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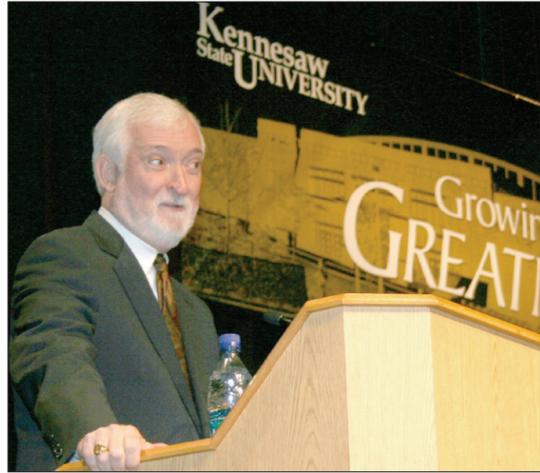
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Dean of the College of the Arts, Joseph Meeks, invited members of campus to listen to the presidential candidates who may replace President Betty Siegel, stepping down this year.

Finding the right choice

Campus visits help decide next president

Nick Mracek
Staff writer

Students, faculty and staff were able to listen to the five candidates for president in the Stillwell Theater. Each candidate offered a different view of what they wanted to accomplish. The campus visits allowed for feedback to come from the community in a way that is not always available at other institutions.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee is chaired by Joseph Meeks, Dean of the College of the Arts. Feedback was given in the form of a public online survey held for each candidate after his presentation.

The committee has received over 200 survey responses for each candidate and plans to use them in their reports.

"We see the same key words come up in the survey responses. If someone's vision is appealing to the community, we see 'vision' repeated several times in the feedback," said Meeks.

"We will write and submit our reports to the Board of Regents this week, then Regents will interview the candidates and we should see a selection by mid-February."

He also said, "If we have not had this kind of support, it could not have gone this smoothly."

John Millsaps, the Board of Regents Communications and Marketing director said, "The committee will supply the Board of Regents a list of unranked candidates to the

chancellors office."

According to the policy of the board, a list of no less than five unranked candidates will be submitted to a special Regents' committee.

The Chancellor's office requested that a third party search company be used. Baker-Parker and Associates was selected to bring in potential candidates.

According to committee minutes from Oct. 28, Baker-Parker assured the committee that "the committee should expect several sitting presidents to be in the pool of candidates."

The committee reviewed 52 resumes, narrowing the search down to ten for interviews.

The upcoming inauguration will be the third ceremony of its kind at Kennesaw, following those of Horace Sturgis, the first president of the university, and Betty Siegel, the first female president in the University System of Georgia.

Siegel will remain a part of KSU after stepping down as president. KSU has given her an office, speechwriter and secretary to continue her career in ethical affairs.

The Regents office has made confidentiality of the candidates before the selection process a key point. Prior to the release of the names, board members were not to talk about the search outside of committee.

A bio of each candidate and a detailed explanation of the process can be found at <http://presidentsearch.kennesaw.edu>.

Green roof tops off campus, new skyline

Energy-efficient Social Science building transforms campus skyline

Kayla Press
Staff Writer

A new, state-of-the-art Social Science building will open on campus early next year. At a 'topping out' luncheon held on the first floor of the building on Jan. 20, attendees were able to see first-hand the progress made on the building so far.

"It is the largest building on campus," said Earle Holley, vice president for Business and Finance. "The building will be labeled a 'green building' because it will be LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] certified."

The United States Green



Kayla Press | The Sentinel

Progress continues with the new Social Science building.

Building Council awards the LEED certification. The USGBC emphasizes water conservation, energy efficiency, selection of

materials and indoor environmental quality, according to their web site.

"The building is unique be-

cause there will be a rooftop garden," Holley said.

Dr. Helen S. Ridley, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, was also present at the event supporting the university in her KSU sweatshirt. Ridley shared the excitement with Holley.

"It is going to be absolutely fabulous," she said.

Another feature of the building, according to Marguerite Abd El-Shahid, project manager for the Facilities Planning and Design Services, is a small café similar to Einstein's Bagel.

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Preparing for the change



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Softball Hall of Fame coach planning to make an impact at the next level

David Beaumont
Staff writer

Confidence is the key to the Lady Owls' strategy for the Spring 2006 softball season. After one and a half decades of domination in the Peach Belt, the team is ready for its move to Division I.

"We want to be as much of a factor as our opponents will let us be," said Head Coach Scott Whitlock.

"It's kind of hard going into this, mainly because we don't know anything about our opponents. It's a new challenge. It's exciting and a little scary, but I think we'll manage to get through it okay."

Jr. infielder Keri McKee said, "I think it's going to be different going into D-I, but we're ready and I think that the teams we're going to face better be ready for us."

"In the preseason poll we were ranked third, I believe, and we're obviously not satisfied with that," said Sr. outfielder Jennifer Hunt.

"We want to do better than that. We want to go in there and prove to them that they made the wrong decision. We want to be number one, and I think we'll prove to them that we are number one in the conference."

The Owls have recruited some talented players to aid them in their climb to the top of the conference, one of which is Fr. pitcher Norie Glazebrook of Greenville, S.C. Glazebrook comes to KSU having won a couple of championships in high school.

"We think she's going to be a really good player at the college level," Whitlock said.

Fr. infielder Jamie KeKaulua is another new recruit for the Lady Owls. She has a Hawaiian background but she was born and raised in Ga. Whitlock believes she will be a very special player.

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Lady Owls undefeated in fall preseason, leading up to their NCAA D-I debut.



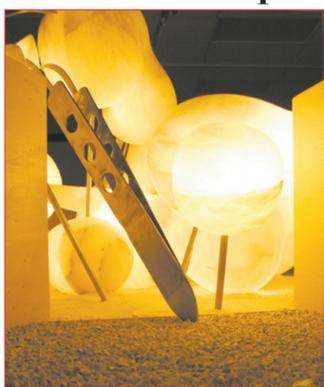
Merging East and West

Chen Zhen's art comes to campus

Amy Storey
News editor
Amanda Dennis
Staff writer

The Year of China recently brought the works of artist Chen Zhen to campus in the exhibition, Merging East and West: The Installations of Chen Zhen.

An opening ceremony was held Wed. Jan. 18. Almost three hundred people crowded into the small adjoining rooms to see Zhen's work along with the opening speakers.



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The exhibit is the first of its kind at KSU to receive an NEA grant.

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Quitting classes

Smoking cessation course help kick the habit

Amy Storey
News editor

The Center for Health Promotion and Wellness began smoking cessation class series Jan. 24. Linda Lee, community educator with Wellstar Health System, is teaching the classes.

The free classes provide information and different quitting techniques for smoking students. Everyone in attendance will receive an American Cancer Society participants guide to quitting. The 23-page booklet guides smokers step-by-step, session-by-session through the process.

Session one began with understanding how and why one smokes. Sessions two through four aids the quitter in slowly decreasing smoking habits.

"We always do this in the month of January in light of

New Years resolutions. This year is special because of the new smoking policy. This could help support it," said Sherry Grable, director of the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness.

The first class was Jan. 24. The remaining classes are held Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14. Classes are in the Wellness Center, room 130,

from 12:30 p.m. through 1:30 p.m. Smokers in attendance will be provided lunch.

"Quitting takes practice. It's an addiction. Aside from smoking being habitual, smoking effects people psychologically and physiologically. We want to get them to

start thinking about quitting," Grable said.

The American Cancer Society cites different ways to quit. They suggests stretching meals out, eating slowly and pausing between bites. After dinner, instead of smoking a cigarette, treat yourself to a mint or coffee. American Cancer Society also states quitting is not solely physical. In order to be successful stay positive, picture success and exercise. Within 20 minutes of quitting, the body reacts. Blood



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21%: it is likely
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Survey conducted Fall '04. 169 of 801 HPS 1000 students.

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Fresh faces in Residents Life Department

New coordinators plan changes for the betterment of campus living

Keith Hopper
Staff writer

The department of Residence Life has two new additions to its staff. Larry T. Brown has been named the new coordinator of Residence Life for University Place, and Antony Ware will serve as assistant coordinator for University Village.

The department held a welcome reception for their new members Jan. 18. The Residence Life staff was there to greet the new additions. The staff's overall vision has is to make living on campus less lonely and more productive. There is an ultimate goal of increasing student retention and there-by increasing KSU's graduation numbers.

"Housing gets no money from the university. We are completely self-sustaining. Our housing never closes. We have 12-month leases. Once the students move in, there is no time that they have to leave," said Michael Sanseviro, the director of Residence Life.

KSU was one of the first universities in the country to begin this type of housing program. As one of the three coordinators, Brown will oversee all of the day-to-day operations as well as judicial affairs in his community of responsibility.

"I see myself as a transformational type of leader, one who inspires other people to follow," Brown said.

"I'm a person that's real gung-ho about programming. I like to come up with different innovative ideas to get students to come out of their rooms."

Brown also believes the synergy that

develops between his staff and him will be contagious, making a better residence life experience.

Their job duties are anything but simple. For instance, they handle all out-of-class activities for KSU's learning communities. This is something that has become huge with the increase in university housing.

On top of their many other responsibilities, the new coordinators are now going to be required to be trained as emergency responders.

"I would like to bring more relevance to the position," Ware said.

Ware and Brown worked together at Southwestern and both feel as if having a familiar face around will make the transition easier.

"There is a very big difference between GSW and KSU. It's a very big growing experience as well," Ware said.

These men have a tall order to fill in an organization that is relatively new to KSU, but Brown and Ware appear to be up to the task. Their credentials speak for themselves.

Ware completed his Bachelor of Science in Sociology at Georgia Southwestern State University. He served as a residence hall director, resident assistant and orientation leader.

Ware was an active officer in Southwestern's RHA and also in numerous state-related, regional and national organizations. He also served on the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network National Board.

Brown recently completed his MBA at

Georgia Southwestern State University, and also holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. Most recently, Brown served as a residence hall director, graduate assistant for orientation and Greek life and resident assistant.

On the state level Brown has served as assistant director of Development for the Georgia Residence Hall Organization. Brown was also a residential tutor-counselor for the Trio Program at Morehouse College, and participated in International Business Abroad in France.

"I want to try to know a little bit more about my residents here, to help the intimate feeling that is present at smaller schools," Brown said.



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Larry T. Brown hopes to bring new vision for campus living.

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Social Science building set to open in Spring '07

located on the bottom floor of the Burruss building.

In addition to the café, there will be two dining areas, one of which will be on the main floor, with the other an outdoor porch with tables that will overlook the gazebo. The Jasmine Cart that is currently set up behind the English building will be moved to the Social Science building.

"The building will be both energy efficient and student-friendly," Shahid said.

The first floor will feature large auditorium with seat-

ing for 300 students. The film department will also be on the first floor, while floors two and three will consist of classrooms for political science, communications, history, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, geography and psychology departments. The fourth and fifth floors will be faculty and staff offices, research centers and seminar rooms.

For those who have yet to see the inside of the building, there will be a ceremony that Holley estimates will be held around December 2006.

"Local legislatures, politicians, friends of the university and students will be able to come see the building," Holley said.

Representatives from The Facilities Group Inc., the group contracted out to do the construction, were also present at the event.

The planned finish date for the building is Nov. 16, 2006, Shahid noted. The building will should be ready for classes beginning Spring semester 2007.

Funding for the estimated

\$22 million building is being provided by the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission [GSFIC], an agency of the Georgia state government devoted to the protection and enhancement of local school infrastructure.

To see how the finished product will look, students can view a picture located outside the construction site between the West Deck and the back entrance of the library, or log on to <http://www.fgtoolbox.com/GSFIC/asp/ReportsProject.asp>.

POLICE BEAT

Chauntrell Lofton
Senior columnist

Toilet paper, spaghetti sauce, mushrooms, chocolate chips and a black sock were left on a student's car in the North Parking Lot at University Place. The complainant called the police to file a complaint, because she was afraid the spaghetti sauce would damage the paint on her car. The police took pictures of the vehicle, and filed a complaint.

Damage to property is on the rise at KSU. A student returned to his vehicle, which was parked in the parking lot at University Place, finding that someone tried to gain entry into his 2005 Ford F-150. The keyless entry pad and keyhole were damaged, so the complainant

was unable to gain entry into his vehicle. The police filed a report. The student is responsible for the cost of repairing the locks and keyless entry pad on his vehicle.

Two computers were reported missing from a classroom in the English building. Staff returned to the classroom to find the computers were missing, but the peripherals were still attached to the table and outlets. The responding officer checked with the ITS lab on the computers' status, and was advised the office had been moving computers in that particular building, but they could not confirm if those particular computers were included in the move. The officers advised them to verify whether the computers were indeed relocated.

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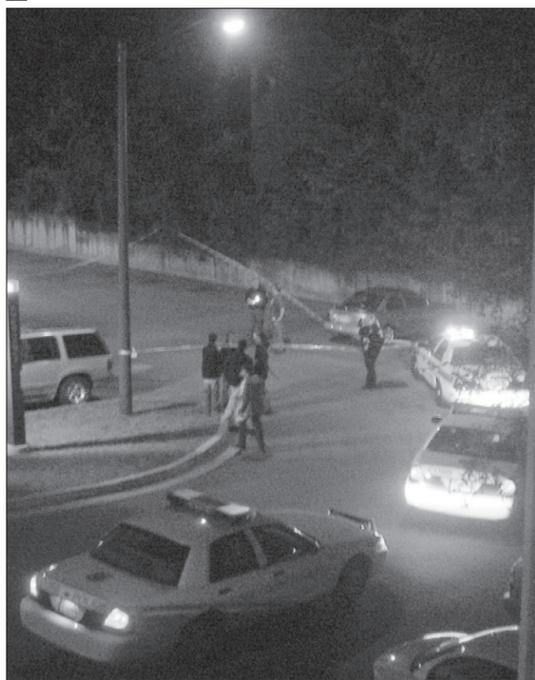


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Problems with KSU housing

Somewhere in Kennesaw or its surrounding areas lives a happy little man [or woman] who, through nepotism or some other illegal method, has a monopoly on the housing at KSU. There must be. Otherwise, how in the hell can they charge \$415/month [without Internet] to live in KSU Place, or what is commonly referred to as 'New Jack City'?

I don't know about the other places to live on campus, except that 'New Jack City' is supposedly the cheapest place to live. The Village and University Place are all more expensive and rightfully so. These criminals can charge students exorbitant amounts of money to live in a place that has had more problems than anywhere else on campus. The 'powers that be' in housing know what they're doing.

For example, if you are a student that is new to the area with no one to rent an apartment off campus with, what other choice is there but to live here and pay these ridiculous prices?

The first problem that needs to be addressed is 'New Jack City' itself. [KSU Place got this nickname around the end of last Spring semester when someone was shot in the parking lot]. Students who live in these old apartments have not only complained about feeling unsafe, but also mold problems, drug and alcohol abuse by neighbors and the high prices they must pay. While the newer, nicer dorms on campus allow students to live like kings, 'New Jack City' seems sadly looked over.

With the exorbitant prices one must pay to live there, one would think the university was doing everything they can

to bring these slums into the 21st century. Not so. Many a student who has raised complaints with housing is finding them falling on deaf ears.

Bathrooms grow mysterious mold, the apartments are not cleaned from the semester before, the basketball court looks like the one from 'White Men Can't Jump,' and the list goes on. KSU students have the right to live in a safe and healthy environment. If



we wanted to live on the set of 'Boyz N the Hood' we would move next to Turner Field.

The university usually does its very best to ensure the comfort of its students while creating a safe learning environment. They have built two new parking decks, beautiful new housing and even a great new gym.

Why has the administration looked over "New Jack City?" It seems as if it's becoming KSU's dirty little secret no one talks about in polite conversation.

Betty Seigel gladly spent the night in one of the new dorms a semester or two ago, but when was the last time she volunteered to stay in 'New Jack City?' One cannot blame her for not doing so.

The students who must live in 'New Jack City' are not asking for the world. They simply would like a cleaner, safer environment to live in while they enjoy their time at KSU. With the high cost of living, is this really too much to ask?

VIEWPOINTS

U.S. military is not always on target

Anti-American sentiment in Pakistan elevates

Michael Miracle
Columnist

Our military received information that top al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri was to be at a dinner in the Pakistani tribal village of Damadola. Being that we are involved in an invariable 'search-and-destroy' mission for terrorists, the military saw a prime opportunity to implement the latter part of this mission.

They decided to crash the event by way of dumping missiles in the vicinity of the dinner party in hopes of killing this highly ranked operative.

There were a few problems, however, largely because the military decided to forgo telling this information, both the dining operative and the bombing, to the country they were about to blast a hole into.

Oh...and the fact that this operative did not actually show up. What follows is a ridiculously hypothetical letter of apology to the Pakistani people and government:

"Oops! Sorry Pakistan! We

messed up! We accidentally killed some innocent people! Your people! Sorry! But what could we do? They were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time!

Next time, which there will be, [these things, of course, referring to the killing of civilians], perhaps you should learn your citizens to travel not with those we are trying to kill. And since there is nothing you or I or anyone can do about it [because, hey, it was an accident], we do sincerely and woefully apologize...but we cannot promise it will not happen again.

Apologetically yours,
US Military Intelligence"

This letter is obviously not authentic, but it illustrates the sheer lack of respect and overall contemptuous nature our government holds when dealing with foreign militants.

Although this letter is not real, it does reflect the basic thoughts of those in the government when an 'accident' like this one in Pakistan occurs.

Case in point: Upon hearing

this debacle, Senate Intelligence Committee member Evan Bayh replied, "It's a regrettable situation, but what are we supposed to do?" What are we supposed to do?

Perhaps a warning to the Pakistani government before dumping mass amounts of carnal destruction into their homeland. A mere "heads-up guys, watch out for the bunker buster we're about to throw at your country!" could be something that may have been done. Indeed, it is something that was supposed to be, and should have been, done.

Instead, our military bypassed any and all foresight of unnecessary bloodshed to kill a man who may or may not be where he is thought to be. And as the past has shown us, it is not always a wise bet to rely on our military intelligence, which has proved to carry less weight than the fifth man on a four man wrecking crew.

Sometimes it feels as if our government is so blinded by their hubris that anyone other

then themselves appear either insignificant or downright deplorable to even think about extending, for lack of a better term, 'courtesy.' It is comforting to entertain the idea that our government has our best interest at heart, and that their primary objective is the protection of its citizens. But at what price must innocent people pay for our safety?

If Pakistan is an ally in this 'war on terror,' as our government is leading us to believe, then this action would have never happened.

As it was, this deadly mishap will not only cause a severe tidal wave of anti-American sentiment from this country [as it already has with tens of thousands of Pakistani citizens protesting and chanting "Death to America"], it will do nothing to sway the foreign Muslim nations who have already been weary of American policy...apparently with good reason.



Stolen in the middle of the night

The shocking true story of Jackson Bortz's kidnapping

Derek Foster
Columnist

Imagine, if you will, that you are an upstanding citizen and proud parent of two young boys. The youngest of these boys, a toddler, one day falls from a highchair, hits his head and dies of brain damage.

DFCS [Division of Family and Children Services, a branch of the Ga. government which investigates child abuse and finds foster homes for abused or neglected children] puts you under investigation for child abuse, while placing your other child in the care of your parents, with the stipulation that you are only allowed to visit your child within a specific time frame.

Yet, DFCS does not inform you of this stipulation, which you unintentionally transgress by residing at your parents' house during the investigation. Although you were never informed of the stipulation, DFCS sends an officer to your house in the middle of the night to take away your only remaining son, leaving you with no information as to his whereabouts.

If you can picture this, you will understand what has recently befallen the Bortz family. Jackson

Bortz was taken from his grandparents' home by an officer in the middle of the night without leaving either Jackson's parents, nor his grandparents [the caretakers of Jackson during the investigation] any information as to where the boy was taken or how to contact him.

Though neither of Jackson's parents have any history of child abuse, and are also well-reputed in their community, they were forced to give up their child to the hands of the government for violating a stipulation which they were never aware of.

The mother of Jackson made repeated calls to DFCS, trying to find out why she was never told of this stipulation and how her and her husband could locate their son. DFCS denied the accusation and refused to let the parents know where their son was or to give them any information to contact his caretakers.

The Bortz family was merely left in a frantic state of panic in trying to find out any information about their son's whereabouts. And though a judge has granted

the Bortz family 'unlimited visitation rights' to see their son, DFCS is not legally obligated to grant the Bortz family a meeting with their son whenever the parents wish, but only when DFCS sees fit to give them the opportunity.

Essentially, DFCS has full custody of Jackson and is determining his entire living situation. The only information the Bortz family has been able to obtain from DFCS is that Jackson is currently suffering from a fever.

If the Bortz family had a history of domestic violence or any kind of abuse, one could understand how DFCS could suspect that abuse might have been the cause of death for the youngest Bortz child, thus justifying taking Jackson away from his parents. Yet this family has no such history. They are law-abiding citizens, a home-schooling family and very reputable in their community. But their son has been snatched out of their hands by a clumsy, far too powerful government agency that seems to have a precedent for being ambiguous

and unhelpful to parents.

One need only listen to the phone conversations between the mother of Jackson and workers at DFCS to understand just how unhelpful the agency really is. Once can do so at <http://savejackson-bortz.blogspot.com/>.

The problem is really more pervasive than what is demonstrated by this single case. Rather than DFCS admitting their mistakes, they deny any fault and will likely try to prosecute the Bortz family in court by means of fallacious evidence and clever sophistry.

The Bortz family will likely win the case, receiving their son back, in spite of DFCS' attempts to prosecute them. But this particular instance is indicative of a much broader problem than only one family. It indicates that our state government has gotten lazy and given too much authority to those who do not know how to wield it.

Call up your state representatives and petition to limit the power of DFCS to prevent this sort of catastrophe from befalling other families who are suffering under the persecution of a sloppy government.

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How not to be a team player

Group work dragging down student's grades



Jason Nimer
Viewpoints editor

"Time is but a door, death is but a window; I shall return!"

Now that everyone has undoubtedly been to all of their new classes at least once [if not, shame on you], students know pretty much what will be expected of them in the months to come. Some even make lists of just how many papers and projects they will need to complete for each class.

Everyone is going to have to put forth some effort, but certain activities are more tolerable than others. No one minds the day-to-day stuff, it's the projects that trip most of up. Individual projects are something most of us can handle, but nothing makes a student's skin crawl like the two words "group project."

To an outside observer, a group project might seem like a fun way to get to know your classmates while working toward a common end. In Fairyland and the world of make-believe, this might be true. In reality, group projects usually turn into disasters; train-wrecks of hurt feelings and bad grades.

Imagine you are put into a group with three people you don't know. Everything seems fine, right? There is no reason that four well-educated college students cannot put together a research paper in a month. Again, KSU is not Fairyland. Any number things can, and almost assuredly will, go wrong. Either one or all of the people you are paired with drop the class or disappear. People bluntly refuse to meet after class to discuss the project. Or, worst of all, someone shows up on the due date empty-handed and, with a sheepish grin, asks if you can help carry them through your presentation. Chances are, if you have ever done a group project, you can immediately identify with some or all of these events.

"Nothing makes a student's skin crawl like the two words 'group project'."

High school is the perfect place for educators to get the "group work syndrome" out of their systems. It simply doesn't fly at the college level. If one looks past the annoyance factor or even the grade factor, this, like most things in the world, comes down to money. Those people in your group who cause your grade to suffer, just how much of your tuition did they pay? Not a cent? So then why are they suddenly just as responsible for your grade as you are? It doesn't seem like good business to stray away from personal responsibility, and group work is just about as far away from that concept as one can get.

College, for most of us, is a time of self-discovery. As young adults, college students are learning their abilities and shortcomings. With group work, we are learning the abilities of some idiot in a filthy baseball cap. Colleges across America are doing their students a disservice by assigning group work with no end in sight. Pray for your grades.

Supreme Court nominations: a matter of life or death?

Chief Justice Roberts gives us a reason to pay attention to Alito's confirmation process

Dominic DiCecco
Columnist

Freshly confirmed Chief Justice John Roberts has given Americans that much more reason to take the ongoing confirmation process of Judge Samuel Alito very seriously. In a 6-3 vote, the Supreme Court allowed an Oregon law that permits physician-assisted suicide on certain patients to stand. However, Roberts dissented alongside Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia, arguably the two most conservative Justices on the Court. This may very well be an early indicator of where the Supreme Court is headed and it is definitely a reminder that a confirmation process with a lifetime appointment at stake is something to be taken seriously by all Americans.

The mainstream image that was given to the Senate judiciary committee that oversaw Roberts' confirmation, as well as the American public who watched, now seems a little questionable. Roberts sold himself as a mainstream judge and not an ideological zealot. It is because of this that the Senate Democrats chose not to filibuster Roberts' nomination and proceeded to confirm him to the position of Chief Justice. If certain members of the Senate would have known he would be keeping company

"This could very well be the most important Supreme Court nomination for decades to come."

with two of the Court's far-right leaning Justices right off the bat, especially in a case where they would be the only three dissenting. I am not so sure he would have had such a smooth ride towards confirmation.

The images that judges present to the Senate during the confirmation process should be something that is scrutinized very carefully and cautiously. We've caught a glimpse of where this newly configured Supreme Court might be headed, and with a confirmation of Alito, it might be taking the fast lane to get

there. Confirmation hearings might be painful to watch, but one must remember that a lifetime appointment is at stake here. Judges that are confirmed to the highest court of the land will spend decades deciding cases that could potentially affect our lives.

The mainstream image that Alito is presenting is eerily similar to the image Roberts successfully put forth. The scary thing is while Roberts might have been appointed to Chief Justice, he was still replacing a like-minded conservative on the bench. If confirmed, Alito would be replacing Sandra Day O'Connor, a moderate Justice. The replacement of the moderate O'Connor with someone not so moderate would definitely have a significant impact on



Dominic DiCecco
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the Court. The Senate was right to ask Alito tough questions; this could very well be the most important Supreme Court nomination for decades to come.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

Student Government is not run "like a dictatorship." Every student enrolled in KSU had the opportunity to vote in the Student Government elections.

Our resolutions do not and will not go through the entire student body just as the President of the United States and Congress don't ask each individual American to vote on issues. That is a constitutional democratic republic. Students elect people to represent them and when we vote we are representing the student body.

A vote was mentioned that passed to increase the Vice President's stipend. Executives and Senators in student government receive a stipend. They are performing a job—they are working for the students to better their experience at KSU. We also voted on another stipend increase, but the letter in question failed to mention that. If a little more research was done, it would be evident that most

organizations' executive members receive compensation.

Our members work very hard behind the scenes and spend countless hours trying to better the experience at this wonderful university.

If someone is interested in Student Government, they should make an effort to familiarize themselves with politics and attend our meetings. Meetings are open to the public and we are here to answer questions.

Sincerely,

Leah M. Malone
President- KSU Graduate Student Association
Secretary- Student Services Committee- Student Government
Graduate Student, MAcc, Spring 2007

Dear editor,

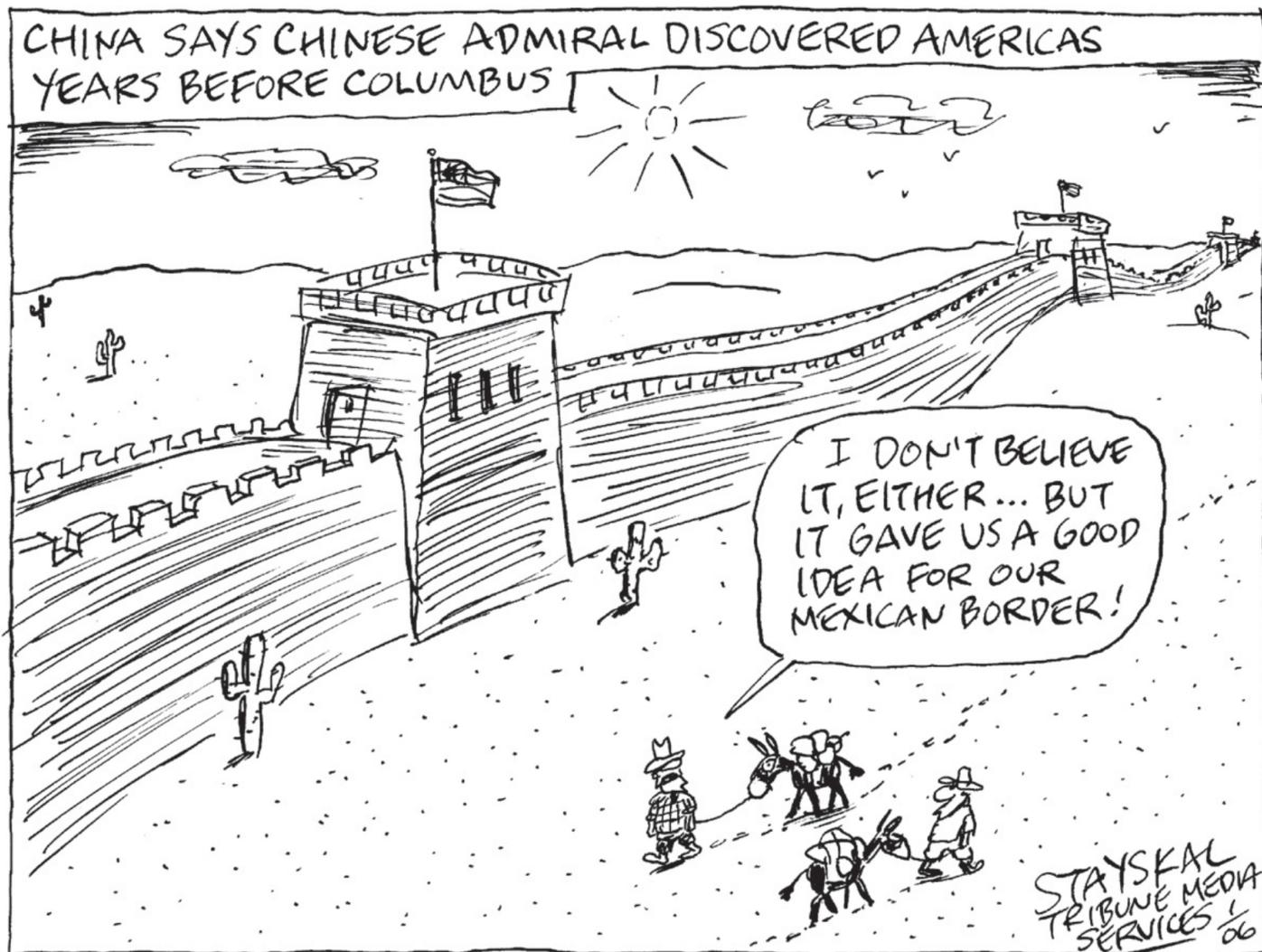
I earned my second degree from KSU in 1986. As one of the first Computer Science majors, I had to wait 2 years to take just one senior-level class before I could graduate. There were so many CS majors who started 2-3 years after me, and the department was so strapped for faculty, students and resources, that every quarter, the students voted on which upper level class would be offered the next quarter.

I felt like Sheriff Andy

Taylor waiting for Deputy Barney Fife to put the bullet into the gun. I'd vote for any class I hadn't yet taken [and often had to lobby just to get such a class offered on the ballot] and everyone else would vote for the [usually required] other class on the ballot--inevitably a class I had already taken.

Somehow, we all got what we needed in the end, even if it did seem like we'd never get to graduate.

Michael Martinez
Alumnus



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CAMPUS LIFE

• From page 1

Chinese art exhibit comes to campus Students experience the work of Chen Zhen with new gallery

Many significant people were in attendance, including Joseph Meeks, Dean of the College of Arts.

"This is an extraordinary exhibition. I think it represents the best that we do in the college of arts as well as our commitment to international education," Meeks said.

"The turnout exceeded our expectations. It was so great to see how many international students were there," said Roberta Griffin, Director of Galleries and Associate Professor of Art.

Zhen lived the last 20 years of his life in Paris and died in 2000. He was internationally renowned for his art works that linked Eastern sensibility with Western contemporary aesthetics. His works are satires with political, economic, and cultural overtones or meditations on the boundary between matter and spirit.

"We have the chance to look at Chen Zhen's work in the most intimate relationship possible. Having these two very difficult pieces, both of which show a very difficult aspect of Chen Zhen's thoughts and experience," said Chen Ming, project director and best friend of Chen Zhen.

After being diagnosed with autoimmune hemolytic anemia, with a forecast of death in five years, Zhen resided with Tibetan monks in a spiritually healing environment for three months. That experience, and his involvement in "The Quiet in the Land: Everyday Life, Contemporary Art and the Shakers" (a project in which several artists lived with one of the only surviving Shaker communities) birthed Chen Zhen's last and arguably most beautiful art works.

The Sturgis Art Gallery's current exhibition features two main pieces of art from Zhen, "The Opening of a Closed Center," and "Zen Garden." Each piece is beautiful in their own light. "The Opening of a Closed Center" is a simplistic piece of art that "connects Shaker and Taoist beliefs

about the sacred origins of human activity" according to the gallery brochure.

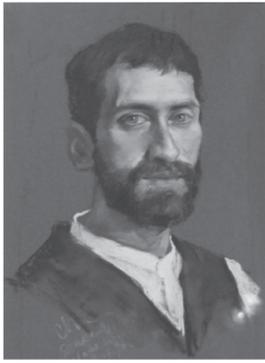
"I would say it's taking things we find in our everyday life and mixing these things to get structures. He's trying to get us to see those things in a different light. It's definitely different," said theater major John Tucker, senior.

The artwork consists of a Shaker-style chair and Chinese alter suspended in mid-air surrounded by delicate wooden screens. On the alter lies an assortment of pots used for everyday purposes, its meaning undefined, thus connecting us to Zhen's theory of "metaphysical connections to the transcendent," or "having your own experience through someone else's [experience]," said Lorenzo Fiaschi, one of many speakers Wednesday night. He is the director of Galleria Continua, in Gimignano, Italy and Beijing, China. He was also curator of several exhibitions during the last years of Chen Zhen's life, speaks on behalf of the exhibit.

"There are very few universities that try to bring in international shows to expose you to cultures of the world. This is special indeed. I hope you will take a look and try to understand what the artist is talking about," Dr. Griffin said.

People have asked Chen Zhen how he associates his Chinese way of thinking, expressed through his art, to the Western world.

"People in the West are very good at giving everything a definition. I find it difficult to classify my work within this logic. Its not the form of assemblage, a collage or an instillation that interests me, so much as what it is that I'm going to assemble, stick together or install," said Zhen in an interview prior to his death.



Chen Zhen's diverse artwork can be found on display on the bottom floor of the Sturgis Library until Mar. 3.

Along the walls of the gallery lies "My Diary in Shaker Village," an arrangement of paintings and drawings paired with meditative writings about Chen Zhen's relationships with the Shakers. It describes the way they lived, and its bond to his own life.

"I wanted to come here and just check out what the artist was all about. My initial reaction was 'different,'" said political science major Ian Weise, sophomore.

In an adjacent room is "Zen Garden." The room is dimly lit so onlookers can feel the warm glow of this elaborate centerpiece of art. In the middle of "Zen Garden" is glowing alabaster representing internal appendages and comparing Western medicinal ways of healing to Eastern spiritual ways.

"Zen Garden" is a place of meditation," said Fiaschi.

The creation is a combination of alabaster organs, wood, sand and stone with viewing holes in which viewers can become apart of Zhen's "metaphysical connections to the transcendent." The gallery seeks to act as a bridge between past and present, looking for connections.

Zhen had his own unique philosophies and techniques when it came his work. He re-



fused to sit down or work on a piece for more than two hours, and he never painted from photographs.

The College of the Arts presents the exhibition, Merging East and West: Chen Zhen's Cross-Cultural Installations, in the Sturgis Library Gallery. The exhibition lasts from Jan. 18 to Mar. 3. Admission is free.

New way to work out on campus Circuits prove to be popular in the student recreation center

Chance Harn
Staff writer

The Student Recreational and Wellness Center has a wide variety of options for students looking to work out. There are a variety of weights that students can use to tone the body, and different machines for cardiovascular exercises that help to shed those unwanted pounds. Another alternative is to use a circuit workout in room 135 of the building, which encompasses all of these options. This workout is designed to give a cardiovascular workout while using weights.

"A person can get a good cardiovascular workout and tone

their body at the same time," said Donald Brookshire, Recreation Facility Program Coordinator, who started the circuit workout program on campus. "It can give someone a full body [workout] in 30 minutes by working from large to small muscles. A student should work as hard as they can. Work with a full range of motion without stopping."

The program is designed in 15 stages, with each stage comprising of a different type of exercise. Each station is has helpful information showing which muscles are being used in the exercise. There is also a station guide on a wall.

"There is always a student su-

pervisor, not a personal trainer, on duty," said Brookshire. "They know how to work the machines properly."

When a student starts on the first station, a CD is played in the background. The CD plays for 45 seconds while the workout is in progress, then stops. This is a cue to that the student needs to move on to the next station. The student has 15 seconds to get to the next station and set the weight. This process continues throughout all the stations. Students most go through the circuit twice to get a 30-minute workout.

After a student signs in and shows their student I.D., they can

start on station one, which is the recumbent bike.

"The recumbent bike works your large muscle groups to start the blood flowing and get prepared for the task at hand," said Brookshire.

Included among the rest of the exercise stages are lateral pulls, vertical presses, and triceps extensions.

Besides students, alumni, faculty and staff can use the circuit workout as well.

If you have any questions about the circuit workout, you can call Donald Brookshire at (678) 797-2133, or contact him via e-mail at dbrooks@kennesaw.edu.



Courtesy of Wellness Center

Aussie goes to the park Parks in the U.S. vs. parks Down Under

Over the course of the last two years or so, I've begun to feel intimately connected

Living in the theme park cornucopia that is the US therefore an eye-opening experience.

Atlanta has two large theme parks that I'm aware of - Whitewater and Six Flags - and there may be others that I am missing. Even a fairly dodgy little town like Valdosta has Wild Adventures [it's hot there in Aug., just so you know]. In Georgia alone there are three



Down Under
By Adam Stevens

In Australia, there are a grand total of three - yes, three - theme parks, and these three parks are condensed into a tiny pocket of the Gold Coast in Queensland, so that they are no more than about a half hours' drive from each other. Of course, if you don't live around there it takes forever to get to them. On my last visit to Queensland, about eight years ago, it took all of four days to drive there. My parents were quite keen to show Dreamworld to us, I suppose. I could add Melbourne's Luna Park to the list to make it four theme parks, but I think it would be stretching the definition a bit to call it a theme park.

large theme parks, and probably others I've forgotten about. I've been able to visit all three, and with those experiences has come a newfound appreciation for rollercoasters - something that I had been unable to savor due to my theme park naïveté in Australia.

Of course, there is the big mama of theme parks to consider - Disneyworld. I've had the privilege of visiting this place three times in the space of my 21 months here, thanks to my adopted family's pre-occupation with the place. The place is so massive that we spent a week and a half there over Christmas and still didn't do or see everything there. Granted, we spent a lot

of time sitting in bars sipping expensive cocktails rather than pounding the pavement, but in a place like Disney one needs a rest from the daunting crowds. It's not a place for those who like solitude. Of course, with theme parks there comes the inevitable expenditure. Just spending the day at a place like Six Flags seems to be equivalent to half a paycheck for poor bastards like myself. I suppose once one is stuck inside the park, the sharks in management feel it behooves them to jack up prices for mediocre food and beverages as much as possible. I have to say that it is a disappointing experience to pick up a tummy ache from a crap \$10 hamburger, but those are the risks one takes in the average theme park.

Disney is the ultimate in high-end theme park-going. Even though I had a room and park tickets and even food paid for over the duration of our Christmas trip, I still ended up spending a good \$300. I hardly care to imagine how much it would have cost all together. One day it'll be me paying that bill, and it's not going to be pretty.

The Americanization of Adam will continue...

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ARTS

What: Winter Storytelling Festival Annual, presented by the College of the Arts and the department of theatre and performance studies
When: Jan. 27-29
Where: KSU Center
Cost: Free

What: Annual KSU Art Faculty Exhibition
When: Jan. 26-Mar. 2
There will be a reception from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 26

Where: Fine Arts Gallery, Joe Mack Wilson Building
Cost: Free

What: Mozart in Music and Letters
When: Jan. 29
Where: 3 p.m. Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Joe Mack Building
Cost: Free

MUSIC

What: Premiere Series: Monica Mancini, vocalist.
When: Feb. 4, 8 p.m.
Where: Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, Joe Mack Wilson Building
Cost: \$40

HEALTH

What: Smoking Cessation Class
When: Tues., Jan. 31, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Where: Student Rec and Wellness Center, Rm 130
Cost: Free

What: Lunch-n-Learn: How to prepare a heart-healthy dinner for two
When: Tues., Feb. 7, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Where: Student Center, University Rooms CDE
Cost: Free lunch for the first 30 students that register by calling 770-423-6394



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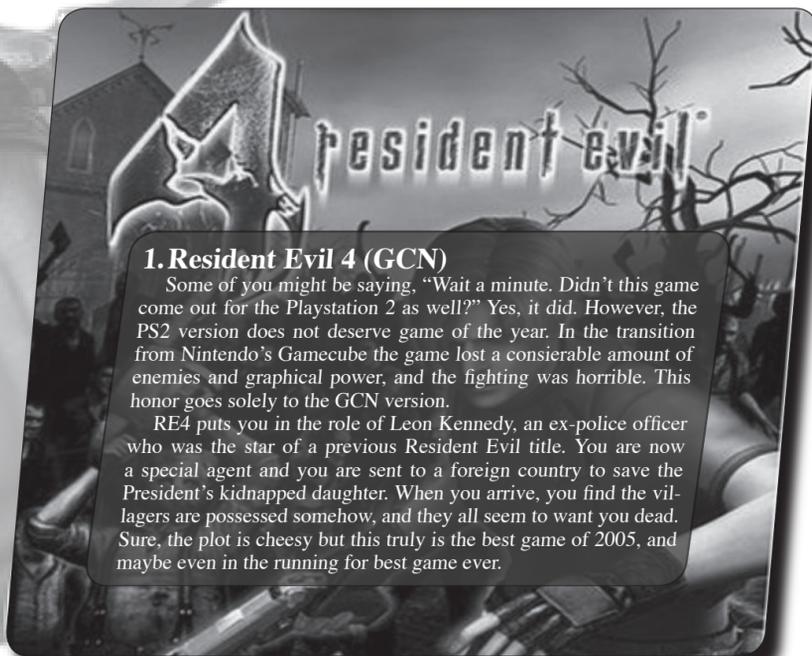
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Top games of 2005

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Viewpoints editor

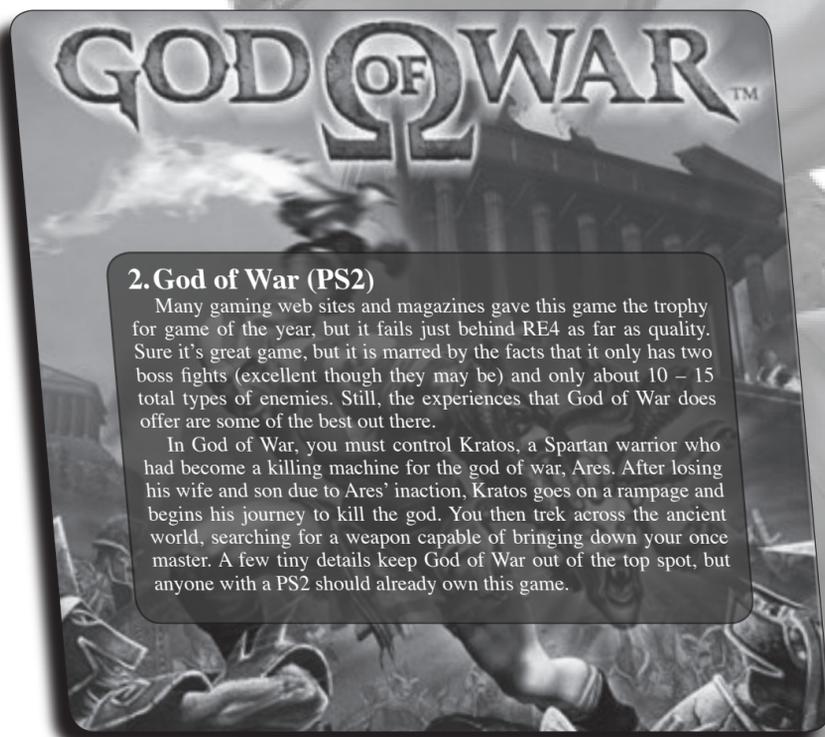
2005 was a great year for gamers. We saw the release of two brand new systems, the PSP and the Xbox 360, and more new games than you could shake a stick at. Gamers were virtually forced to purchase every available system to play all the triple A titles released in 2005. Which among these games stood taller than the pack? Let's take a look at the top three that really made this past year one of the best in video game history.



1. Resident Evil 4 (GCN)

Some of you might be saying, "Wait a minute. Didn't this game come out for the Playstation 2 as well?" Yes, it did. However, the PS2 version does not deserve game of the year. In the transition from Nintendo's Gamecube the game lost a considerable amount of enemies and graphical power, and the fighting was horrible. This honor goes solely to the GCN version.

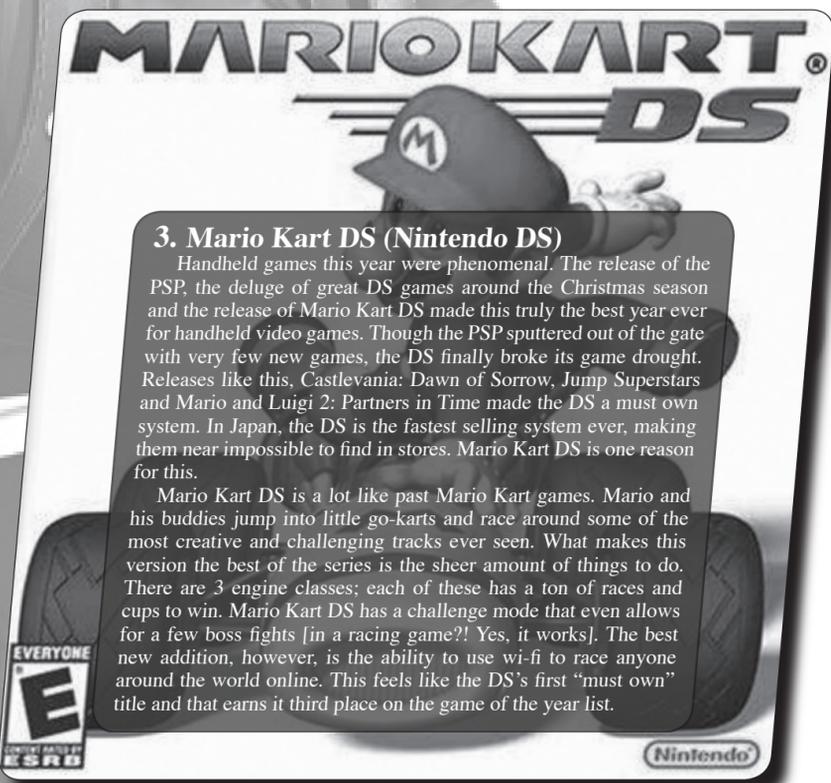
RE4 puts you in the role of Leon Kennedy, an ex-police officer who was the star of a previous Resident Evil title. You are now a special agent and you are sent to a foreign country to save the President's kidnapped daughter. When you arrive, you find the villagers are possessed somehow, and they all seem to want you dead. Sure, the plot is cheesy but this truly is the best game of 2005, and maybe even in the running for best game ever.



2. God of War (PS2)

Many gaming web sites and magazines gave this game the trophy for game of the year, but it fails just behind RE4 as far as quality. Sure it's great game, but it is marred by the facts that it only has two boss fights (excellent though they may be) and only about 10 - 15 total types of enemies. Still, the experiences that God of War does offer are some of the best out there.

In God of War, you must control Kratos, a Spartan warrior who had become a killing machine for the god of war, Ares. After losing his wife and son due to Ares' inaction, Kratos goes on a rampage and begins his journey to kill the god. You then trek across the ancient world, searching for a weapon capable of bringing down your once master. A few tiny details keep God of War out of the top spot, but anyone with a PS2 should already own this game.



3. Mario Kart DS (Nintendo DS)

Handheld games this year were phenomenal. The release of the PSP, the deluge of great DS games around the Christmas season and the release of Mario Kart DS made this truly the best year ever for handheld video games. Though the PSP sputtered out of the gate with very few new games, the DS finally broke its game drought. Releases like this, Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow, Jump Superstars and Mario and Luigi 2: Partners in Time made the DS a must own system. In Japan, the DS is the fastest selling system ever, making them near impossible to find in stores. Mario Kart DS is one reason for this.

Mario Kart DS is a lot like past Mario Kart games. Mario and his buddies jump into little go-karts and race around some of the most creative and challenging tracks ever seen. What makes this version the best of the series is the sheer amount of things to do. There are 3 engine classes; each of these has a ton of races and cups to win. Mario Kart DS has a challenge mode that even allows for a few boss fights [in a racing game?! Yes, it works]. The best new addition, however, is the ability to use wi-fi to race anyone around the world online. This feels like the DS's first "must own" title and that earns it third place on the game of the year list.

So that's it, the top three games of 2005. Though many other games could have made the list, these were simply the best out there. Games like Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories, Shadow of the Colossus, Perfect Dark Zero and King Kong were all excellent as well. With any luck, the coming year will be just as good, if not better than 2005. We have a lot to look forward to; the Nintendo Revolution, the PS3, an end to PSP's game drought [here's hoping], the American release of Final Fantasy: Advent Children, the list goes on and on. It really is a great time to love video games.

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Horoscopes

Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday [01-25-06]

You work well with groups, especially this year. Together, you can make amazing breakthroughs. You are the brains behind the operation.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries [March 21-April 19]

Today is an 8. Sometimes it is hard to see where reality ends and fantasy begins. On the other hand, who cares? Push ahead, as far as you can go. The odds are in your favor.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 6. Important people are watching, and they think you are looking good. Do not try to impress them, just do the best job you can.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is an 8. It's okay to admit that you can not do it all by yourself. Let somebody else do the part that is easier for them.

Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 6. Do not be afraid of trying something you have never done before. The odds are in your favor. You have natural talent.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]

Today is an 8. You are lucky now, and it seems like you are getting pretty good advice. Go ahead and make a choice that you will be happy to live with.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]

Today is a 6. Frustrations at home have you wondering if it is time to make a big change. That is one option, but a renewal or renovation is also indicated.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]

Today is an 8. You are a student and a teacher naturally, all the time. Continue to collect information, so you will have the answers when asked.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is a 5. It is a good time to ask for a bonus, a raise or money somebody owes you. You might even get a surprise or find a few bucks under the couch cushions.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]

Today is an 8. You are intent on finding the truth and this is a good thing. Dig through the stacks of data and clues, and you will.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]

Today is a 6. Keep digging around in your closets and attic. There is something important you have saved and forgotten about.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]

Today is an 8. A friend comes up with a completely outrageous suggestion. Do not laugh; the odds are good that this will actually work.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]

Today is a 6. The lid is about to blast right off. You will find you can climb higher than you ever imagined. And, it will be fun.



ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC

What: Atlanta Garden and Patio Show
When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 2 and 5; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 3-4, 2006
Where: Cobb Galleria Center
Cost: \$10 for adults; \$3 for ages 6-12, free for ages 5 and younger. Free parking.
Info: 770-849-5555

What: Figure Skating: Eastern Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships
When: Competition 9:30 a.m. Jan. 27; 10:30 a.m. Jan. 28; Practice 8 a.m. Jan. 26; 6:30 a.m. Jan. 27; 5:30 a.m. Jan. 28
Where: Gwinnett Arena
Cost: \$5-\$10; \$20 three-day pass; tickets good for rehearsals and competition.

What: Southeastern Flower Show
When: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 8-11; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 12
Where: Georgia World Congress Center
Cost: \$18 for tickets; \$15 in advance; \$6 grades 1-8; \$35 all-access pass

What: Honda Battle of the Bands
When: Sat., Jan. 28; 3pm
Where: Georgia Dome
Cost: \$10
Info: 404-223-4636

What: George Jones
When: Fri., Jan. 27, 8pm
Where: Macon City Auditorium
Cost: \$30-40
Info: 478-751-9250

What: Staind
When: Thurs., Feb. 9th, 8pm
Where: The Tabernacle
Cost: \$30
Info: 404-659-9022

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Tara O'Shea

Quirky director does a 180

“Match Point” is not your typical Allen film

Dustin Jacobs
Staff writer

He has taken a turn into the realm of the thriller. Director/Writer/Actor/Comedian Woody Allen is known for an often nerdy depiction of himself in the films he has directed. On occasion, however, Allen stays behind the camera.

In “Match Point,” Allen’s usual love-sick protagonist is Chris Wilton [Jonathan Rhys-Meyers], a former tennis pro who now gives lessons to the wealthy at a London country club.

While giving lessons, Chris meets Tom Hewitt [Matthew Goode], the son of a wealthy businessman. After both realize their mutual love for the opera, Tom introduces Chris to the rest of the Hewitt family, most importantly to his sister Chloe [Emily Mortimer]. Chloe falls for Chris, and the two eventually wed.

However Chris is looking for something else. He builds a dangerous obsession. Ultimately a love affair ensues with Tom’s fiancée, Nola Rice, played by the beautiful Scarlett Johansson.

The lovable nerdy type has been replaced by a fledgling former tennis pro, who has a heavy case of tunnel vision.

Chris can see only one goal: to end his melancholy and routine relationship with his wife Chloe, and take off with the more sensual and exciting Nola.

Nola and Chris, though raised on different continents, have the same background. They were not born into wealth, and have had to work for everything they have received.

Unfortunately, their careers in tennis and acting have not come through as expected. Dealing with the power of wealth eventually consumes the relationship, with tragic results.

Allen has put the comedy to rest for a moment, and has shifted to a ‘Hitchcockian’ style of storytelling. If Allen’s name were not in the credits, viewers would never guess that he had anything to do with this film.

Even more surprising is the fact that Allen went to Great Britain to shoot the film; he primarily shoots in New York City where he resides. Allen has gone against the grain in a big way. He took a risk with this film, and it has paid off in a big way.

The operatic feel is a terrific touch, considering the tragedy that ensues. The film has plenty of relationship questions answered. However with every answer comes more questions. Human relationships, and ultimately the human condition, are what is being weighed out in this movie.

The film centers on Chris’s belief that the universe and everything in it revolves around

blind luck. He has transcended this belief from the tennis court into the real world. Sometimes the ball hits the top of the net, and either way it bounces depends on luck. It can be equated to life, and may indeed be the same belief of the film’s director.

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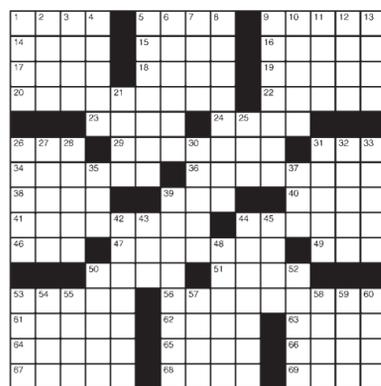
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 - 15 Musical Porter
 - 16 Dressed for the court
 - 17 Bartok or Lugosi
 - 18 Church part
 - 19 Lined
 - 20 Removed
 - 22 Foe
 - 23 Buffalo's lake
 - 24 Promising clue
 - 25 Advanced deg.
 - 29 Less punctual
 - 31 State north of Nev.
 - 34 Badger
 - 36 Unilateral
 - 38 Landed
 - 39 Marsh
 - 40 Act as banker
 - 41 Icier, weatherwise
 - 44 Type of monkey?
 - 46 Two before U
 - 47 Correction mark
 - 49 Set the pace
 - 50 Tarot user
 - 51 Use for a fee
 - 53 Confess
 - 56 Gave up
 - 61 Drunkard
 - 62 ___ tide
 - 63 Small coin
 - 64 ___ of roses
 - 65 Garishly bright
 - 66 Summit
 - 67 Pares dishes
 - 68 In ___ (in actual being)
 - 69 Calendar confines
- DOWN**
- 1 Service station job?
 - 2 Summit
 - 3 Firm fastener
 - 4 Trap
 - 5 Spiny trees
 - 6 Whirlybird
 - 7 Do it or ___
 - 8 Young plant
 - 9 Overdue debts
 - 10 Tied up
 - 11 Having sufficient skill
 - 12 Abound
 - 13 Small whirlpool
 - 21 Word with black or line
 - 25 Wide shoe width
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 - 55 Tone down
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Level: Tough

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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SPORTS

Hockey team sweeps tournament

Ice Owls take over first place in ACHA D-III standings



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The Ice Owls outscored their opponents 19-5, sweeping the Gulf Coast Clash Tournament and taking the No. 1 ranking in the ACHA D-III away from tournament host Florida Gulf Coast University.

Rick Winters
Sports editor

The KSU hockey team traveled to Estero, Fla. on Jan. 13 to compete in the Gulf Coast Clash at Germain Arena. The Ice Owls left home ranked No. 2 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association D-III, trailing Florida Gulf Coast University despite beating them earlier in the season 4-1. The Ice Owls would have another chance to get the No. 1 ranking in the second game of the tournament, when they would play FGCU again, but first they would have to take on Central Florida.

KSU made quick work of Central Florida, coasting to a 5-1 victory. Jim Barry led the team with three goals and Rod Johnson and Ricky Lirrett scored a goal apiece. The Ice Owl showed their dominance, out shooting Central Florida 48-19.

Game two was the much-anticipated rematch against the top two teams in the division. FGCU jumped to an early 2-0 lead, but Lirrett and Tony Lopez both scored on

power plays in the second period to tie the game. In the third period both teams' defenses stiffened up, forcing the game into overtime. Davis Gardner scored with a quick wrist shot from the slot, giving the Ice Owls a 3-2 victory and FGCU its first loss at home in two years.

"The team showed great heart and desire against a very tough FGCU squad," said Head Coach Matt Hogan after the game.

While the victory was big for the Ice Owls, the tournament was not finished. In the third and final game, KSU dominated Florida Atlantic University, winning 11-2.

The Ice Owls scored three goals in the first period, six in the second and added two more in the third. Lopez lead the team in scoring with three goals. Captain Steven Baxter and Lirrett scored two goals apiece and Gardner and Ryan Howe each scored one goal.

KSU swept the tournament, taking home the "Clash" trophy and the No. 1 ranking.

"We are a true team and played a very physical game though out the tournament," said Baxter. "We look forward to the ACHA D-III Nationals in March."

ACHA D-III National Rankings

Rank	Team	Points
1	Kennesaw State	11
2	Fla. Gulf Coast	16
3	Georgia	24
4	George Washington	28
5	Florida Atlantic	42
5	Loyola College	42
7	Central Florida	43
8	Richmond	53
9	Va. Military Institute	62
10	Clemson	70

Ball keeps bouncing for KSU Owls

Winning streak now stands at seven games

Matt Wheeler
Staff writer

The Owls had a big weekend, earning a victory against Mercer 63-57 on Jan. 19 and dominating Stetson Jan. 21 with a score of 73-57. The two wins have brought the teams winning streak to a solid seven games.

On Jan. 19, in Macon, Ga., KSU was unmatched in defensive plays and free throws. This helped to turn the flow of the game in favor of the Owls. With many players on both teams going to the foul line, Mercer ended the night with some unpleasant numbers. The Owls were sent to the line for 12 shots, and drained eleven [91 percent] while Mercer shot

a mere 61 percent at the foul line. With so many fouls in the game, the outcome might have been quite different if both sides had made an equal effort at the line.

While fouls were a major contribution to the success of the Owls, eleven steals also resulted in the loss of momentum for Mercer. Many things lead to the demise of the opposition, but it came down to the fact that KSU out shot Mercer. The Owls were far behind in rebounds offensively and defensively, but they could create plays when they had the ball.

The efforts of Jr. Brent Ragsdale helped secure a confident victory. Ragsdale went four-for-four in free

throws and snatched five steals from Mercer to end the night with a team high 23 points. No other player even came near to his offensive accomplishments. The Owls leading scorer this season, Golden Ingle, ended the night with only 14 points, but with the combined efforts of the team's solid defense and outstanding free throw percentages, KSU pulled out another win for the road down in Macon.

After the victory against Mercer, KSU stood tall with a huge victory against Stetson on Jan. 21. After a tough first half during which KSU shot poorly, the Owls only trailed by one point. When the Owls returned for the second half, the star players showed their leadership

by taking over the boards and significantly pulling down more rebounds than Stetson. With so many scoring opportunities and fast breaks, the fighting Owls shot almost 50 percent from the field and 75 percent from the foul line.

With the top single score of 12 points, no single player outshined the rest of the team in this game. Andre Morgan and the rest of the team did play an excellent defensive game, and Ingle and Ronell Wooten combined to make at least six rebounds each. The leading rebounders in the game were also the leading scorers, representing the strong offensive press the owls had from the first whistle of the second half.

Women's basketball loses sixth straight game

Roster changes still can't buy a win for the Lady Owls

Nathan McCreary
Sr. staff writer

The Lady Owls struggled in the first half against Atlantic Sun opponent Campbell on Jan. 21, shooting only 9-for-29 from the field and 2-for-12 from beyond the arc. With team captain Shovonder Clarke back in the lineup in the second half, the Owls outscored the Camels 45-42, but the effort fell short as KSU continued to spiral downward for the sixth game, 84-72.

Colby Tilly, head coach of the women's basketball team, tried to mix up his lineup again, giving Fr. Jennifer Baker and Ashley Johnson the start in place of Clarke, who leads the team in scoring with 19.3 points-per-game, and Dominka Mieszkowska, who leads the team in assists. Tilly's scheme was unsuccessful, as the Lady Owls struggled, falling behind Campbell by 11 points with 8:12 left until halftime. The Lady Camels' lead jumped to as much as 16 points thanks to solid

free-throw shooting and three-pointers. KSU went into halftime down by 14.

The experiment of Clarke on the bench was over at the start of the second half. Clarke came off the bench and led the Owls with 16 points, all of which came in the second half.

With Clarke on the floor, Tilly continued to substitute in his bench players, and one came up big. D.J. Gilbiati, the five-foot-seven sophomore from Cleveland, Ga., averaged only 2.2 minutes playing time per game but scored 15 points off the bench and had four steals with 22 minutes of playing time [eight in the first half and 14 in the second half]. Gilbiati was a spark for the Lady Owls and will probably see more playing time, as nine of her points came late in the second half as she tried to bring KSU back.

With the exception of Clarke, Gilbiati and Danielle Bates, who had 15 points, KSU had others that failed to play up to their potential. Nikki Gurley was given

her chance to start, but went 0-7 from the field and 0-6 from beyond the arc. Gurley averages seven points per game and is a decent three-point shooter who leads the team in attempts.

Campbell improved to 6-3 in the A-Sun on the heels of Adrienne Rieley, who tied a career-high with 20 points, and Jennifer Lodge netted a season-best 18 points. The Fighting Camels had 13 points from Amber Graham and eight points off the bench from Lynisha Ochogu.

KSU will head to Mercer for a Thursday night game in Macon before a trip to Florida that will include stops at Stetson and Florida Atlantic. The Lady Owls will return to "The Barn" to face Agnes Scott on Feb. 7 at 7:00 pm.

Sr. Guard Shavonder Clarke goes up for a shot, but is fouled by two Gardner Webb defenders. The Lady Owls are struggling to compete in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

U.S. permits Cuba to play in WBC

Move allows America to literally "beat" down communism

I can sympathize with the Bush administration for not wanting to let Cuba play in the inaugural World Baseball Classic in March. To do so might imply to other nations that the U.S. endorses the existence of communism in today's society.

Also, at a time in which our nation must constantly watch its back and keep its defenses up, the last thing our government needs is to have to worry about communist spies infiltrating our country as baseball players [which has happened

played due to their contractual obligations to the MLB regular season. Puerto Rico, an integral participant in the WBC, will be boasting one of the stronger teams in terms of talent [the U.S. undisputedly possesses the best]. It had threatened to withdraw its application entirely from the

event if Cuba were not invited to play. By including Cuba, strong competition is assured in the event.

But the biggest benefit for the United States is this. Communism has long since fallen from the international adversary to democracy it

once was. It no longer poses the danger it once did during the Cold War. It is only a shell of its former self, represented in the aging and frail body of Castro, its last legendary leader. However, until communism is completely wiped out, it will still make its ugly marks on the world with its rejection of human rights and freedom. With the WBC, the United States and other free countries have the opportunity to display not perfection, but the closest thing to it.

But the administration has realized that precautions can be taken to prevent spying, and in a rare display of humility [or a common display of propaganda], Castro has sworn to donate any profit Cuba makes to the Hurricane Katrina relief fund.

There are actually numerous benefits for the U.S. in allowing Cuba to play. Many of our "fringe" allies such as France and China, countries who love to hate the U.S., are pleased that we put international interests in front of our national ones.

Though at times our relations are shaky with such countries, we still need them as allies, and this move only helps strengthen those relations. The WBC is not just an athletic spectacle, it is a political event similar to the Olympics in that the whole world is watching each country's performance and actions.

The WBC also marks the first time professional American baseball players will compete internationally. Only in 2000 did a committee allow Major League players to participate in the Olympics. However, since the Olympics take place in the summer, players have never

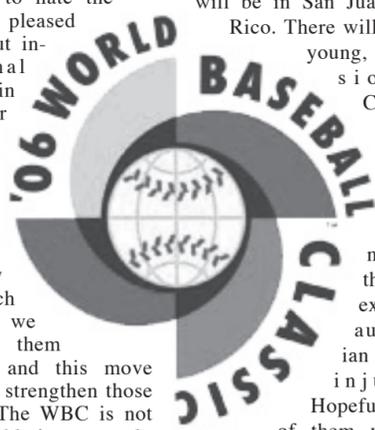
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The first game Cuba plays will be in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There will be many young, impressionable Cuban players on the team who know nothing in their lives except for authoritarian rule and injustice.

Hopefully, some of them will have the courage and wit to defect from Cuba immediately on their arrival. But most will probably not, and that is why it is America's duty as the international leader of democracy and freedom to show these young and impressionable men how good life can be. If the world keeps picking at communism's weathered and cracked bricks one by one, the last invisible wall will eventually fall down.

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Training to be number one

"She's young and has got some learning to do, but we think a lot of her. She may even have a chance to start as a freshman," Whitlock said.

Newcomer pitcher Andrea Mossa is a Jr. transfer student. Whitlock hopes she will add a sense of "stability" to the bullpen.

The last newcomer is Fr. Jackie Warren, the first KSU softball player to come from Delaware. "She's a funny story," Whitlock said. "Warren and I met for the first time in Athens, Greece. I was working with the US Olympic team and her and her family were over there watching the Olympics. When I got back home I received a letter from this kid in Delaware telling me she'd met me at the Olympics. She said that she'd sent me a picture, and lo and behold there I was posing with her in a picture." Whitlock maintains that he recruited Warren for her skill, not because of their chance meeting.

As for Whitlock's work with the US Softball Olympic Team, he remained in the Olympic coaching pool for three years while doing some scouting for players for the team. In Jan. 2005 he was promoted to the coaching staff and is looking forward to the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Whitlock has also been inducted into the Nation Fastpitch Coaches' Association [NFCA] Hall of Fame on Dec. 2 in Orlando, Fl. "It was a tremendous honor," Whitlock said. "There's only 38 people in it. But it's more of a compliment to the program here and not just me. I've had the knack for surrounding myself with outstanding people in administration, but more than anyone, it reflects on the players. We've had the continuity of success, which I'm really proud of. We built a great program."

"He's amazing," Hunt said of Whitlock. "He can bring us things other coaches cannot bring, things that he sees [in the Olympics]. It gives him more experience which turns around and gives us more experience too. We have an advantage over other teams because of that."

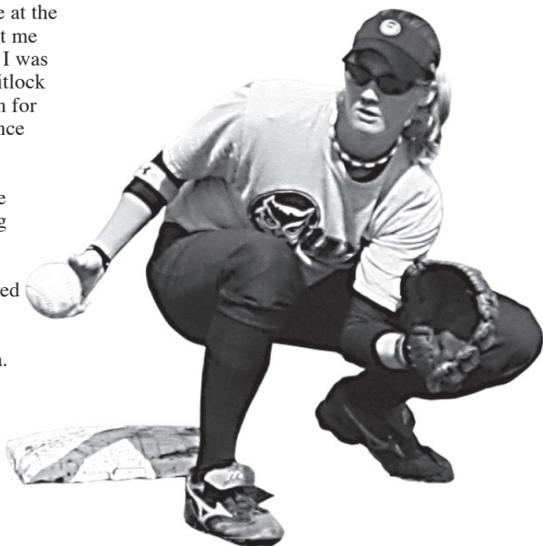
Another thing the Lady Owls are counting on this season is their strong team chemistry.

"On and off the field we all get along together, we play well together, and we respect each other," McKee said.

Their chemistry is complemented by the skills they have been developing in practice, a winning combination for any team that plans on being a major force in their division.

"Individually everyone seems to have a good bat and good glove so far," Hunt said. "For weaknesses I can't really think of anything."

"It's going to be exciting," Hunt said of the



upcoming season. "Being in D-I is going to be a challenge, but we'll be able to handle it. We have a lot of good freshman and newcomers coming in, as well as those returning. It should be a good season."

The Lady Owls' first match is Feb. 12 against Georgia Southern in Statesboro, Ga. Their first home game is Feb. 24 against UNC Greensboro in the KSU Classic at 12 p.m. in Bobbie Bailey Athletic Complex.

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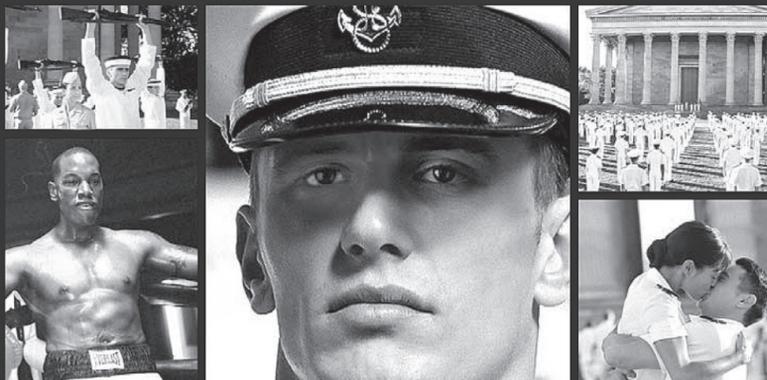
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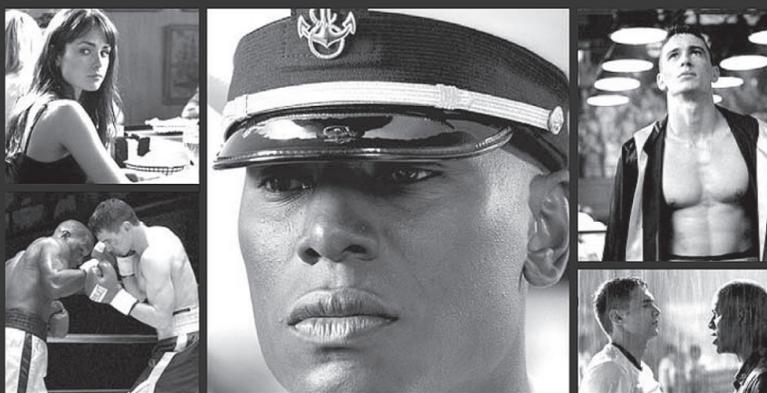
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