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Offseason legal woes sack 3 players

Two arrested, one named suspect

By **TAMARA BEST**
THE RED & BLACK

Three Georgia football players found themselves in trouble with the law after two were arrested and one was named as a suspect in separate battery incidents, according to University and Athens-Clarke County police reports.

Michael Lemon, a sophomore defensive end from Lizella, is a suspect in an alcohol-related battery incident that occurred last

Saturday night and sent a University student to the hospital with a severe eye injury, according to an ACC Police report.

Lemon punched student DeMarius Jackson "about five times before someone pulled him off," the report states. Warrants charging him with both misdemeanor battery and felony aggravated battery were issued Wednesday. Lemon was not arrested as of press time.

Exchange apartment complex, according to the report.

Hospital and treated for a blowout fracture to the eye and was released early Sunday.



LEMON

The incident happened during a barbecue in the pool area at The Exchange apartment complex, according to the report.

The report states Jackson was grilling food when Lemon approached him. Lemon allegedly inquired why Jackson was "talking to his girl."

Jackson told Lemon "he didn't know what he was talking about," but Lemon continued to question him, the report says.

Witnesses who spoke to The Red & Black said they saw Lemon turn as if walking away, but then turned back and headed toward Jackson.

"Mr. Lemon then punched Mr. Jackson several times, which knocked Mr. Jackson down," the

report says. Witnesses told The Red & Black the echo from the punch could be heard from the other side of the pool.

Lemon, who is 6-foot-4, 274 pounds, "punched Mr. Jackson five times before someone pulled Mr. Lemon off. Several of the witnesses advised that several of Mr. Lemon's friends 'huddled' around Mr. Lemon as he was punching Mr. Jackson," the report states.

The report says Lemon and his friends left the area while Jackson called 911 from a friend's apartment.

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Teaching program honored

Math education named exemplary

By **MERCEDES PARHAM**
THE RED & BLACK

The University's College of Education stands out as the only education school with "an exemplary teacher preparation program," with schools such as the University of Michigan and the University of South Carolina following, according to a recent publication by the National Council on Teacher Quality.

"We are pleased to have this recognition," said Denise Mewborn, the mathematics education department head.

Mewborn also noted that the work of strengthening the math program has occurred over a period of years.

The study consisted of 77 education schools tested in each state except for Alaska. After an examination of 257 course syllabi, the University was noted as the exception in the quality of math preparation.

The council, a nonpartisan education group, said the majority of education schools fail to prepare

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'Psychedelic' group to take 40 Watt stage

By **JEREMEY POHL**
THE RED & BLACK

Five fingers clutch a microphone and become a fist full of soul. A man has replaced his nerves with guitar strings and soaked his heart in rock 'n' roll gasoline.

That man is King Kahn and The Shrines.

Kahn and the Shrines has left behind a trail of dance-floor fire ever since it left Berlin and went on tour. Sweat will turn into steam when Kahn and the Shrines takes the stage at the 40 Watt Club tonight.

The band's sound is psychedelic rhythm and blues flushed with rock and soul. Kahn said that the band's sound has a "karate beat." His musical career began with punk, and he has used it to shape his distinct blend of rock and blues.

"Old R&B is pretty punk," Kahn said. "The inspirations are different. With punk, you break things and cause havoc; with R&B, you preach erotic gospel."

King Kahn's shows are an experience. Kahn said that the music should take control of the body, and carry it on an enlightening journey.

KING KAHN AND THE SHRINES



COURTESY BIZ3

When: 9 tonight
Where: 40 Watt Club
Cost: \$10, 21 and older/\$12, under 21

THE ROCKET'S' RED GLARE



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▲ (Above) Phantom Fireworks sells a variety of fireworks at reduced prices in the Georgia Square Mall parking lot. (Below) Party City sells Fourth of July party decor at reduced prices Tuesday, three days before the celebration. Due to necessary budget cuts, the ACC Leisure Services Department is no longer able to fund the Star-Spangled Classic, an Independence Day tradition held in Bishop Park. After hearing this news, local Athens businesses and citizens came together to make the celebration possible once again.

Budget cuts nearly sacrifice city legacy

By **ALEXIS ECONOMY**
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The Fourth of July without a fireworks celebration is difficult to imagine. However, it was almost the case for Athens this year.

Due to necessary budget cuts, the Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department is no longer able to fund Athens' annual Star Spangled Classic. The event is an Independence Day tradition that takes place in Bishop Park, and attracts nearly 50,000 people. The Star Spangled Classic, which costs around \$13,000, is one of several cuts made to the new budget

approved by the commissioners of Athens-Clarke County.

Cathy Padgett, the leisure services public information coordinator, said that many people do not realize the fiscal year for 2009 begins July 1, and consequently affects the Star Spangled Classic. The situation was touch-and-go for a while, with many people wondering if the event would happen at all. Many people were unaware that the event was even in trouble.

Fortunately, several local businesses, organizations and citizens stepped up to make the celebration possible. Fireworks will be provided by



Technical Services Audio Visual, and donors include Farm 255, Athens First Bank & Trust, Prevent Child Abuse Athens, and even the boys from R.E.M.

This year's celebration will be even more special because, as Padgett said, "It is a testament to the spirit of this community that we are able to hold this event this year."

THE STAR SPANGLED CLASSIC

When: Music, cake and Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker contest, 6 to 10 p.m.; Fireworks at 9:30 p.m., but subject to change due to weather and darkness
Where: Bishop Park, 705 Sunset Drive
Cost: Free

UGA VI REMEMBERED



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◀ Several baskets of flower arrangements were sent in honor of Uga VI, who was buried in Sanford Stadium on Monday, June 30. The Georgia football team compiled an 87-27 record during Uga VI's reign, and 19 of Georgia's athletic national championships were captured during his tenure as Georgia's top dog.



"He was the biggest of all the dogs, and he had the biggest heart," owner Frank W. "Sonny" Seiler said. "It just played out."

Check out an homage to UGA VI on page 8.

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This band traveled all the way from L.A. to show Athens what's on the other side of the fence with this politically-charged trio.



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