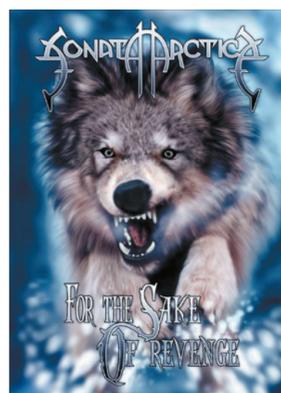




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Student viewers watch video clips focused on the story of Matthew Shepard.

Mother speaks out about coming out

Judy Shepard visits campus to increase awareness and share story

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Judy Shepard, mother of murder victim Matthew Shepard, spoke to a large group of students in the Student Center on March 28. She spent most of her time here encouraging students to use their voices in helping to make changes in how people view and treat others, especially in respect to their sexual preferences.

In Oct. 1998, her 21-year-old son, Matthew Shepard, was murdered. Matthew was at a bar near the University of Wyoming campus, when Aaron McKinney, 22, and Arthur Henderson, 21, took him to a remote location. During the car ride, Matthew allegedly touched Henderson on his thigh.

Matthew was beaten with a .357 magnum and left tied to a fence in the deserted Wyoming countryside. 18 hours later, a

cyclist who mistook him for a scarecrow, found him. He died five days later. His face was left almost unrecognizable.

Both men later made plea agreements admitting to the murder during their trials.

Shepard's family struggled with "deciding whether we were going to hide or speak out." Shepard decided she needed to bring awareness to society and educate others of issues surrounding race, ethnicity, religion and finally, sexuality. Matthew's story gained national media attention and brought people from around the world to pay their respects, as well as some who came to protest the gay lifestyle. Protestors went as far as to picket his funeral.

Shepard read the victim impact statement that she presented at the trial of her sons killers. The purpose of these statements is for loved ones to explain their loss to the court.

Before reading her statement, Shepard closed her eyes and recalled the court-

room to the audience. The jurors were behind her and her husband was next to her.

Matthew was a person who loved everyone, she said. In high school, he had a passion for theater, politics and current events. He was interested in learning about different people and gaining an understanding of them.

"He had such hopes for the future," said Shepard, for "his future."

Shepard was overseas when she received the phone call that Matthew was in critical condition. The Shepard family immediately boarded a flight. When they arrived, Shepard approached her son, but she could hardly recognize him though the bandages and dozens of tubes extending from his body. She peered into his familiar eyes.

"How can anyone feel so threatened by a sweet child?" she said.

Shepard explained that though she does blame

Henderson and McKinney for Matthew's death, she equally blames society for generating hate crimes and hate-filled thoughts. She further explained that while the national leader is communicating the message "gay is wrong," that same leader would never send that same message about any other minority.

"[I] don't know why we hold on to the emotion of hate," Shepard said. "Ignorance is at the root of it all. [We] must educate each other."

Shepard also spoke to students about admitting that they are gay to friends and parents.

"You are who you are, and you love who you love," Shepard said. "People should listen to others who are gay and trying to come out to them, and be supportive of their friends."

Matthew called to tell her he was gay. She responded with, "What took you so long to tell me?"

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Global society league wins awards

Model Arab organization prepares for national competition

AZY KASHANI
STAFF WRITER

Members from the KSU Model Arab League recently attended the Southeastern Regional Conference. The league returned with their third Outstanding Delegation award, making them one of the top ranked delegations in the Southeast.

The MAL, this year representing the country of Lebanon, attended the conference at the Converse College in Spartanburg, SC. They are now on their way to the nationals in Washington, D.C., which will be held in the first week of April.

The Southeastern Regional MAL Conference was held for three days in Spartanburg, where more than 250 delegates played the role of real diplomats and battled existing worldwide issues through debate and resolution.

The conference began with an opening ceremony and plenary session. Members then divided into groups where they had committee sessions, lasting approximately two hours. Students debated topics and issues existing in Arab countries and developed resolutions, simulating the real League of Arab States.

The sessions included students competing through debates and negotiations, eventually bringing resolutions that passed before the entire committee. Closing ceremonies and summit sessions ended the conference. Members were judged based on their skills and knowledge about their represented country. Awards were given out to top honor delegates.

KSU among with the three schools with an Outstanding Delegation.

The individual Outstanding Delegation award winners included Ian Weise, Sophia Lipko, Samir Hallab, Stephen Valdes, Jelena Kelava, Kirk Truscott and Jonathon Edman.

Other awards given were an Honorable Delegation award to Emina Ticic and Ghizlane Kirane, an Outstanding Justice award to Tracey Brown and an Outstanding Chair award to David Valente, who has chaired in the Council of Political Affairs.

The sessions included discussions on a wide variety of topics, ranging from encouraging foreign investment in the Arab world to the status of women in society.

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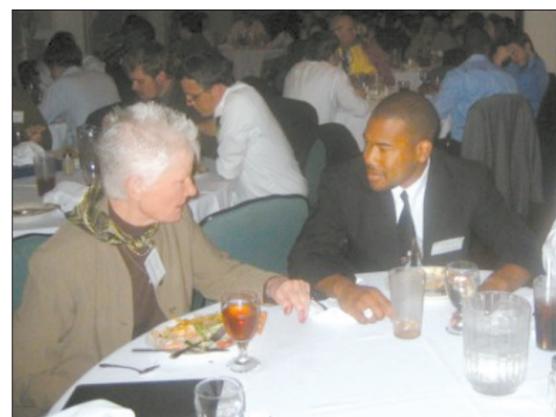


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Faculty advisor Linda Morrison and sophomore political science major Ian Weise discuss matters at the Southeastern Regional MAL Conference.

A real look into ourselves: the visual textbook of humans



Alex Danaila | The Sentinel

"To see is to know." The ancient Greeks and Egyptians began using this principle to dissect and study the human body displaying real dissected human specimen in ways never before seen by most, "Bodies: The Exhibition" follows this principle, featuring a visual textbook of the human body at The Atlanta Civic Center.

Learn how to make peace

Student leadership training for peace held on campus

AMY STOREY
NEWS EDITOR

The office of Global Diversity and Community Affairs will hold their second annual peace conference on Friday, April 7 in the Burrus Building room 151.

The conference, entitled "Working With Others for the Common Good," will be an all-day event, held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The conference will have peace-training involved factors to the day's schedule.

The event will begin with a continental breakfast and an opening session led by Dr. Flora Devine, vice president of global diversity, and Thomas Pynn, philosophy instructor. After opening ceremonies, the morning will begin with Herbert Kohl on "Teaching Positive Peace." Kohl has authored 40 books, including his most recent, "She Would Not Be Moved: How to Tell the

Story of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott."

"I think this is a wonderful opportunity to be able to talk with students who have to consider issues of peace and war every day of their lives. It's a great chance to provide some perspective to them since I've been around the question of war and peace for years," Kohl said. "I want the students to get a feel for their own ideas, their own values and the need to act on them. I think that action, married to ideas, is the way the world gets transformed."

Following Kohl's workshop, Mike Spino, director of international sports education, will speak on "Athletic Coaches as Peace Makers." Following Spino's lecture, Leonard Witt, distinguished chair of communication, and Robert D. Fowler, associate professor of communication, will be speaking on "Using Weblogs to Be a Worldwide [or Neighborhood] Publisher."

Dr. Kenneth Frank, director of the legal studies program and professor of humanities at Brenau University, will also be conducting a workshop on "Understanding Conflict Resolution Close to Home."

Dr. Betty Seigal will be in attendance and will introduce the keynote speaker, Judge Horace T. Ward of the US District Court in Atlanta. As a federal judge, Ward previously dealt with many civil and criminal laws case clients including those of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Charlayne Hunter-Gault and Hamilton Holmes.

"This seems to be a worthwhile program. The topic caught my interest," Ward said. "I want to talk about what the situation was when I came on the scene and how it changed, largely dealing with chases in the courts. I would like the audience to go away with some

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Omega Phi Alpha, a national service sorority, hosted a bake sale Monday, Apr. 3 in the Student Center. They were raising money to attend the OPA National Convention in Hartford, Connecticut in July. During the bake sale, the sorority also sold raffle tickets. Prizes included gift certificates to restaurants like Cracker Barrel, Rafferty's and Joe's CrabShack, as well as month long gym passes, DVD's and Country Fair tickets. According to Vice President Laura Stiles, OPA has also participated in Trees Atlanta, Douglas County Special Olympics and Mostly Mutts. Their next event is the Marietta Multiple Sclerosis Walk with the National MS Society.

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Continuing from their success in the regional conference, the MAL will attend to the national conference in Washington, D.C. After the conference ends, the league's newfound resolutions will be submitted to actual Arab League delegates.

"I am really looking forward to the national competition in D.C.," said Stephen Valdes, sophomore Spanish Education major and MAL delegate. "I think we have an incredible team and have a really good shot at bringing multiple awards home to KSU."

The MAL, sponsored by the Global Society and advised by faculty member Linda Morrisson, is a student club and leadership program where students from all majors can evaluate and find resolutions for problems faced in Arab nations.

"One of the biggest challenges I faced when I first

joined the Model Arab League in 2004 was that I couldn't speak in public; now you cannot shut me up," said Ghizlane Kirane, co-captain of the MAL. "It taught me how to be diplomatic."

The Global Society sponsors the MAL, as well as other leagues, such as Model United Nations and Model African Union. Their priority goal is to educate students and faculty about international affairs, and help these leagues keep up with global challenges and trends. The Global Society also administers the conferences that are held at regional, national and international levels.

The mock simulations of the Arab League began in 1983 in Washington, D.C. at Georgetown University, with the intention of it being a one-time delegation event. It expanded to become the National Council on Arab Relations Model Arab League, meeting

annually from January to April.

According to their web site, the league, existing for the past 24 years, has included approximately 25,000 student participants. The Models have been held in 14 different cities, and each year 200 high schools and college attend, counting as many as 2,500 students and hundreds of faculty members.

"Being active in the models provides a unique way of experiencing another culture; of challenging the assumptions and assessments one makes about the world. It also forces one to consider important social and political issues from different societal and cultural perspectives," said Jonathon Edmund, one of the regional award winners.

"Taken seriously, this can dramatically open a person up to new appreciations of the differences between us."

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understanding of the legal history and how it has develop. I also want them to gain some insight from my experiences."

This year's convention has the title "Working With Others for the Common Good" for a specific reason. Last year, the concentration was the philosophy of peace. This year, the creators of the conference want the audience to get a feel for the skills it takes to have peace and execute it in their everyday lives.

"I think that this is really important to have held on our campus. It is sure to have a positive impact on the people attending. These are things that we use on a day-to-day basis. I don't think that there is any better of a place to do this than on a college campus," said student participant Elaina Lindsey.

Following the legal aspects of peace, there is a special feature where a women's leadership panel will address the crowd on the conference theme. Members of the panel include Lani Wong of the National Association of Chinese Americans and Adelina Nichols, president of the Coordinating Council of Latino Community Leaders.

The conference will also present a special feature exhibit entitled "1,000 Women for Peace." Here, 1,000 women who have made some impact, global or local, will be appreciated and represented in photographs available for the entire audience to view.

"These women have helped every creature. Even though it is just an exhibit of colorful pictures and such, I think that everyone should take the time to really read about the women," Lindsey said.

Along with being the only school in Georgia to offer a peace study program, KSU is the first of its kind to do any sort of event like this.



"This is my second time to attend the conference. It has helped me a lot because after I came to the United States, I had to face the challenge of forming better communication skills," said Angela Lei, graduate student. "I think that peace is very useful in communication." Students, faculty and guests are all encouraged to attend. Certificates of attendance will be issued to any student who may miss a class due to the event.

"We are wanting to expand this conference to be globally effective. As a part of the presentation, we will be showing a web discussion where some of our KSU students got a chance to exchange dialog with students in Morocco," Devine said. "We did well last year with approximately 100 students having registered. Students came from KSU as well as five other universities in Georgia."

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Professor makes effort to keep Cobb and Cherokee streets safer

State grant issued to LeBaron for education program

JELENA KELAVA
STAFF WRITER

Latin American history professor Dr. Alan LeBaron received a grant of \$5,500 from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, intended to educate Hispanics in Cobb and Cherokee counties about DUI laws and customs and highway safety laws and regulations.

"Our grant is specifically for speakers of Spanish," LeBaron said. "Our strategy is to develop Spanish language material that gives the information about DUI, highway safety laws in an efficient manner."

LeBaron chose to commit to educating the Hispanic population about American laws because he feels that the current system in Georgia is unable to know what to do with the Hispanic situation.

LeBaron, an expert in the field of Latin American culture, explains that the driving laws in Latin America are different and often less severe than those in America.

"People from Hispanic countries often don't know about the laws in the U.S. Here, the laws on DUI are quite severe, so it is no surprise that when they come to the United States from a Hispanic country, they are quite surprised when they get a DUI ticket," LeBaron said.

Even though most Hispanics do obey the laws, the ones who get in trouble usually have no

way of learning their lesson since there are very few DUI schools in Spanish. They are forced to attend the ones offered in English, and often do not understand the severity of their crime.

In addition to this, LeBaron points out that there are plenty of white Americans in court as well, but there is already a system in place to educate English speakers.

"I want to make clear that I'm not saying that Hispanics are bringing a problem that was not already there. Both Anglos and Hispanics are violators, but there are special cases with Spanish violators," LeBaron said.

LeBaron proposed to collect data on knowledge of highway safety in the Hispanic community for both teenagers and adults.

He plans to assess their knowledge before they enter the program and after they have attended the classes to obtain statistical data that would be used to help provide solutions.

"Our program does two things," LeBaron said.

"It recognizes that there are several hundred thousand people here and that they are not going away because they are so heavily integrated into the economy, and with that in mind, we have taken one of the problems, which is the highway safety, with a single minded goal - making the highways safer for all."

The community program begins two weeks in the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research.

The court system will send the Hispanic DUI offenders to campus. Two other Spanish native speakers from LeBaron's team will deliver the program.

LeBaron proposed that it is crucial that participants in the program are not approached in an institutional way. He has devised his program around the people in attendance so that they can be understood and respected, not intimidated or insulted.

Another aspect of this program will be the education of Hispanic teenagers.

"The Teen Research Center is connected to the Joshua Brown Foundation, which plans on helping us with driving simulations for teens. These simulations will help us assess and teach them the driving laws and procedures," LeBaron said.

If this program is successful, the creators hope to expand beyond Cobb and Cherokee counties to the entire state, and possibly, even to a national level.

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Illegal immigration

A real problem with real solutions

KAYLA PRESS
FEATURES EDITOR

If you did not see it coming, you were not paying attention. Illegal immigration has been an issue for a long time. There are an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in this county. That is 12 million people that the government does not account for, and if you ask me, that is 12 million too many.

Now, before anybody goes ape, allow me to clarify a common misconception of my perspective on this issue.

I am not suggesting that immigrants are a problem. However, I am saying that ILLEGAL immigration is a problem. There is a difference, folks.

I have family that came to Ellis Island at the turn of the 20 century. The migration of people to the U.S. is a crucial component of our society. The problem does not rest in immigration. The problem rests in illegal immigration.

The country has gotten itself in a big fit over this issue. What is the outcome? The outcome is a bunch of neutral politicians who want the vote so badly that they cannot come up with any real solutions to the problem.

The greatest obstacle here is that many politicians do not see illegal immigration as a problem. Republicans fear being called the "bad guy" and getting tough on illegal immigration, and Democrats want to appeal to the minority voting community.

So what is the big deal if a few million folks want to come here illegally? The big deal is that they don't just come here. While they are here they use our social services [education, health care and welfare etc.]. This is one major reason illegal immigration is a problem.

I must share an anecdote that I heard from a caller on "The Radio Factor" with Bill O'Reilly on March 30. I know there are many O'Reilly-haters out there, but his caller makes a good point. An L.A. resident explained that everyday on his way to work, he passes five to ten homeless people. If he were to help each of them everyday, by giving them money and food, eventually he would not be able to support his own family.

This is what is happening with illegal immigrants. I am not saying that they are bad people. As a matter of fact, I am sure they are not. They want to be here so that they can work and provide for their own families. Unfortunately there are many setbacks to the situation.

For those of you who think I am being harsh, here is another reason this illegal immigration issue is a problem. May I remind you of 9/11? Come on folks, this is an issue of national security. I do not expect that Mexicans will come terrorize our country; however, there are terrorist cells everywhere. Do you think that they are not tapped into the fact that the



Liz Clark, a protester, holds a placard as she listens to leaders from the Minutemen group speak in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., February 8, 2006. About 50 demonstrators attended the rally which was held to protest illegal immigration into the United States.

U.S. has a relaxed border? Of course they are. They can, and will, use this against us. Is that what it is going to take to get politicians to do something about it? Are we going to have to lose more citizens to another terrorist attack before our border is secured?

We have a real issue on our hands, but the good news is that there are solutions.

First and foremost, we must move the National Guard down to the border. One of the duties of the mili-

tary is to secure our nation and its borders, plain and simple.

Second, we need to take a proactive stance on the problem. We can start by punishing employers who hire these illegal immigrants. First time offense, they should be fined, and their second offense, jail time. Next is to take away the social services we offer the illegal immigrants. Why should illegal immigrants get a free ride, forcing others to pick up the tab? By punishing employers, the amount of

available jobs will decrease. By prohibiting illegal immigrants from using social services, the desire to come here will be lessened.

Third, legislation must be involved. The bill proposing that those who harbor illegal immigrants are punished has not gone over well in Washington. However, it should, or people will continue to smuggle aliens into this country knowing they will get away with it.

Fourth, a huge problem lies in the citizenship pro-

gram. It is very difficult to become a citizen and it takes years, in many cases. It is time to reform the process so that citizenship is not so hard to come by. This will encourage immigrants to go through the process properly, instead of coming here illegally.

Once action is taken to decrease the problem of illegal immigration, we can start working on a guest worker program.

Girls have it all wrong: dating has never been easier

From a man's perspective

DUSTIN JACOBS
COLUMNIST

I would like to thank fellow Sentinel writer Azy Kashani and her opinion column "Dating Standards from a woman's perspective." Now it is our turn. Playing the part of the male sex today is yours truly, Mr. Dustin Jacobs.

Ladies, ladies, ladies. It would appear that you have not found the right man for you. That could be perhaps the most unfortunate thing about women in our society today. They are looking for tall, dark, handsome and rich. Unfortunately, those men are like diamonds in a world of cubic zirconium. For most of you gals, they don't exist. As a matter of fact, they never will exist.

That is the problem that most guys have with women these days. Women seem to be tuned in to their dreams instead of reality. You see women who watch shows like "Laguna Beach" or "The Real World," and you think "How can they buy into this stuff in the first place?" Ladies, reality TV is an oxymoron. TV is about making money, and only interesting TV sells.

You want romance, and say we use the "excuse" of financial problems. What if we really are financially em-



barrassed? We've got cars to pay for, damn it, let alone a college education. You gals should be more reasonable. How about popping in one of those old romantic films you love so much, while we pretend to be pay attention.

"You don't listen to me!" Oh, how many times have I heard that one? What if you are saying something that I just have no interest in hearing? For instance, "Do I look fat in this dress?"

Now, I know you gals are self-conscious around that time of the month, but please don't send us riddles such as

this. We're damned if we do, damned if we don't. "Sure honey, you look fine." Of course, that spells doom.

Here is another thing about the female race that is just hard to understand. Materialism! Diamonds are a girl's best friend? Why not a puppy? Why not ESPN? Why not a man?

Even if you are not about materialism, you still want us to walk that extra mile. Now, I know some of you like the long walks, but let's face it, after a nine-to-five day, the last thing a guy wants to do is hike Kennesaw

Mountain. He wants to pull an Al Bundy; sit on the couch with his favorite sport on the television with a beer in one hand and his left hand half inside his pants.

You complain that you have to make the first move. What is so wrong with that? After all, we are an evolving species. Maybe it is about time a girl asks a guy. In fact, women should ask guys out. Since the beginning of time, men have been knocking women over the head and taking them back to their cave. It is time to start using a club,

ladies. Why can't we be shy? Is there anything wrong with that? Doesn't that fall into the "sensitive" category you girls are always looking for?

I mean you girls should be more appreciative. After all, who is there to take out the garbage? That would be us. Who is there to take out the creepy crawler you deemed too icky to kill yourself? That would be us. Who is there to talk naughty to you? That would be that 1-900 number you just called, because we fell asleep during foreplay.

As far as the romantic age of Shakespeare goes, I feel you might want to rethink that. After all, most men in those days didn't have TV. Therefore, they were in brothels all day, getting drunk with loose women. Shakespeare, who is a historically ambiguous character, is said to have never left his room that often. Therefore, he is just like any other 40-year-old living in his parent's basement. [Ultimately meaning he knows nothing of love or women].

I hope that I have cleared things up for you and the other romantics out there. As good as a film like "The Notebook" is on screen, in reality, stuff like that doesn't happen. If you want a more realistic view of love on film, try "Closer" on for size. Clive Owens's character is a much more realistic portrayal of a man. For you ladies, it is as good as it gets.

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Journalism school caves in on freedom of the press

How far does the 1st Amendment go?

JIM MARTIN
[KRT]

It's safe to say that neither Galileo nor John Scopes would have fared well as students in the University of Illinois' College of Communications. And H.L. Mencken almost certainly wouldn't have lasted a full day as editor of the student newspaper, The Daily Illini.

By order of the college's dean, Roland Yates, and the newspaper's board of directors, the First Amendment has been spiked in favor of political correctness. Two Daily Illini editors were fired from their jobs March 21 for printing six Danish cartoons satirically depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

It would be difficult to argue that the cartoons were not newsworthy since their original publication in a small Copenhagen newspaper sparked riots and loss of life throughout the Muslim world earlier this year.

How can readers of The Daily Illini or any other U.S. newspaper, for that matter, understand what those riots were all about and judge their appropriateness or inappropriateness without viewing the cartoons?

Yet with its publication of the six cartoons on Feb. 9, The Daily Illini joined only

a handful of American dailies with enough guts to show their readers what triggered one of the major news stories of 2006. Among the other staunch defenders of free expression: The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Austin American-Statesman and The Rocky Mountain News.

The firings were made after complaints by some Muslim students that the cartoons were anti-Muslim and disrespectful of Islam.

Daily Illini Editor Acton H. Gorton who was fired along with the paper's op-ed editor, Charles Prochaska said he intends to sue the newspaper's board for defamation and unlawful dismissal.

Gorton, a 25-year-old journalism major, accused the paper's board of directors of terminating him for doing nothing more than exercising his free-speech rights. He said he was given 30 minutes to explain his actions at a closed-door meeting of the Illini board, but used only ten and was not asked any questions. "They just sat and stared at me," he said.

Gorton also complained that he never was allowed to meet with a task force created to study the issue after he printed the cartoons.

The board, which includes both students and faculty, voted unanimously to fire Gorton and Prochaska for violating "Daily Illini policies about thoughtful discussion and preparation for the publication of inflammatory material."

Ironically, its statement continued: "The

board believes this conclusion is in the best interests of The Daily Illini newsroom and will allow the student journalists to carry on with the newspaper's 135-year-old tradition of a vibrant, independent student press."

How's that again? When I was a student journalist at the University of Florida a few decades back, every professor on the staff hammered it home that a vibrant, independent press begins and ends with the right to free expression. As a reporter in the 70's an independent press was the key to freedom of the press.

That was a cardinal principle of the Founding Fathers, and it was never meant to bow down before threats and intimidation. Today's journalism schools, unfortunately, seem to have abandoned the sacred precepts of our Bill of Rights.

Instead of teaching the First Amendment they now spend their time on sensitivity training. In doing so, they conjure up the wisdom of George Bernard Shaw's famous dictum: "He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches."

I hope those who graduate from the University of Illinois' College of Communications this year will ignore the messages of their weak-minded professors and go on to become vibrant, independent journalists on their own.

As for Gorton and Prochaska, they ought to be invited to a National Press Club newsmakers luncheon as honored guests and given a standing ovation.

Greetings from Graybeard

A non-traditional student's views

JOHN HOOPER
GUEST COLUMNIST

Thank you to all of my fellow students who put up with having an old fart in class who remembers World War II and Vietnam. Thank you to the State of Georgia and to the KSU Admissions Office for making it possible for me to be here.

Why would someone who is 62 years old want to begin college as a full-time student? I came here in 2001 to inquire about auditing or taking one course on database technology. But Joe Head in the Admissions Office asked me how old I was. When I told them I was 60, he reached for a KSU Undergraduate Catalog and showed me the paragraph in the Tuition and Financial Aid Section, "Registration Fee Waiver for Senior Citizens."

The gist of that brief paragraph is that for residents of Georgia at least 62 years old, tuition and fees may be waived. At

KSU, they waive all but lab fees. I postponed any attempt to take one class, but an idea began to germinate. Why couldn't I just go to college?

So, on my 62nd birthday in 2003, I again appeared at the Admissions Office, with my birth certificate and my GED certificate. Head looked them over and said something to the effect of, "Fine. You're in."

When I received official notification of acceptance a few days later, the anxiety level rose, just as it would for most freshmen. [I know because I have a grandnephew and a grand-niece who live nearby and who both started college in 2003. But I am 44 years older than they are]. What courses should I take? Should I worry about a major yet? As an atypical student, I did not have an advisor. As most of you would expect, I signed up for the wrong courses. Having not been in school for over 40 years, I did not realize how much work it would be, or how much fun it is, especially when I am trying to compete with all you Gen-Xers.

As of this semester, the second semester

of my junior year, I have become a political science major. For someone who reads the front section of one or two newspapers a day, and several magazines every month, I can't explain why it took so long to get here. Along the way, I could have ended in computer science, where I have worked for over 40 years, or biology or economics. History would have been interesting, but that would require getting through two years of French or Spanish. Dr. Griffin, the head of the Foreign Language Department told me that the ability to learn another language diminishes with age after about age 16. After one semester of French, I am in complete agreement with his observation.

Some of you have grandparents or parents just a few classes short of graduating from college. If they live in the area, I encourage them to look into finishing at KSU. It could be both fun and rewarding. I may be biased, but I believe that a few gray heads in the classroom bring some experience to discussions — and, along with the many foreign students, make a graduating class more distinguished.

Oh yes. Thank you to my wife and granddaughters for putting up with my late night study sessions. They have all just ate at Georgia Tech or Georgia State.



Reply to "Bible School and Obesity"

"So, instead of funneling well spent cash into physical education that could save millions in medical expenses, our legislator passes the bill in what can be regarded as nothing other than spending tax monies on worthless avenues such as biblical teachings in schools..."

I agree that physical education is important and shouldn't be neglected, but I'm surprised to hear that reading the Bible is "worthless" from a man who has obviously studied it enough to decide that it's "worthless" and that it "will do nothing for their [students] reading, writing and arithmetic skills." I just kept wondering why it was worthless for us to study it, but not for you.

Well, you may be right about the Bible doing nothing for people's arithmetic skills. As someone who has read the entire Bible at least once and who is currently reading it a second time in Spanish, I would like to give you my personal guarantee, and that of Tyndale House Publishers, that most versions are absolutely free from grammatical errors. In fact, if I were a betting man, I would say that reading anything that fits into the category of "one of the most influential books in all of human history" will probably enhance both reading and writing skills.

Another thing you may have been right about, Mr. Miracle, was when you said that the legislature was "clever in that it slyly provides a choice through the course being offered as an elective and, as such, must be chosen to be studied..." Yes, it is sly of them to obey the 1st amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which states,

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Yes, it is horrible that they offer a choice for students to learn and think for themselves. How could that sort of nonsense have any place in public education?

I believe I've adequately shown where you were right, but I still think you may have been wrong about a thing or two. For example, you may have noticed that the first amendment does not, as you assumed, say anything about separation of church and state. In all honesty, that mandate is not in the U.S. Constitution. It is, in fact, part of the decision from the 1947 Supreme Court Case, Everson v. Board of Education, and is a good example of how law can be made by nine unelected officials. That's not to say that everything about separation is bad. I personally

thank God that our government is not allowed to force religion upon us, or at least isn't supposed to be. That's why I'm glad that we got stuck with a legislature that is slyly letting people think, instead of forcing us all to accept that while we are on school property, we can't even consider that there might be a God.

Well, Mr. Miracle, I hope that it eases your mind a bit that people who read the Bible aren't necessarily stupid [At least, I don't think I am]. Certainly Mother Teresa, Albert Schweitzer, Martin Luther King Jr., Deidreich Bonhoeffer and other notables didn't consider the Bible a mindless waste of time.

In closing, I would just like to share a few verses of the Bible that have been going through my mind quite a bit lately. If I had a choice, and again, this isn't to downplay the importance of physical education, I think I'd rather be surrounded by people who have studied and are living out ancient wisdom such as this. Rather than people who have been taught for hours in school how to run around in circles and chase balls.

"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed." — Proverbs 3:13-18.

Kelly Keener

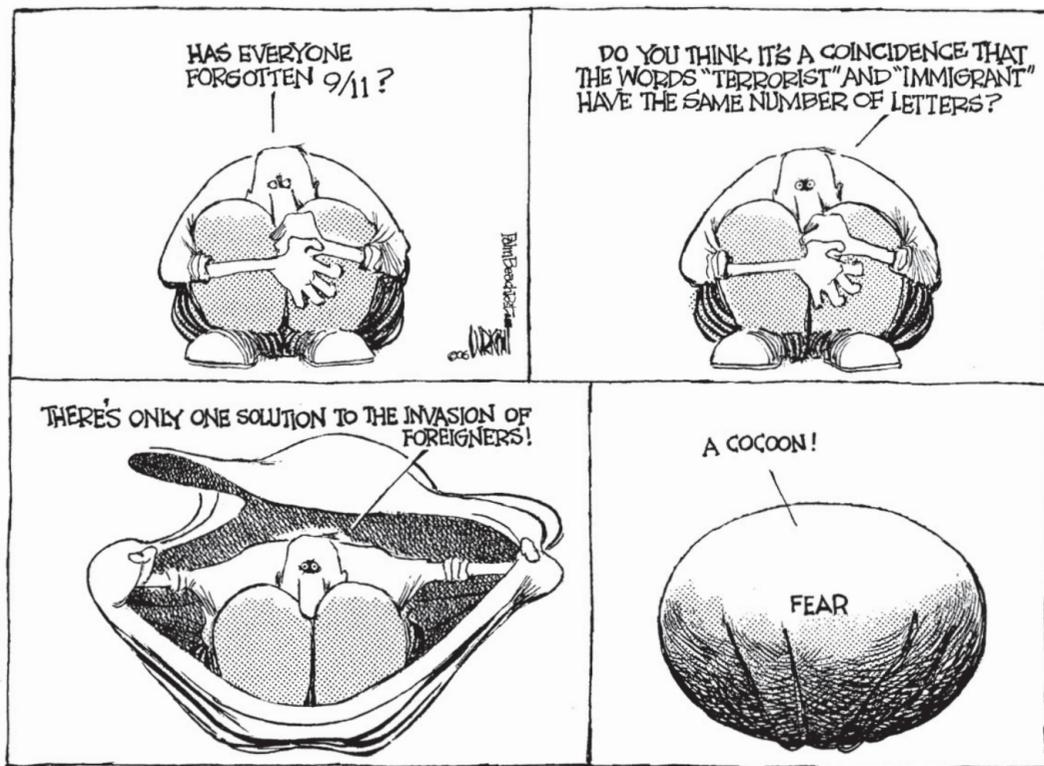
Dr. Dan is up to the challenge

The first college class that I ever attended was political science 101 at Georgia Tech, and it was the first class taught there by the man who we came to know affectionately as "Dr. Dan."

Dan Papp took an interest in all 100+ students in that class and made himself available to anyone who wanted to talk to him. The times that quarter were a period of political upheaval [Fall, 1973] as we debated whether Nixon should be impeached [my point of view] vs. classmate, Steve Liggett who believed that Nixon was the greatest thing since sliced bread.

The thing is, Dan Papp did a wonderful job keeping the class "on course" and definitely made it interesting with his insight. Students of KSU, you are lucky to have him coming to join you there, and I hope that you are all able to get just a portion of what I was able to get from Dr. Papp. He is a wonderful choice for you all.

J. Kell Morrow
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Please don't believe the hype; as if Real World were not enough

"Black. White." challenges racial stereotypes...but to what effect?

AMY STOREY
NEWS EDITOR

I thought reality TV had gone overboard until I was assigned, as an extra credit project, to watch Ice Cube's latest creation "Black.White." on F/X.

I don't want to mislead anyone to think that I chose to watch this show voluntarily. But after watching only one episode of, "Black. White.," I realized that reality TV was nowhere near the atrociousness that I thought it was before. It was eons beyond.

I stopped watching shows like "The Real World," "Big Brother" and "The Surreal Life"

because I was sick of seeing the same crap over and over again. A group of people with blatantly opposite backgrounds and lifestyles crammed into a house and filmed. Conflict anyone?

Except this time, F/X has taken it to a whole new level. Now they have decided to take those same people, just of two different cultures and races, and paint their skin.

Yes, if you haven't heard, the network has put two different families, a black one from Atlanta and a white one from L.A., in the same house and they are painting their skin, changing their clothes, hair, jewelry, etc. and releasing them into the wild in order to achieve the day-to-day lifestyle of the other race.

First off, I would love to know what exactly was going on in Cube's head when he decided to further the study of racism by painting on a different



skin color. No makeup artist or hair stylist will ever be able to just simply transform someone into the other race. It can not be done. If any of you have seen the show, it is rather disgustingly obvious that not a single one of the six people picked to be "transformed," has the ability to really physically grasp the other race. Sorry, Hollywood, but there is more to a person's look than the color of their skin

or the shape of their lips, nose or eyes.

By watching this show's transformations, all I can do is assume that Brian, the originally black father's horrible reddish-brown hair plugs make him look white? Or that Carmen, the originally white mom's, mini-fro and hoop earrings make her look black?

That is crazy. And anyone who does actually watch this

show believe that all the racist scenarios that they encounter day-to-day are real is just a tad gullible? I'm just supposed to believe that Brian, with his hair plugs and "white" skin, walked into a bar and applied and got a job just with the snap of a finger? Oh I'm sure it didn't help that he had a camera following him around, or the producer of the show asking the bar owner to "hook him up" because he was trying to prove a point with this show and needed a shoe-in.

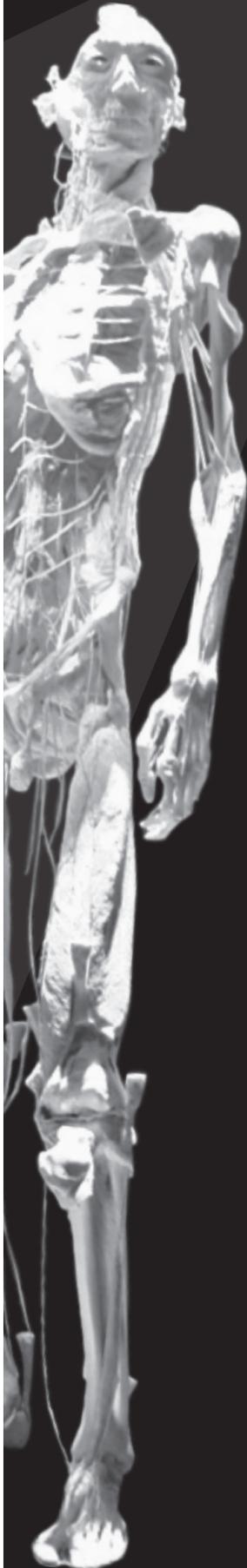
Brian, specifically, is the one who I think is making this show controversial. I don't know, maybe they are paying him the most out of any of them, but he is definitely looking for instances of racism. In one episode, he and Bruno are walking down the sidewalk and two women moved out of the way for them. He brings it up as a racial issue. Could it have possibly been be-

cause they were in the way? Or maybe the women were taken by surprise by the man behind them carrying a camera and they were just trying to get out of frame.

I think that this show could have definitely taken a more realistic approach to putting these folks in a racist setting. It could just be me, but I'm pretty sure that two black gentlemen walking down a Beverly Hills sidewalk dressed in polos are not going to encounter the racism that they would in say, Atlanta. Seriously, Southern California is not the most problematically racist area in the nation.

I just do not see America being able to be effected, to the point of a realization, about racism by watching this show. Maybe the next reality show will be someone standing around, pointing fingers. It's not that big of a jump from where we are now.

"BODIES: THE EXHIBITION" displays the in and outs of real bodies



Muscle fibers are constantly tuning to maintain muscle tone, like the tuning of guitar strings to maintain sound tones.

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SR. STAFF WRITER

The Exhibition, organized by Premier Exhibitions, Inc. of Atlanta, in association with Concert Productions International and Jam Exhibitions, gives the public a unique opportunity to see the inner workings of our bodies first hand.

This exhibit features 21 whole-body specimens, as well as more than 260 additional organs and partial specimens. They have been preserved using a process called polymer preservation. All tissue water is replaced with silicone rubber to the deepest cellular level. This creates a preserved human specimen without changing any of its structure, and according to the exhibit, allows viewers "to experience an amazing connection to their own bodies; the organism closest to you."

Cadavers were acquired from a \$25 million deal with Dr. Sui Hongjin of the Dalian Medical School in northern China. There has been controversy over the source, because the Dalian Medical School gets unidentified or unclaimed bodies. Because of China's poor human rights, some speculate that the bodies came from prisons. This allegation has been rejected by the chief Executive of Premier Exhibitions, Arnie Gellar, according to an article published in UK's "Guardian Unlimited Arts."

"All of the bodies were acquired through legal means and come from people who are deceased of natural causes," Gellar said. "Before coming to the agreement with Dr. Sui we

went to China and thoroughly checked that we weren't involved in anything illegal or immoral. This is an important educational exhibition."

The walls of the dimly lit exhibit are adorned with bold informative facts to accompany the well-lit and actively posed bodies. Cases of body parts, some of which are diseased parts, are placed throughout the exhibit, which is separated in various rooms such as skeletal, muscular and digestive systems.

The most controversial room, the fetal and embryonic room, carries a warning that some may not want to enter, and an alternate is provide. In this room, birth defect babies and specimen from each stage in the embryonic cycle is present. All specimen in this room perished prior to birth.

The educational experience obtained from visiting the exhibit is one that cannot be gained from reading material alone.

There are three types of muscle tissue: skeletal [bones], cardiac [heart] and smooth [blood, food and fluids through body]. Bone is a matrix of hard minerals built and maintained by bone cells. If the minerals are removed, bones could be tied in a knot. Bones are five times stronger than steel.

If all muscles worked together to the full capacity, we could lift more than ten tons. Sedentary individuals use less than ten percent of strength available to the muscle and limbs. Every bodily movement and function – from breathing and digestion, to running at top speed – depends upon the muscle system.

The respiratory room features healthy lungs, darkened and shrunken smoker's lungs and cancerous lungs, among other parts and speci-

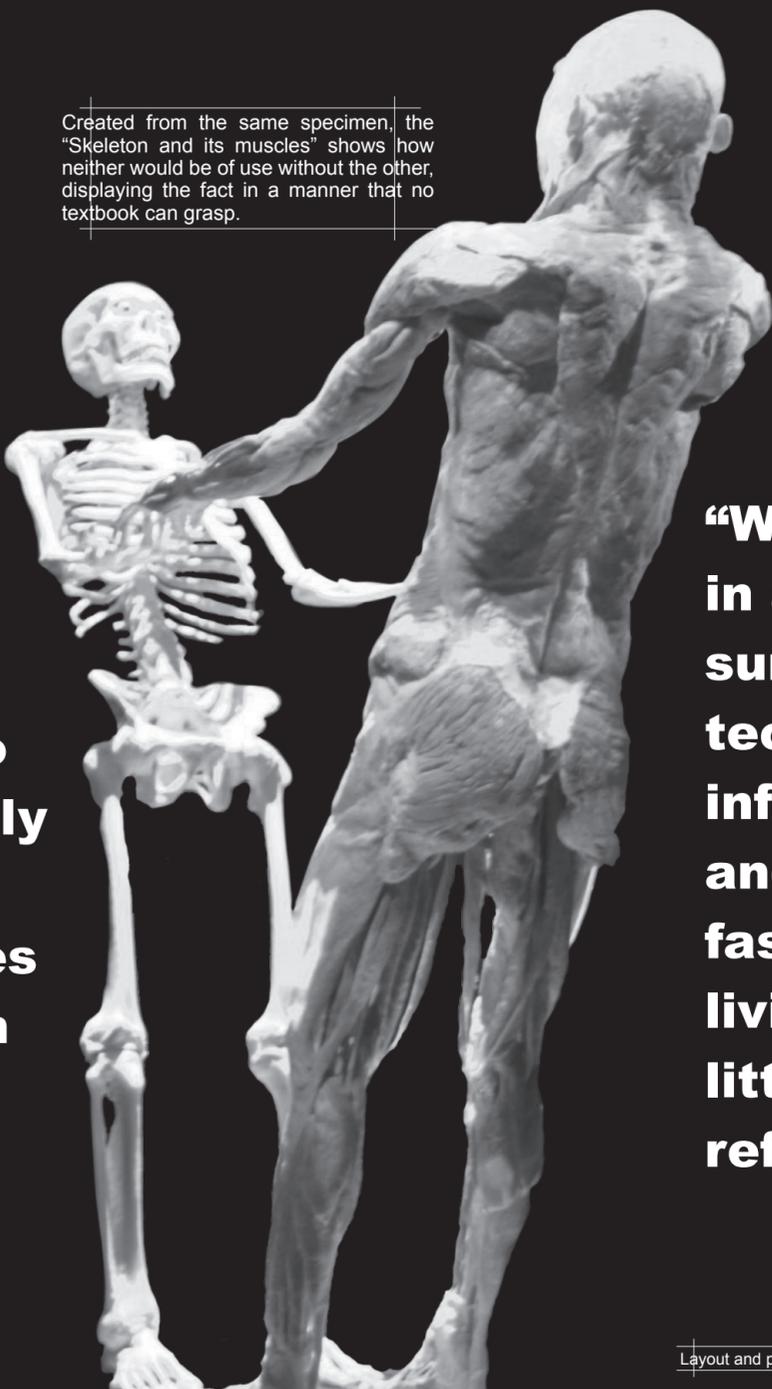
men. On average, a pack of cigarettes takes two hours and 20 minutes off a life. A clear case is placed at the exit of the room for visitors to throw away their cigarettes.

One room features a woman cadavor standing upright in four parts, to display fat distribution. One in three Americans, which is 58 million people, is overweight. To gain one pound, you must consume 3,500 more calories than the body can burn. More than 40 percent of breast and colon cancer in U.S. are found in obese people, and nearly 70 percent of cardiovascular disease in U.S. caused by obesity.

After viewing the various diseases that can be inflicted on our bodies, the exhibit states that "the entire human genome has been mapped out and is being decoded, and soon medical treatment will be tailored to your specific genetic code."

Leaving the exhibit, the writing on the wall reminds us that "Many of us do not really know what lies beneath the surface of our skin - how our bodies function, what they need to survive, what destroys them or what revives them." And that "We live in a world surrounded by technology, information and cement; fast-paced living with little time for reflection." This exhibit allows us to explore the human body and to reflect on our ways of life.

"Bodies: The Exhibition" is scheduled to run through Sept. 4. More than a quarter of a million people are expected to visit in the months ahead. Contrary to the condemning of some human rights organizations, the exhibition still states that the "specimens in this exhibit have been treated with the respect they so richly deserve."



Created from the same specimen, the "Skeleton and its muscles" shows how neither would be of use without the other, displaying the fact in a manner that no textbook can grasp.

Agility works simultaneously with numerous skeletal muscle groups, as displayed in the specimen entitled "Muscle control and core muscles."



"Many of us do not really know what lies beneath the surface of our skin..."

"We live in a world surrounded by technology, information and cement; fast-paced living with little time for reflection."



Judy Shepard

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"This is who Matt was... and who he had always been," Shepard said.

In response to Matthew's death and society's negligence, Shepard created a "Five Point" strategy to become involved with the battle for equal rights.

Her first point is to register to vote so voices become capable of being heard. The second point is the voice must be educated. Third, that voice must be heard. Shepard's fourth point is to be an educated constituent. An educated voice can help determine the future.

Her final point is to be true to yourself. In order for society to accept an individual, society must be exposed to that individual.

That is why in Dec. 1998, Shepard and her husband founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation. The vision of the foundation is to educate and

enlighten others on the importance of diversity, understanding, compassion, acceptance and respect. Part of their mission is to support diversity programs and to help youth organizations establish environments where young people feel safe. Through their efforts millions have been touched, including students from KSU.

"I have a lot of gay friends, and this really helped me to understand them and what they go through," said Senior Lindsey Lynch. "I'm really glad KSU had her here tonight."

As a teacher herself, Shepard hopes that one day school systems will educate about the gay community.

During the question and answer section, many students asked about how and when they should admit their sexuality to their friends and family. Other students asked questions and made state-

ments about their experiences of having friends come out to them.

"I've known I was gay from an early age, but I waited until I was out of the house to tell my parents. People have to choose the right time and situation that's best for them to come out," said Steven Rodriguez, freshman nursing major.

Shepard left with one final thought: "You need to lead that fight." Without active participation, the battle for equal rights will be lost.

Many organizations including the Matthew Shepard Foundation are doing all that they can to raise awareness.

Still, statistics show that nearly 15,000 people have been killed as a result of anti-gay hate crimes. Visit matthewshepard.org to learn more about the Matthew Shepard story, or how you can become involved.

"Just Like Music" week, KSU's five day tribute to African-American music, was a huge success. The African American Student Alliance organized the event as part of the ongoing Black History Celebration. A variety of music was featured, including gospel, African drums, R & B, hip-hop and freestyle. Each day highlighted a different style of music. Performances were held all over campus.

This is the third month the AASA has recognized the importance of Black History. They have provided students with the opportunity to learn about history while making it interactive and fun. Sophomore Alice Audu, vice president of AASA, said the purpose of music week was "to teach people about music, starting from gospel, through Africa and back here." Due to its great success, students should stay tuned for more upcoming events.

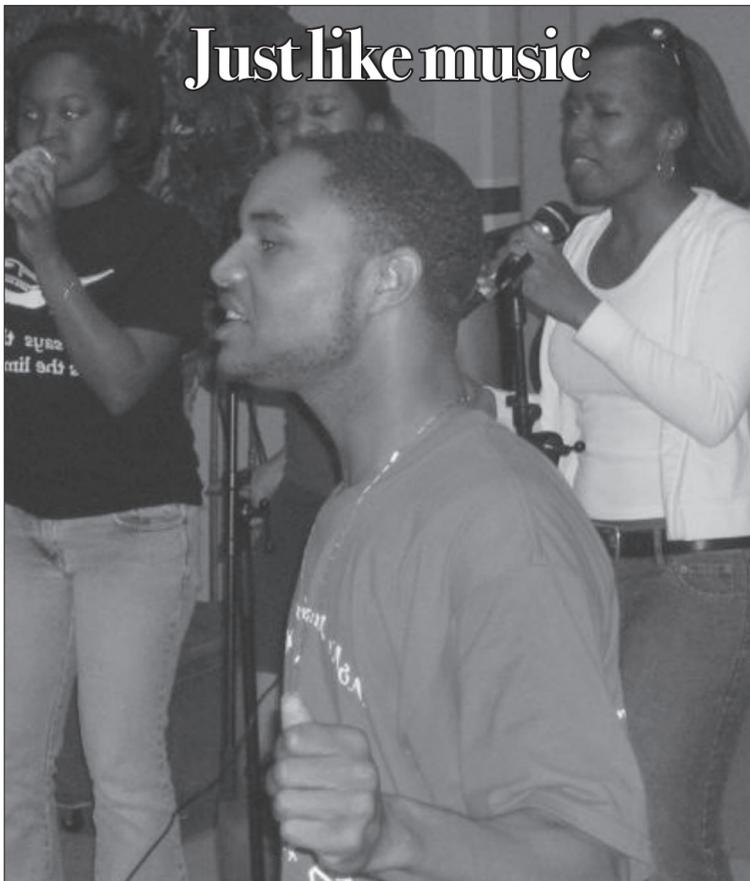


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KAB and Party Vision teamed up to bring KSU students custom-made street signs on Monday April 3 in the Student Center. Vanessa Jatho, from KAB said, "It was non-stop from 11:30 to 3:30." A representative from Party Vision, the company creating the signs estimated that he made 200 signs throughout the day. The event was held to get the word out about KSU Day, which will be held on April 6 from 12p.m.-4 p.m. in the Student Center.

An alternative to coffee and Red Bull

Entrepreneurs deliver a jolt of caffeine in gum

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"Chew more. Do more." That's the motto of Kevin Gass and Laurence Molloy, co-founders of Hackensack, N.J.-based gum maker GumRunners LLC.

The two have apparently taken their own advice, because they've been doing a lot lately.

In January 2003, no store carried GumRunners' premier product: Jolt, a caffeine-infused energy gum. Now the gum is carried in between 40,000 and 45,000 stores nationwide.

Earlier this year GumRunners introduced Nutra-Trim Gum intended to curb chewers' appetites and help them keep the pounds off.

Despite earning their livings in what Gass described as "the Willy Wonka business," the co-founders have come to learn that making gum isn't for Oompa-Loompas.

Two main players—Wrigley and Cadbury Adams, which together account for about half of all domestic gum sales, dominate a \$3.4 billion business in the United States alone, according to the National Confectioners Association.

Competing with icons like Wrigley's Juicy Fruit and DoubleMint gums, and Cadbury Adams' popular Dentyne, Trident and Bubblicious brands would be nothing if not difficult.

Gass and Molloy quit well-paying marketing jobs with large consumer products companies to pursue their dream of creating their own company. As a result of their experience they knew from the start that in order to carve a profitable niche for themselves they would need to offer something innovative.

That was the genesis of Jolt energy gum.

"It's the difference between innovation and simple activity," said Gass.

Innovation, he explained, is creating an entirely new product, one that generates a new customer base and therefore creates an entirely new stream of revenues for retailers. Simple activity, in the gum industry at least, means doing little more than recycling flavors, he said.

Gass, 39, and Molloy, 40, have a lot of experience gauging what products might entice new customers. The two men first met in 1992 when both were rising marketing executives, Gass with Colgate Palmolive and Molloy with Mennen, which was acquired by Colgate Palmolive. Within a month of meeting they were daydreaming about going out on their own.

"Every marketer's dream is to have their own company," said Molloy. Added Gass, "We yearned to be free. We saved up and saved up and saved up, and

gained experience." Finally, in 1999, they were ready to stop talking about it. Gass, who was and is single, said risk and innovation seem to go hand in hand. Molloy had slightly more at stake at the time. Newly married, he had recently learned that his wife was expecting twins.

It took a year and a half to decide on energy gum, they said. Research showed the entrepreneurs that some 45 million Americans both chewed gum and sought caffeine.

Moreover, they learned that an energy gum sold under the name Jolt, the same brand name as a popular energy drink, tested positively among focus groups. A licensing deal was subsequently struck with Rochester, N.Y.-based Wet Planet Beverages, the maker of Jolt cola.

It took another year and a half to create the right product. "We thought it would be easy to put caffeine in gum," said Molloy. "But it turns out caffeine is one of the worst tasting substances on earth."

Every month for 18 months Gass and Molloy believed they were a month a way from the finished product. They eventually settled on two flavors – icy mint and spearmint.

"We were resolved to make a product that was effective and good tasting. We wanted it to be something we were proud of. This is what we quit our jobs for," Gass said.

Next a manufacturing agreement was reached with a gum factory in Canada [Nutra-Trim is made in China].

Using so-called product concept testing [in other words, free giveaways] at Montclair State University, Kean University and a Hackensack shopping center, Gass and Molloy found that Jolt struck a chord with a broad demographic.

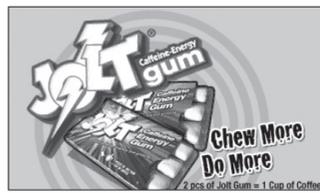
"It tested through the roof," Gass said.

The first packages of Jolt hit the shelves in Brooks Pharmacy stores in New England in 2003.

There have been hurdles along the way, notably two patent infringement lawsuits filed last year by Wrigley. Wrigley, according to Gass, dropped the first and the second settled amicably with no changes made to the Jolt product, according to Gass. He declined to discuss specific terms of the settlement.

But with the focus now shifted back toward the co-founders' area of expertise, GumRunners has budgeted \$4 million for marketing and advertising in 2006. The company is privately held and as such the owners are under no obligation to discuss their finances. So they don't. Nevertheless, the marketing campaign got off to a good start recently. A full-page Jolt advertisement appeared next to a topless model in Sports Illustrated magazine's wildly popular swimsuit issue.

Gass and Molloy, confident as ever, expressed only mild concern that the ad might get overlooked in that particular issue.

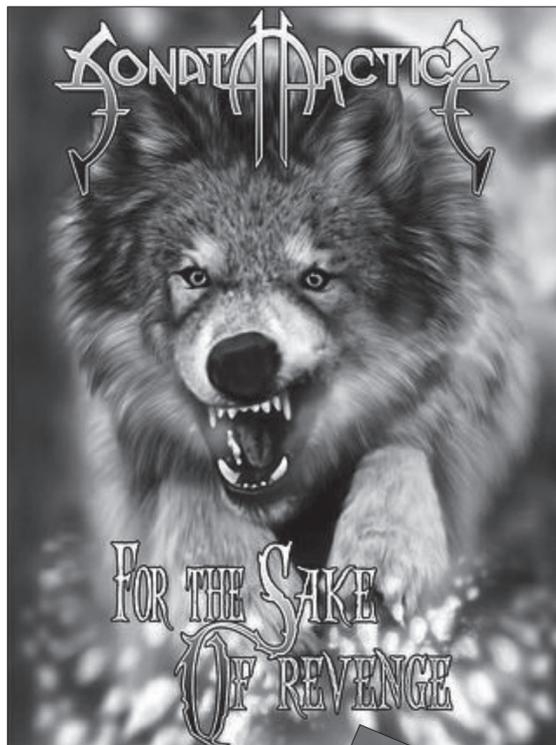


Rant and Rave

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- I am sick of people waiting for parking spots before they see tail lights.
- Where are the AJC dudes at harassing the lovely ladies on campus?
- Why can't I get more than 400 bucks a day out of student aid from the ATM to pay for school?
- I was thinking, and a bar would suit this campus just fine.
- I've tried and I can't buy an "A" around here.

- "Handicap" does not equal wheelchair. Some people just can't drive.
- Just because it's summer time doesn't mean everyone can wear a tube-top.
- For the lovely ladies walking out of the Burruss Building everyday, I didn't smoke 'till this semester.
- Just because you get cell phone reception in the bottom level of the Student Center doesn't mean I want to join in your conversation.



Power metal rages on Sonata Arctica releases live CD/DVD

JASON NIMER
VIEWPOINTS EDITOR

Bands these days are getting lazy. Every time a band announces a live CD/DVD combo, you can bet it's going to be a half-assed package. Most of the time, the live performances audio is recorded terribly or, in the case of Coheed and Cambria's latest live release, some bands just shouldn't play outside of the studio. The DVD part is usually more insulting. A few clips on the audio CD from various performances does not constitute a full-fledged DVD.

When Sonata Arctica, Finland's greatest export, announced their live CD/DVD package, "For The Sake Of Revenge," you can bet I was worried. Would the world's greatest power metal band go the easy route, or would they give their many fans a package that encompasses just what it is like to attend one of their shows? After perusing the two-disc set, I can say this: fans have nothing to worry about. "For The Sake Of Revenge" might just be 2006's greatest release to date.

First off, it is worth mentioning that the live performance used for this set is recorded beautifully. The visuals on the DVD and the audio on the

CD, everything is crisp, clear and has the production values you would expect from some of the biggest bands in the world. If U2 or Metallica have live CD/DVDs, they probably don't look or sound anywhere near as nice as "For The Sake Of Revenge."

The band, in just this one show, manages to play almost all of the fan-favorite songs. Only two, "Weballery" and "Wolf and Raven" are missing. Though it's only speculation, but this might be due to the fact that both those songs were included on Sonata Arctica's previous live release.

As if this already great set wasn't enough, the band decided to put a few extras on the

DVD. Included are a hilarious tour documentary, a biography of each of the band members and a full discography. The price of the set alone is worth it just for repeated viewing of the band members going crazy in Japan. "Jackass" has nothing on Sonata Arctica and their road crew.

If you are in any way a fan of the power metal genre, go out and pick up "For The Sake Of Revenge" when it comes out on April 4. Even if you aren't a fan, give it a try, you might be surprised at how quickly you become one.

Grade: A+

Horoscopes

BY LINDA C. BLACK
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Today's Birthday [04-05-06]
Housework, home renovation,

planting a vegetable garden, these are the sort of things you'll be passionate about this year. Don't fight the nesting urge. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0

the most challenging.

Aries [March 21-April 19]

Today is a 6. By using what you already have, you can make what you want. You may have to buy a few supplies, but primarily recycle.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 6. A picture is worth a thousand words, but a book that has both in it is truly a treasure you can share. Find one, and do that.

Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is a 5. Take on more responsibility. It's the most natural thing. You're the one who can help the others achieve the goal they've set. Teach them how to work together.

Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 7. It'll be easier to collect old debts for the next several weeks, so send notices in orange envelopes. Get the word out early—you're most effective then.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]

Today is a 7. Clean out your garage, and turn in your recyclables. You have something of value nearby, but hidden, possibly under a mess. The reward is more than just in the doing of this job. There's a bonus.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]

Today is a 7. Make an important connection, and then discuss ways to reach your goal. You don't have

to reach a decision, just collect plenty of options.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]

Today is a 7. There is more work coming in, and this job is very interesting. You'll get an extra bonus for being wildly imaginative.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is a 7. You're very lucky this year, especially now. Make a list of what you want to happen, for loved ones. Catch the moment.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]

Today is a 7. Conditions still favor buying mechanical devices for home and family. Sound and entertainment systems fall into this category.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]

Today is a 7. Part of the lesson you're learning comes by watching, not by listening. Actions are much more instructive than what the instructor says.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]

Today is a 6. Put in the extra effort and you can earn a bonus. Sometimes working harder doesn't pay, but this time it does.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]

Today is an 8. Others care about you, and not just because you're so cute. It's also because you care about them, as you demonstrate again.

What: Financial Aid Fair
When: April 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Where: University Rooms A, B
Cost: free
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What: Miss KSU Universe
When: April 7, 7-11:30 p.m.
Where: Science Building, Room 109
Cost: N/A
Info: Presented by the International Student Association. Each candidate will represent her country. Contact Aba or Anar at 770-420-4385.



Compiled by Kayla Press

What: KSU Block Party
When: April 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: Intramural Field
Cost: free
Info: There will be sumo wrestling, dunk tank, dizzy bat relays, raffle prizes and more. Food will be provided.

What: Home Buying Seminar
When: April 5, 6-8 p.m.
Where: Student Center, Leadership Room
Cost: free
Info: Presented by SIFE and EEI. Email abuice@students.kennesaw.edu for more information

What: Poker Tournament
When: April 8, 2-7 p.m.
Where: Student Center, Leadership Room
Cost: \$10 in pre-registration
Info: Presented by Marketing 3100 students.

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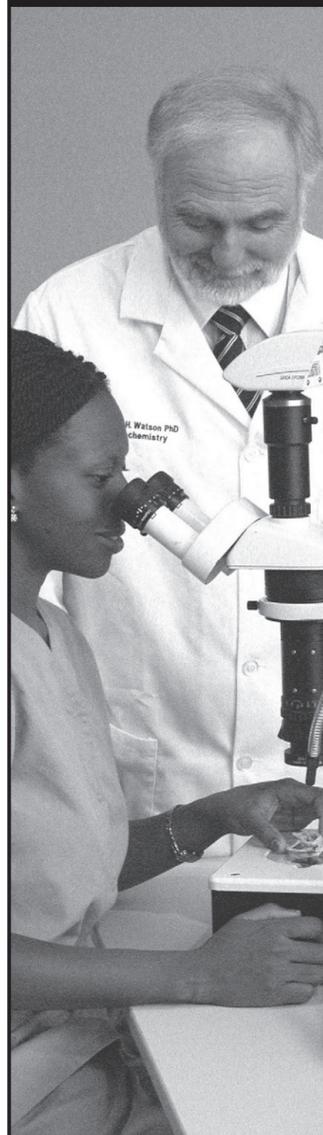
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Do you think there should be a student representative on the Board of Regents?



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sophomore, criminal justice
"Yes. Student representation is important."



Cassie Dubose
junior, social science education
"I don't care. I am moving to Colorado."



Samuel Vasekaran
sophomore, computer science
"Yes. Students are a part of the school and the Board of Regents is part of the school, so why not?"



Korey Pope
junior, international affairs
"Anything that affects student life should have student representation."

Crazed parent syndrome

The parents weapon of mass destruction

ADAM STEVENS
COLUMNIST

I am prone to making some strange observations, and after the wife and I visited the new-fangled Georgia Aquarium, I came across some behaviors that seem to relate only to parents — and, specifically, parents with 'strollers' [of course, Aussies have to be different and call them 'prams']. These behaviors do not represent completely new observations; they merely reinforced prior observations that had come about due to being run over many times on the latest family trip to Disney World. As a family-oriented place, Disney has more than its fair share of parents exhibiting what I've dubbed "Crazed Parent Syndrome."

Essentially, parents who exhibit this syndrome tend to be either in an inordinate rush, or merely inconsiderate and boorish. Unfortunately, while strollers are useful for carrying children around, it seems as though their primary use is as a

bludgeoning weapon, wielded in order to shunt other folks out of the way while the Crazed Parent is heading towards something of life-or-death importance.

Strollers are quite useful when used in this manner, much to the chagrin of my shins and ankles.

Gender does not seem to be an issue with regards to Crazed Parent Syndrome, although the most recent encounter with one afflicted with this disorder was a male, who seemed to be treating some of the rather narrow pathways at the aquarium as a demolition derby racetrack.

I was sideswiped once or twice and he clipped my wife's heel and madly rushed about visiting seals and other marine wonders. I also suspect that he kept losing his kids, which was

part of the reason why he was running about like a headless chook. I'm not sure he actually paused at any of the exhibits; it was as though he was on his

own very fast conveyor belt. It would have been amusing if I hadn't had to keep jumping out of the way to avoid being ploughed over.

At places like Disney World, Crazed Parent Syndrome is made worse by the sheer number of deranged parents careening about with nary a care in the world. After all, there's nothing quite as important as getting little Jayden

to the Dumbo ride, is there? When you have 100 little buggers named Jayden nagging their parents to take them somewhere, and fast, Crazed Parent Syndrome takes on epidemic proportions. Next time I'll probably take some shin splints with me and hope for the best.



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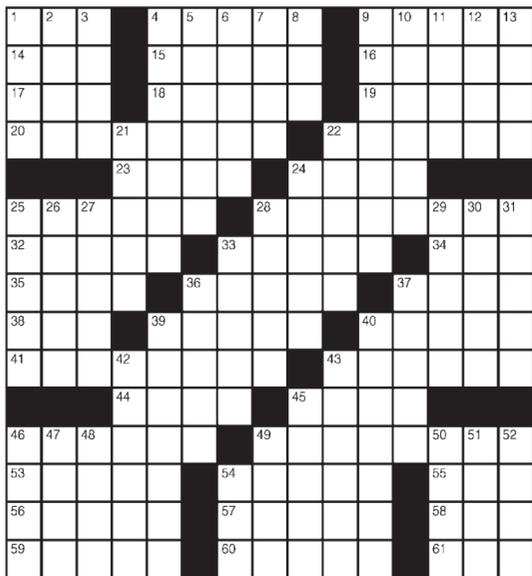
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Dear Alex, Why is the Coke machine downstairs always out of Brisk Ice Tea? - Thirsty guy

Because you are in the south and everybody here loves sweet tea.

Dear Alex, Why do Georgia drivers not use their blinkers or adhere to yield signs? - Man with car

Most of them are not from here. All bad drivers from other states come to Georgia and practice their bad driving habits at the same time, on the same roads, here in the ATL.

Dear Alex, What is the deal with gangsta rap? - Dude with good taste in music

Rappers are making a ton of money rapping about pimps and hoes and their "phat" cribs and bling bling. That is the deal.

Dear Alex, Why do people with expensive car stereo systems insist on blasting them in the parking deck? - Man with a hearing problem

People with expensive stereos most likely bought them to show off and get laid. Since parking decks present the echo factor, they get more recognition for their sound.

Dear Alex, Why do people pronounce the 'L' in salmon? - English major

People really do that? Well it must be because they did not pay attention in English class.

Dear Alex, What's the deal with wireless headsets for cell phones? - Annoyed customer service representative

I don't know. People that use these look like the Borg from "Star Trek." They are totally stupid. Use the phone like everyone else.

Dear Alex, Do you think Donald Trump's hair is real or a toupee? - TV viewer

I am going to go with fake. However, Trump has enough money that I am sure modern day medicine could find him a way to produce his own hair.

Dear Alex, My mom said I have to move out of her basement, stop playing video games, and get a "real life". What should I do? -Guy in the basement

You should start by getting a job. I hear McDonalds is hiring. Actually, McDonalds maybe a little too much for you. Start with Hardees.

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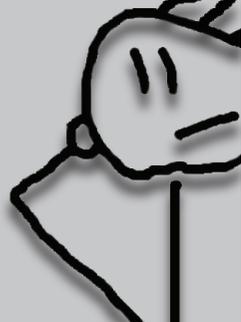
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SPORTS

Owls having "fun" in spring season

Jr. Rebecca Hall named new team captain

DAVID BEAUMONT
STAFF WRITER

Soccer's spring season is well under way as the Lady Owls defeated Mississippi State 4-0 but lost to the University of Memphis 3-1 on April 2. The date made up one of five 'play dates' that the Owls are allowed in the spring.

On their first date, Feb. 26, the Owls won against Georgia State 3-0 and followed with another shutout against West Georgia 4-0. The Owls went on to tie the Auburn Tigers 0-0 in Alabama on March 18. The third date, March 26, incorporated the Olympic Development Program, which is a program that recruits the best high school juniors in the state of Georgia for interstate competition.

After an introduction to the campus, Georgia ODP89 [the year the players were born] watched the Lady Owls defeat Columbus State 3-1 before they were given a chance to take to the field. The Owls topped the junior competitors 2-0.

KSU players were well prepared for the spring season because the Owls spent their pre-season getting what

Jr. New Zealander Pip Meo deemed "heaps of conditioning."

The spring season itself is one long preparation

for the fall season, in which teams are actually ranked and scores recorded.

During the spring, the players are allowed more playing time to hone their skills, work on the team as a body and gauge their strengths and weakness. "It's more fun than in the fall," said Jr. Annie Phillips, "because we're not competing for anything."

Among the players not missing out on spring "fun" are the soon to be graduating seniors Jenae Gzehoviak, Jessica Marek, Katrina Hirsch, Sally Wade and Caitlin Jadlocki, who have continued playing and supporting the team in an effort to prepare their younger teammates for the coming season.

The seniors have begun handing over the leadership of the team to the junior class, which is especially apparent in the promotion of Jr. Rebecca Hall to team captain. She will hold the position through the fall competition. "We've seen some very clear leadership coming from her," said Coach Rob King.

"She's the best positive vocal leader we have so she'll step it up for us. She's awesome," Phillips said.

Meo agreed and said she did not think the new position of her fellow junior would change the team much. She said that Hall has "always been a big leader."

The Owls will finish their season on April 15, playing shortened round-robin style games against all the Division I teams in Georgia. They start their first match against Mercer and hope to take a crack at UGA.



Soccer gets new recruits

On Feb. 8, Head Coach Rob King announced three new players for the fall 2006 season.

The three players, all from Georgia, are Staci Pugh from Fayetteville, Caroline Austin from Peachtree City and Bridget Gaughan from Powder Springs.

Pugh, a keeper from Fayette County High School, is "tall, quick, agile and has great reflexes," King said.

Pugh will be very valuable to the Owls since four-year starter Jessica Marek will be graduating.

Austin [Mcintosh High School] and Gaughan [McEachern High School] will help to solidify the backfield.

"I look for the 2006 team to reach new heights this coming fall," King said.

We're the fighting Owls of KSU

KSU lacks the spirit of a Division I school

Suite
Views
Dustin Jacobs
COLUMNIST



the residencies on campus are a tad too high for the average person, as well.

All these problems, and yet there is one that is the most obvious. It is one that is essential for any college with an athletics program. Where the hell is the KSU Fighting Owls fight song?

I first thought of the idea while at Sidelines off of Barrett Pkwy. On Tuesday nights the bar comes to life with the talents of The Dueling Pianos band. They take requests, and on some occasions sing a college fight song or two. That is when I thought, why the hell doesn't KSU have one?

UGA and Tech both have songs with long traditions to go with them. KSU should start building a tradition with a fight song of its own. Now, I'm not sure if we have one already or not, but if we do, it is not being sung at any sporting events.

The pep band helps at the basketball games, but they generally play generic peppy songs. Where is the "Glory to Ole Georgia" or the "Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech" spirit at?

Knowing that this is the number one thing KSU needs, I have decided to write my own song entitled "We're the Fighting Owls from KSU."

Here is how it goes:

Fighting Owls

*We're the Fighting Owls from KSU.
It won't be over 'till we're through.
If them Georgia dawgs try to make us blue
then we will beat them black and blue.*

*Hooty Hoo my brethren
Hooty Hoo my sisters too
Hooty Hoo my mountain
Hooty Hoo to all of you*

*We may not have what you like
but we sure as hell have what it takes.
A Yellow Jacket may be smart,
but an Owl has the game in hand from the start*

*Hooty Hoo my brethren
Hooty Hoo my sisters too
Hooty Hoo my mountain
Hooty Hoo to all of you*

*Welcome to Kennesaw State,
the University north of A-Town.
Welcome to the house that the Betty built
And will be damned if you try to bring it down*

*Hooty Hoo my brethren
Hooty Hoo my sister too
Hooty Hoo my mountain
Hooty Hoo to all of you*



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25th Anniversary Softball Team now down to 38 players

Softball Head Coach Scott Whitlock and former players Audra Thomas and Kelly Rafter representing KSU

DAVID BEAUMONT
STAFF WRITER

Three representatives from KSU were nominated for the National Division II 25th Anniversary Team for fast-pitch softball. Alumni Kelly Rafter and Audra Thomas along with Head Softball Coach Scott Whitlock were chosen as finalists on March 21 in a group of four coaches and 34 former players. Only one coach and ten players will be selected for the Anniversary Team, which will be decided by online vote at the NCAA website, www.ncaasports.com. Softball results will be posted in May.

The 25th Anniversary Team is part of a year-long celebration of women's collegiate athletics of all divisions. The sports in the anniversary team are softball, basketball, cross country, field

hockey, swimming and diving, gymnastics, lacrosse, golf, tennis, volleyball and track & field. The 25th Anniversary Team was created to distinguish members of these sports who helped create opportunity and further the cause of women's athletic programs.

Whitlock, who was taken by surprise at the nomination, felt honored to be among such mentionable coaches. Whitlock describes himself as an "advocate" in the advancement of women's sports, while Betty Siegel, he contends, is the actual revolutionary.

"When I came on this campus about 20 years ago, most schools in the south did not meet what is conceived of today as gender equity qualifications...Kennesaw State was already doing it."

Whitlock also mentioned former athletic director Spec Landrum and the current director, Dave

Waples, for their support of women's athletics. "Equal opportunity for people is everything," Whitlock said. "I think that's the only thing in the world that anyone should be promised is a fair chance, an equal chance."

Whitlock said he believes his team was given that chance, which allowed them to succeed. Some of Whitlock's achievements as the head coach of the Owls include NCAA championships in 1995 and 1996, runner up teams in 2000 and 2005, and reaching the championship in nine out of the last ten seasons.

Thomas, a former player under Whitlock, was an NCAA All-Tournament team member in 1999 and 2000 as well as a recipient of the National Catcher of the Year. "I'm totally shocked and honored," Thomas said of her nomination.

Thomas said she learned invaluable lessons

with the Owls. "That program really showed me what I could do if I put my mind to it...it supported what it takes to be a champion."

Thomas now passes that work ethic on to her own players as a softball coach. "It's good that women are finally realizing and getting recognized for such a huge part of what our culture is about."

She said she would be honored to be named among the finalists and to share what she called a "lineage of history."

Rafter, who was unavailable for comment, pitched for the Owls during their back-to-back national championship victories in 1995 and 1996. She was named a NFCA First Team All-American in 1995. In 1996 she made the Second Team and was additionally selected to the NCAA All-Tournament team.

Duke athletes already treated like convicts

Guilty until proven innocent?

“White privileged school... Embedded white supremacy...if it had been a white woman.”

These are just a few of the things people are saying about Duke University after three of its white lacrosse students were accused of raping a black woman March

13 in a party house just off campus. No player has been charged yet due to pending DNA tests, which will be performed to see if any of the players can be matched to the alleged victim. DNA has been taken from 46 of the 47 players on the team because the alleged victim told police

the accused were white, and 46 of the 47 players fit that profile.

In the past two weeks, the situation has escalated racial tensions in the city of Durham. The alleged victim's background, a stripper and student at predominantly black North Carolina Central University, has ignited debate about race, gender and class

issues. If the DNA testing proves the lacrosse players guilty, then a trial should ensue that would punish them to the fullest extent of the law. But either way, the media, students, officials and activists have already done their best to turn this isolated incident into a full blown John Grisham novel. It is flat-out wrong.

If the accused are found to be guilty, then it would only be three players from the 46 who are the real criminals. But since the case is so tightly closed to the public right now, citizens and public officials have taken it into their own hands to place the blame, and in turn, have ended up indicting the whole lacrosse team.

Even though the University pulled the team roster off its website immediately after the incident hit the airwaves, people have still found ways to obtain pictures, facts and profiles of all the players and have posted them liberally around Durham and the University campus. That means that a definite 43 innocent kids are currently being hounded, threatened and constantly barraged by people who are too ignorant to understand the concepts of due process and innocence until proven guilty.

The people who say it is hard to believe that Duke, a school that prides itself in its excellence in sports, academia and integrity, has received a black eye are terribly wrong. The house where the alleged crime took place is off campus, and therefore out of the hands of the university. The only connection is that the students played sports for, and attended, the university.

If what the victim says is true, then my heart sincerely goes out to her, and I wish for a swift trial and harsh sentence for the monsters that committed the crime. If what the victim says is true, then Duke has some answering to do for how well it keeps an eye on the behavior of its top-level athletes. And if what the victim says is true, society still screwed up in making all 46 players out to be convicts before charges were even filed.

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DNA was taken from 46 of 47 Lacrosse players after a woman was raped on March 13.

Ron Cortes | Philadelphia Inquirer

KSU Splits with Florida Atlantic April Fools Day plays tricks on both teams

NATHAN MCCREARY
SR. STAFF WRITER

KSU (26-13, 6-2) and Florida Atlantic (16-19, 4-2) played April Fool's Day pranks on each other by allowing the other team to think they were going to win and then pulling the victory right out of their pocket during the double-header.

The first game of the afternoon had KSU playing the pranksters as they let FAU jump out to a 2-0 lead in the second inning. KSU tied things up in the top of the fifth. Fr. Norie Glazebrook got thing started with a one-out single for KSU. FAU walked So. Amanda Malcom which brought Jr. April Keasler to the plate. Keasler smacked a single to left field, which scored Glazebrook and Malcom.

The score remained tied through the fifth inning and then KSU Jr. Jen Nolan put the Owls on top with her eighth homerun of the season. Nolan's was the deciding run, but KSU did put three more insurance runs on the board in their half of the seventh for a 6-2 victory.

Sr. Lisa Lamb got the win for the Owls throwing 4.1 innings. Andrea Moss finished the game allowing only one hit with four strikeouts and no runs scored.

Offensively, Jr. Keri Mckee had a good day

with two hits, but Nolan was the standout with two hits and two RBI's. With another game in the hopper, Nolan's day was just beginning.

The second game of the double-header saw KSU jump out in front of FAU 4-2. The Owls of KSU opened the scoring in the second inning with a double from Nolan and a clutch single from Malcom. FAU got a run back in their half of the second, but Nolan was the story again for KSU in the third.

KSU Sr. Jennifer Hunt singled and stole second after So. Kelley Cowart had struck out. Mckee struck out next, but FAU's Meghan Doonan then walked Sr. Cambria McKay. With two on and two out, Nolan sparked one to left field making the score 4-1. FAU got another run in the bottom of the third to make it 4-2 until the bottom of the sixth.

Starting left-handed pitcher Brittany Matthews was still on the mound and she had held FAU to five hits and two runs. A walk by Matthews to start the inning got the ball rolling for FAU. A single followed and a passed ball allowed the runners to move up. Another walk by Matthews forced Coach Whitlock's hand as he put Moss in for relief. Moss was able to get the outs needed, but not before six runs had scored for FAU. KSU was unable to recover and ended up splitting the double-header.

Men's golf gets new head coach Team finishes in third place at Bradford Creek

L.T. MELTON
STAFF WRITER

Coach Rich Poirri led the KSU Golf team to a third place finish, with a score of 17-over-par, 881, at the Bradford Creek Intercollegiate, located at the Bradford Creek Golf Club in Greenville, N.C.

The tournament, hosted by East Carolina University, was a success for the man who, according to the KSU website, isn't even the head coach. Poirri became the interim coach after ex-coach Tom Losinger, a Master PGA professional, had to vacate the position in order to pursue more lucrative opportunities elsewhere.

Poirri was offered the po-

sition on Feb. 22. He jumped at the chance to be a head coach for the first time in his career. Poirri, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, started as an assistant coach for Tom Losinger in the fall of 2005.

Poirri hopes to achieve a top 100 ranking after starting the season ranked 165 out of 316 teams. He admits that the goal is lofty, but he thinks that with the continuing stellar play of Jr. Kris Shephard [1-over-par, 215], Sr. Nick Drane [4-over-par, 220] and So. Wesley Sheard [7-over-par, 223], the goal is attainable.

The Owls finished the Bradford Creek Intercollegiate third behind Akron, the overall

winner with a score of 8-over-par, 872, and St. Johns 15-over-par 879, making Poirri's debut much more successful than that of "Soul Plane" or the romance between Flavor Flav and Hoops.

Even with such a strong debut, the abrupt coaching change must make one wonder if Poirri will still be around this time next year. If the choice is up to the coach he will be. Legally the job must be posted.

However, Poirri has expressed interest in retaining his post, and judging by the team's recent success, he will have a much better chance of that than Flavor Flav ever has of marrying Hoops.

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