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Giving students a voice

Student Government pushes for seats on Board of Regents

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Staff writer

The Georgia Board of Regents could be facing a major change thanks to the student government. Members have called for the additional seats reserved for students on the Board.

"Students do not just need a voice, but also a vote," said James Touchton, vice president of Student Government.

Georgia's Board of Regents was established in 1931 in an effort to unite public higher education under one governing authority. KSU is one of the 35 state institutions governed by the Board.

The Board is composed of 18 members, each serving seven-year terms. All members must be directly appointed by the governor, five from the state as a whole, and one from each of the 13 congressional districts. A chancellor is elected by Board members to serve as both the chief executive officer and the chief administrative officer.

According to Touchton, when the idea of additional seats was first introduced, the student government received "mild reception." The idea was pioneered by Jon Crider, a recent KSU graduate.

Crider served as the Secretary of External Affairs for student government during the Fall 2005 semester. According to Crider, the idea for the change originated when the Board insisted that KSU use Web CT. The Board would not allow any similar software to be used in its place. At this point, Crider saw a need for student involvement in the Board.

The first step of this process, according to Crider, was to "take action to change the makeup of the Board." Crider took the idea to the Student Advisory Council [SAC] in November of 2005. The SAC Conference is held annually and is currently made up of student government representatives from 34 Georgia colleges and universities.

The goal of the SAC conference is to advise the Board of Regents on student issues via the chancellor, making it a great place for Crider to introduce his idea to student governments statewide.

The idea received a "lukewarm response at the conference," Crider said.

Letters advocating for student seats on the Board were sent out to University

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Student Government

Smoking students lose their rights

Students being herded to designated smoking areas

Amy Storey
News editor

Beginning Jan. 1, KSU became one of the many restricted smoking campuses in the country. On a restricted smoking campus, smokers are to smoke only in designated areas named by the Environmental Health and Safety department.

This smoking policy defines smoking as "burning any type of tobacco product including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos and pipes." Smoking is prohibited in any University building. All outdoor areas intended for smokers are clearly marked with signs.

"We're not trying to prevent people from smoking, by any means," said Gerald Donaldson, director of EHS.

There are eleven designated smoking areas on campus. Some of the designated areas include spots outside of the Student Center, Burruss Building, KSU



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Signs like this have been posted all over campus.

Center, Willingham Hall and across from the baseball stadium. There are brochures placed all over campus that map out the designated areas.

Students are allowed to smoke in their personal cars, but not in university-owned cars. The resident halls are privately owned and therefore are allowed to enforce

their own smoking policies.

"The university does not operate resident halls at all. We had

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97% of KSU students agree that secondhand smoke is dangerous to other people.

56% of KSU students agree that our campus should be smoke-free

90% of KSU students prefer to live in a smoke free environment

83% of KSU students prefer to socialize in a smoke free environment.

Taken from a survey of 801 students in HPS 1000 Fall of 2004.

Search for next university president begins



John Dunn
Provost and Vice Chancellor at Southern Illinois University



Thomas Hanley
Vice president and professor of chemical engineering at Auburn University



Stephen Lehmkuhle
Interim Chancellor of University of Missouri-Kansas City



Timothy Mescon
Dean of Michael J. Coles College of Business at Kennesaw State University



Dan Papp
Senior Vice Chancellor for academics and fiscal affairs of the University System of Georgia

Presidential hopefuls narrowed down to five

Nick Mracek
Staff writer

The presidential search committee will be parading four candidates through campus this January. Golf cart tours and luncheons at the Jolley Lodge are all part of the month long interviewing stage. Joseph Meeks, Dean for the College of the Arts, is leading the search committee.

According to the minutes posted online, Baker Parker and Associates received 52 resumes from the search. The committee then had the job of narrowing the search to ten. The five following candidates were chosen out of ten applicants interviewed December of last year.

"Concerns, if any, were addressed in committee and everyone is fairly happy about the process. There were lots of files to review," said Christine Ziegler, the Chairman of the Staff Council and member of the search committee. "The informal meet and greet are for individ-

uals who were not able to attend earlier sessions with the candidates."

Timothy Mescon visited Jan. 9. Mescon is the Dean of the Coles College of Business at KSU. Presentation Technology Department has a video of the presentation available, along with future candidate presentations. Mescon's past work includes articles in Strategic Management and keys to business success. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. He also has a M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University and a B.A. from Tulane University.

"I attended Timothy Mescon's question and answer session and plan on attending the other presentations as well. It was interesting," said Jeremy Waltz, College Republican Chair and Student Government senator.

Dan Papp is the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Fiscal Affairs for the University System of Georgia. He will be visiting campus Jan. 12. Papp attended school at the

University of Miami where he received his Ph.D. Previously he was the interim chancellor of Southern Polytechnic State University.

Stephen Lehmkuhle is the Interim Chancellor of the University of Missouri Kansas City and Senior Academic Vice President for Academic Affairs in the University of Missouri System. He will visit Kennesaw Jan. 17. Lehmkuhle holds a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in the area of experimental psychology.

Thomas Hanley is a former provost for Auburn University. Hanley's visit will be on Jan. 18. At Auburn, he oversaw 12 colleges along with responsibilities with research and information technology. He attended Virginia Tech for his graduate course-work and Ph.D. He also has a M.B.A. from Wright State University.

John Dunn is the Provost and Vice Chancellor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He will be the last candidate to visit campus on Jan.

20. Dunn holds a Ph.D. from Brigham Young University after obtaining bachelors and masters degrees from Northern Illinois University.

"We are very proud that the candidates came to campus and would like more students come to the sessions to find out the importance of this," said Tsen-Tsen Diya, Student Government Senator.

The campus tours include breakfast with the Presidential Search and Advisory Committee in the Jolley Lodge. A tour of campus precedes a 20-minute presentation in the Stillwell Theater that is open to the public. The rest of the day will be by invitation only meetings with members of the university.

The Board of Regents has requested that individuals talk about the selection process in the committees only. The university presidential search page on the KSU web site contains information about the process itself, meeting agendas and minutes.

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Get shot on campus this winter

Avoid falling victim to a deadly virus

Amy Storey
News editor

Influenza, commonly referred to as the flu, is a cell-hunting virus that infects millions each year.

The flu disturbs the body with a dry, deep cough, muscle pains, body chills, hot flashes, a fever greater than 100 degrees and general body fatigue. Not all of these symptoms are indicative of influenza. Students are recommended to make an online appointment and visit a clinic if experiencing any of these feelings.

There are three different types of influenza. Influenza C is the most common type but causes disease the least. Influenza B produces more outbreaks and is found most commonly in close living spaces like dorms. Influenza A, the most dangerous type,

is characterized with regularly occurring outbreaks and effects household animals as well.

Influenza of any types can become deadly if not treated correctly and in a timely manner.

"People come in with the flu and you can just tell. They are visibly ill, they just look miserable. Everything hurts. I've even heard 'my hair hurts,'" said Anne Nichols, health clinic director.

While a simple cough and sore throat do not sound deadly, it has potential. Influenza patients become bed ridden. With body fatigue, one is most likely remain in bed resting. However without getting up and moving around, a bacterial pneumonia develops in the base of the lungs. Pneumonia is likely to spread throughout the blood stream and become more dangerous to vital organs.

"We have had an extremely mild flu season so far. Since the week of Oct. 8, we've had less than ten documented cases," Nichols said.

According to a pamphlet located in the Wellness Center, published by ETR Associates, more than 69 million work and school days are lost due to the flu every year.

The flu, as deadly as it is, does have ways of prevention. The "flu shot," is a vaccine containing previously killed flu strands. It is administered as a shot, usually to the arm. The campus health clinic, located at House 52 off Frey Lake Road, has been issuing shots since the beginning of flu season. The cost for a shot is \$20.

"The clinic has a good supply of shots left. Although it is a little too late, since it takes two weeks for a shot to completely kick in and mid



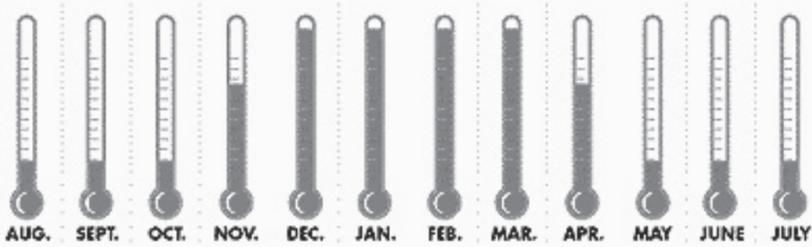
February is when the season ends. But we will still be immunizing the high risk category and those studying abroad in a southern hemisphere since their flu season is completely opposite of our's," Nichols said.

The high-risk category includes those aged 65 and older, those between six months and 23 months, those with chronic respiratory problems and those immune compromised.

This year the clinic went through approximately 350 shots.



FLU SEASON PEAK MONTHS



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Student Government tries to create a voice for the students

System officials as well as lawmakers and representatives of other state university student governments.

"The letters called for better feedback and to make our voice heard," Touchton said.

Student Government President Thomas Cotton also made phone calls to legislatures for response on the issue.

"We wanted to see what legislatures think about the idea, but we are getting the run-around, possibly because it is an election year," Cotton said.

"There is a lot of self inter-

est and the system is corrupt."

Attempts to contact members of the Board were unsuccessful.

"I don't know how anybody communicates with them," Cotton said.

"They are not representing the constituency."

There is also concern over displacement issues among board members.

"Many of the Board members have been out of school for 30, or even 40 years," Touchton said.

"The students are the ones

in the higher education system. We're the stakeholders of higher education and they [The Board of Regents] have lost touch with the needs of college students," Touchton said.

Both Cotton and Touchton believe there is a justified need for student representation on the Board of Regents.

"We need to bring forward what students in general are thinking," Cotton said.

Recently, the crusade has gained support from other student governments in Georgia, including those at Georgia

College and State University and Armstrong Atlantic University.

Publications such as the Macon Telegraph support the idea of student representatives.

In a recent article the Macon Telegraph stated that, "[S]tudent trustees could have a positive impact on the university system."

Current members of student government recognize that the change will be progressive.

"It will not happen in a year, it will probably take a couple of years," Crider said.

"But we wanted to get the ball rolling and get the idea out there."

Board focuses on several initiatives, all of which closely involve students. Such initiatives include Georgia Library Learning Online, better known to students as GALILEO, The Georgia Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics, often referred to as PRISM, and The African-American Male Initiative, which aims to combat barriers to the participation of African-American males in the University System.

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No smoking

discussions when we were implementing this. We told them that this was something the campus was doing if they would like to get on board. It would be nice if that were something they were interested in," Donaldson said.

"I don't think students care one way or another. I agree that you shouldn't smoke in front of building doors, smokers should be considerate. I just don't see it being a big deal," said Roxanne Reeves, sophomore, criminal justice major.

No standard punishment has yet been mentioned for violators. Students who witness any violation of this ordinance are asked to approach the violator and kindly remind them of the campus policy.

"This policy is just like any other policy that we have on campus. With this policy, we ask that everyone gets involved. We have literature all over campus about the ordinance. Nine times out of ten people just don't know. They will typically comply," Donaldson said.

Two patrollers on foot will be issuing literature about the smoking restrictions and asking students to obey.

"I think having designated areas is obnoxious. Having too few will really divide a lot of the student body since a lot of people tend to talk and socialize while they smoke," said senior Marketing major Raegan Wexler.

"I am in full support of what KSU is trying to do for the betterment of students' health," said James Touchton, vice president of student government.

KSU is not the first campus in Georgia putting forth efforts to revise their smoking policies. North Georgia College and State University has designated areas for smoking, and Emory University is a complete non-smoking campus.

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Ask any veteran KSU student his or her top three complaints about the school and you are sure to get many different answers. "Why does half the food court close at 3 p.m.?" "On-campus housing is too expensive!" "Why do I have to take HPS 1000, a.k.a. walking while smoking?"



The most often heard complaint around campus, however, relates to parking. Not a single KSU commuter is unaware that parking on our campus is about as good as it is at Piedmont Park during Screen on the Green.

Does it have to be like this? Is it just a symptom of being more of a commuter school than the administration would like to admit? One can complain all one likes, but without offering any solutions one is just blowing hot air. The solutions are there, one just needs to look for them.

First of all, why are there so many carpool and motorcycle reserved spots? These spots are rarely full [except when being used illegally] and are the height of temptation if one is late for class. To add insult to injury, most of these spots are near the music building, the home turf of people who desperately need a spot close to their classes. How would you feel lugging a tuba from the West Deck, clear across campus? Reducing the number of these reserved spots wouldn't completely alleviate the parking problem, but every little bit helps.

The next solution is not a physical one, but one of courtesy. It would have been a nightmare to be a KSU commuter before the three parking decks were built, but now that they are available, they have become hotbeds of bad behavior. People parking and waiting for another car to pull out of a space create lines and traffic jams not seen this side of Chastain Road. Be courteous and keep driving if a car is in a space, don't wait for it to open up. Chances are, if everyone could keep moving there would be more spaces for all.

Sure, these are two minor solutions, but the real problem lies with KSU students. There is almost always a place to park. No one wants to park on the top of the East Deck, but if you don't mind walking, there is always plenty of room up there. It's not as if most KSU students are unable to put one foot in front of the other and move up and down staircases. When we, as students, complain about parking on campus, we should be complaining about convenient parking, not parking in general.

Students will always complain about parking. The situation really isn't as bad as some make it out to be, but "I couldn't find a parking spot" is always a better excuse to be late than "I drank too much last night."



KRT WORLD NEWS STORY SLUGGED: USIRAQ-4THID KRT PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIK CAMPOS/THE STATE (April 16) In a common occurrence along Iraqi highways frequented by Allied military convoys, a child holds out Iraqi money that features Saddam Hussein in exchange for American currency on Monday, April 14, 2003. U.S. soldiers are told not to stop for anything, lest it be a guerrilla attack.

War still evoking strong reactions Was the war worth it?

Derek Foster
Columnist

Many people have strong opinions about the war in Iraq. It has been the subject of many dissensions since the United States invaded Iraq in search of weapons of mass destruction. There has been much bickering back and forth between those who strongly support the war and those strongly opposed to it.

While I believe political discussion is healthy, I often wonder what prompts both sides to say some of the things they do. I have encountered some in favor of the Iraqi war who refuse to admit mistakes that have been made. Additionally, I recently read a letter from a professor who believes that the invasion of Iraq was planned before 9/11.

I can't help but think that some people on both sides base their opinions on the war primarily on their own assumptions and dispositions rather than facts. It is my intention to analyze some aspects of the war in hopes not to make a judgment as to whether the war was right to start, but whether it is imperative to finish.

Why did the war begin? All the average American citizen knows for certain is that it was said that the United States invaded Iraq because Saddam Hussein was hiding weapons of mass destruction that he would not surrender to the United Nations. It was later

reported that there were no such weapons.

Four popular explanations have arisen as to why the United States did invade Iraq: Bush is ignorant; the government is ignorant; there were weapons of mass destruction that the public doesn't know about; or the U.S. government wanted Iraqi oil.

The last two theories seem rather absurd. If there were weapons of mass destruction found in Hussein's hidden silos, it would simply be ignorant to hide the fact from the American people [many of whom were opposed to the war in the first place]. And unless we want to start constructing conspiracy theories that the United States government is hiding weapons of mass destruction from the United Nations in hopes of achieving world domination, the most reasonable conclusion is that there never were any weapons of mass destruction.

The idea that the Iraq war is about oil seems equally ludicrous. I often suspect those who posit this explanation of being disingenuous in their speculations when gas prices have been skyrocketing recently.

What seems the most plausible is that the United States government erred in their analysis of the possibility that Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction. Perhaps Bush jumped the gun in declaring war, but it would be unfair to delegate too much blame

to the president for a mistake that was too big for one man to make alone.

It could be said that Bush was given bad information. But to say that Bush is malevolently out to take over Iraq's oil reserves seems an unreasonable conjecture. If Bush erred in deciding whether to invade Iraq, it was likely a misjudgment in trusting the counsel of others too much. The factors that most contributed to the mistakes that have been made with the war in Iraq are likely the same as they have historically been: government is too large and too limited to adequately handle its affairs. It might have been a blunder to invade Iraq, yet whether it was a mistake or not, we must finish what we have started.

There are still people advocating that the United States pull out of Iraq immediately. Yet the truly unjust thing would be to simply pull ourselves out of Iraq while pulling its political foundations out with us, leaving the people helpless and vulnerable. To leave now would be irresponsible and selfish. Iraq would fall into chaotic strife and civil war like there has not been in that country in decades.

As of late, good things seem to have come for the Iraqi people from United States intervention. The first is the eradication of Hussein. The second is democracy. There was a greater percentage for voter turnout during the Iraqi elections than the United States has had for its

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own elections in years. The country seems excited about a democracy even if they are not all excited about the United States presence, and if this new system of government works out for that country, then perhaps we will look at the war in Iraq differently. Only time will tell.

We must learn from mistakes, but we must also make amends for them. We are making those amends now. It is imperative to remain in Iraq until the country is politically on its feet again. We must be wary of starting another war, but adamantly supporting the current one. It is the right thing to do.

Picking a professor Administration has information needed for choosing instructors

Nick Mracek
Columnist

Students are about to commit to their teachers for the remainder of the semester. How do we know, in the one or two classes we attend, if the class and professor are going to be a good fit? KSU already has all the information students need to make an informed decision about which professors to settle for and which to get out of the way.

Reviews are written by each student at the end of each semester for each class. The University bases pay, course loads and schedules depending largely on these student submitted responses. Students should have the same information available to them. It is already becoming common for a student to check online at one of many sites now offering teacher report cards, so let's make the professor reviews open record.

Quality would increase, because who wouldn't want the chance to tell everyone the class you just aced was worth the hard work? Students now believe their say is so minuscule that the business school shoots for 60 percent completion of these reviews. Each meeting leading up to the end of the semester, professors are reminded of the importance of these reviews. This sometimes turns into favors and gift giving just to meet the minimum requirement. Some of the common extra credit is bonus points on a final exam or a dropped quiz grade. Maybe they should hand out candy bars, too.

If the school is using these reviews, why are the students not allowed access? Students are the most important part of any learning institution. Without them, KSU would just be a series of empty hallways and professors with nothing to do.

Everyone has had a professor or two we wish we could warn others about. Maybe they never showed up for class. Maybe their assignments were graded too harshly. Maybe the tests all had three multiple-choice answers consisting of a) Yes b) No or c) Sometimes. Websites like www.pickaprof.com do a good job of this, but they are almost unnecessary when we have mandatory reviews to fill out anyway.

KSU should seriously consider giving the students full access to these reviews and even setting up an easy to use website to browse through them. Everyone would benefit. Teachers would get more feedback, students would know who and who not to sign up for and ineffective teachers would be rooted out. What's not to like?

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Letter from a soldier

Homecoming to remember

I watched the new year come in from Armed Forces Network Television. I watched everyone in the States count down and I counted with them, eight hours ahead and 7,000 miles away. I watched the Ball drop and the crowd cheer, and I realized that my tour in Iraq is almost over; I have less than two weeks before I get on a plane and leave.

It has hit me pretty hard—how I am going to readjust to the process of getting home? Believe it or not, I am actually nervous about coming home. The anxieties that I had about coming to combat are the same ones that I have about returning to a place that is kind of intimidating. We have missed so much, the times have changed, the world has gone on without us, everything is different, and now we are preparing ourselves to re-enter society and to try and start back up where we left off. It is a very different feeling, and I hope and

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pray that I adjust in a timely manner and I do not stand out as a weirdo.

There are so many things that have come about from this last year. I have experienced a different culture, a harsh environment [the heat in July and August was unbelievable]. I have lost countless hours of sleeps on missions and patrols, cordon and searches, logistical runs, etc. I have seen my friends die, the enemy defeated and my vehicle blown up on numerous occasions by the infamous improvised explosive

devices. I have hugged the ground as bullets passed over my head, sometimes petrified, sometimes laughing my ass off; I have run with my pants around my ankles as mortar rounds landed inside our little base; and I have endured the private memories of what this country has been and how I will always look at it for the rest of my life.

I have celebrated major holidays, missed birthdays, anniversaries, key moments in the lives of my friends and family, and I have had little time to

stop and reflect on it all as I do right now. I have thirteen days until I am back in the States, and I am scared. I just want to come back and not have to hear people tell me how proud of me they, just that they are glad to see me in one piece. Maybe a nice quiet dinner or a walk up Kennesaw Mountain, that doesn't sound too bad.

The one thing I do have going for me is the cheering section waiting for me: my family, my friends, and a little black cat that has awaited my return.

I will miss the adrenaline rush. I will miss the friends I have made over here. I will miss the constant day to day operations of the Army routine, the small things, the camaraderie, and the bond that I have made as we shared some of the most terrifying moments of our lives.

But despite all of this, I am glad to be getting back to the country that I love the most



and the opportunity to build and continue my life.

So this is my last letter to the Editor. I cannot thank the staff at the Sentinel enough for publishing what I have had to say and sharing a piece of my world with KSU. Special thanks go out to Kaily Gann, a KSU student, who took the time to write me and look out for me during the holidays, and always kept me in stitches with letters and cards. You are the best, Ms. Gann.

To all of you, I wish you the best in the new year, with school, and in the future. From Camp Taji, Iraq, this is Thunderbolt X-Ray, OUT!

1st Lt Allen Hill
Camp Taji, Iraq

Trail of Tears still flowing

I guess genocide wasn't enough

Dominic DiCecco
Columnist

It can be argued that Native Americans are the most oppressed race in United States history. In the past tribes have been driven from their land and murdered by the thousands. The U.S. government attempted to make Native Americans abandon their traditional lifestyles by trying to forcefully assimilate them into American culture, and when that didn't work they sent them to new homes on useless plots of land we now know as reservations.

The only foreseeable benefit to these reservations was that tribes were exempt from paying federal taxes; the proliferation of businesses such as casinos soon followed. That small light at the end of the tunnel was shrunken to the size of a pinhole by people like powerful lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

Abramoff recently pleaded guilty to conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion charges stemming from his manipulation of several Native American tribes. His scam worked through a firm belonging to Michael Scanlon, a friend of Abramoff. Abramoff would convince a tribe to pay Scanlon's firm millions of dollars. In return, Scanlon would funnel the money back to Abramoff. They had no shame, calling the scam the "Gimme Five" program. Some scams accumulated to the tune of over eleven million dollars each.

If that wasn't enough, Abramoff also lied about donations to charities and has admitted he once took a golfing trip to Scotland with charity money. How ethical!

Speaking of ethics, it just so happens that Abramoff has political ties to former House Majority leader Tom DeLay, who has had his fair share of ethics indictments himself. What a predictable way to ring in the new year: "faith and values" Republicans and their cronies pleading guilty to corruption and exercising unethical behavior. What strikes me even more is the fact that Abramoff and his buddies chose one of the most oppressed people in the United States to victimize. It's amazing that Republicans still wonder why people all around the world give them funny looks when they try to pass on the Iraqi invasion as a work of spreading democracy and freedom. It is acts such as these which make it very hard for rational people to believe that the Republican party has a genuine concern for oppressed and indigent people, such as the Iraqis, when they are still oppressing the indigent in their own land!

Abramoff has sent a message not only to the Native American community, but to developing nations throughout the world that Americans can only be trusted as far as they can be thrown. Abramoff should be thrown in jail for his crimes, but he's a rich white male so I'm sure he'll find some way out of prison. People like him tarnish the reputation of Americans everywhere and if the Republican party was so adamant about preserving American values, they'd start with their own."

Mortal Combat

Media Vs. Government - Round One

Casey Childers
Columnist

Thomas Jefferson was fiercely adamant that without media coverage the government has potential to become a dangerous institution. Without question the two need one another to get positive recognition or the perfect story, but deep within the Media-White House relationship there is a cold war brewing between journalists and politicians.

How much does the public deserve to know? How much information should be concealed? Do journalists too often cross the line, or are politicians trying to give us the runaround?

People often see journalists as vicious media figures that are ruthless and willing to sell their souls to get a good story. Politicians say that there should be boundaries on how much information should be revealed, because too much information can jeopardize the country's security.

Certainly that is correct. Military strategies and crucial intelligence information should be supervised and significantly filtered. It is not uncommon for a political figure to call a newspaper and ask them not to print certain information. Surprisingly enough, it is not uncommon for papers to heed to their requests. That, however, makes us question just how much is not being printed.

When asked for an opinion on the media, some people will say that journalists are out for their own personal gain and tune their writing to play along with their personal opinions. Some people admit that they are annoyed when reading opinions of situations that conflict with their own. But does that mean that the writer is influencing them to think a certain way?

The latter is doubtful. People are often so set in their ways and opinions that they are going to form their own opinions from past information and their environment regardless of what they are told. Media writers are on the bottom line encouraging people to think.

Without the media, there would be virtually no access to information about government actions. If journalists weren't holding them accountable, how much could they get away with? If no one had written about the scandalous "special investigation" unit hired by Nixon to prevent and remove people intending to reveal White House information, it might still be running and terrorizing citizens today. Instead, the unit's unearthing led to its dissolution and the only resignation of a sitting president. Without the news we would not know what is going on overseas or have the ability to collect enough factual information to ask ourselves why Americans are fighting there.

The media creates many outlets of information that can be obtained by the public. Whether the writer tilts left or right, one can find relatively the same article tilting in the opposite direction.

Imagine what it would be like without an independent media. Most or all of our political knowledge would come from the government—sugarcoated information read through rose colored glasses. The independent media does not always provide information and opinions that everyone agrees with, but at least its dominance allows people to form their own opinion.

Without conflicting information, the government could tell the people its own version of what is going on. Chances are most of us would probably believe them. When there are no contradictions to a subject it evolves into the accepted fact. No matter how you feel about the issue, we never would have known about Bush hiring people to tap citizen's phones or the CIA leak investigation without being able to turn on news television or pick up a paper.

Certainly through the number of recent media revelations it is apparent that things would definitely get out of hand if there was no institution to hold government accountable. Let's face it, the American government needs a report card. Our forefathers argued over the necessity of free press and the controversy maintains its relevance in the 21st century. The animosity associated with this subject shows no signs of slowing down in this lifetime. Instead, as the government stretches the elastic clause out of shape, the issue gains momentum and consequently gives journalists that much more to write about.



Of politicians and Politicians

Michael Miracle
Columnist

As the new year dawns upon us with its hopes of change and absolution, it also brings the same hardships, faults and flaws of its preceding year. It brings promises of accomplishment and betterment as well as the faded and jaded shards of those broken commitments made 365 days prior. The new year and its allure of change is reminiscent of the old adage, "The more things change, the more things stay the same."

Nowhere are these polar opposites more apparent than in the shrewd art of American politics. The devious masters of this medium wax coyly with superficial aspirations of unity and respect while simultaneously breaking down these aspirations by way of porous ethics, unfilled promises, and outright deceit. Of course, not all those involved in this ancient art are guilty of these tactics, and to be above that deserves commendation [a.k.a. the Politician]. However, there are those who use this weaponry [a.k.a. the politician] and their

usage of such deserves nothing less than condemnation.

Both varieties of politician have the same tools [i.e. politicking, policy management, campaigning, etc.] at their disposal for use in framing their art. The difference between the two rests not in the way these tools are used, because both are used for the purpose of public persuasion, but rather in the tried illicit response from the public.

For example, a politician will deliver a speech on, say, online gambling. This speech is intended to illicit favorability on banning this occurrence in a certain locale. The politician's agenda rests, however, not in banning this occurrence because he/she feels it creates instability and overall uncouth consequences but rather because the politician has a monetarily vested interest in the closing of online gambling. A Politician, on the other hand, will give the same speech in hopes of persuading the public to ban online gambling because he/she feels it would better the community, with the interest of the Politician vested in that of heightening the admirable status

of their county/region/nation, not the status of their bank account.

These varieties transcend party boundaries. No party affiliation can claim invincibility from the politician.. They are of both Republican and Democratic descent, and they are leeches on our political system. They prey on our collective desire to believe the words of their politicking.

Our American political system needs to make resolutions to combat politicians to make room for those who have a sincere drive to make our system great and believable: to make room for that of the Politician. It needs to make resolutions to encourage honesty and integrity while having severe penalties for anything that does not carry those qualities. It needs to make it known that politicians are not welcome in this arena and any derivation from the Politician will be held not only in contempt by the American public but also scorn and complete expulsion from our political arena. Why? Because we the people deserve nothing but honesty and truth from those who want to run for the privilege of representing us.



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Decorating for Less

Tara O'Shea
Features editor

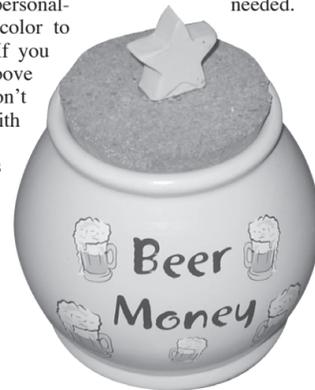
Gone are the days when dorm dwellers are satisfied with a team pennant on the wall and an old comforter on the bed. With so many department stores catering specifically to college life décor, it is little wonder students are scrambling to find the best looks for their new rooms. Places like Target and Wal-Mart will most likely have the best deals when it comes to decorating. Listed below are some suggestions compiled from HGTV.com to keep your living space stylish.

- 1 Organization is key. Because most of the dorm rooms on campus are the size of a matchbox, keeping things in their place will be important. Not only will it keep things out from underfoot, the less clutter you have on the floor, the larger the room feels.
- 2 Hang personal items like post cards, pictures, etc. Keep in mind that not many schools will allow you to put holes in the walls, so a good way to hang things is by using putty or wall mounting products.
- 3 Christmas lights are a cheap way to add fun

- and color to your dorm room. Thumbtacks are an easy way to put them up, and they don't leave too big a hole.
- 4 Lighting is important. Often times, the lighting supplied in the room is not ample. Simple desk lamps can be found for a minimal amount of money.
- 5 Keep a basket on your desk or by the door to keep your keys in. The last thing anyone wants is to be searching for keys when they're already late for class.
- 6 Divide your space into different areas. For example, have one

- space designated for studying, and another for the T.V. or hanging out.
- 7 Sometimes moving the bed around, or pushing the bookshelves around can make a room seem like it has more space.
- 8 A window valance can add a personalized look and color to a dorm room. If you use a tension rod above the window, you won't even need to mess with a hammer and nails.
- 9 Cork boards or dry-erase boards are a good way to keep track of assign-

- ments and meetings. They are also inexpensive.
- 10 Small or large, area rugs are an easy way to add color and warmth to a room, especially on a wooden floor. It's easy to clean because you can just take it out and shake it as needed.

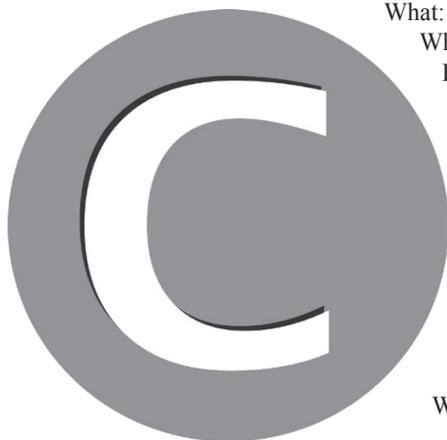


Compiled by Tara O'Shea

Thursday, January 12th
ABLE Annual Coffeehouse
Leadership Room
1:00-4:00pm

Saturday, January 14th
What: Premiere Series. Jennifer Larmore, mezzo soprano.
Larmore has performed and recorded around the world with orchestras and opera companies. In this recital, the Georgia-born performer returns to her home country for an intimate evening.
When: 8pm
Where: Howard Logan Stillwell Theatre, Joe Mack Wilson Building.
Cost: \$40.

Monday, January 16th
What: Annual Observance of the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
When: 11am-1pm
Howard Logan Stillwell Theatre



CAMPUS CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 17th

What: CineKAB Grand re-opening
Where: 2nd floor cafeteria, room 212
Free pizza and prizes, free movie rentals

Thursday, January 19th

What: Cell Phone Drive to benefit domestic violence. Turn in your old cell phones and receive a free headset. Drop off your phones from 5-7pm before the East Tennessee Basketball game.
Where: Bobbie Bailey Athletic Complex

Monday, January 30th

What: Free Hot Chocolate & Donuts.
When: 7:30 AM - 11 AM
Where: Student Center & Burruss Building.

Tuesday January 31, 2006

What: Dr. Drew Pinsky Lecture
When: 8 PM
Where: University Rooms, Student Center
Cost: FREE

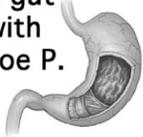
Wednesday February 1
What: Laser Tag
When: 11:30 AM - 3 PM
Where: University Rooms, Student Center
Cost: FREE

Predicting the future

Joe Pettis
Columnist

It is a brand new year, and there is no telling what 2006 has in store. Perhaps we will finally find the meaning behind life, but unfortunately we will be too busy watching Desperate Housewives to care. While I have never claimed to be a psychic, I do watch a lot of Conan O'Brien. If his show has taught me anything, it is that all you need to predict the future is a flashlight and a creepy voice. So here are my predictions for the year 2006:

Busting a gut with Joe P.



- The White House will finally admit that George Bush is really a robot. Surprisingly, his approval ratings go up.
- Paper work from the 1940s will reveal a deal between FDR and Joseph Stalin in which North Dakota was traded to Soviet Russia during a poker game. No one notices the loss.
- Atlanta Traffic will finally get better. Ok, that is a lie.
- Flying cars will finally be introduced to the market. The first one sold will be involved in an accident over I-285 within 4 hours of leaving the lot.
- As prisons become overcrowded, those accused of heinous crimes will be shot into space. Crimes committed by Star Trek fans will increase 300 percent.

- Dinosaurs will finally be revealed as a hoax. Their tracks were really made using old sneakers.
- Gas prices will reach a record high of \$17.94 after a serious oil shortage. Millions of people will riot in the streets, yet MARTA will still be empty.
- The Rolling Stones will play their last concert after Keith Richards dies of lung cancer. With the corpse of Richards playing guitar, ticket prices soar to a whopping \$7,000 per ticket. They sell out every city.
- With an abundance of people on the Internet, sites like MySpace.com will become the only attachment to the outside world for more than half the population. Photoshop sales increase tenfold.
- Aliens will finally land on earth. It will turn out that all they needed was directions.
- Bill Gates will be surpassed as the richest man in the world by a 12-year-old boy who opens a chain of lemonade stands all over the country.
- The Pope will surprise the world when he announces that Catholics can now eat meat anytime of the year, including Lent. Instead, Catholics are now forbidden to eat brussel sprouts on Fridays.
- Marijuana will finally become legal in Georgia. There will be 10,000 automobile accidents involving pizza delivery guys on the first day alone.
- Wal-Mart will become so powerful that it becomes a sovereign nation.
- The greatest April Fool's Joke ever will occur when 1,000,000,000 people flush a cherry bomb down a toilet simultaneously, causing the earth to veer off its axis.
- I will finally score a date with Kelly from Saved By The Bell.

My New Year's Resolution: Never Make A Resolution

Well, it's a brand new year and the air is fresh with new promise, beginnings and a bit of smog. With the new year there comes the usual rash of pronouncements, promises and other things that no one really has any intention of keeping to. I find the easiest way out of this new year madness is to simply not make any resolutions. Experience has taught me that, in general, we're all too lazy and undisciplined to follow through.

That's not to say that I don't find it funny, in a rather cynical way, to find the parking lot at the local gym absolutely chock-a-block for the first few weeks of the year before the inevitable thinning of the herd. If it weren't for the fact that the crowds make parking at the nearby Target quite difficult, it would be almost

hilarious. What can I say - small minds are easily amused. That parking lot is a perfect microcosm of modern society, laid right out on the asphalt.

So for the time being, I think I'll stick with one simple resolution - not to make any New Year's resolutions. It has a bit of a ring to it, don't you think? I won't have to worry about any karmic repercussions, were I to make some far-reaching and completely impossible resolution. I'm sure I'm not alone in making this resolution.

That said, there is a certain energy and vitality around at this time of year. Whether it's just the after-effect of too many beers over the weekend, I can't quite say, but it is nice to symbolically

put all that occurred in 2005 out of one's mind, at least for a time. Of course, once all those bills catch up it gets a little harder. It always seems like there are more possibilities in store and more stuff to look forward to at the start of a new year, even though it may not actually be the case. If nothing else, it means that I'm getting a little



Down Under
By Adam Stevens

bit closer to graduating. I hope everyone else is looking forward to a snazzy and useful year. Let's all hope that this fantastically snazzy and, perhaps, useful new semester isn't a total write off. I don't want to put off graduation any more than any of you do. Happy New Year.

Roaming Reporter

Tara O'Shea



What were you doing when the ball dropped?



Stephen Valdes
sophomore, spanish education
"I was driving to my grandmother's house."



Natalia Meneses
grad student, MPA
"Looking at fireworks in Boston with my family."

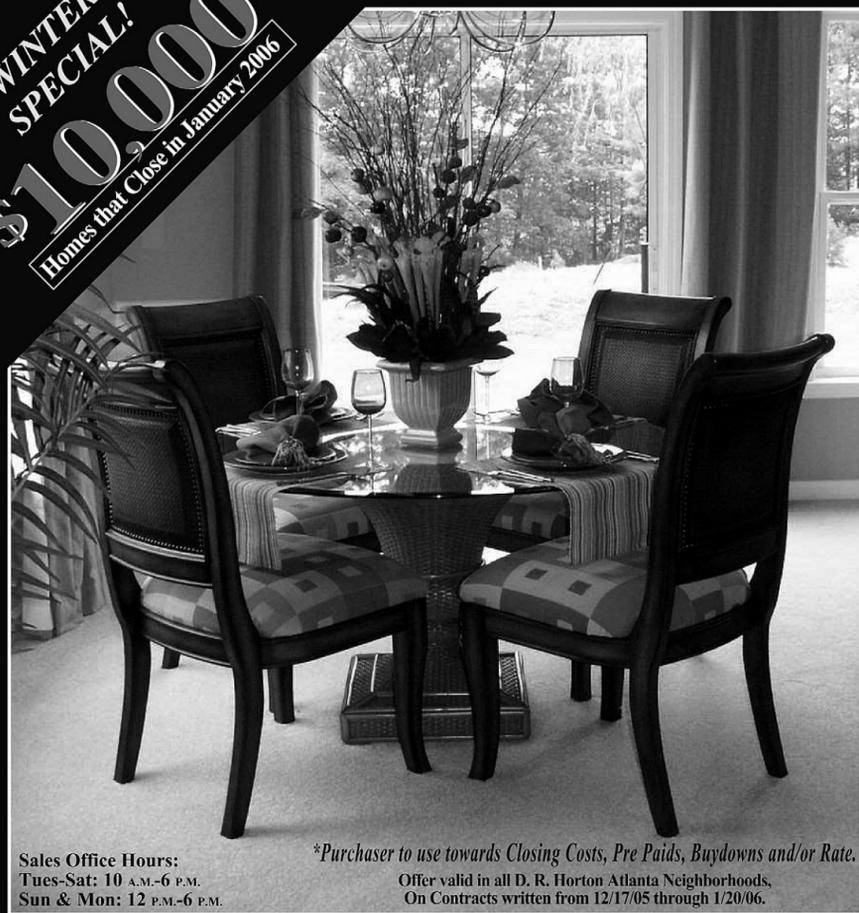


Charlie Braun
senior, communication
"Talking to my best friend Amy"



Elizabeth Shepard
junior, communication
"I was standing in my kitchen when my husband kissed me."

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King's leadership shines on today 20th annual celebrations in Atlanta

Tara O'Shea
Features editor

It is time once again for the city of Atlanta to pay its respects to the great civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. Born in Atlanta in 1929, King graduated from Morehouse College in 1948 and then from Crozer Theological Seminary in 1951. In 1955, he became Dr. King with a PhD from Boston University. In 1957 he met his future wife, Coretta Scott, with whom he had four children.

Ordained a later minister in 1947 at his father's Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, King became pastor of the

Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala. in 1953. The boycott he led against Montgomery's segregation resulted in the Supreme Court decision to outlaw discrimination on public transportation. In 1957 he was chosen president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). It was during this time that he began to establish his role in the civil rights movement, utilizing a nonviolent approach to getting results. The ideas of Henry David Thoreau, Mohandas Gandhi and Christian teachings were inspirations for this approach.

In 1968 he was shot and killed as he stood on the balcony of his

motel in Memphis, Tenn. Despite problems in his personal life, King was a giant of his time, and the civil rights movement can attribute much of its success to his efforts.

This Jan. 16th marks the 77th birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 20th national observance of this day as a holiday.

The King Center will be holding several events in honor of the day. For more information on events at the King Center, please visit www.thekingcenter.org.

1929:	1944:	1948:	1955:	1958:	1958:	1960:	1963:	1963:	1963:	1986:
Born on at noon on January 15, 1929, to parents the Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. in Atlanta, Georgia.	King graduates from Morehouse College and enters Crozer Theological Seminary. Ordained to the Baptist ministry, February 25, 1948, at the age of 19.	Marries Coretta Scott and settles in Montgomery, Alabama.	Joins the bus boycott after Rosa Parks is arrested on December 1. On December 5, he is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, making him the official spokesman for the boycott.	The U.S. Congress passed the first Civil Rights Act since reconstruction. King's first book, "Stride Toward Freedom", is published.	On a speaking tour, King is nearly killed when stabbed by an assailant in Harlem. Met with President Dwight D. Eisenhower, along with Roy Wilkins, A. Philip Randolph, and Lester Grange on problems affecting black Americans.	Becomes co-pastor with his father at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. King is arrested in Atlanta during a sit-in waiting to be served at a restaurant. He is sentenced to four months in jail, but after intervention by John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, he is released.	King leads 125,000 people on a Freedom Walk in Detroit. The March on Washington held August 28 is the largest civil rights demonstration in history with nearly 250,000 people in attendance. At the march, King makes his famous I Have a Dream speech.	On March 28, King lead a march that turned violent, the first time one of his events had turned had done so.	On April 4, Martin Luther King, Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. There are riots and disturbances in 130 American cities, with twenty thousand arrests. King's funeral on April 9 is an international event.	On November 2, a national holiday is proclaimed in King's honor.



MLK Timeline, compiled from the Louisiana State University's website

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events

STATE OF GEORGIA MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION PROGRAM
Friday, January 13, 2006, 10:00 A.M. - Open to the Public
State Capitol, Atlanta, GA - For more information contact GA MLK Holiday Commission at (404) 657-8240

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Thursday, January 12, 2006, 8:00 P.M.
Tickets \$50-Reserved, \$25-General Admission, \$7-Seniors/Students
Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College.

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Sunday, January 15, 2006, 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Free admission.
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Video Game Review:

Zombies infect PSP

Jason Nimer
Viewpoints editor

Since Christmas has just ended, people who read this column are hard at work on games

awaiting them under the tree Christmas morning. Since the season is still fresh in everyone's minds, why not review one of the few Christmas-themed games in existence? Nothing says fun like a zombie-Santa Claus hunting you down with a chainsaw.

The game's story is one of its strong points. On Christmas Eve in New York City, citizens become infected with a virus that turns them into ravenous, bloodthirsty, undead monsters. Fortunately the game's main character, Officer Stevens, is immune to the virus. He is so immune that even a drop of his blood causes zombies to explode. Now it's up to you to clean up the city before all its citizens are zombie food, or worse, zombies themselves.

The game plays like any other third person shooter that has come out over the past five years - you shoot at zombies until they explode. What makes the game a work of genius is the way the missions play out. All are three to five minutes in length, making it the perfect handheld game. This helps to keep the experience fresh.

The PSP's online capabilities are used in an interesting way here as well. When you win an online game, your character will show up in the loser's single-player game for a few days. They can then transfer it to other players around the world. You can even check how widespread your character has become online. It is not very useful, but a cool distraction.

After a season packed with so many great game releases, "Infected" understandably flew under the radar. It is worth a rental, and perhaps even buying. This game is recommended to any PSP owner, especially those with a sick sense of humor.

Grade: B+



Horoscopes

Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday [01-11-06]

You are busy this year, but do not get lulled into thinking it's a dull routine. If you snooze, you'll lose. The only thing really constant this year is change.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging. **Aries [March 21-April 19]**

Today is a 7. Should you hide out or strut about, pretending to be important? If those are your only two options, you should definitely choose the former.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 7. There is more money coming your way, possibly from work already done. Do not be shy about asking those who owe you to pay up.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is a 7. You are liable to find the answer you are seeking in the midst of a lively

debate. If the other guy has the answer you are after, admit it and say "thanks!"

Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 7. Your careful routine is liable to be disrupted. Something more urgent takes priority. Be ready to change course quickly.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]

Today is a 6. You are very popular, but do not let your social activities interfere with your private life. A little broken promise can hurt a lot.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]

Today is a 7. There are lots of great ideas floating around now. One leads to another, half of which will never work. Write down the others.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]

Today is a 7. Convince the skeptics there are things worth getting excited about. Start planning a long trip for next summer. That ought to get them going.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is a 7. It is hard to

find the money to get everything you want. If you cannot do it all at one time, do it bit by bit.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]

Today is a 6. Do not shut down if you encounter resistance. Encourage it. The tough questions you are asked will help you identify the correct answers.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]

Today is a 7. It is possible that you will be paid in good will, rather than cold hard cash. That does not mean you should quit. Count this as advertising.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]

Today is a 7. Be compassionate with a loved one who is stuck in an argument. Do not try to solve the problem, that would not work anyway.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]

Today is a 5. There are not enough hours in the day, or answers to all the questions. This is what there is, however. Adjust creatively.

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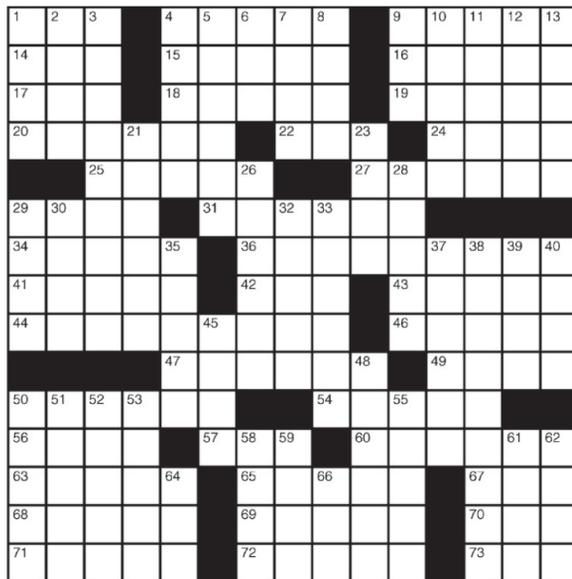
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SPORTS

Owls win first conference road game Young athletes learning to play at the college level



Nathan McCreary
Senior staff writer

As a new member of the Atlantic Sun Conference, the KSU men's basketball team has raised plenty of eyebrows with exciting conference wins against Lipscomb and Belmont. The Owls continued to impress as they went into Gardner Webb's home and took a victory from them 74-68 Friday night on a regionally televised game.

The Owls were coming off a home defeat to another conference foe, Florida Atlantic, which was their first conference loss this season. The Owls knew they had to enter the hostile Paul Porter Arena to stay afloat in the A-Sun. The Owls had never faced the Running Bulldogs before, but head coach Tony Ingle is familiar with their program. Elliot Ingle, Coach Ingle's eldest son, played for GWU from 1996-1998.

KSU's shooting was stale from the start, as six of their first seven shots were unsuccessful. The Owls quickly fell behind GWU 5-2. The Owls fought back to take a three-point lead 20-17 with under 10 minutes left in the half. Once ahead, KSU never looked back. The Owls' first half shooting was encouraging, as the Owls hit 15 of 36 shots and drained four three-pointers. GWU was no slouch either, shooting 63 percent from the field in the first half, but shot 10 fewer field goals than the Owls. The extra shots for the Owls came from the Bulldogs nine first half turnovers compared to Kennesaw's three.

In the second half, forward/center Ryan Nelson took the game under his 6'7" wingspan and delivered on every aspect. Nelson shot 71 percent from the field scoring 12 points and tallying a career high 17 points. He also pulled down two offensive rebounds and had two steals.

The Owls are also beginning to see freshman guard Andre Morgan position himself as a consistent player. He scored in double figures (13 points this game) for the second game in a row. Morgan, a McDonald's All-American honorable mention in high school, could be the much-needed offensive key to winning at the D-I level for the Owls, who were relying on Golden Ingle, Brent Ragsdale and Ronell Wooten for offense.

The Owls got the offense going as all five starters were in double figures in scoring for the first time this season. Gaby Cruz gave good offensive production off the bench. Coach Ingle used a short bench in the win over GWU, only playing seven of the Owls. Coach Ingle had previously gone deep into his bench, using 10-11 players a night. It appears the evaluation period is over and the head coach has found his starting lineup in Morgan, Wooten, G. Ingle, Nelson and Ragsdale.

The Owls have a short-lived celebration, as the A-Sun gauntlet continues Monday, Jan. 9 at Campbell. KSU then returns home to face the East Tennessee State Buccaneers Thursday, Jan. 12 in "The Barn," otherwise known as the KSU Convocation Center.

The Owls' victory gave way to a five game losing streak that the fall semester came to a close. After an impressive win against Belmont on Dec. 3, the Owls lost at home to St. Paul [73-71] and on the road to St. Louis [74-60]. They were shut out in the Jack-in-the-Box Holiday Classic by Furman [83-76] and Marshall [77-74]. The Owls did look impressive, as they took the Thundering Herd into overtime, but missed opportunities were again the demise of the Owls chance at victory. With the spring semester underway, the Owls are headed into the bulk of their A-Sun schedule and hope to continue to impress even though they are not post-season eligible.

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Freshman guard Andre Morgan takes a hard foul from St. Paul guard Maurice Boatwright. Morgan sunk one of two free-throws in the losing effort.

Cheerleading ranks second in nation

Story by the Athletic department

Competitive cheer coach Felecia Ingle walked through the halls of the athletic department on Friday afternoon wondering about the status of the squad's ranking video, which she submitted to the National Cheer Association last month. This annual video establishes rankings for the National Championships in Daytona Beach in April and if high enough, it also establishes which squads get free hotel rooms for the four-day event.

With a holiday party for her team hours away, a ring-ceremony luncheon honoring last year's national champions on Saturday, a basketball game on Saturday night and her duties as Director of Marketing, there wasn't much time for any other thoughts. However, there was that one thing crept into her mind throughout the day, the video.

From the early evening into the night and past Saturday morning, there was no news on the Owls and their first test in Division I. As the doors to the athletic offices opened in the early afternoon, Ingle's uplifted voice rose through the Convocation Center as quickly as her team passed by its future competition. Before this season ranking day was met with excitement and wonder, but this season Ingle moved her Owls from Division II to Division I and the questions that followed

were a bit unclear.

"This season things were a little different for us," Ingle said. "We were and are confident, but the level of competition is much higher."

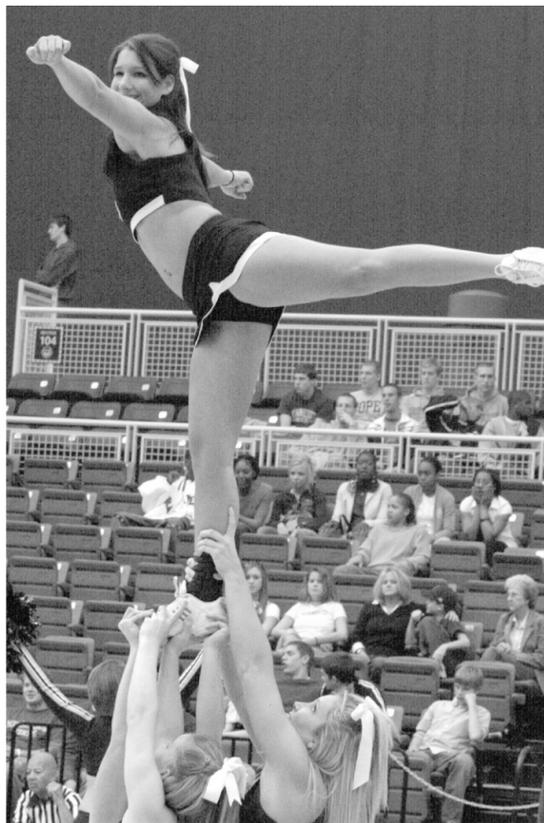
Well, there was little room to worry as the Owls sent a shock wave or two through the competitive cheer world. KSU is ranked number two in the nation, trailing only perennial national powerhouse Louisville.

"I am thrilled," Ingle said. "Being a first-year program you never really know what to expect, but this is very big for our program, especially the fact that it gets us free hotel rooms."

The non-scholarship program, which is supported in part by a generous and active booster club, was waiting patiently last night at their annual holiday party. This event is normally highlighted by the release of the video ranking, but Saturday it was missing.

"We waited for the release which is usually released on Friday night," Ingle said. "I never received word so the waiting added a bit more drama, but looking back now it was worth it."

Word spread quickly throughout the team and alumni as office phones rang and cell phones buzzed with the good news. Jill Stanton, senior and member of both KSU national championship teams, was excited yet realistic



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The cheerleading squad performs at basketball games, entertaining the crowd while practicing routines for the national championship.

about the news.

"We are all pleasantly surprised," Stanton said. "Hopefully this will draw more

attention to our program as we recruit. But now this lights a fire under us and it'll make us work even harder."

Ice Owls continue winning ways over break Who needs a football team?

Dustin Jacobs
Staff writer

While students took well-deserved time off over the winter break, the Ice Owls hockey team was hard at work. The Owls played four games over the break, including two games against the University of Georgia and one game each against Georgia Tech and Texas A&M.

The Owls took on the Yellow Jackets in front of a record crowd of 1,233 at the Town Center Ice Rink on Dec. 2. The Owls' defensemen held their own, and were lead offensively by Ricky Lirrett who scored three goals. The Jackets were unable to capitalize on power plays, and KSU won in a 7-1 rout.

In front of the second highest attendance of 1,190, the Owls hosted the Georgia Bulldogs at Town Center on Dec. 9. The Bulldogs were outmatched for most of the game, as KSU went up 7-3. The Owls played UGA very physically and coasted to a 7-5 victory, with Lirrett, Steven Baxter, and Rod Johnson scoring two goals apiece.

During the second game, UGA found KSU on the short end of the stick. On Dec. 10, at the Duluth Ice Forum, the Owls' penalties final caught up with them as UGA bit back with a 7-4 win, and a split of the series.

On January 6, the Owls skated back onto the ice to host Texas A&M. The Owls had not played since the Dec. 10 game and came out determined to prove that rust was just another four-letter word. They demolished the Aggies 13-1. The Owls lead after one period by a score of 9-0. Offensively the Owls were lead by Lirrett, who had yet another hat trick. Tony Lopez, Jimmy Barry, Davis Gardner, Andrew Chebik, and Rod Johnson all scored two goals each. Even with all the goal-scoring shots, the night was truly highlighted by a jersey ceremony that saw four KSU seniors and founders of the Owl Hockey team honored during the second intermission.

"The team has not missed a step over the holidays, [they have shown] lots of hard work and great attitude," said head coach Matt Hogan. "We only had seven minor penalties [against the Aggies], and that was a big plus for us."

The Owls Hockey team is now ranked No. 2 in the nation with a record of 15-4. The team will head to Ft. Myers, Fla., for the Gulf Coast Clash tournament Jan. 13-16.

The next home game for the Owls will be against the South Florida Bulls at the Marietta Ice Center at 8:10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Don't hate the player, hate the game

It really is heartbreaking to see such a great guy get bashed so brutally by the media and fans. Here's a person who donates plenty of time and money to charity, loves his fans to death and always has a smile on his face. I'm talking about Johnny Damon, the artist formerly known as "Johnny Caveman" and "Jesus," and these days, the guy many people refer to as "The Bum."

It wasn't long ago, December of 2001 to be exact, that Damon came to Beantown from Oakland, causing all Bostonians (and New Englanders for that matter) to jump with joy. The Red Sox had acquired a young, talented and easily likeable leadoff hitter who could also cover center field with the best of them.

During his stint in Boston, Damon's leadership, outstanding play and throwback looks made him a fan favorite. He played an integral role in guiding the Sox to its first Championship in 86 years when he belted two homeruns, one a grand slam, in game seven of the 2004 ALCS against Boston's most hated rivals, the New York Yankees.

So why is the once-revered "Caveman" now loathed by almost every Red Sox fan? Yes, Damon agreed to sign a better contract with the Yankees this off-season

and has been fodder for practically every Boston news source, from the Herald to fan web-blogs, ever since.

The Boston faithful have dubbed him a backstabber, and the fact that he signed with the team sometimes called "The Evil Empire" makes their disdain all the stronger. How could someone go from playing so passionately for the legendary Red Sox to signing with the team's arch-enemy in just a matter of months? Is Damon a bum? Is he a traitor? Did he leave because he thought Manny Ramirez was trying to outdo his hairdo? The answer to all of these questions is, of course, no.

Major League Baseball, as well as all of professional sports, is no longer a "boots and jeans" environment. About twenty years ago it turned into a business, a well-oiled business where money talks.

Long gone are the days when a player decided to stay with a team because he preferred the fans or the management.

Damon followed the money, albeit the Yankees offer was only \$12 million more than the Red Sox's [closer to \$6 million after adjustments are made]. The point is that the Yankees offered more money, and that is what counts these days. If Damon had decided to stay with Boston, he would have been hurting his value by indicating to teams that he was easy to deal with. For the rest of his career, interested teams would expect and force him to settle for less.

Do today's professional athletes still strive to play their best and win the Championship? Yes. But it is undeniable that there is no stronger force for a player choosing teams than salary.

Johnny Damon might have cut off his long, bearded locks for Steinbrenner Inc., but he is not a deserter, turncoat or any other explosive that a grudging Sox fan might label him. He is a modest athlete, father of two, baseball player, and most importantly, a businessman.



Tommy McNulty
Columnist

SIDE LINED

Falcons doomed from opening day

The Falcons' disappointing 2005 season can be attributed to one thing: parody. The NFL is built on it. Without it, the nation's number one professional sports league would become stagnant. The salary cap is the main reason for parody. Non-guaranteed contracts also help, as do the injuries that plague every team.

One thing that I have been hearing from some Falcons fans is that injuries, specifically those of middle linebacker Ed Hartwell and defensive end Brady Smith ultimately spelled doom for the defending NFC South Champions. The Falcons, thanks to general manager Rich McKay, were building toward the future through the draft and made what the organization felt were necessary cuts. By letting defensive go of end Travis Hall, defensive tackle Ed Jasper, strong safety Cory Hall, and middle linebacker Chris Draft, McKay not only freed up cap space, he also created a lack of depth.

Second year pros Chad Lavalais, defensive tackle, and Demario Williams, linebacker, as well as rookies Jonathan Babineaux, defensive tackle; Chauncey Davis, defensive end; and Michael Boley, linebacker, were forced to fill the void. Benching veteran safety Bryan Scot also contributed to the lack of depth. It is no wonder the Falcons defense was ranked 26th in the league against the run. If there is one positive thing about this youth movement, they gained experience. Whether or not it will work to the Falcons' advantage remains to be seen.

Another complaint from

Falcons fans deals with coaching and upper management. Falcon's owner Arthur Blank has made some debatable decisions since taking the helm, such as the decision to bring in and overpay wide receiver Peerless Price. Price was supposed to be quarterback Michael Vick's go-to guy, but instead of finding the end zone, after just two seasons he found the door.

That is why President and General Manager Rich McKay was brought in. He built the 2002 Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. How many of you remember the days when the Bucs were a joke? If you can't recall, thank McKay. It would be a mistake to question his judgment, as McKay could very well be Commissioner of the NFL someday.

Then there is the coaching staff, headlined by head coach Jim Mora, offensive coordinator Greg Knapp, and defensive coordinator Ed Donatell. Mora had his problems this season. He went from winning the NFC South and an NFC Championship game appearance in 2004 to an 8-8 non-playoff year in 2005. In his first year as a head coach Mora tasted success, but in his second year he felt the sophomore woes of reality. Mora complained to officials, and got upset when criticized by

the media. After his outburst in Tampa, Mora was scolded by Blank. The media began to call Mora a "punk" and a "spoiled brat."

What a difference a year makes. Mora is young, and in his years will see ups and downs. He is a passionate, emotional guy, and growing pains are never easy. I have a feeling he will eventually calm down.

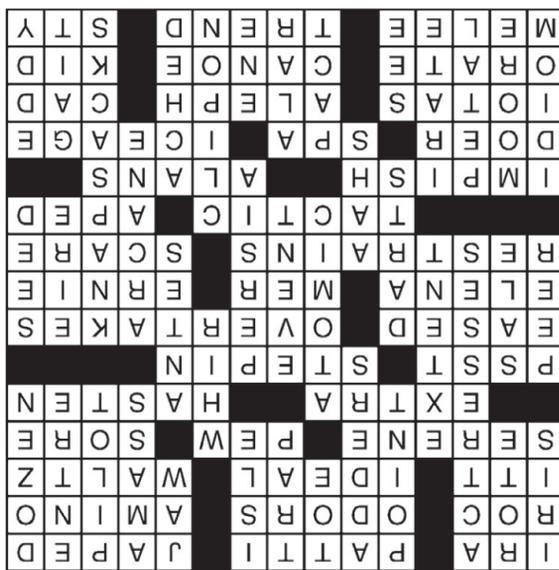
Finally, we take a look at Knapp and Donatell. Atlanta fans have never really accepted Knapp. He has molded Michael Vick into something less exciting, something blander. He is turning him into a pocket passer, which is the exact thing Atlanta fans were begging for after Vick injured

his leg and was out for most of the 2003 season. Unfortunately, learning to become a pocket passer when you are a natural scrambler takes time. Patience is something that is hard to come by in today's society.

If there is one thing about Knapp that I personally find reprehensible it is his terrible play calling. When a play doesn't work on 3rd and 2, don't run the same play on 4th down. Should Knapp be given the ax? Well, it all depends on who you could bring in to replace him. Vick needs to become less mobile if he wishes to stay in the league. However, Knapp's decisions and his playbook may only set these Dirty Birds back.



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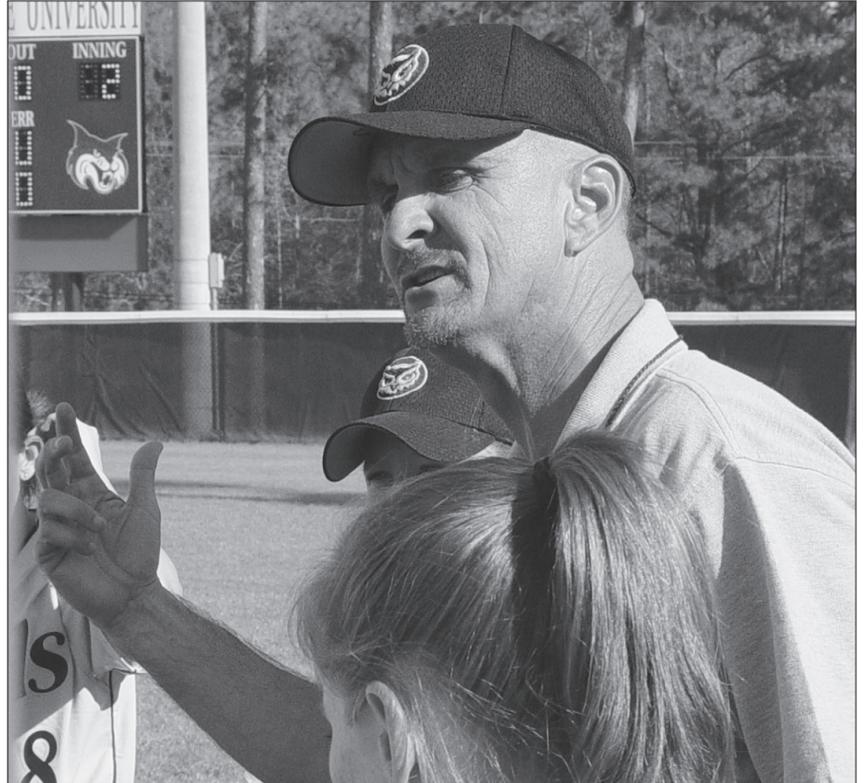
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The Honorable Hall of Famer

Story and photo courtesy the Athletic Department

ORLANDO, Fla – December 2, 2005 – It was a proud night for head softball coach Scott Whitlock as he was inducted into the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association's Hall of Fame on Dec. 2 at the Caribe Royale Resort.

Whitlock, the youngest inductee into the Hall of Fame and the winningest coach in the NCAA, was joined by Louisiana State head coach Yvette Girouard and former Notre Dame head coach Liz Miller as honorees in the Class of 2005.

Known throughout Georgia as the Owls' head coach, Whitlock has not only helped to promote the sport of fast pitch throughout Georgia and the southeast, he garnered national exposure when he was selected to work with the United States National Team.

Whitlock has seen the growth and development of softball from the ground up at Kennesaw State. He started the program with a slow pitch team in the early nineties and nurtured the rise of the sport into fast pitch at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, to the NCAA Division

II level. Now he has thrust KSU into Division I and the Atlantic Sun conference.

Whitlock has won countless championships, but none greater than the back-to-back NCAA Division II national titles he claimed in 1995 and 1996. Winning with dignity, class and professionalism has been the trademark of not only Whitlock, but with his teams as well. Always the father of education, he has strived to keep a balance between the professional growth, academic success and athletic achievement in his student-athletes.

He has helped to teach the sport of softball and the challenges of maturity to hundreds of young women through his dedication, discipline and determination.

In addition to his numerous All-American, all-region and all-conference players, Whitlock witnessed a greater than average share of academic honors for his players. He has coached Olympians and, most importantly for the sport of fast pitch, he has helped to foster a new era of coaches as no less than seven former players are coaching high school programs in the metro Atlanta area.

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410 CHILDCARE

Childcare afternoons. Seeking female, bubbly personality, nonsmoker, good driving history, no drugs. Afternoons, 4-5 days a week. Pick up very sweet 9 year old female from school at 2:20 M & R until 6 or 7 pm, T & W 2:20-3:45 or 4:30. Assist with homework and driving to gymnastics workouts and dance. Pay negotiable. Great job to work around class schedule. Kennesaw area, 15 minutes from KSU. References required. Leave message: 770-975-1313 Karen. Start ASAP.

Nanny needed starting Jan. 1, 2006. Mon.- Fri; hours will fall between 6am-6pm. Perfect for student taking night classes or graduating in Dec. in need of job. Care for 2 year old all day and 6 year old before and after school. Great pay and paid vacation weeks during school breaks and occasional trips with family. Must have experience with children, clean driving record, be incredibly reliable, and provide info for background check/drug screen. Woodstock area. 678-445-9079 or 678-591-0310.

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Nanny needed for 3 1/2 year old girl and 18 month old boy. Guarantee of 30 hrs/week; \$12-15/hr depending on experience. Car needed, mileage reimbursed. Alpharetta area, west of GA400. Please call Stephanie @ 678.296.1774.

Experienced part-time nanny needed starting January 2006. In-home care for 1-year old in Marietta/West Cobb area, approx 20 hrs per week. Must have clean driving record, bi-lingual English/Spanish pref. Please email qualifications, avail and compensation requirements to jenniferwiggan@yahoo.com. References req'd.

Pick up 2.5-yr old from school at 11.30am and watch until 4pm at E.Cobb home, 2-3 days/wk. Light housekeeping. \$12/hr. Call (404) 483-2083.

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Nanny, East Cobb, M-F 3pm-5:30-PM Pick up from school, work on homework, drop off at activities, must have car. Nancy 404-316-4911.

Part-Time childcare needed for 8 month old in East Cobb. Hourly rate negotiable, 15 to 20 hours per week in late mornings and/or afternoons. Can be moderately flexible around class schedule. Prefer candidate with infant care experience. Contact Diane at 404-433-6367.

ChildCare - After school, M-F 2:30-5:30 for 2 boys ages 8 and 10 yrs old. Lost Mountain/Harrison High School area. Good driving record required. \$10/hr. Start date ASAP 770-841-6881.

Childcare needed for toddler and infant 2-3 days a week in Woodstock/Towne Lake starting March 1st; daytime hours; 10-20 hours per week; must have experience with young children and good references; hours are flexible and children are delightful! Call 770-592-9328 or email kstimpson@bellsouth.net

Part-time nanny needed for our 11-month-old daughter at our home in East Cobb. The days and hours are flexible, but in general will be two or three days a week, approximately 15 to 20 hours. We're looking for a loving, responsible nonsmoker to entrust with our daughter's care. In addition to childcare, the position also requires housework and pet care (one dog, one cat, so please don't apply if you have allergies!) during naptime and downtime. If you have previous nannying or childcare experience, email me about it: hicks_kristin@yahoo.com. Please also include a brief bio or a current resume.

Seeking: Student to provide after-school care to ten, seven, and three year old boys. Some driving necessary. Five to six hours/day; four to five days/ week. Please email soyola@comcast.net or call 678-797-5879. References required.

Seeking experienced pt Nanny to watch 2 yr old in my home 4-7pm, M-F. East Cobb. Light housekeeping. Nonsmoker. Reliable transportation. 770/977-0422.

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430 PT AND/OR FT

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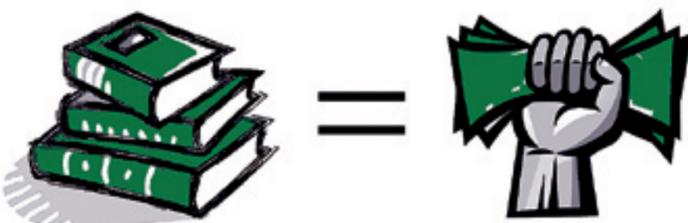
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