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What: "Everything That Rises Must Converge"  
When: Tues. April 14 - Sat. April 18, 8 p.m. and Sun. April 19, 2 p.m.  
Where: Stillwell Theater, Wilson Building  
Details: \$15

What: Immigration Workshop  
When: Wed. April 15, 12:30 - 2 p.m.  
Where: Leadership Room, Student Center  
Details: Submit immigration questions to Melissa McMahon: mmm5228@kennesaw.edu

What: KSU Jazz Ensemble  
When: Thurs. April 16, 8 p.m.  
Where: Performance Hall, Bailey Performance Center  
Details: \$15

What: KSU Gospel Choir  
When: Sun. April 19, 5 p.m.  
Where: Performance Hall, Bailey Performance Center  
Details: Free

What: March of Dimes Campus Fundraiser  
When: Mon. April 20, 12 - 3 p.m.  
Where: KSU Gazebo (near the English and Social Science Buildings)  
Details: Hot dog combos and dessert starting at \$3; proceeds benefit March of Dimes Walk on April 25

## Weather



**WEDNESDAY**  
HIGH 62°  
LOW 41°



**THURSDAY**  
HIGH 68°  
LOW 44°



**FRIDAY**  
HIGH 70°  
LOW 45°



**SATURDAY**  
HIGH 67°  
LOW 50°



**SUNDAY**  
HIGH 71°  
LOW 51°



**MONDAY**  
HIGH 71°  
LOW 45°

# Sleeper forced to leave

Student wants Public Safety apology after being thrown from Carmichael Center for napping



Adeolu Adebayo | The Sentinel

A student catches some Zzz's in the Student Center. Sasan Nematbakhsh (not pictured above) is requesting a public apology from the Public Safety Department after an officer woke him up in the Student Center around 10 p.m. on April 1 and forced him to leave, even after he presented his student ID.

ANDY NELSON  
STAFF WRITER

Student Sasan Nematbakhsh is currently demanding justice - from the Public Safety Department.

Nematbakhsh reported that he attended the KAB-sponsored "Casino Nite" on April 1 along with some friends who had carpooled with him. Due to a headache, he decided to rest on one of the couches outside the University Rooms before the event started.

Around 10 p.m., he was woken up by Officer Bell, a campus police officer working the night shift, who told him that he had to leave

campus.

"He had a bad attitude, and the first thing he told me was that I needed to leave campus and he had to escort me out," said Nematbakhsh.

Nematbakhsh then handed Bell his student ID in order to prove that he was a student.

"Since he was giving me an attitude for no reason, I thought he thought I was homeless," said Nematbakhsh.

After presenting his ID, Nematbakhsh was still told that he would have to leave. He was then escorted out of the Student Center through the front entrance. Nematbakhsh said that he went with him "in order to not cause a scene." His name was then reported to the Public Safety

Department.

After being escorted out, Nematbakhsh reported that he walked around to the entrance next to the Leaning Man in an attempt to explain the situation to his friends, who were dependant on him for a ride home. Bell saw him and alerted other officers via radio and once again escorted him away from the Student Center. Nematbakhsh then asked to see Bell's supervisor.

Officer Ferree, Bell's supervisor, then arrived on the scene with another officer. Once Bell explained the situation to the other two officers, Ferree told Nematbakhsh that he was

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## Model UN wins Distinguished Delegation Award

ANDY NELSON  
STAFF WRITER

KSU's Model United Nations traveled to The Sheraton in New York on April 3 for the 2009 National Model UN Conference, competing against 300 universities from 27 countries.

KSU represented Italy and had 24 delegates in 13 different committees. They returned April 10, and Linda Morrisson, a faculty advisor to Model UN, was pleased to report that they won a Distinguished Delegation Award.

"The teams are almost always winners," said Morrisson. "At South Regional Model UN [held Nov. 2008] they won three delegation awards representing China, Iran and Poland."

At the National Conference, eight KSU students won Outstanding Delegate awards in their respective committees. They included Jessie Belk and Nikola Kolev in the General Assembly Second Committee, Victoria Vaught in the United Nations Development Fund for Women, Olamide Goke-Pariola and Stefanie Vaught in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Executive Committee, Michael Dutcher in the Food and Agriculture Association and Arijana Alic and Coy Dumas in the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

In the Security Council,

David Jackson and Trisha Thibodaux were invited by their director to chair their committee.

The team also had the chance to gather in the Grand Hall of the General Assembly Plenary for the opening and closing ceremonies of the United Nations.

"Our team's work is now a part of United Nations history," said team captain Jessie Belk. "We were also fortunate enough to meet with Italian representatives at the Italian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and ask them questions about Italy's UN policies." Belk also pointed out that at some universities, participation in conferences counts toward class credit, but KSU's participation is purely extra-curricular.

"I believe this aspect is the key to the team's standard of excellence. The team members attend multiple weekly meetings and spend hours on research above and beyond their class work loads to analyze foreign policy because of their passion for this organization," she said.

This year, the team met every Monday from 8-11 p.m. in order to practice debating, review country policy and go over rules of procedure. Additional meetings were called by the country chair to discuss policies directly related to their country. Preparation

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## Laposata receives BOR highest honor for research

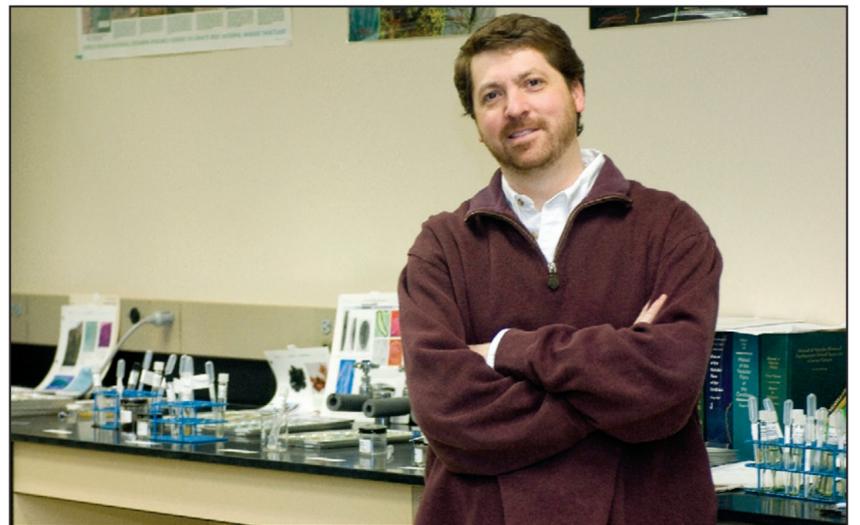


Photo courtesy of University Relations

Matthew Laposata has received the Board of Regents' Hall of Fame Award for his work in Science Literary Education. The award is the Board's highest honor for research.

HEATHER COOK  
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Laposata, associate professor of environmental science, has received the Board of Regents' Hall of Fame Award.

The award is the Board's highest honor for research, and it was presented to Laposata at the fifth annual Regents' Awards for Excellence in Education ceremony on March 28.

Laposata was presented with the award because of his work in Science Literacy Education.

"[Laposata] has been on the cutting edge in the development of interactive, online curricula materials in the environmental science arena to enhance college students' awareness of the important environmental issues facing us today and the next generation. These issues include our energy footprint, thermal pollution, renewable energy sources and water reuse," said Larry Peterson, dean of the College of Science & Mathematics.

Laposata received his Bachelor's in Biology Education at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, his Master's in Biology

at Bowling Green State University and his Ph.D in Ecology at Pennsylvania State University. While obtaining his Ph.D., he researched the effects of spray-irrigated treated wastewater on water-breeding amphibians. His research can be found on his homepage at <http://science.kennesaw.edu/~mlaposat/>.

"I've done a lot of work developing materials to improve science education for college students, primarily for introductory courses environmental science," said Laposata. "For example, curricular materials my colleagues and I have developed with funding from the National Science Foundation are currently being used in the SCI 1101-1102 sequence at KSU and at many other institutions across the country. I'm also working with a publisher on a textbook for introductory environmental science courses that incorporates these curricular materials and the lessons learned from my years of teaching introductory science courses at KSU. I didn't do this work alone, though, so I owe a lot to my collaborators and to the support I received from the Department of Biology and

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Free  
Forecast:  
March-  
April

4/16: General Meeting (Distributing KAB tees)  
(12:30pm, University Rooms, bottom floor of Student Center)



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# HOPE funding in question

## Pending Perdue's signature, bill may prevent decrease in HOPE funds for books and fees

HEATHER COOK  
STAFF WRITER

Some of the HOPE Scholarship's funding is in question due to the fledgling economy.

On February 5, 2009, Georgia's House of Representatives unanimously voted to protect the HOPE's awards. Right now, if Georgia's reserves drop by just \$1, HOPE will pay less for books.

The bill that was passed in the House set up a list of percentages that will help prevent a substantial decrease in HOPE funding for books and fees. The bill states that when the reserves drop by 8%, HOPE will only pay half of the original allotment for books. When the reserves drop by 16%, HOPE will no longer cover books, and when the reserves drop by 25%, HOPE will no longer cover student fees.

On March 18, 2009, the Senate passed the same bill with a 47-2 vote. The bill is now on its way to Governor Perdue's desk to possibly be signed, although he vetoed legislation like this last year.

HOPE is an acronym for "Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally." In order to receive HOPE, students must have graduated high school with a 3.0 GPA, have lived in Georgia for at least a year and maintain a 3.0 GPA in college.

Currently, in public schools, HOPE awards money to cover full-time or part-time tuition, any mandatory fees that

HOPE approves of, and anywhere from \$100-\$150 for books. HOPE also covers a portion of fees for students attending private institutions. It covers \$1,750 per semester for full-time students and \$875 per semester for part-time students.

"For 07-08 academic year, students received 7741 different HOPE awards. But remember that some students receiving HOPE Scholarship may have also received other types of HOPE fundings, such as HOPE Promise. To date, for 08-09, there have been 7546 students awarded HOPE. This is not counting the Summer 2009 awards. With the increased enrollment for Summer 2009, we would expect that total to increase," said Molly Mendenhall, KSU's HOPE coordinator.

If the HOPE funding were to be reduced, students of KSU, not the college itself, would be the ones affected.

"I would still attend KSU. It is the only college education I can afford without HOPE," said Ansley Dedier, a freshman nursing major. "However, I would drop out and work full time to save up to pay and then re-apply and continue my education and my job as well. I think it would be better if they would simply raise the requirements for HOPE."

According to the Georgia Student Finance Commission's Web site, over 203,000 students received HOPE in Fiscal Year 2008-2009. In total, \$490 million was awarded – the largest amount it has ever awarded since its beginning in 1993.

## NEWS BRIEFS

\* There will be an open forum concerning KSU's acceptance of the Corra Harris property on Thursday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Social Sciences Building.

\* SGA elections begin online on Monday, April 20 at 8 a.m. and close on Thursday, April 23 at 10 p.m. The election will be fully secure and authenticated through the Net ID and password system. To vote, go to [www.ksusga.com](http://www.ksusga.com).



Photo courtesy of Linda Morrisson

Members of the Model UN team pose after the National Model UN Conference in New York on April 3. The team competed against 300 universities and received the Distinguished Delegation Award.

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for the National Conference began in January.

In addition to the debates at The Sheraton, the delegates had an additional two days to tour the city and meet other delegates. Sites they visited included Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, the Metropolitan Museum, Central Park and the Museum of Natural History.

"One of the nicest

things is the opportunity to hang out with delegates from other countries," said Morrisson. "I think they've made some lifelong friends."

"[Model UN] is for anyone interested and is not just mutually exclusive to Political Science majors," said Morrisson.

"Being involved with the United Nations or any of the KSU simulation teams of Global Society equips

students with valuable tools all majors can utilize and benefit from," said Belk. "Networking, negotiation and conflict resolution are just a few skills that are honed in the course of simulations. Being a team member of the Model UN is extremely rewarding and a big part of my personal development. Personally, I've made lots of good friends and learned a great deal about myself."

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caught sleeping and had to leave campus. "I told him that [Bell] was abusing his power, but [Ferree] just told me that this was the policy," said Nematbakhsh.

He was then given five minutes to return to the Student Center and tell his friends what happened.

The next day, he filed a complaint with Lieutenant Tim Murphy of the First Operations Division, Kathy Alday, director of Student Life and Chief Ted Cochran, Director of Public Safety. His brother also reported the incident to the President's Office.

"I felt that Lieutenant Murphy and Chief Cochran were both professionals who helped me out and understood the situation," said Nematbakhsh, who stated that Murphy apologized to him and asked if there was any way the Public Safety Department could make it up to him.

Nematbakhsh has stated that he wants a public apology from the Public Safety Department.

Both Alday and Cochran reported that the incident on April 1 was preceded by a mixture of students, non-students and homeless people found sleeping in the Student Center at different time periods earlier in the semester. One group of students was involved in possible sexual activity, and some were found to be there as late as 1-2 a.m. Alday stated that there were no policies against sleeping in the Student Center, but "the fact that it is open for 24 hours complicates things."

Cochran also reported that he initially

believed that, due to the previous incidents, if a student was caught sleeping in the Student Center, they were to be asked to leave campus.

"What we were attempting to do was to solve a problem with homeless people and students in the center putting themselves in a situation where they can be taken advantage of. What we did not do was a good job of hammering out the details," said Cochran.

Due to the incident on April 1, a new rule has been enforced concerning sleeping in the Student Center. If students are sleeping before midnight, they will not be asked to leave, but if they are sleeping after midnight, they will be asked to leave "for their own safety," according to Cochran.

"Even though this is a public university supported by public taxes, we cannot compromise the safety of our students. We need to be as reasonably cautious as possible. We are also in the process of working out establishing set hours for the Student Center. Our goal is to have something in place by fall semester," said Alday.

Nematbakhsh stated that he plans to follow up with a lawyer to make sure that something like this does not happen again. As a senator of SGA, he also plans to bring up the issue and discuss students' rights.

"I want students to feel comfortable on campus and feel at home. Public safety is here to make us feel safe. I don't want them to harass us. I would also like to thank everyone who has cooperated with me, especially Kathy Alday and Lieutenant Murphy," said Nematbakhsh.

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Physics and the College of Science and Mathematics."

In addition to the Hall of Fame Award, Laposata has also received the Georgia Board of Regents Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, the Dean's

Award for Achieving National Eminence and the Distinguished Scholarship Award.

"In January 2009, Dr. Laposata also received the Dean's Award for Achieving Nationwide Recognition in Science & Mathematics,

and this is only the second time the award has been made in the past ten years," said Peterson. "We are both proud and honored to have Dr. Laposata as a faculty member in our College."

"There's no doubt we face many challenges in the environment today," said Laposata. "For some, I'm optimistic for a sustainable future but for others I'm more pessimistic. Our main challenge in the next 25 years will be to find creative approaches to stabilize the world's human population while maintaining the rights of individuals to determine their own reproductive destinies. If we can stabilize the human population, we can slow the growth of all of the human impacts on the environment that are tied to population, such as habitat destruction, emissions of greenhouse gases, and fresh water shortages. Every year that the human population grows larger, it moves us another step away from environmental sustainability, so we need to act now on this vital issue."



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## John Oxendine thinks yer stoopid

Georgia Insurance Commissioner John "Blue Light" Oxendine is the first gubernatorial candidate to announce his candidacy for 2010. After Sonny Perdue's "good old boy" administration, I was expecting the Georgia republicans to try to salvage their image by putting forth candidates who don't sound like a bad parody of the Fox cartoon "King of the Hill." My problem with John Oxendine is not so much a deep philosophical disagreement with him on the issues, but rather the fact that he is an extreme populist who fears taking a consistent stand on the issues, while pandering his platform in a fashion reminiscent of John Edward's campaign.

Take Sunday alcohol sales for instance. It is illegal to go to the grocery store on Sundays to buy a six-pack of beer, so you can take it home and drink it in your own home. It is legal, however, to go to a restaurant or bar on Sunday and get as drunk as you want. Of course, it is illegal to drive home afterward, but obviously, the inconsistency in the law seems to encourage drunk driving. Common sense would suggest that the law be consistent on both accounts. When a legislative push for legalizing Sunday alcohol sales begins in the state legislature, what position does John Oxendine take? "Republicans are supposed to be the party of family values. Where is the value in selling alcohol on the Lord's Day?" Ah yes, "family values." It is interesting to note that he supported allowing the Gwinnett baseball stadium to sell alcohol. Let me get this straight: Consuming alcohol in one's own home is against "family values," but getting drunk and acting like an idiot at a sporting event isn't?

This is just Oxendine pandering to the Christian Coalition of Georgia. If Sunday sales were legalized, we might have an incident in which 13 dudes sit around a dinner table eating unleavened



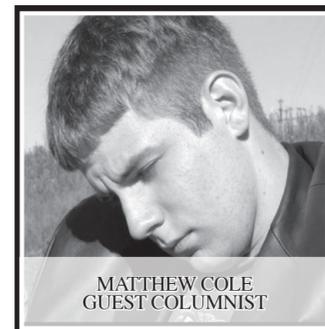
**“John Oxendine reminds me of a cheap car commercial.**

bread and drinking wine, just like in that hedonistic Da Vinci painting. We all know how repugnant that is to Christianity. The legalization bill that Oxendine opposes, SB 16, allows counties to hold referendums on the issue. This means that God-hating liberals in one county can legalize it while hypocritical Baptists in another county can keep a Puritanical ban in place. In Oxendine's 278-word "Open Letter to GOP," he used the word "grass-

roots" 8 times. You would think that he would support this kind of "grassroots" decision making, but Oxendine has proven once again that his "values" are just campaign rhetoric that he doesn't take seriously.

Neither is Oxendine a principled fiscal conservative as he claims. He recently whined about how the Obama administration decided to end the F-22 fighter jet program, which employs 2,000 Marietta

residents at Lockheed Martin. Oxendine doesn't mention that rather than cutting that funding outright, some of that money is being shifted around to build the new F-35 Joint Strike Fighter which will employ Marietta Lockheed employees in its production. The most important detail here is that the Pentagon specifically asked that no new F-22s be built. Why? The Pentagon realized that the nature of warfare is changing. We have plenty



MATTHEW COLE  
GUEST COLUMNIST

of F-22s, and any additional F-22s will just collect dust in a hangar. Spending taxpayer money on more of them, beyond the 4 F-22s scheduled for 2009, is just wasting money on jets that the Pentagon won't use. I thought fiscal conservatives were supposed to be against wasteful pork and government spending simply for the sake of making work for people. Oxendine's position is similar to the CCW of the New Deal. The difference is that people actually care about nature. Who cares about obsolete jets collecting dust? It's absurd to pretend to be a principled fiscal conservative while supporting wasteful military pork spending in Marietta.

These inconsistencies are natural for this self-proclaimed populist. By parading slogans such as "grassroots," "FairTax governor," and "family values" in place of meaningful political dialogue and a decent record, he panders to the lowest common denominators among republican voters. You know how the cheaper the car, the louder they yell in car commercials? It's because they assume buyers are stupid. BMW ads don't have a sweaty guy yelling "BAM!" every sentence because they are appealing to a more educated consumer base. John Oxendine reminds me of a cheap car commercial. It's time Georgia voters demanded a politician with more class.

## An open letter to President Papp

Dr. Papp:  
I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to read this letter. I just wanted to offer my thoughts on your recent State of the University Address. Though I feel that you've made progress as president of Kennesaw State University, I think there is significant room for improvement.

You were quoted as saying, "Students are the reason we are here." I couldn't agree more with this statement. The bottom line at any university is the quality of education afforded. If a university doesn't offer a quality education, the reputation of the university will decline. If the reputation declines, the students will find another university to attend. If the students leave, the university withers and dies.

I believe you are well intentioned, but on several significant issues of late, you've sided against the students. You've decided to spend money on frivolous and unneeded projects that only serve as a nuisance to the student body. You've decided to funnel scarce resources away from the one thing that really matters at the end of the day: the education provided by this university.

Chief among the frivolous and unnecessary projects is the construction of the new dining hall. The meal plan is not only incredibly overpriced, but it is mandatory. I

have yet to meet a single student who considers the cost/benefit ratio in this instance to be favorable. All of the students I talk to are planning to use this so-called "service," but only because they are paying for it. They wouldn't pay for it if it were their choice. Every dollar that was spent here could have been spent somewhere else to greater effect; the opportunity cost here is very high.

Second on my list of grievances are the new car hangtags. As has been pointed out by my more eloquent colleagues last week, the hangtags are an attempt to fix a problem that doesn't exist. I imagine they didn't

**“...on several significant issues of late, you've decided to side against the students.**

come cheap either. The implementation was shoddy and resulted in many parking tickets given to students who simply were not effectively informed of the change. While I am sure the ticket revenue was high, I'd be willing to bet it didn't cover the cost of the new tags.

Thirdly and even more disturbingly, I've heard about more buildings being built that are only marginally more useful than the aforementioned dining hall: a new recreation center in particular. I realize the current center is overcrowded. I realize that it isn't state of the art, and I realize that people aren't completely happy with it as is. The problem is that the same thing could be said of our classrooms. I don't think it would be unreasonable to ask that they take priority.

You said in your speech that the university's goal to lower the student/faculty ratio to 25-to-one would have to be put on hold. Of course it is going to be put on hold; the money that could have been spent to lower it is instead being spent on things no one either needs or desires. When you spend money on one area, you sacrifice another. My problem is that you've decided to sacrifice the one thing that I actually care about: my education.

My education doesn't depend on dining



GAGE THOMPSON  
COLUMNIST

halls. My education doesn't depend on gyms or recreation centers. My education depends on Kennesaw State University hiring the best professors it can find. It depends on having access to the latest research and findings in my field. It depends on having classrooms that are well constructed with the fewest students possible in each room.

That, respectfully, should be your priority. Thank you.

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# Partisanship is shaping the new media game

## Unbiased reporting no longer the top choice for right- and left-leaning viewers

With newspapers on the way out, some cable news networks are adapting to a new media environment to stay viable. Fox News and MSNBC have staked out their claims to represent and actively push an ideological and partisan agenda. CNN, holding ground on unbiased news presentation (for the most part), is losing ground. For the first time ever in prime time, CNN dropped to third place in March, according to Nielson Media Research.

CNN's ratings are up only 1% since March 2008, compared to a 30% gain for Fox News, 24% for MSNBC, and 62% for CNN's

partner, *Headline News*. Fox News recently added another right-of-center opinion maker to their five o'clock weekday slot. Glenn Beck has been a ratings behemoth, garnering numbers rarely before seen during his time slot. *Hannity* has shed his liberal counterpart, thus pushing Fox's prime time line up further to the right.

MSNBC has stacked the deck with liberals by adding liberal talk show hosts Rachel Maddow and Ed Schultz. MSNBC has since taken over the role of defending the new president while Fox News has turned into the "loyal opposition."

CNN's 8 pm primetime show,

"Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull" lacks the intense ideological bias of both O'Reilly and Olbermann and in turn, lacks viewers. She is now on maternity leave, and is being replaced by Roland Martin. Martin was used by CNN during the election season as an Obama supporter for on-air discussions and analysis.

Is this a turn toward more openly opinionated programming on CNN? Not likely. CNN U.S. President Jon Klein said that "the fact that one network may have eked out a slight edge in one small slice of the overall business really doesn't say much of anything. It's more clear than ever, given the way that our competitors have positioned themselves, that CNN has positioned itself as the real news network. When you have other so-called news networks ceding the field of journalism, we are happy to fill that void."

MSNBC chief executive Phil Griffin fired back, saying, "What do they stand for? That's their biggest challenge. CNN ain't what it used to be, and that has given us an opening because we stand for something and they don't."

That's where much of the media stands today. Media outlets need to "stand for some-

thing" as opposed to just report the news. Increasingly opinionated broadcasters continue to run programs that mix "reporting" with "opinion." The lines are becoming blurred.

Bill O'Reilly told David Letterman that he considered himself a journalist. Has the world gone mad? Regardless of your opinion of O'Reilly, the notion that he doesn't put any ideological spin on what he "reports" is absurd.

Cable news is reflecting a larger media movement. People increasingly want their news from outlets with whom they agree with ideologically. Liberal blogs such as the "Huffington Post" and "Talking Points Memo" have started hiring journalists to report news for their organizations. "Huffington Post" recently launched an investigative journalism venture using \$1.75 million from donors to write about the nation's economy. Considering the Web sites they will be writing for, do we really think they'll write without pushing an agenda?

Conservative blogs and liberal blogs scarcely interact, thus leaving prospective readers in the dark on wide ranges of opinions that might challenge their own belief systems.

What impact this change will



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have in the future is hard to determine. Will Americans further wrap themselves in news from ideological cocoons, largely shielding their ideas from opposing points of view? Will the partisanship that seems to only be increasing in the Beltway (despite Obama's rhetoric) over the past 15 years coincide with a more partisan electorate? For better or for worse, this is the future of news media.

“Bill O'Reilly told David Letterman that he considered himself a journalist. Has the world gone mad?”

# The origins of the Federal Reserve

## Power given to the Fed for coining money may have been unconstitutional

"The Congress shall have Power To [...] coin Money."  
— Constitution of the United States of America

The Constitution gave the federal government the power to coin money and create the currency of the United States. Throughout history, the United States government has tried to find the best solution and strategy to complete this action through the First and Second Banks of the United States as well as a national banking system put in place after the Civil War. In many instances in our nation's history, there was no centralized banking entity or system.

Today, and since the early 20th century, we have had a central banking system known as the Federal Reserve System. It is interesting (and a bit disturbing) to note that the government has little control over it. The Federal Reserve is a privately owned agency with little oversight by the federal government. It should also be noted that the Constitution does not explicitly grant Congress authorization to give the power to coin money

to a central bank. These factors, as well as the current economic situation, have made it necessary to examine the creation of the Federal Reserve, its powers, and why it is unnecessary and harmful to our economy.

On December 23, 1913, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act. Over the years it gained additional powers and became more active in our market. But how and why did we decide that we needed it in the first place? Due to some inefficiencies of the national banking period developed after the Civil War, major economic panics arose in 1873, 1884, 1890, 1893 and 1907. The pro-central bank reformers used these crises as an opportunity to sway public opinion and justify their beliefs in the need for a central banking system.

The crises provided evidence to the pro-central bankers that even though there were natural cycles in the market when businesses failed and regroup, there was no central entity or authority in the banking system that could predict or influence these events. They knew that Americans were troubled over

the instability of the banking system and used this as an opportunity to put their plan into action.

One of the pro-central bank pushers was Paul Moritz Warburg who called openly for a central bank, having spent time in European banking. He was a fan of the German Reichsbank and gave conferences on the idea of a central bank, making sure to note that the nation's bankers were welcoming the idea of a central bank as long as it was "not controlled by 'Wall Street' or any monopolistic interest." Warburg even touched on the structure of the bank, saying that the Reserve would not be called a central bank and its governing board would be chosen by government officials, which became the actual system in use today.

Warburg believed that the money market could not be free and self-regulating but had to be determined by "the best judgment of the best experts." His sentiments toward a central banking system reflected those of many other economists and bankers at the time. These individuals, in turn, attempted and were quite successful at influencing busi-

nessmen and the public to the advantages of a central bank. If a central bank was such a savior to the marketplace, why did it require so much convincing?

Once the idea of a central bank became popular, it required the evaluation of many trial-and-error plans before a central banking system could finally be passed through Congress. The financial tycoons, Morgan, Rockefeller, Kuhn, Loeb and associates were the men behind the curtain pushing for this legislation. On November 22, 1910, Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, Henry P. Davison, Paul Warburg, Frank A. Vanderlip and A. Piatt Andrew met in a secret meeting on Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia, using facilities arranged and co-owned by J.P. Morgan.

The designers, who were connected to the financial tycoons, began work on the draft of the Federal Reserve Act. Through the Federal Reserve System, they wanted to create a private banking cartel sanctioned by government that could be used to inflate or deflate the nation's currency as needed, and were successful. Three years later, the



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act passed through Congress, and was signed by the president. The private bankers finally had control of our money supply. Their next goal was to increase the Fed's influence on the market.

Next week, I will examine the Fed's influence on the market in Part 2.

# THE WL FORUM

### Re: North Korea no threat

Dear Editor,

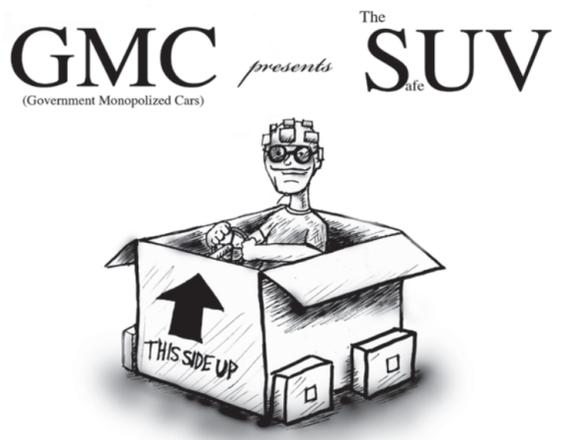
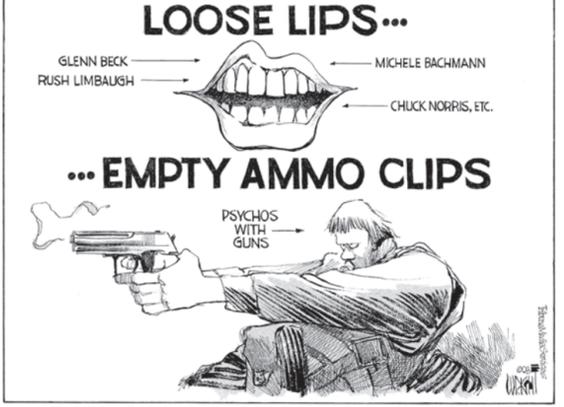
I will have to say Gage Thompson's editorial on North Korea being no threat is completely wrong and I'm wondering what evidence he has to support his claims. As someone who served on active duty in the Army for two years in South Korea, I know that North Korea is a very real threat. If they weren't, then we wouldn't have troops stationed over there. Most of Thompson's arguments about people's choice of food shows he has no knowledge of what is really going on in the country. The reason most people are starving is because all food aid, medical supplies and other items needed for survival are diverted to the military.

If it weren't for former president Jimmy Carter, North Korea wouldn't be the threat it is today. In 1994, Carter went to Pyongyang and in exchange for the North Koreans

to agree to not build their nuclear capabilities and for inspectors to be able to poke around, the U.S. government supplied the government with \$4 billion worth of light-water reactors, more than \$1 billion in food aid, and more than \$100 million in oil. North Korea didn't stop building their nuclear program and diverted all the funds towards the military. Let's not forget many of the terrorist attacks North Korea has conducted. Their counterfeiting of U.S. currency, drug trade and weapons trafficking not only allows their military to continue to get stronger, but it also puts more weapons into the hands of our other enemies.

North Korea is an extremely touchy subject in international policy and I can clearly see that Thompson has no clue whatsoever about what he is talking about. It doesn't count to read about it on the news and think you know everything.

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## KSU's Statistics Club: Unique in the Nation

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Aaron Levenstein once said, “Statistics are like bikinis. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital.” Since February 4, 2009, KSU has had a Statistics Club whose goal is to incorporate the use of statistics and analysis in everyday life.

President Kori Belanger, a senior psychology major, is the founder and creator of the Sigma Alpha Kappa Statistics Club. She is minoring in statistics. While studying statistics, she saw that a lot of her fellow classmates and professors were adamant about the material, but there was no outlet for these passions. In the spring of 2008, she decided that a statistics club was in order, and in the winter of 2009, her passion took form.

Vice President Katelyn Brammer, a junior psychology major with a minor in statistics, said, “Our favorite club memory is when we were officially recognized by SABAC as a Kennesaw State University club! It felt great to know that we created something new and we were excited to begin our club.”

According to the club's goals, they aim to “Engage in activities designed to promote statistics and data analysis, encourage participation in the various professional statistical societies, and demonstrate practical applications of statistics via internal KSU and external projects.”

KSU's Statistics Club meets in Willingham Hall in room 126 once a month. They recently met on Monday, April 6. Since they are new, the meetings are usually spent trying to come up with

exciting ideas and activities for the club.

“We determined our meeting day using the Web site doodle.com which allows everyone to input the times they would and would not be available,” said Brammer. “Based on that, we decided that Mondays at 12:30 would be the best.”

“The next event is SAS Day, which is April 17,” said Belanger.

“The Statistics Club will help represent the program, some members will present poster presentations and we will help set up and take down tables, chairs, etc. Also, we are planning to organize a bake sale. Unfortunately, we have not yet set a date and time, although we do know it will occur during the month of April. The purpose of the bake sale is to raise money for a trip to the Southern Region Conference of Universities in Jekyll Island this June.”

The Southern Region Conference is a large gathering of people interested in statistics. The conference hosts lectures throughout the day. It is important because it allows undergraduates and graduates to make connections with people in the business world who are interested or employed in the statistical field.

The club is also planning to go to Washington, D.C. in order to visit different government organizations that utilize statistics, such as the the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Transportation Statistics and American Statistical Association.

At the bake sale, the club will incor-

porate statistics by including a statistical fact with each item sold. They are also planning an event for Breakfast at Dinner in the dorms, which takes place during finals. They are planning on having people guess how many gumballs are in a jar. The person closest to the amount will win a

gift certificate. In addition, the gumball guessers will fill out a survey regarding their study habits and strategies. The club will analyze and publish the information.

“We are actively planning other activities that will both promote our club and serve as learning experiences for all of our members to assist in our futures,” said Brammer.

“Some down sides to the club are that we are a very new club. In addition, we are the only undergraduate statistics club in the nation, therefore we do not have many people to guide us through the new stages of our club,” said Brammer.

Belanger said, “We have a chance to set a precedence and hopefully encourage other colleges to create a Statistics Club of their own.”

“The best part of the club is coming up with new ideas,” Brammer said. “We are all excited about the prospects of the club and it is very exciting to attend the

meetings and discuss ways we can contribute to the club and make the club an exciting part of KSU.”

To find out more about the Statistics Club, visit their Web site at [clubs.kennesaw.edu/academic/sigma-alpha-kappa-statistics-club](http://clubs.kennesaw.edu/academic/sigma-alpha-kappa-statistics-club).

**“By visiting Washington D.C., students will have the opportunity to establish connections, to explore different career opportunities in statistics and gain insight into the real world experience when working with statistics,” Brammer said.**



# EarthTalk

## Volcanic eruptions and plastic packaging

**Dear EarthTalk:** Could it really be true that a single large volcanic eruption launches more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than the amount generated by all of humanity over history?

This argument that human-caused carbon emissions are merely a drop in the bucket compared to greenhouse gases generated by volcanoes has been making its way around the rumor mill for years. And while it may sound plausible, the science just doesn't back it up.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the world's volcanoes, both on land and undersea, generate about 200 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) annually, while our automotive and industrial activities cause some 24 billion tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions every year worldwide. Despite the arguments to the contrary,

the facts speak for themselves: Greenhouse gas emissions from volcanoes comprise less than one percent of those generated by today's human endeavors.

Another indication that human emissions dwarf those of volcanoes is the fact that atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels, as measured by sampling stations around the world set up by the federally funded Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, have gone up consistently year after year regardless of whether or not there have been major volcanic eruptions in specific years. "If it were true that individual volcanic eruptions dominated human emissions and were causing the rise in carbon dioxide concentrations, then these carbon dioxide records would be full of spikes—one for each eruption," says Coby Beck, a journalist writing for online environmental news portal Grist.org. "Instead, such



records show a smooth and regular trend."

Furthermore, some scientists believe that spectacular volcanic eruptions, like that of Mt. St. Helens in 1980 and Mt. Pinatubo in 1991, actually lead to short-term global cooling, not warming, as sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), ash and other particles in the air and stratosphere reflect some solar energy instead of letting it into Earth's atmosphere. SO<sub>2</sub>, which converts to sulfuric acid aerosol when it hits the stratosphere, can linger there for as long as seven years and can exercise a cooling effect long after a volcanic eruption has taken place.

Scientists tracking the effects of the major 1991 eruption of the Philippines' Mt. Pinatubo found that the overall effect of the blast was to cool the surface of the Earth globally by some 0.5 degrees Celsius a year later, even though rising human greenhouse gas emissions and an El Nino event (a warm water current which periodically flows along the coast of Ecuador and Peru in South America) caused some surface warming during the 1991-1993 study period.

In an interesting twist on the issue, British researchers last year published an article in the peer reviewed scientific journal *Nature* showing how volcanic activity may be contributing to the melting of ice caps in Antarctica—but not because of any emissions, natural or man-made, per se. Instead, scientists Hugh Corr and David Vaughan of the British Antarctic Survey believe that volcanoes underneath Antarctica may be melting the continent's ice sheets from below, just as warming air temperatures from human-induced emissions erode them from above.

**CONTACTS:** U.S. Geological Survey, [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov); Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, [cdiac.esd.ornl.gov](http://cdiac.esd.ornl.gov); British Antarctic Survey, [www.antarctica.ac.uk](http://www.antarctica.ac.uk). **GOT AN ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTION?** Send it to: EarthTalk, c/o E/The Environmental Magazine, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, CT 06881; submit it at: [www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/thisweek/](http://www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/thisweek/), or e-mail: [earthtalk@emagazine.com](mailto:earthtalk@emagazine.com). Read past columns at: [www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/archives.php](http://www.emagazine.com/earthtalk/archives.php).

**Dear EarthTalk:** It seems like more products are being packaged in #5 rather than #2 plastic today, and my local recycling agency won't take #5. I've also heard that #5 plastics are more toxic, which concerns me more than the recyclability issue. Which plastic is the better choice?

Polypropylene, which is marked with #5 inside the "chasing arrows" symbols on the bottom of plastic containers, is a lighter-weight plastic resin commonly used in dairy and deli packaging. Some companies have chosen this lighter plastic because it has a lower environmental impact to produce and transport.

High density polyethylene (HDPE), which is marked with #2, is a stiffer resin used to package cleaning products and also some dairy products. The most widely used resin type for consumer food products is polyethylene terephthalate, or PETE, which is marked with #1 and used for

soda and water bottles.

According to Consumers Union's "Greener Choices" website, all three of these plastics are considered safe for their original use, though any of them can leak toxins when reused repeatedly. And all three can be recycled, though a lagging market leads some recycling locations to limit what they'll accept. There is also concern that widespread plastics recycling encourages more use of plastics, and that efforts would be better spent getting consumers to buy fewer plastic-encased products. Some even criticize the chasing-arrow labeling system for implying a higher level of recyclability than is presently available.

Why is a lighter-weight plastic better? According to dairy company Stonyfield Farm, their #5 one-quart yogurt container uses 30 percent less plastic than a #2 cup. Since it takes less material to make a thinner container, it reduces the amount of resin that needs to be manufactured. Stonyfield estimates that the use of #5 over #2 prevents the manufacture and disposal of more than 100 tons of plastic per year.

But savings comes from more than manufacturing. The heavier #2 plastics require more energy to transport. It's not only getting the yogurt from Stonyfield's plants to your store, but also getting the containers from the plastics manufacturer to their dairies. In fact, the company cites a packaging study by the Boston-based Tellus Institute which found that 95 percent of the environmental costs of packaging lie in production and less than five percent are associated with disposal.

According to the website Earth 911, a national directory of recycling outlets, the best thing consumers can do is to choose items with less packaging and buy in bulk when possible. So the next time you reach into the dairy case, grab the quart or gallon-size yogurt instead of the single-serving cups. Then, make sure you recycle only the allowable plastics so you don't contaminate the lot. While recycling is important, it may be okay to landfill a product's packaging if it was created with an environmentally responsible plan.

Besides seeking alternatives to plastic packaging, consumers can affect overall plastic use by supporting legislation that would require manufacturers to take back their plastic packaging, which would encourage "cradle-to-grave" practices. Further, you can support legislation that mandates more use of recycled plastic content, which would reduce the overall amount of virgin plastic produced in the first place.

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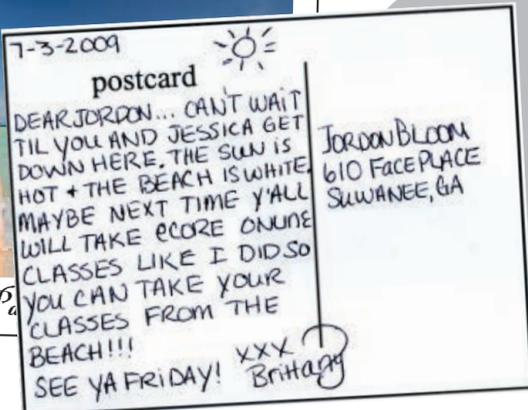


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Trumpet player Jeremy Cope performed in Jazz Combo A on April 9.

# Jazz music, classical guitar featured in concert series

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The KSU School of Music hosted their concert series at the Dr. Bobbie Bailey and Family Performance Center. The series included jazz combos and a classical guitar ensemble.

On April 9 the jazz combo directed by Trey Wright performed the 52nd concert of the 2008–2009 season. Wright is currently on faculty at KSU and the Atlanta Institute of Music. Wright has been playing with the Cobb Symphony Jazz Orchestra since 2008.

The songs featured music from the 1920s to modern jazz. The jazz combos played to two groups: Jazz Combo A and Jazz Combo B. Jeremy Cope (trumpet), Scott Sadler (guitar), Jordan Thomas (bass), Guy Priester (alto saxophone), Louise Dubois (bass) and Pershaid Bolt (drums) played in Combo A. The players in Combo B were Conrad Abbott (guitar), Brandon Bell (tenor saxophone), Neil Newcomb (alto saxophone), Nico Hueso (bass) and Mesia Austin (drums).

In the third song, "Stolen Moments" (1961) by Oliver Nelson, the audience enjoyed the ballroom-type music. Austin switched from the drums to the xylophone in the middle of the song.

The next song, "Chameleon" (1973) by Herbie Hancock, had an uplifting beat. Another favorite was "Friday Night at the Cadillac Club" (2000) by Bob Berg, which received a standing ovation from the audience.

"I thought the jazz combos exhibited real musical chemistry and presented a coherent whole that unified the group performance," said Elisabeth Leiner, a senior majoring in English.

Despite the rain and tornado warning, a fair amount of people attended the guitar ensemble the following night. The

program began with "Minuet" by Luigi Boccherini, which is reminiscent of the Renaissance era. The eight guitar players performed the first song together, including Jeremy Beavers, Brett Kelly, Paul McCarthy, Alexander Carstens, Christopher Mills, Constantino Garrido-Licha, Brentley Cauthen and Mark McGinn. The rest of the concert consisted of solos and groups of two to four players.

The talented soloists made it sound like more than one person was playing. Most of the songs had Spanish flair including "Grazioso," "Spanish Dance No. 2" and "Agua e Vinho." A beach in northern Venezuela inspired the solo "Catá" by Alfonso Montes.

Another solo was "Over the Rainbow" (1939) by Harold Arlen, which was a masterful rendition of the well-known song. Mills composed the last song, "The Bicycle." Mary Akerman, director and assistant professor of guitar at KSU, introduced the song. "It is an honor to have a composer in our presence," said Akerman.

Akerman was a first-prize winner in the 2001 Guitar Foundation of America Competition and the Casa de Espana of Puerto Rico Competition. She was also awarded the bronze medal in the Concours International Radio France.

"My favorite song was 'Catá' because it was very romantic and beautiful," said Samantha Alfonsi, a senior majoring in International Affairs. "It was original and you could feel that the player was proud of its background. Overall, it was nice music—soothing and calming."

The concert series was free to all guests. However, the talent featured in the concerts was priceless. I thoroughly enjoyed learning and hearing more about jazz and classical guitar. These two genres serve as a basis for many of the songs on airplay today and many are used in feature films as well.

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## Museum opens two bilingual exhibits

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"Ben M'sik: Creating Community in Casablanca," the Museum of History and Holocaust Education (MHHE) newest bilingual exhibit, opened on April 1. Ben M'sik is a working-class, coastal neighborhood in Casablanca, Morocco. It is the most populous neighborhood in Casablanca. The exhibit features the culture, traditions and heritage of the neighborhood in both Arabic and English.

The Ben M'sik exhibit came to the MHHE because of a partnership between KSU and Université Hassan II Mohammedia in Casablanca. The Consortium for Moroccan-United States Higher Education Cooperation (COMUSHEC) developed from the two institutions' collaboration, which began in 2005.

Samir El Azhar, professor of English and American

Studies at Hassan II, curated the exhibit. El Azhar is also the co-coordinator of the Ben M'sik Community Museum (BMCM). The Ben M'sik exhibit will go to Morocco for display in the BMCM and other venues.

"KSU and Hassan II strengthened their relations as the project team worked to interpret the history of this important, but understudied neighborhood," said Dr. Catherine Lewis, director of the MHHE and associate professor of History at KSU. "We have learned a great deal from our colleagues in Morocco and hope this is just the first of many international museum projects in which we engage."

Almost one million Moroccans live in Ben M'sik, and the MHHE exhibit explores the lives of individuals who have influenced the evolution of the neighborhood. Some of these featured individuals include resistance

fighters, musicians and football players.

"KSU's first Arabic-English exhibit, Ben M'sik, opened just a week after 'Karikatur of Power,' KSU's first bilingual exhibit," said Anna Tucker, assistant museum manager at the MHHE. The "Karikatur of Power: World War II through Political Cartoons" exhibit is in English and German. It opened on March 26.

Students in Dr. Catherine Lewis's "The Third Reich" course and Dr. Sabine Smith's "German Literature and Culture II" course created the German/English exhibit. It features political cartoons that examine aspects of Hitler's rise to power around World War II. The cartoons came from the Library of Congress collection, and students researched and translated the images.

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Students gather in the Social Sciences Atrium Gallery (above). Professor Samir El Azhar speaks at the opening of the Ben M'sik exhibit (top).

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# Movie reviews

## The Last House on the Left

DANIEL SINGLETON  
COPY EDITOR

Why do bad remakes happen to good movies? No, I haven't seen the original "The Last House on the Left" (1972), but I have seen "The Virgin Spring" (1960), an obscure Ingmar Bergman movie that directly inspired both movies. And trust me, it's much better.

"The Virgin Spring" was about three killers who raped and killed a young girl then spent the night at her dad's farm. The remake follows it fairly closely, although it makes a few cosmetic changes (four killers instead of three; 2009 instead of 13th century), not to mention a few plot rewrites that are so contrived they almost break disbelief (the scene where the daughter crawls back to the house in the middle of the rain).

The biggest difference is attitude. Bergman wanted to explore violence and revenge; he wanted to see if senseless violence could heal wounds caused by senseless violence. (Short answer: nope.) Wes Craven (1972 version) and Dennis Iliadis (2009 version) just want to exploit it.

The original movie was crawling with ambiguity. The killers were scum, sure, but they were also human beings who felt guilty about raping and killing an innocent girl. You sympathized with them. (Everybody feels guilty about something.) You cringed when Max von Sydow threw them against the wall, into the fire. It was nasty, brutal and didn't solve anything. The girl stayed dead, and the movie ended with a shot of Sydow standing over her body, crying.

"Last House of the Left" destroys all of the ambiguity by

turning the killers into cardboard villains who hoot and give each other high-fives after carving up their victims, which makes it easy to cheer when they die disgusting deaths.

Normally you cringe when people get their heads shoved into microwaves, but these guys are so nasty and evil that you want them to suffer. You feel good about it afterwards, too, because Mom and Dad feel good about it. Yeah, they shoved arms down disposals, shot people in the face and hit them with hammers, but you can't have nightmares when justice has been served, right?

Maybe you think that comparing a 49-year-old Swedish art movie to "The Last House on the Left" is pretentious. Screw morality, you say. I want to see something messed up! Well, maybe I'm just weird, but I squirmed more during "The Virgin Spring" than I did during "The Last House on the Left."

Less is more. A creepy tree or an off-pitch laugh will disturb me more than ten fountains of blood. Too much blood just looks ridiculous, anyway. Bergman understood that. Compare the graphic rape scene in "Last House" to the tamer version in "The Virgin Spring" and tell me that Bergman's scene didn't make you feel ten times dirtier.



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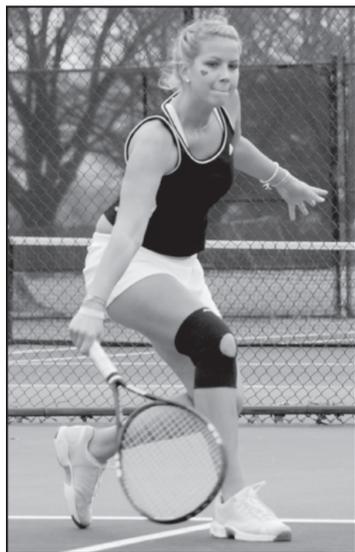
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## Owls wrap up season with A-Sun win



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Mackenzie Swindall and the Owls finished the season by wiping out Mercer, 7-0.

MATT BRADSHAW  
STAFF WRITER

**S**paniard Cobos finishes in style Thursday, April 9 was Senior Day, and the honors went to Mercedes Cobos alone, as she was the only senior on a team loaded with promising freshmen and sophomores.

The Owls hosted, and ravaged in-state conference rival Mercer 7-0, but it was the senior who stole the show. Cobos' energy level was explosive as she fought confidently against a tough opponent, Mercer No. 2 singles player Anna Wieslander.

Despite losing the first set in a tiebreaker, 6-7(5), the Spaniard won the second, 7-5, and in the

third got to deuce returning at 5-3, only two points away from the win. Playing at the opponent's pace, Cobos waited patiently for an opportunity in the point when Wieslander suddenly came to the net off a solid approach shot. Mercedes cocked her long one-handed backhand and fired off a rocket right at Wieslander. It would be the last swing of Mercedes Cobos' collegiate career as the shell-shocked Wieslander would go on to double fault at match point.

**S**hkundina shines

The young Russian No. 1 Vera Shkundina finished the 2009 season with a dominating 6-2 conference record, and a team

leading 15 wins on the season.

Shkundina's variety-packed game of brilliant touch shots and tricky tactics is similar to the type of game that champion tennis professional Martina Hingis used to overcome her hard hitting opponents. It's a treat to see Shkundina when she's fully on her game and the Owls are hosting a tough conference school, as Shkundina is capable of taking the A-Sun's most aggressive No. 1 players out of their games.

**A**ggie and Mack

Agatha Palider and Mackenzie Swindall finished the season 13-4 and 12-4 respectively.

Palider and Swindall are two of the physically strongest players on the team and they were able to successfully overpower their A-Sun opponents on a regular basis.

**R**ising talent

Alena Sergeychik will finish her first season of college tennis with a 6-4 record, but what is most impressive about Alena is her steady rise in the lineup and her ability to still pick up wins. In her most recent matches, Sergeychik has earned two wins at No. 3 and closed out the season with a win at No. 2 on Saturday April 11, when the Owls blanked North Carolina Central University 7-0 to close the season.

## Owls on the ROAD

JEROME WOOLEY  
STAFF WRITER

### SOFTBALL

#### Troubled by the Humps

The KSU softball team lost to Campbell, 8-6 and 4-0, in an Atlantic Sun Conference doubleheader on Tuesday, April 7, at Eakes Athletic Complex in Buies Creek, N.C.

The Owls (15-18, 2-6 A-Sun) struggled to produce any offensive runs in the early innings of both games as Campbell (27-11, 12-4 A-Sun) jumped to early leads in the afternoon affair as well as the nightcap. KSU connected for 10 hits on Tuesday but could not capitalize when needed.

Sophomore Lyndsay McCurry stretched her hitting streak to five games after going 2-for-4 in both games. Co-captain Jenna Clossner had five hits on the day, including a three-run homerun and five RBIs.

The loss to Campbell marked the Owls' fourth loss in a row.

#### April fooled Ospreys

Freshman ace April Harper pitched the KSU softball team to its third Atlantic Sun Conference win of the season as they bested North Florida, 3-2, in the first game of a doubleheader in Jacksonville, Fla. on Friday, April 10.

The Ospreys stranded 10 base runners, despite collecting 10 hits in the first game of play. Harper, the native of Blairsville, Ga., won her seventh game of the season, while striking out five in her ninth complete game of the season.

The second game of the day was not as pretty for KSU. The Owls (16-19, 3-7 A-Sun) fell to North Florida, 3-1, as they could not produce a timely hit with runners in scoring position. The Black and Gold had six hits in the nightcap. Lyndsay McCurry, Klair Wells, Brittany Moore, Kelsey Kulk and Jordan Hackett each recorded hits for the Owls. McCurry extended her hitting streak to seven games.



Jordan Hackett

#### Dolphin Split

The KSU softball team split wins with Jacksonville in an Atlantic Sun Conference doubleheader in Jacksonville, Fla. on Saturday, April 11 at JU Softball Complex.

The Owls lost the first game to the Dolphins, 1-0, while KSU flip-flopped to beat Jacksonville, 1-0, in the second game. The day proved to be pitcher-friendly as both games finished in an hour-and-a-half.

Freshman star April Harper pitched eight scoreless innings, while striking out three in her eighth win of the season. Owl extraordinaire Catherine Tarvin drove in the only run for the team on the day.

The Black and Gold will return to action on Tuesday, April 14 as they travel down I-75 to take on Ga. Tech.

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## Inaugural season ends for men's tennis

MATT BRADSHAW  
STAFF WRITER

### A win is a win

The men's tennis team took to the home courts to play for their third A-Sun Conference win of the season on Thursday, April 9. However, Ryan Bouttell was the only Owl to come through. In-state rival Mercer appeared to be an ideal match up for the young Owls, but unfortunately they came out flat and let the match slip away quickly, 6-1.

The next day the Owls were on the road before noon, heading toward North Carolina Central University, where they would eventually edge out a hard-fought 4-3 win Saturday, April 11 to end the season. The Owls were happy to end on a winning note, but it was a bit-sweet victory after losing the valuable conference match to Mercer.

### Heading into the Offseason

Head coach Brandon Padgett is optimistic about next year's conference season, and he has good reason to be. Ryan Bouttell has proven himself to be one of the mentally toughest players in the A-Sun Conference, compiling a 12-3 team-leading record for the season.

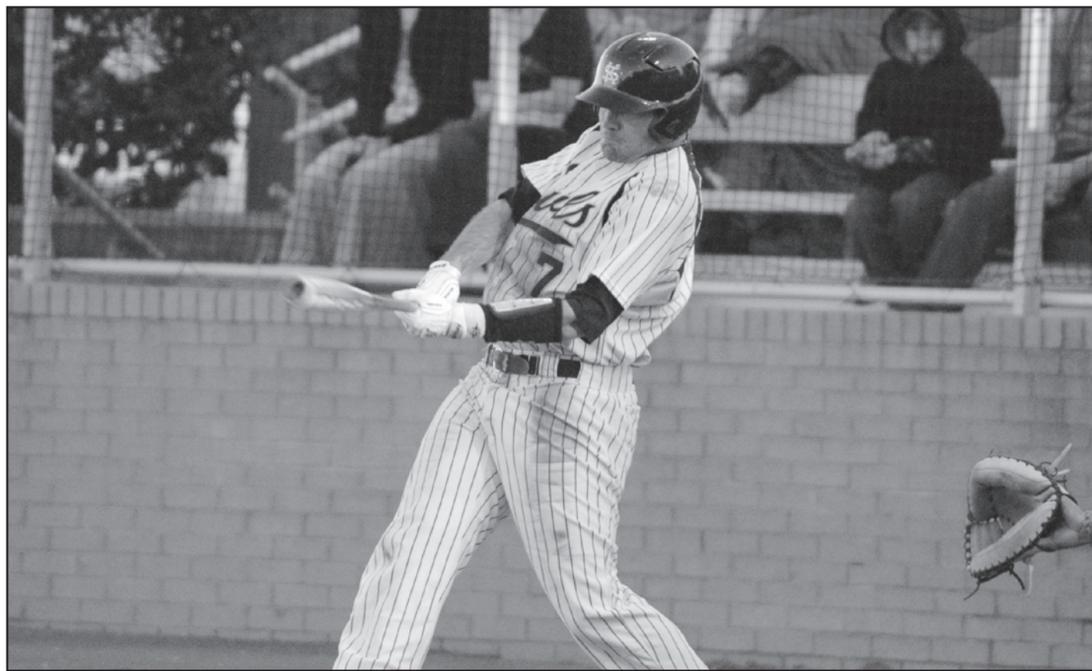
Lawrence Washington bravely faced as tough a challenge as any collegiate athlete, holding the No. 1 singles spot for almost the entire season. He heads into the offseason looking to come back bigger, faster and stronger.

Simon Janik will be able to let his shoulder fully heal in the offseason and looks to lend his fierce and fearless play to the team full-time next season. Tyler Mills and Michael Langel are not only a strong doubles duo, but they are also solid singles players who round out the core of what Padgett has to work with.

### Potential shifts in the lineup...

The No. 6 singles spot is still in question as Andrew Suesserman and Denis Sergeychik swapped it back and forth for the last leg of the 2009 season. Who will play at No. 6 or at any specific place in the starting line-up is unclear as Padgett is bringing in new talent for the new season.

Sergeychik played at No. 6 in both of last week's matches and was quite upset with his 7-6(4), 6-1 loss to Mercer's Adam Hunt, but Sergeychik proved he will fight for his spot in the starting line-up as he posted a dominate 6-1, 6-1 win in North Carolina to end the season. However, Andrew Suesserman is still a strong candidate for the starting lineup as his south-paw game is tough against any opponent and his doubles play has much potential.



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Ric Bishop and the Owls remain atop the conference standings with a trip to visit in-state rival Mercer this weekend.

## Owls take two of three from Spartans

BRIAN C. BELL  
STAFF WRITER

The baseball team hosted USC Upstate in a three-game series that pitted the A-Sun-leading Owls against the basement-dwelling Spartans on April 11-12.

KSU took the first two games in a doubleheader on Saturday, winning 10-6 and 5-0. The final game on Easter Sunday did not prove to be as bountiful as the Spartans found their stroke, defeating KSU, 7-5.

The first game of the doubleheader saw the Owls come from behind late, breaking a 6-6 tie in the eighth inning with timely hitting from second baseman Bucky Smith and catcher Jace Whitmer.

Smith cracked a double down the left field line, knocking in two runs. Two batters later, Whitmer jacked a two run shot over the left field wall, giving the Owls a 10-6 lead that they would not relinquish thanks to a lights out performance from reliever Kenny Faulk.

Game two of Saturday's doublehead-

er featured KSU starting pitcher Chad Jenkins, who completely dominated the Spartans. Jenkins threw a complete game shutout, needing only 93 pitches to mow down the twenty-nine batters that opposed him.

"Chad was awesome. That's all you can say about it," said assistant coach Ryan Coe. The shutout extended his scoreless innings streak to 17, a total that began against Lipscomb on April 4.

Whitmer came up big in game two as well, getting a first inning RBI that would be the only run the Owls needed. KSU sealed the victory with a four-run seventh inning capped by a two-run triple by right fielder Clint Roques.

"We've just been getting the bat on the ball, getting the count in our favor," said Roques, who has been a key contributor to the Owls offensive increase this season.

Sunday's matchup saw the Owls get off to a hot start, scoring three runs on four hits in the first inning, but inconsistent pitching from starter Justin Edwards allowed USC Upstate to take

a 5-4 lead in the fifth inning.

KSU tied the score at five in the sixth inning with an RBI single from shortstop Curtis Van Wyck, but relief pitcher Ryan Rodebaugh surrendered two runs in the eighth frame. "We were feeling good early... but we just weren't able to maintain the lead and hold them the way we thought we should have," said head coach Mike Sansing.

The Owls threatened late in the ninth, but the threat was squashed when Whitmer grounded into a double play.

The loss on Sunday ended both the Owls' seven-game conference winning streak and a six-game overall winning streak, but the Owls came out of the weekend atop the A-Sun standings with a record of 10-4 in addition to improving their overall win-loss total to 17-13.

Even with the series win, Sansing sees room for improvement, "Our pitching allowed them to get back into the game with some mistakes."

The Owls will take to the diamond once again in a home-and-home series against Jacksonville State on April 14-15.

## LAX season ends against Emory

JUSTIN HOBDAY  
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR



James Richmond | The Sentinel

The lacrosse team finished a successful 11-2 season with a loss to No. 6 Emory.

The KSU lacrosse team finished up a stellar season with a 13-9 loss to the No. 6 ranked Emory Eagles.

The Owls scored the first goal of the contest, but were unable to keep up with the Eagles on their home field.

"Our shooting was a little off, but there was nothing wrong with our effort," said head coach Ken Byers.

Charles Roland led KSU with five goals, and goalie Noah Rosenblum saved 15 of 28 shots. Brian Broe scored two goals and dished out two assists in his last game with the Owls.

The Owls' impressive 11-2 season featured wins against in-state rivals

Ga. State and SCAD, but Byers could not pick the biggest moment of the season.

"I can't just mention one specific time because we had many great times," said Byers.

However, the Owls' breakout season, along with improved athletic facilities, should help Byers in the recruiting process during the offseason.

"It is much easier to recruit for a winning program," said Byers.

Broe, who is transferring, and Matt Burn, who will graduate, are the only members the team expects to miss next season. The Owls are currently ranked No. 21, and expect to remain in the top 25 in the final polls.

"I'm pretty impressed with the team's growth

this season," said team captain Zach Statham. "Expectations are going to be a lot higher moving forward."

Byers has three recruits signed, and will visit local high schools and camps throughout the Southeast in search of potential members for the team. Byers noted the disadvantage of not having the ability to hand out scholarships, but the team's improvement from a 5-8 season last year proves that anything is possible for the Owls.

"From where we came from last year to this year is night and day," said Byers.

The Owls will reconvene in the fall to play a four to five week schedule that will include a tournament with some of the top teams in the region.

# Men's golf team heads to Charlotte

CATHY DEKMAR  
STAFF WRITER

The Palisades Collegiate Golf Classic in Charlotte, N.C., is the final regular season event before the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships. Rounds commenced Monday, with two to be played on the first day of the event, and one on the second day.

The five players representing the Owls are Michael Tulacz, Jeff Karlsson, Chad Wilson, J.P. Putnam and Matthew Nagy. Tulacz will lead the team as the lone senior, but will have an upperclassman joining him in Putnam. Nagy and Wilson are both sophomores, and Karlsson is in his first year at KSU.

"This is our last event before the conference championship, and a great chance to get some momentum. This is another new event for us, and the field is a quality one. We are going to try to get back to basics on hitting fairways and greens and making lots of easy pars," said head coach Blake Smart.

There were several highlights this spring, both individually and for the team. The Owls began March with a quality performance at the Samford Invitational. Nagy shot a five-under par 67 for the Owls, leading the Black and Gold into second place at the par-72 Limestone Springs Golf Club. The team also finished in the top five in nearly every statisti-

cal category and shot the final round's lowest score.

"It was a solid day as it had been a long time since we had such a consistent team effort top to bottom," said Smart about the Owls' performance at Samford.

In the Second Annual Larry Nelson Invitational, which KSU hosts, Tulacz had an outstanding performance for the Owls. He finished the event tied for fifth which led the team, after he came in with a two-over par 73. Tulacz also led the field in eagles (3), par five scoring (4.33), and tied for fifth with eight birdies.

"This event takes a lot of effort from many people and it is a great opportunity for KSU to show itself as a proud athletic

program," said Smart.

Putnam and Tulacz led the Owls in the Linger Longer Invitational, finishing tied for 22nd with an aggregate score of 223. The team finished with a 907 total, which was one stroke behind seventh place Purdue. The Black and Gold were just 12 shots out of the top five. In the second round of the event, Nagy shot one-under par and freshman Patrick Kenney got his best total in the final round with a 77.

This year will be the 11th in the series of the Palisades Collegiate Golf Classic. After its conclusion, the A-Sun Conference Championships will commence April 20-22 in Buies Creek, N.C.



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The men's golf team will participate in the Palisades Collegiate Golf Classic this weekend.

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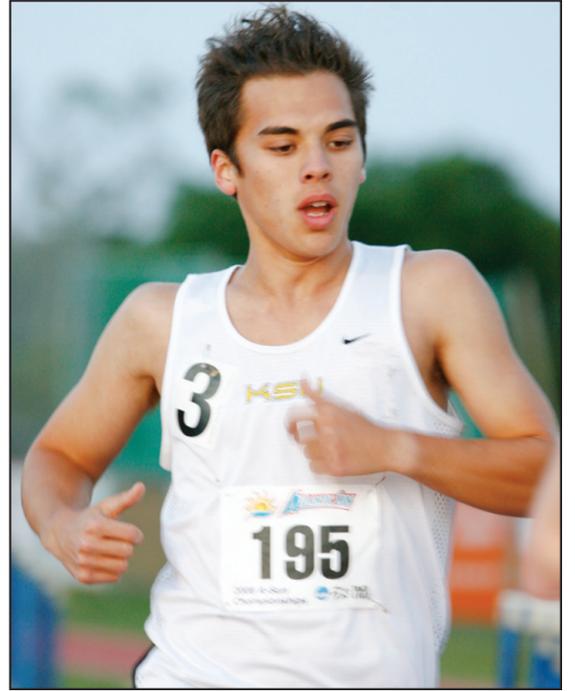
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Gianni Catalano (left) finished fifth in the 800m and 1500m, Jessica Irizarry (center) placed first and set a regional record in the javelin, and finished third in the hammer throw and Steven Murray (right) finished first in the 5k with a time of 15:52.04.

# Successful return to the track

LAUREN MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

The Owls men and women both fared well on the track this weekend in the Seminole Invitational hosted by Florida State University on April 10-11.

In the women's return to the track, Jessica Irizarry placed first and set a regional record in the javelin throw.

In other throwing events on Friday, Chiquita Hawthorne led the Owls in the discus, placing sixth with a distance of 35.43m. Jessica Lumpkin earned a ninth place finish in the event (32.41m).

The 4x100m relay team of Victoria Jackson, Sandi

Brown, Shantela Davis and Shelby Hines set a new KSU record, placing fourth with a time of 47.61.

Suzzette Van-Lare placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 1.65m, and Jakia Ragland finished right behind her in a tie for fifth.

Britany Reilly led the Owls in distance events, placing fourth in the 5000m run with a time of 18:38.79.

On Saturday, Hines placed sixth in the 200m dash with a time of 24.85, while also taking fourth in the 400m (56.66).

"Shelby had an absolutely awesome meet," said sprint coach Devin West. "She is constantly improving. It was definitely her best collegiate

meet so far."

In jumps on Saturday, Van-Lare came back strong in the long jump, placing third with a distance of 5.38. In addition she placed fifth in the triple jump (11.03m), finishing behind her teammate, Jill Arthur, who won the event (11.82m).

After her first place finish in the javelin on Friday, Irizarry came strong on Saturday as well, leading the Owls in the hammer throw with a third place finish (46.00m).

"I have been working really hard trying to get my strength up and my technique down," said Irizarry. "With Coach Langley coaching and supporting me, I can throw much far-

ther now."

The men's team competed well in the distance races on Friday. Scott Burley placed second in the 3000m run with a time of 8:30.94, and Travis Holmes was not far behind in fourth, crossing the line in 8:57.30.

"The men's team did fairly well," said West. "We are just now starting to get back in the groove, and we have to keep it going."

Later, in the 5k, the Owls took the top two spots, with Steven Murray placing first with a time of 15:52.04, followed by Michael Johnson in second (16:00.16). Maxwell Ngundu placed sixth in the event with a time of 16:47.91.

Sprinter, Joshua James, was perhaps most impressive for the Owls this weekend, setting a new KSU record in the 400m hurdles, placing second with a time of 53.31. In addition, he also led the Owls in the 400m dash with a seventh place finish and a time of 48.12, followed by James Verdi in ninth.

Off the field, Casey Strickland had a strong day Friday for the Owls, tying for tenth in the high jump (1.90m), while also placing fifth in the discus (45.03m).

In the javelin, Blake Lenane made his first appearance for the Owls on Friday, placing sixth (46.32m).

In sprints, Jemir Martinez set a personal record in the

100m dash, placing sixth with a time of 10.88, while Antonio Logan set a new personal record in the 200m crossing the line in sixth place with a time of 22.02.

In mid-distance, Gianni Catalano once again led the Owls, placing fifth in the 800m with a time of 1:54.12, as well as fifth in the 1500m (3:58.41).

The 4x100m relay team of Martinez, Logan, Verdi, and Kendall Parks set a new KSU record as well, placing third with a time of 41.65.

The Owls will return to the track when they travel to Baton Rouge, La. to compete in the LSU Alumni Gold next weekend on April 18-19.



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