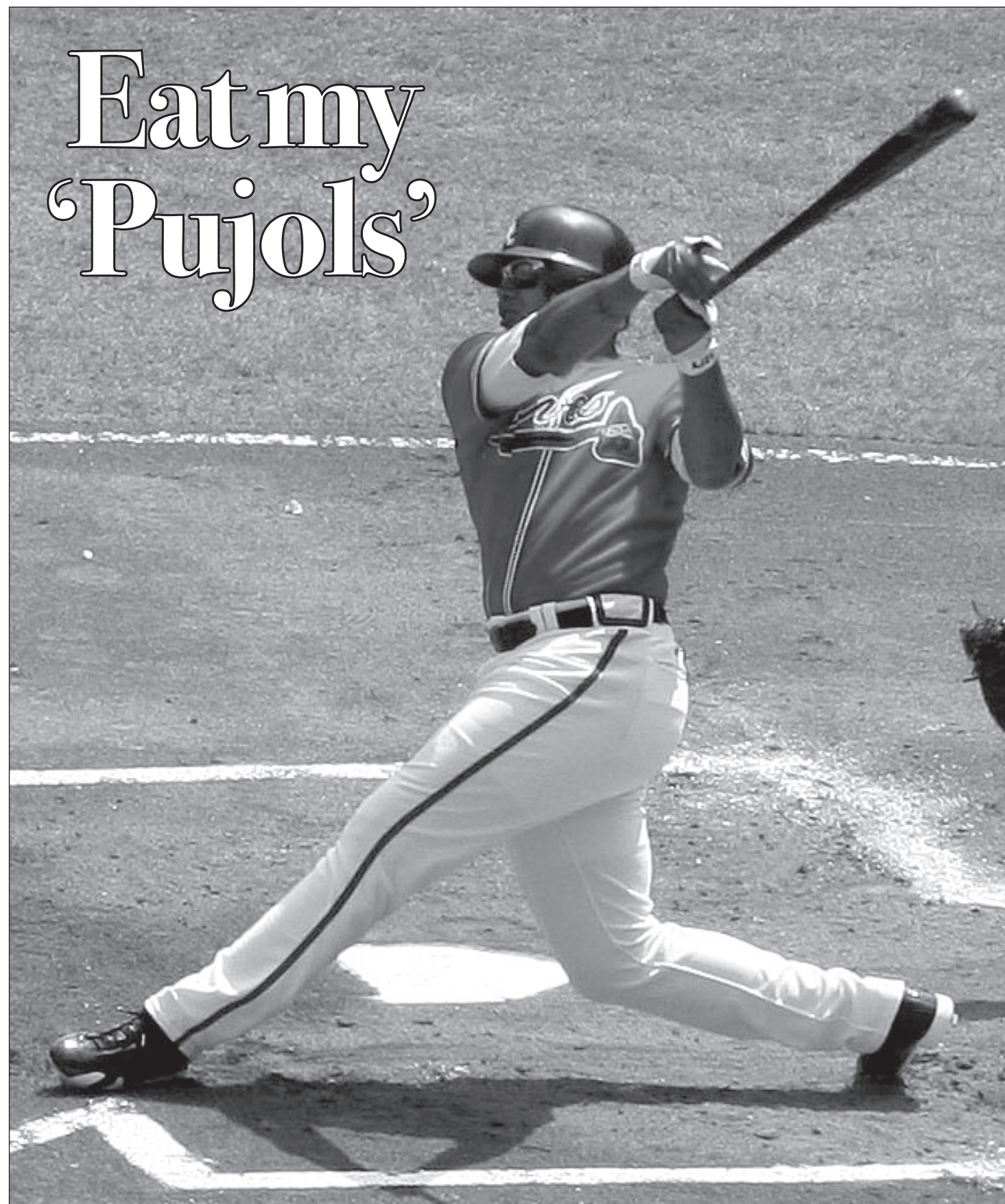
Laura Tucker and the Owls struggled with the weather and the Bruins.

Bruins cheering, the Owls hanging their heads, and the scoreboard reading 2-1 in favor of Belmont.

Owls head coach Rob King said, "[Micaela Crowley] played great. She made a lot of good stops, four or five excellent saves that might well have been goals on another day against a different keeper. She played very well." Summarizing the game, he said "We created a lot of chances, and, you know, put the one away when we maybe should have put two or three away. And if you don't put

your goals away, then teams like that, they battle, then they hung around, then they hung around, and then they scored their goal and when someone scores against you, against the run of play, that's a big momentum shift. They got a little momentum and again we were pushing, hit post, hit crossbar but we couldn't finish it, and then the ball entered the box and [Anna Holt] got a good header on it."

The Owls next home game is Thursday October 13 against Garden-Webb at 7 pm.



Eat my 'Pujols'

Andruw for MVP There is more to Jones than 51 homers

Dustin Jacobs
Staff writer

Atlanta Braves center fielder Andruw Jones has just finished what many consider to be his breakout year at the plate. Jones has always had the defensive skills, but lacked the patience and the mindset to be among the best hitters in baseball. Critics have been silenced after Jones has finally reached the potential everyone saw in him almost a decade ago.

The hype that has surrounded Jones started back in 1996 during the World Series. The then 19-year-old Jones hit two homeruns in the Series on the hallowed grounds of Yankee Stadium. On the grandest stage of them all, in arguably the most hostile environment in baseball, the rookie came through in the clutch. Immediately after, many in the national media saw Jones as the next Hall of Fame center fielder Willie Mays - the same Mays who has often been called the greatest baseball player to ever live. For the next nine years Andruw tried to live up to the hype, but with the bar set so high early in his career, he was not able to achieve such a stellar standard.

Jones has won the National League Gold Glove Award for his defensive play as an outfielder every year since 1998. His defensive play has helped the Braves make the postseason year after year, but until this season, his play at the plate has never been so important.

For years the other Jones boy, Chipper, has been the offensive leader for the Braves. Chipper has been there since Andruw came into the league, and with a player of Chipper's stature in the squad, why would Andruw need to improve? It was never required of him - not until last season.

Chipper went down with a hamstring problem, and Andruw was in the limelight more than ever at the plate. He didn't come through. In fact, Andruw had his worst season in

his career with the bat in 2004. He ended the campaign with a career high in strikeouts, with 147. It took breakout seasons from outfielder J.D. Drew and catcher Johnny Estrada to lead the Braves in Chipper's absence.

The main criticism against Jones is that he has never batted for average. Jones' career batting average dropped to .261 after the 2004 season. He has only ended a single season with a batting average above .300, and that came in 2000 with an average of .303. He has been very streaky at times, leaving many to wonder what it would take to make him a consistent hitter and live up to his full potential. In the off-season, Jones asked himself the same question.

How did Andruw fix the problem? He went back to doing what he did when he was playing in the minor leagues. He opened up his stance. Ironically, he was given the advice to change his technique by none other than the man everyone wanted him to emulate - Willie Mays.

After a long off-season, it appeared that Jones had fixed his problem, after leading the Majors with ten home runs during spring training. This led many to believe Jones was on the verge of playing to his potential. This hype waned after Jones had a poor first month of the season.

In fact, Andruw had the longest slump of his career. He went 0-28 during that stint in April. Many believed Jones was still the Jones of last year, continually striking out, trying to pull everything and grounding into double plays. Andruw's race for the MVP didn't really start until he got another chance to be the hero.

Chipper went down with yet another injury, this time with a busted foot. Andruw had to come through for the Braves this time, or the string of division titles would be in jeopardy. The Braves were fielding a team of

rookies and needed a leader to come through. The man whom Andruw trained with in the off-season, and unofficial team captain of the Braves, starting ace John Smoltz, gave him a motivational lecture. It paid off, as Jones finally broke the shackles and hit .311 with 15 home runs and 38 RBIs during Chipper's stint on the sidelines.

Jones did not look back, and went on to lead the Major Leagues with 51 home runs and lead the National League with 128 RBIs. Those 51 homers broke Hank Aaron's franchise record for most home runs in a single season. During the season, Jones also became the 12th player in Major League Baseball history to reach 300 home runs before the age of thirty. At 28, Andruw looks to have reached his potential, and he could still have improvement left.

When you look around the National League, only two other players are being touted as Most Valuable Player candidates. Those individuals are the first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals, Albert Pujols and the first baseman for the Chicago Cubs, Derek Lee.

Lee will win the National League batting title, as he led the Majors with a batting average of .335. Despite this record, Lee is unlikely to take out the award, because his team folded in early August. However, Albert Pujols is an entirely different story.

Without Pujols, the Cardinals would not be Central Division Champions. In fact, without Pujols, they probably would be watching the post season on television. His stats are well rounded, as he led the Majors in runs scored with 129, was second in the Majors in OBP with .430, and was third in the Majors with a .609 slugging percentage.

Pujols has played bridesmaid to Barry Bonds in the MVP race since coming into the league back in 2001, and it now seems that the national media might

Rick Winters | The Sentinel have already handed out the MVP trophy to Pujols back in Spring Training, when it was found that Bonds would be out for most of the season. After the steroid scandal, baseball fans may be rooting for the man who has been the best hitter in the National League without the aid of an illegal substance.

Does Pujols deserve the MVP for his performance this season? Statistically speaking, yes. Realistically speaking, no. For the Cardinals and Braves, Pujols and Jones are the reason that they are in the post season. They will have to continue to perform at this level into October if they wish to bring their respective cities a World Championship. The difference between these two is who bats behind them.

Pujols has had to deal with injuries to third baseman Scott Rolen, right fielder Larry Walker, and left fielder Reggie Sanders. That is a lot of offensive firepower that has been lost. Pujols carried the team, but was helped by the man whom many think rivals Jones as a defender, and who is far superior offensively, center fielder Jim Edmonds hits behind Pujols, a player who has been one of the most consistent hitters in baseball over the years. Without him, Pujols probably wouldn't have the majority of his 129 runs scored. Who did Jones have backing him throughout the year? The injury-riddled catcher Johnny Estrada, the slumping first baseman Adam LaRoche, and utility first baseman and elder statesman Julio Franco. Not exactly intimidating in the way that Edmonds is, and Edmonds' 2005 season has been considered a down year.

Also, there are the rookies to consider - 17 of them, at one point or another during the season. Jeff Francouer, Ryan Langerhans and Brian McCain turned out to be huge contributors, but that is only three out of those 17 new players.

Without Andruw, the Braves not only will not take out a 14th consecutive division title, but they wouldn't even have been in the hunt at all. Andruw Jones for MVP sounds like a winning ticket to me, even if the star-crazy national media thinks differently.

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Ice Owls bludgeon Knights

KSU Hockey comes on strong against UCF

Matt Wheeler
Staff writer

The start of the game was slow for the Owls, and in the first period the Knights were up 2-0, a lead that they were able to hold until the start of the second period. After the break the Owls came out ready to play, because in the second period alone the Owls scored six times. The Owls didn't let the first-quarter lead for UCF bother them. "They surprised us a little bit, they caught us on our heels, caught us floating. It took us a second to get into the game but we just kept hitting their guys and wearing them down. Then it became our ice out there." When asked why they were so successful on offense, Bruno said "they came out good, but when we put them in the zone by hitting them it just wore them out. It's going to



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The Ice Owls sported their new uniforms against UCF.

be the same thing tomorrow."

Midway through the second period tempers started to flare and mouths began to run. UCF's players were fatigued and on the end of a large deficit, so tension was high. "They were jawing a bit, but when our team started to click they couldn't stack up," said #9.

Heading toward the end of the game the Owls already led by a commanding six goals, and were able to add another two more past the Knights' goalie.

The Owls goalie, Nathan Heffley, was able to keep his composure for the rest of the game, allowing only one more goal through. Although disappointed with himself, he was happy with the result, and happy to have such a good defense supporting him. "The first ten minutes was all they had, after that they were spent. The two goals they had were because I just wasn't closing up tight. I wasn't worried about losing at all," said Heffley, who ended

the game with 23 saves. Providing outstanding support, the Ice Owls fans gave the team some extra spice on Friday. Their encouragement helped KSU to retrieve a two-goal deficit, and then pushed them to punish UCF for the rest of the game. Fans of the Ice Owls are encouraged to come to all the games and lend their voices to the team. One player in particular was proud of his fans on Friday. Stephen Baxter, a forward who contributed two goals, was pleased with the victory, and gave credit to his teammates as well as to the welcome support from the home crowd. "They have some strong forwards but their D is still weak. We had to step it up we had our home fans here, and we had to show them what its all about. We want them to come back next game." When asked what allowed him to score twice, Baxter replied with "Fan support." So, for those students who hunger for some fast-paced action, get out there and support the Ice Owls. Next weekend the Owls will play away, against South Carolina.

Core stability is more than a six-pack

Lisa Liddane
The Orange County Register
(KRT)

The stable midsection _ the core _ is at the center of a fit body. And it may be more valuable to daily living and our fitness pursuits than we realize. A new review of studies shows that a stable core can help us move efficiently and plays a role in preventing injuries in the legs, hips and buttocks. The review appears this month in the Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

We have to think of the core not as an isolated entity, but as one of our fitness links. "We joke about the hip bone being connected to the thigh bone, the thigh bone connected to the knee bone, yet that's very true," said the report's lead author, John Willson, a physical therapist at the University of Delaware in Newark.

First, some basics. Know the difference between core stability and core strength. We develop core strength by doing exercises for the muscles of the abs, the back and the hips. But core stability is the interaction of strength and coordination of these muscles when we're moving. Having a strong core is half the equation. The other half is training the mind and body to naturally engage these muscles in everyday activities so that our movements are safe.

"Having strong core muscles doesn't mean you possess core

stability," Willson said. "For example, a lot of people who have physical jobs, such as those who do a lot of lifting and bending at work, know to activate certain muscles to stabilize the spine. But they can get hurt by doing something innocuous such as bending to tie a shoe or picking up a pencil because there isn't a trained response there."

There's no shortage of ways to strengthen the core, from abs and back classes to tai chi, Pilates and martial arts. These practices can sometimes help us remember to sit upright or stand taller. But taking the next step is essential, Willson said. We need to make that mind-body connection so that we instinctively and naturally engage our core, use correct posture and maintain healthy body alignment.

And that's easier said than done. Think about how even the fittest among us slouch in our chairs instead of sitting upright. Or how we bend at the waist and hips to pick up objects instead of squatting and using the muscles of the legs and buttocks.

Willson suggests that we learn core stabilization from a trained professional, whether a physical therapist or a personal fitness trainer who has undergone specialized training in this area. They can teach us how core muscles interact and how they should feel when they're being used properly.

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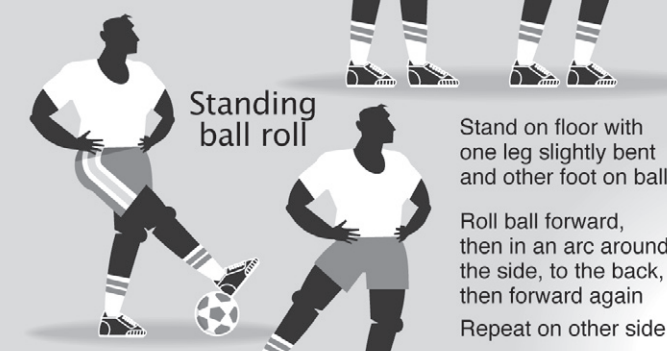
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Stand on floor with one leg slightly bent and other foot on ball
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Repeat on other side



Backward lunge

Hold ball in front; step back with one leg and bend that knee
Move weight backward onto rear leg and bring feet together
Repeat on other side



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We also can help ourselves by being mindful of our core when we're doing back and abdominal exercises. This means concentrating on getting the form right, rather than getting as many reps in as we can. To find a physical therapist who can teach core stability, go to www.apta.org and search for a sports-certified specialist near you. To find a personal fitness trainer trained in core stability, go to www.ideafit.com/pt_locator.asp

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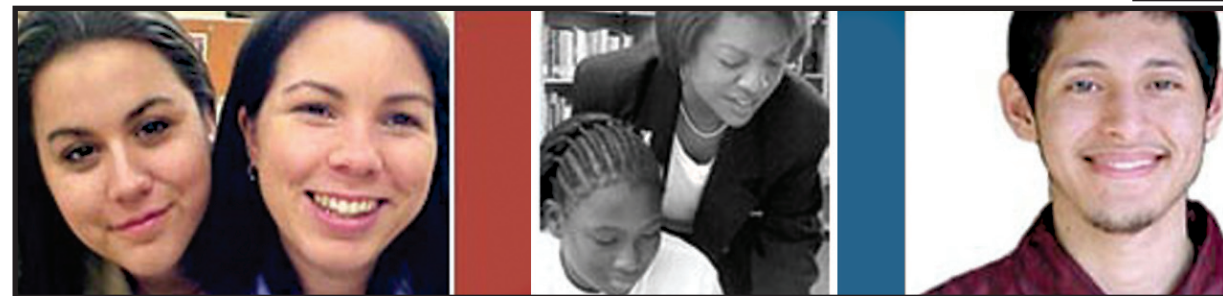
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