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Christie Easterwood, senior theatre major, is advised on career choices by Kathie Wilcox, director of MBNA lab.

MBNA Career Services new to campus, students

Burruss Building sets scene for career help

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SR. STAFF WRITER

The MBNA Career Services Lab opened in the Burruss Building on Jan. 30, giving KSU students access to a lab specifically designed to help students search for jobs, learn interviewing skills, get assistance writing and posting resumes and online sign up for on-campus interviews.

The lab is located in room 132, across from Einstein Bagels. Its current hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center is staffed by Kathie Wilcox, CPA.

Wilcox has taught in the Accounting Department at KSU for over 16 years. She hopes to hire a student assistant to allow the lab to extend its hours of operation to evenings and Saturdays.

"We are increasing student awareness of career services that are available to

them," Wilcox said.

"A further aim of this particular career center is to help students work on their career skills in the areas of interviewing, resumé writing, professional dress and professional and social etiquette."

The lab plans to host events throughout the academic year that will raise student awareness. The organizers plan to entertain students with events such as career fairs and other events, while educating them on important issues.

The lab is planning an event for this semester that may include a fashion show to showcase career dress and casual dress.

The lab currently has the capacity to provide services to ten students at one time. Students can utilize the computers that were provided by MBNA. The lab will soon have laptops for student use. Students will also have access to career development professionals and will be able to utilize other career resource materials, such as free printing.

"I will come to the center to search for jobs and post my resumé," said Aneeda Ross, junior finance major.

To increase awareness, the center's staff will put together flyers and distribute them throughout the campus. Wilcox is currently planning the most effective method of raising awareness. She said a class-to-class program is being considered.

Training sessions, focusing on co-ops and internships, resumé writing and mock interviews, will be hosted.

Ross was waiting for a friend at Einstein Bagel and saw a sign advertising the center. One of the center's toughest challenges will be to inform students of the center's existence.

The MBNA Career Services Lab is a collaborative effort between the Coles College of Business, KSU Career Services and MBNA, an international financial services company. The company provides a variety of loan products to consumers and businesses.

MBNA, headquartered in Wilmington, Del., has relationships with over 5,000 professional associations, colleges and universities, sports teams and financial institutions.

Financial Aid

changing its ways

Students now assigned personal counselors

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NEWS EDITOR

By the time you read this, Financial Aid will have changed their counseling format to what is called 'alphabet counseling.'

Students will be assigned, by the first letter of their last name, to a counselor in an office, instead of seeking assistance at the front counter. These Financial Aid counselors will still carry the responsibility that comes with their assigned program, for example HOPE.

The counselors will respond to students through four different methods: telephone calls, walk-ins from the front desk, emails and appointments. Phone calls will be answered with general information. Once students need specific help, the call will be shifted to a specific counselor.

The same procedure will take place for emails as well. Part of the new system that Michael Roberts, director of Financial Aid, has established is for phone calls to be returned within 24 hours. Students will be allowed to meet with a specific counselor, instead of their assigned counselor, if desired.

"Our front counter in the past, has been trying to counsel students from A to Z, but that's really not their job. They are financial aid assistants. Their job is to provide general information and general guidance," Roberts said.

"When the students get to a certain point at the front coun-

ter, because of lack of privacy, they really need to sit down and talk to an expert, or counselor."

Each of the five counselors has responsibility for roughly 3,000 students. Kanita Watters will have students A - C, Terri Lynn D - H, Janice Oliver I - M, Kristie Covington N - S and Lorene Fossitt T - Z.

"It's increasing the workload for our counselors, but that's what they're paid for," Roberts said.

Only a small number of students are going to need in-depth counseling because most will be processed online.

"It's definitely going to be different," Oliver said. "I want students to get used to the counseling system, and get used to me. This system will provide us easy, direct contact with the students. It will be a positive thing for the office."

Students are encouraged to complete all of their financial aid forms early so that Financial Aid has time to work through problems before deadlines.

"Because of the federal and state regulations that we have to abide by, we're very laden with things that we have to do. It makes it complicated for not only us, but for the students," Roberts said.

"I'm trying to set up a system to be less bureaucratic to serve the students better. That's by goal, to make it easier to get through the maze of financial aid."

KSU is not the first school to implement alphabet counseling. UGA, LSU and UT all have similar, successful programs.

"I think this will work. The ultimate judge is the students. If it's not working for them, I want to know," Roberts said.

ETS amends GRE with greatest changes yet

Required graduate school exam faces significant modifications

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The Graduate Record Exam [GRE] is undergoing major changes that are set to begin this October.

"After four years of research, and with the guidance from the graduate education community, ETS is completing the most significant overhaul of the GRE General Test in the test's 55-year history," Tom Ewing, press relations director of the Educational Testing Service [ETS] wrote in a press release issued in Oct. 2005. The ETS announced that the GRE will be revamped in ten major ways.

The test will have questions types new to the test, including sentence completion questions. According to the ETS, the cost to take the exam will rise.

"The exam currently costs \$115. The ETS, the test maker has not yet determined what the new price will be but they have announced that it will go up," said Matt Fidler, GRE Programs manager with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

Furthermore, the standard for foreign students will be

raised and an admission X factor will exist.

"The new GRE is an X factor of sorts for admissions officers because the new scoring scale and altered content will them unsure of exactly how to factor test performance into the mix," Fidler said.

"It will also make it challenging for them to compare old scores versus new-which will be an issue since GRE scores are traditionally good for five years."

The ETS also announced changes to the GRE in length, content and frequency. Currently the test length is two and a half hours long, but the new GRE will almost be doubled in length to at least four hours. Fidler attributes the additional length to the changes in the content of the GRE. There are three sections of the exam: verbal reasoning, analytical writing and quantitative reasoning and each will have different types of questions and new formats.

"I am studying for the GRE right now. I plan to take it at the end of the summer. I want to take it before all of the changes are made,"

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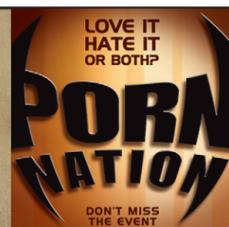
The Sentinel wins nine awards



Sports Editor, Rick Winters, receives an award at Georgia College Press Association Better Newspaper Contest Award Ceremony in Macon on Feb. 4. Winters won first place for "Best Sports Photograph" out of competing 4-year division A colleges. The Sentinel won nine awards total, including second place for "Layout and Design Excellence," second place for "General Photography Excellence," third place for "Best Campus Community Service-Editorial Excellence," third for "General Excellence"



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New kind of ring for V-Day

Sex product companies target women

STEPHANIE ALLMON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

For generations of women, the road to sexual satisfaction has been paved with Big No's: "No, those aren't condoms in my shopping cart." "No, I don't need any extra help." "No, I don't own any of those things."

A funny thing is happening in shopping carts across America: Boxes of condoms, "extra help" and "those things" are seeing the light of day right alongside the grapes and Blue Bell and toilet-bowl cleaner. Women are practically perched on the shelves in Aisle 5, declaring, "I am woman! Watch me score!"

Their cries are being heard, too. And not just by the men in Aisle 6.

The selling of sexual satisfaction to women has gone mainstream. Companies are cashing in on what some health experts are saying is women's desire and demand for better sex, and more of it.

You need only look as far as the feminine-care aisle in the grocery store to find condoms that promise women extra pleasure, lubricants that claim to heighten sensation and novelty items such as flavored intimacy creams. Log onto venerable amazon.com, and you'll find a "Sex & Sensuality" section, where thousands of sex toys, most geared toward women, are for sale.



When Trojan took direct aim at women last fall, it was officially a trend. Inspired by female focus groups, America's best-known and most profitable condom maker began wooing women during reruns of "Sex and the City" and in the pages of "US Weekly" with a sleekly packaged line called Elexa, a variety of condoms, a warming gel, even a vibrating ring that is against the law to sell [except as a "novelty item"] in some states. A brightly colored female silhouette pops off every shiny black box, making it appear softer, more feminine, more like cologne than condoms.

"People are having a mini-sexual revolution," said Patti Britton, a sex coach, author of "The Art of Sex Coaching" and president-elect of the American Association of Sexuality Educators,

Counselors and Therapists.

The Trojan giant woke up to this fact after studying women's attitudes and sexual behaviors in focus groups over the last two years. Despite looser attitudes about sex, women were still only purchasing one-third of the condoms.

Women said they were self-conscious about buying condoms because they were often a point of purchase in "men's" sections in stores and because the packaging "screamed men." Most enlightening, perhaps, was that women said they wanted even more; specifically, products that enhanced their own sexual pleasure and stimulation.

If you need more evidence, hang out with Linda Bohannon, a distributor for Girl's Night Out, a 5-year-old company that sells vibrators, lubricants and other pleasure-enhancing products as novelty items at parties in the homes of women ages 18 and older. Bohannon conducts three to four parties a week in cities and small towns, for moms, single gals and even church groups, she said.

"Just because you go to church doesn't mean you don't like to have fun in your sex life," she said.

Lori Senn, communications director for Girl's Night Out, said that women's new comfort level with their own sexuality that allows the company's 450 distributors to greatly supplement their incomes by selling their products at parties they like to call "Tupperware with

batteries."

"Part of what we're seeing now is that women feel they need to keep up with the guys," Britton said. "That now that guys have their helpers [in the form of pills like Viagra], women need their helpers, and it's not gonna be in the form of a pill."

Research is showing more and more that for women, true sexual satisfaction involves the mind and emotions as well as the body, Britton said.

The Elexa Vibrating Ring is not sold in drug and grocery stores in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas, Colorado and Virginia because of a state law restricting the sale of sex toys. They are sold, however, at "adult" shops, labeled as "novelty items."

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said junior psychology major Alison Schroeder.

Formally the analytical writing portion of the GRE was two essay questions allowing a 75-minute time limit. The new test will have two 30-minute essay questions. Currently admissions deans can only view scores for this portion of the exam, but the new GRE will allow admissions deans access to writing samples as well.

Students can say goodbye to analogies and antonyms because they are being replaced with more critical-reading questions. According to Fidler, the ETS has made this change to make the GRE a better gauge of the skills a graduate school student will need.

"For the first time, there will be sentence equivalence questions, which ask test takers to pick the best paraphrase for a piece of sample text," Fidler said.

"The new GRE will have two 40-minute verbal sections versus the current single 30-minute section."

According to the ETS web site, the quantitative reasoning portion of the GRE will also undergo a makeover. Some changes concern the quantitative reasoning skills that are closer to skills generally used in graduate school and a proportion of questions involving real-life scenarios. The skill of data interpretation will also increase while the proportion of geometry questions will decrease.

"Instead of one 45-minute quantitative section, there will be two 40-minute quantitative sections," Fidler said.

While the scale for grading the Analytical Writing sections will remain a scale of zero to six in half-point increments, the grading scale of the Verbal and Quantitative sections will change. The ETS anticipates that the new scale will score from 110 to 150 points in one point increments. According to the ETS, final specification of the score scale will be determined based on the data from the initial revised General Test administrations in Oct. 2006.

The number of times per year students can take the GRE will be decreased to 30 times a year.

"As a computer-based exam, it will be a linear test so everyone taking the same administration of the exam will see the same questions in the same order. Once a test is used it will not be re-used. In order to create wholly distinct tests each time, ETS needed to limit the number of administrations," Fidler said.

"We recommend that students sign up early and take the exam before the changes because they present a stamina challenge," said Victoria Grantham, senior communications manager with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

Kaplan has three Atlanta area locations that include Atlanta, Emory and Athens. Grantham announced a practice GRE test at the Atlanta Kaplan location on Feb. 22 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For additional information, students can log onto www.kaptest.com/newgre.

The stock market is like a roller coaster

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STAFF WRITER

For the week ending Friday Feb. 3, the market traded lower with the Dow, Nasdaq and S&P posting losses of one, 1.8 and 1.5 percent respectively.

Wall Street has taken in a few big changes last week. Alan Greenspan finished his 18-year term as Federal Reserve Chairman, handing the reins over to new chief Ben Bernanke. Also, Google Inc.'s [GOOG: Nasdaq] earnings disappointed the Street for the first time since the company went public in August 2004. Back in the middle of January this year, Google sold off hard but bounced right back. Investors are predicting that it will be some time until the stock stabilizes and reaches the \$500 level again.

Lowe's (LOW: NYSE), which has seen its share price cool off a bit recently, announced that its stock buyback program has been increased to a total of

\$1.23 billion. Companies and company executives sell stock for many reasons, including protecting gains and diversification. However, buying up a huge chunk of stock normally means one thing - management is very bullish.

While tech companies have had a hard time in the fourth quarter due to disappointing earnings, retailers are celebrating a surprisingly strong January. **Wal-Mart (WMT: NYSE)** reported its strongest monthly sales of the fiscal year with 4.7 percent and **Target Corp. (TGT: NYSE)** had 5.2 percent. Target in particular has been flat for the past two months.

General Motors (GM: NYSE) closed Friday at \$23.15, ending the week lower, in part

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due to UBS's recommendation to investors to sell GM, saying the gains this year are unwarranted.

After coming back 30 percent off the lows made in December, GM may have finally hit its top, and these price levels

may be unseen again for a long, long time. The wild volatility experienced during the early 2000s may have returned. Hilary Kramer at ANG Capital notes how the Nasdaq Composite is often up several points on strong news but down a lot more on a bit of negative, irrational news that has little or no impact on business. Do not panic over short-term declines based on irrational news. Stocks tend to come back from panic selling as fears subside.

workload, break-ups and trying to make new friends together with working a job to pay for expenses can be debilitating.

"We see about 80 to 100 patients a month," said Anne Nichols, director of the KSU Health Clinic. "When a student comes in for depression treatment, we come right out and ask them if they think of hurting themselves. We usually suggest they go to the CAPS Center to seek counseling and then if the counselor thinks they would benefit from treatment, they are sent back down to us."

Nichols stresses that successful treatment for depression can only come through both counseling and medication. The campus health center has seven different depression medications that can be prescribed for treatment.

"If someone is depressed, it's better to give them medications here because they are

Life getting you down? You are not the only one

Depression, suicide prevalent among college-aged adults

SUSANNA ROSE
STAFF WRITER

According to national studies, one in three college students is depressed and one in four is suicidal.

Depression is an illness caused by an imbalance of chemicals in the brain. Symptoms of depression include a decrease in physical activity, lethargy, changes in appetite and often an increase or decrease in weight, social withdrawal, a decrease in motivation, self-esteem and self-confidence, an inability to make decisions and thoughts of suicide or death.

It is important to understand that depression is a whole

body illness that causes not only mental suffering but also physical suffering. Patients may suffer from such ailments as headaches, backaches and knee pains. Someone's entire life can be altered by this illness.

According to the CDC, "the body chemistry of some people gives them the tendency toward depression, and then something in their life situation happens to trigger depression."

The main causes of depression in college students are likely due to changes in brain chemistry and the maturation of the brain that is occurring during this time. It cannot be denied that the changes and stresses that come with college life are sometimes more than a young person knows how to handle. Living away from home for the first time, a demanding







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Another Supreme Court vacancy? Democrats better be ready

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It would be easy, with Samuel Alito now on the Supreme Court, to predict that if another seat comes open before President Bush leaves office the ensuing confirmation battle would be one for the record books.

After all, if Bush did fill a third seat, he essentially would be able to remake the nation's highest court in his own image.

However, given what we have learned from the confirmation battles over John G. Roberts Jr. and Alito, the idea that Ted Kennedy & Co. might be able to stop another Bush nominee who is similar to those two men might well be more rhetoric than reality.

Last year, before the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist and the retirement of Sandra Day O'Connor, both Roberts and Alito fit the profile of the type of judge who conventional wisdom held would inspire a Democratic battle



to the death.

Democratic interest groups had boasted they would never allow Bush to put that kind of justice on the court, much less two of them, or would at the least wage a scorched earth campaign that made the president pay a heavy political price.

That is because with Alito joining Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Roberts on the court, that provides four strongly conservative votes. The swing member is now Anthony Kennedy, who most Democrats have always thought was less inclined toward their legal

philosophy than O'Connor, whom Alito replaced.

But should another vacancy occur, it is hard to look at the past six months of Supreme Court politics and conclude that even if Bush gets to appoint what would be the fifth vote on the nine-member court, the confirmation fight would turn out differently.

To borrow a phrase from Saddam Hussein, Bush's foes predicted the mother of all battles to stop anyone they considered to be a strict-constructionist conservative on the high court. But they could not deliver.

Bush's opponents could not even muster enough votes to filibuster either man, much less defeat Roberts or Alito on an up-or-down vote.

Candidly, the lessons of the Alito and Roberts confirmations are that Democrats had better either take back control of the Senate this November or get darned close. If they really want to stop the next Bush nominee, should that be in the cards.

And they had better pray for the health of John Paul Stevens, who is both the most liberal

member of the court and its most senior member. He will be 86 in April.

Stevens, who has served on the court for 30 years, spends much of his time at his Florida home. The expectation is that he will wait for a Democratic president before giving up his seat willingly. The court's next most liberal member is Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who will be 73 in March and has been treated for colon cancer.

Yet the 2008 presidential election is almost three years away. If the Democrats were to win back

“Democrats will need to find a new strategy... either that or hope for election gains in November.”

control of the Senate this year, an unlikely but not impossible task that would change the dynamics of any Supreme Court appointment.

Republicans currently hold 55 of the 100 seats plus the tiebreaker in Vice President Dick Cheney. History teaches they will lose some of those seats in November and current polls show Americans saying they are in the mood for political change.

Absent such a major electoral shift, however, the Alito and Roberts confirmation fights show that Democrats claiming a nominee is out of the judicial mainstream, which was their argument made against both men, doesn't cut it. Neither were opponents' cries that by confirming Roberts and Alito senators were endangering the continuation of legal abortion, which was aimed at energizing Democrats and a handful of moderate Republicans.

Thus, should Bush get another Supreme Court appointment and offer a third conservative who passes the competence test, the Democrats will need to find a new strategy...either that or hope for election gains in November.

Ban censorship

The culture of censorship is omitting American values

Dominic DiCecco
COLUMNIST

Ban everything! That seems to be the solution to today's problems. Don't like a certain video game? Start a petition and get it banned! Don't like a certain musical group? Alert your friends and family and ban them! It seems as if some people actually think that banning something solves the problem completely. Well, not only does banning something rarely solve a problem, in many ways it makes it worse.

Everyone knows what a "Parental Advisory: Explicit Lyrics" sticker looks like. They are on CDs that contain vulgar or sexual material deemed offensive. When I was a kid, seeing the sticker made me want to get the CD even more, following that old adage, "you always want what you can't have."

These stickers are supposed to deter children from accessing the CDs, yet the practice tends to make kids want stickered music even more. Banning involves the same phenomena, only more intense. For example, N.W.A.'s song "F*** the Police" was at one point successfully taken

off their CD "Straight Outta Compton" because some listeners found it disrespectful to police.

This effectively shot N.W.A.'s popularity through the roof. It can be argued that directly because of this, members such as Dr. Dre gained notoriety and went on to establish a very successful record label [which has been pissing uptight people off for decades].

Not only is banning a poor way to attack a problem, it goes against American values. It is said that our ancestors came to this country so that they could have religious freedom. This country was founded because censorship, or a ban on something that is purely individual like religion [or listening to a CD or playing a video game...or even having an abortion] was seen as something not to be tolerated.

Some people are quick to point out that violent videogames and violent music promote violence and killing. Let's calculate how many people have died from activity related to music or video games and then compare it with how many people have been killed in the name of religion. That should end that

argument very quickly.

Banning has a history of poorly attacking the problem which it is attempting to solve, it runs contrary to American values and in some instances, it makes the problem worse. Why then is it so often employed?

There is a culture that has been manifested into the public arena by arrogant, dogmatic people who find no use to anyone for things they personally have no use for. "Hey, I don't think it's right to drink on the Sabbath. Let's make sure no one else can!" Alcohol doesn't make you act any dumber on Sunday than any other day. However, for some reason its sale is illegal, so

instead of drinking at home, one must drive to a restaurant to drink, and then drive back, possibly under the influence. An activity that is damaging to one is replaced by an activity potentially very damaging to others.

This culture of censorship and zealous banning must be curbed, as it is detrimental to American society. Sure, some things are worth banning: Things that harm others [like

child pornography] or are solely used for the harming of others [like assault weapons]. Violent video games, explicit lyrics or even abortion may not have many redeeming qualities to some, but it does not change the fact that if you don't like said things, no one is forcing you to participate in them.

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Closed lots and broken hearts

Easy access parking closes due to construction

With almost no warning, the administration will be closing the parking lot behind the Joe Mack Wilson building. It is as if under offering Communication classes was not enough; now the school has taken away Communication students' closest parking lot. Not that parking is that serious an issue here anyway [you just have to be willing to park far away or waste 20 minutes trying to find a closer spot], this move will make it exponentially harder for not only Communication and theatre majors, but every student on campus, to find a parking spot.

Just last semester, the school pulled this same kind of stunt by closing a few of the major roads leading on and off campus. What was the end result? A ridiculously confusing new travel route, making it nearly impossible to get off that side of campus without at least one near miss from an oncoming vehicle. People stuck in the hedge maze from "The Shining" have an easier time getting home, and all they had to worry about was

Jack Nicholson. Crazy KSU student drivers are much more terrifying.

The official reason for the parking shut down is overflow from the construction site just across one of those confusing new roads. However, construction has been continuous in that area for quite some time now. Why the overflow now? Until this point, aside from waiting in line behind a slow moving construction vehicle, progress seemed to be going along swimmingly, if not extremely slowly. What has changed since Christmas break?

The sign posted inside the chain-link fence of the once extremely convenient parking lot states that it will remain closed until Spring 2007. Until then, good luck finding a place to put your car, see you on the roundabout and don't forget to yield, people!

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The closing of Lot E makes parking more of a problem.



Newly-elected party was a surprise to the West, but Hamas' influence over Palestinians could help ease tensions.

Hamas victory a blessing in disguise?

Radical group wins Palestinian election

MUNZIR A. NAQVI
GUEST COLUMNIST

The political victory of Hamas came as a surprise to many Americans. How could a terrorist organization win a majority in the Palestinian Assembly? Those familiar with the political situation in Palestine know that Hamas is very active in charitable work in the occupied territories, and is known to be more in touch with Palestinians residing there. The former ruling party of Fatah has been given four decades to achieve peace and improve the conditions for the Palestinians. However, Fatah's rising corruption and internal power hungry moves hurt them in the elections.

It was only a question of when Hamas would gain a ruling majority in the government, not whether it would. No one can disarm Hamas but the Palestinian people and Hamas itself. Fatah, being a rival political party, does not have the authority to disarm Hamas. There has not been a greater time for peace in the region until now. Stakeholders must take advantage of this rare opportunity and continue with the peace process. Hamas must be accountable to its constituency in order for it to remain in power.

The international community must recognize the legitimacy of a Hamas-led democratically elected government. By recognizing Hamas, the West, and the United States in particular, will earn greater respect in the Middle East. This will only strengthen the security of Israel, as a Hamas-led government would be more worried about being

accountable to the constituency than on war with Israel, which is not in either party's interest. If Israel does not recognize the Hamas-led government, it will only encourage terrorism, which is not in the interest of either Israel or Palestine.

In turn, Hamas must recognize Israel's right to exist, offer a hand of sincere and genuine friendship and be respectful to Israel's security. Only then it will achieve its goal of a Palestinian State. It will also earn respect from the international community by making a historic move.

Hamas has a great influence over the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. If a Hamas-led government will recognize Israel, it will definitely convince the Palestinians of the need for diplomatic relations with Israel. Such an action would not be seen as a move by the West, but the Palestinians themselves.

There is a misconception among certain people that Hamas would bring a theocratic style of government. Such a move may fall in to the ideals of Hamas; however, Hamas is very unlikely to take that step, especially since the majority of Palestinians are considered secular.

If Hamas cannot accomplish any of the above, it will be much weaker then it was when it entered the government. It is also important to note that a major move by

the United States to recognize and work with Hamas will improve the image of the United States in the Middle East and the rest of the Islamic world.

The world recognizing Hamas will bring more good throughout the world, and the Middle East in particular. Though Hamas is considered a fundamentalist political party, keeping them out of politics would have greater consequences and further radicalize them. It would also create a danger of radicalizing Muslims in other parts of the world, which is not in the security interests of Israel or the United States. Islamic

parties in countries that allow them to contest elections tend to moderate their stance, as we see in Turkey and Pakistan. Interaction and mutual respect is the best way to win genuine friendship and earn greater respect.

We all know how our friends can positively influence our lives. We must encourage this process between the people of Palestine and Israel. Enemies never solve problems, only friends do. If Hamas

is giving democracy a chance, we should give them a chance at democracy. By doing so, we will encourage other Islamists to put down their guns and work towards democracy, rather than creating and fueling terrorists. This is the best way to show Hamas and other terrorist organizations that peace can be achieved only through diplomacy, not terrorism.



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GUEST COLUMNIST

High hopes and gasoline dreams

President Bush's State of the Union address renews strength

MICHAEL MIRACLE
COLUMNIST

The president addressed the nation recently in his annual State of the Union address, and it was anything if not enthralling. Bypassing his characteristic stumbling over simple sentences and words, Bush came out of the box with some rather moving rhetoric and overall sound proposals. And amid all the hype, amid the swirling doubts that have glossed the president's actions, amid low approval ratings and lowered confidence in our president's mission, Bush came with a message of strength and renewed vigor toward maintaining our status as a global super power both domestically and internationally.

He waxed over all the requisite S.O.T.U. bullet points [social security, the economy, etc.] while attempting to tackle those blemishes on his presidential record that have been, shall we say, underappreciated

by a majority of the public [domestic spying, the whole "war" thing, etc.]. To his credit, his proposals for energy conservation and innovation were quite ambitious and have the potential to greatly sever our estranged affair with foreign oil litigants. That ambition, however, in all its glory and self-righteousness, in all its good intentions and splendor, may prove to be its downfall.

The truth: America has a fatal dependency on foreign oil. Indeed, "America is addicted to oil," as Bush said during his address. His intervention plan includes a focus on state-dependency and increased energy research. He envisions an America powered through "revolutionary solar and wind technologies and clean, safe nuclear energy." Cash flow to

jump start these technologies will come courtesy of a 22 percent increase bestowed to the Department of Energy.

But is that the answer? Is throwing money at a problem that has been fruitlessly worked on for 32 years a remedy for our dependency? Not to say

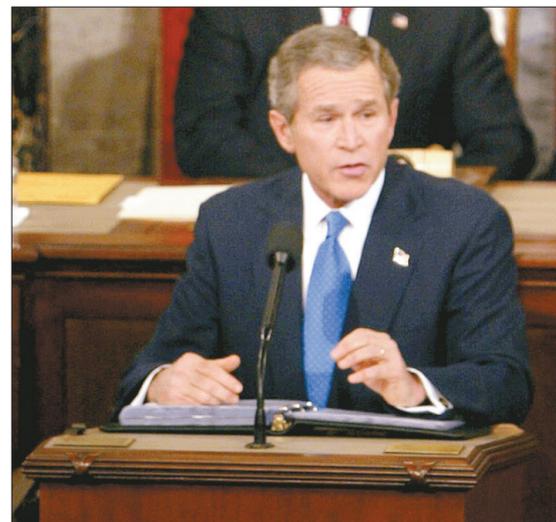
"There needs to be a sense of urgency in developing these technologies. There needs to be a sense of urgency in creating self-sufficient means of powering our nation. And the president needs to create this sense."

that there has been nary an improvement, but it seems that the president is using already tried and now-tired resolutions for a generations-old problem. There needs to be a sense of urgency in developing these technologies. There needs to be a sense of urgency in creating self-sufficient means of powering our nation. And the president needs

to create this sense.

The answer is not increased spending [although this increase is a needed component] but, perhaps, an incentive plan for new, relevant and feasible developments. What is needed is an assurance that these new technologies will be created and a clear-cut plan for their development. Money only works when it is backed by driven intent.

Bush's address carried little derivation from his current international agenda, as was no surprise, and any troop withdrawal appears stagnant. He had harsh words for Iran and their newly-elected terrorist regime, but expressed hope that the United States could "be the closest of friends with a free and democratic Iran." In light of their current political climate, these hopes amount to mere pipe



dreams. Our saving grace is that Bush did express a desire for a diplomatic means to deter any potential Iranian-sponsored terrorism, perhaps because he learned from prior terrorism deterrence where diplomacy was non-existent and consequences of such proved a liability to its cause.

Bush's address had some

enlightening thoughts peppered with solvent economic insight and a refreshingly bipartisan approach to mending health care and social security. Achieving these somewhat haughty goals could be a stretch, and the progress towards and achievement of these goals will be the tools that etch Bush's place in presidential history.

The time is right for "Will & Grace" to take their final bow

Curtain call for the successful sitcom

KAI WRIGHT
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Eight seasons and millions of laughs later, the television show that brought the lives of two gay men into America's living rooms is set for its curtain call. NBC announced Jan. 22 that this season will be the last for "Will & Grace."

It was a wildly successful run by any standard. Few sitcoms make it eight years, and "Will & Grace" snatched up 14 Emmys in the process.

Peaking at 17.3 million viewers, the show has been gay America's broadest, most sustained public appearance. Americans invited our TV

stand-ins over for dinner week after week. But now that the party's over, the question must be asked: What kinds of hosts were they?

It's said that sitcoms connect with viewers who want to either be like the characters or hang out with them. Jack may not have been a lot like many gay men, but he sure reminded us of friends we loved.

Early on, he was over-the-top, to be sure. But here, for once, was a gay man on TV who had sex and bragged about it. He dismissed the straight-world approval that his buttoned-up buddy, Will, pursued. And he told jokes with smart references to things gay men actually talk about.

That was then. By the time the show reached its ratings zenith in the 2001-2002 season, Jack had become something far less familiar.

He'd morphed from a fearlessly honest gay man into a troublesome toddler. His worldview was the same, but it had been defanged. The once witty exchanges with his acerbic sidekick Karen often devolved into baby talk. He'd become a dimwit of "Amos 'N Andy" propor-

tions, with inane self-obsession and a childlike pursuit of pleasure.

Jack's journey is a familiar one on network TV. Jimmie "J.J."

"The show has been gay America's broadest, most sustained public appearance."

Walker of "Good Times" is another iconic example of the road he traveled, from honest counter-cultural representation to non-threatening buffoon.

Characters that start by challenging America's definitions of normal, be

they racial or sexual, must ultimately reinforce them. The outsider must become smaller, less human before being let in.

In the same year "Will & Grace" ratings peaked, a Kaiser Family Foundation poll found three-quarters of gay Americans surveyed felt they were more accepted than they had been just a few years before. Equally large shares of straight people supported almost every major plank of the gay civil rights movement, from anti-bias to hate crime laws.

But the question for gay folks, as we are welcomed into the mainstream is, "On what terms are we seeking entry?" Must I be an empty caricature of myself, or can I come as I am?"

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Mystery of the Jolley Lodge UNVEILED

An on-campus investigation

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The Jolley Lodge, a prominent fixture on the north-west edge of campus.

On a cold, rainy, and altogether gloomy mid-January day, a Bates Motel-style house known as the Jolley Lodge loomed, tucked away in the oaks and pines on the northwest edge of the KSU campus. As students circulate through the campus day in and day out, many of them see, but few know the true existence and workings of the Jolley Lodge.

Because of the mystique of the lodge, students have only speculated as to what purpose the establishment actually serves. Built in 1993 with 6,781 sq. ft., it provides the perfect place for special KSU events and visitors.

We were directed to visit the Special Events office, located inside the depths of the Wyman Pilcher building. Here, we met with Christi Jones, Program Coordinator of Special Events at KSU. With her agreement to take us on an all-access tour of the lodge, our quest began.

"An older couple by the names of LeoDelle and Lex

Jolley were very close to Betty Siegel, and wanted her to have a place to host special KSU events," Jones said. Well, there was one answer.

Upon entering, we were greeted with the sweet scent of Christmas cinnamon, the warmth of which allowed our bodies to thaw. Our eyes became fixed upon the grandeur of the foyer. The wallpaper was beautiful. The color scheme was magnificent: a culmination of red, white, blue, green and gold vertical stripes ascending from floor to ceiling. As we glanced to our right, the C. Howard Daniel Library beckoned.

The library was typical for this setting. The dimly lit lamps faintly illuminated the room. We noticed a strange melting pot of titles in the bookcase. These included "Mexican Mural Paintings," "Adolescent Psychiatry" and the most disturbing of literary works, "The Life of Lenin," a book about the brutal Communist Dictator Vladimir Lenin. After noticing this, our visit to the C. Howard Daniel

Library came to an abrupt end.

As we ventured back into the foyer area, we noticed the Bob M. Prillaman Conference Room to our right. As we turned counter-clockwise, we were taken aback by what we saw next; a large, extravagant, spacious, majestically brilliant room dubbed 'the Grand Room'. We then came to the conclusion that we had arrived at the heart of the Jolley Lodge.

This room was where events were held. Resting on top of the cream and forest green carpet, two plaid love seats faced one another.

Our final destination on the main floor of the lodge was the kitchen. There were only two present colors; royal blue and albino white. Enticed by our curiosity, we decided that it was necessary to our journalistic prowess to reveal to all what was actually inside the refrigerator.

As we made our way to the basement, Ms. Jones informed us that it had been refurbished six months before. Upon en-

tering the basement, we were introduced to a small sitting room. The color scheme was rather unusual: lime green painted walls with cream carpet floors.

As we sat at the conference room tables, we noticed the intricate workings that had been taken to carve out the tables that we were so fortunate to rest our forearms on. The tables were Vatican-like; large, stone tablets probably carved from Italian granite- but we're not quite sure. The random collection of art caught our attention. Among the works were paintings of an endangered bald eagle, a rustic, Outer Banks lighthouse, and a Civil War battle scene in front of Kennesaw Mountain.

The Lodge has been used for a variety of reasons other than hosting dignitaries. A favorite of students is the annual cookie party, held in December by President Siegel. Now that the mystery of the Lodge is solved, as we found that there is no strange reason for its existence, we can now walk past the Lodge and smile.

All you need to know for Valentine's Day

JOE PETTIS
COLUMNIST

As a leading expert on love, I feel it is my duty to help you plan your Valentine's Day. Thus, I have mapped out a schedule for you to follow. Remember, this only works if you actually have a date [if for some reason you can't score one, just stick to what works - Internet porn].

Morning:

- Wake up and ask the girl in your bed to leave the house. After all, you have to prepare to spend the day with your loved one. Don't forget to give her the \$50 you owe her as well. The last thing you want is to have a pimp chase you down on Valentine's Day.

- Take a shower. Make sure you clean the important areas. There is a good chance you might be getting naked in front of someone today, so you want to make sure you smell and look good. If you are hairy like me you should probably shave your lower back.
- Find something nice to wear. Remember, you want to impress your date. I would recommend saving your Poison shirt for another day, like Easter.

Lunch:

- Lunch is a good start. Just keep in mind that the main focus should be dinner, so keep things simple, yet exciting. Buy her a Happy Meal: not only is it inexpensive, but it comes with a surprise too. For an added bonus take her out to the Play Place afterwards.

Afternoon:

- Spend some time together between lunch and dinner. One of my favorite things to do on a date is to go to the zoo. After all, what could be more roman-

tic then watching monkeys fling poop at each other?

Dinner:

- Keep in mind that this is the most important part of the day. To guarantee any chances of getting some action later on, you are going to have to impress her at dinner time. Now, you can take the easy way out and book a reservation at a fancy restaurant, but you don't want to be like every other guy out there.

- The real way to impress a girl is to cook for her. Not only will she be impressed by how far you have gone to please her, you can sneak aphrodisiacs into the meal. Better yet, just stuff her with chocolate. It is a known fact that women relate chocolate to sex. If you really want to go all out, just coat yourself in chocolate.

Night:

- Unless you are lucky, you will probably have to work your way to the bedroom. Girls believe in a thing called foreplay, which means spending hours, sometimes days, doing things she enjoys. This means you might have to watch a cheesy chick flick or go to the ballet.

Sex:

- The sad thing is, by the time you are done taking her out and watching her movies, you will be worn out. Give her the two minutes of pleasure she has been dying for all day and call it a night.

Ok, so maybe I don't really know anything about love and romance. But then again, you would have to be pretty sad to take advice from a humor columnist - especially one that has not had a date on Valentine's Day since 6th grade.

'Xin Nian Hao' [Happy New Year]

Red, Noise and Fire

CHANCE HARN
STAFF WRITER

The United States and other countries celebrate the coming of the New Year on Jan. 1, but the Chinese wait a little longer for their festivities. For them, the New Year is Jan. 29. KSU decided to have a special celebration for this event, in conjunction with the "Year of China," on Jan. 26. Many faculty, staff and students turned out to help with this large event.

The Chinese have celebrated the New Year for the past 5,000 years with legends, traditional dance and food. These celebrations last for 15 days.

One legend of the Chinese New Year says that a monster would destroy everything in sight and then leave.

As the story goes, the people came together and tried to scare away the monster. The color red, noise and fire are the three elements that have ability to scare it away. This is why, in Chinese culture, the color red holds

such significance, especially on New Years. The color red is supposed to ward off evil spirits. Often people wear red clothes and put red banners on their doors. Traditionally, the Chinese clean out their entire houses, to rid them of any traces of bad luck for the new year. Firecrackers were frequently used during the celebrations. This was the noise and fire that would scare the monster away.

There is a specific animal that represents each Chinese year, with 12 animals in total. This year is the Year of the Dog. People who are born in the Year of the Dog are said to be loyal, honest and trustworthy, according to Wikipedia.com.

The celebrations at KSU included guest speakers, traditional dance, food and stories.

Stella Xu, a graduate student in the Master of Business Administration and founder and president of the Chinese Student Association, helped plan the event along with others.

"This is [the] most important festival in China," Xu said. "A great many people came out to this event. It shows this event reflects a [cultural]

melting pot."

Dr. Jiayan Zhang, assistant professor of history and Dr. May Gao, assistant professor of communication were the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

The opening ceremony was the Vega String Quartet from New York. They performed six songs including some traditional Chinese music.

Chad Myers' Southern Shaolin Kung Fu Academy and Lion Dance Team performed a colorful Chinese Lion Dance.

Traditional Chinese food was served at the event. Soleil Kenit, freshmen and international affairs major was one of the many people helping serve food.



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The Lion Dance Team performs for the audience.

"I have been helping with the Year of China and it is good to see the New Years Celebration bring everything together," Kenit said.

Professor May Gao's intercultural communication class sang "Happy

New Year to You" in English and Chinese.

Other important Chinese celebrations are the Dragon Boat Festival, the Mid-Autumn festival and the beautiful Lantern Festival.

TARA O'SHEA
FEATURES EDITOR

I wanted more out of life, and not one behind a counter," said Johnetta McSwain, who at 35 has faced more hardship than most people do their entire lives. Now a senior getting ready to graduate with a degree in communications, a loving husband and two children, she knows that her life could have turned out much differently. "I turn 36 Jan 31," she said.

Johnetta has a lot to look back on. A childhood in poverty, abuse and drug usage by her peers are just a few of the things that she has overcome. Recently, her triumphs over these situations were documented in a book, which was out last February, called "Triumph: the Beautiful Face of Courage" by Trenay Bynum. The book features 12 powerful testimonies of women overcoming hardship. Many stories are about poverty and drug usage, but cancer and loss are also themes throughout the stories.

"I told her [Bynum] my story over e-mail and she called me in tears. It took about six months to write," Johnetta said.

"I am so glad to be a part of this book. Each story had a different writer, and I thought that was special."

From meeting her, one would never guess that Johnetta had ever been anything but happy. She always has a smile on her face, and an attitude that exudes cheerfulness. She loves to talk, which is good, because she works for a radio station in addition to going to school full time, and

ABOVE RISING Spotlight on Johnetta McSwain

volunteering.

But growing up in Birmingham, Ala. was never easy for her. She lived in an environment where drugs and violence were the norm, and no one was expected to rise above it.

"It goes from generation to generation: poverty, drugs, negativity. It's a cycle," she said. "It's so easy to get into the wrong crowd."

She dropped out of high school at 19 when she became pregnant with her first son. She took the GED, but failed it the first time. She was told she would end up like everyone else; that she would never make it out, but eventually, she got a temporary job that only paid \$3.45 per hour. Hoping to get a raise, she stayed there for five years. At 26, she had her second son. At this point, she took a good hard look at her situation.

"I took stock of my life. I was living in the 'hood, I had no skills, a job that was going nowhere and two sons that I wanted to grow up to be decent men," she said in "Triumph". After realizing the extent of her situation, she packed up all of her belongings and headed east.

"All I knew was I wanted to go to college.

The best thing that happened to me was when I stepped into this school" Johnetta said.

She went to financial aid and then began school in 2002.

"Your environment plays a big part in how you perform," she said.

Johnetta got an internship at Praise 97.5, and it has allowed her to meet many influential people.

"I got to meet Judge Mathis.

He was influenced because of his back-

ground too. He beat the odds and he has been through a lot."

Johnetta has also met Jamie

Foxx, Bobby Jones, Chris Tucker, Cher Underwood

and T.D. Jakes, who wrote "Woman, Thou Art Loosed!"

After her internship ended in Dec., she was asked to stay and is currently the morning show producer.

Since the book has come out, Johnetta has received letters from women who have been in similar situations.

"It's taken me to a whole other place. It's given me a chance to talk to others and maybe help other people," she said.

Her sons, now 16 and nine,

have a mother they can be proud of.

"My boys are wonderful.

I've been so blessed."

Johnetta got married in 2004 in Jamaica.

"My whole life has turned around," she said. "I didn't let it victimize me."

But Johnetta is not satisfied yet. She wants to go to grad school to get her Medical Social Work Clinical PhD so she can work with children and families. She feels that her college education will take her as far as she wants to go.

"When you have all the credentials, you can go all the way."

Johnetta hopes to one day to have her own syndicated talk show to help others like herself.

She also works for an organization called "Every Woman Works," a non-profit organization that teaches abused women computer skills, resume writing, and psychological health.

"I think the most important part of helping someone is experience," Johnetta said.

"What says it more than someone who has been there? I've been down that road."

Johnetta also aspires to write her own book.

"I want people to know what happened to me after 'Triumph'."



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What will you be doing this Valentine's Day?



Mikael LaPorte
freshman, psychology
"I will be staying at home with my cats."



Tabitha Scott
sophomore, physical therapy
"Spending time with my daughter and trying to get some studying done."



Elaine McMahan
junior, psychology
"We are going out to dinner, and then spending a night in West Palm Beach, FL."



Ryan Lekan
junior, international affairs
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Facts, tips and trivia about the fragrant flower

1. How many roses are produced and purchased for Valentine's Day?

The Society of American Florists estimates that 180 million stems of roses were produced for Valentine's Day in 2005; 175 million were purchased in 2004.

2. Where are most of the roses that are sent on Valentine's Day grown?

California is the top rose-producing state, accounting for about 60 percent of American roses. But most of the blooms sold on Valentine's Day come from South America.

3. Why do roses cost so much for Valentine's Day?

It all goes back to a basic economic principle: supply and demand.

The heaviest demand for roses is at Valentine's Day. In order to produce enough roses to meet that demand, growers must battle winter's shorter days and higher energy costs. The threat of bad weather can boost the cost of delivery. And because of the huge number of orders, florists must pay overtime and hire extra help. It all adds up.

4. How should I care for my roses?

- If they are delivered in plastic water tubes, remove them.
- Add flower food to a deep, clean vase filled with water.
- Trim off leaves that will be under the water line, but don't cut through or scrape the bark. Leaves that are submerged can decay and create bacteria that will shorten the life of your bouquet.
- Remove 1 to 2 inches of the stems with a sharp knife or scissors under water.
- After trimming the stems, immediately arrange the roses in the vase.
- Display your roses in a cool place, away from direct sunlight, drafts and heating vents.
- Top off the water every day, and if it becomes cloudy, replace it.

5. Is there a recipe for homemade flower food?

Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar and 1 teaspoon of sugar per quart of water.

6. What do the different colors stand for?

Roses may mean love on Valentine's Day, but be aware that each color sends its own message:

- Red: true love, respect, courage
- Yellow: gladness, freedom, friendship
- Pink: happiness, gentleness, sweetness
- White: reverence, purity, innocence, secrecy
- Lavender: enchantment
- Light pink: grace, joy
- Dark pink: thankfulness
- Peach pink: gratitude, appreciation, admiration, sympathy
- Peach: sincerity, gratitude, appreciation
- Orange: fascination, enthusiasm
- Coral: desire
- Red and white: unity
- Black: farewell, death
- Deep burgundy: unconscious beauty
- Red and yellow blend: jovial and happy feelings



7. How can I preserve my roses?

There are a number of methods for preserving roses. Try these:

- Press a single rose between pages of a book. Then, stack something heavy on the closed book. Display pressed roses in a frame.
- Use a medium-hot iron to press a rose between two pieces of waxed paper. Use new pieces of waxed paper for each rose.
- Cover the roses in clear plastic that is ventilated with tiny holes and hang them upside down in a dark place. Using this method will shrink the roses and cause a loss of color.
- Bury the roses in a granular, desiccating material such as oolitic sand, silica gel or borax, which you can buy at a craft or floral shop.
- Use a hammer to mash the end of the rose's stem. Place it in a 6-inch deep mixture of glycerin water — one part glycerin to two parts water. You can remove it when all of the leaves turn golden brown, in about two to three weeks.

8. How long have roses been grown?

Roses have existed for at least 35 million years, according to fossil records, and they have been cultivated for at least 5,000 years.

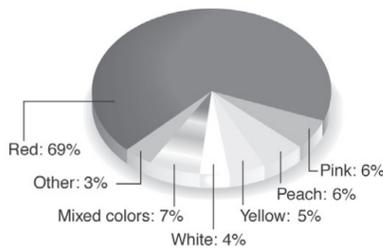
The world's oldest living rose, thought to be about 1,000 years old, grows on a wall at the Hildesheim Cathedral of Germany.

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9. What holidays are the most popular for rose purchases?

Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Christmas.

10. What color of roses is most popular on Valentine's Day?



11. When did roses become associated with Valentine's Day?

Back in the 1600s, the "language of flowers" was brought from Turkey to Europe. Roses, which symbolized love, were a natural fit when celebrating Valentine's Day.

12. Who buys roses for Valentine's Day?

According to the Society of American Florists, men buy 74 percent of Valentine's Day roses; women buy 26 percent.

13. When was the rose named the official national floral emblem of the United States?

Oct. 7, 1986, when President Reagan signed the legislation into law.

14. Which states have the rose as their official flower?

Georgia, Iowa, New York and North Dakota. It is also the official flower of the District of Columbia.

15. Who is known as the first U.S. rose breeder?

George Washington.



16. How are roses classified?

The American Rose Society, in cooperation with the World Federation of Roses, has adopted a classification scheme with three main groups of roses:

- The Species (such as "wild roses")
- Old Garden Roses (those classes in existence before 1867)
- Modern Roses (those classes not in existence before 1867)

17. Can you eat roses?

Yes, roses are edible, particularly their hips. A rose hip is the seed pod that forms on canes after they bloom. The hips can range in size from pea-sized to the size of a small apple. The rose variety determines their size, shape and color. Rose hips are high in vitamin C and have a tangy yet sweet flavor. They can be used to make tea, syrup, puree, jam, jelly and sauce. Don't try eating them raw, however, because they have stiff hairs around the seeds that can be irritating. Rose petals are also edible. You can sprinkle them on salads, use them as garnish or make them into jelly. Before using hips or petals in the kitchen, make sure that the rose from which they came has not been sprayed with fungicide or insecticide, which can be absorbed into the plant's tissues and therefore cannot be washed away.

18. What affects a rose's scent?

A rose's fragrance is one of its most endearing qualities.

Typically, roses that are darker have more petals or have thick petals have a more pronounced fragrance. A rose's scent is also stronger on warm, sunny days when the soil is moist.

There are more than two dozen rose scents. The seven most often found in hybrid tea roses include rose, nasturtium, orris, violet, apple, lemon and clover. Among the others are fern or moss, hyacinth, orange, bay anise, lily-of-the-valley, linseed oil, hone, wine, marigold, quince, geranium, peppers, parsley and raspberry.

19. From which play comes the famous line, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose / By any other name would smell as sweet"?

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." And that wasn't the Bard's only flirtation with the flower. Roses are mentioned more than 50 times throughout his works.



20. What's the best way to plant a rose bush successfully?

Proper planting and variety selection are the keys to producing beautiful flowers and controlling insects and disease. Rose bushes require full sun, good drainage, air circulation and organic matter in the soil.

Full sun means at least five hours of direct sunlight. Plant roses in an area with good drainage. Roses need good air circulation but need protection from hot dry wind.

They grow better in their own bed as opposed to planting them against a solid fence or house among other landscape shrubs. If your only choice is planting against a solid fence or house, plant the roses at least three to four feet from the fence or wall so air can circulate around and through the entire plant.

Prepare the soil with compost. Adding organic matter will raise the bed above the natural soil, which will provide good drainage.

For disease control, water with drip irrigation in order to keep the moisture off the foliage. Water early in the morning. Mulch with compost and bark mulch at least three times a year in the spring, summer and fall.

— Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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What's in a name? The ancient Greeks called the heart "kardia," from which we derive the words "cardiac" and "myocardial infarction." [We always thought that sounded cool on the medical shows on TV.] The ancient Romans modified "kardia" to "cor," which survives in the word "cordial," as in "cordial greetings." The old Teutonic [German] word "her-ton" also was derived from "cor" and gives us

"heart" after morphing first into the medieval "heorte."

Your heart by the numbers:

- Beats per minute: 130 for a newborn; 72 for an adult
- Number of heartbeats in a 70-year lifetime: 2.5 billion
- Weight of the human heart: 8 ounces [adult woman] to 10 ounces [adult man]

- Year that a scientist first described the structure of the heart: 1706
- Layers in the walls of the heart: three
- Number of chambers: four (two taking in blood, two pumping out)
- Output of blood per beat for each chamber: 2 tablespoons [which amounts to 5 quarts per minute or 2,000 gallons per day total for the heart]
- Lifetime blood output (over 70 years):

- 250,000 gallons
- Length of blood-vessel system (arteries, veins and capillaries): 60,000 miles
- Number of Americans who die from heart disease each day: 2,000

Sources: fitness.howstuffworks.com/heart6.htm, www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/heart/facts.html

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“The New World” is moving and visually stunning

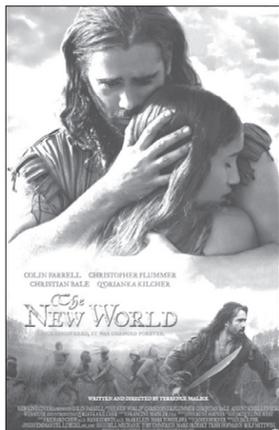
Little-known film makes big impact

DUSTIN JACOBS
STAFF WRITER

“The New World” ad campaign began a year before it was to be released. Then, for almost a year’s time, you heard absolutely nothing about the film. In a way, this film snuck up on audiences, and has been overlooked since its release date a few weeks ago. However under the radar, this film was great.

It is about the story of Pocahontas and John Smith, a story most of us have heard already, but the way it was told was very original.

John Smith [Colin Ferrell] and several British sailors lead by Captain Newport [Chris Plummer], head across the Atlantic in search of new possibilities and a new life. What they find is a rich land that is inhabited by a Native American empire lead by Chief Powhatan [August Shellenberg]. When Smith sets out on an exploration, he is captured by the tribe and sentenced to die. That



is until Powhatan’s daughter, Pocahontas [Q’Orianka Kilcher], throws herself onto him in order to save his life. From there, Smith is instead a prisoner with one purpose, to teach Pocahontas the ways of the English people. Love ensues, but a brewing battle between the Jamestown colonists and the native tribes threatens to end their relationship for good.

This film is visually stunning and some scenes will leave you breathless. The cinematography

is so well done that you believe that you are in the 1607 Virginia wilderness. Cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki is deserving of the film’s only Oscar nomination.

Colin Ferrell truly does one of his best jobs as a screen actor. Q’Orianka Kilcher, in her film debut, seems to be a natural talent. She takes hold of the central character; attractive and innocent, it’s no wonder she woos John Smith. Chris Plummer and Christian Bale add solid support to a great cast.

All of this great work can be attributed to Director Terrence Malick. Not only did he direct this piece, but he also wrote the screenplay back in the late 1970s. This film has been a long time coming, and the wait has paid off. The way the piece was edited, and the poetic voice-overs, are truly unique. Malick has taken a well-known legend of cross-cultures, and it’s told in an original way. He has made it his own, and created a truly beautiful piece of art.

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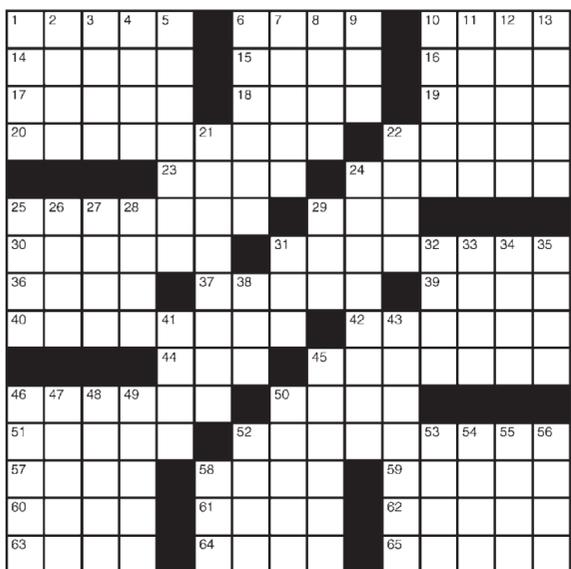
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 - 10 Uses a laser weapon
 - 14 Irritate
 - 15 Mixed bag
 - 16 Black, in verse
 - 17 Ocean speck
 - 18 Extended family
 - 19 ___ fide
 - 20 Basic nature
 - 22 Goods transporter
 - 23 Former Curtain
 - 24 Chin beard
 - 25 Bar-code reader
 - 29 Charged particle
 - 30 Touch tenderly
 - 31 Put in
 - 36 St. crossers
 - 37 Pennies
 - 39 Clinton's canal
 - 40 Evaluate anew
 - 42 Pay no heed to
 - 44 Pismire
 - 45 Radar gun's target
 - 46 Bemoan
 - 50 Normandy town
 - 51 Wanted poster word
 - 52 Quivered convulsively
 - 57 Muscle spasms
 - 58 Coalition
 - 59 Wear away
 - 60 ___ and now
 - 61 Do a fall chore
 - 62 Mature
 - 63 Organic compound
 - 64 Declare
 - 65 Perfume allure
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- 1 Long narrative poem
 - 2 Netting
 - 3 Actor Lugosi
 - 4 Of all time
 - 5 Saves
 - 6 Zhivago or Spock
 - 7 Comic Woody
 - 8 Ananias, for one
 - 9 Long, long time
 - 10 Serengeti equine
 - 11 Concerning
 - 12 ___ de Leon
 - 13 Plumber's helper
 - 21 Moon shape
 - 22 Sound quality
 - 24 Spread rumors
 - 25 Battle souvenir
 - 26 Stalactite site
 - 27 Length x width
 - 28 Scottish headland
 - 29 Bank pymt.
 - 31 Election winners
 - 32 Actress Russo
 - 33 Walked heavily
 - 34 Leprechaun land
 - 35 Forest denizen
 - 38 Ballpark fig.
 - 41 ___-culottes
 - 43 Male and female
 - 45 Place setting item
 - 46 Wood-shaping machine
 - 47 Unworldly being
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 - 50 Reduce air intake
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 - 53 Idle or Stoltz
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Why be political when you can drink?

State of boredom

From what I understand, the night of Jan. 31 was very important. The State of the Union address is significant stuff, right? Well, as far as I am concerned it's a bloody good opportunity to play some drinking games, as well as an opportunity to have a few laughs and to keep an eye out for some of 'Dubya's' famous faces.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not one of those partisan hacks who thinks Mr. Bush is the most evil man on the face of the planet, but one has to admit that he has a propensity for pulling off some amusing looks. If I'm going to watch the president blather on about troops and bipartisan initiatives then the least I can do is derive some amusement from it. I believe this is an admirable approach to what would otherwise be a sleep-inducing night by the telly.

Perhaps I am alone in thinking the whole event was a waste of time, aside from any jollity I may have derived from it. From the ongoing analysis and continual babble from talking heads on every channel under the sun, one would think the address carried some kind of import, but I'm not so sure. Perhaps it's some public relations thing that I'm not quite aware of.

I'm often mystified about

the political climate in the United States and the amount of analysis. I get the impression that the greenhouse effect would be greatly lessened were CNN, FOX News and the other cable channels shut down, as the hot air emissions on a nightly basis seem almost overwhelming whenever I've committed myself to watching political shows.

Put Sean Hannity, Bill O'Reilly and Wolf Blitzer in a room for an hour and I am quite sure they will all die of methane poisoning. The most serious political analysis I can recall seeing in Melbourne



DOWN UNDER
By Adam Stevens

was a bunch of comedians sitting around a desk, striving to make the wittiest comment about a particular issue or scandal. I suppose having 383,000 channels available, as opposed to five as is the case in Australia, makes all the difference. There is simply more room for the hot air to ventilate.

Fortunately, I have not gained the impression that many Americans take the State of the Union address seriously either, and for that I have only commendations for all concerned. Any event that can precipitate a drinking game has to get the thumbs up from me, whether it is a game of cards or a presidential address.

Now that the business of politics is done with, let's get back to the more serious business that awaits us this week, like watching "Lost." I'll be sure to put together some rules for a drinking game for that for next time. It's always best to be prepared.

What: Apres Diem
Why: With the European atmosphere and inviting lounge, it is the perfect place to impress your sweetie this Valentine's Day.
Cost: The most expensive bottle of wine is \$24. Entrees range from \$15-\$19, and the desserts are \$4-5.
Info: 404-872-3333

What: "Valentine's Orchid Nights" at Atlanta Botanical Gardens
When: Sat Feb. 11 and Feb. 14
Why: What girl doesn't like flowers? Chocolate and wine will be available as well. What else is there?
Cost: \$20/person
Info: 404-876-5859

What: Valentine Dinner Dance Weekend
When: Feb. 11
Why: Because everything is included in this romantic weekend. For \$266, it includes accommodations, dinner, two alcoholic beverages per person, dancing to a live band, admissions to the Gardens themselves, use of the Fitness Center, and reception.
Cost: \$266
Info: 1-800-CALLAWAY

What: Improv Show at Whole World Theatre
When: Feb. 14, 9 p.m.
Why: \$75 per couple includes a bottle of wine or champagne, and a dessert bar after the show.
Cost: \$75 per couple
Info: For reservations, call 404-817-0880



What: Churchhill Grounds
When: Feb. 14. First musical set starts at 7 p.m., second set starts at 9 p.m., and the last set starts at 11 p.m.
Why: Great place to chill out with your date, listening to some great jazz. Serves coffee and light food.
Cost: There is a \$20 cover per set and a \$10 minimum per set.
Info: 404-876-3030

What: Ringling Bros Barnum and Bailey Circus
When: Feb. 10 - Feb. 20, Phillips Arena, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14

Why: They say laughing together brings you closer.
Cost: From \$12-\$130
Info: 404-249-6400

What: Hotel Indigo, in downtown Atlanta
When: Feb. 14
Why: If you did not take Joe's advice, your night may end up here. It is not your typical hotel, as they have special packages that include champagne or breakfast. They also allow pets, so Spot doesn't have to be alone on Valentines Day either.
Cost: \$150/night
Info: 1-404-874-9200

What: The Sundial Restaurant, Bar and View
When: Feb. 14
Why: Eat here, and you'll get a 360-degree view of Midtown, Atlanta, live Jazz and great food. Always impressive.
Cost: \$28-36 per entree
Info: 404-589-7506

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Horoscopes

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Today's Birthday [02-08-06]

You will know it is really love when the two of you start making plans together. By this time next year, if all goes well, you will both be very busy.

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. Do not procrastinate. It will not be long before other obligations interfere with your studies. By then, know as much as you can.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 5. Collect as many goodies as you can, while you can. Then, get into the preparation for your next project.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is an 8. The next assignment is to make more money come in. You know you are smart, so go ahead and get wealthy. It is okay.

Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 7. You have some of the answers yourself, in that stack of papers you have let pile up. Sort and file.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]

Today is a 7. If you cannot figure out what a stubborn person is talking about, get a friend to intervene. Maybe you need a translator.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]

Today is a 5. Conditions are unstable early, but the bumps smooth out. Do not get freaked and give up. Stay on course.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]

Today is an 8. Your fantasies are about to encounter a reality check. The goal can be accomplished, but there's lots of work

involved.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is a 6. Do not spend all your savings on fixing up your place. Some, but not all. Save enough to get out of town, soon.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]

Today is a 7. Keep studying and practicing. You are about to make a jump up to the next level of understanding. What you have been doing starts getting easy.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]

Today is a 7. Figure out ways to delegate more of your responsibilities. You can multiply your production and give yourself more free time.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]

Today is an 8. As always happens, love is followed closely by more work. Do not complain, this is the natural order of things.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]

Today is a 6. The prevailing theme for the past few weeks is about cleaning up old messes. That job should go more smoothly now, since you have had lots of practice.

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The most important games of the season for KSU Baseball will be against North Florida [the preseason A-Sun favorite]. However, fans will probably have a different opinion since the Owls are scheduled to play Georgia and Georgia Tech early in their schedule.

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Youthful Owls expected to soar

Coach believes KSU will soon be as recognizable as Georgia and Georgia Tech

The baseball team hit the field to prepare for another spring season in the Atlantic Sun Conference. Head Coach Mike Sansing has started rigorous practices in Stillwell Stadium, making use of long inner-squad games to develop and reinstate his players' instincts and skills after the off season. Despite coaching a relatively young team, Sansing is optimistic about the abilities of his new recruits. "I think they've responded well to practices and the game situations we've had," he said. "They're very eager in learning what we're trying to do." Sansing hopes to use the practices to gage the new recruits

and integrate them into the team as effectively as possible. "Our goal is to win the Atlantic Sun Conference," he said.

Outside the conference, the Owls are looking forward to playing the biggest names in the state, Georgia and Georgia Tech. Sansing said that it would be an "attractive game for the fans," and hopes that KSU's name will be mentioned alongside UGA and Georgia Tech someday. The Owls will play Georgia Tech on Feb. 17 for the first time in the program's history, and on March 14 and May 16 the Owls will go head-to-head with UGA.

"The past five years that I've been here we've always talked about wanting to play those guys," said Sr. shortstop Ryan Perry. "I think it will be an exciting time for us and we'll go banging around with them and see what happens."

Before the Owls take on the Bulldogs or the Yellow Jackets they must first fill some big shoes. "We lost some big seniors last year, especially with Kevin Gergel going to the draft," said Scott Hendrix, a Sr. first baseman. "That really hurt because he was batting right up at around .400. And of course Jon Love and AC (Adrian Colton), those were all big players that we lost." The Seattle Mariners drafted Gergel on Jun. 8 in the 2005 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

Sansing, along with building up this year's team, has prepared for the 2007 season with the signing of eight players: Kyle Heckathorn, Justin Edwards, Kyle Clayton, Chad Jenkins, Kody Paul, Tyler Stubblefield, Clint Rouque and Jace Whitmer will all be part of KSU's first D-I recruiting class. Sansing said the new recruits are highly skilled at their sport. Heckathorn, a right-handed pitcher, scored two home runs in the 2005 Connie Mack World Series. Edwards, a left handed pitcher, played on a Class A State Championship team while Clayton, another left handed pitcher, was named 2005 Best of Preps. Whitmer, who is 6'4", was a member of

Team Georgia and was honored by the Georgia Dugout Club.

Sansing was named Coach of the Year for the fifth time by the Georgia Dugout Club Division at the club's annual banquet ceremony on Jan. 21. He was also honored in 2003, 1998, 1996 and 1994. "The success we have enjoyed at the NAIA and Division II level has provided us with such a strong foundation for what we are attempting to do now that we are a Division I program. We hope to continue our success and to build upon it to become a strong Division I program," said Sansing through the KSU Athletic Department.

Last season the Owls won 37 games and lost 22. Their home record was 26-8, while their away record was 10-14, and they won one game at a neutral field. In the conference the Owls held a record of 19 wins and eleven losses.

Their season began in Feb. 2005 with a three-game sweep over Limestone College, a loss and a win against Anderson, a victory over Shorter and Carson Newman, and then another three-game sweep against Francis Marion. By the end of the month only USC Upstate stole a single victory, but the Owls came back to take the last two.

March started off well with a KSU win over Alabama-Huntsville, one win and two losses to Columbus State, a win against Southern Tech and a loss to Limestone College. The Owls then lost their first game against North Florida. The Owls took the second game but lost the third. The Owls then defeated Belmont Abby and won two of the three games against UNC Pembroke, KSU lost to Montevallo, and then again won two of three games against Augusta State. Southern Tech ended the month with a loss.

In April the Owls won two of three games against Barton College, lost to Montevallo again, and swept three games against Georgia College and State. The Owls lost to West Georgia, won against Alabama-Huntsville again, won two out of three games against UNC Aiken, and beat Anderson, West Georgia, Erskine and Presbyterian twice to end April. May started with two victories and a loss against Lander, and one win and two defeats against Armstrong Atlantic. The Owls finished the season with a win against Francis Marion and then lost two out of three games against North Florida in the conference championship.

The Owls play their first game in South Carolina on Feb. 11 against Washington State. Their first home game is Feb. 22 against Alabama Birmingham.

For most Americans Winter Olympics in need of a "Miracle"

The Post-Cold War era is leaving many U.S. Citizens out in the cold with no ski jacket in sight

The 2006 Winter Olympics will kick off Feb. 11 in Torino, Italy. Like the Summer Olympics, the Winter Olympics hosts world-class athletes from around the globe who are competing to win a gold medal for their respective countries. The real question however, is do we as Georgians and U.S. Citizens really care?

It would appear that we don't. Half of the country, including Georgia, doesn't have the climate for a Winter Olympic game, and therefore wouldn't give the games another thought, not to mention that for some individuals the cold weather is not as inviting as warm weather. Need I mention the fact that the Winter Olympic sport of curling, an

event that involves a stone and two push brooms, may not match up when compared to the track and field events of the Summer Olympics?

NBC is once again showcasing the Olympics on their network. Will they garner ratings? It depends on if Colorado has enough skiing aficionados. If that is not the case, and more than likely it won't be, then the Olympics will continue to dwindle in the TV ratings department. After all, why watch a sport you have no interest in?

To have an interest in a sport, you probably have participated in it in some fashion. In general, people go skiing or snow boarding for the thrill of it, not to compete. Men get forced onto an ice

rink because their girlfriends find it romantic, not because he enjoys watching Michelle Kwan choke under pressure.

Since Torino is across the globe, the events will be shown via replays, which dull any sense of live excitement. That too will hurt people's interests.

The 2002 games provided Americans with enough interest, thanks in part to the fact that America was hosting the Winter Olympics and Americans could actually watch the events live. Somehow, I don't see any real sports fans watching the replays on NBC. Instead, I see most sports fans watching highlights on ESPN, if at all. After all, football, baseball, and basketball are king in

America. Sure ice hockey is on the minds of many US citizens, but hockey can't carry an entire Olympiad, can it?

Is there anything that could possibly liven up this barren, frozen and seemingly dull half of the Olympics? The answer may be too complicated to find. In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" impacted the nation in such a way that it was heralded the greatest sports moment in the history of the United States by some. In a lot

of ways, they may be right.

The U.S. Hockey team was a rag-tag bunch of college all stars that really had no chance of winning anything, especially with the seemingly unstoppable all-pro U.S.S.R. team involved in the Olympic games. As fate would have it, the two met in the semi finals of the Olympic tournament. No one in the world gave the United States a shot to win,

but somehow they found a way. They went on to the finals and won the gold medal.

Thanks to the looming Cold War of the time, the game had meaning on several levels. In fact, it was more than just a game, it was a statement of patriotism. The American people are romantics at heart, and are starving for another story like this one. Too bad these Winter Olympics some 26 years after the "Miracle" seemingly don't have any real drama.

People will have to settle for curling. People will have to settle for the luge. People will have to settle for the bobsled event. People will have to settle for the competition alone. That may not be enough to crack the ice with Americans.

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Not long ago, in 1982, Kennesaw College began its journey into intercollegiate athletics with a women's basketball team. The event itself was minor, with competition limited to NAIA status, but the significance of the event was huge.

Jump ahead to the present and Kennesaw State University hardly resembles what it once was. The school's athletics have moved from competing in the NAIA to competing in NCAA Division II and Division I and have accrued multiple Championships in various sports.

However, only since the recent jump to Division I has KSU begun to receive its due attention. With an ever-growing student population, the University has realized that it must provide the athletics department with proper equipment and furnishings. The Convocation Center, completed in 2005, finally gives the basketball teams and KSU students a worthy shrine for competition in

a Division I program. These moves have not gone unnoticed by students either, as shown by increased attendance at games and interest in sports programs overall.

"The school has grown significantly, and the students' involvement has grown with it," said third year criminal justice major Steven Castardi. "When you hear that your school is Division I, you take sports more seriously."

Also increasing is media coverage of home games. Press tables at men's basketball games, once normally half empty in the old Spec Landrum Center, are now usually full. Journalists from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution to ESPN are regular attendees at games.

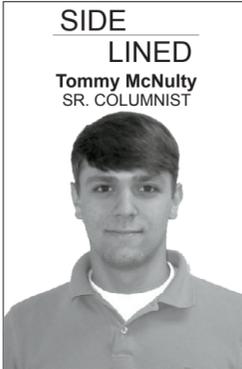
Students have begun forming support groups as well, a common theme at most Division I schools. For instance, starting this year the baseball team will have a group of young "hostesses" know as the

"Diamond Girls" accompanying the team. Each Diamond Girl will sponsor a player she roots for at home games, wearing a shirt with his name on it.

There is still a long way to go and many steps to take before KSU reaches its full potential in terms of school spirit and talent. Most of the University's programs are still under a mandatory probationary period that accompanies the jump to Division I. None of the teams are allowed to compete for the National Championship during this time, and when they are eligible to do so, it will most likely take some time before they obtain the skills and recruiting necessary to compete for the title against their many well-seasoned Division I opponents.

But these things will all come in time, and when they do, KSU students will be ready to embrace them. It is truly amazing how much KSU has grown in such a short time span, from its early days as a fledgling NAIA member to its current Atlantic Sun Division I status. Who knows? Perhaps the school will actually boast a football program in the coming years.

Well, there's always room for wishful thinking.



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Division I brings media attention

Broadcasts on ESPN, Fox Sports and CNN Sports may not be far behind

NATHAN MCCREARY
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After winning the 2004 national championship in men's basketball, KSU has received little attention from national, regional or even local media, but the move to Division I seemed to change the interest in KSU athletics.

ESPN has sent a writer out to cover KSU's bolt to the top of the Atlantic Sun rankings [unfortunately, the Owls have dropped four straight, falling to the middle of the A-Sun].

CBS contacted KSU's sports information director, Mark Toma, about a feature story on the men's basketball team that was supposed to run during halftime of the University of North Carolina game against Arizona on Jan. 28. The story did not run, but at least the Owls grabbed someone's attention at one of the "Big Three" networks.

The benefits of Division I are seen immediately in the ESPN, CNN and Fox Sports game tracker that crawls along the bottom of the screen. "Kennesaw," as most networks show it, can be tracked as the

games are in progress.

Regionally, KSU has been a Cinderella story for the Atlantic Sun. The Owls' Ronell Wooten and Golden Ingle and the Lady Owls' Shovander Clarke have been named A-Sun Players of the Week. Clark was Player of the Week back-to-back on Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 after a 37-point performance against Lipscomb and a 31-point and 23 rebounding showing against Jacksonville State. The Owls are also seen on the "Plays of the Week" segment on the A-Sun's show, which airs on Fridays at 7 p.m. just prior to the A-Sun Game of the Week on CSS.

Since the move into Division I, the Marietta Daily Journal has sent a dedicated writer, David Friedlander, to cover the Owls' beat. The team's home games are also shown on a taped-delay basis on Cobb's Education Channel [Channel 24 on Comcast and 95 on Charter Cable]. Games air Sunday at 6 p.m., Monday at 10 p.m., Thursday at 8 p.m., and Saturday at 10 a.m.

A new newspaper called The Golden Eye has been formed on campus. It is dedicated to

KSU athletics and is published by Steve Gallman, a 1999 graduate of KSU and former writer for the KSU Sentinel.

"I started the paper because I think it is important for people to know what they have in their own backyard. We have a great arena and are in Division I. People need to know that," Gallman said. "[The University of] Georgia has sports papers like The Red & Black, dedicated to their sports programs, Georgia Tech has the Technician. KSU deserves a paper dedicated to their athletics as well."

With all the media attention coming KSU's way, there are still media that fail to cover the Owls. Both 680-The Fan and 790-The Zone have scheduled nationally syndicated programs, but neither carry KSU games.

When The Zone was asked to start reporting KSU scores in their sports update, Program Director Matt Edgar said that the station was only going to report on the "Big Six," the Braves, Falcons, Hawks, Thrashers, Yellow Jackets and Dawgs. "I am a Cobb native myself and have always been

familiar and impressed with the Owl program both athletically and scholastically," said Edgar. "That being said, whether it is KSU, Georgia State, West Georgia or even Georgia Southern, it is tough for us to add these programs to our regular coverage. Though each program has very passionate fan bases, in a city of Atlanta's size and stature the 'Big Six' must take priority. The little bit we have done with the programs outside of the Big Six involve postseason and major headline stories."

The product that KSU puts on the court, field, rink or diamond speaks for itself. Media attention for KSU is certainly going to pick up once the teams are off of probation. The soccer and golf teams will be eligible for post-season tournaments in 2007, whereas basketball, baseball and tennis teams will have to wait until 2009.

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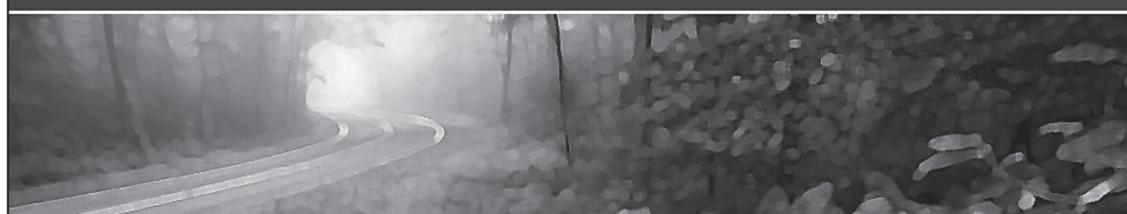


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