

Spectator

"In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."

Remember when the only
G.L.U.E. on campus was
Elmer's?

Stat of the Month

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

A lot of people like to say that "Cobb" is synonymous with hate, so we ran a computer check of the stories in the *Atlanta Constitution-Journal* and found the following terms and how frequently they were used so far this year.

TERM	TIMES USED
Hate	1155
Hate, Cobb	88
Cobb	5,074
Cobb, Hate, Gay	20
Gays, Hate	66

by

L. Sherman Roberts, Jr.

Following a year at Kennesaw State College that saw anti-Semitic tracts circulated on campus, as well as the institutionalization of the Communication Department's code of conduct, a recent SENTINEL column has raised questions in the minds of many about what language is condemned and what language is tolerated.

Columnist Marty Dye stated in the August 15, 1994 edition of the student-funded SENTINEL that Student Patrol Officers want "to be Brown Shirts but they were disbanded in the forties." His comments apparently refer to the Nazis that caused World War II and the Jewish Holocaust. He also refers to police work as just "hang[ing] out at the Dunkin' Donuts," and he threatens to "sic the student patrol on you to pass out tickets" if students do not remove graduation tassels from their rear-view mirrors.

Since his column was directed toward incoming freshmen, it is argued by many at the KSC Police Department that his recent comments are needlessly misleading and counter-productive. Police Chief Ted Cochran has stated repeatedly the difficulty of working with students on safety issues when the campus police department is "perceived as the enemy." Those with the Student Patrol that could be reached for comments stated that Marty Dye did not know them personally, and they all wondered how he could

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GAY REPUBLICANS IN THE MIST... Gays vs the Religious Right in the GOP

by

Jarrod Heath Cline

Editing a conservative paper at KSC in the center of Cobb County, we recently had a magazine article catch our eye. The January '94 issue of *GQ* has a most interesting article on gay Republicans. Did someone say oxymoron?

The feature is centered around an Austin, Texas organization called The Log Cabin Federation and its leader, Rich Tafel. The purpose of the group is to penetrate the Republican party for homosexuals. Apart from the general anti-Republicanism one usually gets from the mainstream press (the writer cites "an orgy of homophobic rhetoric" at the 1992 convention as well as George Bush's "right wing queer bashing"), Tafel's commitment to conservative values is striking: less government, fiscal austerity, strong national defense.

Even though most Republicans do not engage in "queer bashing," it is probably safe to say that homosexuals are not generally welcome in the party. So why would they stick around?

In Tafel's mind, the answer is clear. "When you are challenged, you can run or you can stay and fight. The Log Cabin Federation is going to stay and fight."

And the Army is growing. *GQ* cites 32 chapters and 8,000 members in an organization only three and a half years old. They intend not only to lure homosexuals back to the "homophobic" GOP, but to convince Republican candidates that supporting gay rights can help financially and in terms of votes. Massachusetts Republican Governor William Weld and New York City Mayor

Rudolph Giuliani eked out victories with open support of gay Republicans.

But are these people freaks in the gay community? A small minority like black conservatives? Apparently not, although gay leaders have not been particularly 'tolerant' of them. Congressman Barney Frank calls them "Uncle Tom's Cabin Club" and local gay leaders' comments could not be published in a family paper. To hear these people, one would not know that 40% of donors to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a lobby that supports gay rights, identify themselves as Republicans. "I'm fiscally conservative," says Tafel, "as are most gays."

After stumbling across this article, The KEN-

NESAW SPECTATOR decided there were too many unanswered questions remaining. How do gay Republicans make peace with the Christian right? How can Tafel (who is a Baptist minister) call himself a religious man when Romans 1 teaches against homosexuality? Do conservative gays support 400 pound gay women running around naked like there were at last year's march on Washington, D.C.?

We talked by phone to Robert Brown, the Regional Director of the Log Cabin Federation. Mr. Brown feels the Christian wing of the party has more clout than it deserves because there is currently no strong Republican leader. "The lack of leadership has allowed the Religious Right to set the rules," he responded, when asked how gays expect to compete with the better funded and organized Christian



For Today:
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- 2. Baseball and Ken Burns, p. 5.
- 3. Defending Cobb, p. 4.
- 4. Angry Letters, p. 8.

Right.

Brown thinks that politicians by nature can't be very religious. "Politicians are power hungry," he said. "They will lie, cheat, steal - anything it takes to get elected. That's not very religious. Gay Republicans should call the Religious Right's bluff." In other words, tell Christians to lead by example.

The example most Christians would probably give is the Bible. How can gays be Baptists? "No one does everything the Bible says," observed Brown. "Everyone does things that are not right. You can dispute what certain things in the Bible mean, but nowhere in the New Testament does Jesus say that he hates gays."

And what of those lunatics who marched on Washington? That was a pretty

nasty little display, right? "Personally, I just turned my television off. I was disgusted with the whole thing. If some gays have this perverted concept of running around naked and commenting about Hillary Clinton being a 'babe' as part of being themselves, then they are not something I want to be associated with. It was in very bad taste and bad judgement."

Mr. Brown told TKS more Republicans would support gays but they chicken out. He uses Texas Senator Phil Gramm as an example. Gramm fired one of his high level staff members after his homosexuality came to light. He then proceeded to hire him back very discreetly when media attention died down. "Republicans at all levels depend on gay support but they don't want people to know, so they lie about it."

The main goals of the Log Cabin Federation are two-fold according to Brown.

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Cambridge Declaration Defends Academic Freedom & the Western Tradition

by

Christina Jeffrey

On April 11, 1994, about 200 students representing colleges and universities from across the nation gathered at Harvard University to ratify the Cambridge Declaration, a statement defending the First Amendment and Western Tradition. What follows is the text of the statement.

We students of American colleges and universities have assembled here at Harvard University on this 11th day of April, 1994, to voice our concerns about the state of academic and intellectual freedom in higher education.

American colleges and universities are held in high regard throughout the world, but along with great expansion of opportunity for students during the past generation have come other conditions which have served more to undermine than enhance the pursuit of knowledge.

We call on university presidents and their staffs, administrators, and professors to address the following issues which have given us cause to gather here today:

- * the calculated efforts of many university administrators and professors to promote ideological conformity, which discourages conscientious expression and curtails intellectual freedom

- * the widespread application of two sets of standards in both disciplinary and academic matters, one for those who are defined as members of a favored status-group and another for students lacking such membership

- * **an ideologically-motivated curriculum bias in many humanities and social science departments, which denigrates the Western tradition and American institutions, and discounts the need for objectivity and balanced treatment of the subject matter**

- * a new McCarthyism that stifles debate on "sensitive" issues by replacing reasoned analysis and discussion with intimidation, coercion, and slanderous attacks on individuals expressing opinions contrary to those favored by the privileged.

We students, representing universities from Oregon to Florida, from Texas to Maine, believe that the university should be a place of free speech and unrestricted intellectual inquiry. We believe...

- * that the defense of intellectual freedom is vital to the health of our democratic republic and to the future integrity of the university system;

- * that the prior restraint of student literature, whether posters, banners, or newspapers is unconstitutional and diminishes the creative spirit;

- * **that speech codes, no matter how benevolent in purpose, are inimical to the life of the university, and that no matter how plausible their rationale, have the ultimate effect of repressing views that do not fit prevailing campus ideology;**

- * that students should have the freedom to think, write, and speak the truth as they see it, without fear of intimidation, coercion, the threat of mandatory "sensitivity" seminars, or any other form of official pressure;

- * that as law professor Gerald Gunther has said, the best and only cure for bad speech is "more speech, better speech, and when necessary, repudiation and contempt";
- * that administrators should enact strict penalties for students who engage in newspaper dumping, intimidation, or other coercive acts in order to promote one idea or one ideology over another;

- * that administrators and professors should actively encourage reasoned debate and discourage the use of intimidation, coercion, and slanderous or other ad hominem attacks on students for holding views deemed unpopular by favored groups on campus.

We believe the assumption that all cultures are fundamentally of equal value is unjustifiable, naive, and undermines democratic values and human freedom. We believe...

- * that a knowledge of the Western tradition is fundamental to good citizenship and that is should be an important part of every student's college education;

- * that students should be required to take courses in Western Civilization, logic, and philosophy;

- * that students should be trained in their own political and literary culture and therefore should be required to take courses in American history and American government, as well as American and English literature;

- * that "multicultural" programs as they exist in many universities today often promote a misconception of the Western tradition as elitist; that such programs are tendentious in nature, intellectually dishonest, and historically inaccurate.

We believe that works should be included in curricula on the basis of their intellectual merit, according to generally acceptable standards of scholarship, and not according to whether they promote a particular political, ethnic, gender, or sexual perspective. We believe...

- * that works which have been marginalized in the past due to racial or ethnic bias should be added to the canon on the basis of meeting the generally acceptable requirements applied to all other works;

- * **that individuals and their scholarship should be judged on intrinsic merits and not on conformity to "correct" political, social, or moral views, much less on contingencies of birth or membership in specially recognized groups;**

- * that all professors, particularly in the humanities and social science departments, would approach their subject matter and pursue their professional tasks of teaching and nourishing intellectual development, not by making issues of gender, race, ethnicity, or sexuality a new determinism, but, as much as possible, on an spective and nonideological approach to knowledge;

- * that professors should refrain from engaging in grade reprisal when students' work does not reflect the particular ideological position(s) favored by the instructor or department;

- * that double standards in both academic and disciplinary matters, the failure of administrators and professors to hold all students to a single standard of civility and academic performance, increases tensions between groups and resentment toward those whom the policies are especially designed to protect;

- * that a person's intellectual competence is not related to his race or gender. We are therefore against university policies that judge students and faculty members according to their gender or skin pigmentation rather than the content of their characters;

- * that race and gender should not be determining factors when admitting students or hiring professors.

We believe that mandating seminars on complex social and moral issues, designed to inculcate contested beliefs, is inconsistent with respect for intellectual integrity.

- * that such seminars, presented in the name of sensitivity and respect for diversity, serve in fact to discourage rational debate and discussion;

- * that using official authority to attribute moral legitimacy to one position or another on complex social issues (issues which are being hotly contested in society as a whole) constitutes indoctrination and has no place in the high ground of academia;

- * that "sensitivity" or "diversity" seminars should be replaced by debates in which all sides of complex social, moral, and political issues can be presented without official imprimatur for one view or another.

We believe that, as Benno Schmidt has said, "The university has a fundamental mission which is to search for the truth" and that it should be a place where people have "have right to speak the unspeakable and think the unthinkable and challenge the unchallengeable."

- * **that in order to maintain the intellectual integrity of the university, those in leadership positions whether serving as Regents or university presidents, provosts, deans, department chairs or professors, instructors or graduate assistants, must reaffirm their commitment to free and open discussion, a high level of discourse, and self-restraint in dealing with divisive moral and ideological issues;**

- * that public university administrators in particular, as agents of the state, must eschew an in loco parentis responsibility moral doctrine or ideology in students. Indeed, they should be content with enforcing a single standard of civility, without violating First Amendment rights.

And finally, we urge the leaders of institutions of higher learning to be courageous and resolute and face these issues squarely. **We urge them to reaffirm their commitment, in word and deed, to intellectual diversity, universal standards, and academic freedom.** At stake is the preservation of our heritage of First Amendment freedoms into the twenty-first century.

Is The Cobb County Resolution Morally Defensible?

It is too easily assumed that anyone who supports the Cobb County Commission's resolution on Community Standards is either a yokel, a bigot, a fool, or most likely a combination of the three. Moreover, the local newspaper, even though assuring us that it too wants to fight the "assault on family values and community standards," terms the resolutions supporters "well meaning but hoodwinked (by Gordon Wysong and Bill Byrne)," and assures us we will be OK if we just let Washington take care of the gay business. "Only when that happens will life return to normal in Cobb." It does not explain, however, how it plans to defend the aforementioned values and standards while adhering to its policy, in the words of its publisher, "to neither condemn nor condone private lifestyles." Sorry. I am afraid such comfortable libertarianism will not do the trick in the culture war. It disarms us completely from meeting the most formidable assault on civilization of the present era.

The resolution is often criticized for being gratuitous, an unnecessary provocation, and a pr disaster. Actually, the first reason to support it is because of its refreshing boldness in speaking candidly about virtue and vice. Ever since the cultural revolution of the 60's, public officials have been silent in the face of the increasing moral deterioration of our culture. This cowardly silence in the face of elite disapproval has made vice more and more respectable, and caused many decent men and women to feel too ashamed to defend their way of life. Thus they have become morally disarmed. But one of the most important facets of political leadership is the validation of the morality essential to civilized society. The homosexual lobby obviously does not want to make it to be respectable to say the traditional family is morally superior to homosexual sex. But what becomes disrespectful to say ipso facto becomes what is not defensible at all. Thus a desire not to offend as a sole motive for opposing the resolution is in fact morally irresponsible if family life is under attack and if there is a moral difference between family life and homosexual sex.

The fact that the media and many social elites are so squeamish and yes, frightened, about an affirmation of what almost all human beings have felt and believed since creation, and what is affirmed by the great tradition of moral and political philosophy, both ancient and modern, shows precisely how great a need there is for all those in positions of leadership to take stands on moral and cultural issues now.

As Abraham Lincoln said in debate with Stephen A. Douglas, in reference to Douglas' reticence to either condemn or condone another private lifestyle, chattel slavery: "In this and like communities, public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed. Consequently, he who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or announces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to be enacted."

Add to this the fact that there is a long tradi-

tion in America, going back to the colonial period, of local communities taking stands on moral issues. I can show you resolutions passed by Georgia communities condemning slavery from the 1770's. Abolition petitions were presented to Congress from local communities throughout the ante-bellum period, and the southern delegation even got Congress to refuse to receive them on the ground that criticism of slavery was an affront to their "honor." Sound familiar? As recently as *Miller v. California* in 1972, the Supreme Court said that local community standards were to play an important part in determining the legal definition of obscenity. What better way to define community standards than by resolution of the duly elected officials of a county? But it was the South, of course, that was most attached to state and local initiatives to influence national policy. This was inherent in John C. Calhoun's interpretation of the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions and the theory of nullification. Yes, it is deliciously un-southern of the Bill Kinneys of this world to defer to Bill Clinton's minions in Washington and to federal judges to resolve the legal question of gay rights. Could it be that these southern bourbons are so marked with guilt over abiding Jim Crow in their youth that they must leave it to a Yankee whose Great-grandfather stood with Hancock on Cemetery Ridge to defend the southern belief in a decentralized political system?

The serious point here is that Kinney and Otis Brumby are completely non-plussed by this issue. They really think that the gay rights activists will be content to be left alone. They really think Cobb County can remain at peace by leaving this issue to others. They don't see that this issue is already here—in our schools and colleges most prominently, and that what Wysong and Byrne have done is to smoke the gay activists out in the open where they would rather not be if they thought about it. For they know they cannot win their agenda by winning majorities, and that their only hope is in working through the elite dominance in the education, media, and entertainment industries to achieve their objectives. That is, unless the majority is persuaded by the decent moderates that, really, there is nothing to worry about in not being able to say one of the deepest and self-evident truths of nature in the public square.

As Lincoln stirred the mind of the North from somnolence, and hardened the people's adherence to the principles of the Declaration of Independence in the face of a legal and moral tendency to slavery expansion in the 1850's, so today there is a need for the mind of America to be stirred to defend itself from another threat to its moral principles, and from an insidious and largely hidden legal and moral tendency toward barbarism. In this noble fight, democratic politics is not a dirty slogan but an essential weapon against our corrupt elites.

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KSC=PCU?

After a year which included the "Hooterdome" controversy, the schools inaction over students concerns about SHARE magazine and the removal of Newt Gingrich, KSC has become a symbol of political correctness throughout the state - and it may be hurting enrollment.

Political Correctness, which came of prominence in the late 1980's has become synonymous with hatred and narrow mindedness for many. Intended to teach tolerance and diversity, many worry that it has gone too far, especially at Kennesaw.

"I am a liberal," Ron Alexander, editor of the Dalton College magazine, THE ROADRUNNER, told TKS, "But that (KSC) campus goes too far. It definitely needs some balance."

Others seem to agree. A freshman at Reinhardt told TKS "I had planned on going to Kennesaw, but it looks too one sided. They don't seem to respect everyone's opinions."

While most colleges in Georgia expect increased enrollment, KSC has asked all organizations to spend 5% less than they were budgeted for the year because of a probable drop in enrollment.

Dollars for Democracy

A lot of you have asked what you can do to help the paper. If every person who likes this paper would donate \$1 for the next issue each month (less than you would pay to feed starving kids in Somalia each month!) we could expand this alternative to the liberal nonsense that dominate this school to 12 or 16 pages and possibly, come out on a more frequent basis. C'mon, give a dollar for democracy. All donations and ads go for printing costs only. Contact the editors or Dr. Barrier or mail to P.O. Box 544, Dalton, Ga. 30722. Thanks.

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"Nothing pains some people more than having to think."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Love your neighbor, but don't pull down your hedge."

Ben Franklin

"We laugh at honor, and then are shocked to find traitors in our midst."

C.S. Lewis

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Out in Right Field . . .**We're Baack!**

"Through our sorrow, all through our splendor, don't take offense at my Innuendo." --Queen

After asking if I was the editor of "that new paper," the grown man with a ponytail said "That Kurt Cobain comment just shows how little class you guys have."

A note to our detractors. A shave and a haircut would make your arguments more convincing. It's college. Time to grow up.

Story Time

Once upon a time there were a couple of guys who went to a college. The college was located in a community that was often maligned for using phrases like "family values" and accepting abnormal behavior as just that.

Inevitably, the school itself started being bashed because it allowed the future Speaker of the U.S. House to teach a course there. Not only that, the foolish students had the audacity to be upset when their money was spent to print nude pictures in a highly respectable magazine. The elites explained that it was *too* a highly respectable magazine because it also winked at child abuse and drug abuse and had provocative (read:tasteless) pictures on the cover.

The elite explained that everyone should have the right to do and say as they wished. Even with other people's money. Unless, that is, you were a State Representative or a student who disagreed with the elite. In those cases, you should shut up and keep forked over the dough.

Art-y Sky and others at the establishment newspaper chortled at the silly students. In his never ending column 'The Sky is Daft,' Art-y comically told students he would double the 23 cents per student used to put out the magazine. No one asked Art-y if it would have been quite as comical if the 23 cents per student were used to put out Klan literature. ("It's only 23 cents," the elite might scream, "how dare you judge what is acceptable!")

The courageous members of other publications also weighed in, saying students refused to put their money where their mouths were. Money was a subject they knew well, as a lot of their salaries were paid through student funds and their publications were using around 100 G's of student money a year.

No one explained to our heroes that if a group is beating kittens into oblivion with student funded bats you don't pick up a student funded bat to help administer the beatings. You try to take the student funds away so your money isn't involved in their little games. Also, maybe you look into mental hospitals they might want to visit.

The enlightened editor of the establishment paper also wondered why students and politicians were so upset just now when the magazine had misused student funds for years. This made many glad he had not been in charge of Ford motor company in the early 1900s ("They've been riding buggies for years," he might have said, "why stop now?").

But back to the two fellows at the school. Seeing that the lunatics were running the asylum, they printed, with their own money, 2,000 copies of THE KENNESAW SPECTATOR, which hungry students snapped up in under three days. The elites screamed, as TKS proved a veritable feast for the beast they called 'Knowledge' and the groundwork was laid for a larger printing in the fall.

As all good liberals do when faced with diversity, they abandoned their calls for tolerance and threatened to no avail with the beast the called 'Lawsuit' (there must be a precedent somewhere against conservatism) as their puny arguments fell like so many match sticks. Unable to stop the truth juggernaut, the elites hoped TKS, after a summer break, had been only a one shot. Futilely.

"You got to have knowledge...knowledge is king." -- Kool Moe Dee
-Jarrod Heath Cline

COBB HAPPENIN'S

The Cobb County Young Republicans invite you to their monthly meeting the 4th Tuesday of every month. 6:30PM Social. & 7:00PM Meeting at Ernies Steakhouse next to Ingles. Call 499-0373 for more info or write: 1150 Powder Springs Rd.

The Cobb Chronicle, a new newspaper for Cobb County debuts this month with a 16 page paper, which will be published twice a month at first and eventually weekly. With a 30,000 press run, the Chronicle is described by founder Jim Williamson as "a non-partisan, conservative newspaper featuring national and local news stories, business updates, syndicated columnists and a forum for hot topics." Those interested in subscriptions or other information should call 404-933-5312.

LIFE'S SIDE

The evening news was all too familiar: an anti-abortion activist laying in wait outside a clinic, then opening fire, killing in the name of life. This time the killer was a leader in the battle over abortion, or so they said. The man's name was Paul Hill.

Paul Hill came into the spotlight immediately after the killing of abortion Doctor Gunn in Pensacola, Florida about a year ago. I watched his interview on the Donahue/Posner show as he was portrayed as a pro-life leader who supported the killing of abortion doctors as justifiable homicide. The only fair statement made on the show was the comment by Donahue in the closing seconds mentioning that Hill had only 28 followers.

I thought: how sad there are millions of people in the pro-life movement dedicated to ending the violence of abortion by peaceful means and they choose a man who is believed by many to be mentally unstable to be our representative. Since March, 1993, Mr. Hill has appeared on the NBC Nightly News, Nightline, Donahue, and has been quoted by USA Today and the New York Times, just to name a few. The question must be asked: what about the responsibility of the media? They have given him a national spotlight, and helped to promote the idea that speaking in defense of the lives of unborn children somehow causes violence. Such a suggestion is like blaming the civil rights movement for the riots or deaths that were a part of that era.

National Right To Life Communications Department has issued thousands of unprinted press releases over the past decade condemning violence to oppose the violence of abortion. Yet, reporters still ask why the mainstream Pro-Life Movement has done "nothing" to stop these occurrences. No one who is truly Pro-Life condones the actions of Paul Hill or the few others like him. We sincerely believe even an abortion doctor has a right to live. Another tragedy occurred several weeks ago in Pensacola when a 31 year old woman died from complications of a "safe and legal" abortion performed in a clinic there. The death of this woman is just as horrendous as the death of an abortionist. Why is one story worth days of front page headlines, while the other is just a blip on the screen? Is one life really more valuable than another?

-Don Bevill

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"The best season in 50 years."

—Bill Clinton

Now isn't it just like our boomer President, for whom the earth stopped cooling around 1965, to claim this season (today is the only day that is) as the best in 50 years?

Fans with longer memories could point out the glory seasons between 1946 and 1950, the 1951 Miracle run of the Giants, the Yankee-Dodger duels of the early '50's, the Indians (the Indians!) 110-victory year of 1954 swept away by Willie May's great catch in the World Series, Maz's shot for the Pirates in '61, the Orioles of the late '60's, the Amazing Mets, the Big Red Machine, the Oakland dynasty, etc. etc. etc.—and the Braves!—of 1991.

But grant Mr. Clinton his designation: this has been a most interesting season. But for what? For offensive firepower.

At least six batters chasing Maris's asterisked home-run record, Tony Gwynn bidding to reach the elusive .400 batting mark, and 24 batters in the National League alone hitting over .300.

A closer look will suggest that these Homeric feats have been encouraged by the owners' haste to expand and thereby dilute the talent pool. Whereas we once had AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D classifications (and leagues) with players to fill these slots, now the A stands for the few rookie leagues available. And what of the divisional races themselves? In two it was very likely that the "winners" might lose more games than they won. And with the wild-card scheme the playoffs very likely could have had all the integrity of roller derby.

So this whole doomed season was already bidding to deserve its own large asterisk.

And now who comes to salve these wounds? Why its Ken Burns, of epic Civil War fame, who has been enthralling even non-baseball fans nightly for nine nights with his nostalgic, romantic, tear-inducing and ultimately agenda-driven BASEBALL series on PBS. Mr. Burns is not a self-admitted "emotional archaeologist" for nothing: using old prints and film, wavy-voiced recollections, and grainy hazy shots, he will make the emotional moment come alive. He will rescue the doomed season.

But underneath it all, according to this week's *Creative Loafing*, we will be spoonfed the medicine: that baseball is like American life in all its virtues and flaws, and those flaws are not necessarily only human greed and avoidance of risk but also "the story of race ... of labor and management ... of the exclusion of women ... of immigration and assimilation ... of popular culture." Granted this is all true; otherwise it would not be our national game. Yet is the game also a reflection of a national "angst at coming so close so often—and losing—... the essence of the game: ... more about failure than anything else"? And is it really true as writer Amy Jinker-Lloyd says that "for decades" owners subjected "players to what amounted to indentured servitude"?

"Indentured servitude"—for God's sake—for getting paid more than most would ever make for playing a kid's game. It's this kind of cultural elitism and liberal snobbery that has permeated our society until even baseball players feel entitled to be paid like royalty. And the game almost a worshipping of failure? And not the "hope that springs eternal within the human breast," or as George Will pictured it, "If in heaven there is baseball, the foul lines will go on for ever"?

To put it another way, Mr. Burns, with Amy Jinker-Lloyd cheering him on, has stolen our signs. He will impose his context upon the Ruthian text: "When Babe Ruth's running around the bases," he says, "all you can talk about is Babe Ruth running around the bases. But when you've got a photograph of Babe Ruth, you can talk about him running around the bases...his unhappy childhood, his days in reform school, his mother and father."

Very true, and interesting. But we will remember not the alcoholic and wife-abuser but that pigeon-toed circling of the basepaths by the man who could hit a baseball harder and farther than anyone who ever lived. And we will always come back to that text, a kind of Platonic moment that even Ken Burns in all his talent and greatness cannot replace.

--Bob Barrier

Music from Frank's World . . .

He Did It His Way

The problem with getting into Frank Sinatra music is that it's hard to get back into today's. With a voice as smooth as honey, Frankie's fifty year old tunes make modern noise (a better term) sound horrible.

RCA has released a 5 CD/CS boxed set of the Chairman's earliest recordings with Tommy Dorsey entitled "The Song Is You," which covers the two years and nine months that gave birth to Sinatra's legacy. The very best selections are included on a 12 song separate release called "I'll Be Seeing You."

From 1940 through 1942 Tommy Dorsey and Frank Sinatra combined the greatest big band of the swing era with the most spectacular singing voice of all time. As the album jacket says, "Dorsey begat Sinatra, and what incredible music they made in the process."

The title song sets the pace as Dorsey and Sinatra compliment each other's styles, nicely gliding into "Fools Rush In." Classics such as "Everything Happens To Me" and "Daybreak" permeate the release and other singers such as Connie Haines and The Pied Pipers join in.

But wait! There's more! To long time fans there is a surprise or two. "Delores" and "The World Is In My Arms" are forgotten classics that should not have been. "You're Part Of My Heart," a previously unreleased single with Connie Haines drives home the fact that even those not considered for release over fifty years ago shame the best that today's Lollapalooza's and Woodstock's have to offer.

To those interested in true classical music or for freshmen who have been too busy with Nirvana or Nine Inch Nails to ever hear music, "Let's Get Away From It All," another duet with Connie Haines and "Blue Skies" (the one Willie Nelson did) are recommended.

The quality of the spins on this sampler make pretenders to the throne like Harry Connick Jr. pale in comparison. Too good to be rated on a scale.

FRANK SINATRA AND SEXTET LIVE; REFLECTIONS ON SHOW AT OMNI

REVIEW BY L. SHERMAN ROBERTS, JR

A newly discovered treasure, SINATRA AND SEXTET LIVE IN PARIS is a must for any true music fan. Although originally recorded in 1962, this concert performance has a fresh, modern feel about it that most of today's recordings lack.

One reason this "newness" is heard in the recording could be the fact that Sinatra's band is a lot smaller than usual, emphasizing the guitar of Al Viola and the jazz piano of Bill Miller instead of the usual brass and strings. Nevertheless, this concert captures Sinatra at his very best. The actual show, which contains 25 songs, displays a variety of musical styles. From the beautiful "My Funny Valentine" to the more swinging numbers like "Day In - Day Out," "I've Got You Under My Skin," and "I Get A Kick Out Of You," Sinatra proves that he is one of the most talented and gifted artists in the history of American music. Allow me to emphasize that this recording is of superb sound and musical quality. This is not just any old re-issue or "lost" recording—this concert tape is historic. What the recording captures is the man and the music; it is a look at a time when male singers were manly, "my way" sort of men instead of long haired boys. If you get only one Sinatra recording in your entire life, this really should be the one. I would also recommend his new DUETS album. Both recordings explain why his musical popularity has lingered for over fifty years.

Since I am already on the topic, I would like to reflect on his concert appearance of January 29, 1994 at the Omni. This show got a poor review in a certain well known college

In Sherman's Wake

COMMENTARY BY L. SHERMAN ROBERTS, JR.

Before I begin, allow me to say that I am not related to the person that burned Atlanta during The Civil War.

Anyway, I hope everyone took my advice and watched the season premiere of THE X-FILES (September 16). If you missed the show, you missed one of the best hours of television ever. You also missed seeing the beautiful and sophisticated Gillian Anderson (Dana Scully). Does appreciating her charm and beauty make me a sexist, or, in all actuality, do I not run the greater risk of being labeled unobservant and foolish if I fail to appreciate such desirable traits? I'll let you decide...

Moving right along...I recently had a letter printed in THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, and I am quite proud of myself for that. The funny thing, though, is that as I get older, that one editorial will probably grow and grow until I eventually tell my grandkids, "Yea, I used to work for the Atlanta paper as a columnist...it didn't pay much, but a dollar went a lot further back then." Wow, what a future I have to look forward to, huh?!

Why is it that a group of people threaten to ruin a state's tourist industry if the state flag is not "exorcised" of the Confederate Battle Emblem, and then they wonder why nobody supports their cause? Gee...perhaps threats and mob tactics do not mix well with democracy.

My advice to those taking criminal justice classes this fall: watching COPS and REAL STORIES OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL is no substitute for studying. They will not help you pass any of your tests. Take me seriously, for I learned that lesson firsthand. It may feel like you are learning something, but you are only fooling yourself.

Do you ever wonder what happened to "Vanilla Ice" (remember, the press said he was "the next Elvis")? Wow, what career longevity he had, huh?!

Have you ever noticed the number of Mazda Proteges on the road lately? I mean, there is always one in front of me in traffic, one next to me in the parking lot...I see them everywhere! Why am I suddenly getting this sinking feeling that I am the only one having this problem?

Anyhow, when we first put THE KENNESAW SPECTATOR out in May,

the very first comment I heard about our paper was real encouraging. This guy asked this girl, "What are you reading?" She looked at him, threw her hair back, and said "it's some kind of political thing." She continued to say that the SPECTATOR "is not real good," and then she stated that she had meant to pick-up a SENTINEL to begin with. Wow, what an ego-boast I got out of that! It's moments like that one that make all the hard work worthwhile. It reminds me of the last time I really did a lot of yard work. I mean, I thought I had the grass looking super, but the next day I found a letter that read, "Call me—I cut grass cheap" taped to the mailbox. Just what was someone trying to tell me?

In case you may have forgotten, I used to write a column called "Will It Ever End?" As you may have gathered, it did finally end. Well, it didn't truly end...we just changed the title and made it more light-hearted. But it's like the old Chevy Vega (GM's Pinto)...they made some minor changes to it and even called it The Monza Spyder. But, underneath it all, it was still just a Vega. Thank you for your time!

This column is dedicated to the fun-loving and easy-going spirit of the late Bobby Crews. May his memory live forever...



How Liberals will forever view our trusty mascot.

Sentinel Column Criticized

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draw such "mean-spirited" conclusions about them.

Jarrod Heath Cline editor of The KENNESAW SPECTATOR, wondered how Dye could get such remarks printed, for Cline once had a feature rejected by THE SENTINEL on the grounds that they "have to be careful not to offend anyone." "This," Cline stated, "shows an obvious double-standard on the part of THE SENTINEL."

The Student Patrol works under the direction of actual police officers, and a friendly rapport exists between them. The position of Student Patrol Officer is open to any student that is at least 18 years old with clean driving, parking, and criminal records. Although Dye insinuated that the officers are all studying to become police officers, the members of the Student Patrol are a diverse group with students studying nursing, computer science, business, public and social services, and many other specialized fields.

The Student Patrol augments the K.S.C Police Department by patrolling buildings and parking lots, locking/unlocking buildings, servicing vehicles, escorting students to their cars, and by enforcing the K.S.C. parking code. They are also alert for crime and crime risks, serving as "extra eyes and ears" for the campus police. Despite Dye's description of "the roving gangs of Student Patrollers," rarely do officers work in more than pairs of two.

For the record, Student Patrol Officers are officially listed as student assistants and not staff, thus they are not allowed to park in the "reserved lots" without getting ticketed. Repeated parking offenses will result in an officer's termination. Those interested in employment opportunities with the Student Patrol should personally contact Lt. Kelli Maloney for information.

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Meet us Tues., Oct. 11,
in the Student Center, 12:15.



GAYS & THE GOP

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First, they want to help move gays into not only the GOP, but into society at large. Second, they want the Republican party to pursue equal rights for homosexuals. "Just like with Civil Rights," he said, "blacks needed white help. Gay Republicans can lead the charge but they need straight Republicans' help. We're trying to help Republicans catch up with the rest of the world."

Do gay Republicans fit in the GOP? If Buchanan Republicans agree with them on 9 out of 10 issues, that is a lot more than they agree with Bush Republicans, with their quota bills and tax increases.

Georgia For Newcomers

by Dave Barry

Although much of Georgia was burned down during the filming of *Gone With The Wind*, this dynamic state has rebuilt itself and is now an important part of the "New South" (which is similar to the Old South, except most of the pickup trucks are Japanese). Georgia's biggest city, Atlanta, proudly boasts that it has "the nation's busiest airport," although frankly this strikes us as an odd thing to boast about, comparable to announcing that you have the nation's largest epidemic of crotch lice.

Other major tourist attractions include some big rocks and a great many pine trees that can be seen engaging in photosynthesis, the Official State Chemical Reaction. Georgia is also the proud host of the world famous Masters Golf Tournament of Champions Wearing Ugly Pants, although of course you personally are not invited.

From Dave Barry's
The Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need. Ballantine Books



STATE OF THE STATE

by george hoey morris

by
Darrin Keaton

On occasion, for lack of anything constructive to do, I read the official school paper to see if there is anything worth responding to. I thought I was in for another disappointment when I read the drinking poll results.

This poll, jointly sponsored by the Golden Key National Honor Society and the U.S. Department of Education, is entitled "Just the Facts..." The results of the poll, as published in the Sentinel on May 4 and May 11, stated:

"41% of college students do not drink during an average week."

"33% of college students prefer to party without alcohol."

"58% of college students do not binge drink."

"70% of college do not allow drinking to cause them to miss class."

When I read the poll, I was immediately struck by what it might really be saying. I don't know for sure whether this poll was intended to placate or worry those who are interested in the issue of alcohol and college students. Regardless of the intent, I found these results (over 50,000 students participated nationwide) somewhat distressing.

All we need to do is take a look at what these numbers might really be saying.

If 41% of college students don't drink in the average week, then presumably the majority of college students (59%) can't go through an "average" week without consuming alcohol.

If 33% of college students prefer to party without alcohol, does that mean that 66% of the students prefer to party with alcohol? I guess the idea still prevails that a good time cannot be had without alcohol. Does it really make a difference? Do people still feel they are funnier, smarter and sexier when they are drunk? Well guess what, you're not. Just ask your designated driver.

Another figure in the poll said that 58% of college students do not binge drink. I sincerely hope this doesn't mean that 42% of college students DO binge drink. If this is true, then a large number of our future leaders are getting plastered on a regular basis. What a warming thought.

Perhaps the most alarming figure was that 30% of college students drink to the point of not being able to attend class. I think any college administrator would be concerned with such a figure.

I realize that merely reversing the numbers may not be statistically sound. Yet, if these numbers are even close to being accurate, we have a nationwide problem. Sure, alcohol will always be around. But it would seem that responsibility and self-control are lacking where a person's life and college career may be at stake.



WHY ME LORD?



NOTES

From
The Battlefield

...Micheal Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were wed this summer. That's it. The joke is, we aren't making this up.

...A Time Presidential Poll showed the following results in mid August. Keep in mind, this is before Republicans and Ross Perot spend \$50 million a piece reminding you what a bonehead he is:

Clinton 53%
Quayle 31%
Not Sure 16%

Clinton 43%
Dole 43%
Not Sure 14%

Powell 43%
Clinton 38%
Not Sure 19%

...Researchers now think infidelity may be in our genes. Is anything we do our fault?

...Forrest Gump, the story of a man who does what is right (stays away from drugs, serves his country, works hard, keeps his word) and succeeds, and his girl who does everything wrong (protests her country, does drugs, sleeps around) and dies of AIDS, is on its way to becoming the number one movie of the year, with \$250 million and counting. Family values may not be cool, but it sure sells.

We Get Letters:

Dear Editor:

Attached find a letter that illustrates far better than any essay can the discrimination that exists in the hiring practices at some universities today. In its search for faculty this university clearly had a "White Males Need Not Apply" policy. I have deleted the letterhead and the signature element to protect the guilty.

There is no question that women and minorities have historically not been afforded the same opportunities that white males have. But I will tell you that not all white males are born with a silver spoon in their mouth; some of us were raised in poverty and have, like women and blacks, had to struggle for what we've achieved. And I'll let you in on a little secret - when we find ourselves the victims of injustice, we hurt just like anyone else.

Sincerely,
John B. Parrott
Part-Time Assistant Professor

The text of the letter is as follows.

Dear Dr. Parrott:

Thank you for the letter we received on September 17, 1993 expressing interest in a position in Social Sciences.

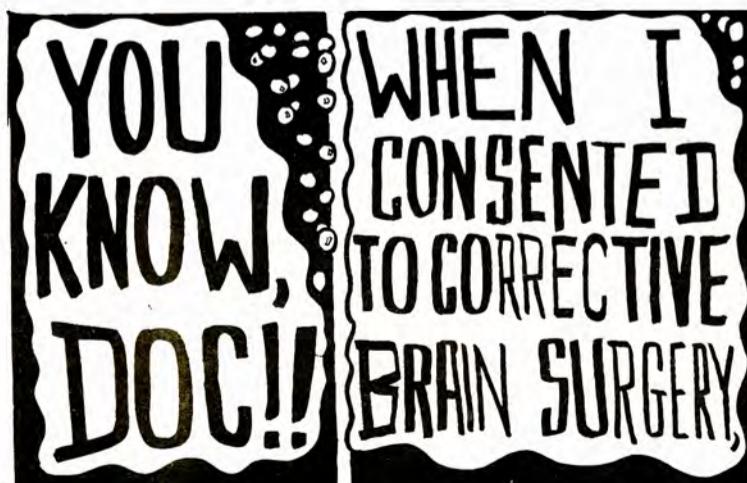
During the month of October the Screening Committee will begin the process of reviewing applicants to select for further consideration those whose background and experience most closely fit the needs of the College.

As we indicated in our announcement, we wish to increase the diversity of our faculty. We particularly seek women and African-, Asian-, Hispanic- and Native American candidates. If you wish, we invite you to provide us with any additional information about your candidacy that might assist us in this endeavor.

We shall endeavor to keep you fully informed of the progress of the search, and to provide you with information on the status of your candidacy.

We appreciate your interest in XXXXXXXX XXXXXX College.

WHY ME LORD?



by george hoey morris

THE X-FILES RESPOND TO REVIEW

We've been incredibly busy here gearing up for our second season. Thank you so much for your support of and interests in the series. Thank you for the good review [May 1994]. We hope you like what is to come as much as what you've seen to date.

Remember..."the truth is out there!"

Sincerely,
Andrew Kreisberg
"The X-Files"

Dear Kennesaw
"Spector"

This so called "Paper" is the most idiotic thing I have ever read. If you guys think you know so much, why don't you show it? If you think picking on Nirvana after the lead singer died is funny, then you are just plain sick. If you think you are funny you are just plain wrong. What you are is a bunch of low down no good dirty rotten sons of a bitch. Hitler would have liked you because this paper looks like it is Nazi propaganda. It's a good thing you don't use student funds because they probably wouldn't let you. I know you won't print this letter because you only care about what you think.

Tom

Normally we wouldn't run letters like this, but when one is as elegant and sophisticated as "Tom," how can we not? Ed.

Let us hear from you!

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NOTES From The Battlefield

...Whoever was responsible for replacing the late Louis Grizzard with Rheta Grimsley Johnson in the Atlanta Constitution should be subjected to torture (like watching Oliver Stone's latest movie).

...Rosa Parks, who sparked the Civil Rights movement of the '60s, was beaten and robbed in Detroit last month. This means that Michigan has now reached 1955 in the sociological time line.

...Fun Freetime Activity: Count the ratio of liberal bumper stickers in the teachers parking lot to conservative ones. Take this ratio to your teachers and have them explain how there is no bias in college.

...If The SENTINEL moved to Sioux City would it be called the Sioux City Sentinel? Just asking.

...If everyone recycled just this much a month, they should really try to find a hobby.

...The story so far. Whitewater Special Council Robert Fiske is removed and replaced with Kenneth Starr.

Whitewater continues to claim casualties (such as Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman). Bill Clinton says he will accept only 100% socialism in health care, then 95% before giving up for this year. An 11 year old rapist meets his 7 year old victim in Smyrna after spending almost three weeks in custody under 'tough on crime' Zell Miller. David Wilhelm, Democratic National Committee chairman is given the boot after it becomes apparent that Democrats will be beaten like a wet blanket in this fall's elections. Atlanta and Marietta media continue to intolerantly bash Cobb for narrow mindedness. O.J. Simpson's blood at the crime scene is the fault of white racists. And how was YOUR summer?