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Slave trade alive and well

Anti-slave labor "Not for Sale" campaign educates students on impact of purchases

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David Batstone, a leader in the fight against human trafficking and child slavery, visited KSU last Wednesday night to speak to students about the business side of ending global slave trade and to launch a new organization, Free2Work.

Batstone is known as "The Instigator" for a campaign called "Not for Sale," which is a "campaign of individuals, musicians, artists, businesses... and schools, united to stop the trade of the 27 million people who are enslaved today," according to its Web site, www.notforsalecampaign.org.

"I am thrilled to be at KSU today to launch Free2Work," Batstone said as he unveiled his brand-new Web site to an audience of students in the Burruss Building. "This is the first time Free2Work is live and functioning."

Batstone told students that the concept of Free2Work is a very simple one: "It's about creating the possibilities of work and gaining access to capital."

As Batstone paced back and forth on the stage, he asked students, "Who here is in favor of slavery?"

Batstone expected that no one in the audience would raise their

hands.

"It's a no-brainer that everyone should be free to work," he said. "But unfortunately, as I began to research supply chains and study how products wind up on our shelves, I realized that this is not a foregone conclusion."

Examples were used to explain how many of the companies and everyday products the students use are directly linked to child slavery: cotton, chocolate, tires and cars.

"If you drove a car here today that is a Ford or Toyota and has Firestone tires, I would like to congratulate you because you have a fully-made slave car," Batstone said, surely shocking some members of the audience.

"Free2Work came out of a way to invite companies to be the best of what they could be and be a pioneer... in Free2Work," said Batstone.

Free2Work's Web site, www.free2work.org, invites individuals to check companies to see if they are Free2Work organizations and to report companies who use slavery. The Web site also invites companies to sign up and become a Free2Work advocate.

"We are going to make this spread like wildfire," said Batstone.

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Patrick Ellrich | The Sentinel

David Batstone, "The Instigator" of the anti-slavery "Not for Sale" campaign, speaks to students in the Burruss Building on Feb. 11. Batstone's new Web site, Free2Work, will help individuals report companies that use slavery in their production.

New doctorate offered in nursing science

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A new program leading to a doctorate in nursing science has recently been added to the already existing business and education programs at KSU.

The doctorate will begin accepting people as early as Fall 2009, and students have already begun to fill out forms.

"The new doctorate will allow the WSON to educate nursing educators, nursing researchers and nursing experts in health policy related to health disparities," said Tommie Nelms, professor of nursing. "With these doctorally-prepared nurses KSU will be able to educate more nurses for the future and deliver better healthcare to vulnerable populations."

The Board of Regents approved the new program on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

"The doctoral program at KSU was approved because the Board of Regents and others realize that the ongoing shortage of nurses is due primarily to a nursing faculty

shortage," said Nelms. "By educating more nursing faculty, more practicing nurses can be educated to meet the healthcare needs of the people in their care."

The program is the only one in Georgia, which may draw more attention to KSU.

The new doctorate will also bring more nursing educators, which means there will be more nursing students.

"Producing more nursing educators will allow nursing education programs to admit more nursing students who will graduate and become practicing nurses or who will further the nursing education they already have," said Nelms.

The new doctorate is a part of KSU's Wellstar School of Nursing (WSON). The nursing program started at KSU in 1968 as an associate's degree. It became a baccalaureate degree in 1985, with the master of science in nursing following ten years later. The program stays full due to a demand for nurses.

"Nursing is a wonder-
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\$1.5 million awarded to establish Center for Sustainable Journalism

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On Feb. 7 at SoCon 09, a social media conference at KSU, President Papp announced the donation of \$1.5 million by the Harnisch Foundation for the development of the new Center for Sustainable Journalism.

Leonard Witt, the Robert D. Fowler Distinguished Chair in Communication and eminent scholar at KSU, will be the executive director for the center.

The purpose of the center is to develop new ways to distribute the news by an idea Witt calls "community-based journalism."

"Reinventing journalism is the key," said Birgit Wassmuth, chair of the department of communication at KSU. "We still want the same principles of print journalism; we just want them in a different format."

Witt claimed that his idea (at the time called "representative journalism") was first recognized when he was blogging about it on his Web site, www.pjnet.org.

"One day I got a comment on one of my blog posts from Ruth Ann Harnisch saying, 'let's make it happen;' she helped underwrite our first project in Northfield, Minn. and gave \$61,000 to make that happen," said Witt.

According to Witt, a journalist is being paid to work the Northfield, Minn. community to try out the idea, and the ultimate goal of the project is to find out if

the community finds enough value in what the journalist is reporting.

With community-based journalism, the community knows more than the journalist and it will promote a "much richer kind of information than you would have if the journalist was writing individually," said Witt.

Witt said that community-based journalism is not taking a digital newspaper and throwing it on an electronic doorstep.

"We want people to get actively involved," said Witt.

One concern about this new type of journalism is ensuring that the journalist remains objective and Witt wants to make sure the journalist is not pushed around by the community to maintain "high-quality, ethically-sound journalism."

Witt said communities must understand that the journalist is not a public relations person and made clear that "If people want a public relations person, they should go somewhere else and hire one."

"We will report the good, the bad and the ugly. We, at some point, will make the community mad," said Witt.

Witt and KSU will be collaborating with multiple universities around the country such as Baruch College in New York, the Nieman Journalism Lab at Harvard and the University of Missouri's school of journalism.

One of the reasons Witt went public with community-based journalism is an idea called "free revealing." He learned about

free revealing in a book by MIT professor Eric Von Hippel and it means to "give your ideas away, and once you put it out there and start explaining it, people will come to you because you know more," said Witt.

The Center for Sustainable Journalism will "put KSU on the map," according to Wassmuth, and Witt agrees.

"There is a lot of exposure and top universities around the country are all aware of what we are doing," said Witt.

Both also agree that with the new center, KSU will become more appealing for prospective students interested in studying journalism and citizen media at the university.

Although the center is still in its developmental stages, KSU plans to acquire its first hires in May.

"Space is tight, but we hope the center will be located in the Social Sciences Building," Wassmuth said.

There have been talks about internal remodeling so it is possible there will be a physical location soon.

The \$1.5 million gift will be dispersed to the university over a five-year period with the bulk of the money at the beginning, then smaller increments, with the goal of the center being self-sustaining five years from now.

"Since 1988, The Harnisch Foundation has been a catalyst for sustainable social change, funding and implementing innovation in the fields of philanthropy, coaching and journalism," according to the foundation's Web site, www.thehf.org.

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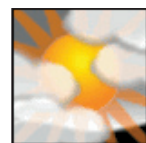
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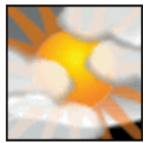
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Around campus

What: Remix Dance Squad's Living the Life mini showcase
When: Wed. Feb. 18, 7:45 p.m.
Where: University Rooms, Student Center

What: Ice Formal
When: Fri. Feb. 20, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.
Where: University Rooms, Student Center
Details: Come formally dressed

What: KSU Orchestra performance
When: Wed. Feb. 18, 8 p.m.
Where: Performance Hall, Bailey Performance Center
Details: \$5

What: Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra performance
When: Sun. Feb. 22, 8 p.m.
Where: Performance Hall, Bailey Performance Center
Details: Tickets available at www.cobbsymphony.com

What: The Thin Line, presented by Delta Phi Epsilon and the KSU Wellness Center
When: Tues. Feb. 24, 7 p.m.
Where: Classroom 1021, Social Science Building
Details: One-woman show about a young girl's struggle with anorexia

Free Forecast February - March:

- 2/19, 2/26, 3/5: "Get Involved!" Meetings (12:30, Univ. Rms)
- 3/3: Film Screening: "The End of America" (8pm, Social Science Building, Room 1019)
- 3/4: Chautauqua Lecture: "The Beauty Myth Revealed" (7pm, Social Science Building, Room 1021)
- 3/28: Family Fun Day: Horton Hears a Who (11am, Univ. Rooms)
- 3/31: Paul Watson, founder of Greenpeace (7pm, Social Science Building, Room 1021)

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POLICE BEAT

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More construction? AH!

On the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 2, the construction company working on the new Health and Science building reported graffiti on the walls on the inside of the building. The suspects spray-painted the initials "AH" on the plastic on the inside of one of the doorways, and also concrete on another wall. Both of the vandalized areas will be covered after the completion of the construction, but the company requested KSU Police to patrol the area overnight.

A ride-by looting

Early in the morning on Feb. 2, a student was robbed while walking outside the English Building. A person dressed in dark clothing on a bike flew by and snatched her purse as she was walking home from her friend's University Place apartment to her apartment at KSU Place. Inside the purse was the student's wallet that was worth \$60 and inside of the wallet she had about \$200 cash, along with two credit cards and various identification cards. The purse also contained her cell phone and multiple other items, including makeup, sunglasses worth \$130 and a planner.

Bad luck

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, a student reported her bicycle stolen from the parking lot outside University Place. She stated that her bike broke on her way to class from University Place. She said she was already late so she had to park her bike on the sidewalk and walk the rest of the way

to class. When she came back from class her bike had disappeared. She reported her broken stolen bike right away to KSU Police.

That's KP for ya

Police were dispatched to KSU Place apartments on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 5, in reference to intoxicated persons. A Resident Assistant broke up an underage party and the occupants ran past her leaving the area. Once police arrived, everyone was gone. The RA completed judiciary hearing forms through Student Life for the four residents of the apartment.

"Holding it for a friend"

On Friday, Feb. 6, police were dispatched to University Suites with respect to drugs being in a room. A resident in the apartment stated that she saw a clear plastic bag of what appeared to be marijuana in the closet of another resident's apartment. The officer, along with a Resident Assistant, received permission to search the room. The resident was present and admitted to having marijuana, handing over a clear plastic bag with what was possibly marijuana to the officer. She also handed over a multi-colored glass pipe. She stated that the substance didn't belong to her and that she was only holding it for a friend. She was placed under arrest for VGCSA possession of drugs.

Gotta love being DD

Late at night on Saturday, Feb. 7, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Canton Place and the North Parking Deck. This vehicle also had an expired

registration. Once the officer conducted the traffic stop, he could smell a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. The driver declared that he was not drinking but his passengers were and he was driving them home from a party. The driver showed negative for the presence of alcohol when he blew into the Alcosensor. The passenger failed to provide a driver's license and gave their name instead. The information returned that the passenger's license was suspended for DUI. The passenger blew positive for the presence of alcohol and was placed under arrest for underage possession of alcohol.

Positively blowing chunks

On the night of Saturday, Feb. 7, a vehicle was stopped for crossing over the double yellow lines. The vehicle stopped in front of the University Village apartments and the officer immediately smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage from inside the vehicle. The driver stated that he was sober and was on his way home from a party. The car also contained an extremely intoxicated female in the front seat, unresponsive and passed out. The driver showed negative for alcohol while all the passengers blew into the Alcosensor, showing a positive presence of alcohol. Once the officer approached the female passenger she woke up and ran from the car saying she had to vomit. She came back and blew positive into Alcosensor. The officer wrote citations for underage possession of alcohol for each passenger in the car and an open container violation to the driver.

Coles to hold Concept-2-Reality Competition

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The Coles College of Business and KSU will hold the Spring 2009 Concept-2-Reality Competition.

The competition is open to all students, faculty, staff and other individuals affiliated with KSU. The objective is for entrants to create a new and innovative product. The author(s) of the top two concepts will receive cash prizes up to \$1,000 from gosmallbiz.com to start up their own small company.

"For any student, faculty or staff who wants to take their idea...to reality, KSU/Coles, faculty, students and others can help you make your dreams come true," said Director of Corporate Governance Center and Assistant Professor of management and entrepreneurship Paul D. Lapidus in an email.

Entrants must submit an entry form and a one-page "elevator pitch" description of their concept by Feb. 27. The entry form and other information can be downloaded from the Concept-2-Reality Web site, coles.kennesaw.edu/pages/sife/C2R_Home.html.

Twenty-five semi-finalists will be selected and featured on the Concept-2-Reality Web site.

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"I'm convinced of this more than I have ever been convinced of anything because this generation, 35 [years-old] and under, cares about how products are being made."

Batstone isn't shooting for 100 percent of consumers to catch on to Free2Work; he is hoping to influence 21 percent of consumers because "21 percent of consumers shift the market, reputation and brand."

"Change isn't about writing a letter to your congressperson; it's about companies doing the right thing and people encouraging companies to do the right thing," said Batstone.

Batstone concluded his speech by explaining to students that it is worth paying a little

• NURSING from front page

ful field to go into for many reasons – here are a few: there is always a need for nurses, therefore there are always jobs; jobs in the field are as varied as one can imagine – they include: caring for patients at the bedside, pharmaceutical sales, administration, health policy makers, primary care providers and nursing education, just to name a few. For many people, it is a calling – something that they know they must do," said Christie Emerson, an assistant nursing professor at KSU.

"The new program will not affect the

Each semi-finalist will then prepare a more detailed 3-to-5 page executive summary of their concept.

Five Concept-2-Reality finalists will have the opportunity to present their concepts to an outside panel of successful entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and other advisors to new ventures.

The Fall 2008 finalists created various products and organizations. One finalist created the Atlanta Women's Professional Soccer team. The proposed idea would be Atlanta's 2010 entry to the new Women's Pro Soccer League (WPSL) that will begin play in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, St. Louis and Washington in 2009. The WPSL is a rebirth of the Women's United Soccer Association. Each team in the new WPSL would have a single owner with operations akin to minor league baseball and hockey teams and will grow in scale from there.

Another finalist developed Illuminopoly, an entertaining and educational game that exposes the corruption that exists at the highest levels of many powerful multinational corporations, governments, religious organizations and secret societies. It paints a masterful portrait of the global elite that run the world and

why you should worry about the increasing concentration of influence, wealth and power they represent. From the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout to the secret wiretapping of American citizens without warrants, the game covers it all. It is the ultimate battle designed to enlighten, educate, and empower its players so that they can change the world.

Regent's Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship Charles Hofer said the competition has grown significantly each year it has been on campus.

"The number of entries has grown from 23 in Fall 2007 to 33 in Spring 2008 to 56 in Fall 2008," said Hofer.

Hofer also said that past winners are now enjoying success with their concepts.

"Past winners, such as the creators of The Breast Check Kit, Wrap-a-Loc and Scent of Heaven Candles, have all started their businesses, as has Bronservices. Students can visit ideatpproduct.org for an update on Nature Cure Technologies. In November, they won the Global Idea-2-Product Competition in Austin, TX," said Hofer.

For more information about the competition, contact Hofer at chofer@kennesaw.edu.

more for a freely-made product because it will ensure someone's freedom.

Merrill Beckwith, host of the event and a junior majoring in finance, reflected on Batstone's speech.

"Having David here today was eye-opening and brought reality to what slave trade is and how it is involved in our economy and pointing out to students how they can go out and promote Free2Work."

David Batstone is the author of the books "Not for Sale" and "Saving the Corporate Soul." The Web sites for his organizations include: www.notforsale.org, www.free2work.org, www.slaverymap.org and www.rightreality.com.

[number] of undergraduate students in any way, but there is a huge need for doctorally-prepared nurses throughout the state," Emerson said. "The KSU program will offer practicing nurses another program to choose from."

"We are very excited about adding the Doctor of Nursing Science to the programs already offered out of the WSON at KSU," said Nelms.

Nelms is also going to be the future director of the new doctorate. For more information about the program, contact Nelms at 678-797-2088 or tnelms1@kennesaw.edu.

Con artist who faked her way into Harvard sentenced to about 4 years

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

A Mountlake Terrace High School dropout who assumed the identities of at least three people to get into some of the nation's most prestigious colleges and fraudulently collect more than \$100,000 in student loans will serve about four years in a federal prison.

Esther Reed, 30, conned her way into Harvard and Columbia universities and earned a spot on the U.S. Secret Service's "eight most wanted" list by adopting the identities of several people after she left Washington state a decade ago. Among the identities that Reed assumed was that of Brooke Henson, a woman who vanished from a house party in Travelers Rest, S.C. in 1999.

In 2007, Reed was indicted on several

federal charges, including aggravated identity theft. She was arrested a year ago near Chicago.

Lisa Henson, Brooke Henson's sister, who spoke at Reed's sentencing Wednesday in Greenville, S.C., asked the judge to impose the harshest sentence possible for dragging their family through the pain of hoping that Brooke had been found.

"I don't think she was sentenced long enough," Henson said by phone Thursday. "When I made my statement [in court] she wouldn't make eye contact with me."

Reed asked for mercy at her sentencing, contending she sought a made-up world to escape a difficult family life.

"I was desperate to escape an environment I felt I could not survive," Reed said, speaking in a strong voice as she stood before the judge in handcuffs, leg shack-

les and red prison jumpsuit, her long, dark brown hair tied in a ponytail.

Reed pleaded guilty to mail and wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and student loan fraud in August. She was also facing a Social Security violation charge, but it was dropped when she agreed to plead guilty, said W. Walter Wilkins, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina.

Reed will serve three years of supervised release after getting out of prison, Wilkins said. Reed requested that she serve her time in Pennsylvania so she could be close to a friend.

"I have been involved in this case for almost two years now. We took it on like we would any other identity theft," Wilkins said. "The scheme she was engaged in expanded from the East Coast the West Coast. She was very talented in assuming a third-

party's identity."

Henson said Reed smiled and laughed in court on Wednesday, acting as if she had done nothing wrong.

"She sly like a fox. She doesn't want to face anybody who she has done wrong," Henson said.

During her nine years on the run, Reed had claimed to be a European chess champion and dated cadets from the U.S. Military Academy, according to police and court documents. She got a passport, passed a high-school-equivalency test, obtained an Ohio identification card, took an SAT test in California and was accepted to the School of General Studies at Columbia University – all by using Henson's identity, according to grand-jury charging documents.

Reed disappeared from the Seattle area

in 1999 after pleading guilty to possession of stolen property, including a book of her sister's checks. She disappeared before she could be sentenced.

Reed is no longer wanted in King County because her arrest warrant has expired.

In February 2008, police in suburban Chicago tracked Reed to a motel after spotting a car she had been known to be driving. Though she initially provided an Iowa driver's license with another woman's name, Reed soon admitted her true identity.

Reed also had fictitious marriage certificates, a birth certificate in her legal name and a Washington state driver's license. She was arrested and turned over to Secret Service agents.

In addition to the prison sentence, Reed was also ordered to pay \$125,000 in restitution to several victims.

BLACK HISTORY

AMERICAN HISTORY

http://news.kennesaw.edu/access/www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/msrs/celebration_calendar.shtml

gay (gā) 1. there once was a time when all "gay" meant was "happy." then it meant "homosexual." now, people are saying "that's so gay" to mean dumb and stupid. which is pretty insulting to gay people (and we don't mean the "happy" people).

2. so please, knock it off. 3. go to ThinkB4YouSpeak.com

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Octuplets' mother enrages environmental whackos



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COLUMNIST

Justin Hayes is a sophomore at Kennesaw State University. He is majoring in Political Science and hopes to minor in Economics. He is the Vice-President of the College Libertarians, but considers himself a small "P" libertarian. He is a co-host of The Wink and Gerb Show on Owl Radio, Tuesday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30.

I'm sure you've all heard the story of the woman from California who had octuplets, bringing her total child count to a staggering 14. I would rather just cut my feet off and watch a pack of wild dogs eat them, but to each his own. Unfortunately, Nadya Suleman, the mother, is unemployed, lives with her mother and cannot afford to take care of these kids. But she insists that she absolutely loves children and can't give them up. The fact that she is receiving government aid for her blatant irresponsibility is just the icing on the cake. Wait, there's more. She has recently launched a Web site asking for public donations to help take care of her kids. And people call me a ditto-head.

who believes in this nonsense. Chris Rapley, former director of the British Antarctic Survey, believes that the maximum sustainable population for Earth is between two to three billion people. Professor Barry Walters of the University of Western Australia proposed that we enact an \$800 fine per child. Some environmentalists have suggested even higher fines as well as earning carbon credits for voluntary sterilization. In his 1968 best seller, "The Population Bomb", Paul Ehrlich proposed adding temporary sterilization drugs into the water supply, with the government rationing antidotes to create "the desired family size." I could go on and on about the number of outrageous proposals brought forth by these lunatics, but I think you get the point.

Although I am concerned for the safety and well being of her children, the libertarian in me thinks that society has no place supporting this woman or her escapades. I would suggest that the doctor be convicted of something like manipulating someone with obvious mental disabilities. But that's really about as far as I would go. However, my favorite lefties are way more outraged about this woman than me. Not for her burden on society, but her "burden" on the planet.

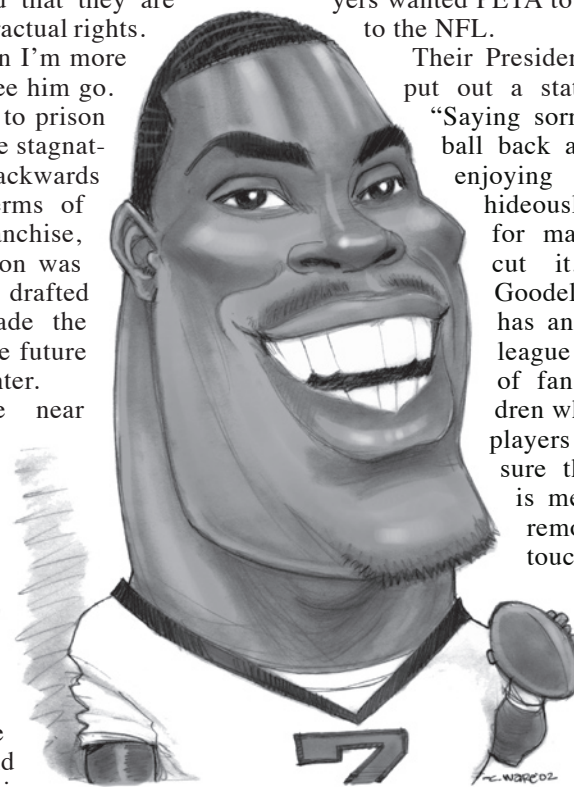
That's right. Best-selling author and "Psychology Today" blogger, Steven Kotler suggests that this woman needs to be thrown in jail for "not only guaranteeing her kids a very hard life" but also for her steps toward "killing all of us." Why does he jump to this conclusion? Most environmentalists point to carbon emissions and pollution as the leading cause of global warming, but a rising number are beginning to single out over-population as the main cause. The scary part, however, is their solution to the problem: government-sponsored population control.

I am not just talking about promoting safe sex. They believe the government should take drastic action to begin to control and dwindle down the world's population and its burden on the planet. Kotler is one of these people. In his blog, he warned if "[y]ou think the economy is bad now—wait a few years. Wait until we're almost completely out of oil and food and water and available land." He then jumps to an insane conclusion to solve these problems, suggesting, "we need to lose 4.4 billion people and we need to lose them fast." He proposes that we have a global 5-year ban on having children. Global governance could only supervise a policy on this scale, much like the one called for by Obama's "Energy Czar," Carol Browner.

Kotler isn't the only one

Let Michael Vick play

He's done his time, now it's back to work



Michael Vick, former financier and participant of "Bad Newz Kennels," is set to be released from federal prison July 20 but could be released into a halfway house at any time now. He is looking to revive his NFL career, and the Falcons have announced that they are trading his contractual rights. As a Falcons fan I'm more than happy to see him go. Before he went to prison the Falcons were stagnating, falling backwards even. So in terms of the Falcons franchise, the Vick situation was a godsend. We drafted Matt Ryan, made the playoffs, and the future only looks brighter.

But as we near Vick's release date and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell reviews his status to decide if he wants to let him play, we should remember that Vick has done his time and paid his debt to society. Even though Falcon's owner Arthur Blank doesn't want Vick on the Falcons, he believes in another chance.

Blank said, "I certainly wish Michael well in the future. I believe in second chances. I believe in third chances. That doesn't mean I believe in forever chances. But I do believe he's capable of redemption and learning from his mistakes."

But there are many still upset about

Vick's actions who don't want him to come back to the NFL, most notably PETA. The organization offered Michael Vick an appearance in an anti-dogfighting public service announcement and rescinded the invitation when Vick's lawyers wanted PETA to support his return to the NFL.

Their President Ingrid Newkirk put out a statement that read: "Saying sorry and getting his ball back after being caught enjoying killing dogs in hideously cruel ways for many years doesn't cut it." Commissioner Goodell knows that he has an obligation to the league and to millions of fans, including children who look up to ball-players as idols, to make sure that Michael Vick is mentally capable of remorse before he can touch, let alone wear, an NFL uniform again.

PETA is demanding that Vick get a brain scan and get a full psychiatric evaluation. They must hope a neurologist discovers the "wanting to treat dogs badly" part of the brain.

PETA may never forgive Michael Vick, but luckily most Americans aren't whacked out animal rights freaks. I believe what Vick did was horrible and tremendously stupid, but if we are releasing him from prison why should we keep him from going back to work? His punishment was 23 months in prison which



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SENIOR COLUMNIST

did not have fine print stating that we should make sure his life never gets back on track after he serves his time.

Commissioner Goodell will face criticism regardless of the decision he makes, but if he chooses not to let Vick play, he and the NFL will be hypocrites of the highest degree.

There are many examples in the NFL, not to mention other sports, of players doing worse crimes than Vick's.

For example, a year after being drafted into the NFL St. Louis Rams defensive end Leonard Little pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter from drunk driving that ended in a car accident. In 2004, Little received another DUI. As horrible as dogfighting is, the unnecessary killing of a human being is more heinous and deserving of a harsher punishment. The NFL only suspended Little without pay for half the 1999 season.

So you can still hate his guts, think he's incredibly overrated as a quarterback (as I do) and not bury the hatchet, but Michael Vick deserves his second shot at the NFL. After all, we can find a worse punishment than the 23 months in prison in the NFL: 23 months as the quarterback for the Detroit Lions.

Eight most annoying classmates: Part 2

Working solely on the suggestions of strangers on campus, I crammed the other annoying batch of dunderheads into this one.

5) One-Floor-Away Elevator Girl. Do not step into a third-floor elevator and hit the two button, lest you want to get audibly scoffed and boo-ed at by at least one of your fellow level-hoppers. Why do we have to wait for OFAEG to shuffle her slow butt up in here just to drop her off one floor away and pick up more people with afternoon morning-breath? Owls, unless you're over 65, have a steel neck-brace or an ill-fitted wooden leg: take your perfectly-capable {censored} to the staircase. To the Chatty Cathy crowd: don't force small-talk on people. What is so difficult about letting a quiet moment be just that? Yes, we're in an elevator. No, I don't care about the price of tea down at Jazzman's. How many times can I read the elevator inspection certificate before you get the message, CC? Shh! Cap that.

6) I Eat Ashtrays Guy. Alright, dude. I imagine you woke up, lit a cigarette before you even took a breath of what oxygen is left in your bedroom, microwaved a Bucky Special (egg, onion and cancer wrapped in a tobacco leaf), dabbed on some cologne (the liquid in the bottom of that Yeungling bottle you've been marinating cigarettes in), smoked a hand-rolled, before-school cigar (it's filled with a quarter-pound of Skoal and the blackened, snubbed-out filters of 28 finished cigarettes your roommates didn't eat), then headed out the door, shielding your lungs from the breeze with a Wal-Mart bag inflated with smoke. I picture you riding to school, windows sealed



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shut with foam caulking, frantically lighting a cigarette for each open orifice, dragging on them with the wheezing fury of an asthmatic at a Jazzercise class, only to park, pull your dashboard ashtray out, and empty it into your gaping, yellowed maw. I see you washing it down with a spit-can from the backseat and burping a cloud that you desperately proceed to try and suck back up. I know you do, 'cause it's just that bad, sir.

7) I Can't Handle the Roundabout Chic. Do you see a stop sign at this empty roundabout? Yeah, I don't either: You mind moving that Mom-bought RX-8 through it, or do you need an invitation? Cmon. You can do this. It's a round road—take it easy and I'll talk you through it. Write this down: if there

are no pedestrians and there are no other people still maneuvering the terrifying, European version of a four-way "stop," then keep moving. Are there people or cars? Yield to them. Otherwise, keep moving. As well, to those in the parking deck who travel right down the damn middle while looking for a parking spot—you have a special place in our hearts. No, seriously, we all like to waste time after class watching mouthbreathers in the West Deck clog up the already-tiny arteries that we come and go from. Check it: odd as it was, the designers of the deck thought that if you made the pathways wide enough, two cars could fit, meaning someone who wants to go can get around you while you're tap-dancing on your brakes. I know it's hell, but you're gassing the flames when you do crap like that. No more riding down the middle, okay? Okay.

8) Drenched in Emo Guy. This is the part where I alienate half the campus, but I'm at the mercy of really mean people, all right? They made me do it! Overheard (in my head) in a freshman's bedroom body-mirror goes THIS self-observation: "I can't stand the symmetry of my hair. I really need locks that say, "My wispy, feminine razor-cut puts me outside the symmetrical box." Ugh—look at my feet, too. So not gonna get attention! They could stand to look anomalously large and flat. Yes! Must get clown shoes. I could broadcast them further with faux-emaciated ankles hugged tightly by colored denim. Like jeans, but skinnier. How can I achieve this masterpiece of a look that'll embarrass the crap out of me in ten (or two) years? The sheple of KSU must know what kinda music I like."

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The next parking disaster ..and what you can do to prevent it.

As many of you have probably not heard, KSU is going to be distributing new parking tags to the commuter student population. I say many of you have "probably not heard" because the response I most often get from my classmates when I ask them if they have gotten their new tag is a bewildered, "Huh?"



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The new tags are, in my opinion, a great improvement over the previous series of tags. The ease of use of a tag that hangs from your rear-view mirror far surpasses one you must stick to the inside of your windshield. The windshield tags have a problem with the glue sticking permanently, making it nigh impossible to remove. They are not easily transferable between vehicles if you must drive another vehicle to campus on a particular day, and to be honest the hangtag is probably much more easily read than the windshield tags that seem to fade with sun exposure. This switch seems like a fantastic idea, right? Wrong.

Have you noticed the gates at the West, Central and East parking decks lately? They used to be open all the time, but now they are closed until you drive up to them. Many of you probably didn't notice this change. If you did, you probably were nearly late to your class and didn't care. I never crossed your mind that it might be the start of something much worse. We're being trained like animals.

These parking tags that are (allegedly) being distributed will be required to open the gates to the parking decks. You heard me right. Go ahead, read it again if you'd

like; I can guarantee it'll say the same thing a third time. It seems to me that the people at Parking Operations grossly overestimate the intelligence of the average KSU student.

Let's assume everyone is informed that they need to get a new hangtag by the deadline. This should be a challenge. Now let's assume everyone does get a hangtag by the deadline. This is a bigger challenge. Now let's assume that the students of KSU are all smart enough to bring them to school. If this happens we should canonize the head of Parking Operations because it would be a major miracle. This is the best-case scenario. I imagine there will still be a delay while people rummage around their cars trying to find the tag in order to scan it. Even if the delay is just a second or two per car, this adds up to a horrendous time suck by the end of the semester.

What's the worst-case scenario? Word doesn't get out properly about the new hangtags. If it does, not everyone bothers to get one. If they get their hangtags they forget



For the love of all that is holy please go get your hangtag as soon as possible

to bring them to campus. People are human. This is inevitable. What happens if someone drives up to the deck and doesn't have a tag? Disaster.

When the poor student gets to the gate without a tag, he or she is immediately wedged in by 50 cars behind them. They can't back up

because they are blocked in. They can't move forward because they can't open the gate. They can't do a three-point turn because there are concrete curbs on either side of the gate. People are honking their horns and cussing. Unless their car can fly, they are in a serious pickle.

You see why this upcoming change to parking scares the stuffing out of me. For the love of all that is holy, please go get your hangtag as soon as possible. I really don't want you making me late for classes when this ticking time bomb of a policy finally goes off.

Those cute little Marxists

I exited the library, trying to dodge the watchful eye of the UNICEF people showing pictures of starving children to get people to buy their cupcakes. But this narrative is not about the irony of that situation. As I was passing the newspaper dispensers, I happened to notice a stack of newspapers entitled "Revolution," published by the Revolutionary Communist Party. Amused, I picked up a copy. This was just the latest in a series of warning signs dealing with the coming red scare on campus.

Shortly after the presidential election, I was on my way from the Social Sciences building to the Central Parking Deck when I had the good fortune of walking right past a few blond girls holding signs. I slowed my walking pace immediately upon noticing one sign that had written in bold letters, "International Socialist Organization". Apparently, they are forming an ISO chapter on campus. My smile instantly widened when one of the girls asked me a question. "What are you looking for-

ward to most in an Obama administration?" I stopped walking, barely able to stop myself from laughing. I would have liked to tell her that I was not looking forward to an Obama presidency, but I didn't. I decided to see where this conversation led, so I replied that I am looking forward to getting US troops out of Iraq. Her face lit up at my comment but quickly turned to disappointment when I explained the strategic reasons behind my opposition to the war. Forget about the misuse of resources and the strengthening of terrorist networks around the world, I guess I should have said that I oppose the Iraq War based on some pretentious comment about the capitalist-driven Pentagon military-industrial complex war machine, or some other standard Marxist revolutionary lexicon.

I then attempted to discuss the similarities between the Democratic Party in America and the democratic socialist parties in Europe. I was informed by our resident socialists

at KSU that they aren't European socialists, who are controlled by corporations, but "revolutionary socialists." "Oh, that's much better," I thought to myself sarcastically. I quickly scanned the ISO crowd looking for a T-shirt bearing the image of Che Guevara, the idol of

As Mao and Castro demonstrated, educated people are the first to go. Going to an Obama rally is proof enough of that.

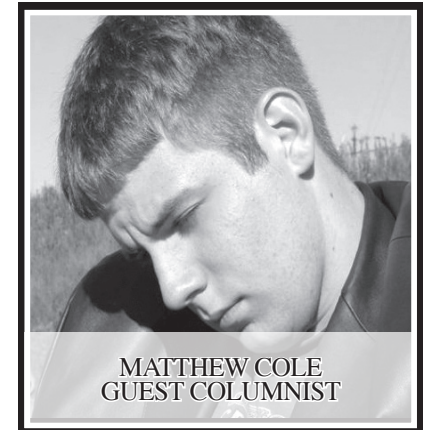
revolutionary socialists. He is such an important figurehead for revolutionaries around the world, which is strange because I had always thought that true rebels rejected central state planning by authoritarian leaders in uniform.

The suspicion shown toward me seemed to fade somewhat when I mentioned that I am a libertarian who voted for Bob Barr. Libertarians are still defenders of the imperialist, racist, capitalist system of class exploitation, but we

are considered somewhat benign by people across the political spectrum. I can't say the same for this political demographic though. Committed Marxists are really quite cute, using big words like "imperialism" and "corporations," but they don't stay cute for long once they take power.

In the unlikely event that they get their revolution, getting a college degree could cost me. As Mao and Castro demonstrated, educated people are the first to go. Going to an Obama rally is proof enough of that.

On that note, I found it interesting that these socialists seemed to be supporting Barack Obama. That shouldn't be too much of a surprise, considering Obama's past affiliations with people like Saul Alinsky, Bill Ayers, Jeremiah Wright, and Raila Odinga. OK, the last guy in that list is far from being a Marxist, but you get the idea of the kind of progress "revolutionary socialists" are making in American politics. I am not going to do the whole "Obama is



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a communist" rant because that has been done already, but I do see the presidency of Barack Obama being a means by which Marxists, who 20 years ago would have been looked at with suspicion by most Americans, can now assert their agenda more directly in the mainstream of American politics. This time there will be no "Red Scare." Instead, this will be a quiet transition that is careful not to break the intellectual sedatives that are being labeled "hope" and "change."



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Seniors spearhead collegiate-inspired fashion business

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Do not search your closet for your next big event. Log on to dressu.net and discover the boutique from Dress U.

Jenna Kimsey, the founder of Dress U, is a senior public relations major here at KSU. In August 2008, she decided to take a risk and start her own business. She was inspired at a football game at her friend's college. She was amazed by how much the girls dressed up but was disappointed to find there weren't many clothes in college colors.

"I saw that there was a popular trend in girls getting dressed to the nines for the games," said Kimsey. "I fell in love with this tradition but also found it hard to find trendy clothing in some of the schools' color schemes. I found myself searching endlessly, and that's when the idea for Dress U was born."

Kimsey was also inspired by some of her teachers at KSU. She learned that a few of her teachers had started their own small businesses and decided to do the same.

Once she started the company, she toured around to seven different colleges to promote the business. She also received television coverage at some of the Georgia Tech games because her banners hung at the end zones.

The Dress U Web site offers dresses and accessories in seven different color schemes. The accessories available include purses, bangles, scarves, hats and undergarments. Color schemes range from navy and gold to red and black. The dresses are quite unique.

"After doing some market research, we decided that our targeted audience were females from 17-30 who love trendy clothing as much as we do," said Kimsey. "We have marketed Dress U as a boutique, so when girls shop from us, they know they are buying one-of-a-kinds. You aren't going to see 100 other girls in the same outfit. We sell quality clothing that is higher end than Forever 21, but more affordable than Bloomingdales."

All of the dresses are gorgeous. There are dresses for most any occasion: a date, a job interview, a school function. The dresses are also perfect for spring in general.

Kimsey is going to start construction in on a Dress U store located here in Kennesaw behind Town Center Mall. It will be in the Fleu de Coop and Livi Rae Lingerie shopping plaza. So you will be able to have the convenience of online orders and the experience of visiting the store.

Right now, Dress U has numerous trunk shows where they set up temporary shop to sell their clothing. On Feb. 13, they showed at Ellison's Lakehouse Club, which is across from Cowboys. This trunk show happened to be their first show in Kennesaw and was themed around Valentine's colors. At this show, most of the items were 10-60% off, which is especially good when shopping on a college student's budget. In addition, all KSU students with valid student IDs received 15% off a regularly priced item.

In addition to Kimsey, Robin Massey, a senior public relations major, helps out a great deal with the company. She recently went with Kimsey to Los Angeles to buy more clothing for the business.

"The reason I got involved with Dress U was because I felt the idea that Jenna came up with was a unique twist on your typical boutique store," said Massey.

Not all of the company is fun and games. A lot of work is involved in purchasing the clothes and keeping up with online orders. In addition, there is the financial aspect of owning a business.

Kimsey said the hardest thing about the business is getting their Web site noticed. "We are doing something everyday to help market the company and drive more people to the Web site," said Kimsey.

"The hardest part about the business is being taken seriously. We may be young college students, but we are serious girls who saw a need in Kennesaw and want to fulfill that need. Also, being a new company getting our name out there has been very hard," said Massey.

Not only is there the pressure of the business itself, but these ladies are also still in school. "Trying to balance eighteen hours of school this semester and working has been hard, but I have learned to become very organized. I try to spend certain days devoted on school, and after school, I focus on the company," said Massey.

Besides monetary gain, there are other benefits to Kimsey's business. There is the thrill of seeing girls find the perfect dress and the satisfaction of knowing that they love it. Kimsey's favorite part about the business is "seeing girls get excited about our products."

"My favorite part of the business is getting to see all my hard work paying off," said Massey. "Seeing girls finding clothes that they like and can't find anywhere else, and we are there to help them find it, is what I love. I have always loved fashion and opening the boutique has allowed me to take a hobby into a job."

For all your event apparel, shop online at dressu.net.

Delta Phi Epsilon and the Wellness Center open eyes with The Thin Line

Special to The Sentinel

In honor of National Eating Disorders Awareness week, Delta Phi Epsilon and the KSU Wellness Center will be hosting The Thin Line on February 24, 2008. The incredible and touching one-woman show is about a young girl's struggle with anorexia and those close to her who try to understand and help.

The Thin Line is a must-see for girls and women of all ages and a great way to teach viewers the seriousness and dangers of eating disorders. Following the show will be a question and answer session to help everyone understand the severity of eating disorders.

The show is on campus and is open to all (students and non-students). It will start at 7 p.m. in SSCB 1021.

Statistics about eating disorders (all statistics taken from www.anad.org):

- Eating disorders affect about 7 million women and 1 million men in America.
- 86% report onset before the age of 20.
- 77% report duration from 1 to fifteen years (based on a 10 year study)
- It is estimated that some 6 percent of cases die.
- Only 50% report being cured.

As one of their philanthropies, the girls of the Alpha Epsilon chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon are glad to bring awareness to such serious illnesses.

Local high schoolers sing with gospel choir



Local students spent Valentine's Day in the Bobbie Bailey Performing Arts Center for the High School Gospel Goes to College Workshop. Members of the gospel choirs from Etowah, Marietta, McEachern, North Cobb, Osborne, Pebblebrook and South Cobb High Schools collaborated with the KSU Gospel Choir under the direction of Dr. Oral Moses (not pictured) and other music faculty. The choirs performed Sunday, Feb. 15, at Orange Hill Baptist Church in Austell.

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Win a date with an OWL Radio DJ

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On Feb. 12, OWL Radio hosted their annual "Win a Date with a DJ" event. It was held in the lobby of the Social Science Building from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event was bustling with laughter and activity, during which a variety of music was played, including Rihanna's "Disturbia." Free Sweetheart's candy and OWL Radio pens were given out.

The purpose of the event was to give students an upbeat, safe outlet for Valentine's Day fun. The event included the Dating Game and a performance by Reggie, Joseph and Bobby.

Five male contestants and five female contestants were tracked down to answer some personal questions, including, "What's your favorite action movie?"; "What is your guilty pleasure?"; and "What is your secret talent?" The contestants and the DJs were separated by a wooden terrace so the DJs could choose based on personality.

Around noon, the females from OWL Radio began searching for male contestants. Finding the guys was not all that easy. Matt Southwell, a junior English education major, was the first to be chosen, and he was sitting by himself in the contestant area for a while. A bit later, the rest of the willing guys followed suit and took a seat.

Bobby Philizaire (Mr. AKA from Real Talk with Sean Rockaway & Mr. AKA), questioned the five lucky male contestants. The three female DJs listening in on the guys' answers were Lorelei Marden (from the Happy Go Indie! Show with Kate and Lorelei), Vianna Massoud (promotions director of OWL Radio) and Brittany Sharp (Owl Radio's local music director). Some of the funniest answers the guys made had to do with the question, "If any of the girl contestants were a flavor of ice cream, what would they be and how would you eat it?" Taylor Farrow, a junior biology major, said he would pick "moose tracks" because "you can suck the ice cream off until you get to the peanut butter cups."

Another question that produced interesting answers was, "What is your guilty pleasure?" To this, Farrow said, "Eating midnight snacks." Southwell won the hearts of the musicians when he said his secret talent was "playing guitar." Kurtis Woods, a freshman undecided major, Farrow and Southwell all won the contest. Farrow was chosen by Sharp, Woods was chosen by Massoud and Southwell was chosen

by Marden.

After the girls picked their dates, pictures of the couples were taken. Afterwards, guys from OWL Radio set out to find some girls who were willing to be honest. Picking the girls actually took less time than finding guy contestants.

Sydney Graham hosted the girls' set of questions, and things got a little spicy. The DJs in this round were Kevin Schmidt (Owl Radio's general manager), Ryan Tribble (from Tribb's Night Out) and Bobby Philizaire. In response to the question, "What candy would you be and why?" Nicole Simmons, a junior political science major, said, "A sourpatch because I'm sour at first and sweet once you get to know me." This elicited "awws" from around the room. In response to the question, "What is your secret talent?" Kaysha Camon said, "I'm seductive." To the same question, Simmons said, "I can stay alive in a mosh pit." In the end, Nicole Simmons, Kaysha Camon, and Jessica Reaid, a freshman biology major, won the contest. Schmidt picked Reaid, Tribble picked Simmons and Philizaire picked Camon.

Each couple received an invitation to a free dinner at Mellow Mushroom for Saturday night. It should be a fun evening because the date is not one-on-one but one big date. This should allow the DJs and the contestants to intermingle with each other. The event was not at all about the resulting date; it was actually intended to gain attention for OWL Radio.

When asked what her favorite part of the event was, Chasity Young, a freshman psychology major, said "The questions. And the announcer made sure things transitioned smoothly." Young also said this event was nice because "it gave strangers a chance to get to know each other in a stress-free environment."

Andy Levitz, program director for OWL Radio, said, "I do think it will attract attention to Owl Radio. Being as new as we are, our promotions team works very hard just to get our name out to the campus."

In order to get their faces known, a large group of OWL Radio DJs were there to help out and meet people. OWL Radio is an online-based radio station that gives KSU students a wide variety of music and allows them to listen to news, sports and opinions. To access OWL Radio, log on to ksuradio.com. Click on the owl with the headphones to listen live. You can also communicate live with the DJs through an online chat. The shows of any of the DJs from the "Win a Date" event are available under the "Show Pages" link.

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Movie reviews

He's Just Not That Into You

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Many people struggle with relationships and turn to self-help books such as "He's Just Not That Into You" by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo. Both authors were consultants for the HBO series "Sex and the City." They based their book on one of the episodes. Five years after the release of their New York Times bestseller, the film adaptation of the book has garnered even more attention.

The film features an all-star cast. It is produced by Flower Films, Drew Barrymore's production company. For those who have read the book, Tuccillo's perspective is voiced through the main character, Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin). After an encounter at a bar, Gigi meets and befriends Alex (Justin Long), who gives her advice on how to handle situations with men she likes. In a sense, Behrendt's voice is heard through Alex.

Meanwhile, Gigi's sister, Janine (Jennifer Connelly), is starting to sense cracks in her marriage, suspecting her husband, Ben (Bradley Cooper), is lying to her about his smoking habits.

The twist is that Janine has no clue Ben is hiding a romantic relationship with Anna (Scarlett Johansson).

Anna receives romantic advice from her friend, Mary (Drew Barrymore), who originally encourages her to befriend Ben. Mary is also struggling to find true love and tries her hand at meeting people on social networking sites like MySpace.

The last couple is Beth (Jennifer Aniston) and Neil (Ben Affleck). After dating and living together, Beth becomes upset that Neil has not proposed to her and struggles to understand why Neil does not want to marry her. After a conversation with her co-workers, Gigi and Janine, Beth requests that Neil stop "being nice" to her or marry her.

Overall, the "mockumentary" feel that the film has was an enjoyable departure from the book. All the actors also displayed great talent in portraying a difficult emotion: love. Each character had their own unique struggle with love and romantic relationships, which makes the film relatable to its audience. "He's Just Not That Into You" is a movie that evokes a range of emotions—you'll laugh and cry.

Confessions of a Shopaholic

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Let's face it: most of us have financial troubles. From school loans to entertainment expenditures, we can all somehow relate to Rebecca Bloomwood (Isla Fisher) in "Confessions of a Shopaholic." The Disney film is a wonderful adaptation of Sophie Kinsella's 2001 novel of the same name.

The film's fun and bright opening scene explains the start of Bloomwood's obsession with shopping, especially how she thinks credit cards are "magic." It all started when Rebecca's frugal mother, Jane (Joan Cusack), bought unattractive clothes for her young daughter. Once Bloomwood grew up, she craved the finer things in life and purchased expensive, name-brand clothing. Below her flashy, fashion-forward exterior, Bloomwood is bombarded with credit card debt and one persistent debt collector, Derek Smith (Robert Stanton).

To make matters worse, Bloomwood finds herself jobless and tries to figure out how to get rid of her debt with the help of her best friend, Suze (Krysten Ritter). Bloomwood always dreamed of being a writer for fashion in the couture magazine, "Allette," however, she ends up interviewing for an open position at "Successful Saving." Out of necessity, Bloomwood takes the

job and struggles to write her first column.

Through the help of her editor, Luke Brandon (Hugh Dancy), she is able to find inspiration to write about finance from her own perspective. Despite her new position as a financial journalist, Bloomwood remains a desperate shopaholic. As a result, Suze decides to enroll her in a "Shopaholics Anonymous" club. Towards the end of the film, the audience feels some sympathy for Bloomwood who has gotten herself into her own financial mess; eventually she comes up with a clever scheme to rid herself of debt through her newfound fame as the "Girl with the Green Scarf."

All in all, the film is filled with hilarious scenes displaying Fisher's great comedic talent, which was first seen in her breakout role in 2005's "Wedding Crashers." Also, the film's costume designer provides a feast for the eyes of fashion lovers. Most of all, Fisher and Dancy have great on-screen chemistry, which makes them a delightful couple.

"Confessions of a Shopaholic" is a feel-good movie whether it be a night out with the girls or a date night with that special someone," said Alica Reid, a senior majoring in Human Services. "The mix of romance and comedy makes for perfect entertainment. I had moments of laughter and moments of awe and I really enjoyed it." Indeed, Fisher is a true gem that lights up the screen in her first starring role. This film will surely dazzle everyone who sees it!

DVD review

Lakeview Terrace

DANIEL SINGLETON
COPY EDITOR

Laws have loopholes; that's why lawyers exist. Of course, most of the time people only hunt for lawyers after killing their wives and landing on death row; but every so often, somebody who knows the system from the inside out will exploit it to commit consequence-free crime.

That's what Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson) does in "Lakeview Terrace" when an interracial couple moves in next door: he uses what he knows about threats and stalking to scare the living hell out of them without landing himself in prison. He throws loud parties late at night, shines his floodlights straight into their bedroom and tells the wife about her husband's secret smoking habit. And every time he runs into Chris, the husband, he goes out of his way to drop subtle hints that he's not welcome, which is scary, but only illegal if the words "I'll kill you" enter the conversation, which they don't.

Want to hear something controversial? I've been watching Jackson for years, but I can't remember the last time he scared me this much—no, not even in "Pulp Fiction." In my first draft, I blamed the fear on experience. I've never met any professional hitmen, but I have met cold "neighbors": from cops who camped out in the parking decks, waiting to give me a ticket, to bitter teachers who went out of their way to ask me the super-hard questions.

What was I thinking? Jobs don't make people scary, personality does. In "Pulp Fiction," that's why we love Don Vito, but hate Michael, even though both of them are murderers. And that's why Jules, a part-time badass who only kills for money, didn't make me sweat as much as Turner, a racist psycho who plays by his own rules. But I'm in the minority there. Most people are complaining that Turner is the same corrupt cop Jackson played in "Grand Theft Auto." They need to be slapped.

Turner is at least ten times deeper and more subtle than any of Jackson's other Angry Black Badasses. He says more with his eyes and tone of voice than he ever could with words—physically and legally. But why all the rage? Is he a racist?

Does it matter? Not really.

As hard as director Neil LaBute tries to convince us that he's making the next "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," he never dug into the intermarriage subplot deeply enough to convince me that it wasn't tacked on to stir up cheap controversy. The handful of scenes that focus on how "outsiders" see their marriage say almost nothing new. ("It still pisses people off," they say. And what else?) More annoyingly, they barely affect the Chris/Turner power struggle. Yes, Turner terrorizes him because he hates white guys with black wives, but LaBute could have cut that motivation (by replacing the black actors with white ones, or vice versa) without changing the basic "neighbor from Hell" storyline.

But just because the movie doesn't live up to "Do the Right Thing" doesn't make it simple. Psychologically and emotionally, it's very complex, going out of the way to show how Turner's abuse puts major strain on his neighbors' marriage. At the beginning of the movie they're happy newlyweds. By the end, they're lashing out at each other for no reason. This change could have felt forced and heavy-handed, but doesn't because the characters are so believable. And it avoids turning Turner into a simple villain. We see enough scenes where he worries about his kids that we almost understand his point of view.

Unfortunately, the movie starts falling apart toward the end when Turner finally snaps and starts taking his terror to illegal extremes. It doesn't kill the movie (LaBute has raised the intensity too high) but let's face it, Turner was more interesting when he was trying to skirt as close to the line as possible without slipping over. It's the first rule of drama.

Characters need rules and restrictions; if they don't have anything holding them back, conflict disappears and the movie dies. I mean, who would you rather watch: a man locked in a cell, or a man sitting in an empty field? The man in the cell, of course. He has walls to push against and dig under. The man in the field, on the other hand, is free to frolic and dance and drink cheap whiskey—anything he wants, free of restraint. How boring is that?

CD Review

Boomkat: "A Million Trillion Stars"

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L.A. pop-rap duo Boomkat is back. For anyone who doesn't know this phenomenal group, it consists of brother and sister Kellin and Taryn Manning. Although they have no relation to brothers Peyton and Eli, this sibling team has just as much talent when it comes to their music.

On their new album, "A Million Trillion Stars," Boomkat takes its listeners on a crazy ride through their lives. The title track, "Run Boy (Here I Come)" is sure to be a club hit.

"Run Boy" is equal parts pop and rap. Taryn Manning's voice is unique and edgy at the same time, which makes the song twice as catchy. Things switch up on the second track, "Lonely Child." In this song, listeners can hear the angst and pain in Taryn's voice. The song is about what it's like to feel alone and confused.

Boomkat is no stranger to hard times. Their first album, "Boomkatalog. One" was released in March 2003. But their second album doesn't officially hit stores until March. That's because Boomkat's first label, DreamWorks Records, dropped them. But Boomkat wasn't dropped due to failing record sales. Instead, DreamWorks thought

Taryn's career as an actress would affect her career as a musician.

And indeed Taryn's acting career did slow down the release of the group's second album. Taryn had success in the films "8 Mile" and "Hustle and Flow." Her role in "Hustle and Flow" gained her a nomination for Best Breakthrough Performance by the Washington D.C. Area Film Critics Association Awards.

After being dropped from DreamWorks, Boomkat took a break from music. Almost six years later, they're back with a new attitude and new label: independent-run Vanilla Star.

Boomkat's new attitude definitely shows on their album. As always, Kellin Manning created the beats for each track and Taryn wrote the lyrics for each song. But this album is twice as good as the first. Fans won't be disappointed. The music style and vibe are edgy and versatile. There are catchy club hits such as "Run Boy" along with eclectic hits such as "Four Track Dub."

"A Million Trillion Stars" is available online via iTunes. Fans and new listeners will enjoy this album, which will be ready to purchase in stores on March 10.

For more on Boomkat, check out their Web site, tarynmanning.com, or MySpace, mspace.com/tarynmanningmusic.

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First win for Owls

Owls on the road

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MEN'S GOLF

Top 10 finish at Mardi Gras Invitational

Freshman Jeff Karlsson helped to lead the KSU golf team to a tenth place finish as he turned in an impressive card by shooting a two-over par 74 in the final round of the Mardi Gras Invitational, which took place in New Orleans, La. on Tues., Feb. 10.

The inclement weather did not hinder the Gothenburg, Sweden native as he tied for 27th at the complex 7,028-yard, par 72 TPC Louisiana. Karlsson was impressive, but it was his teammate Matthew Nagy who stole the show for KSU.

Nagy finished 17th at the Invitational, just three strokes out of the top ten. The last round appeared a bit difficult for Nagy by him carding his highest round, shooting a 77. The native of Buena Vista, Ga. still remained in the invitational's top 20 after such a round.

The men's golf team will return to the fairways on March 9-10 as they go to compete at the Samford Intercollegiate.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eagles upend Lady Owls

Three members of the Lady Owls scored in the double-digits, but it was not enough for the team as they lost, 88-79, to Florida Gulf Coast on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Alico Arena.

Jennifer Baker dropped a team-high 26 points for KSU while Gretaya Kelley scored 22 points and Britney Henderson obtained a dominating double-double for the Black and Gold. However, it couldn't match a powerful 32-point performance by Florida Gulf Coast's Adrienne McNally.

Baker shot 10-for-14 from the field including 5-for-8 from three point range and Kelley shot 9-for-15 from the floor with six assists. Henderson scored 12 points and pulled down ten rebounds for KSU.

The loss gives the Lady Owls an 11-12 overall record and a record of 8-7 in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Lady Owls top-Hatters

The Lady Owls were anchored by Montinique Nixon who scored 16 points and accumulated 15 rebounds as KSU beat Stetson, 64-51, on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Edmunds Center in DeLand, Fla.

Nixon shot an outstanding 8-for-15 from the field, including four blocks in 31 minutes on the court. The overpowering center was aided by Jennifer Baker who collected 15 points with nine rebounds in the victory.

KSU (12-12, 9-7 A-Sun) led by as much as 14 points in the second half with clutch three-pointers coming from Angie Smith, Gia Lockett and DeAndrea Bullock. The Black and Gold went on to out-rebound the Hatters, 55-33, including a 25-13 advantage on the offensive boards.

The Lady Owls, sixth in the Atlantic Sun Conference, will return to the court as they host Belmont at the KSU Convocation Center on Thursday, Feb. 19.

TRACK AND FIELD

Strong finish at Clemson Invitational

The men's track and field team competed in their final meet of the regular season before beginning the Atlantic Sun Indoor Championships after performing spectacularly at the Clemson Invite on Friday, Feb. 13 in Clemson, S.C.

Mid-distance runner Gianni Catalano led the Owls in the 800m run, as he finished first with a time of 1:54.18, giving him his second first place finish of the season. Teammate James Verdi set a KSU school record in the 400m dash when he

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Men's tennis takes down Alabama A&M

KELLY BLAINE
SPORTS EDITOR

The KSU men's tennis team notched their first-ever win with a 7-0 sweep over Alabama A&M at home on Friday the 13th.

"It was great to get the first win in the program's history," said head coach Brandon Padgett. "It's a nice way to open up a week-end homestand as well as get a big load lifted off our backs."

In the singles competition, the Owls dominated Alabama A&M, winning all six matches while dropping just two games. Lawrence Washington Jr. won his singles match at the No. 1 spot, 6-0, 6-0. Ryan Bouttel, Dylan Higgins and Justin Suesserman were also 6-0, 6-0 winners while Tyler Mills notched the victory at the No. 2 singles, 6-0, 6-1 and Michael Langel won, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4.

The Owls played commanding doubles matches as well, losing just three games. Andrew Suesserman and Simon Janik won at No. 1 doubles, 8-2 while J. Suesserman and Washington were 8-1 winners at No. 2 doubles. The No. 3 doubles team of Dylan Higgins and Michael Brazil blanked their opponents, 8-0.

The Owls were unable to follow-up with their second win of the season and fell, 7-0,

to Jacksonville State the following day.

"The men fought hard against what is probably the best team in the OVC," said Padgett. "It's always tough to lose, but I am proud of the effort our team displayed today."

The Owls are now 1-3 on the season and their next match is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20 at the KSU Tennis complex at noon.



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Lawrence Washington Jr. (left) and Tyler Mills notch victories at No. 1 and 2 singles.

Softball shut down in weekend tournament

LAUREN MILLER
STAFF WRITER

The Owls got off to a dismal start at home last weekend when they went 0-4 in the Phyllis Rafter Memorial Tournament.

During the tournament at Bailey Park, the Owls faced Southern-Illinois University of Edwardsville, Wright State and Tennessee Tech. Although the Owls lost all four contests, two of the four games were highly dramatic and lost by only one run.

In Friday's home opener against SIU-Edwardsville, the game was neck and neck until the fifth inning when

the Cougars took total control of the game. They scored six runs, making the score 9-2. One run was scored on a deep fly ball to center field, and then with two outs, the Cougars hit a grand slam followed by a solo home run. The Owls lost to SIU-Edwardsville with a final score of 9-3.

Freshman Cat Tarvin took the loss on Friday after leading the Owls to their first win of the season against Mississippi State last week.

"We didn't play well at all," said first baseman Jackie Warren. "We did not play with unity." This attitude was the general consensus of the weekend for both players and

spectators alike.

The Owls also lost to Wright State on Friday when Ashleigh Jackson scored the winning run on a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat KSU, 1-0. Pitcher Jessica Cross endured her first loss of the season, allowing only three hits over six innings.

Saturday's game results were no better when KSU faced Tennessee Tech in both games. Tennessee Tech defeated KSU in their first face-off of the afternoon despite two three-run homeruns by Cross. Tennessee Tech scraped by to win, 7-6, in eight innings.

In the second game of

Saturday's double-header, the Owls lost their fourth consecutive game, 5-2.

Warren noted that the Owls' hitting was certainly not as good as it could have been. KSU only scored only eleven runs on 25 hits in all four games combined.

The winner of the Phyllis Rafter Memorial Tournament was SIU-Edwardsville. Klair Wells and Cross were named to the all-tournament team for KSU, and Lauren Zembruski of SIU-Edwardsville was named the tournament's MVP.

The Owls' record is now 3-5 on the season. KSU went 3-1 at the Mississippi State Bulldog Round-Robin, and had

four players named to the all-tournament team: Cross, Jenna Closner, Catherine Tarvin and Wells.

The tournament was in memory of long-time Owl softball family member and friend, Phyllis Rafter. In a pre-game ceremony Saturday, the Owls honored Rafter with a moment of silence and a letter written by head coach Scott Whitlock. Rafter died of cancer last year.

The K-Club classic tournament will be the Owls' next shot at recovering from their recent losses. The tournament will take place from Feb. 20-22, and the Owls will first face Miami University at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 in Marietta.

Men's team fails to force overtime against Jax



JUSTIN HOBDDAY
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

KSU (7-16, 3-11 A-Sun) could not convert a game-tying three-point attempt as the buzzer sounded against Jacksonville (13-10, 11-3 A-Sun) on Monday, Feb. 9 at the KSU Convocation Center.

John-Michael Nickerson was called on to make another clutch play at the end of a game but his three-point attempt missed, giving Jacksonville the 59-56 victory.

"We knew that they were going to take Kelvin [McConnell] completely out of the play," said Nickerson. "We tried to use him as a decoy, and for me to come off of a screen for the three-pointer at the top of the key."

The Owls trailed by eight points with only 1:22 left in the game, but a jumper from Kurtis Woods and a three-pointer by McConnell, cut Jacksonville's lead to three points with 49 seconds left. Ben Smith missed on Jacksonville's next possession and the Owls took a timeout with 17.9 seconds left to draw a game-tying

attempt.

"This team has been through a lot of adversity and you want to learn from adversity," said head coach Tony Ingle. "We put ourselves in position to win the game and I'm proud of [the team]."

The Owls led the majority of the first half, which featured seven ties and five lead changes. The Owls never held a lead larger than four points and were in front, 20-17, with 6:03 left in the half. However, KSU found themselves down by two points, 28-26, at halftime.

KSU tied the game up on their first possession of the second half, but they would only hit two of their next nine shot attempts and trailed by ten points, 42-32, with 12:00 remaining in the game. The Owls trailed by ten on three more occasions with the latest double-digit deficit coming at the 6:34 mark, 52-42.

Nickerson and Jacksonville's Lehmon Colbert led the scoring for both teams with 13 points. McConnell added 12 points and Spencer Dixon scored ten points to go along with three assists and two steals.

KSU will be back in the Convocation Center on Friday, Feb. 20 when they host A-Sun powerhouse Belmont. The Owls beat the Bruins in their home match-up last season with a game-winning three pointer by McConnell.

Upcoming events

Thurs. Feb. 19
W. Bball v. Belmont 7:00 p.m.
Convocation Center

Fri. Feb. 20
W. and M Tennis v. Ala. State
12:00 p.m. IM Field
M. Bball v. Belmont 7:30 p.m.
Convocation Center

Sat. Feb. 14
W. Lacrosse v. Tenn. Wesleyan
12:00 p.m. IM Field
M. Lacrosse v. Ga. State
2:00 p.m. IM Field
Rugby v. Emory 3:30 p.m.
Soccer Field
W. Bball v. Lipscomb 4:30 p.m.
Convocation Center

Sun. Feb. 15
Softball v. Iowa 11:00 a.m.
Softball Field
M. Bball v. Lipscomb 3:00 p.m.
Convocation Center



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 Vera Shkundina (bottom) posted a dominating, 6-1, 6-1, victory to take the No. 1 seed match. Mercedes Cobos (top left) and Ayano Tanaka (top right) notched an easy, 8-2, win at No. 1 doubles.



Women's tennis splits weekend's competitions

KELLY BLAINE
 SPORTS EDITOR

The women's tennis team snapped their three-match losing streak with an impressive, 7-0, win over Alabama A&M at the KSU Tennis Complex on Friday afternoon.

"We still need to figure some things out as a team," said head coach Brandon Padgett. "But we are getting better each day."

On the singles side, KSU took out Alabama A&M in six straight-set wins. No. 1-seed, Vera Shkundina, won her match, 6-1, 6-1 while Morgan Carney, playing at No. 2 singles, won her match, 6-4, 6-1. Mercedes Cobos added a

win at the No. 3 spot and Alena Sergeychik kept it going with a No. 4 singles victory. Courtney Cox and Lindsay Dillon finished off the singles sweep with wins at the No. 5 and No. 6.

In doubles play, Cobos and Ayano Tanaka were easy victors at No. 1 doubles and took down their opponents, 8-2. MacKenzie Swindell and Dillon kept the momentum going with an 8-4 win at No. 2, and Cox and Carney completed the doubles sweep with an 8-1 win at No. 3.

The Owls went on to drop a hard-fought, 5-2, decision to the Jacksonville State Gamecocks on Valentines Day.

Shkundina earned one of the Owls' points, winning her third-straight match after claiming a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 decision at the top

spot. Shkundina is now 5-1 at No. 1 in her young collegiate career and KSU's season leader in singles wins.

The Owls' other point came from Agatha Palider, who returned to action after sitting out Friday's match-up with Alabama A&M, with a straight-set, 7-5, 6-2, win at No. 6. The win moved Palider's singles record to a perfect 3-0 on the season and her combined record to 5-1.

"The team fought hard against what is probably the best team in the Ohio Valley Conference," said Padgett. "It's always tough to lose, but I am proud of the effort they displayed today."

The Owls are now 2-4 on the season and will return to action on Friday, Feb. 20 when they take on Alabama State.

Looking ahead

In 2005, Betty Siegel's dream of KSU becoming a division one school was realized. Men's Basketball Head Coach Tony Ingle was able to lead the Owls to a respectable 12-17 overall record, along with a 10-10 Atlantic Sun record in their first division one season.

Three years later, the Owls have established a large fan base, the Striped Crew and a "Black and Gold" tradition within the university. This season has been up and down, but things are looking up for the Owls.

This season marks the end of KSU's transition period, and next season they will be eligible for conference tournament play, and ultimately, could qualify for the big dance in March. Now that regular season play is not where the road will end, there will be more to offer players who are interested in coming to KSU.

"With the opportunity there for the players to have a chance to go to the NCAA Tournament, it will definitely help with recruiting," said assistant coach Montez Robinson.

Though recruiting will provide valuable additions to the team, the returning talent alone is enough to give fans something to look forward to next season. Six juniors, three sophomores and six freshmen will be coming back. Returning statistical leaders include junior Jon-Michael Nickerson, sophomores Kelvin McConnell and Zadrian Gibson, and freshmen Spencer Dixon and Kurtis Woods.

"We have a lot of talented guys that are already here that will be playing for us next year," said Robinson.

Several players have achieved conference rankings



CATHY DEKMAR
 SPORTS COLUMNIST

for their performances this season. Kelvin McConnell is ranked sixteenth in conference scoring with 12.7 points per game. Kurtis Woods and Jon-Michael Nickerson are also in the top 30 in this category. Spencer Dixon is ranked twelfth in assists, with 2.8 per contest, and with 1.47 steals per game he is No. 14 in the conference. McConnell is also ranked in the top 15 in assists and steals and leads the conference in free throws, shooting 86 percent from the line. He is also third in three-point percentage, sinking 43 percent from long range. Zadrian Gibson is fifth in blocked shots, averaging 1.29 per contest, and Jon-Michael Nickerson is seventh in this category with 1.08 per game.

With five games remaining on the schedule, the Owls have the possibility of going 12-17 this year. Even if they do not finish with straight victories, there is one important fact to consider: The Owls would only have to win one more game to tie the 2001 University of North Carolina Tar Heel's record of 8-20 under former coach Matt Doherty. Even teams destined for greatness struggle through transitions, and it is undeniable that the Owls have all the makings of an exceptional team.

Lady Owls outlast Mercer

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 ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Owls (11-11, 8-6 A-Sun) pulled away late to defeat the Mercer Bears (12-11, 8-6 A-Sun), 64-50, on Monday, Feb. 9 at the KSU Convocation Center.

Gia Lockett led the way for KSU with 19 points, and Montinique Nixon added 12 points to help pace the Lady Owls.

"We hit free throws down the stretch and we had some good defensive stops," said Lockett.

KSU started slow from

the field and trailed by a score of 16-5 with 6:27 left in the first half. However, the Lady Owls mustered enough energy to go on a 13-5 run to end the half and only trailed, 21-18, at halftime.

The Lady Owls took the lead early in the second half when a Nixon jumper gave KSU a 24-23 lead with 17:49 left. KSU went up by as many as six points before the Bears tied the game up at 38-38 with 8:54 to go, and then tied it up again at 42-42 ex-

actly three minutes later.

However, a Greteya Kelley three-pointer on the Lady Owls' next possession put KSU in the lead for good. KSU built their lead to 13 points with 2:42 left in the game, and closed the Bears out from the free-throw line.

"This will give us momentum going into our next few games," said Lockett.

The Lady Owls will be back at home on Thursday, Feb. 19 when they host the Belmont Bruins.

High expectations for baseball

LAUREN MILLER
 STAFF WRITER

With the start of baseball season just around the corner, the Owls have plenty to be excited about, including the results of a recent poll that shows that Atlantic Sun coaches think KSU is the team to beat.

In the pre-season coaches' poll, the Owls received six of eleven first place votes from A-Sun coaches.

Head Coach Mike Sansing says the team's ultimate goal for the season is to win the Atlantic Sun Conference, so the poll results are certainly encouraging.

"I think most of the guys on the team kind of use the poll as motivation," said senior outfielder Jacob Robbins. "Because we're ranked number one pre-season, that obviously motivates us more to perform well on the field."

Robbins was picked for the A-Sun Preseason All-Conference team after finishing strong last season with the fourth-best on-base percentage in the A-Sun at .473 and hit .362 on the season.

"Experience is a key factor for us," said Sansing.

This year's team consists of mostly upper-classmen, and with the exception of the right fielder, the Owls are returning with their entire starting lineup from last season.

According to Sansing, the vast group of guys such as Wes Tignor, Ric Bishop, Jacob Robbins and junior pitcher Kyle Heckathorn, can lead the Owls both on and off the field this season.

Heckathorn was named A-Sun Preseason Pitcher of the year. After striking out 18 batters and only giving up two runs in his final 14 innings of work last season, he was also named A-Sun Pitcher of the Week during the final week of last year's regular season. In 2007, he was named to the A-Sun All-Freshman team after completing the season with 10.2 strikeouts per nine innings pitched.

Although Heckathorn may emerge as a leader and an ace on the mound, Sansing says the pitching rotation could use more depth and that the Owls need

about ten or eleven strong pitchers in the rotation, whereas now they only have eight.

"I think we have some [pitchers] who are still on the bubble, so to speak, of how they're going to be able to help us," said Sansing. "We need a few more to get on the other side of that fence."

Pitching depth or no pitching depth, the Owls certainly impress their competition. In addition to the preseason coaches' poll, a poll released by Rivals.com also picked KSU to win the conference.

This season's schedule offers excitement in games both within and outside of the A-Sun. Lipscomb returns three starters from last year, and should turn out to be tough competitors in the conference this season. Robbins says that games against big teams outside the conference, like Georgia and Georgia Tech, always get the team pumped up.

The 2009 season kicks off on Feb. 20 at Samford with Heckathorn on the mound. KSU plays Troy in their home-opener on Feb. 25 at 4:00 p.m.

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The KSU lacrosse team sent the Eagles back to Statesboro with the blues following a 14-3 thrashing that was never in doubt.

KSU scored four goals in the first quarter and their defense held strong keeping the Eagles scoreless for the opening frame.

"Offensively we've been putting a lot of points up," said head coach Ken Byers. "We're off to a great start at 4-0, [which] matches the best we've ever done."

GSU scored the opening goal of the second quarter to cut the Owls lead to 4-1, but three more KSU goals extended their lead to 7-1 by halftime.

In the third quarter, the Eagles scored two more goals, but the Owls added three more goals for the second quarter in a row, to take a 10-3 lead into the final period.

The fourth quarter was all KSU as the Owls added four more goals to complete the eleven-point victory.

"We've got a very challenging weekend coming up against Georgia State and UT-Chattanooga," said Byers.

KSU will be back in action at home against Georgia State on Saturday, Feb. 21, and on Sunday, Feb. 22 the Owls will travel to Tennessee for a league game against UT-Chattanooga.

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Cameron Blake was a key player in Sunday's win over Ga. Southern.

Club Briefs

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Rugby

Come Watch KSU take on Emory on Feb. 21

The rugby team won a convincing 24-10 match against the Auburn Tigers on Valentine's Day.

The Owls led, 12-10, after the first half and blanked the Tigers, 12-0, in the second half.

"We are happy with the satisfaction of winning and that we never gave up and continued to fight," said team president Kris Ulbrich.

The Owls will take on Emory on Saturday, Feb. 21 on the KSU, and they really need your support. Emory is undefeated, and if the Owls win they will earn a berth into the playoffs.

"We have a lot of work to do before our game next week," said Ulbrich.

The game against Emory will be played on the KSU soccer field at 3:30 p.m.



Ultimate Frisbee

The ultimate Frisbee team finished second in the Discs Over Georgia Tournament after a 17-15 loss to Georgia Tech in the championship game.

"Sean O'Kelley came up big for us with some really athletic plays," said team president Kyle Ward. "He played well defensively and he scored some important points."

Derek O'Kelley also contributed on offense. "He was throwing a lot of hucks for scores," said Ward. According to Ward, a huck is a long toss, similar to a hail-mary, that goes for a score.

The Owls started the tournament with a 15-14 loss to the Yellow Jackets but they rebounded to win a pair of 15-11 decisions against North Greenville and Alabama. KSU followed that with a 15-7 loss to Emory.

In the championship bracket, the Owls defeated Central Florida, 15-3, and Florida State, 13-10, to earn the rematch with Georgia Tech in the championship game.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club will be back in action March 7-8 at the Polo Fields in Cumming, Georgia. The tournament will be hosted by the Atlanta Flying Disc Club and will feature club teams from throughout the Southeast.

"Club teams are usually very high level teams," said Ward. "It's going to be a good experience for our younger players."

Roller Hockey

The roller hockey team went 4-0 in their final regular season tournament and earned a third seed in the regional tournament.

The Owls defeated Western Carolina, George Mason and College of Charleston before earning a victory over Georgia Tech via forfeit.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work and determination displayed by the team this season, and I look forward to a strong performance at the regional [tournament]," said head coach Marc Schneider.

In their first game, the Owls defeated the previously unbeaten Western Carolina Catamounts, 5-1.

"[It was a] big win for the team," said alternate team captain Dave Warren. "It shows that KSU is a force to be reckoned with."

KSU followed their opening victory with victories over George Mason, 8-1, and the College of Charleston, 6-2.

The win against the College of Charleston solidified the Owls No. 3 seed in the regional tournament, which will be held at the Duel Deck Arena in Snellville, Ga. on Feb. 31-March 1.



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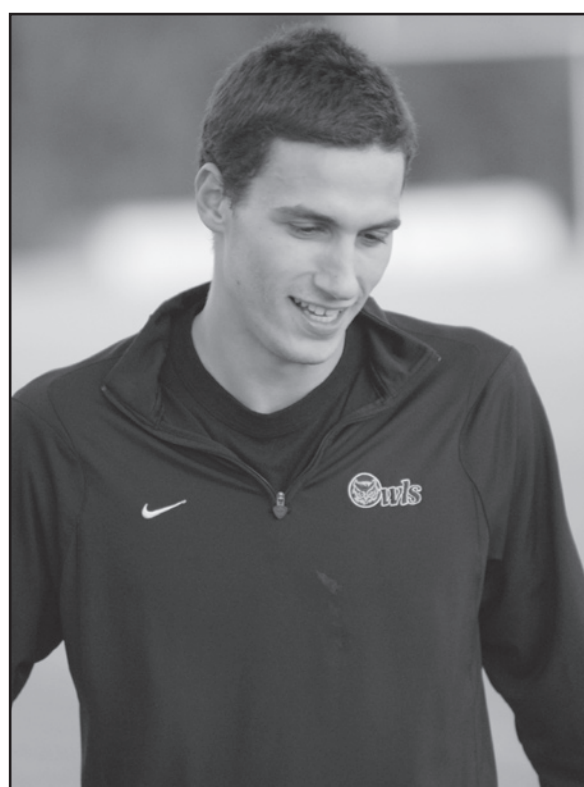
his week, The Sentinel selected the track and field team's mid-distance runner, Gianni Catalano, as its Athlete of the Week. Catalano placed first in the 800m run at the Niswonger Invitational at East Tennessee State two weeks ago with a time of 1:52.32 and set a new KSU record. Last week, Catalano notched his second first place finish of the season in the 800m dash with a time of 1:54.18 at the Clemson Invitational.

In addition to his dominance in the 800m dash, Catalano ran the 800m leg of the distance medley for the Owls in 1:53.04, which helped lead the relay team to a first place finish at ETSU. After his outstanding performances at the invitational, Catalano was named the Atlantic Sun Conference's Athlete of the Week.

This award marks the second time the reigning A-Sun, Indoor and Outdoor 800m Champion has been honored by the conference with the weekly award, after being recognized once during last year's outdoor season.

"He really exemplifies the excellent talent of the track and field student athletes in the A-Sun," said head coach Don McGarey. "As a coach, the most exciting part is the knowledge that we still haven't reached the top of what he can do."

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The Sentinel Athlete of the Week Gianni Catalano



Gianni Catalano

Q: Who is your sports role model?

A: James Verdi

Q: What are the top 3 songs on your iPod?

A: Summer Madness, The Edge and Lenny

Q: What is your major? What do you want to do after college?

A: Exercise Science and I haven't decided yet.

Q: What do you spend most of your free time doing?

A: Chilling and watching movies. I'm a big movie buff.

Q: Tell me something about you that others may not know.

A: I like to put together 1,000 piece puzzles by myself, glue it when I'm done and hang it up in my room.

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crossed the line with a time of 49.75, earning him third place in the event.

"We always know what we are getting when James and Gianni race," said assistant coach Devin West. "It's always exciting to see what they are going to do next."

Senior Scott Burley finished third in the one-mile run, and set a school record of 4:14.73. Burley's running mate Piotr Witzak finished closely behind with a seventh best time of 4:18.02.

"I felt the race went well," said Burley. "I was very happy for Piotr, setting a new personal record by six seconds."

The high-jumping Jerome McKinzie placed second by jumping a height of 2.09m and Joshua McNair finished fourth in the weight throw with a distance of 18.30m capping off the Owls success in Clemson.

The men's track and field team will compete in the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships on February 20-21 in Johnson City, Tenn.

Sutton finishes first

Senior Erin Sutton took first place in the 3000m run for the women's track and field team as she crossed the line with a time of 10:09.25 at the Clemson Invite on Friday, Feb. 13.

Sutton was also a member of the KSU distance medley relay team which came in second place with a time of 12:23.71. The native of Dallas, Ga. was teamed with Mackenzie Howe, Soibhan Wolcott and Caitlin German.

The women were strong in virtually all of their events at the Clemson Invite. Jill Arthur finished second in the triple jump and Jessica Lumpkin came in second in the weight throw.

"It was another great performance," said assistant coach Devin West. "They look very strong heading into conference."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tough outing in DeLand

The men's basketball team could not put things together in DeLand, Fla. as they lost to Stetson, 59-39, at the Edmunds Center on Saturday, Feb. 14.

The Owls (7-17, 3-12) had three players share the team-high in scoring (8) including, Kurtis Woods, Jon Allison and Spencer Dixon. The Black and Gold out-rebounded the Hatters, 43-49, but could not find the needed momentum offensively.

The Owls will be back in action as they travel to Fort Myers, Fla. to take on Florida Gulf Coast.

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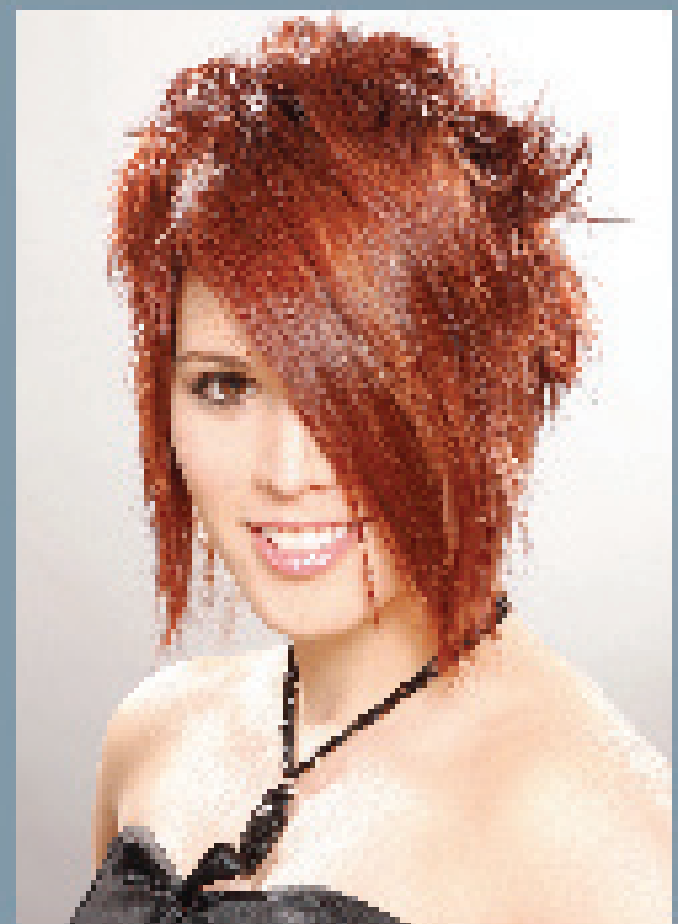
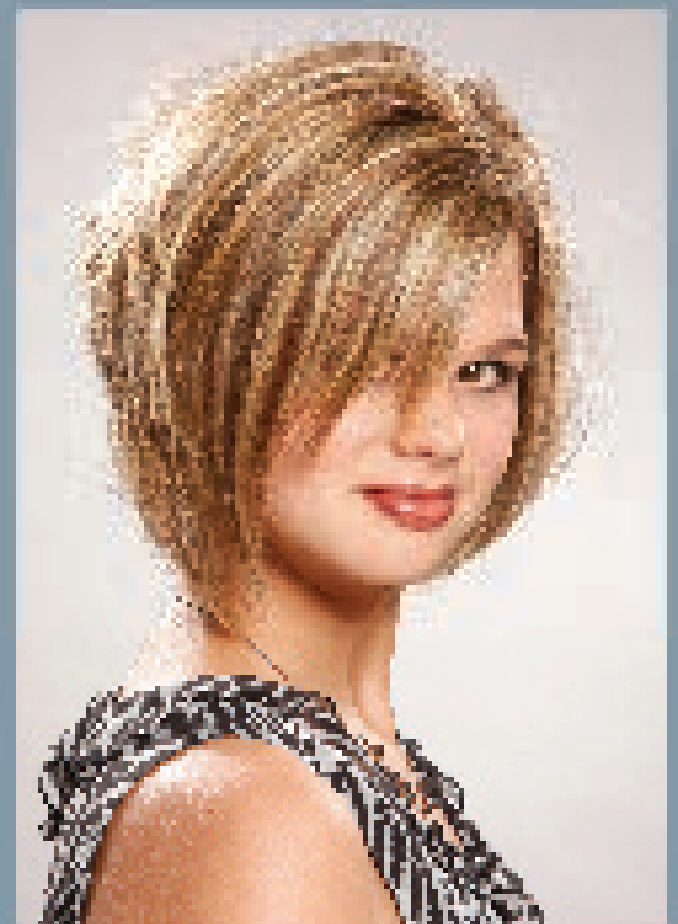
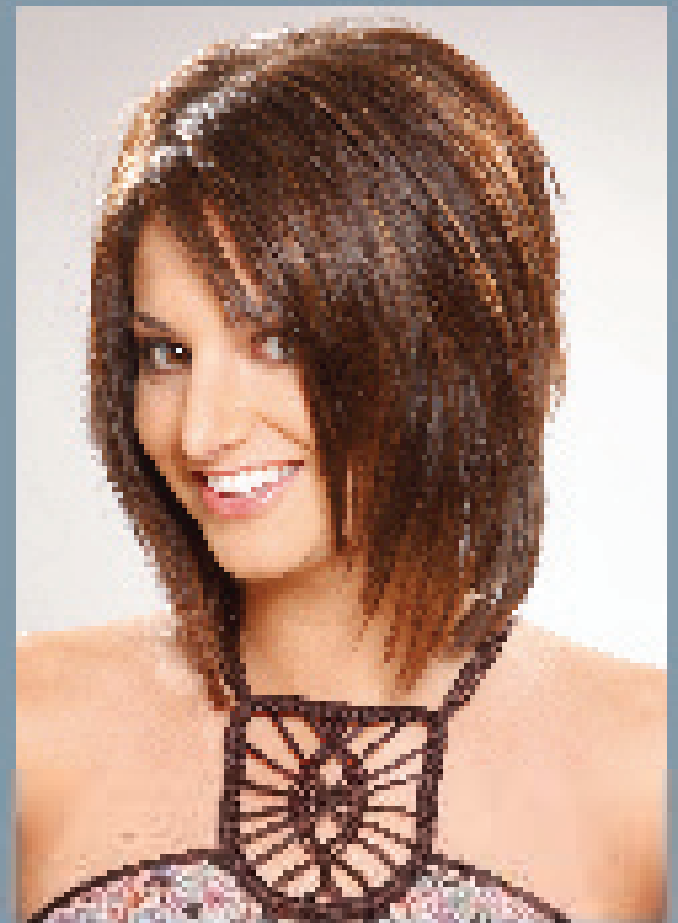
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