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Preacher stalls Latino rights rally

By CAREY O'NEIL
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A shouting match broke out at Tate Plaza Thursday when an open air preacher interrupted a scheduled rally by the Hispanic Student Association.

Celina Correa, the organization's president, told Brother JK to stop preaching when he showed up at Tate Plaza toting a poster board that condemned various groups such as "ankle biters" and "sports nuts."

"I asked him to stop talking because we were going to have a speaker," Correa said. Her group had reserved the plaza for Sylvia Mendez, an American civil rights activist, to speak.

"I'm glad he's here," Mendez said. "He has a right to be here." But she said she was sorry the fight even happened.

"I'm allowed to be here," Brother JK said. "I felt the Lord lead me here." Correa was rude when she approached him, he said. "She was yelling at me that I had to leave or else she'd call the cops."

"He has a right to be here," Correa said. "We just



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▲ Campus Life Staff from Tate Center confront a man preaching at the Tate Plaza after he refused to stop preaching during an event put on by the Hispanic Student Association.

Staffer to lose big in lawsuit

By CAROLYN CRIST
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A former University staff member was awarded nearly \$1.3 million Thursday in a federal lawsuit against her former supervisor — the University's head of the grants and contracts department.

Terrie Buckner, former project director of grants, claimed she was arrested and charged 10 felony counts of theft by taking on false information Karen Shetterley gave police in 2004. The case was decided Thursday after a three-day trial.

Buckner said she was "arrested without probable cause for allegedly stealing her employer's property," according to court documents filed June 12.

"Shetterley convinced UGA Police to take warrants for [Buckner's] arrest, but it wasn't UGA property and there was no basis for the charges," Lee Parks, Buckner's attorney of Parks, Chesin & Walbert in Atlanta, said in phone interview Thursday afternoon. "But she lost two jobs — one as an adjunct professor at Shorter College — and there were pretty horrific damages."

The "jury responded aggressively" Thursday, Parks said. "She can't get a job in education and works for a private company now, but hopefully with this verdict she can get back into education."

The University will file an appeal on Shetterley's behalf for "issues left to be determined" in court, Tom Jackson, vice president for public affairs, said Thursday afternoon.

Buckner filed the lawsuit in September 2006 after the Gwinnett County District Attorney's office dismissed charges against her in July 2005.

As an educator specializing in early childhood education work force development, Buckner worked under Shetterley as project director for Advancing Careers through Education Training, a professional

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A cappella girls host concert

By TIFFANY STEVENS
FOR THE RED & BLACK

As the season for collegiate a cappella competition draws closer, so begins the time for annual invitationals and performances. Noteworthy, the University's women's a cappella group, is hosting its second annual invitational, "Woodstockappella," with high expectations for an excellent performance.

"We started ['Woodstockappella'] last year as an equivalent of The Accidentals' 'Ugaloosa,' which is held in the spring," said Katherine West, Noteworthy's musical director.

"We're hoping that it will continue to be an annual production. It's usually a sold-out event."

In addition to Noteworthy, the performance will consist of the University's men's group, The Accidentals, and coed group, With Someone Else's Money.

"Usually we invite a group from somewhere else. Last year it was Georgia Tech's Sympathetic Vibrations," said Kelly Mokris, president of Noteworthy. "However, this is a very popular time to host invitationals, and so this year the program will consist strictly of the three campus-based groups."

The invitational will serve not only as a program to showcase the abilities of the a cappella groups, but also to prepare them for



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▲ Noteworthy was just chosen to perform on "Sing 5," an international compilation of a cappella songs. The song that is going on the album is called "Move On," written by Noteworthy's own Maggie Smith.

competitions later in the year, which includes competing for spots on CD anthologies. Though plans are undefined currently, Mokris said that the University would be host to one of the competition finals in February.

"It's definitely going to be something to

see. Groups from schools all over the region will be here, and it will be a huge performance," Mokris said.

Though Noteworthy is a musically based

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Speaker advocates education for all

By RAISA HABERSHAM
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Latinos need leaders, a civil rights activist said Thursday.

"We need a new generation of leaders, and here we are," said Sylvia Mendez about Mendez v. Westminster, the case that made California the first state to integrate schools.

Mendez spoke about the impact of the case, which occurred seven years prior to the well-known Brown v. Board of Education. It was the first court case to enter the Court of Appeals twice in California.

A documentary, "Mendez v. Westminster: Para Todos Los Niños (For All Children)," showed interviews those involved in the case.

"[I] think [the case] was more of a precursor to Brown v. Board of Education. Brown desegregated the nation, Mendez desegregated California," she said in a phone interview.

Though Mendez was young, she didn't understand the purpose of the case until age 10.

"I was in court every day and didn't realize what they were fighting for. At the time, I just wanted to go to the white school because they had a better playground."

When a boy at Mendez's school made a disturbing comment toward her, she realized the impact.

"He asked me 'What are you doing here?' and said 'Mexicans don't belong in this school,'" she said.

Mendez realized the importance of what her father fought for — everyone is entitled to an education, regardless of color.

"My father said he wanted [his kids] to grow up without

hatred in [their] hearts because we were refused and education," she said.

Mendez said she wants people to appreciate education.

"People have fought for education. A lot of people are dropping out and not taking advantage of the education system," she said. "Latinos have a 50 to 60 percent dropout rate and only 12 percent finish college with a B.A. or B.S. degree."

Mendez said we have still have a long way to go because de facto segregation still exists.

"[De facto segregation] has caused schools to be majority black or Latino, generally the result of demographics," she said. "[But] I am happy my dream is coming true."

Mendez is a retired nurse who resides in Orange County, Calif. She has visited more than 70 countries, spreading the word to others about Mendez v. Westminster.



MENDEZ

Fields' tasks on football field change with Southerland's return

With Brannan Southerland back and likely to start Saturday, head coach Mark Richt discussed the possible ripple effect it may have during his Thursday press conference.

He said that coaches liked what redshirt sophomore Justin Fields did in his switch to the fullback role, and that he'll still help "on some special teams and he is still getting some reps at fullback."

Though Benjamin Boyd has been moved back to his original linebacker position ("it had to do with a lot of injury issues at linebacker too"), Richt said he expects Fields, who was also originally a linebacker, to stay in the offensive backfield.

"We think Fields will remain there because we know Brannan's gone after this year's over," he said. "Most of the time we want three fullbacks on our roster but with Fields doing as well as he has we probably would not sign an extra fullback in this class."

Dannell Ellerbe's sprained MCL was one of those linebacker injuries

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that prompted Boyd's return, and Richt reasserted Thursday that Ellerbe is not likely to play.

"I just don't think there's any chance of even checking him to see if he can, because he's not playing. We're not taking him on our crosstown trip (to a hotel). He won't play."

With Ellerbe out, Richt said Darryl Gamble would start at Mike linebacker and that Rennie Curran would start at Will, but that he wasn't sure whether it would be Akeem Dent or Darius Dewberry starting at Sam.



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