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AIR FORCE CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

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The United States Air Force is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its establishment as a separate military branch. Until 1947, the Air Corps was part of the U.S. Army. The celebration also serves to raise awareness about the Air Force and its service people.

To educate students interested in an Air Force career, a large RV was parked outside the KSU Recreation Center. Inside were displays detailing the roles of nurses and other medical personnel in the Air Force, including holograms of a human head and military aircraft.

An audio-visual display provided useful information about military careers, em-

phasizing the typical working conditions, the latest equipment being used and the opportunities for advanced education and career enhancement.

Inside the Student Center, the Dobbins Air Force Base reserve unit had a display presenting the large C-17 Globemaster III. The jet transports supplies to Iraq. It can be quickly reconfigured as a flying ambulance to carry up to 72 patients. Medical equipment used in caring for the seriously injured in the air ambulance missions was also displayed.

In addition, the military branch also had an exhibit at the Career Fair with a separate team of officers recruiting for the Air Force. The team included recruiters for professional positions, including doctors, nurses

and dentists and separate recruiters for other medical specialists including EMTs, paramedics, dental hygienists and nurse practitioners.

According to Air Force Capt. Chad Corliss, nurses in the Air Force Reserve can be activated for tours of 120 days every four years. For those with families, the time can be split into two 60-day tours. For nurses and other medical personnel in the Air National Guard, which is separate from the Air Force Reserves, shorter 30 and 60-day tours of duty can be served in times of increased need for military personnel, such as the war in Iraq.

The Air Force celebration will culminate in the Atlanta area with the Great Georgia Airshow, on October 13-14 at Falcon Field in Peachtree City, GA.

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The RV on display outside the Student Center on Feb. 5 educated everyone on the opportunities with health care careers in the Air Force [top]. Katrina Songer, freshman art major, was one of many students who went inside the RV to learn through the interactive media on board.

Catalog changes for '07

New classes, concentrations and requirements to take effect

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According to a recent memo released by the President's office, a variety of changes have been made to the 2006-07 online graduate and undergraduate catalogues.

In terms of KSU's graduate degree offerings, the Board of Regents has approved a Specialist in Education of Leadership for Learning degree and a graduate certificate in Information Security. The Special Education major, under the Master of Education, has been renamed the Inclusive Education major. The MBA degree has also been approved as an external program on a three-year pilot basis and will be offered at the Cobb Galleria Center.

The Board of Regents has also approved the university's request for an anthropology program under the Bachelor of Science degree. In addition, the Department of Biology and Physical Sciences will be called the Department of Biology and Physics effective

January 2007 and the Social Science Education program will be referred to as History Education, effective this summer. Instead of the 123 credit hours needed to complete the former Social Science Education degree, the History Education degree will require 126 hours for completion, including 24 hours of 3000/4000 level history coursework.

Along with its name change, the HIST 3376 course requirement will be replaced with HIST 4488.

"We felt like the content is equivalent, but it is a more helpful course for those who are going to enter public school teaching," said History Education Advisement Coordinator Kay Reeve. Reeve said the course had to undergo a curriculum approval process and will be available on Feb. 8 for student registration.

"We are teaching two sections of it, which provides more flexibility for students to get into the class."

Students will also notice changes

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Proposed KSU plates likely to succeed

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The Office of Academic Affairs, with the help of the Alumni Association Board, has re-launched a program to make KSU license plates available in 2008. This show of college pride was first attempted several years ago, but fell short of the 500 plate minimum order. Now, the Office of Alumni Affairs hopes

to surpass the minimum requirement to make KSU license plates a reality.

With a new president and a renewed focus, the Office of Alumni Affairs believed it was an ideal time to retry the license plate initiative.

"So far we have seen enough interest from the faculty, staff, alumni community and students to reach the minimum," said director of the

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ABLE continues tradition with 'Game Day'

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Advocacy, Boldness, Leadership, Empowerment, also known as ABLE, an advocacy group for students with disabilities, held its third annual Game Day Wednesday afternoon, February 7, in the Student Center's leadership room.

Game Day allows students to break away from their usual studies and relax for a few hours to play games, enjoy snacks and socialize. While some of ABLE's events are centered on raising community awareness about disabilities, this event simply helps students blow off some steam.

"Some of ABLE's events are designed to promote awareness around campus, but Game Day is a chance for students to get together and just have fun," said Lynne Hagan, learning specialist for disabled student support services at KSU.

Game Day participants were welcomed with complementary sandwiches and drinks. Of course, participants also enjoyed an assortment of games. Rula Osta, a KSU senior, challenged Hagan to a game of Scrabble between classes.

"It's a fun day for socializing and having fun," Osta said. "It's just a good idea."

"Research has proven that if you do something fun before an exam you will have a better grade," Hagan said.

Game Day is traditionally held during fall semester, but organizers are experimenting with extending the tradition into the spring. ABLE leaders felt that students needed a day to relax and have fun in the spring as well as fall.

The organization prefers to focus on the abilities of a person rather than disabilities. Affiliated with the student development center, ABLE recognizes that variations of abilities make for a richer campus environment.

Many of ABLE events involve teamwork, where one's disability is supplemented by a teammate's ability.

In addition to Game Day, ABLE hosts a number of other events throughout the semester. One such event is the Theta Chi wheelchair race. An 18-year-old tradition, the race is an important opportunity for students to learn about each other and become more tolerant of other's differences.

"The wheelchair race allows fraternity members to experience what it's like to be in a wheelchair for a little while," said Kyle Pease, ABLE program chairman.

According to Pease, the largest challenge ABLE faces is getting students involved. While turnout at some events is high, ABLE wants to increase the consistency of student involvement. The group is currently seeking ways to expand its advertising campaign to reach more students.

ABLE is also searching for students to serve in public relations, Webmaster positions and help disseminate the group's message to the student population quickly and efficiently.

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in the College of Science and Mathematics. Dr. Ronald Matson, professor of biology and chair of the Department of Biology & Physics, explained that a lab has been added to BTEC 3301 to ensure that students are getting the necessary exposure to lab techniques utilized in the biotechnology field. “It often takes multiple exposures to techniques in order to become proficient in their use,” he said. “This change was made to help ensure the success of students in the biotechnology program and when they go into industry or graduate school.”

Instead of existing as sepa-

rate courses, lectures and labs have been combined into a single course to reduce confusion at registration. “As lab space is strictly limited based on the number of seats and the amount of equipment available, as well as by safety concerns and codes, the easiest way to reduce confusion and ensure that students enrolled in the lecture automatically got into the lab they needed was to combine the lectures and labs.” Matson stated that neither the degree requirements nor the total amount of hours a student needs for a degree has changed.

“The purpose [of these changes] is to streamline the program and bring it into line

with new accreditation guidelines that will be forthcoming from the Committee on Professional Training of the American Chemical Society” said Dr. Daniel Williams, professor and interim chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. In addition to combined labs, students in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will now be required to complete an ACS certification, which requires completion of the online career portfolio. Although these changes help faculty better cover assigned classes, Williams stresses that the quality of education will not be compromised.

Matson and Reeve stated that students will be notified in detail of all these changes through their respective departmental websites as well as from faculty. “Students will receive an email and will be notified through Owl Express,” Reeve said.

“We will be communicating these changes through our advisors and/or in group advising sessions which the department hosts on a regular basis,” Williams said.

In the wake of recent registration changes, students should check with their departments for more information about class and degree program offerings.

Students can sport their pride with license plate

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Office of Alumni Affairs Lisa Duke. “We do not foresee having any difficulty reaching 500, but we still want to push it.”

Without the necessary 500 license plate orders, the proposal will not succeed. Purchasing a KSU plate invests in the school’s future and provides an opportunity to display college pride.

There is a \$25 manufacturing fee in order to receive a KSU license plate. The state has not yet released an official tally number of plates already ordered, but the Office of Alumni Affairs is confident that they will exceed the minimum requirement.

“The feedback has been phenomenal,” Duke said. “We are very excited.”

Also, you do not have to be an alumnus to purchase the license plates. Students and faculty are encouraged to buy them as well. In fact, no actual affiliation with the

university is needed.

“It is a great way for students to show pride in their school,” said KSU freshmen Melinda Wilson. “I will definitely consider purchasing one of the license plates if the measure is passed. Especially with KSU being such a diverse college with so many people who commute, anything that promotes school unity is awesome.”

Professors seemed in favor of the campaign as well.

“I think it is a great idea,” said professor Garey Simpson. “Other schools have them and I believe it’s a source of revenue for the school. They look good, it’s all worthwhile. It improves alumni relations and adds to the ability of the alumni program to expand and improve.”

Anyone interested in purchasing a school license plate, can visit the KSU Alumni Association’s web site for more details and ordering information.

POLICE BEAT

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Man enters through window

On Feb. 2, KSU Police were dispatched to Colonial Grand apartments in response to a **potential break-in**. The complainant stated that at approximately 10:30 p.m., her dog began to bark at the apartment window. After lifting the blinds, she discovered a black male in a red hooded sweatshirt attempting to open the window. He then ran away from the

building. The witness noticed a woman accompanying the subject.

Equipment goes missing

KSU Police met with an equipment rental company representative at the Student Center on Feb. 2. The individual claimed that three microphone stands and one boom attachment were **stolen from the Student Center** between 12:00 and 12:45 p.m. Items were marked with identifying barcodes. The officer was later dispatched to meet

with a university representative at the center. The individual, noting KSU tags on the items but not the barcodes, inadvertently assumed the equipment was university property and stored them at the center. The items were returned to the rental company.

Student found in bathroom

A KSU Police officer was on routine patrol by the Student Center at approximately 10:48 p.m on Feb.1. Upon examining the men’s restroom, he discovered a white male **lying unconscious in a bathroom stall**. After he was awakened and questioned, the man stated that he had passed out after drinking too much alcohol at a Student Center function. After attempting to contact his roommate for a ride from the center, the student was taken home by the officer.

Maximize your losses

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Weight loss and weight gain happen the same way: one pound at a time. If losing weight was a New Year’s resolution you’ve not yet started on, resolve to lose one pound. When you succeed, resolve to lose another.

We don’t have magic pills to make it easier, but we offer these ideas to help you get going.

And if you’re already losing, congratulations! Maybe these ideas will help keep you going.

SNEAK IN SOME EXERCISE

- Take three 10-minute walks during the day.
- Do lunges, wall sits or curl-ups during commercials.
- Park farther from the door.
- Take the stairs.
- Do one more lunge, walk five minutes longer or run one block farther than you did last week.

Bonus: One study showed that people who lost weight through diet alone also lost bone density. Those who lost through exercise alone didn’t lose as quickly but also didn’t lose bone density.

TIPS FOR THOSE WITH KIDS

- Talk about appropriate portions, not about “dieting.”
- Don’t use food as a reward.
- Take a walk or play tag until you’re all huffing and puffing.
- Turn the TV off during mealtime.
- Let children portion out their own food. Like the rest of us, they’ll overeat when given too much.

CONTROLLING PORTIONS

- Use smaller plates, serving bowls and utensils, to make small servings seem bigger.
- A serving of cereal will probably fit in a coffee mug, with room for milk. And it will look like more than if you put the same amount in a bowl.
- Use a sundae cup for ice cream, so that a half-cup serving doesn’t get overwhelmed.
- Portion out a snack. Put the rest away, to keep from munching mindlessly. [Use a portion-controlled product such as a 100-calorie package if this proves too difficult.]
- Portion meat and potatoes in the kitchen. Let diners serve themselves fruit, vegetables and

salad.
-Measure your food, so you know how much a serving is.
-Eyeball when you can’t measure: A fist is about a cup. A deck of cards is a 3-ounce serving of meat. Your thumb, to the knuckle, is a teaspoon. A computer mouse is a medium baked potato.

100-CALORIE [OR LESS] SNACKS

- Half an apple with 2 teaspoons of peanut butter
- 10 almonds
- Small baked potato with ½ cup salsa and 2 tablespoons of fat-free sour cream
- 6-ounce carton of no-fat or low-fat yogurt
- Fat-free pudding cup
- 48 pretzel sticks
- One cup baby carrots
- Four chocolate kisses
- One cup of buttered popcorn, or three cups of plain
- One medium orange or banana

EASY SUBSTITUTIONS


- In place of a tablespoon of butter, use a tablespoon of unsweetened apple butter. Savings: 67 calories.
- In place of a 4-ounce glass of wine, have a glass of water. Savings: 80 to 100 calories.
- In place of an ounce of chips and 2 tablespoons

of dip, have baked tortilla chips and salsa. Savings: 85 calories.
-In place of a Quarter Pounder with cheese and medium fries, have a regular cheeseburger and small fries. Savings: 330 calories.

A FEW MORE THINGS

- Eat slowly. Savor the flavor, and thoroughly chew your food.
- Eat often. Have a small meal or snack every three to four hours, to maintain energy.
- Eat breakfast. Combine whole grain and protein (a piece of whole-wheat toast and a little peanut butter, for example).
- ”Low fat,” “trans-fat free,” “fiber rich” and similar terms don’t mean “calorie free.”
- Hide your treats at the back of your pantry, and put healthy options in plain view.
- Spend calories wisely. Pretend you’re a restaurant reviewer: If you don’t love the food, don’t finish it.
- Use the tape measure as well as the scale.
- Keep a food journal. Make it simple or elaborate. Studies show that using any kind of food journal helps you eat less.
- Don’t overly restrict calories; your body will respond by going into starvation mode.
- Brush your teeth or rinse with mouthwash after a meal, to cleanse your palate.
- If you just can’t do it, don’t. Losing weight takes time and energy, and if you’re not really motivated now, try again later.

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A battle of the sexes: the pros and cons of Valentine's Day

Abolish V-day

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Look around. The confused expression on every man's face tells you one thing: Valentine's Day is here. The most joyous season for females has arrived, and along with it, all of the artery-clogging candy that your body can handle.

Case in point: candy hearts. Around Thanksgiving, when drugstores start to display their Valentine's Day merchandise, tiny morsels shaped like hearts of chalky, delicious goodness begin to be sold.

You can do so many things with candy hearts. They are truly the most versatile item in the food world. You can segregate them and eat the yellows last because they taste the best, you can refrigerate them to make them softer, or experiment with candy Darwinism by offering them to your friends and noticing how the greens and whites are always the last to go.

However, this fleeting bit of joy is overshadowed by the utter wickedness that Valentine's Day is all about.

Enter women. Through their conniving antics they turned a holy day into a day of uncommonly high expectations where every man is thrown into a Coliseum of estrogen-inflamed lions twitching with uninhibited frustration. Did I say "expectations?" Excuse me, I meant "uncommonly high demands." The worst part of these demands is that most of the time they are never spoken.

"Remember I said how much I loved roses? Clearly that means I wanted a necklace," she says. What? In the topsy-turvy world of Valentine's Day, women never mean what they say.

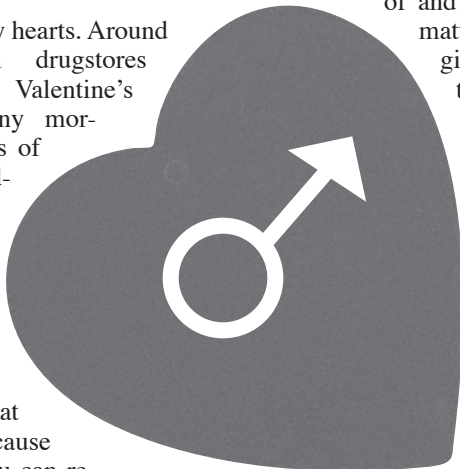
I have a strategy for getting your little lady the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Think about your favorite memory that you have shared with your girl for a very long time. Keep thinking.

Now think deeper, more sentimentally. Think of something that would bring tears to her eyes. Now take what you are thinking of and buy the exact opposite. No matter how great you think your gift would be, it probably isn't that great. We just have a way of not having a clue about what our girls want for Valentine's Day. We know what we want, but it's not really the same thing that they want. And to get what we want, we have to give them what they want. Asking for what you want isn't what she wants and that might lead to a break up. And nobody wants that.

Men shouldn't have to spend the first few weeks of February-- which should be devoted to work, family and beer-searching for the perfect gift. Women just need to lower their expectations. I'm in favor of abolishing Valentine's Day altogether. Truth be told, Valentine's Day is simply a female-created holiday made for the sole purpose of making men feel like idiots.

My advice to men: get used to the doghouse. Unless you were lucky enough to catch one of those few females who appreciate your personality more than which pink teddy bear you pick out, Feb 14 will always be fate's fee for giving us the Superbowl and women's bitter revenge for childbirth.

My advice to women: chill out. You know we love you, but Valentine's Day is the worst day of the year. If you would be nicer and less intimidating, Valentine's Day would be much more enjoyable for everyone.



It's not that bad

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When did it become cool to hate Valentine's Day? While I admit that I used to dread and hate it myself, particularly in middle school, at some point it turned into one of my favorite holidays. Let's see - a day to tell people you love them and consume obscene quantities of chocolate? Am I missing the part of this that is a bad thing?

In the interest of full disclosure, I must admit that this Valentine's Day will be my second in the greatest relationship anyone could possibly hope for. I realize I'm writing from a bit of a biased perspective here, but on the other hand, I've had my share of single Februarys [and probably someone else's share as well]. Do I need a specific day to tell my boyfriend how much I love him? No, I'm perfectly capable of doing that without a national holiday. It is nice to have one anyway? Why yes, yes it is.

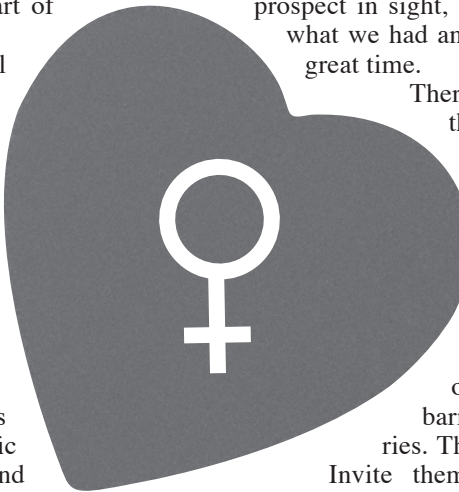
Mr. Burnett seems to have a grudge against this holiday because of the "uncommonly high demands" women have apparently placed up him and every other human male to make Valentine's Day extra-special. I have to wonder, however, if Mr. Burnett actually has a girlfriend to worry about pleasing. With an attitude like that I wouldn't venture he'll have one for long.

Of course, he's right about one thing. Men shouldn't have to spend the first half of February frantically trying to find the "perfect gift"--instead, why not avoid the confusion and just ask your lady what she wants for Valentine's Day?

As for those who don't have a significant other...so what? You have friends and family, right? I've had some good years and some bad years, but one of the best memories I have is when I and four of my best friends ate three pounds of Conversation Hearts at lunch and nearly peed ourselves from laughing so hard. We were in seventh grade, each of us painfully single outcasts with raging hormones and nary a romantic prospect in sight, but we made do with what we had and wound up having a great time.

There's more to love than the erotic, and there's no reason that Valentine's Day can't be about platonic and familial as well as romantic love. Call your parents. Make a date with a sibling or cousin to tell embarrassing family stories. Those friends of yours? Invite them over. Bake heart-shaped cookies, rent porn, consume large quantities of cheap alcohol and exchange trashy gifts. Dress as Cupid and run around the Campus Green shooting people with NERF guns - do what you have to do, just stop wallowing in misery and have fun.

Seriously. Valentine's Day is a holiday about love - the many splendors thing that lifts us up where we belong. Whether you're single or taken, it need not be the end of the world. Valentine's Day means discounts at the spa, animatronic badgers that sing Sinatra songs and enough heart-shaped candy to circle the globe seven times, so rather than complain about over commercialization, singles awareness, high expectations or whatever you kids are whining about these days, doesn't it make more sense to enjoy the great things around us?



What could they possibly create next?

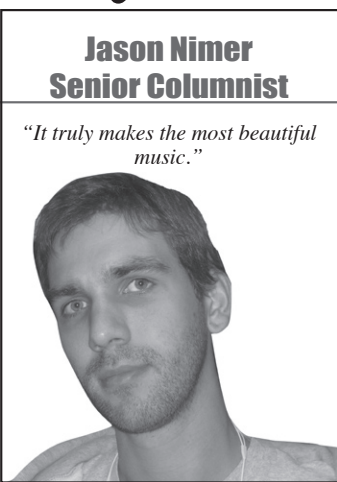
Rediculous inventions spring way ahead of our times

The American consumer is a strange, wonderful beast. In the past 50 years or so this mythical animal has morphed from a being desperately in need of the "next big thing" to something else entirely. Sadly, today's college students haven't really grown up in an era of "new" inventions like our parents and grandparents did. Their

generation got the invention of the television; ours got how to record it without a VHS tape. Unlike their generation, ours seems to be less obsessed with "new" things and inventions. Rather, we want our inventions to be smaller, faster or more efficient versions of the inventions of yesteryear. This has saved our generation from hilarious inventions like the vibrating weight loss belt seen in 50s infomercials and on the set of "Pee Wee's Playhouse," but as companies roll out their upcoming products, it is tough to get excited.

The most recent unveiling, and the inspiration for this article, is Apple's new iPhone. To those who don't yet know about this upcoming product [probably the same people who will wonder why the "i" isn't capitalized], here is a quick rundown. Apple's iPhone is Frankenstein's monster to both the cell phone and mp3 player markets. It has everything, including a touch sensitive color screen; and, if Apple's past products are any indication, it will be extremely easy to use and enjoy.

This new techno toy will no doubt be in high demand, even if the almost \$500 price tag is a bit steep for those struggling to pay rent and tuition. It will almost assuredly be successful and before too long, iPhone users will probably sneer at iPod users the way iPod users sneer at portable CD players and their owners now. Apple has laid out our gadget driven future, but why should we



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"It truly makes the most beautiful music."

care? More importantly, why is this a bad sign for inventions to come?

The iPhone, like so many new products these days, is both a lazy invention and a useless one. Before you Apple fans get your torches and pitchforks, let me explain.

Let's compare the inventions of the last 100 years to the inventions of the last 25 years. The first group gets the television, the space shuttle, FM radio, anti-lock brakes, Pong and the Pop-Tart. What does the latter group get? TiVO, personal computers, mp3 players, the CD, the VCR, Go-Gurt and Thundercats. Most will agree that the first group takes the blue ribbon, even if the Thundercats and TiVO are pretty cool.

After a century that offered mostly new ideas, this day and age is more concerned with combining, improving and shrinking our existing products. Sure, a frying pan with a radio in the handle is neat for a minute, but can it hold a candle to the invention of TV?

When Walt Disney was working on Epcot Center, his vision of the future included flying cars, robot servants, colonies on the moon and Walter Cronkite [he did the voice over for the ride inside the Epcot Center ball, remember?] The actual future looks nothing like Disney's fantastical vision. Eastern airlines is no longer around, our servants aren't robots, our cars stay woefully attached to the street and sadly, Mr. Cronkite is

getting very old. If Mickey Mouse's dad was alive today, would he have continued to strive for the dream of humans living in space, or would he be impressed that the same credit card-sized device could not only play Ashlee Simpson's new jam, but also receive wireless phone calls?

There is still a small market for new inventions, but unfortunately, the lunatic fringe usually populates that market. The Sharper Image catalogue and the Delta Skymall magazine continue to arrive every month like clockwork, chock full of overpriced and useless gadgets for the very rich and very stupid. A dog water bowl that also tells time and keeps Mongolians at bay isn't at the top of the "must buy" list of any household I've ever walked into. The continued success of each and every Brookstone store tells a story of an American consumer who still wants the newest, strangest and most innovative products on the market.

Regardless of its practicality, usefulness or originality, the iPhone will be a big seller. It might even be your next cell phone, mp3 player or, like Steve Jobs [owner of Apple] hopes, both. Even if it isn't in your retail future, there is a very good chance that someday, you'll own a product either very much like it or simply one with the same features. Incredulous spendthrifts may shun the iPhone now, but back when you were yakking into your Zack Morris-sized cell phone about the new Bananarama tape, did you ever think you would own one that played music, sent text messages and accessed the Internet? More importantly, did you think that even the cheapest cell phones would be able to do all this? Probably not.

Your car may not fly yet, but someday, you'll be saying, "Sure, it flies...but does it make waffles and protect me from tigers? The new iCar 2000 does..."

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No, the printer is not working

I work at the computer lab in the science building. It's normally a stress-free job that is similar to a paid study hour with some minor social interaction. However, for the last few weeks, one phrase has been the bane of my existence: "Are the printers working today?" It takes a lot of practiced effort to keep from clenching my fists and banging my head against the desk. In any given hour I am asked this question at least 20 times. It's slowly driving me crazy.

I understand why I'm being asked, and frankly I'm fine with people who understand my situation in this entire mess. I'm one of you. My own home printer decided it does not love me anymore and went to the great network in the sky. When I come into the lab to find that printers are down, it bothers me too. On any day that I come in and get the report that printers are down, I call support. I can hear them cringe as I tell them our problems, and receive the same piece of sage advice, "Just wait it out."

Well, frankly, it's tiring. This is a service many students are entirely dependent upon. There were already pains felt when we switched to the new system a few years back. You can still hear countless students lamenting the old days when we got \$10 worth of free prints. You won't hear me calling for a return of the \$10 system, I just want things to work.

It would be great if this was the only technology service complaints I have. However, the printers have not been the only problem. Student email accounts seem to have gone through a bit of a flighty stage this semester. Students complain about randomly being kicked out of the service or not being able to log in at all.

Yet again, I'm one of you. I had the same issue. While the problem seems to have subsided now, every time I log in to student email I twitch a little: will it start hating me again?

Let's not forget the wonder and joy that is WebCT Vista. We've experienced everything

from down time to a lack of utility functions from this Board of **Regents**-endorsed, piece of crap technology. Frankly, I have no idea why we even use it. Some of the functionality is convoluted, and there are better solutions. Take Moodle, a program similar to WebCT, that we actually have set up on campus, which

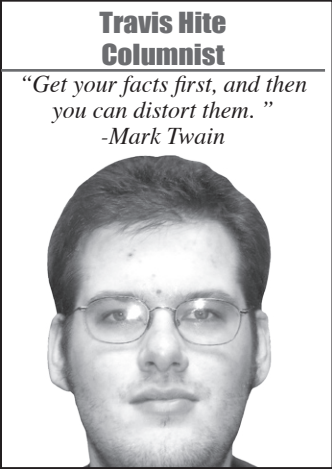
a handful of classes use. It's pretty intuitive, as well as endlessly customizable since it's an open source program. The best part? It's free.

With all of the fun rolled into this technologically tumultuous semester opening, it's no wonder students might be a little agitated by these continued problems. Countless cries of "What are they doing with my student technology fees?" are met with sympathy, yet does nothing to fix their problem. Many students worry that a printed copy is their only chance to turn in

an assignment.

I have two suggestions. First, talk to your professor. I find that teachers are understanding and are willing to listen to serious problems. Secondly, find workarounds for your problems. If you can't print your homework, email a copy to your professor and explain the situation in class. The same thing goes for a WebCT Vista malfunction. I also suggest never using your student email as a primary contact. There are a number of free online mail services that can be used instead. If all else fails, track down a Kinko's. It's better than failing.

I wish I could paint a pretty picture of campus technology filled with rainbows and sunshine, but frankly these are the growing pains of a burgeoning campus. As we continue to grow, we are going to have new issues to face. In the meantime, we do what we can. We face an understaffed tech department trying to handle larger and larger problems. It's not as if they sit around and say, "How can we inconvenience the students today?" So, maybe the support is right. Maybe you should wait it out. But, no one says you have to wait quietly.



Travis Hite
Columnist

"Get your facts first, and then
you can distort them."
-Mark Twain

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I just wanted to tell you that I thoroughly enjoy and look forward to reading John Hooper's column. He has a great sense of humor and I appreciate his insight.
Rebecca Snyder
GIS major

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CONSENSUS EDITORIAL Get a life ... not someone else's

The seasonal shelves at the grocery store have been pink and red for a few weeks now, replacing all the after-Christmas mark-downs with chocolates, hearts and stuffed animals. It's the time of year for special declarations of love and adoration, due to the favorite holiday of greeting card companies.

With all this love in the air, an issue on the college campus is magnified. Why do students, in the best years of their lives and with countless opportunities, pour themselves into serious relationships and forget why they are in college?

Don't get us wrong, we're not saying that there are not plenty of healthy, long-term relationships between people who have lengthy lists of extra-curricular activities. We are sure there are people who can balance personal and academic lives with a mastery we cannot even imagine.

But for most people, opportunities for academic programs, internships, jobs, clubs and organizations are passing them by, as they spend each day with a significant other. Acting as though this relationship is more important than anything else they will do, students invest far too much time and energy in this aspect of their lives.

True, this is the time of our lives when we look the best, and many of us are searching for the ones we will marry.

Keep in mind that these years are also the absolute best time for getting involved in campus and community organizations, studying and traveling abroad, standing up for a cause, doing missionary work, getting field experience through an internship or summer job or even just partying as hard as you can. This is the chance for learning things simply because we can, challenging our perspectives and the outlooks of others.

During college we make friends and connections with co-workers, classmates and professors who will enrich our lives and provide us with the network that will decide where we end up after graduation.

Believe us, there will be plenty of years

[when the partying begins to show in our bodies] for mellowing out and finding "the one" to settle down with. This is when you can devote hours and days and years of your life to romance, and put your girlfriend or boyfriend at the very top of the list of priorities.

We can hear people crying oppositions right now: "My boyfriend completes me!" "I couldn't live without her!" "We're soul mates!"

That's fantastic, we're really happy for you. We've all had relationships like that before. We've said the same things.

We understand the time consuming nature of a serious relationship. But does a relationship have to consume all of your time? Why is it that college couples spend every waking moment together? It is like one can not go out without the other. Independence should flourish, not wittle away.

When those relationships hit the fan and you look at your life and realize you have no other real interests or activities, how will you define yourself? It is impossible to define yourself by the terms of a relationship to another human being. It will leave you empty, unsatisfied and with few significant accomplishments.

Tell us we are mistaken when you go to fill out an application for an internship or leadership position and notice that the lines look rather bare. Tell us we are wrong in five years when we are on the paths to successful careers with experience and networking from years of work and student activities.

Oh yeah, and we'll be dating other hard-working people with lots of personal and professional accomplishments.

Our college days will be blissfully remembered as the time when we were able to find the things that really mattered to us, when we didn't look to anyone else for permission or approval.

Isn't that what we're here for? So why are you wasting it in over-blown, over-dramatic relationships that involve all this time and energy?

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CAROL PIERANNUNZI
GUEST COLUMNIST

Citizens express support for less restrictive immigration policy

The population of undocumented residents in the U.S. is growing at a rapid pace. Even conservative estimates of the number of undocumented residents near 12 million persons.

Georgia is a particularly attractive location for these new residents, as our state has a lower-than-average unemployment rate and a relatively low cost of living. Both the Congress and the Georgia General Assembly have attempted to forge policies to deal with the challenges that this new population brings to our nation and state. In most cases, politicians say that the majority of citizens favor restrictive policies on undocumented residents. That stance is supported by polls which indicate overall concern about immigration, both legal and illegal. However, these polls do not indicate that the majority of Americans are interested in highly restrictive policies.

In the months following Sept. 11, polls indicated that support for immigration dropped. In more recent polls, the positive trend for immigration has continued. In a 2006 Pew Foundation poll, concern was expressed for issues such as taking jobs from citizens, stress on local services, crime and terrorism. However on all of these dimensions, nearly half of the population found no cause for concern. In the Pew Foundation poll, over 40 percent of all respondents felt that recent immigrants "strengthen the country through hard work and talent."

An NBC poll found that 61 percent of Americans wanted to allow illegal immigrants to remain in the U.S., if they passed a security check. In a Pew Foundation poll 76 percent favored an immigrant ID card to be used for employment by those who are currently undocumented. In national polls, support for guest worker programs is always higher than support for deportation or

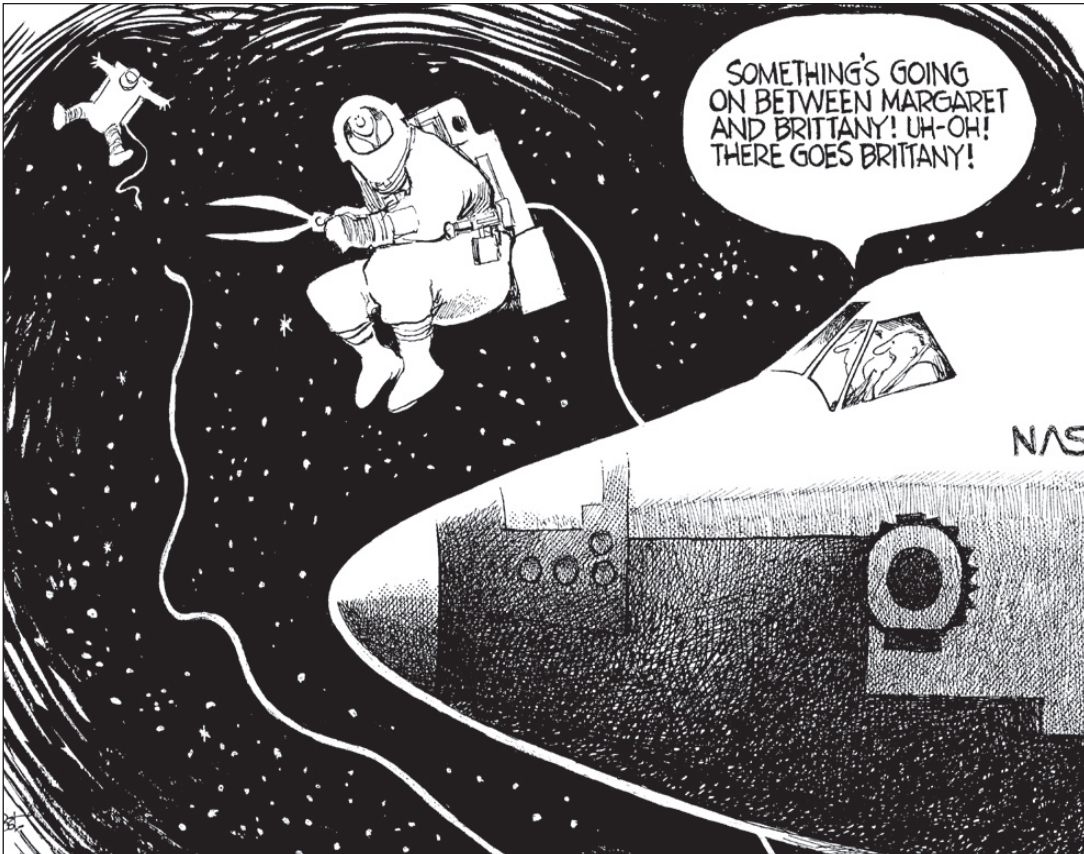
criminalization policies. Poll after poll at the national level indicates that Americans are evenly divided on almost all of the major issues related to recent increases in immigration.

The below table indicates responses to a number of polls that dealt specifically with illegal immigration and job displacement. In each case, most respondents felt that displacement was not an issue and that illegal immigrants were taking jobs that others would not take.

But what about public opinion within Georgia? A poll conducted by the University of Georgia found that state residents thought that recent increases in population were more beneficial than harmful. When asked specifically about immigrants from other nations [rather than from within the U.S.], responses were more positive than negative. Major concerns with the rapid growth in population dealt with sprawl and concern for the environment, rather than terrorism or losses to the economy. A KSU poll conducted during the summer of 2006, asked respondents about support for specific policies that are currently under consideration at the national and state level. Georgians show support for both enforcement of regulation and for provision of services to undocumented residents.

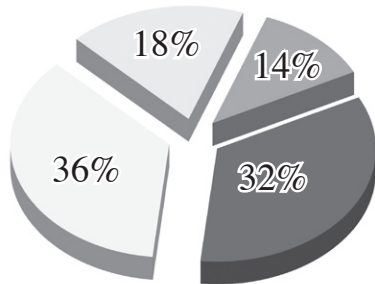
As the figures presented here indicates, Georgians favor a system of identification through employers and law enforcement. They also favor allowing children of undocumented residents to attend public schools and to receive local services. These polls show that most Americans and most Georgians are more open to immigration than is suggested by recent legislative initiatives in the General Assembly. However our representatives are following overall concern on the issue.

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14%- There is no chance of the popular post-holiday break-up.

What wakes you up in the morning?

- The smell of Folgers in my cup
- Regis and Kelly
- A loud, angry alarm
- My dog needing to go potty

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KATIE HERRICK
THE NEST [MCT]

Think you've had a bad Valentine's Day? Compare your horror stories to these, and even your worst V-Day may not seem so bad after all.

EMPTY-HANDED

"My husband and I had our first real date on Valentine's Day. The next year I was so excited to have a special day together, I ran around town during my lunch hour to get him gourmet chocolates, hid a massage gift certificate inside the box, and bought some lingerie. I also wrote out the mushiest, most romantic card you could imagine. Later when he came home, he hadn't even gotten a card for me and proceeded to say he didn't want any chocolate. I cried and threw the typical girly tantrum. But now that he's my husband, he knows he must give a card and gift for Valentine's Day."

Dee, Oregon

THE EARLY BIRD

"One year, my husband [then just my BF] decided to take me to a semi-fancy restaurant for Valentine's Day. I told him he should call well in advance to make sure we could get a table, and he assured me he would. So we get to the restaurant, and of course it's packed. My husband gives his name, but nada. What happened? When he called to make the reservation, they told him he wouldn't need one for a Monday! So we stood in the freezing lobby for almost two hours until they finally seated us. It was so late, I had one glass of wine and was ready to fall asleep by the time the soup course was served." Melanie, Pennsylvania

STRAPPED FOR CASH

"My husband [then boyfriend] decided to take me out for a really nice dinner one Valentine's Day. So we sit down at the restaurant and start to look at the menus, which turn out to be in Italian. Before we see any prices, our waiter and his assistant show up, and all I'm thinking is 'Oh crap, this has to be out of our price range!' At the end of the meal, the waiter brings the check and my husband pays with his debit card. The waiter then comes back and asks him to go to the cashier with him. I'm sitting at the table for probably twenty minutes before he returns. Evidently his debit card wouldn't work at the restaurant, but they let him leave to find an ATM. After all, they had me as collateral!" Anne Marie, Michigan

SPECIAL DELIVERY

"One year, all I wanted was roses sent to work. But my [now ex] boyfriend had other plans. He sent me a fake topiary tree! The reasoning behind it? Real flowers die so quickly and cost so much, and we could keep this forever." Stephanie, Kentucky

ANIMAL INSTINCT

"On our first Valentine's Day together, I sort of pressured my husband to buy me a gift. He was late picking me up for dinner because he was at Wal-Mart buying my gift! When he finally got to my parents' house to pick me up, he said, 'Wait inside. I am fixing your gift for you.' So I waited excitedly. Finally when I came outside, he showed me my car. It was decorated with a furry leopard-print steering-wheel cover, along with matching leopard-print seat covers, rearview mirror edging, floor mats, and dice hanging from the rearview mirror! I was mortified! I have always hated leopard

print, but I guess we had not gotten to that yet. But I was madly in love with this man, so I drove around that way for at least six months so I wouldn't have to tell him how much I hated it. I'm now married to this man. Amazingly, he is much better at buying gifts now." Sarah, Georgia

DIVINELY INSPIRED

"A high school boyfriend whom I had been dating for about two weeks gave me a Bible. To make the gift worse, it was a 'teen study' Bible with a 'new' translation, which was completely different from what my religion used. He also added an inscription comparing his feelings for me to the stories of love in the Bible. It was completely inappropriate for two weeks of dating. The whole thing completely, totally creeped me out. I broke up with him that evening." Emily, California

BETTER THE SECOND TIME

"I once got back together with an ex-boyfriend on the day before Valentine's Day. So on V-Day, he handed me a little box of chocolates, you know, the heart-shape ones with four pieces of candy you can get from the drugstore? The thing was, it was already opened, the plastic overwrap was removed, and there was writing on it from another girl! He regifted chocolate! So romantic!" Sarah, Illinois

CUDDLE BUDDY

"When we were dating, my husband gave me a pillowcase that had a teddy bear body with a photo of his head on top. I had the wrong reaction with a huge laugh. The bad part was that it really was my present. He did make up for it a few years later by proposing on Valentine's Day." Julie, Hawaii

ONE FOR ME, ONE FOR YOU

"For two years, I asked my husband for a DVD player. Well, my lovely husband came home one

Valentine's Day with a PlayStation, saying it was for me. He said that it was my DVD player, since it had that capability as well. Needless to say, it was not my favorite gift. To this day, I tease him about that!" Esther, Ontario

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

"He bought me a rose from the gas station and a Slinky from the local drugstore. Yes, a Slinky! He said he didn't know what else to get for me. Apparently it wasn't a last-minute decision either because I later found the receipt, it was dated February 5. I laugh about it now. And as a wedding gift, my husband [yes, I married him!] put the Slinky in a shadow box along with other sentimental items from our dating years." Amanda, West Virginia

CLAP ON

"On our second Valentine's Day together, my husband [then boyfriend] and I were just poor students, so we decided that we

would forgo gifts. But I offered to cook him dinner, which was my present. So as I'm making dinner, he comes over to me, and I can see he's holding something behind his back. He tells me, 'Honey, I got you a Valentine's present!' I was so shocked, what a sweetheart! So he pulls out the present from behind his back. I can see it's wrapped in a plastic Walgreens bag and sealed with tape. "My prize? The Clapper. As in 'Clap on, clap off,' that kind of Clapper! I don't think he even saw the look of shock and horror on my face, since he immediately tore it out of my hands and said, 'Look, you can clap up to three times and use it with three different appliances.' Then he immediately began going over all the features and benefits of this amazing invention. You would have thought he had invented the Clapper himself, the way he was carrying on." Amelia, Delaware

Sweet sayings

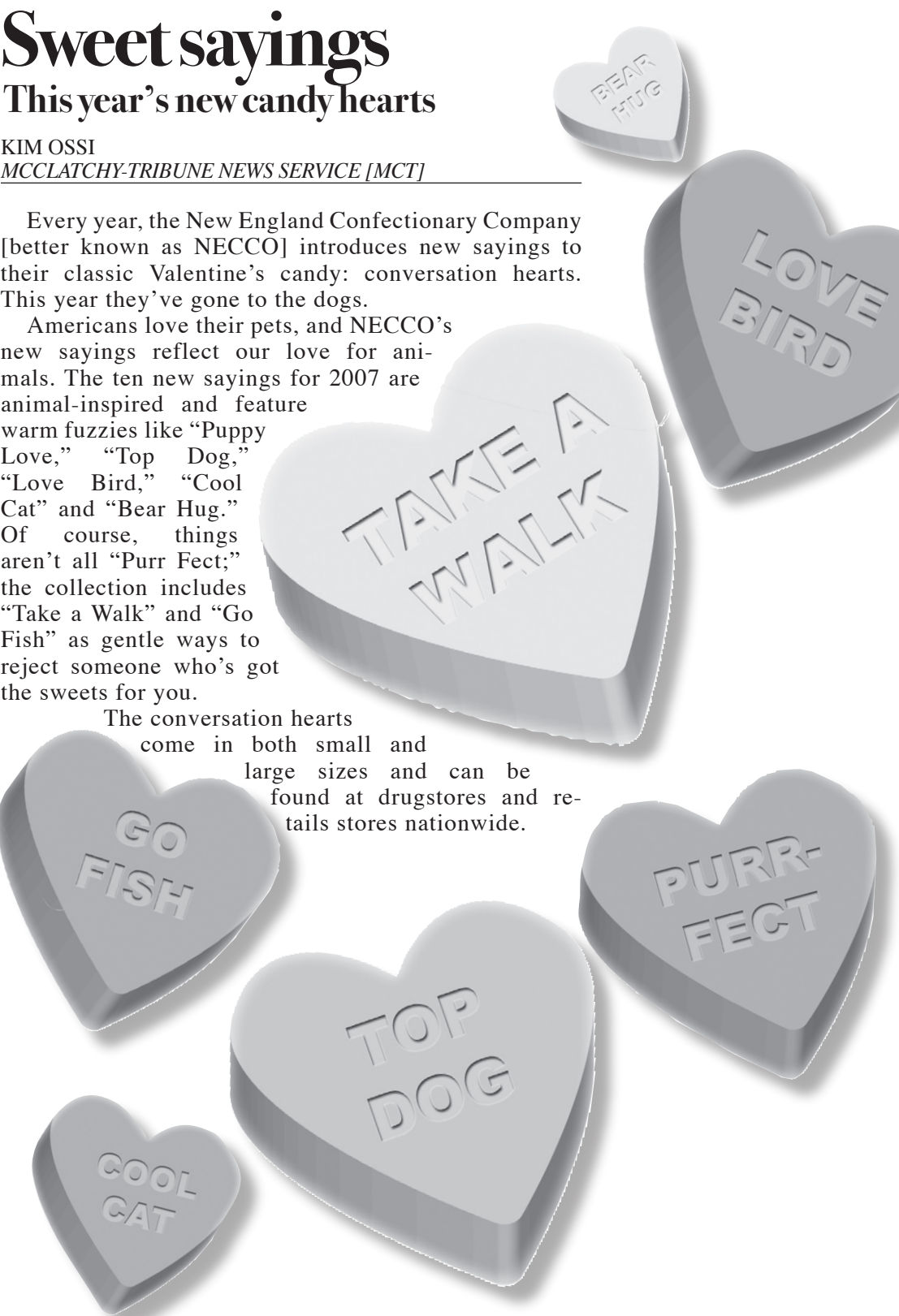
This year's new candy hearts

KIM OSSII
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE [MCT]

Every year, the New England Confectionary Company [better known as NECCO] introduces new sayings to their classic Valentine's candy: conversation hearts. This year they've gone to the dogs.

Americans love their pets, and NECCO's new sayings reflect our love for animals. The ten new sayings for 2007 are animal-inspired and feature warm fuzzies like "Puppy Love," "Top Dog," "Love Bird," "Cool Cat" and "Bear Hug." Of course, things aren't all "Purr Fect;" the collection includes "Take a Walk" and "Go Fish" as gentle ways to reject someone who's got the sweets for you.

The conversation hearts come in both small and large sizes and can be found at drugstores and retail stores nationwide.



Buck yourself up after a breakup

SARAH LANGBEIN
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

It's not you, it's me. Chances are you've either said it or been on the receiving end of this lame breakup line. It ranks right up there with "I need to find myself," in terms of clarity and honesty.

But prepare yourself: We've officially hit Breakup Season, according to Yahoo! Personals.

The dating service surveyed more than 2,500 of its users and found that people are more than twice as likely to think about breaking up now than at any other time of the year. The prime period seems to be between Christmas and Valentine's Day, when you have hung in long enough to have a date to your company's holiday party and someone to kiss on New Year's Eve, but you're not willing to spend another penny on the most romantic day of the year.

Although breaking up is regularly a topic of books, talk shows and movies, there still seems to be no right way to end a relationship. Yet Laurie A. Helgoe thinks people are less intimidated these days by breaking up. Maybe it's because they've read her book, "The Pocket Idiot's Guide to Breaking Up," cover to cover.

"I see people getting tougher and more willing to pass on a relationship," said Helgoe, a West Virginia author, consultant and psychologist.

She attributes some of this to online dating, in which users have been given more practice on the art of breaking up.

"People have had a chance to experiment with what works and what doesn't," she said.

The brokenhearted certainly know what doesn't work: the e-mails, voicemails, yelling matches or the worst, when your supposed loved one just disappears.

"The lame breakup is over the

phone," said Arleen Zayas of Orlando, FL. "It happened to me. What a wimp."

For Ginelly Pacheco, 20, it was when her boyfriend surfaced with another girl, never officially ending it with Pacheco, and going about his business.

"I would rather have that person confront me and tell me in person," Zayas said. "At least you'd know what kind of person he is."

Friends Robert Krumwiede, 21, and Aaron Round, 20, see it the other way.

"Impersonal breakups are the best way to go," Round said. Krumwiede says he would even resort to breaking up through a text message.

"I'd rather do that than be in an uncomfortable situation," he said.

But, hey, Krumwiede's last relationship ended in a screaming match and his former love threw a cue ball at his car window. "We'd broken up about thirty times," he said.

Wendy Bolton Floyd and Judy Bolton, authors of the upcoming book "When Did You Know ... He Was Not the One?," offer this advice to stave off a breakup: Don't string along someone if you're not interested, and don't behave so badly that the other person breaks up with you first.

If it's inevitable, the dumppee should be left so that they still have their dignity, said the sisters, who are official spokeswomen for Yahoo! Personals' Breakup Season.

Do the deed in a public place,

The Yahoo survey found:

- ♥ Monday is the best day to call it quits, with Sunday coming in second.
- ♥ Sending a breakup e-mail to someone's work account is the worst way to cut loose.
- ♥ The top two reasons for breaking up are not seeing eye-to-eye on the future and feeling unfulfilled.

such as on a park bench, but not in a restaurant, they say. And do it in person.

"Breaking up is the one time you need to talk, to communicate," said Bolton Floyd. "You cannot rely on an electronic apparatus for this."

"Speak directly from the heart. People want someone who is genuine," said Bolton.

Keep it short, and don't be dramatic.

"Also," Bolton said, "don't try to put the blame on one person."

Use "I" statements, be truthful and be nice, but not too nice.

"This is a breakup after all," she writes. "You can acknowledge the ex's feelings, but it's not your job to put him back together. That's what moms and shrinks are for."

It all goes back to the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you, Helgoe said of breaking up.

"You're going to be the enemy for a while, no matter how nice you do it, and you have to accept that," said Helgoe.

Yahoo! Personals' Breakup Season

[See the breakup survival guide at http://personals.yahoo.com/static/singles-life_breakup-guide]

[earthtalk]*

Plastic recycling easier said than done

Dear EarthTalk: Dairy products like yogurt always seem to come in packages of low recyclability [labeled “5,” which our town won’t take]. Why aren’t these containers more recyclable? And isn’t there a more eco-friendly container these companies could use? -- John Marble, Portland, ME

The ability to recycle a plastic item rests with many factors, including its material, its usability in new products once it has been broken down into its original components and whether or not a market

[PETE, designated with a “1”], high-density polyethylene [HDPE, “2”], and sometimes polyvinyl chloride [PVC, “3”]. According to the Society of the Plastics Industry, polypropylene is a “thermoplastic polymer,” meaning that it has the density and resins that give it a high melting point, enabling it to tolerate hot liquid without breaking down. As such, it is used in a wide range of food packaging applications in which the product initially goes into the container hot or is later microwave heated in the container.

It is also used to make bottle caps, computer disks, straws and film packaging. Its toughness, strength, ability to be a barrier to moisture, and resistance to grease, oil and chemicals also make it a very attractive material.

Environmentally friendly alternatives to polypropylene and other plastics are beginning to be developed, however. NatureWorks, a division of Cargill, has developed a corn-based plastic called polylactic acid. While it looks and functions like other plastics PLA is fully biodegradable, given that it is derived from plant-based materials. Whether it is composted or landfilled, it will biodegrade into its constituent organic parts, though there are debates as to how long that process takes.

Another pioneering company is Massachusetts-based Metabolix, which has part-



Coming soon to Grocery store shelves? The corn-based plastic, polylactic acid could become the standard for your cole slaw and potato salad side-item dishes

nered with corporate giant, Archer Daniels Midland, to make corn plastics that the company claims will “biodegrade benignly in a wide range of environments, including marine and wetlands.”

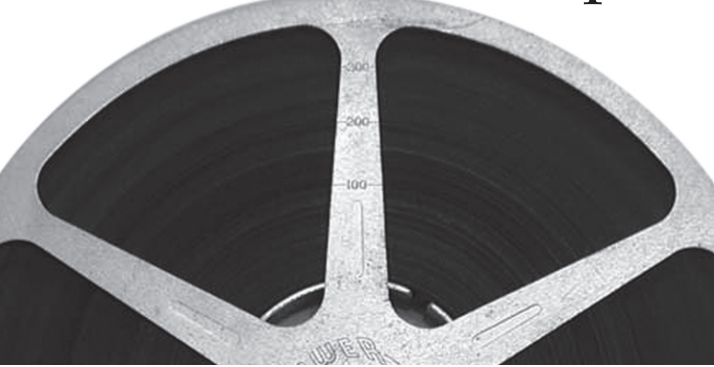
A handful of natural foods companies and retailers, including Newman’s Own Organics, Del Monte Fresh Produce and Wild Oats Markets, are already using corn plastic for some of their packaging, though not yet to

replace heat-resistant polypropylene. Analysts expect such plant-based alternatives to come on stronger and stronger in the days ahead as petroleum becomes more expensive and more politically unstable.

CONTACTS: NatureWorks, www.natureworksllc.com; Metabolix, www.metabolix.com; The Society of the Plastics Industry, www.plasticsindustry.org.

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Francophone film festival held on campus



Foreign Language Dept. screens a taste of French cinema

WILLIAM JAMES RUSSO
STAFF WRITER

The Francophone Film Festival came to KSU on Feb. 5. Spanning five vastly different stories over the course of one week, students got to experience first-hand a completely different style of film.

Thanks to the support made possible by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture, students got to witness something they would normally not see. The stories touched on many aspects of life and culture in other parts of the world. Each film was vibrant, with striking imagery, memorable characters and great story-telling.

One story in particular that stood out was “Moolaade,” which tells the story of a small society in Africa that still performs mutilation rituals on young girls in the tribe.

These rituals were an age-old tradition and were not to be broken. One strong-willed woman, Collie, decides to take a heroic stand against this injustice and states, “Moolaade” which means sanctuary. She takes protection over the local girls and much controversy is made about her actions.

The film essentially is about reluctance to change and how a culture lives and dies by its tradition. This is a culture that is cut off from the world and the use of a radio or television is considered sinful.

It is also about the roles of men and women in a small community and how these

people are expected to marry young and men are able to have numerous wives. One can easily fall in love with the beautiful imagery and simple camera shots that transport viewers into this little tribe in Africa.

Over the course of the film, students got an in-depth look in the lives of tiny, remote cultures on the other side of the world.

Another film presented was “Grand Sons,” which was about the road that leads to adulthood. Guillaume, 24, has been living with his maternal grandmother, Regine, since his mother’s death. Guillaume begins to study music at college and is growing tired of Regine’s protection over him.

Regine then hires a part-time housekeeper and Guillaume grows increasingly jealous to see his grandmother enjoying someone else’s friendship. Guillaume must now face his adulthood and learn to let go of the past.

This story is something people can relate to because it touches on the problems associated with growing up and how difficult it can be to let go of the past.

The simplicity of the film and how effectively it got its message across resonated long after the film ended.


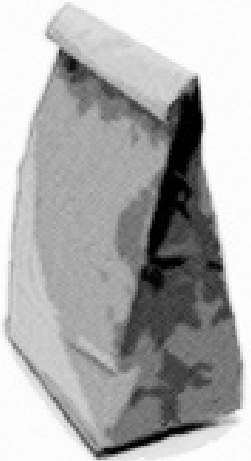
The films featured during the week-long festival transport audiences to other parts of the world, and lead to the realization that other people go through the same trials we do.

These films are our connection to the world and they help us to cope with many of the issues that we face in our life.

Join us for an evening of instruction, discussion and debate

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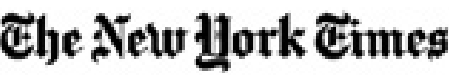
Our first session:
Immigration: Paradox, Polls & Politicians
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Read her column in today's Sentinel in the Op/Ed section!

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We’re a lot like apes

Humans’ closest relatives examined

Liz Berry
Staff Writer

Last week Frans de Waal, the director of Living Links at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center Emory University, presented a lecture entitled “Our Inner Ape: Human Nature as Seen by a Primatologist,” sponsored by the Philosophy Student Association and the biology department.

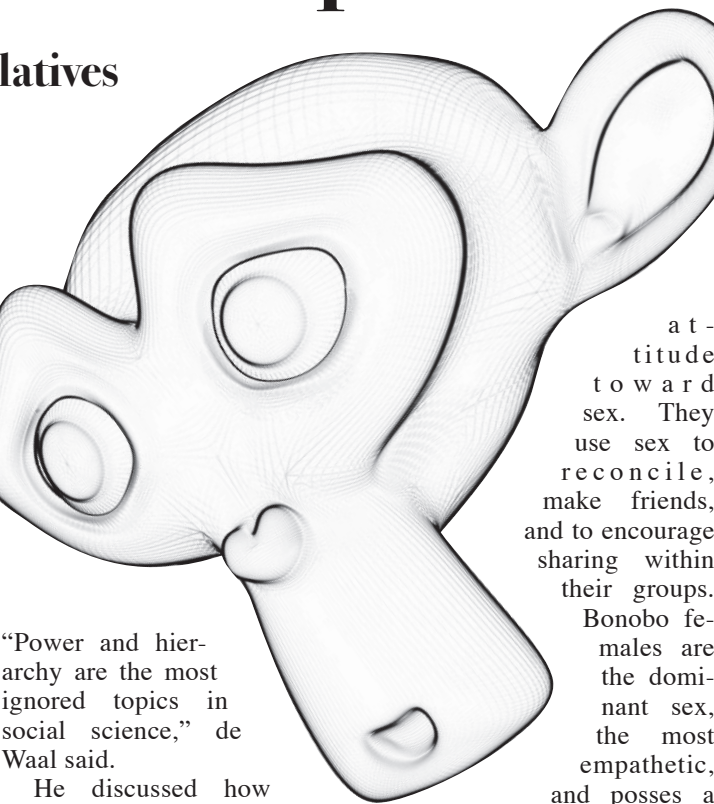
De Waal’s lecture was based on his book, “Our Inner Ape.” “Atlanta has more primatologists than anywhere in the world,” de Waal said before explaining a bit about his background and field of work.

De Waal used a DNA graphic to show how humans are basically apes. He then showed a restructured categorizing of the hominoid family in the animal kingdom classification.

He spoke about different aspects of life that clearly show the similarity between humans and apes. Revolving around social behavior, the topics ranged from peacemaking to power, and also included sex, empathy and reciprocity.

“We are basically slow animals due to information processing,” de Waal said. “Aggression is what brings individuals together.”

Aggression leads to reconciliation, which leads to peace; therefore one cannot have peace without aggression. This makes conflict and reconciliation inevitable, according to de Waal. He showed this in modern day society by using politics as an example. After a primary election for an office, one will see those in the same party reconcile to unite once again as a whole, in order to bring peace to the party. He led this idea toward the idea of power.



“Power and hierarchy are the most ignored topics in social science,” de Waal said.

He discussed how many psychology textbooks leave this important subject out and how he considers power the key to understanding social behavior.

He also touched on the different ways that apes communicate power and dominance in social groups. Chimpanzees stand their hair up, use bipedal swagger and grunts to verbally communicate [the bipedal swagger is an upright stance with the arms extended outward].

The most exciting part of the lecture was the discussion of sex involving primates. In reproduction, success is the most important factor, according to de Waal.

Reproduction is what creates the differences between the sexes, in that males are out to have as many mates as possible for better odds of reproducing while females seek the best quality to reproduce with. This explains why males compete over control of females and why females seek out the best quality of mates.

He then showed us how bonobos, a type of primate, are more similar to our last common ancestor due to their

attitude toward sex. They use sex to reconcile, make friends, and to encourage sharing within their groups. Bonobo females are the dominant sex, the most empathetic, and possess a social gene that is more human than primate.

This led to the topic of empathy, and de Waal explained how the concept of consolation exists solely within the primate species, separating us from others in the animal kingdom.

“Two principles are essential to human morality: empathy and reciprocity,” de Waal said.

The reciprocity theory states that there are time delays between giving and receiving and that there is a contingency between giving and receiving. In order to be capable of reciprocity, a well-developed memory is required. Reciprocity is associated with positivity and gratitude.

“Humans are the most bipolar ape. When we are negative, we are more negative than other species,” said de Waal. “An example of this is genocide. But we can be more positive than any other species as well.”

De Waal’s speech concluded with a question and answer session followed by a book signing.

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Let's rename Valentine's Day to...Kennesaw

Information

Group Info

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Description:Singles unite!! Valentine's Day needs a new name. Suggestions? Post 'em!

The Wall



Kirsten Otto wrote:

The second biggest excuse to have sex [the first being prom] day.



Eric Broome wrote:

Singles only: casual sex day.




David Dalton wrote:

Chocolate is half-price tomorrow day.



Kody Boothe wrote:

So you're single, a loser, alone, depressed, sad, unhappy and more importantly single...and single...so the government gets to rub it in your f*cking face and giggle day.



Andrew Pittman wrote:

Get over yourselves you singles day.



Dustin Jacobs wrote:

A sh*tty reason to spend money on women day.




Brent Sheffieldwrote:

In case being single the other 364 days out of the year isn't bad enough, lets kick you in the shins and make you cry like a little girl that skinned her knee on the playground day.



Ben Heller wrote

Eat a huge tub of ice cream, sob and watch Opera day.



Matt Hooper wrote:

Drink til you can't feel feelings anymore day." [Matt Hooper]



Oreva Akpolo wrote:

What is Valentine's Day?... I'm single day.




Whitney S. wrote:

Jack Daniels, Hallmark, condom card day.



Garrett Moll wrote:

I may be alone and depressed, but think of all the ramen I could buy with the money I'm saving day.



Laura Christne Lasting wrote:

Ice cream binge day.



Stephen White wrote:

"Empty gesture day."

Internet's

Quality online time wasters

ADEOLU ADEBAYO
STAFF WRITER

We have all been there. It is the night before a major test and you have to study. The one problem: you don't want to study. And you are bored. Where to turn? The internet, of course! Most students simply settle for whatever will keep them from getting too bored, but there are so many quality time-wasting sites out there that there is no need to settle for junk. The following is a small list of sites that are sure to keep you from your homework.

Streamick

When most people think of television online, they think of some clip from "The Colbert Report" that a kid uploaded to YouTube. Those days are over. Streamick.com is home to 178 television networks from the US and Europe. All channels stream on Windows Media format. These feeds offer all kinds of entertainment, from the music on MTVU to the idiocy on the Backyard Wrestling Network. Anyone can find something they are interested in on this site.

Mr. Picassohead

Pablo Picasso was one of the twentieth century's most famous artists. His surreal portraits are one of a kind, with quality that is impossible to duplicate. But we can still try! At mrpicassohead.com, anyone can attempt to create self portraits of themselves and then share them with friends. The flash-based canvas allows for a fairly vast amount of customization. A dedicated artist wannabe will stay on this site for a good amount of time.

StuffOnMyCat

Since the beginning of time, cats have been prominent on the internet. Something about certain internet users compels them to take photos of their pets and post them up. Stuffonmycat.com is a site just for that. Anyone can submit photos of their cats with, well, stuff on them. It could be anything, from a tiny sombrero to an X-wing made out of Lego bricks. The submissions can get a bit crazy, too. There are enough photos on this site to occupy enough time to make sure you fail that all-important test tomorrow.

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Rwandan peace activist advocates forgiveness

**Joseph Sebarenzi
speaks to
students about
genocide and
reconciliation**



Joseph Sebarenzi
he uses his past to show others
that there are ways of over-
coming that suffering. Indeed,
if he can accept and forgive,
given strife many could not
imagine, his words have a last-
ing impression.

He stressed the importance
of learning to live within the
diversity of the world. "If you
cannot see me as your brother,"
he said, "then it is still night."
Until this lesson is learned,
events like genocide will con-
tinue to occur.

He pointed to Rwanda's his-
tory as an example. The 1960s
and 1970s were times of great
unrest there, and in the early
years of Sebarenzi's life, the
African Union killed nearly
20,000 Tutsis and put more
than 300,000 people in exile.

In December 1963, acts
of genocide broke out near
Sebarenzi's hometown, and
he spent months hiding in the
bush with his mother. When he
learned of this tragedy several
years later, as an adolescent,
he was confused. Not only
did he not understand the in-
centive of the killers, but he
could not fathom the concept
of being racially different than

his fellow Rwandans. He did
not know how being a Tutsi
made him any different.

This classification by color,
region and ethnicity was a
deep-rooted cause of the con-
tinuous unrest in Rwanda.
Sebarenzi pointed out that
after the genocide ended in
1994 many Tutsis had revenge
on their enemies.

"Revenge adds guilt to
victim-hood," he said. "If
going after them was solution,
I would do it. But it's not."

His strong assertion that
forgiveness is the best course
is also partly defined by his re-
ligious beliefs. He credited his
Christianity as a core inspira-
tion for his ability to reconcile
with his past, and with those
who have wronged his family
and his people.

"Resentment only hurts
those who care about you," he
said. "Embrace forgiveness,
because if we [Rwandans] can
do it, you can."

Sebarenzi also reminded
the audience, in his final com-
ments, about uncertainty in
Rwanda's future. He believes
there is a likelihood of recur-
ring violence, because certain
fundamental issues within the
nation were never adequately
settled.

"The underlying conflicts
were never really addressed,
and they will have to be ad-
dressed in order to secure peace
for the future," Sebarenzi said.

His words of wisdom
ended on a bleak but power-
ful note. Resolution and peace
for future generations will be
hard-pressed to obtain, but
possible only if forgiveness is
at the core.

Crossword

ACROSS

1 GP group

4 Talon

8 Wake of a scythe

14 Sodom floor

15 Bad financial situation

16 Hiding places

17 In favor of

18 Good gracious!

19 Kitchen tools

20 Active involvement

22 Possess

23 Warnings

24 Tending to correct

28 Family car

29 Prohibit

30 Ziegfeld Follies, e.g.

31 Christmas burner

34 Satisfy fully

35 Period

38 Adds up

40 Also not

41 Actress Miles

43 Arizona's _____ Desert

45 Watery swelling

47 Quilting event

48 Fails to win

52 Bad 'uns

54 Waterborne

55 Always

56 Worn ornaments

57 Humiliated

60 Bombay wrap

61 \$ dispenser

62 Therapeutic

63 Jannings or Ludwig

64 Greek X

65 Contents of a will

66 Cain's victim

67 Storm center

6 Greenspan or Ladd

7 Married

8 Go away quickly

9 Deferment

10 Gives consent

11 Definite article

12 "I Saw _____ Again Last Night"

13 Double bend

21 Sturdy cart

22 Female lead

24 Recovers from a setback

25 Lendl of tennis

26 Model T, e.g.

27 Sly look

29 Harp on

32 Track circuit

33 Obtain

35 12/24 and 12/31

36 Decorate again

37 Region

39 Stubborn determination

42 Loss of memory

44 Pineapple brand

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Compiled by Azy Kashani

What: Free AIDS Testing [limit 50 students]
When: Tues. Feb. 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Where: Student Rec. & Wellness Center, Room 130

What: “The Cripple of Irinishmaan” by Martin McDonagh
When: Feb. 13-18, 8 p.m. Tues-Sat; 3 p.m. Sun.
Where: Studio Theatre
Cost: \$5
Details: This dark, strangely comic play hollow the journey of young Cripple Cilly, who risks everything to land a role in a Hollywood film.

What: Free Chlamydia Screenings
When: Wed. Feb. 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

p.m.
Where: Health Clinic
Details: This is a urine test, so please do not urinate for at least an hour before coming for your free screening.

What: Nursing and Allied Health Care Career Fair
When: Wed. Feb. 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Cobb Galleria Centre [Off Campus]
Details: Admission is free for job seekers; please dress professionally and bring plenty of copies of your resume. For more information, please call [404] 526-2596.

What: A Lesson in Urban Roots, featuring Dr. Tony Burroughs
When: Thurs. Feb. 15, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Where: Student Center, Leadership Room & Fireside Lounge
Details: Workshop for those who desire to learn about how to begin mapping out their family tree.

What: “There’s a Fine Line Between Love and Stalking”
When: Thurs. Feb. 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

p.m.
Where: Student Rec. & Wellness Center, Room 130
Details: Lunch-N-Learn. Call [770] 423-6394 to register.

What: “Teacher Career Fair” hosted by Career Services Center
When: Fri. Feb. 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Where: KSU Center Room 400, 3333 Busbee Drive
Details: Professional attire is required; be sure to bring plenty of copies of your resume.

What: “The Murder of Emmitt Till”
When: Mon. Feb. 19 & Wed. Feb. 21, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
Where: Student Center, Room 262
Details: CARC Documentary and Film Series

What: Ms. Harriet C. Graham: Renaissance Woman & Cobb County Legend
When: Tues. Feb. 20, 10 a.m.
Where: H.W. Sturgis Library Basement: Bentley Rare Book Gallery
Details: Her collections of media clippings documented current events affecting African-Americans.

Horoscopes

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Today’s Birthday [02-13-07]
You can tell your friends about everything this year, and they’ll help you pull through. That’s especially helpful with a job you’ve been avoiding.
To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries [March 21-April 19]
Today is an 8. Tales of glory and adventure are your inspiration. Get a good crew on board and you’ll exceed your own expectations.
Taurus [April 20-May 20]
Today is a 7. A startling discovery seems to change everything, but it doesn’t. Maintain your course and you’ll achieve your original objective.
Gemini [May 21-June 21]
Today is an 8. Somebody else finds the passageway first. Hopefully, you’re on good terms. A concept you thought was ridiculous

actually has merit. Abandon pride and forge ahead.
Cancer [June 22-July 22]
Today is a 7. You’re finding things you thought you’d lost forever. You’re building things you never had before. Hide all of it away in safe places, clearly marked, so you can find them again.
Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]
Today is an 8. The more you focus attention on others, the better you’re going to feel. This is going to be easy, too, and a lot of fun.
Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]
Today is a 5. The tension will dissipate as everyone finds their new position. You’ll see, this recent development will work out to your advantage.
Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]
Today is a 7. The truth is revealed, and that could cause a disruption to your routine. You weren’t really doing anything wrong, you were just going down the wrong path.
Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is a 7. You’re still doing well, financially, but you’ll be better off if you don’t talk about money very much. Don’t provoke jealousies.
Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]
Today is an 8. Your persistence is beginning to show results. Your profits are coming in. Resist the temptation to splurge, this may have to last a while.
Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]
Today is a 7. The trick is to look at previously expendable items a different way. Instead of being icky, see them as potentially valuable.
Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]
Today is a 6. You’ll soon be past the idea phase and into the heavy lifting. In other words, the fun part’s over. It is time to get back to work.
Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]
Today is a 6. The assignment you’ve taken on is certainly not easy. Although you’re not making much money, you’re definitely paying dues.

Stomping Grounds



Why should i care about media literacy?

- The average American watches over 4 hours of television per day.
- After more than three years of combat and nearly 2,400 U.S. military deaths in Iraq, nearly two-thirds of Americans aged 18 to 24 still cannot find Iraq on a map. (CNN.com, Thursday, May 4, 2006)
- 56% of children ages 8-16 have a TV in their bedroom.
- The average child is exposed to more than 40,000 TV commercials a year.
- Evidence strongly suggests that students who fail to read on grade level by the fourth grade have a greater likelihood of dropping out of school and a lifetime of diminished success. (No Child Left Behind Web site)
- The average American child sees 200,000 violent acts on TV by age 18.
- The average American youth spends 900 hours in school & 1,023 hours watching TV each year.
- Georgia ranks 36th in the US with High School graduation; 85.2% of Georgians 25 years or older graduated from HS. Only 27.6% have a Bachelor's degree or higher.
- A national survey released at a US Senate hearing shows that when asked, more American teenagers: Can name three of the Three Stooges than can name the three branches of government (59% to 41%); Know the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air than know the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (94.7% to 2.2%); and know which city has the zip code "90210" than the city in which the US Constitution was written (75% to 25%)**
- KSU's Graduation Rate is 46% (IES, Nat. Center for Educ. Statistics)
- The average American sees 2 million TV commercials by age 65.
- 45% of parents say that if they have something important to do, they are likely to use the TV to occupy their child.
- For preschoolers, every hour of daily television viewing increases their chances by about 10 percent of developing attention problems later. (American Academy of Pediatrics)
- Children spend a daily average of 4 hours and 40 minutes in front of a screen – 2 1/2 hours of which are spent watching television.
- 97% of American children ages 6 & under own products based on characters from TV shows or movies.
- More than 70 percent of Georgia's fourth graders read below the proficient level. (Children's Defense Fund)
- Children ages 2-7 watch television alone and unsupervised 81% of the time.
- Nearly 3 out of 4 teens say that the portrayal of sex on TV influences the sexual behavior of kids their age. 1 in 4 admits it influences their own behavior.
- The advertising industry spends \$12 billion per year on ads targeted to children. (<http://www.apa.org/releases/childrenads.pdf>)
- Turnout rate among voting-eligible citizens in the 2004 Presidential election: 60.3%

**National Constitution Center (NCC) and released at a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies chaired by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA).

*National Education Foundation and other sources



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This week
in KSU
sports history



Feb. 17, 2006

KSU runner Jason Waters took second place in 3,000-meter run at the Atlantic Sun Indoor Track Championships.

ATHLETE
OF
THE WEEK

CHRIS STEPHENS
SPORTS EDITOR

The KSU Lady Owls went 4-1 at the Mississippi State Invitational with the help of Megan Gant.

The senior catcher started out the tournament with a hit, a run scored and an RBI in the Lady Owls 5-1 win over Purdue. The next day against the same Purdue team, Gant went 2-for-4 with two RBI and one run scored.

Gant was also the only Owl to get more than one hit in the Lady Owls' loss to Mississippi State, as she



garnered two singles.

However, it was against Iowa State on Sunday where Gant really made her mark. With the score 2-0 in the Lady Owls' favor, Gant hit a homerun to seal the deal against the Lady Cyclones.



Andrey Zorin

KSU's Zach Berry drives to the hoop against Campbell earlier in the season at the Convocation Center.

Inside KSU Sports

FEB. 8
Men's Track

The Owls had a pair of top three finishes at the UNC-Chapel Hill Carolina Invitational. Peikko Solla finished second in the 5,000-meter run. Jerome McKinzie finished third in the high jump by clearing 1.93 meters.

Women's Track

The Lady Owls' Britany Reily finished third in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:53.64. Tara Mooney finished ninth in the event with a time of 19:30.30. The Lady Owls also had another top ten performance from Shantela Davis in the 200, as she finished eighth with a time of 25.95.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Owls rallied to down Campbell 64-58. After Campbell opened the second half on a 15-4 run, the Lady Owls took over with a 23-8 run of their own. After the Lady Camels tied the game at 58, the Lady Owls hunkered down on defense and held the Lady Camels to 0-for-7 from the field down the stretch.

The Lady Owls were led by Stephanie Searce with 15 point and nine rebounds, while Rosetta Hollis added

in eleven points off the bench. Montinique Nixon also grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds.

Men's Basketball

Golden Ingle hit a lay-up with one second remaining as the Owls won a thrilling 68-66 overtime contest against North Florida. The Owls trailed by as many as eleven points in the second half, and trailed by ten with five minutes to go. The lead changed four times in overtime before Ingle's game-winner.

The Owls were led by Ingle with 20 points and five assists. Ronell Wooten added in 17 points and grabbed eight boards.

FEB. 9
Softball

The Lady Owls remained perfect in season openers as they downed Purdue, 5-1, in their first game of the season at Mississippi State Invitational. Six Lady Owls had a hit including Amanda Malcom, who drove in Megan Gant and April Keasler in the third inning with a two-run double to right field giving the Lady Owls the 5-0 win. Norie Glazebrook picked up the

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CHASE WALLACE
STAFF WRITER

Stifling defense, clutch free throw shooting and some spectacular offense from sophomore Jennifer Baker helped the Lady Owls beat the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs last Saturday, 67-49.

Due to a multitude of injuries, 12th year head coach Colby Tilley only had eight players hit the hardwood.

Tilley and the Lady Owls managed to work around the short bench all game as they stayed out of serious foul trouble and all eight players contributed from start to finish.

The Lady Owls bolted out to a ten point first half lead early, behind some great shooting by Baker and inside play from sophomore center Stephanie Searce.

However, as Searce picked up a second foul midway through the first half, Tilley was forced to save her for the second half.

Gardner-Webb was able to take advantage and pounded the ball inside, cutting a 15 point lead to 28-24 at halftime.

The second half was all about offense, starting with Baker and ending with junior Jade Robinson.

Baker drained a 3-pointer

from well beyond the arc two minutes into the second half and the Lady Owls never looked back.

Baker tallied 12 second half points giving her a career-high 23 points and ten rebounds for the game.

Robinson was able to put on a clinic from the charity stripe by going 11-for-11 to end the game and stifle any comeback that the Bulldogs had in store.

"It's just important that we are able to keep playing together like we did today," Robinson said. "Everyone played well and we kept making the extra pass that led to some easy buckets."

Robinson ended the night with 13 points, four assists and four rebounds while playing all 40 minutes of the game.

Freshman Montinique Nixon played well inside with four points and eight boards, while freshman Gia Lockett had eight points, five assists and five rebounds. Searce scored eleven points and had three rebounds of her own.

The win for KSU pushed their record to 10-13 and tied them for fourth place in the Atlantic Sun Conference with Gardner-Webb at 6-7.

The Lady Owls will hit the road for the next three games before returning home on Feb. 27 against Longwood.



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Lady Owls' guard Jennifer Baker brings the ball upcourt.

Owls' lacrosse outmuscles GCSU, 13-3

TIM FALVAI
STAFF WRITER

The KSU lacrosse team went 1-1 over the weekend as they lost to Georgia on Saturday, 19-4, but rebounded and stomped Georgia College and State University, 13-3 on Sunday.

"It was great to see the team respond so well after a loss," said team vice president and public relations director Michael "Red" McCabe.

The Owls started the game against the Bobcats by scoring three goals.

The strong play on offense was led by J.D. Douthit.

At the end of the first quarter, Douthit had one goal and two assists as the Owls led 4-1 at the end of the first quarter.

The onslaught of the Owls' offensive pressure was relentless.

The Bobcats played on their heels the entire first half as KSU managed to score five additional goals in the second quarter to make the halftime score 9-2.

With a comfortable lead, the Owls came out in the second half and played a strong defensive-minded strategy to come away with the victory.

The Owls' offensive threat was led by Douthit, Ian Lehrer and Tim Minick. All were able to dash through the tough defense of GCSU to lead KSU



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Zach Statham looks for an opening in the GCSU defense.

to a lopsided victory. Douthit ended the game with three goals and five assists.

When GCSU was able to break out of their zone, the Owls' goaltender tandem of Wes Bass or Kyle Hansen was

there to stop the threat.

The lacrosse team will match up against SELC division rivals in their next four games. All games will be played on the road against The Citadel, Coastal Carolina,

Emory and Eckerd.

The next home game for the Owls [4-1] will be against Carleton College on March 16 at 3 p.m.

For updates on the team, go to ksulax.com.

Owls look to get back to winning ways in 2007

BRISCOE GREENWELL
STAFF WRITER

The KSU baseball program has a rich tradition of winning, including conference championships, NCAA Tournament appearances, and two national championships.

Under coach Mike Sansing, the Owls look to add more accolades to their storied program, this time at the Division I level

Last season, in their first year of Division I competition, the Owls went 24-32 and 12-18 in the Atlantic Sun Conference. It was the Owls' first losing season at the NCAA level.

This year the Owls will look to win their first A-Sun championship.

Leading the way offensively for the Owls is senior Matt Dallas. Last season Dallas led the Owls in hits [76], batting average [.335] and total bases [106].

Returning for his sophomore years is Jacob Robbins. Last season, Robbins was selected to the A-Sun all-freshmen team, and ended the season with a 22 game hitting streak. Robbins has also been selected

as a preseason all-conference team.

Also returning are sophomores Martin Baker and Bubba Blalock.

Baker had a stellar freshman year and has worked hard to improve in the off-season. Last season Baker led the Owls in stolen bases [15], walks [32] and was tied for second in homeruns [6].

Blalock, the Owls No. 1 pitcher, was hampered last season by injuries, but pitched well in the games he started.

This season's team is one of the youngest teams the Owls have had, but also one of the most talented, according to Sansing.

The bulk of the freshman are pitchers. Kyle Clayton, Justin Edwards, Kyle Hecklathorn, Chad Jenkins and Kody Paul are all new to the team and all of them will see significant playing time.

"We have a young staff, but all of them can really pitch and all of them have done well in inter-squad games," Sansing said.

Sansing said he is not concerned with the youth of the

team. "We may be young, but we feel that we are talented, and talent can override a lot of things."

This season the Owls aren't content with just playing competitively. They want to win and Sansing feels they can do so.

When asked about the expectations for this year, Sansing replied, "We feel very confident in

our entire team, including both our players with experience and our freshman. I feel we have a good team that's improved a lot since last year."

The Owls will host their first home game Feb. 16 when Western Carolina pays a visit for a three-game series. Blalock will take the mound for the first game of the series.



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Justin Edwards winds up for the pitch.

Jacksonville rally sinks Owls

FROM KSU SPORTS INFORMATION

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville overcame a 13 point halftime deficit to edge KSU, 76-72, at Swisher Gymnasium Saturday.

The Owls [11-16, 7-8 A-Sun] battled back from a six point deficit with just over a minute to play, to cut the lead to 74-72 with 21 seconds left in the game.

However, a pair of free-throws by Jacksonville's Ben Smith [7-for-11] gave the Dolphins a four-point lead.

Three-point shots by Golden Ingle [2-for-11] and Ronell Wooten [1-for-8] were off the mark and a turnover by Shuan Stegall [4-for-8] with five seconds left sealed the defeat.

Jacksonville [13-11, 9-5 A-Sun], who trailed the Owls 41-28 at the halftime break, slowly chipped away at the KSU lead in the second half, before using a 11-4 run over a six minute span midway in the second half to eradicate a four-point KSU lead, and turn a 57-53 deficit into a three-point dolphin advantage with 4:13 left.

On the following possession, Smith hit a 3-pointer and was fouled in the act of shooting by Brent Ragsdale.

The four point play swung momentum to the Dolphins, who kept the lead over three points until Stegall's tip-in made the score 74-72.

A frigid shooting spell helped seal the Owls' fate as they made just one field goal over an eight-minute stretch in



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Brent Ragsdale slams the ball home earlier this season.

which Jacksonville outscored them by an 18-5 margin.

Smith led all scorers with 20 points for Jacksonville while teammate Jesse Kimbrough added 19 points. Ragsdale [4-for-7] hit for a season-high 17 points for KSU.

Stegall added 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds while Andre Morgan [3-for-7], Ingle

and Nickerson each contributed 12 points. Nickerson also had four blocks.

Wooten, who scored three of the Owls first five points and did not score since the 18:06 mark of the first half, missed seven of his eight shots. KSU made half their shots inside the 3-point arc, but they made only five of 20 three-pointers.

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win on the mound. The win makes the Lady Owls 17-0 in season openers.

Softball

The Lady Owls won their second game of the day in the Mississippi State Invitational as they downed Iowa State, 2-1. Jennifer Nolan had three doubles and scored a pair of runs as Janet Kearns pitched a complete game four-hitter to pick up the win.

FEB. 10

Softball

Jennifer Nolan hit her first

home run of the season, while Megan Gant, Sarah Hesterman and Keri McKee each drove in two runs to help the Lady Owls defeat Purdue, 10-7 on the second day of the Mississippi State Invitational. Trailing in the fifth inning, the Lady Owls tied the game at 7 in the fifth inning by plating four runners.

Softball

The Lady Owls lost their first game of the season as they were blanked by Mississippi State, 6-0. The Lady Bulldogs didn't allow KSU a hit until the fifth inning when Megan Gant singled to lead off the inning. Gant

added another hit in the game as well. Norie Glazebrook took the loss for the Lady Owls.

FEB. 11

Softball

The Lady Owls scored two runs in the fifth inning and Megan Gant added an insurance run in the sixth inning to give KSU a 3-1 win over Iowa State. In the top of the fifth inning, an Iowa State hitter smacked a single to center field with a runner on second. However, KSU's April Keasler threw a laser to the plate to throw out the runner. Janet Kearns picked up the win in relief for the Lady Owls.

Sports Briefs

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MEN'S BASKETBALL — KSU will travel to Georgia to take on the Bulldogs Feb. 14. The game was rescheduled from December.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — KSU will travel to North Florida Feb. 15. The Lady Owls defeated the Lady Ospreys 73-68 in overtime when these teams last met Jan. 20. Rosetta Hollis led the Lady Owls in points with 22.

BASEBALL — KSU will have their first home series of the year when Western Carolina pays them a visit Feb. 16-18.

SOFTBALL — KSU will face Army in a double-header beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 16 for their first home games of the season.

MEN'S TRACK — KSU will travel to Johnson City, Tenn., Feb. 16-17 for the Atlantic Sun Championships.

WOMEN'S TRACK — KSU will travel to Johnson City, Tenn., Feb. 16-17 for the Atlantic Sun Championships.

ICE HOCKEY — KSU will travel to Virginia to take on Liberty in two games, Feb. 16 and 17.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — KSU will travel to Jacksonville Feb. 17. The Lady Dolphins defeated the Lady Owls 71-67 the last time these two teams met on Jan. 18. Jade Robinson led the Lady Owls with 18 points, while Stephanie Searce put in 12.

MEN'S BASKETBALL — KSU will be at home against East Tennessee State Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The Owls fell in overtime 78-66 when these teams last met Jan. 19. Ronell Wooten led the way for the Owls in the last contest with 26 points.

LACROSSE — KSU will travel to Charleston S.C., to take on The Citadel Feb. 17.

SOFTBALL — KSU will be at home for the Owl Classic Feb. 17-18. The Lady Owls will take on Georgetown Saturday at 10 a.m., Evansville Saturday at 4 p.m., Miami [Ohio] Sunday at noon, and Georgia Tech Sunday at 6 p.m.

TENNIS — KSU will travel to Gardener-Webb Feb. 17.

LACROSSE — KSU will travel to Charleston, S.C., to take on Coastal Carolina Feb. 18.

TENNIS — KSU will travel to UNC-Charlotte Feb. 18 to take on the Lady 49ers.

MEN'S GOLF — KSU will travel to Charleston, S.C. for the CSU Spring Kickoff Feb. 19-20.

BASEBALL — KSU will be at home against Georgia Southern Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.

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9:30 – 10:30 a.m. — BOSU, Main Gym
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Noon-1 p.m. — Women on Weights, Room 136
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. — Pilates, Room 124
5:15 – 6:15 p.m. — Group Cycling, Main Gym
6 – 7 p.m. — Pilates, Room 124
10:15 - 11:15 p.m. — Hip Hop Aerobics Main Gym

TUESDAY

10 – 11 a.m. — Circuit Training Room 136
5:15 – 6:15 p.m. — Group Cycling, Main Gym
7 – 8 p.m. — Circuit Training, Room 136
WEDNESDAY
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. — BOSU, Main Gym

11 a.m. - noon — Women on Weights, Room 136
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12:30 – 1:30 p.m. — Pilates, Room 124
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6 – 7 p.m. — Pilates, Room 124
10:15 - 11:15 p.m. — Hip Hop Aerobics, Main Gym

THURSDAY

10 – 11 a.m. — Circuit Training Room 136
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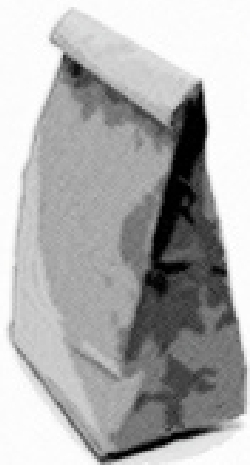
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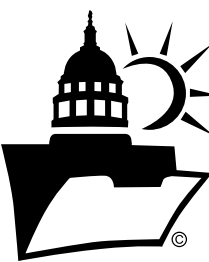
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