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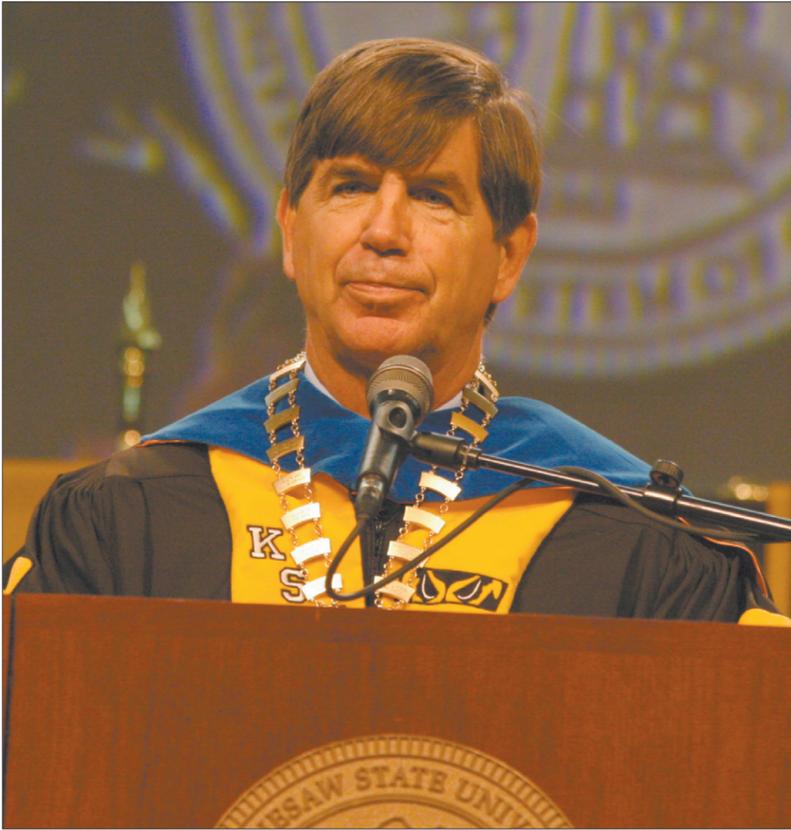
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## President Papp sworn into office



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KSU's third presidential inauguration took place Oct. 24 in the Convocation Center. Daniel S. Papp took office July 1 after serving as senior vice chancellor of academics and fiscal affairs for the Board of Regents for six years. Papp was sworn in by University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll Davis. The inauguration ceremony was followed by a celebration open to the KSU community on the Campus Green.

## Student athletes get help from CAPS

MEGHAN GRIFFIN  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to see more efficient graduation from KSU athletes, KSU is beginning a new service of the Counseling, Advising and Program Services called Student Athlete Success Services.

While the percentage of athletes graduating is normal, KSU and the CAPS center would like to see it rise.

Bob Maddox, director of CAPS, and Steven Benton, student services associate of CAPS, have helped Dave Waples, athletic director, by creating another organization. The Student Athlete Success Services will provide tutorials, advis-

ing, study areas and a computer lab for athletes. Coaches have set up mandatory study hall for their athletes.

Waples noted the projected success of the program.

"This is a much needed and great addition to the athletic department and KSU," Waples said. "Being in Division I, it is imperative that we offer academic support to our student athletes. We feel very, very good about this entire situation."

Waples mentions that the athletic department realizes that athletes are busy with school and sports, and that this is only the beginning of the support.

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## Universities seek home-schooled students

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For years colleges have targeted specific groups for admission, from black and Hispanic students to National Merit scholars. Now they're reaching out to another growing population: home-schooled students.

"Kennesaw State has over a

dozen years of experience with the home-schooling community and since 1995, over 200 home-schooled students have applied, been accepted and enrolled at KSU," said Angela Evans, assistant director of admissions.

The home-schooled population has been increasing statewide and across the nation. As the population increases, so does the number of potential

college applicants.

In spring 2003, there were an estimated 1.1 million students in the United States being home-schooled, up 29 percent from spring 1999, according to the most recent survey by the National Center for Education Statistics.

In Georgia, 36,624 students were registered as home-

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# Chemistry major receives Purple Heart

ANGIE JENNINGS  
STAFF WRITER

Tamika Huskins remembers sitting by the phone this time three years ago worrying, praying and waiting for news on the condition of her husband, Army Sgt. Brandon Huskins.

"It was the scariest day of my life," she said. "It's not something I would wish on anyone."

On Oct. 27, 2003, Sgt. Huskins was a passenger in a Hummer traveling near Kirkuk, Iraq, 180 miles north of Baghdad, when a roadside bomb exploded under the vehicle. Although Huskins suffered neck injuries, he survived the attack.

Tamika's worries for her husband bloomed into tears of pride when he was honored with the Purple Heart Oct. 17. The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and the first American award made available to the common soldier. It is awarded to soldiers wounded in combat and is awarded posthumously to the next of kin of those who are killed in action or die of their wounds.

U.S. Rep. Phil Gingrey pinned the award on the left breast of Huskins' uniform at a ceremony held at Gingrey's office in Rome.

"To be here and to honor him with this Purple Heart award is certainly a privilege, a humbling privilege, for me," Gingrey said.

Tamika attended the ceremony with their children, Hallie, 11 and Steven, 8. She stated that the ceremony offered a "kind of closure."

"I think it's great. It's long overdue," she said. "We're all really proud of him, especially me."

After serving six years in the Army, Huskins is now a second year student of forensic chemistry at KSU and a bona fide war hero, at least according to his aunt, Andrea Atkins.

"Brandon doesn't like the H-word," Atkins said. Sgt. Huskins did not comment on his award.

Army representative Lt. Col. Brian Bennett, also who attended the ceremony, praised Huskins and his unit for their service.

"It's really an honor to be here because they really were the premier unit in 2003," Bennett said.

The Purple Heart is considered automatic for all wounds received in combat. Each award presentation is thoroughly reviewed to ensure wounds were received due to enemy action. Although the award did not exist before 1932, it is retroactive to the year 1917. This means that the Purple Heart can be presented to vet-

erans who served as long ago as World War I. In these cases, military service departments review all available records to determine if the award is warranted for an individual soldier.

The wrath of the homemade explosives that Huskins experienced, properly named improvised explosive devices is the biggest and most dangerous threat to American soldiers in Iraq. ABC World News Tonight co-anchor Bob Woodruff and cameraman Doug Vogt experienced a similar attack earlier this year when the convoy the pair was riding in was hit by an IED near Taji, Iraq, approximately 12 miles north of Baghdad. Woodruff and Vogt both suffered shrapnel wounds. In addition, Woodruff sustained head injuries, wounds to his upper body and broken bones.

In 2005, there were approximately 10,600 roadside bombings, which was double the number from the year prior. The attacks have accounted for over 50 percent of all US military injuries in Iraq and cause the greatest number of deaths among US service members.

Because Iraq stockpiled 650,000 tons of ammunition prior to the war, the explosives used for the IED's are relatively easy to find. Once an IED is planted, insurgents will watch and wait to detonate the bomb to ensure that it causes maximum damage, sometimes filming the results.

There are 141,000 troops currently stationed in Iraq. An Oct. 11 Associated Press article reported that the Army is planning to sustain the number of troops in Iraq for an additional four years, a sign that an end to the war is unforeseeable.



Photo courtesy of Brandon Huskins

Attendees to the award ceremony included Lieutenant Colonel Bennett, Congressman Phil Gingrey and Huskins' grandfather, a Korea War veteran.

## And that's a fact...

- The Purple Heart was established by General George Washington at Newburgh, N.Y., Aug. 7, 1782 during the Revolutionary War.
- The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of an Armed Force or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917, has been wounded or killed, or who has died or may hereafter die after being wounded.
- The Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria.
- Frostbite, trench foot, heatstroke, battle fatigue, post traumatic stress disorders and self-inflicted wounds [when not in the heat of battle and not involving gross negligence] and food poisoning, chemical, biological, or nuclear agents, disease, or jump injuries not directly caused by enemy action do not qualify one for the Purple Heart.
- A Purple Heart will be automatically issued to the next of kin of each person entitled to a posthumous award by the Commanding General upon receiving a report of death indicating entitlement.

Facts courtesy of americal.org



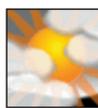
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schoolers in 2005-06, according to the state Department of Education.

In 1997, KSU's admissions office conducted a casual study comparing home-educated freshman to their traditionally educated freshman. Their research indicated that home-educated students outperform other students by almost a full grade point.

"People are starting to recognize that home-schoolers are very dedicated students, and they tend to be able to work on their own very well," said Noelle Goodman, senior at Wesleyan College who was home-schooled.

"Our experience with homeschool students has been very good," said Dee Minter, associate vice president for enrollment services at Macon State College. "We have found home-educated students to be good students with families that stand behind them."

Minter said the problem is that there isn't really a good way for colleges to recruit

home-schooled students in a proactive way.

"If you're a high school student and [I'm] a college enrollment person, we know how to find you," she said. She said the college has started looking to home-school organizations as a way to help target home-schoolers.

KSU responded to the growing number of home-school students by assigning an admissions counselor for home-educated applicants. Home-schooled applicants went from three or four to 60 a year.

Admissions for these students can be different from students who attend a traditional high school.

Some home-schooled students receive a diploma from an accredited agency, such as American School, and can be admitted to college like any other student. Others have to follow a different procedure.

In the University System of Georgia, which includes the state's 35 public colleges and universities, home-schooled students submit their SAT

score, which must be at or above the previous year's freshman class average, along with a portfolio of work that includes and describes all the classes they have taken. Some colleges may also require SAT II subject tests.

KSU has developed a method of evaluating home-school students that incorporates national standardized testing and assessment of a portfolio that includes extracurricular activities and academic achievements, a letter from the primary instructor certifying completion and graduation date, two letters of recommendation from non-family members and a National Standardized High School Exam.

The KSU office of admissions has created a Web site specifically designed to help home-educated applicants through the admissions process, as well as an admissions applicant checklist for home schoolers.

Since 1995, over 200 home-educated students have enrolled at KSU.

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If the teams do not maintain these guidelines, they may be penalized by losing scholarships and possibly playing time.

Students who maintain a GPA lower than 2.5 are held at risk and are offered extra help. Besides GPA, the NCAA guidelines, which have been around for approximately three years, require athletes to have finished 40 percent of their degree by the end of their second year. This can be a problem if students switch majors. SASS will do what it can to keep the students on track.

All KSU sports start out the season as Division I this year. While this is a huge accomplishment, it does come with stricter guidelines.

These guidelines regulate how athletes manage their time and school work and are put into place to help athletes graduate.

In March 2007, SASS will have a professional law firm visit campus and audit what efforts have been made so far. The lawyers will give advice on what could be done differently and what could be done to further assist student athletes. SASS will also help students while KSU is in the probation period.

To play in Division I sports, KSU student athletes must meet NCAA academic standards before the school can begin the certification process. In other words, KSU cannot win National Champions because teams have not fully reached Division I standards.

**"This is a much needed and great addition to the athletic department and KSU."**

## The dark D common for students

T.R. MALONEY  
STAFF WRITER

Depression has long been seen as a bigger problem on campus than binge drinking and crime. Depression is a deep-rooted disorder that affects the mind and body. It can come at any time or be caused by certain events. Depression is not a passing bad day or "feeling blue" for a day or two. According to the National Institute for Mental Health, without treatment, symptoms can last for weeks, months and even years. The good news is with appropriate treatment, most people can be cured of depression.

Depression takes its toll on many different people for various reasons. Children watching their parents divorce, retirees leaving the workforce, people with serious diseases and single mothers living below the poverty level can all experience depression. There is an alarming trend of depression among college students, especially freshman and females. The latest statistics reveal that 17 percent of new college students show signs of depression.

Depression falls into three main categories: Major depression, dysthymia and bi-polar disorder. Major depression interferes with one's ability to work, study, sleep, eat and enjoy pleasurable activities. Dysthymia, a less severe form of depression, does not disable a person, but also does not allow him or her to function well or feel good. Bi-polar disorder, also known as manic-depression, takes a person through mania-like highs and depressive lows. Left untreated, mania can worsen to a psychotic state.

The National Institute of Mental Health's Web site list some symptoms of depression: persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood; feel-

ings of hopelessness; pessimism; feelings of guilt, worthlessness or helplessness; loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities that were once enjoyed, including sex; decreased energy; fatigue; difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions; and thoughts of death or suicide.

Studies have shown women are twice as likely as men to experience depression. Additional stresses from work and school, single parenthood, caring for a household, pregnancy, miscarriages, postpartum period and pre-menopause can lead to this.

Men, however, are less likely to seek help for their condition. Men often try to hide the effects of depression with alcohol or drugs. Depression usually manifests in men as an irritable or angry state, which makes diagnosing male depression more difficult.

First-year college students arriving on a new campus are prone to different levels of anxiety and depression. Living away from home and friends, a change in social structure, pressure from the workload of college level courses, financial challenges and exposure to new people and temptations can all trigger depression.

There are several forms of treatment for depression. Antidepressant medication and psychotherapy are the most common paths to recovery. Most medications for depression are not habit forming and do not prohibit regular activities such as work, school or athletics.

The most important steps for people suffering from depression are realizing they have a problem and seeking help. Most campuses have staff ready to talk to students about the symptoms and treatment of depression. KSU students who feel they may suffer from depression are urged to go to the CAPS Center to talk to a counselor. The CAPS Center is located in Kennesaw Hall and is open to current students Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



# POLICE BEAT

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**Police were patrolling** KSU Place Oct. 20 when they found a car parked in the middle of the road with a female driver and a single passenger. Police asked the passenger what was going on since his door was open. He stated that he was looking for his wallet when police smelled the strong odor of alcohol. Police asked the driver why she was stopped in the middle of the road. She stated that she was allowing the passenger to look for his wallet. Police noticed the alcohol odor coming from her and asked if she had had anything to drink. She said no but her eyes appeared to be bloodshot and watery. She would not submit to a field sobriety test and was told that this was not a private road and that GA laws do apply here. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was issued a citation for impeding the flow of traffic.

KSU police were dis-

**patched** to KSU Place Oct. 21 in reference to an unsecured door. The complainant was met outside her apartment as two officers searched the apartment. No one was found inside the apartment. The resident stated that she left that morning at 10:30 a.m. and returned at 1:10 that afternoon. When she left she said that one of her roommates was there but on her arrival, the door was wide open. After walking through her apartment, nothing was noted to be missing and police told her that if she or her roommates notice anything gone to report it to the police.

**Oct. 23, police reported to** the campus organization room in the Student Center. The complainant, at the Delta Tau Delta cubicle, stated that two X-Box games had been stolen from his desk. The games were estimated to be worth \$40. A report was filed.

**Police were stopped** by a male on the north parking deck Oct. 23. He stated that his car had been scratched or possibly keyed on the right

side somewhere between Oct. 17 and Oct. 19. He noticed the scratches on his car on Oct. 19. He had not reported the damage earlier because he had been out of town. Police made note of the damage and filed a report. The driver was advised to get a copy to keep for his own records.

**Police were dispatched to** University Village Oct. 30 in reference to the smell of marijuana. Police met the RA, who said when making her rounds she smelled the marijuana. She talked to the residents and didn't see any marijuana. She did, however, hear the toilet flush before one of the residents came to talk to her. Police then met with the residents and asked if any of them had been smoking marijuana, to which they all said that they hadn't. Police couldn't find any marijuana but took names and dates of birth for all the residents. One resident was placed under arrest for giving a false name to the police. All face a possibility of judiciary charges.

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## Conservative pundit “rushes” Michael J. Fox

Twenty years ago, America marveled at the possibility of time travel in their lifetime. If Marty McFly and Doc Brown could make it happen with a lightning bolt, stolen Libyan plutonium, the town hall clock and 1.21 gigawatts, surely it must be possible, right? Of course I'm just kidding, but “Back To The Future” was one of the most successful movies of 1985. Now over twenty years later, the film's star, Michael J. Fox, has become extremely ill. Fox was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1998 and by the year 2000, had left acting altogether due to his worsening symptoms. Now Fox has begun campaigning for Democratic candidates in Missouri and Wisconsin in hopes of getting legislation passed that would support stem cell research.

Someone who has a disease that stem cell research might find a cure for campaigning for candidates that support said research. It makes perfect sense, right? Wrong...according to the hard line conservatives who currently run our government.

For those who don't know, Parkinson's disease is a brain

disorder that attacks and deteriorates neurons needed for the release of dopamine, a vital chemical in the human body. After about 80 to 85 percent of these neurons have been damaged or destroyed, the symptoms of the disease begin to show. Dopamine is a chemical that enables the human body to move in steady, controlled ways. When the chemical is absent, sufferers begin to noticeably shake, have trouble walking and talking normally and have a general rigidity in their facial expressions. Currently, 1.5 million people suffer from Parkinson's, with nearly 600,000 new cases diagnosed each year.

Many believe that Parkinson's, along with many other brain and nervous system disorders or injuries, could be cured with stem cells from human embryos. What makes these cells so special? Most human cells have a “job” such as stomach cells, skin cells or just about anything else in the human body. Stem cells are like Neo from the “Matrix” in that they can do just about anything. They can become any kind



Jason Nimer  
Editor in Chief  
“It truly makes the most beautiful music.”

of human cell. The logic is if you have a disorder or injury, stem cells could, in theory, replace the lost or damaged cells by transforming into the cells needed. It sounds like science fiction, but the research has the possibility of helping a lot of people.

Unfortunately, the Bible thumping, anti-abortion wackos that have taken over the G.O.P. see this kind of science as “wrong” or “immoral,” contrary to all the evidence that it is neither. The worst part is that the conservatives are so against this new science, they are will-

ing to slander even those who are deathly ill and could benefit the most.

After leaving his acting career, Fox founded a Parkinsons charity organization and has been campaigning for Democratic candidates nationwide, as they seem to be the only people in our government who are bright enough to see the benefits of the research. With the November election coming up fast, Fox taped a series of commercials for Democratic candidates, urging voters to support those who support stem cell research.

Shortly after Fox's ads began running during the World Series broadcast last week, conservative representatives and pundits alike began shrieking foul. The worst of the offenders was Rush Limbaugh, the most popular and widely listened to of all political radio personalities. He proclaimed on the air that Michael J. Fox was “faking his illness” and had “stopped taking his medication” for Democratic political gain. After catching some bad press surrounding his comments, Limbaugh proclaimed that he

would apologize, but only if he was “proved wrong.” This kind of insensitivity and blatant lack of basic human decency shouldn't surprise anyone, as it is coming from a man who referred to the Guantanamo Bay prison as “Club Gitmo” and equated the Abu Ghraib torture of prisoners to a “fraternity prank.”

The worst part of the whole fiasco is that so many eligible voters listen to, and take to heart, every last word Limbaugh broadcasts. In my eyes, Rush just proved right all those who refer to conservative talk radio as “hate radio.” Regardless of one's beliefs on stem cell research or political affiliation, people should see this for exactly what it is: pure unadulterated venom that was only spewed because of the upcoming elections and the disenfranchisement of the core Republican base.

These comments also reflect a trend that seems to be the main credo of today's Republican party, “If you can't beat 'em, demonize 'em in the public sphere.” They did it to Max Cleland, they did it to Cindy

Sheehan, they did it John Kerry and now they are attempting to do it to Michael J. Fox, who is not only suffering from an unspeakably awful disease but is also one of America's most beloved celebrities. It boggles the mind that America continues to allow and condone this kind of behavior from their elected officials and those who support their political party. So this is what it has come to: an admitted drug addict [Limbaugh] has taken to belittling and accusing those who are sick and dying simply to advance a political agenda. If that isn't a reason to vote Democrat, I don't have any idea what is.

In the 1980s, Michael J. Fox not only starred in movies like “Back To The Future” and “Teen Wolf,” he played Alex P. Keaton on TV's “Family Ties.” In the show, Fox portrayed a conservative Republican teenager living in a home with his aging, ex-hippie liberal parents. I can't help but wonder how Fox's character would have voted in our next election. Would he have stayed true to his Republican party or would he abandon those who, twenty years later, would call him a liar, simply for supporting the scientific research that could save his life?

## Why talks with North Korea eventually must resume

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North Korea's apparent test of a nuclear weapon has provoked another debate over whether it's worth negotiating with rogue states.

I believe this is not the moment for a U.S. dialogue with Pyongyang. This dangerous regime, with its track record of illegal weapons sales, must be disabused of any idea that it can get a free pass to the nuclear club. Strong U.N. economic sanctions are crucial, backed by a united front of U.S. and Asian powers. Also crucial is President Bush's warning that North Korea will be held accountable if it passes nuclear materiel to other states or groups.

But then what? I've talked to no one who believes sanctions alone will force Kim Jong Il to give up his arsenal. Nor does anyone believe military force is a viable option [provided Kim doesn't sell his plutonium to al-Qaeda or Iran].

Unless sanctions are crafted to prod North Korea back to the table, it's hard to see any chance of curbing Pyongyang's nuclear program. Can talks with North Korea work?

Republicans claim that the Clinton-era negotiations with North Korea were a failure and demonstrate why talks are pointless. But that assessment stands history on its head.

In 1994, North Korea was threatening to quit the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and turn spent reactor fuel into bomb-grade plutonium. The Clinton administration prepared for a possible military strike, but then turned to former President Jimmy Carter as negotiator in Pyongyang.

The result was the 1994 Agreed Framework, under which North Korea sealed its Yongbyon reactor and fuel rods and put them under U.N. inspection. Had that reactor not remained frozen until 2002, it could have produced enough fuel to make dozens of bombs.

On taking office, President Bush labeled North Korea part of the “axis of evil” and made clear he was more interested in “regime change” than talks. Then in 2002, U.S. officials found evidence that North Korea was cheating on the agreement by pursuing a secret effort to enrich uranium. The U.S. drew back from the Agreed Framework, and North Korea expelled U.N. inspectors and started making nuclear weapons.

Yet a simple cost-benefit analysis shows that the Agreed Framework had still been a success. Clinton's negotiations stopped a program that was already capable of making bomb materiel.

The secret uranium program, by contrast, is a long-term undertaking and there are no signs that it has produced weapons materiel.

True, the Clinton administration's negotiations didn't end North Korea's nuclear program, but they did delay the production of weapons for eight years. Some on the Bush team now advocate bombing Iran's nuclear energy facilities at terrible risk just to delay the Iranian program by perhaps 3 to 5 years.

Since the collapse of the Agreed Framework on the Bush watch, North Korea has produced around six to 12 nuclear weapons.

President Bush finally decided, during his second term, to try negotiations in concert with our Asian allies. He finally let U.S. negotiator Chris Hill meet directly with North Korea officials within those six-nation talks. This direct dialogue led to a promising joint statement in September 2005, in which Pyongyang pledged to dismantle its nuclear program in return for security guarantees and aid.

Those talks eventually fell apart, too. Many experts believe that a key cause was disagreement within the administration over whether the U.S. goal should be to change North Korea's regime or its behavior. Just as the joint statement was signed, U.S. officials were pursuing international bank sanctions against North Korea. These may have been justified in principle--the Pyongyang regime is a notorious counterfeiter and smuggler--but the timing seemed designed to kill any deal.

Now North Korea has tested a weapon and is poised to make more bombs. Once again, the White House must choose its approach to this recalcitrant regime.

Talks with North Korea are horribly frustrating, and it is unclear whether Kim will ever give up his weapons. He may have taken the lesson from the Iraq invasion [as Iran has] that nukes are his guarantee of keeping power. There is strong Bush resistance to talks, especially direct talks or sending a U.S. emissary along the lines of a Carter. The chances of success are much slimmer now than under Clinton.

At some point the White House will have to decide whether it wants to pursue the small chance of freezing Pyongyang's program, or at least limiting the number of weapons. As Gary Samore of the Council on Foreign Relations says, “If they only have enough material for six bombs, they are less likely to sell it than if they have enough for 24 bombs.”

Perhaps Bush will listen to his father's key adviser, James Baker III, who is already tasked



with reassessing America's Iraq strategy. Baker recently said, “I believe in talking to your enemies. It's got to be hard-nosed, it's got to be determined. You don't give away anything, but

in my view, it's not appeasement to talk to your enemies.”

Baker has already spoken with an Iranian representative. Is Pyongyang next?

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# Farewell to rock and roll

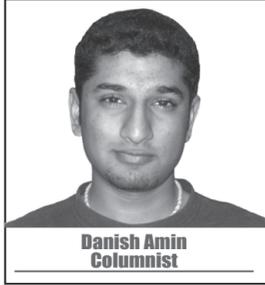
Evolution is more than a mere necessity in the existence of humankind. It not only provides the much needed progress, but also helps us expand our awareness of the world around us. Although not all evolutions are the same, some are less than deserving of a warm welcome. That happens to be the case with popular music; all that once was has been lost in archives or stored into infinite number of iPods. Most of what popular is not only useless but useless to the point of oblivion.

It was only in the 1960's when music revolutionized the entire world. It had bigger impact on the world than most of the policies Kennedy or Johnson ever made. It was a time when music meant something, it was a time when music caused movements that otherwise would never have taken place. Music has changed dramatically, simply because many revolutions have turned

into lawsuits. Today's music and listeners have proved that the band The Who, who once sang loud and proud "We don't get fooled again," went unanswered, because we have been fooled more times than anyone would like to admit.

It is not only rock and roll that has evolved for the worse. The places that represent true music have also started to fade away. It was only two weeks ago when one of the most legendary rock clubs, known as CBGB, came to its end after an astonishing battle over the lease of the club. The club, in which legends such as The Ramones and AC/DC, along with various lesser known rock bands, performed, failed to get a historic landmark status, making me believe that real estate lawsuits really do speak louder than punk rock.

There are few rock bands left in today's music industry who are not imprisoned by the commercialization of music. The likes of bands such as U2 and Coldplay struggle to keep the meaning of rock alive. They know it is not the number of times their albums



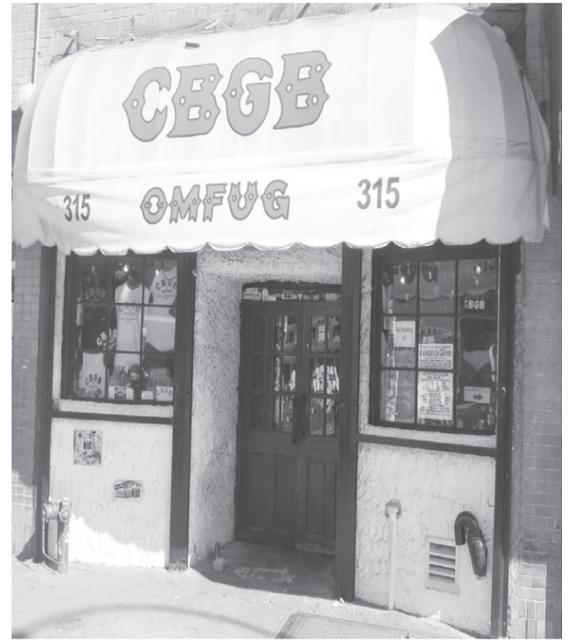
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goes platinum that matters, but the message they are giving to their listeners. Their magnificent success only goes to show that rock and roll still has a few breaths left in it before it finally dies.

Is it OK to blame our society or our desires for all that is in popular demand today? A society is defined and remembered by its art and music. Do we deserve a remembrance with themes such as "platinum grillz" and lust? To tell you the truth, those themes would actually make our society seem better than it really is, although without a doubt it simply is not good enough and not what we want it to be. What we deserve is another story.

No offence to the fans of the likes of Nelly and Lil' John, but without a doubt, they are no Bob Dylan or Johnny Cash. Much of the music industry today consists of avaricious, so-called "musicians" who crave power and money. There was a time when one sang and wrote for the better of the people. Songs such as "Imagine" by the legendary John Lennon came into existence. Times have changed, and most songs are written to show how much the artist is better and more filthy rich than everyone else. It simply is a sign of our times.

Evolution is inevitable. All things that exist must come to pass for the existence of newer [and not always better] things. It is the case with music, which has changed dramatically in last 50 years to become what it is now. Just remember that music is not only in "cool beats" or in those 10,000 songs on your iPod. Music is in the everlasting and sometimes hard to understand philosophy of rock and roll, in places such as CBGB, and in the times that are a-changing.



CBGB [Country, bluegrass and blues] was a music club in Manhattan. Hilly Kristal founded it in 1973. It became legendary for launching punk rock and punk rock inspired music. Bands who played there include, Blondie, The Ramones, The Talking Heads and The Dead Boys. The venue closed on Oct. 13, 2006.

# An all time low for higher education

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Many parents believe that where their children attend college is the most important decision a family will make.

So where would you rather send your child: Rhodes College in Memphis, or Johns Hopkins in Baltimore? Colorado State, or Cal-Berkeley? Before you answer, you may want to read a new report titled "The Coming Crisis in Citizenship" from the Intercollegiate Studies Institute [Full disclosure: I serve on ISI's board of trustees].

The report, conducted by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy, is the first to ask whether our institutions of higher education are preparing students for lives as educated and involved citizens of a republic. Researchers asked 14,000 randomly selected college freshmen and seniors multiple-choice questions about America's history, government, foreign relations and economy.

The report paints a bleak picture. It found that many of our best-known colleges are failing their students. On average, seniors scored just 1.5 percent better than freshmen did. Had the survey been graded as a test, seniors would have failed; they averaged 53.2 percent.

Even worse, "At many schools, seniors know less than freshman about America's history, government, foreign affairs and economy," the study found. Many students are actually regressing while on campus.

Plus, in higher education you don't necessarily get what you pay for. "Students at relatively inexpensive colleges often learn more, on average, than their counterparts at expensive colleges," the report said.

ISI found that Rhodes College does the best job teaching about American citizenship. Seniors there answered 11.6 percent more questions correctly than freshmen did. Colorado State was number two, with a 10.9 percent gain. Meanwhile, students at many supposedly top-flight schools seem to lose knowledge while on campus. At Berkeley [49th on the list] seniors scored 5.6 percent worse than freshmen, and at Johns Hopkins

[dead last] they were 7.3 percent worse. Unfortunately, those last two weren't the only leading schools that failed their students. "Our analysis shows that institutional prestige and selectivity are strongly related to lower civic learning," the study says. In fact, "Colleges that rank high in the U.S. News and World Report 2006 ranking were ranked low in the ISI ranking."

Overall, of 50 schools surveyed, students regressed at 16 of them. Seniors there, "Apparently either forgot what is known by their freshman peers or more ominously were mistaught by their professors."

All of this matters because the study also found that young adults who understand American history and institutions are more likely to vote, volunteer for community service and join political campaigns. Thus, if we want the young people of today to become the leaders of tomorrow, we'll need to change our approach to civic education.

ISI's report suggests some simple ways to do that. Universities, it recommends, should increase the number of history, political science and economics classes students must take. Not surprisingly, students don't learn what they're not taught, and at too many schools, students slide through without really studying our history and politics.

At the same time, students, parents and alumni need to be more involved. If those who pay the bills demand more and better classes, schools will provide them.

Finally, universities should create departments dedicated to teaching our history and institutions. For years, the buzzword on campus has been "multiculturalism." Schools have emphasized, among other things, women's studies, gay and lesbian studies and African-American studies. With universities failing to teach old-fashioned "American studies," though, it's time to insist they build academic centers to do so.

Those who don't know history, it's said, are doomed to repeat it. We need to make sure today's young adults learn about America's great history, so they can not only avoid its mistakes, but more importantly, continue and emulate its successes--and make the history to come even better than our past.

# Response to "What is that smell?"



Dear Editor,

Your article on deodorant blocks ["What is that smell?" Oct. 24, 2006] left a bad smell on the pages of student journalism. This article was presumably aimed at "informing" the student body to the potentially fatal dangers of paradichlorobenzene [p-DCB] deodorant blocks found in many bathrooms on campus. However, many facts and details were left in the cold.

Working as a chemist, I felt compelled to refute the misinformation provided. Some facts: Paradichlorobenzene is a halogenated aromatic hydrocarbon. It is synthetically manufactured. It is the main component used in mothballs and deodorant blocks. It is a registered insecticide and germicide with the EPA. The EPA assigns this chemical a toxicity code 3, which corresponds to a toxicity category of caution [one of the lowest degrees]. It is designed to completely evaporate over time, releasing

the familiar "mothball-like" odor, distinct to humans as a deodorizing agent to cover offensive smells. This chemical has been reviewed for this use by the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, the EPA and the WHO.

That said, p-DCB is a respiratory irritant, especially to individuals with respiratory illnesses such as asthma. Excessive inhalation exposure can cause the myriad of symptoms covered in your article, but you incorrectly defined those exposure limits. [OSHA] has set a maximum level of 75 parts of p-DCB per million parts air in the workplace [75 ppm] for an 8-hour day, 40-hour work week, 50 weeks per year. Simply adding up 3 deodorant blocks in a bathroom and multiplying by 75 does not indicate that students are being actively poisoned and are exceeding exposure limits by walking in to use the facilities. In fact, this simply supports that the author clearly doesn't understand the meaning of OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits and which are the exposure limits set for user safety.

Also in your article you failed to mention that the human study in which there

were reported deaths from intoxication does not specify by what route of entry this took place. In fact, that same study revealed "8 workers exposed for an average of 4.8 years [age range, 8 months to 25 years] to p-dichlorobenzene at levels of 10 to 725 ppm, showed no evidence of hematologic effects. However, in this same study painful irritation of the eyes and nose was recorded at levels between 50 and 80 ppm, and it was severe at 160 ppm which means that when p-DCB levels reach or exceed OSHA PEL's, the body is notified by uncomfortable reactions which would normally cause a person to move to more pleasant surroundings, i.e. seek fresh air."

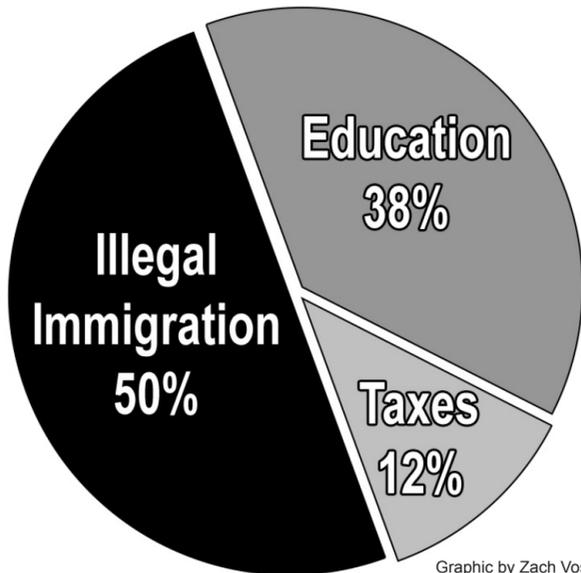
Deodorant blocks have been used in bathrooms for many years and you can still buy the little blocks that hang in the toilet from any grocery or hardware store. KSU should do a little more research and not use scare tactics to take up article space. Try focusing on other toxins that are far more dangerous instead of picking on a common deodorant block.

Debbie Campbell



# You don't say?

ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP...WHAT SHOULD BE OUR GOVERNOR'S BIGGEST CONCERNS?



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## EXPERIENCE THE WORLD THROUGH STUDY ABROAD

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Do you want to earn college credit and experience life outside of the U.S.? KSU's study abroad program allows students the opportunity to study overseas and earn credits toward a degree. There are 27 different programs to choose from including programs in Italy, Germany, Russia and China. At the KSU's Study Abroad Fair held on Oct. 17, Susan E. Pratt, assistant director for international education encouraged students to consider embarking on a study abroad trip. She studied abroad as a student in Germany. "It changed my life completely," she said. She later lived in Germany for ten years.

Many students find that studying abroad is an eye opening experience.

"You only have to step outside of your comfort zone to see a different way of life," said Amber Dobson, who traveled to Germany for the "Following in the

Footsteps of Anne Frank" study. For those considering studying abroad, the answer is simple for Amber. "Plain and simple, just do it. I did not realize how little I knew about people and the world until I left the U.S."

Faith Gray, senior public relations major, shared a similar "discovery." Her study abroad took her on a ten-week exhibition through China. There, she studied at two universities, Zheng Zhou University and Yang Zhou University.

"No matter how open-minded you think you are, you do not realize how self-absorbed we can be," Gray said.

Gray admits that study abroad is a sacrifice because of the cost, but says that, "Nothing that is worth doing can be done with out sacrifice." Her advice? Apply for as many scholarships as you can.

There are several scholarship options for those who need financial help. The first step is to fill out a KSU Study Abroad Scholarship

form at [http://www.kennesaw.edu/globalinstitute/abroad\\_scholarship.htm](http://www.kennesaw.edu/globalinstitute/abroad_scholarship.htm). One scholarship option is the STARS Work Stipend program, in which students assist the study abroad director or faculty member during the trip. Duties include recruiting students to study abroad as well as pre-destination information sessions.

Thirty-eight grants are issued by the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society valued at \$1,000 each. Other scholarship options include Freeman Asia for students studying in Asian countries, the Gillman Scholarship, the National Security Education Program David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship for students with an interest in issues of U.S. national security and the Bridging Scholarships for Study in Japan.

If you are interested in studying abroad go to [www.kennesaw.edu/globalinstitute/oisp](http://www.kennesaw.edu/globalinstitute/oisp) for general information and upcoming information sessions.

One of the study abroad programs offers students a chance to follow in the steps of Anne Frank. Last summer the trip included visits to The Netherlands [Right] and Germany. Next summer the trip will also include Prague.

Tyler Crafton | The Sentinel



KSU Adjunct Professor Jeanette Wachtman took this photograph at the archeological site of Ephesus [July 2005], near modern day Izmir.

Photo Courtesy of the Comm. Department

### How your favorite treats came about

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STAFF WRITER

Whether you dress up as a banana or Betty Boop, chances are that sometime during this next week or so you will feast on Halloween candy. Remember the perilous journeys you went on, climbing the steepest driveway in the neighborhood, just praying they would have good candy at the top? You cringed in disgust as the old hag dropped a generic brand butterscotch into your pillowcase. The memories of trick-or-treating are quite literally "sweet."

One of the most famous and recognized candies is candy corn. The tri-colored delicacy has been satisfying millions of sweet tooths since the 1880's. Some people are very particular about eating candy corn, biting the colorful layers off one at a time, while others eat them by the handful. With only 3.57 calories per kernel, who could blame them? When a German immigrant named Gustav Goelitz began commercial production of the treat, he had no idea it would still be such a popular candy to this day. His company, Goelitz Confectionery, is the oldest manufacturer of candy corn. The bright colors and shape are what made this candy popular in the early 1900's. It even inspired other vegetable shaped candies, including turnips. The best part is, you can eat candy corn year round. Colorful themes include Christmas, Easter and even Valentine's Day corn.

If you can't remember the last time you had a Tootsie Pop, you should probably change that immediately. Lollipops

[also known often as "suckers"] are hardened, flavored sugar mounted on a stick. It is speculated that cavemen first came up with candy on a stick when they collected honey with sticks and licked them clean. The term lollipop originated in England in 1769. The first part of the word, "loll" means "to dangle" which has to do with the tongue. Did you ever try and figure out how many licks it took to get to the middle of the Tootsie Pop? I think most of us probably gave up and just ate the thing. Now that lollipops come in just about every shape, size, flavor and color, you can have them any way you see fit.

Straight from Germany comes our little friends, the gummy bears. In their native country they are referred to as "Gummibars," which means "rubber bear." Haribo has been producing these little guys since 1922. The original bear has spawned many other creatures such as worms, hamburgers, frogs, cherries and sharks. They are very addictive, so don't be surprised when you finish off the bag.

Whichever candy is your favorite, don't forget to use Halloween as your excuse to eat as much of it as possible, even if you didn't visit every house in your neighborhood to get it.

## Atlanta will take what's left of Nick Lachey

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STAFF WRITER

Former lead singer of the boy band 98 Degrees, Nick Lachey has come a long way while paving his road to Hollywood. As Lachey is most known for his marriage to singer Jessica Simpson and the hit reality show "Newlyweds" that aired on MTV from 2003-2005, many people do not know Lachey the solo artist and man.

While Lachey's current album, "What's Left of Me," has carried him to great success, he began his journey in the boy band 98 Degrees in the early 1990's, releasing four albums and selling over ten million records. Lachey became the known face of the band, leading the group in four part harmonies and breaking girls' hearts all around the world.

It was the comment heard around the world by Lachey's now ex-wife Jessica Simpson, "Is this chicken or fish?" that got America talking and falling in love with the reality series. During the show, viewers saw the couples' lavish lifestyle, Lachey's romantic side and the ups and downs of life as a Hollywood couple. The success of the show gave Lachey the chance to promote his first solo album, "SoulO" in 2003. Although "This I Swear" [the television series theme song] as well as "Shut Up" were released as singles, the album was not successful

and received poor reviews.

While the show was a great success, it would in turn cause problems for the hot couple. It wasn't long after the show's two-year run that rumors flew that the couple would divorce. In July of 2006, the divorce became final. Lachey put his emotions of the very public heartbreak into writing some of the tracks on his sophomore solo album, "What's Left of Me."

The popular single from the album, "What's Left of Me," topped charts all over the country and helped heal many broken hearts. This past July, Lachey announced his What's Left of Me Tour of 2006, which had him touring all over the United States, including Atlanta, Ga.

On Friday, Oct. 20, Lachey took over the Tabernacle in Atlanta for over two hours with old and new tunes and soulful ballads. The crowd was filled, with the majority being women, ranging from early 20's to the 40's. Around 9:30 p.m. the crowd started getting restless, chanting "WE WANT NICK, WE WANT NICK." The lights went out and a spotlight hit the stage where a long white curtain dropped and only Lachey's sexy shadow was visible. The crowd went wild as the live five-part band hit the first few notes and the curtain dropped.

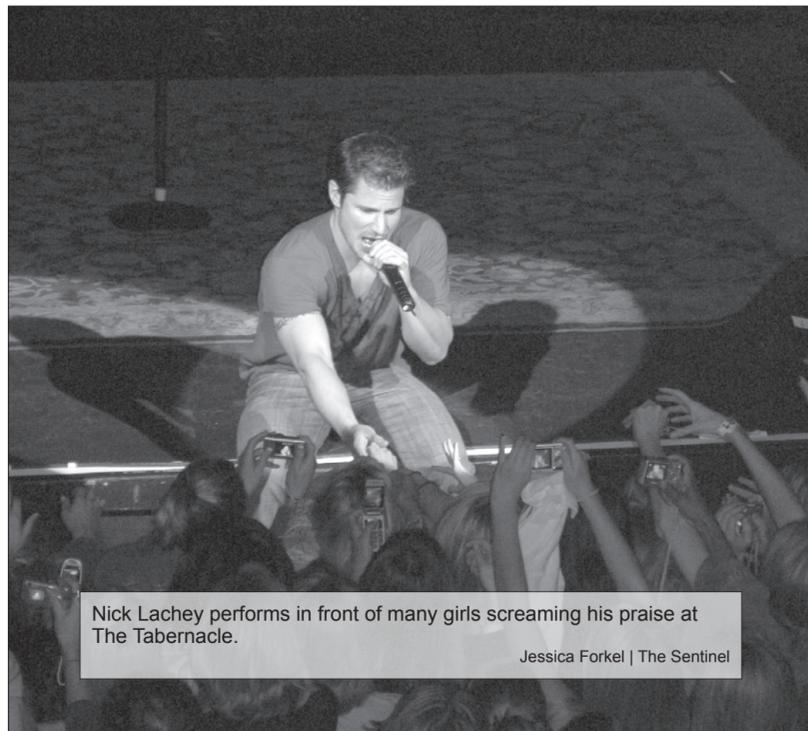
Lachey appeared wearing faded jeans, a red t-shirt and a black sports jacket. The set was simple, with a maroon

and tan carpet with the band in the back setting the warm ambiance. Lachey spoke to the crowd in between songs, giving background on some of the tracks. He also stated "Atlanta, I will find love again."

Midway through the show, MTV VJ Vanessa Mannillo [Mannillo and Lachey are currently dating] appeared on stage, where Lachey sweetly caressed her face while on his knees, serenading his current squeeze with the sexy yet passionate currently unreleased song "Slave." The crowd went wild as girls gushed with envy, wishing they could be in her shoes. Mannillo waived shyly to fans and smiled throughout the entire intimate performance.

Nick's affection did not stop there. At one point, he sat down at the edge of the stage, while holding a fans hand and singing to her. Lachey gave a great performance, with upbeat songs and even acoustic versions of his former boy band 98 Degrees hit singles, "The Hardest Thing" and "I Do Cherish You."

While some may mistake Lachey as a standstill ballad singer, he is not that at all. Lachey danced to the beats, even falling to the ground while reaching the emotional notes of his ballads, adding to the performance. Lachey charmed the audience not only with his flawless, breathtaking voice, but also his bright blue eyes and incredible smile.



Nick Lachey performs in front of many girls screaming his praise at The Tabernacle.

Jessica Forkel | The Sentinel

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## 'Urinetown' a big hit at KSU

TPS department entertained with this entertaining musical

EMILY WYSOCKI  
STAFF WRITER

If the town I lived in had gone through a drought and all citizens had to start paying for every water use, including using the bathroom, I hope that it would be set to music as in the KSU Theatre production of "Urinetown." Every aspect of this show was well put together, making for an all around amusing experience. From each individual character to the visual aspect of the show, I believe the show to be a wonderful success.

From the beginning, I was compelled to watch each character interact with the audience as they asked for spare change so they could "go." I believe improvisation to be difficult, but each character went on with any reaction they got to make those around laugh and become involved with the cast before the show even started.

As the show opened, pieces of the story were slowly put together. The set itself was a great illustration of a history of the characters. The drab colors helped to express the hard times they had all been through and the filth that they had to live in, due to the lack of water. I loved the versatility of the set. The two levels created unique entrances, exits and creative stage pictures. Use of rolling staircases and fly-ins helped to create different scenes and added a special flair to different numbers.

Another aspect of the set that I thought was very interesting was the use of the "hole in the stage." The conductor of the orchestra could be seen sitting towards the front of the stage, but

the stage went behind him as well so that the actors could use it in their scenes to come closer to the audience and perform. It was a very creative way to utilize their set.

Beyond an impressive set was an even more impressive cast. The direction of the cast was extremely well done by Cat Mew. The staging of large group numbers was done very well in that it kept the audience interested in every character on stage and gave the soloist the spotlight when needed, but showcased everyone else as well. My favorite number was "Run Freedom Run!" It was very well done, and the gospel aspect of the song was too cute, with the sign language and all. Even with wonderful direction, it takes a talented, strong cast to be able to put on a show like the one I saw.

Each cast member worked hard on developing their characters. You could tell just by watching how much each actor had to know about his or her individual character. Even those that were double cast had completely different characters that were well developed. My personal favorites were the Little Sally, played by Christina Infusino, and Officer Lockstock, played by Daniel Hilton. Their scenes together were so comical and their chemistry was funny and very well developed. There was also the chemistry between Hope Cladwell and Bobby Strong [Laura Hettinger and Chase Todd]. It was humorous, as the show calls for, but sweet as well.

But it wasn't just these few characters mentioned, or the great director, or even the well designed set. It was all of it put together that made "Urinetown" a great success.

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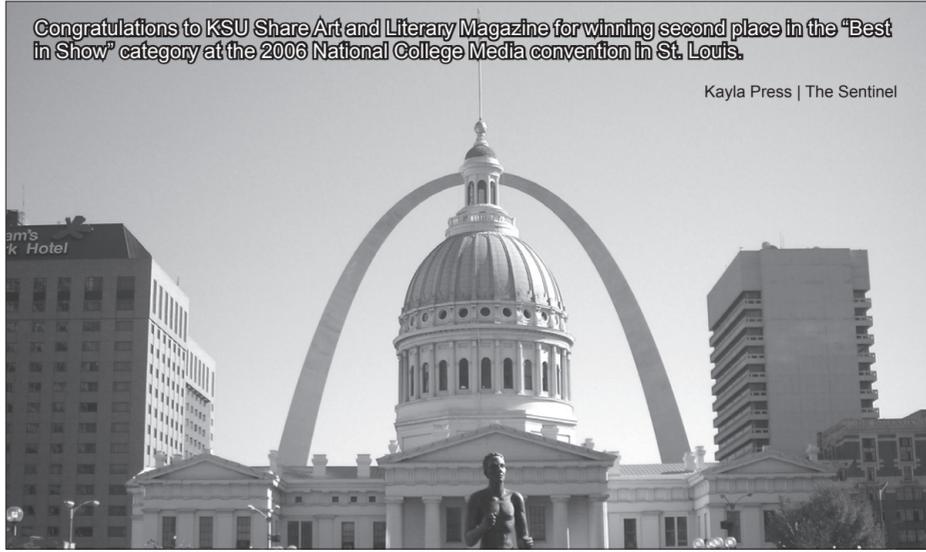
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Kayla Press | The Sentinel



# Horoscopes

**Today's Birthday [10-31-06]**

First bring in the money with the help of your family. Then take a vacation you can talk about for years.

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 5. The trick is to be out past the edge without getting too badly hurt. As you figure out how to do this, you'll make your fortune from all those who'll follow. Get a patent on your procedure.

**Taurus [April 20-May 20]**

Today is a 6. You decide what you want, and hold out for that. It's really quite easy. It's best to make your own decisions about important things.

**Gemini [May 21-June 21]**

Today is a 7. Timing is crucial for a while. Pay attention to the cues. Don't push the limits but do be in the right location at the right moment.

**Cancer [June 22-July 22]**

Today is a 6. You're not frugal because you have to be, you're frugal because it's fun. You'd rather pinch pennies than play the slots any day, and that's wise.

**Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]**

Today is a 6. Involve a technical expert in your negotiations. More is possible than you ever imagined, and easier.

**Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]**

Today is a 7. Once you've learned the lesson, you'll notice there's more to achieve. You're at a plateau that is also a wonderful jumping-off place.

**Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]**

Today is a 7. You're in the groove. Crank out as much as you can, it's selling like hotcakes. You snooze, you lose.

**Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]**

Today is a 6. A crazy idea could pay off big, so don't squash the innovator. Provide encouragement, and even some funding.

**Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]**

Today is a 6. Others think you're very wise, but you know better than that. The more you learn, the more humble you become. It's natural. And it's wise.

**Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]**

Today is a 7. Don't go for the first offer you get; be a little standoffish. All you have to do is wait, and you'll get more than you expected.

**Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]**

Today is an 8. You are a natural caretaker, in a unanimous way. You want to heal societies and you can. The key is to listen.

**Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]**

Today is a 7. You're a good listener, when you want to be. So do that now. The others need somebody to help them sort their way out of a mess.

**"DEEPLY SICK, UTTERLY IRRESISTIBLE."**  
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**When:** Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Convocation Center, Room 2016  
**Details:** Caroline Elkins, Associate Professor of African Studies, Harvard University  
**Price:** Free



**What:** Gallery: Fall Senior Art Majors Exhibition  
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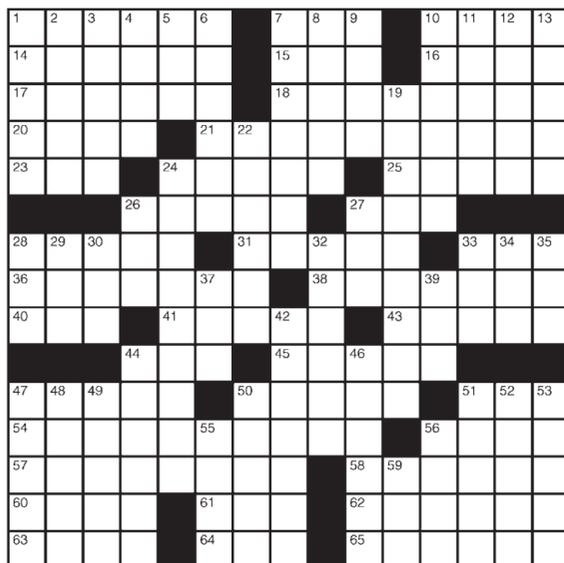
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## Mind games

JONATHAN SANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

One of the biggest debates in the world of college football is the grand old question, "Which conference is the toughest?" The answer has changed a lot over the years. There have been points in college football history when the Big 10 was the conference to beat. There have been many historic teams to come out of the Big XII and the Pac 10 as well. However, in recent years, the South Eastern Conference has been the machine to reckon with.

Let me start with a disclaimer. I am a typical Georgia fan. I was born into a southern family out of Bulldog Nation. I am obnoxious and will cheer on my Dawgs no matter how bad they are playing. And yes, I think the SEC is the toughest place to play college football.

So what can back up this idea of the tough SEC? First of all, let's look at the standings as of this weekend. According to a USA Today poll, the ACC, Big 10, Big East and Pac 10 each have three teams in the top twenty-five. Four teams from the Big XII are in the top twenty-five. However, the SEC doubles the other conferences with six teams that are currently ranked twenty-fifth or higher. With Auburn, Florida and Tennessee ranked seventh, eighth and ninth, LSU and Arkansas ranked thirteenth and fourteenth and Georgia ranked twenty-fifth, the SEC is full of challengers.

Historically, there is not much evidence to support the idea of the SEC being stronger. The comparison of National Championships by conference is pretty evenly distributed. Several conferences, including the SEC, Big XII and Pac 10 all have more than fifteen National Championships. This is not the issue. In recent years, the SEC has not had as many championships as they did when Bear Bryant was leading Alabama. So why is the SEC not winning national titles like they should be?

The biggest factor could be the recent implementation of the Bowl Championship Series. This controversial way of determining the National Champs is put together in such a way that if a team loses a game, or God forbid two games, their season and national title hopes are down the drain. Some may say, "Well, USC [Southern Cal] has been able to get into title games and go undefeated recently." Forgive me if you are a Trojan fan, but it is easy to go undefeated when you do not play challenging teams. Even Georgia Tech could go undefeated if their toughest opponents were Eastern Las Vegas Technical College and Casino Training Institute.

All joking aside, these things suggest why the SEC is more difficult to play in than any other conference. First of all, the rivalries in the south are some of the oldest in college football history. Any time you play a game like Alabama vs. Auburn, anything can happen. It does not matter which team is better. So many factors can play into a team's demise when they are playing a rival. This has to do with the mental part of the game, which is just as important as the physical part. Any time a team comes into Jordan-Hare Stadium or Florida's Swamp to hear 92,000 screaming fans, it can change the outcome of the game. Here in the SEC, we have the loudest, most obnoxious and most intimidating fans in college football. We also have some of the biggest stadiums to put them in.

So there it is. That is why the SEC is the toughest conference in college football. It does not have to do with National Championships or bowl games. It has to do with the mental game that is brought upon the teams as they enter into these tough crowds and rivalry match-ups every Saturday. Whether you are a Dawg, Gator, Tiger, Razorback, Volunteer or whatever, you are a fan of the biggest and baddest conference in college football. So for just this second, before you leave this article to go to the next, appreciate all of the teams in our conference as a whole. Focus on how lucky we were to be born into the south, where football runs deep in our blood. Recognize that our southern football traditions are great and that we are all lucky to be a part of them.

## Who'da thunk it? Me for one

### St. Louis tops off season with 10th World Series Championship

If you had asked me if the St. Louis Cardinals were going to the World Series before the season had started, I would have said, "Yeah, and so does everyone else." The Cardinals were my pick to win the National League and head on to their second World Series in three seasons. Unfortunately, I didn't think Detroit would be their opponent. In fact, I thought the defending World Champion Chicago White Sox would repeat as the winners. So much for predictions, as this 2006 season was anything but predictable.

If you had asked me if the Cardinals were going to the postseason heading into the last two weeks of the regular season, I would have said, "Yeah, maybe." After all, they did have the Houston Astros breathing down their necks. The same Houston Astros who have clinched postseason titles on game 162 in each of the past two seasons. They also played the Cardinals in both National League Championship series the past two seasons, not to mention beating the Cardinals for the NL pennant last season. Need I mention the fact that they have a rotation that showcased the talent of Clemens, Pettitte and Oswalt?

Luckily, a little team from Atlanta ensured that the struggling Cards wouldn't

have to worry about a one game playoff.

If you had told me Jeff Weaver, a journeyman pitcher with 15 more losses than wins through his seven year career, would pitch in the most important game of the 2006 season, I would have called you a liar. Of course, back in April, he was pitching with the Anaheim Angels after being traded from the Los Angeles Dodgers. After a terrible first half season, he was traded to St. Louis. In fact, I was in St. Louis for his first start as a Cardinal when the Atlanta Braves lit him up in a 15-3 victory.

Needless to say, a start like that doesn't build confidence, but there he was in game five at the New Busch Stadium, pitching eight strong innings, allowing two runs on four hits and nine strikeouts. Weaver, who's had a tough career in places like New York and Los Angeles, will never go hungry again in the city of St. Louis. The irony here is that he bested the team he broke into the big leagues with, the Detroit Tigers.

If you had told me that David Eckstein, on a team that has names like Edmonds, Rolen and Pujols, would be the MVP of the World Series, I would have laughed in your face. Yet there he was after game five with the MVP trophy in his hands. Eckstein almost single handedly won games four and five in St. Louis. He drove in four runs and scored three in those two

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games. He also won a brand new yellow Chevy Corvette for his efforts. Eckstein also became the shortest World Series MVP at 5' 7". Then again, why is this all that surprising? After all, he did help lead the wild card winning Angels in the 2002 World Series. Eckstein knows what it takes to be a winner. In a series that was all but wrapped up before it started, David truly slew Goliath.

If you had told me that the American League wild card winning Detroit Tigers were going to lose the National League Central Division Champion St. Louis Cardinals, I would have said you're absolutely right. How can that be? All the experts gave the Cards no shot against the mighty Tigers, who went through the tougher American League without a problem. That might be the point. Let's put this in perspective.

The Cardinals squeaked into their playoff spot on the last day of the regular season. The Tigers clenched their spot a week before the season was over. The Cardinals, with 83 wins, won a division that saw the Cincinnati Reds collapse and the Houston Astros fall just short. The Tigers won just behind the Minnesota Twins and ahead of the White Sox in what turned out to be the toughest division in baseball. The Cardinals beat the San Diego Padres and the heavily favored, albeit depleted, New York Mets

in what has proven to be a watered down National League.

An emotional high was hit by the Detroit Tigers, with victories over the favored New York Yankees and the talented Oakland Athletics in the superior American League. The Tigers were emotionally bottomed out by the time the World Series got underway.

They also showed signs of rust after a week off, with several defensive miscues and ineffective plate appearances. The Cardinals had just finished off the team that was the best in the NL all season in the only series to on the longest in the 2006 post season. They had one day off before the World Series began in Detroit. Rust was not a factor for them and they capitalized on the Tigers' mistakes.

Before the season began, no one thought that Detroit would prove to be an elite team in the AL. Everyone and their mother thought the Cardinals would be in the World Series hunt for yet another season. After all, they won the NL pennant in 2004 and made it to the NLCS last season. Looking back before the season started, it is astonishing that the Tigers made it as far as they did and were still favored to beat a club that had had enough of playing bridesmaid.

The Cardinals outplayed, outwitted and ultimately survived under manager Tony LaRussa. For the first time in 24 years, the Cardinals are once again the toast of Major League Baseball. A city that has shown nothing but undying loyalty and love towards the game has earned their tenth World Series Championship. Congrats.



The St. Louis Cardinals celebrate winning the World Series in game five at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, MO on Oct. 27. This celebration marked the Cardinals' tenth World Series Championship win in franchise history.

# Sports Brief

Nathan Bridges



**MLB**  
Former Houston Astros pitcher Joe Niekro passed away at the age of 61 on Friday, Oct. 27.

**NFL**  
Falcons Q.B. Michael Vick led the team to a 29 - 27 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals, completing 20-of-29 passes.

**NBA**  
On Saturday, Oct. 28 Dallas Mavericks forward Josh Howard's contract was extended.

**NHL**  
The Atlanta Thrashers prevented the Buffalo Sabres from making history as the only team to begin a season with ten straight wins on Saturday, Oct. 28. Salva Kazlov's shootout goal ended the game in a 5 - 4 victory.

**Golf**  
K.J. Choi captured the trophy at the Chrysler Championship with a score of 13-under-par 271.

**Tennis**  
Top seed Roger Federer took the title at the Swiss Indoor Open in Basel, securing his number one world ranking.

## Tenn down, Atlantic Sun to go

DAVID BEAUMONT  
STAFF WRITER

Women's soccer finished the regular season with a 7 - 0 victory against Tennessee Tech on "Senior Night" Oct. 27. Before the start of the match, seniors Pip Meo, Annie Phillips, Abby Hirsch, Lindsay Smith, Caitlin Jadlocki, Rebecca Hall, Stephanie Grzeszkowiak and Laura Tucker were honored with a small ceremony on the field. Led out in procession, the seniors were presented a with yellow rose and a plaque for their accomplishments with the Owls. The seniors still have one last game as first seed in the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the KSU Soccer Complex.

The day had been a wet one, but the edges of blue sky were showing at the beginning of the match and the field crew worked hard to clear the field of excess water. The first twenty minutes went by without incident. Even though the Owls were dominating play, they had a difficult time capitalizing on their efforts until junior Mandy Nolin put in the first goal after an assist from junior Sara Clapham. Nolin shot from the right side across the goal into the lower right corner of the net to make the score 1 - 0.

Later in the half, a significant stoppage in play occurred after Phillips made an attempt on goal, pushed past a defender and knocked her down. Phillips slide tackled the ball into the stomach of the Golden Eagles' goal keeper Loretta McNamee and got up to kick the ball out of bounds for an Eagles goal kick. However, it would be some eight minutes before the goal kick was taken. McNamee was still lying where she had blocked Phillips' shot, and her replacement warmed up on the sideline with a trainer. McNamee, however, got up to much applause and played the rest of the half after Phillips extended her condolences.

"I sort of think we wore them down," said Owls head coach Rob King. "They got tired, we had some really good finishing in the second half and we caught them 15 or 20 seconds in."

Within the first minute of the second half, the Owls had added another two goals to their tally. Nolin took the first on a break away, defeating the advancing goal keeper with a swift shot to the left corner of the goal. The second goal came off a penalty kick tapped by Clapham and nailed by Tucker to the top right of the goal. Clapham gave the next assist in the fourth minute of the half to Meo, who rebounded the ball into the goal from the right post. Nolin took her first career hat trick in the sixth minute when she kicked the ball over a defender's foot into the top center of the net. The Owls had scored four goals in less than ten minutes, and they weren't done yet.

It was the seventy-fourth minute of the match that a light rain appeared in the floodlights of the field. Senior Jadlocki subbed in at about that time and took one corner kick, and then another. On the second, Hall jumped up and put her head on the ball, grounding it into the left of the net. Right before the resuming kick off, the heavens opened and a driving rain wiped across the field. The last goal of the game was shot through the pouring rain by sophomore Sarah Marek 20 yards out, which winged the left post on the way in. The game ended with a score of 7 - 0, as the players ran through the rain to their locker room.

With this final win, the Owls are expected to win the conference this year. "We're looking forward to it," said King. "We're playing well. We've got everybody healthy and we'll be ready."

Last year, the Owls narrowly lost the conference to Florida Atlantic, who has since left the Atlantic Sun for the Sun Belt Conference. The seniors, who have seen their team grow so much, are ready to go out with a Division I championship, according to King.

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- Read to your children.
- Keep your promises.
- Go for walks together.
- Let your children help with household projects.
- Spend time one-on-one with each child.
- Tell your children about your own childhood.
- Go to the zoo, museums, ball games as a family.
- Set a good example.
- Use good manners.
- Help your children with their homework.
- Show your children lots of warmth and affection
- Set clear, consistent limits.
- Consider how your decisions will affect your children.
- Listen to your children.
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