Schlosser speaks about “Fast Food”

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A New York Times best-selling author spoke about the dark half of American fast food industry Tuesday night in the Chapel of All Faiths to an audience of students, faculty, and community members.

Eric Schlosser, author of “Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal,” which remained on the bestseller list for more than two years, said the book grew out of investigative work he did for Ruffing Stone magazine.

After doing research on the industry he said he was surprised to discover that the industry had become a part of American life within the last 20 years and anxious at the transformations that had taken place within the agricultural industry, the job market, and the language of American food.

Schlosser said that the fast food industry spends $3 billion on advertisements annually.

"And yet there was this whole world behind the counter that was hidden, that was not in these ads," he said.

He spent the next several years interviewing fast food workers, workers in the meatpacking industry, and illegal immigrants who worked in the agricultural industry, investigating the scandals and poor business practices of which many Americans are unaware.

"When I feel there is something important someone doesn’t want me to know I gonna know it," Schlosser said.

Some of the main issues he uncovered included the inhumane treatment of livestock, the injuries sustained by workers in the meatpacking industry and the lure of fast food to children.

"One in five toddlers eats fast food daily," he said. "Pre-school obesity has doubled and the obesity rate of elementary school kids has tripled. Many more kids are being diagnosed with diabetes."

Schlosser said that he actually loves burgers and French fries, but that these days he doesn’t get his fast food from big chains.

"I don’t want to support them because I don’t agree with the way they do business," he said.

Instead, he said he encourages students to buy locally.

"It has to be perfect," he said. "Just do the best you can buying your burger from the Dan Buen instead of the McDonald’s. You keep your community healthy. It will also keep this town from looking like every other town in America."

In the seven years since “Fast Food Nation” was published, there have been some positive changes in the industry, Schlosser said.

"All is not dark and grim," he said. "I spend a lot of my time researching depressing social problems, but my background in history taught me that nothing is inevitable. These things don’t have to be the way they are."

Schlosser said that the point of his work is to get people fired up to become vegans.

"I am not telling people what to think," he said. "Rather I am trying to get people to think for themselves and feel some compassion."

Schlosser left the audience with one more burger analogy.

"There may be as many as thousands of cattle from five or six countries in one burger, whereas fifty years ago there was most likely only one. Think of that as terms of a relationship - the difference between a monogamous relationship and one in which you sleep with thousands."

Schlosser speaks with students and faculty in the Jefferson Lounge of the Slemp Student Center on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Celebrating International Week

A student looks at different cultural items from the Ecuador table located in Zehmer Hall on Monday, Nov. 12. The table was displayed as part of the college’s International Week celebration. Tables were set up throughout the campus, each of which concentrated on a different country.
Student residence hall group award Florida News

By Senior Editor Anna Collier

The UGA Wine Residence Hall (UGA WINE) received its second award earlier this week after participating in the South Atlantic Regional Conference for the University of Florida in Gainesville.

The South Atlantic region hosts the conference that makes up the National Association of College Housing and Residence Unions (NACCU). The chapter includes all schools in Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Virginia.

Nearly 200 students and advisors attended the conference, according to Assistant Director of Residence Life Angie Lance. While that number may seem small, UGA-Wine held a large presence at this year’s event.

“I cannot begin to express just how proud I am of all those who attended,” Lance said in an email. “Overall, UGA-Wine was very rewarding experience due to the amount of time with the continuous effort of all those who make this happen. When students are asked to represent us at the conference, our residence life staff is always excited to see the growth and development of our students.”

Before the conference students can choose to represent their school by submitting presentation proposals which are then selected to be presented. This year, UGA-Wine presented a total of 6 minute presentations at the conference. Two of the five minute presentations were prepared by UGA-Wine’s President Jessica Reed’s “Presentation Etiquette (Give It Your All) and Hotel Matters: garnish andذه البة.” Both students were top 25 presenters in the conference, Lance said.

isi it s time to know that two of our programs were well presented and enjoyed by other students as well as the community. The top 25 best presentations in college residence life and experience.

Graduation: Students ready for real world experiences

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...many of my time at the college and the college itself is the one that I will remember most, she said. "I graduated at graduation in the spring of the next semester only.

...college was very supportive and even when I was in residence hall with the top 100 students and the top 20 students in college residence life and experience.

Two other students enjoyed the opportunity to present their work at U GA-Wine and enjoy meeting a bit of a new people, Stagg said.

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...of people every week. In which situations are you likely to get a dinner? Think about the time during which you eat dinner? Do you think it be a brand of a brand or a general brand? I think it be a brand of a brand because they have a very good experience and they can make sure that the experience is the same every time with the continuous effort of all those who make this happen. When students are asked to represent us at the conference, our residence life staff is always excited to see the growth and development of our students.”

Chairman David Prior said that he felt the better were very well and that he was pleased with the student involvement in the group. "Even though the group is small, I think we are doing a good job of educating the students about the issues," Prior said.

"The students know that this is an important issue and they are very interested in learning more about it," he added.

The group plans to continue its work throughout the semester and plans to hold more meetings and events in the future. "We are looking to expand our reach and involve more students in our efforts," Prior said.

"I think it is important for students to be aware of these issues and to be involved in the solutions," he added. "We hope that by raising awareness about the dangers of fast food, we can help to make a positive change in this industry and in the lives of those who work there."
For Thanksgiving

Students thankful for Thanksgiving

Seniors Ashley Ams and Ashley Wirth had never celebrated Thanksgiving in their native Turkey, but they had heard of the holiday. Ams said her first time celebrating Thanksgiving was with her family at the house of friends in Istanbul, the city where she lived for five years. Wirth said that she celebrated Thanksgiving at her house in Istanbul. "This Thanksgiving will probably be the best because of the excitement of my outfit, covering the table and being surrounded by my family again," Wirth said.

"I was so happy to say thank you for the food, the family and the company," Ams said. Wirth also said she was thankful for the Thanksgiving at a friend's house. "This year I have a home and a friend to invite to a Thanksgiving dinner and I thought it would be nice to do the same for them."

Dine Silver's freshman finance class began collecting items to be included in care packages for troops stationed overseas in Iraq. "The class aims to collect items in shifts, across several weeks, beginning with hygiene products (toothpaste, shampoo, face cream, deodorant, toothbrush, baby wipes, milk, paper)," Silver said.

During the second week, the class will collect cartoon items (cartoons, comic books, newspapers, CDs, DVDs, books). Finally, the class will collect food items (dairy, bread, fruit, cereal, juice). The class will start packing the boxes on Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. in the 215-200 building.

Class prepares packages

Don Trivett
Teaching Fellow of Spanish

5 Questions With...

1. If you could go out to dinner with any three people, dead or alive, who would you invite, and why?

2. Are there any plans for you to travel anywhere over the holidays?

3. What is your favorite place to go on the weekends?

4. What is your favorite type of music?

5. Where is your favorite place to go on campus or in the town of Williamsburg?

"It's a nice week because of the excitement of the holiday.," Ams said. "We will have a couple of invitations for a Thanksgiving dinner and we will go to our friend Morgan's house."

Wirth echoed her sentiments. "She is the last person to invite us to her Christmas dinner and we have never been there before."

On the day of the holiday, the class plans to collect items, help with packing, deliver the packages and station themselves at the market to hand them out.

Class prepares packages

Atreyu makes big comeback with new rock album

By Arielle Flechstein
Sports Editor

It's a rare occasion when a young band can make a comeback after a disappointing album with the release of a new single. But Atreyu is continuing to make a comeback with "The Curse," which will be released next week.

Alison Walsh, a senior majoring in music and media studies, said she was excited about the release of the new album. "I love Atreyu and I'm excited to see what they have to offer with this new album," Walsh said.

"I think this album is a big step up for the band," said Lauren Karpoff, a sophomore studying music and media studies. "It's a great album and I'm looking forward to hearing it."
Sports

Sports Briefs

Cavs first team wins play-offs

After a stellar 9-2 season, the Cavs football team will have to wait until next year to make the NAIA football playoffs. The Cavs, who finished the season ranked No. 14 in the NAIA, which was one spot short of making the playoffs, missed the top spot with final ranking of No. 13. In order to make the playoffs, a team must finish at the top 10.

Lady Cavs, Lawson rewarded for spectacular season

Angel, along with the Lady Cavs volleyball team received notice of qualifying for the NAIA Region XII tournament for the first time in school history. The squad won the fifth seed and will face fourth seed Indiana-Southeast at 4 p.m. starting at 4 p.m. This was the only the first of the good news the spiders received in the past week, as solid players awarded for their standout performances.

The UVa-Wise women's volleyball defensive player, Julia Batley Law was named to the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Libero of the Year at the league awards banquet the last Thursday afternoon. Senior Nalila Vines received All-Region first team for the third year in a row and set a new Purdy made the AAC All-Freshman team. The Lady Cavs have helped two of the team's 11 wins from a year ago to 23-13 this season.

Alyssa, a junior for the Lady Cavs, was named All-Region second team. The Lady Cavs, led by Coach Joey Oliver, finished the Lady Cavs, 30-21, 30-25 and 24-22-30, 30-21. The Lady Bulldogs, who finished at 30-2-5, went on to win the AAC All-AAC first team. She led second year coach Steve Definis's defense and the Lady Cavs, 3-0.

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View From the Cheap Seats

Let's Give Thanks

Turkey, Turkeys, Stove Top, Incredible Sales for anyone willing to stand in line.

Did I forget anything? Oh yeah...football.

As we approach the Thanksgiving break, I had to double check my turkey Day checklist, and once again sports can be included almost any day but.

Most of us will be bundling, some maybe a thousand miles away from here with their families and Thursday, celebrating with the traditions that they have done for years.

Personally, I am looking forward to returning home and sitting around the table with my family, sharing all the things that we are thankful for.

Since I will be telling my closest friends and family what I am most thankful for this year, I feel it is appropriate to show what the Cavs athletic department has made us so thankful for this season.

The Lady Cavs football team gave us plenty to be thankful for this past season despite just missing the playoffs this fall. Still, their 9-2 record was nothing short of outstanding, and we can almost guarantee that we will be looking well beyond the call of duty.

Sophomore Jason Lovett became the first Cavs player to reach the 1,000 yard receiving mark in a single season, while senior running back Shad Morgan set the single season touchdown mark (27). Don't forget junior Randy Hippeard who shattered nearly every passing record in school history.

The Lady Cavs volleyball team had such a marvelous season, that it will now include a spot in the postseason tournament for the first time in four years.

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The NAIA Region XII Volleyball tournament will be held tonight and tomorrow at King College. The Cavs are scheduled to play Indiana-Southeast at 1 p.m. today, and the winner will face King College tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Sports Poll of the Week

Who do you think deserves to be the MVP for the Cav football team?

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