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Where: Stillwell Theatre, Wilson Building
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What: SGA tailgate
When: Tues. April 28, 4:30 p.m.
Details: Free BBQ and giveaways before baseball vs. Alabama State at 5 p.m.

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Where: Performance Hall, Bailey Performance Center
Details: \$30

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When: Sun. May 3, 7 p.m.
Where: Performance Hall, Bailey Performance Center
Details: Tickets available at cobbssymphony.org

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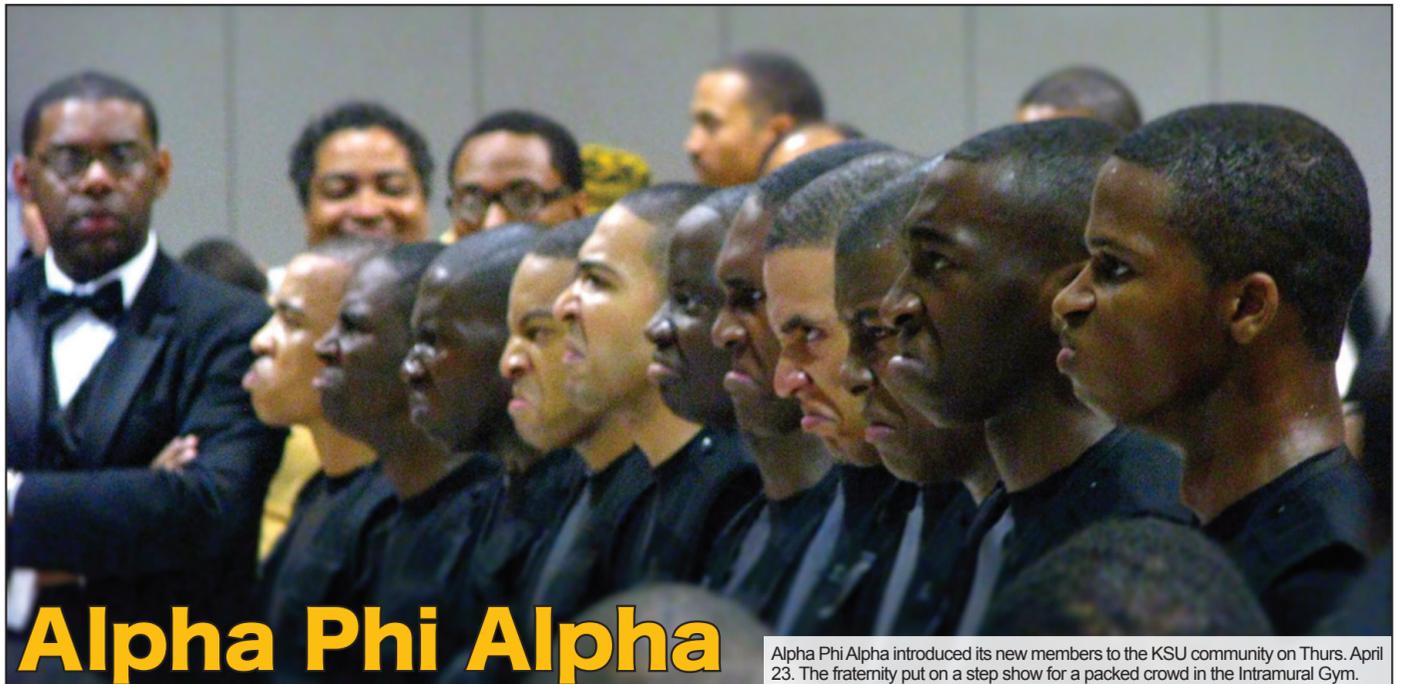
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Alpha Phi Alpha

Alpha Phi Alpha introduced its new members to the KSU community on Thurs. April 23. The fraternity put on a step show for a packed crowd in the Intramural Gym.

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finds its way back to campus

ANDY NELSON
STAFF WRITER

This spring, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first intercollegiate fraternity for African-Americans, returned to KSU's campus.

The fraternity was founded on Dec. 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Since its founding, Alpha Phi Alpha has strived to promote excellence in leadership. The group's mission statement says the fraternity "develops leaders, promotes brotherhood and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy for our communities."

Past members of the fraternity include Martin Luther King Jr., Cornell West and Thurgood Marshall. Some of Alpha Phi Alpha's national partners are the March of Dimes and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Harry E. Johnson, president

of the Washington D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project, served as the national president of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. from 2001-2004.

Brent Obleton, program coordinator of the Multicultural Student Retention Services, reported that the fraternity came to KSU in the past, but was relocated to Southern Polytechnic State University because it could not be sustained at KSU.

"When it first came to Kennesaw, there were not a lot of African-American students on campus. With the recent growth, it is moving back to KSU," said Obleton.

In Fall 2008, it was approved by the Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee.

"Few things can compare to the excitement that the men of the Tau Zeta chapter of Alpha feel about being back here

on campus," said Fraternity President Stephen Black. "We have worked hard to get to this point and we are ready to start conquering the objectives of our fraternity at KSU."

Obleton also reported that many of Alpha Phi Alpha's members are heavily involved in other organizations at KSU.

"We want to change the face of leadership here on campus," he said. "We know that many of our members will be at the forefront of student organizations. We want to develop effective programming that will allow us to not only affect KSU's community, but the surrounding community as well."

Darius Robinson, vice-president of the fraternity, also has plans to make their presence felt.

"Our major goal is for campus involvement. There are many organizations on campus with a lot of activities.

The problem is that we have a school with over 20,000 students in which the majority just go to class and go home," said Robinson. "I plan for our fraternity to host an event that would see what the interests of the students are and in turn get them involved in an organization."

"I am overjoyed that Alpha Phi Alpha has finally made it to the campus of KSU," said Robinson. "People should get involved because there is a need for students to get out and have some fun outside the classroom. Alpha Phi Alpha prides itself on scholarship so we look forward to also having some interesting study sessions."

"On behalf of all the Chartering members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Tau Zeta chapter, we would like to thank all our Brothers who have supported our journey into the House of Alpha," said Black.

GTP phased out for new, transfer students

ANDY NELSON
STAFF WRITER

The Board of Regents has announced that tuition rates will remain the same for returning KSU students for the 2009-2010 academic year; incoming freshmen and transfer students, however, will be charged KSU's per-credit-hour rate of \$134 up to the fifteenth semester hour due to the phasing out of the Guaranteed Tuition Plan.

In the past, students were only charged rates up to the twelfth hour, with any additional hours being free of charge.

Joe Head, assistant vice-president of Enrollment Services and dean of University Admissions, said the Guaranteed Tuition Plan has been around for four years and was initially intended to encourage students to graduate in four years. It is being discontinued because the Board of Regents has found that overall, the plan has not persuaded students to graduate on time. Students enrolled at KSU in Fall 2006, Fall 2007 or Fall 2008 will not see any changes in their tuition rates and are still considered to be under the GTP. Any students whose plans are set to expire will be required to pay the rates set for new and transfer students this fall.

Head reported that this change will not affect the standard for students who are receiving the HOPE Scholarship or other forms of Financial Aid that require students to enroll full-time.

Head also stated that there had been some confusion about the information released. On April 24, an email was sent out in order to remedy this confusion.

"This change does not

cancel nor replace the national standard definition for full-time status as it relates to regulations qualifying for services such as: Financial Aid, Enrollment Verifications, Insurance, Scholarship, etc. HOPE funding will cover additional credit hours beyond 12 for students who are eligible. KSU will update tuition tables by the end of April 2009 for future terms," the email stated.

"The national standard for full-time enrollment is still set at 12 hours," said Head. "All the Board of Regents did was decide to charge [new students] for the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth hour. The Board of Regents expanded the definition of 'full-time' regarding billable hours only. Any hours above 15 are at no charge."

In addition to these changes, the institutional fee implemented this spring is expected to continue until further notice because of the economic situation. This fee charges students \$50, \$75 or \$100 per semester depending on the mission. KSU students will be charged at the \$100 rate.

"The Board of Regents has the schools divided up into separate categories, and [KSU] is classified as a regional and state university," said Rita Adams, bursar at KSU. "State colleges and two-year colleges are charged \$50, state universities are charged \$75 and regional and state universities are charged \$100. It is expected to be extended through fall and is also included in the summer semester."

"I expect the increased ceiling to charge for hours 12-15 to be with us for some time due to the economy," said Head.

Math-science partnership receives \$830,000 grant



Courtesy of Tom Brown

Members of the Northwest Georgia Math/Science Education Partnership learn from the Tiger Flight Foundation.

HEATHER COOK
STAFF WRITER

About two weeks ago, a KSU-led partnership received \$830,000 to further their work and involvement with science teachers from grades K-12.

The program was started by Greg Rushton, assistant professor of chemistry education, and Tom Brown, associate professor of education science, in 2007. That year, they received a \$600,000 grant.

The program, which is called the Northwest Georgia Math/Science Education Partnership, is designed to further teacher experience in the sciences.

"The main aims of the project are to improve teachers' content and pedagogical content knowledge relative to the Georgia Performance Standards toward the goal of scientific literacy of Georgia's K-12 students," said Rushton. "It is a wonderful opportunity to team up with a fantastic assembly of science, math, education and technology specialists in collaboration with our K-12 partners to develop strong partnerships and a community of professionals devoted to the same goals of improved science and math teaching and learning."

"The grant will provide us with the opportunity to provide quality instruction, materials and encouragement to a large group of teachers," said Brown. "We are the largest Math-Science Partnership in the state of Georgia and, in serving seven different school systems,

we have the change to improve science and math education for thousands of students."

Since the establishment of the program, the partnership has trained 120 science teachers. These teachers have come from all over Georgia and they have finished 160 hours of training. This has been possible due to the program and in addition because of education partnerships, such as the Tiger Flight Foundation.

"Our first MSP grant was evaluated very highly by the participating teachers. We are thankful for that. We try to provide teachers with a wide range of enrichment experiences," said Brown. "For example, we partner with a group of retired pilots - the Tiger Flight Foundation - that take our teachers flying as they promote the wonder of flight and teach about the science concepts involved. They also frequently fly their helicopter to local elementary schools to do in-school field trips that the students love. This partnership has been outstanding for our teachers, students and pilots and we have all learned to appreciate and value the importance of flight, teamwork and collaboration."

Once the second round of the program picks up in July 2009, six school districts will be reached: Cobb, Chattooga, Bartow and Polk counties as well as the cities of Rome and Cartersville.

"The more we can enrich the educational experiences of our teachers, the more they will be able to give back to their students," said Brown.

CAITLIN DINGLE
ASST. PHOTO EDITOR

Make nice

On Sunday, April 5, police were dispatched to University Village in reference to a resident who was uncomfortable with her roommate's boyfriend. The complainant wanted to compromise about the visitation of her roommate's boyfriend. The police waited outside while the residents came to an agreement.

How do you prove that?

On Monday, April 6, police were dispatched to KSU Place in reference to a stolen bicycle. The complainant stated that about three weeks ago someone stole his bike when it was locked outside his dorm. He stated that he used to let his friend borrow it, so he did not worry about it. His friend was evicted from KSU Housing recently. There was a bike with a new lock outside the KSU Place apartments that the complainant claimed as his, but police cannot cut the lock unless ownership can be verified.

Floored

The afternoon of Tuesday, April 7, police were called to the Convocation Center in reference to damage to the arena floor. The cheer and dance team held an event in the evening and the person in charge of laying out the floor was told not to remove the covering that was already there and to lay the mats down on top of the floor covering. After the event, the floor covering appeared to have been untaped and moved and then re-laid again. There was no damage to the wood flooring underneath, but it is going to take 40-50 hours of work and \$130 in tape to fix what was undone. A report was made and the coaches were notified. The coaches stated that they tried to use the upper floors but intramurals told them they were not allowed, so they just folded the floor back and placed it where it belonged when they were done.

POLICE BEAT

Not now, chief

On Thursday, April 9, police met with the Facilities Use Building Coordinator of the KSU Center in reference to a subject refusing to leave the fitness center. There was a verbal altercation between the subject and the workers. The subject placed his clothing on a workout machine in the main workout area. He stated he had to bring equipment into a separate room so he walked past the check-in desk and said, "Good morning." The front desk clerk replied, and the subject declared that he did not like the way she spoke to him a year ago. He asked her not to talk to him and then said, "Have a great day." The check-in desk worker then replied, "Don't you ever talk to me like that again." Then, the subject stepped back, raised both of his hands and said, "Back away from me. You are not going to speak to me like that," and asked the gym assistant to call the police. The subject began walking toward the locker room and the check-in desk clerk followed him. Once the police arrived, the subject stated that he had one incident with the clerk before and witnessed her being aggressive and confrontational toward others. He asked if anyone

was going to jail. The clerk's story involved the subject getting into her face and screaming, and that he scared her. The clerk was escorted out, and the subject was informed that he needed to stay away from the clerk, who was 70 years old, and that raising his voice to her could be considered simple assault.

Urine and Red Bull

On the evening of Sunday, April 12, police were dispatched to KSU Place apartments to meet with a complainant about damage to her vehicle. She stated that she parked her vehicle on the first level of the North Deck and then received a call from her friend saying that her car door was open and the alarm was going off. The friend told the complainant, "I believe someone peed on your car." The outside and the interior both smelled like urine and Red Bull energy drink. There was also a two-inch scratch on the hood. The complainant's friend had a message on her phone from a subject stating, "Tell [her] she has five minutes to come outside and meet me at her vehicle. As you can see her alarm is already going off." The video of the deck was checked, and police viewed a black male entering and holding something in his hand. A report was filed.



WORLD RECORD DODGEBALL GAME & TOURNAMENT!

Friday, August 14th, 2009 KSU will attempt to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest dodgeball game ever played. You can be a part of history.

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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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Night of the living dead Anti-capitalism gives rise to its own form of undead

The invasion has begun. While flipping through the channels the other night, I landed on one of my favorite zombie movies: *Return of the Living Dead*. This is not to be confused with the *Night of the Living Dead*, or its *Dawn of the Dead* sequels. *Return of the Living Dead* is not only a wry darkly humorous film, but the zombies have a palette for a specific

organ: a brain, served at a toasty, tasty, temperature of 98.6 degrees F. All zombies have a taste for flesh, but these zombies literally want the part that makes humans unique and productive. Not that the zombies will do anything productive with the brains, they just want to eat them and hope they feel better—much like the those who would limit executive salaries be-

cause “no one should earn that much money,” as if earning money were a bad thing. In a way, this breed of real-life looters and parasites is not any different from the brain seeking undead.

If you were to believe certain U.S. news outlets, you would think that all business owners are Bernie Madoff—evil men out to enrich themselves at your expense. While that thought incorrectly presupposes that wealth is a zero sum game, it does not begin to probe the depth of the envy and hatred that exists for successful Americans by the growing zombie hordes. Last month, when AIG executives accepted their congressionally approved bonus, some of the more newspaper friendly threats against them were: “The Revolution is coming. The family members of your executives are not safe. Your blood will run through the streets in the coming months.” Even the Mafia leaves the families alone. These type of threats are not the behavior of rationale humans; this is a sub-human—mindless loathing brought about by jealousy and covetousness. As an interesting side note, *The Wall Street Journal* reported that Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac are paying out over \$210 million in bonuses this year and next year. Yet, the zombie thugs and their political masters remain quiet about this outrage.

As is typical in zombie movies, the undead attack the only group who might be able to help them: the survivors. The real life zombies are the same. They are not directing their anger at the politicians who caused the crisis (no one seems to want to

eat Barney Frank’s brains) but they do want the brains of the one group who can restore economic equilibrium: the small business owners and executives who create jobs. The living zombies would rather punish the people who can save them and turn to the politicians to raise taxes on those *evil* capitalists. Rather than brains, it is an immoral belief that they are entitled to the labors of others that drives the mindless drones of the anti-business class.

The U.S. is not the only country suffering from a zombie invasion; France has reached a most unpleasant balance between looters and producers. In the country known more for self-love than self-reliance, workers of 3M Corporation took a manager hostage over job cuts and executive pay. Rather than outrage at this act of worker-based terrorism, almost 50 percent of the French workforce believes that kidnapping is a valid form of expressing a grievance.

A report published last month by the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee says that while President Barack Obama’s stated goal is to increase jobs, his plan to raise taxes targets the same businesses that employed “60-80 percent” of the small business workforce in 2006. Additionally, a survey by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) found that 50 percent of the businesses taking part in the survey that employed between 20 and 250 employees also had an income of \$200,000 or more—with a large number of them paying taxes at an individual rate. This is the same



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group currently targeted by President Obama’s tax hikes. We all know that if a business loses money in one area, it must make up the difference somewhere else. In a down economy, backing a business owner into a corner where they must cut an employee or an entire staff is counter-intuitive to economic recovery.

There is a zombie invasion occurring, and its targets are the successful and the producers. It is best to remember that (paraphrasing William Boetcker) you can eat all the rich people you want but the poor will still be poor; and you can loot the employers with regressive taxation but you will not save a single employee.



Rise of the machines

Technological advancement is something our generation has grown up with. 45 years ago a computer would fill up a large room. Now it can fit in the palm of your hand.

The evolution of technology means more powerful machines—machines that can do work once thought only able to be done by humans.

What does that mean for the future? Simply put it would lead to what is called technological unemployment. The robots will take your job.

It’s happening as we speak. For example, I haven’t walked into my bank in almost a year. I make all my deposits and withdrawals from the Automated Teller Machine (ATM). When our generation is the majority of bank customers, there will be far fewer human tellers.

Drew Carey hosted a Reason.tv video about this subject in which he asked, “Now, think about it. How are we supposed to compete against something that doesn’t get paid, doesn’t get health insurance, and never goes on breaks?”

The video ends on a positive conclusion saying, “There’s no need to take a sledgehammer to a robot, because, although technology shakes up the labor market, it ends up giving us higher living standards as well as more and better job opportunities.”

That’s a more optimistic conclusion. While they are generally correct about the higher living standards and job opportunities, there are countless problems in the future of technology.

An article in USA Today reports on an engineering school in the suburbs of Tokyo that is working on integrating robots into human society.

It explains that “while robots are a long way from matching human emotional complexity, the country is perhaps the closest to a future — once the stuff of science fiction — where humans and intelligent robots routinely live side by side and interact socially.”

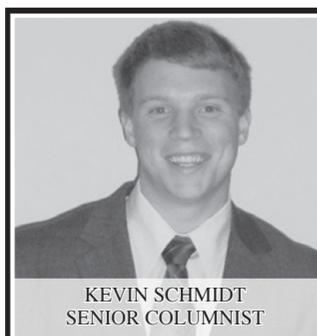
Japan is much further on the path to robot integration than are. The same article says, “Robots make sushi. Robots plant rice and tend paddies. There are robots serving as receptionists, vacuuming office corridors, spoon-feeding the elderly. They serve tea, greet company guests and chatter away at public technology displays. Now start-ups are marching out robotic home helpers.”

As robots become part of our societies, ethical concerns arise. A study by the British government looks ahead to the next 50 years and concludes that robots may eventually be able to demand the same citizen’s rights as humans. A BBC article described the situation noting that “If granted, countries would be obliged to provide social benefits including housing and even “robo-health-care,” the report says.”

Ron Arkin, a roboticist, believes that robots will “be better soldiers than humans. They could strictly follow the rules of engagement, codes of conduct and war protocols far better than more passionate humans, resulting in a reduction of war crimes.”

As if a world full of terrorism and all kinds of weapons of mass destruction that can destroy the world three times over isn’t enough, now we can re-enact the Terminator series in real life.

In the future, will we look back at this time in our lives and think that these were

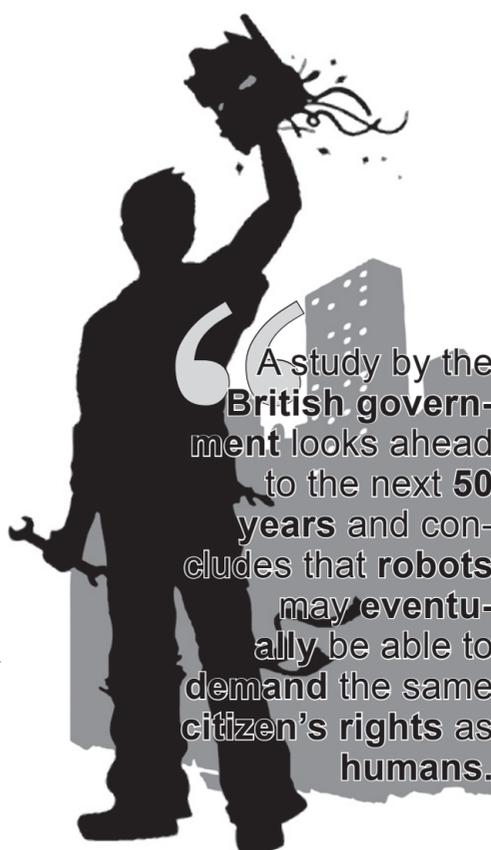


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the golden days of technology? Will the future advances of technology create a dystopia of robot armies and robot economies? Ron Arkin asks, “Is it a good or bad thing if robots become our natural successors and we fade into extinction?”

The mere thought of having to ask that question should tell us why we should proceed with caution with technology, because unless you approve of the idea of robots replacing us, we need to make sure the longterm future includes humans.



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What the American media isn't saying about Somalia

The piracy problem in Somalia has been going on for some time now, but of course Americans only take notice when an American ship captain is taken hostage. Suddenly this becomes an American cause. I have been wary of growing Islamist militancy in Somalia for a long time now, but the news media suddenly pays attention when money-hungry pirates (or "coast guard" according to Al Sharpton) seize an American. You know the mainstream media's formula for newsworthy deaths, right? 1 dead American (white and female) = 1,000 dead Bosnians = 10,000 dead Indonesians = 100,000 dead Congolese. The media's oversight of this long standing problem is a dangerous one. We all remember the day when the media covered the story of 3,000 dead Americans on 9/11. Unless the national spotlight is focused on potential threats as they come rather than as they cause problems for us, then we are likely to have many more dangerous oversights due to misdirected attention.

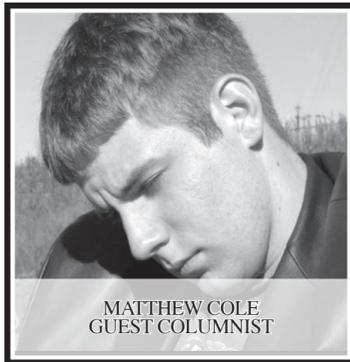
“Let's hope Americans decide that the octuplet mom just isn't that interesting and start demanding a more relevant news media.”

The piracy threat in Somalia is relatively small compared to the larger problems this country poses. In fact, I wouldn't be surprised if the Obama administration is using the piracy as an excuse to take a more direct role in dealing with Somalia. Many Americans now believe that this is simply another case in which America unilaterally reacted to an international problem. You

rarely hear in the mainstream media about the warships deployed to the Gulf of Aden by most EU countries, Russia, India and Iran. You definitely don't hear about how China, which hasn't deployed any naval forces beyond its coastline for centuries, has also decided to deploy warships to protect Chinese merchant vessels. Perhaps more significant for our allies is the fact that Japan, which "officially" prohibits the existence of a military, is also considering deploying warships to the Gulf of Aden. I was especially surprised when an Indian ship destroyed a pirate vessel. Of course, America also had ships deployed, but the media just now stops covering the octuplet mom and discovers an American naval presence in the region.

When piracy in Somalia is discussed by the media, rarely do you hear any mention of US air support during the Ethiopian invasion of Somalia in 2006. This is where a responsible media outlet would go on to remind people of how Ethiopia invaded in response to the Islamic Courts Union (ICU) seizing control over most of southern Somalia away from the UN-backed government. They would also go on to explain how Ethiopia's decision to arrange a ceasefire (which was ignored by the ICU) with the surviving ICU militants, instead of finishing them off, contributed to the more radical al-Shabaab. The media occasionally mentions something about this mysterious group called "al-Qaeda." They say enough about it for most Americans to know they had something to do with 9/11, along help from Saddam Hussein, Hugo Chavez, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Vladimir Putin.

I'm just kidding about the people as-



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GUEST COLUMNIST

sisting al-Qaeda, but if you watch Fox News, you might get a different impression. You would think that if al-Qaeda is bad, the media would cover the decision of al-Shabaab leaders to merge with al-Qaeda and their invitation for al-Qaeda militants to come to Somalia. The fact that many foreign militants seem to be accepting this offer should be really scary, especially considering the jihadist ideology of many of them. Of course, when CNN or Fox News covers Somalia, it's all about eye patches, peg legs and talking parrots. Excellent sniping makes headlines. A safe haven for al-Qaeda militants doesn't. I think that Obama would do well to use America's attention that is currently being directed at the pirates, and use that to focus on the real national security concerns present in the same country. Rather than looking at the symptoms of a deeper problem, why can't we have a more proactive media that focuses on tumors as they develop, or at least acknowledge them once they start causing problems?

The media's misdirected focus would be like a reporter walking through mass graves in Rwanda to interview Angelina Jolie about her newly adopted baby. Somehow they always seem to miss the bigger picture. What should be the real story is often ignored. Let's hope Americans decide that the octuplet mom just isn't that interesting and start demanding a more relevant news media.

Why You're Divine

As a freshman, I still love the novelty of things that make me say, "This is college." When I take out my trash and I notice the dumpster is filled with empty beer cases, I say, "This is college." On the green, I see guys throwing frisbees and girls sunbathing, and I say, "This is college." Recently, a stranger walked up to me in the Student Center and asked me how to get to room 310. I told him he would have to either take the elevator or the stairs. He then replied, "Can I just type in 3-1-0, on the elevator?" I walked away from this person, and I asked my friend, "this is college, right?"

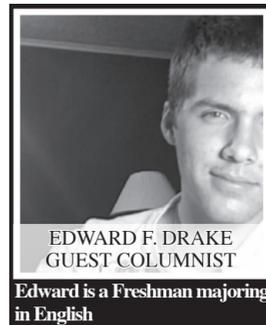
This is college, where we are all supposed to be moving forward in our lives.

But does anyone truly know where they're going? Even if you think you know where you are going, how do you know? "I'm going to be a lawyer," you say, but then the next day you fall off a building or in love. "I'll never be a dishwasher," you promise, but then you have to pay those bills someday or another. Never, Ever, Always, and Forever are going to be false sometimes.

People always ask me what I want to be when I grow up, more so since college started. I want to be alive and happy. But as far as profession, I don't know. So what am I doing in college? Doing something that interests me, English. I'm reading and writing. But what are you going to do with that English major? Teach, I suppose. Read, probably. Write, obviously.

My point is what does it matter? Yeah, you need to "do something with your life," but why does that something always mean an accomplishment that earns money? I'm going to college. I'm getting a degree, but I could just as easily not be doing these things and living a full life. Don't get me wrong; I love college and if I could, I would just become a professional student, living the rest of my life taking classes and majoring in one thing then another; I would build up student loans even my great, great grand kids would be in debt over, but student loans terminate when you die so that should work (at least mine do don't hold me to that).

Not only do I hate conversations dealing with professions, I get frustrated when people center their lives on what they are going to do (roughly 90% of the people I've met in college). That's fine if you think you know what you want to do, and I'm glad you're excited, but I'm not going to buy that you have found the meaning of life. I don't believe that on your deathbed, with you're last breath you'll exclaim, "I'm glad I was an engineer!" (eyes



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“Yeah, you need to “do something with your life,” but why does that something always mean an accomplishment that earns money?”

close, lights fade, curtains fall) There has to be more than that.

And on the subject of college, I also find "prestige" to be a word. And that's it. I realize what it means, and I hear how it's used, but I feel like we are making the wrong connection with it. People go to different colleges to obtain degrees of different prestige. Obviously, by our society's standards, a degree in peeing from Harvard ranks more prestigious than a degree in micro-biology, with a focus in genetics, from a school like KSU, because Harvard is more prestigious. Why? I'm not sure why. I'm sure grades, size, published faculty, tradition, so on and so forth play a factor, but does that make them have the smarter students? No. Here at KSU, I might be sitting in Fitness 1000 with the next Einstein, and because of a lack of financial resources, he's here, and not at MIT. Who knows? I don't.

Which brings me to my last point. I could be wrong. Who's to say who's right or wrong? Everyone has their own opinions based on the views of their friends, families, or role models, and until evidence is given that makes you question what you thought before, you'll always think you're right. Can you think of anything right now that you know you're wrong about (not morally)? You might not know everything about something, but of what you do know, you have opinions. You're human. It's fine. Your opinions are what make you unique, but listening to and understanding what makes other people tick is truly divine. For reading this, you are divine.

The Internet:

A wealth of information or a room full of idiots?

Arguably the greatest invention of the 20 Century, the Internet provides a mass of information to people all over the world in a split second. With social networking sites, blogs, Wikipedia, Google, countless web sites and a billion other things, you can find just about anything and everything you are looking for with a few clicks of a mouse. I use the world wide web for just about every column I write for this paper. However, there is a downside to this wonderful invention. Anyone, and I mean anyone, can use it to post their beliefs, thoughts, opinions and "facts" for the world to see. Unfortunately the ideas of some of these people can occasionally catch on, creating a countrywide phenomenon based on a crazy idea that pops into someone's brain.

The Internet is a hotbed for writing about and discussing numerous conspiracy theories. The most popular ones include the New World Order, the 9/11 Truth Movement, the Illuminati, Kennedy assassination conspiracies, proof that Elvis is still alive, aliens in Roswell, the faking of the moon landing and even some as idiotic as claims that former President George W. Bush is a descendent of the shape-shifting lizard people who run our world. Google it yourself if you don't believe me.

Speaking of Google, if you type in the word "Obama," you will find about 281,000,000 results. The words "9/11 Truth" will bring up about 112,000,000 results. "New World Order" gives about 167,000,000 results. Herein lies the problem with the Internet. Without regard to the objectivity or validity of a source, the average Web surfer can potentially come across seemingly factual, albeit idiotic and irrational, information and regard it as having some truth.

Just because some guys in a basement can put together a good-looking "documentary" about how the government caused 9/11, does not make it true. Their arguments might seem strong but lack crucial empirical evidence for their claims. It is also easy for the 9/11 Truth facilitators to dismiss anyone who objects to their claims as puppets of the government. However, the 9/11 Truth movement has a rather large (or at least larger than a rational person would anticipate) following. There have always been conspiracy theories, but it seems that the Internet inflates their access and stimulates their spread quicker than ever.

Even politicians and celebrities have caught on to some of these conspiracy movements. Georgia's own Cynthia McKinney, who ran as the Green Party candidate in 2008, believes in the 9/11 conspiracy theory. It is unfortunate that the movement has tried to involve Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul in their cohort of "truthers," even though he has repeatedly stated that he does not believe in such nonsense. Former talk show host of *The View* Rosie O'Donnell and actor Charlie Sheen are among some of the celebrities who have joined the 9/11 Truth hysteria. All of this because of a few "documentaries" and web sites posted on the Internet.

Is the Internet an actual facilitator in the increased popularity of conspiracy theories? Obviously, conspiracy theories have been around for a long time, even before the Internet. People believe in conspiracy theories because it helps them explain sometimes extreme and seemingly irrational events. Many scholars attribute this phenomenon to increased paranoia, the need to find scapegoats and often, psychological problems. They also agree that these occur across ideological lines. The Internet assists in



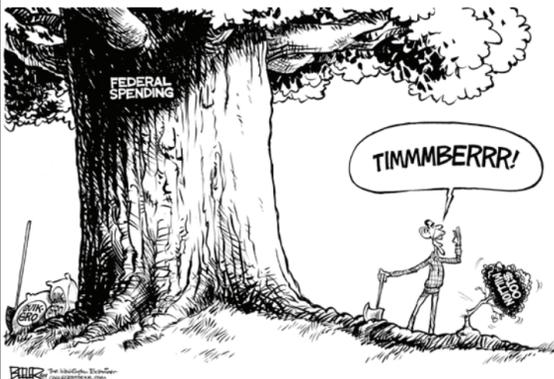
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the sharing of this paranoia among mass groups of individuals.

For now, the spread of these conspiracy theories is virtually harmless to society and some believe it would be more harmful for the government to get involved to try to squash the discussion, however insane the general population may find it. The speech and dialogue on the Internet should be protected under the first amendment just like any other forum. The good information that the Internet provides certainly outweighs the bad. Still, I would advise that you to double or even triple-check your sources before automatically believing everything you read.

KSU Students: Good luck on all of your papers and finals for the rest of the semester. Have a good summer!



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Party with the Bard: More fun than you can shake a ‘speare’ at

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All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances. And one man in his time plays many parts” — Act II, Scene VII of “As You Like It.” William Shakespeare coined that phrase, and even though he is dead and gone, his words still live on in our society. Shakespeare turned 445 this year, and KSU celebrated with the third annual Shakespeare birthday party held at the gazebo on April 23.

The weather was beautiful for the occasion as it was outside in the amphitheater behind the English building. Balloons decorated the Gazebo, and flocks of avid Shakespeare readers and curious passersby gathered to listen to the words of one of history’s finest writers. “Shakespeare was one of those revolutionary writers that you just have to remember,” said Lauren Richey, a sophomore middle grades education major.

Dr. Keith Botelho, assistant professor of English, is the creator and coordinator of the event. His idea came from the man who originally got him hooked on Shakespeare: his undergraduate renaissance professor, Gary Bouchard from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., where they have their own annual birthday party for Shakespeare. “In a way, I put my own spin on the events that I experienced as an undergraduate and made this one my own,” said Botelho. For instance, Bouchard gives student-designed buttons to readers, but Botelho gives out t-shirts. “The shirts seem to be the draw for a lot of people,” Botelho said.

From 10 a.m.–3 p.m., students, teachers, administrators, people from the local community and alumni read all of Shakespeare’s 154 sonnets. Some readers make their sonnets unique. “I encourage inventiveness,” said Botelho.

This year, several students and faculty members read French or Spanish translations, and students from Acting III (TPS 3243) memorized and performed sonnets during the 10–11 a.m. hour. Jeff Cebulski, lecturer of English, carried on his tradition of setting a sonnet to music. “I challenge him,” said Botelho. “I give Jeff a sonnet and he tries to find music that will go along with it—jazz, usually.”

“Sometimes I find a song that says, in a more modern way, what I think the sonnet actually means,” said Cebulski. “However, sometimes I find something that has a humorous irony to it.” This year, he paired sonnet 8 with “He loves and She loves,” a George Gershwin song, sung by Tony Bennett.

“I think the birthday celebration focuses on the sonnets because they allow many people to participate without formal training in acting,” said Donald Fay, an associate professor of English. “They are 14 lines of the Bard that any student or faculty can practice and deliver.”

The biggest events of the day occurred during the 12–1 p.m. hour. The honorary cake cutter was Executive Assistant to the President Dr. Sarah Robbins, who will be leaving KSU this year. Robbins walked over to the table where two white cakes sat that read “Happy Birthday, Will!” Once everyone was ready, she sliced up generous servings of vanilla-frosted chocolate cake, which drew a line of people.

Dr. Richard Vengroff, Dean of the College of Humanities and



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Shakespeare’s Tavern actors perform a scene from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at the Legacy Gazebo (above). Dr. Sarah Robbins cuts cake at Shakespeare’s birthday celebration (left).



Social Sciences and official cake cutter at past parties, cut the second cake. After cake, six actors from the Shakespeare Tavern performed scenes and monologues from the British playwright’s works, such as “Hamlet” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Then the anachronistically-dressed Marietta group, Knightsong, performed, singing acapella renaissance madrigals. One song, “Since Robin hood,” was written about Kemp, one of Shakespeare’s main actors, according to the group. After chants for an encore at the end of their set, Knightsong sang a final non-renaissance song.

“Other than my reading the first and last sonnets and even better readings by students and other faculty, the best part of the celebration will be the noon hour festivities—plays, music, and cake. ‘If music be the food of love, play on!’” Fay said.

Throughout the ceremony, Botelho asked audience members Shakespeare-related questions for which they received prizes if they answered correctly.

The party attracted heavy participation as it has in past years. Since the event lasts around six hours and people mingle in and out, it’s hard to determine the number of attendees, but at noon last year, Botelho counted over 200 people.

Sean Goulding, a junior English major, arrived shortly after the event began. Although he was given Sonnet 31 to read in someone’s place, he was very excited to take it. “I’m very fond of Shakespeare,” Goulding said. “My favorite tragedy is ‘Hamlet’ and my favorite comedy is ‘Taming of the Shrew.’” “Shakespeare’s birthday has become a big celebration on Kennesaw’s campus and to have so many volunteers reading his historic works is a great auditory event even if I wasn’t participating,” Goulding said. “I thought the event was very well-organized, the décor was wonderful, and many of the participants seemed very prepared and excited to read.”

Another junior English major, Cat Queen, also read some verses of Shakespeare. “I volunteered because Dr. Botelho gave extra

credit for reading a sonnet—and I really wanted one of those fabulous shirts,” Queen said. She said she attended the party “to support the English department and all of the hard work I know that Dr. Botelho puts into the party.”

Though Queen has never really been a Shakespeare fan before, she’s becoming one. “The Tempest” is her favorite of his works. Overall, Queen had positive impressions from the event. “It was really neat. I was impressed by the theatre students who recited their sonnets, and by the number of students who volunteered or were otherwise involved—I’m sure Shakespeare would have dug it.”

For Botelho, the celebration is a chance to create a sense of community at KSU, especially among English majors. “It does a couple of things. One, it’s a great end-of-the-year event for English majors and faculty, and two, it works with National Poetry Month. It gets people listening to and reciting poetry,” Botelho said.

“There’s always the hope that we will reach out into the community,” Botelho said. “Every year, community members have come, so it’s not just an English-major event. I’ve talked to the agents of Paula Deen and Alton Brown from the Food Network, who are both Georgia natives, but we’ve never been able to get them in Georgia at the time. That will come down the road.”

Botelho’s own favorite sonnets are 135, often called the “Will Sonnet,” and 122. His favorite play is “The Merchant of Venice.” “There are so many ambiguities,” he said. “You don’t know who to support. You’re constantly questioning what you think you know. I think that’s one of the best things about Shakespeare: He pushes you to the edge, and when you think you know what you’re talking about, he jerks you out of your reality and makes you reconsider.”

According to Fay, “It’s important to celebrate Shakespeare’s birthday for many reasons. He contrib-

uted words and word usages to the English language that we still use and say. Could we get along without phrases such as ‘a fool’s paradise,’ ‘as good luck would have it,’ ‘good riddance,’ ‘love is blind,’ ‘set your teeth on edge,’ or ‘the game is up’? All of these first appeared in Shakespeare. His plays and poems use the largest vocabulary of any known speaker, ranging from street slang to the elevated diction of the universities. His plots show the intricacies of love relationships, family struggles, mistakes in our perception of others, and political intrigue we all experience and desire in our art entertainment. Many a book, movie and television show borrow from Shakespeare’s plot and characters, though rarely with his skill. Contemporary films, such as Japanese director Akira Kurosawa’s ‘Ran’ based on ‘King Lear’ or the film ‘O’ based on ‘Othello,’ adapt Shakespeare’s plays.”

William Shakespeare’s actual birthday is unknown, although it is highly surmised that it is on April 23. Scholars believe this conclusion because his date of baptism is known (April 26, 1564) and they believe he was born three days prior, which is on St. George’s Day.

Shakespeare is known as England’s national poet and also as “the Bard.” He wrote 154 sonnets and perfected the English sonnet, which is also known as the Shakespearean sonnet. He wrote 38 plays and two narrative poems along with a number of other poems.

After 1594, all of Shakespeare’s plays were performed by The Lord Chamberlain’s Men, a playing company that was established during the reign of Elizabeth I.

In 1599, the company built The Globe Theater, the stage that is most commonly associated with Shakespeare. The theater, which was built on the south side of the River Thames, caught fire in 1613, and another one was built in the same spot in 1614.

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Environmental alliance organizes Earth Day fest



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As part of the Environmental Alliance's recycled art, student Sarah Christopherson sells her earrings made of bottle caps.

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KSU celebrated our planet on April 22 with four hours of recycled art, jewelry, T-shirts, herbs and other goodies on the campus green. Six KSU Environmental Alliance (EA) members—Branden Macie, Morgan Booker, Julianne Trew, Sarah Christopherson, Andrew Doak and Molly Flageolle—organized the Earth Day event with the help of many donations from various companies and much support from KSU faculty.

"They didn't charge for items like potted herbs or compact fluorescent light bulbs because the message behind these giveaways was more important. "We realized that people are attracted to giveaways," said EA President and junior environmental studies major Branden Macie. "We also value the relational aspect of handing out goodies—people talking to people about the issues and involvement in the issues."

Even WingZone was representing the EA's fundamental message of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle," with one of its vehicles powered by biofuel. "I think they were great attention getters," Macie said. "Folks are attracted to food—food is comforting and uniting. Our objective with having WingZone at the event was to talk with people who felt comfortable."

"We're trying to increase people's awareness—the greater impact of what they're doing on a day-to-day basis," Macie said.

"We want to educate people that the decisions they make affect everything else," said Morgan Booker, EA creative director and senior art major. Booker is a student representative for Vegan Outreach, a non-profit, non-KSU affiliated organization and part of the Food Justice Committee that aims to educate people about cruelty-free food. "I'm just one part of the EA with the food thing," Booker said.

That said, the EA's approach is multi-faceted—the topics that concern the group affect our health, our environment and our economy. "At each meeting, there is an educational component for students. We have open discussions of the issues we learn about and we focus our energies to bringing light to many destructive issues," Macie said. "You don't want to jump in without being educated. Just from educating yourself, with one clear, present, thought-out action, you affect change in your life."

Although all environmental issues are interconnected, some are more worrisome than others. "For the most part, I worry about water-related issues," Macie said. "Our daily consumption—whether it is drugs, food, drink, whatever—impacts the water system we drink from."

EA Vice President and freshman art major Julianne Trew is also concerned about our water supply: "Water pollution affects the entire planet's way of life, even if you don't personally realize it," she said.

"The real-life impact that everyone can easily make is just to conserve more energy. Conservation is the first and most important step in creating realistic energy futures for all of us," Trew said.

Dr. Troy Mutchler, assistant professor of Biology, supported Trew's words: "The best thing people can do is consider the true costs of their daily activities. Everything we use and consume takes

energy and resources to produce. There are often hidden, non-monetary costs to acquiring and using energy and resources, such as pollution or resource depletion."

"What we see is the only thing we believe," Macie said. "We have to be conscious of the fact that material things do not disappear. All things just move locations for a change in composition in a continuous cycle."

The EA tries to make believers by bringing the destructive consequences of our activities to light. "Give them facts and figures. You have to keep trying," Booker said.

Another problem the EA faces is just the general American mentality. "This society focuses on the short-term effects," Macie said. He explained that many people care more about their own pleasure to consider the consequences of their activities. "Happiness matters," Macie said. "But so do the long-term effects."

Macie himself stopped eating meat just over a year ago because the biological, chemical and physical disturbances from our agricultural industries concerned him. "Taking it upon myself to make personal changes helped me realize the importance of my own health and how significant it is to help the environment," Macie said. Trew

seconded Macie's opinion: "When you start taking care of yourself, you start taking care of the environment."

The group began as a committee to serve over other environmental organizations at KSU, but eventually, all the groups merged to form the Environmental Alliance. "Now we are focused as a single organization, trying to inspire individual change," Macie said. Booker agreed that as a group, the EA wants to enlighten and inspire.

Also in the EA's history is a struggle for student support. "I attribute it to the fact that our campus is heavily comprised of commuting students. As a result, student involvement, as a priority, is lost in translation," Macie said.

Clearly, EA members are passionate. When they find others who are just as passionate, Macie and Booker agree that these people make their work worthwhile. One student, sophomore art major Jessica Thompson was intrigued by Earth Day's offerings. "I came to Earth Day because I heard there were craft-type things and I love that kind of stuff," Thompson said. "I love being around people who feel the same way I do about keeping the world clean and beautiful." She likes to do her part for the earth by recycling. "It's so easy, so why not?" Thompson said.

Another student, Scott Milne, a freshman Criminal Justice major, rode his bike out to the Earth Day event to celebrate our planet and to get free stuff. "I like the earth and it should be respected," Milne said.

EA members, Trew and Macie in particular, were pleased overall with Earth Day's turnout. "I feel like the event circulated some energy around the focus of environmental consciousness—being fundamentally aware of our every decision," Macie said.

"I was really amazed with the turnout we had—I feel that Earth Day was extremely successful. The organic shirts went very quickly and I planted a really large amount of herbs with people. I got a lot of opportunities to share my knowledge about composting and vermicomposting with people that were really interested in it," Trew said. Although she got sunburned from sitting in the sun all day, "Earth Day was totally worth it," Trew said.

Director of Sustainability and Professor of Biology Dr. Robert Paul strongly believes that celebrating Earth Day is important because of how our society orients itself. "We live in an indoor society—fewer than 20% of young people in the U.S. spend a significant amount of time out in nature. Earth Day can serve to focus our attention on the fact that we are part of the natural world and we need to be good citizens of our planet," Paul said.

Despite all the facts and figures, some people still pay no mind to celebrations such as Earth Day. "There are people, some right here on our campus, who roll their eyes when hearing about concepts like sustainability," Paul said. It's not just students; Paul said he has heard his own colleagues dismiss environmental education as "just a passing fad."

Mutchler warns that considering your impacts only once a year is not sufficient. "[Earth Day] is only one day, and people need to think about human interactions with and impacts on the earth in their daily lives throughout the year. Earth Day is not just about the earth—it is about us," Mutchler said.

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Rolling with Public Safety Campus police add bike officers

With the addition of six new members, there are now 10 bicycle officers patrolling the KSU campus. The team of bicycle officers is comprised of two full-time bicycle officers, four part-time bicycle police officers and four part-time security bicycle officers. The KSU Police Department hopes to hold a training session in June to carry out their plans to add four more officers to the bicycle patrol team. During the last training session, trainees rode approximately 17 miles around campus. Trainees also learned basic bike maintenance and tire repair from the KSU Bike Shop. As part of the Earth Day observance activities, the team participated in KSU's Bike Day last week on Campus Green.

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Professor wins legendary award

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Traci Redish, an associate professor of Instructional Technology here at KSU, was awarded the Colonial Athletic Association's (CAA) Legend Award for her outstanding achievement on the basketball court and for her studies at Georgia State University (GSU). According to the CAA, a "legend" is someone who excels on and off the basketball court. On January 22, Redish received her award at the Georgia State vs. James Madison basketball game.

"Her accomplishments have stood the test of time and what she has done sets a high standard for other[s] coming along who want to measure and define success," said Charlie Taylor, assistant athletic director of communications at GSU. "Her values and the collective experiences she has lived make her a remarkable example of what can be done when you challenge yourself. She fits into a rare category of those who do more than is expected in every way they can. But, she is so low-key and humble you have to notice it yourself and appreciate it because she doesn't think what she has done is all that special. She has taken the Golden Rule and probably done for others more than others have done for her, but it appears to come naturally to her."

During Redish's 106 game career, she scored 1,398 points, which was third in GSU's history. She also had 187 steals, and at the time, she set the records for the most free throws in a career and for the most steals in a game. She is a part of the "Top 10" in six different categories at GSU even to this day. She was passionate about the game.

"I love the competitive spirit and team camaraderie of playing college basketball," Redish said. "The level of competition is high and all the girls are working as hard as they can for their team."

In the classroom, Redish excelled. She earned a 3.92 GPA and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She accomplished these honors as she shined on the court. Redish was also honored with GTE/COSIDA first-team Academic All-American status for her achievements.

After graduation, she then went on to pursue a master's in education at GSU where she graduated with a 4.0. She was also awarded a \$4,000 NCAA post-graduate scholarship to aid her in graduate school.

During her work on her master's, basketball never left her life. She became an assistant coach for the GSU women's basketball team. She went on to obtain her doctorate from GSU in 1997.

"There were lots of great things about attending college at Georgia State University. Of course, playing basketball was a chance of a lifetime.

Collegiate sports programs offer students a wonderful opportunity to grow both as a player and a person. I also enjoyed the outstanding academic preparation that I received—obviously, as all four of my degrees are from GSU! Lastly, I participated in the Greek life at GSU and have fond memories of my days as an ΑΟπ," Redish said.

"The biggest struggle in college was trying to juggle playing Division 1 Women's basketball while remaining fully committed to my academic studies. We practiced and traveled a great deal," Redish said. Through her struggles, Redish said she learned the great skill of time management.

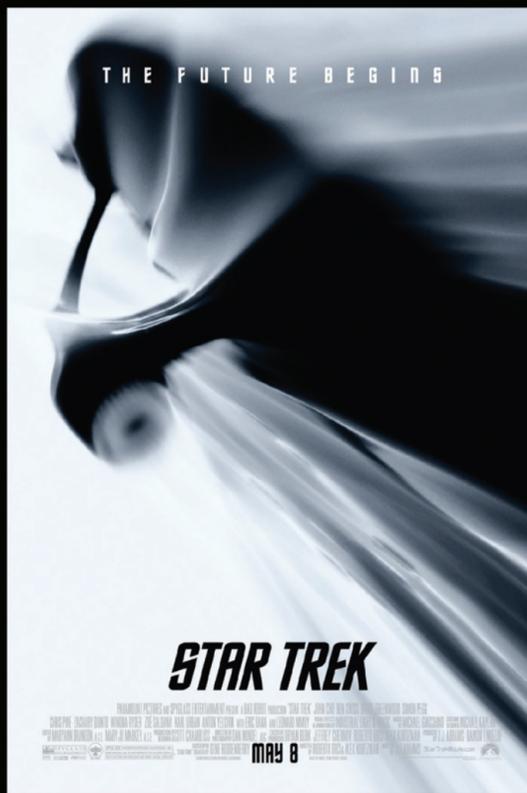
"She gave back to the community with civic projects and was recognized as a prestigious Peach of An Athlete for the entire State of Georgia for things she had done off the court and out of the classroom," Taylor said. "She was focused to be able to do it all, not making excuses of being too busy or not having enough time. Whatever she did, she made it a purpose to do it well and with the best she had to give. She presents internationally, nationally and locally as a respected educator. And, if that is not enough she still blends that with raising three children of her own in the critical role of a mother. And, I'm sure her civic works continues as well. She looks at ways to help others first it appears and worries about herself second."

Redish became interested in KSU because of its potential for technological development: "In 1995, KSU was already a dynamic environment, and the opportunity to work at an up-and-coming university was highly appealing to me," Redish said. "KSU was one of the few universities seeing the transformational potential of educational technology, and I accepted a position in the Educational Technology Center, teaching educators how to integrate technology into educational practice."

Redish developed the InTech Professional Development Model, which is a training program for Georgia educators. So far, 75,000 educators have completed her program. She also has authored and coauthored a number of articles. On top of that, she has found time to write a book on educational leadership.

"Unquestionably, the most rewarding part of education is making a difference in the lives of so many K-12 students by assisting teachers in the effective use of technology," Redish said. "As Harvard business professor Clayton Christensen recently noted, educational technology is reaching the critical point at which it will transform teaching and learning. It is a very exciting time to be in instructional technology, and doubly so to be at a university like KSU that is so committed to visionary educational practice."

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Student encourages others to study abroad

MALLORY BREWER
STAFF WRITER

Last fall, two students came into Ashley Eller's German class to give a presentation about the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX), a program sponsored by CDS International. After hearing the guests speak about the CBYX program, Eller, a sophomore International Business major, was intrigued. The program seemed perfect because she didn't want just to study—she wanted to do everything.

Eller started her German studies in high school: "I was more interested in the culture than the language," she said.

A trip to Germany in 2006 to visit a friend and to watch the Summer World Cup cemented that interest. "It was great to see national pride," Eller said. "It wasn't just about Germany—it was about every country coming together for this game of soccer."

All of Eller's experiences with German language and culture led her to choose a minor in German at KSU. In class, Dr. Sabine Smith encouraged Eller and her other students to seek opportunities abroad, listing various ways to finance them.

Eller echoed Smith: "You don't have to go the expensive way—you can at least choose programs that help you halfway, like CBYX," Eller said.

Before applying to the CBYX program, Eller had to meet the criteria: 18–24 years old, 3.0 GPA, U.S. citizenship, an employer and professor recommendation, a transcript for two years of education and a résumé. CDS didn't require any previous knowledge of German for candidacy.

The CDS selection process for the CBYX program was nationwide. Before Dec. 1, 2008, 500 people filled out the nine-page application online, which included eight

essay questions. Out of 500

applicants, 150 were selected for interviews on Jan. 17 at the German Cultural Center in Atlanta. From that pool of interviewees, Eller and 74 others found out on Feb. 26, two weeks earlier than expected, that they were chosen for the program. Although the process was time-consuming, "I definitely think it was worth it—if you don't try, you're never going to know if you could have done it," Eller said.

As CDS requires, Eller is choosing her own classes and finding her own job. As part of the CBYX program, participants will study for three months in an intensive German language course. Then CDS will transport participants to their host families. While living there, they will spend half of the nine months as students in nearby colleges.

At college, all course instruction will be in German. Students won't receive actual credit for the courses—it will be more of an auditing experience. Also, semesters in Germany are different from those in the United States, so the CBYX students will come in to classes when they start, but will leave before the term ends in December.

For the other half of the program, students will work as interns for whichever company they chose. Eller isn't afraid that she won't be able to find a job, even considering the world's economic state: "The government will still pay for you if you really can't find a job."

She does have a preference as to where to work. "I would like to work in some kind of business atmosphere. I want to live and work in Germany later," Eller said. But she said she wouldn't mind working somewhere more casual, like a restaurant or a shoe store.

Eller isn't worried about making mistakes or being embarrassed about them.

"[Germans are] very accepting as long as you're willing to learn the language and as long as you put yourself out there first."

"I hope the CBYX experience will give me a better understanding of myself and how I feel about the world," Eller said. To fellow students who may be hesitant to face such challenges, Eller said, "Stop saying 'I wish I could do that.' Just get out there and do it."

Eller is currently working with Dr. Daniel Paracka, Director of International Services and Programs to sort out the academic side of her CBYX participation. "It's great to see students get excited about the world and take on wonderful international experiences," Paracka said. "We always support students in their goals to study abroad."

Paracka added that KSU always has students who are doing interesting things like internships and working abroad.

"[Studying abroad is] not cheap, but it's worth it," Paracka said. "Our programs are some of the least expensive offered. It's a real bargain in that sense." The International Services and Programs department has \$700,000 to give away annually through Global Learning scholarships to students who want to study or work abroad. The average award is \$750.

"Every single student who studies abroad will get at least \$250. If you're studying a language or if you're going for longer, you will get a lot more money," Paracka said. He estimated that more money could be \$2,000 or more right now.

"International travel really opens your mind. It lets you know how many options you have in life. It's a very freeing, eye-opening experience," Paracka said. "If you let it, the world can teach you."

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New Star Trek movie attracts die-hard fans and newcomers alike



MICHELLE LANDREIN
STAFF WRITER

The world will be transported to a different universe on May 7 with the opening of the new Star Trek movie. It tells the story of a new crew's first flight aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise, a highly advanced starship. Their perilous journey is a result of an evil being whose vengeful mission threatens everyone on Earth. The galaxy's fate rests upon the shoulders of two rivals teamed up in an unlikely, yet powerful, partnership. James Kirk is a rebellious daredevil farm boy from Iowa and Spock was brought up in a society that shuns all emotions. Together, they boldly venture to places where nobody has dared to go before in an attempt to conquer evil.

Judging by the trailer alone, you can expect that this movie is going to be an action-packed adventure that will appeal to a broad audience. "I think this movie will do what Star Wars I failed to do: captivate the younger audiences along with the older generation of fans," said Steven Whitton, a sociology major and "Trekkie."

Actors Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto play the two main characters in the film: James Kirk and Spock, respectively. Quinto assured that audience members who are big fans or newcomers to the Star Trek series will enjoy the movie.

"Now that the movie is starting to screen and we're getting feedback I think the thing that I've

heard most consistently is from people who have not been Star Trek fans who felt exhilarated and connected to these characters much more than they expected to be. That's probably the most consistently encouraging feedback that I've gotten. So the hope is that the movie itself transcends the connection to Star Trek for people that might not have exposure to it. And J.J. [Abrams] has said openly and many times that he didn't necessarily make this movie for Star Trek fans. He made this movie for future Star Trek fans. And that's something that I think comes across in the film," said Quinto.

Pine added, "Yeah, I think quite honestly the movie has to do with relationships and good characters. And I think it doesn't matter that it takes place in the future and on a spaceship. At the heart of this movie are really accessible characters and situations, feelings and emotions that we all go through. And it just happens to take place in this different space. No pun intended."

One of the most interesting aspects of the movie is that it's a prequel, which will fill gaps as well as inform viewers about past events. Writers Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman have a fluid, intelligent way of creating ideas, so the elements of this film should be similar or parallel to those of past movies. The special effects look incredible and the drama is intense. It appears that most viewers will have to buckle their seatbelts for this ride—or should I say flight?

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Eighth place finish at A-Sun for men's golf

JUSTIN HOBBDAY
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The Owls dropped five spots in the standings to finish eighth at the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship Wednesday.

Blustery weather caused playing conditions to toughen throughout the third round. KSU started the round in third place, but turned in the highest round of the day at 318.

"The first two days were pretty good. We played a lot of solid golf," said head coach Blake Smart. "The last day was a really tough finish, and a rotten way to end the year."

Michael Tulacz held the individual lead with eight holes to play in the round, but an eight over par back-nine caused Tulacz to tumble into a tie for eighth. The senior was playing his final round for KSU.

"It was frustrating because I had the individual lead with eight holes to go, and a couple of bad golf shots coming in cost me a lot more than they would have on a normal day," said Tulacz.

J.P. Putnam and Jeff Karlsson scored the Owls' only two rounds in the 70's. Karlsson finished in a tie for 14th after shooting a 78 to finish the tournament at 221, only three strokes from a top ten finish.

Putnam shot a final-round 79 to finish the tournament tied for 37th with a 227. Putnam shot the most consistent round for the Owls scoring par or better on 14 of 18 holes, and had a shot at cracking the top 20 until a nine on the par-four 16th squashed the idea.

"I've never played in winds that were that severe," said Tulacz. "They had to be 20-30 mph pretty steady, and were gusting upwards of 40 mph. It didn't take a very bad golf shot to turn into a very bad hole."

Matthew Nagy and Chad Wilson finished 40th and 53rd respectively. Nagy shot a final round 81, and Wilson succumbed to the difficult conditions firing an 83.

The A-Sun Championship marked the end of the Owls' season, and the end of reclassification for the athletic program.

"We've actually been post-season eligible for four years now," said

Smart. "Schoolwide we'll benefit from brand name recognition going up, and hopefully that will help us with recruiting."

Tulacz is the only senior departing from the team. The Owls will return with a deep roster, and a heightened awareness of the entire athletic program could help bring in some impact recruits.

Top 10 for Tulacz in final collegiate event

Michael Tulacz salvaged a top ten finish after flirting with the individual title at the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship.

Tulacz started the final round with a share of the lead after shooting 69 in the first two rounds. After the front nine of the final round he held the lead by himself, but a back-nine 44 led to a final round 80 and tie for eighth.

"[Tulacz] was an immediate impact kid for the team," said head coach Blake Smart. "He unfortunately never got a win in college, but was very close. He holds almost every significant record at KSU since we moved to division I."

Tulacz came to KSU after a year at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkhill, N.Y. where he was selected as an NCAA Division II All-American. He spent much of his junior season ranked in the top 50, and was as high as ninth in the national rankings.

"The decision to come to Kennesaw was one of the best decisions I could have made for my golf career," said Tulacz. Being here and playing against the competition I've gotten to play against has done nothing but help my golf game, and getting a degree along the way is an added bonus."

Twice during his junior season, Tulacz posted the lowest 18-hole score in KSU division I history. He shot the school's division I best 54-hole total as well.

"He'll be difficult to replace," said Smart. "We probably can't replace him with just one kid, but we've got some good players coming in, and hopefully we can use what he has done the last three years to keep the program moving forward."



Photo courtesy of KSU SID
Michael Tulacz walked off the green for the last time as an Owl at the A-Sun Championships.

Athletes of the Week

LUCAS BINGHAM
STAFF WRITER

KSU's junior pitcher Chad

Jenkins has contributed a lot for his team that currently sits near the top of the A-Sun Conference.

"Were playing really well right now," said Jenkins. "The pitching staff is doing great."

Jenkins was named the A-Sun pitcher of the week Monday for the second consecutive week, and for the third time this season.

"It's a great honor to be honest," said Jenkins. "I am prepared and get myself ready week in and week out."

On April 24 he lead the Owls to a 26 - 2 win over Belmont after pitching eight scoreless innings.

Jenkins has gone 8 - 2 as a starter, the highest for the Owls.

Jenkins is currently tied alongside Kyle Heckathorn for total batters struck out with 68. He also holds the record for the most strikeouts within a game against Belmont and ETSU with 12. However, it's the wins that mean more to him than the stats.

"[I am] focused on trying to win the game," said Jenkins. "I like to see the win columns."

Currently, the Owls (23-16 overall / 15 - 5 A-Sun) have dropped to second place in the A-Sun behind Florida Gulf Coast (25 - 16 overall / 16 - 5 A-Sun).

Jenkins believes that, to remain at the top of the conference, they need to stay consistent. "We've just got to keep playing like we were playing," he said.

He currently holds a 2.32 ERA after 66 innings pitched.

Before coming to KSU, Jenkins was named Cherokee County Player of the Year and Cherokee County All-County Selection in High School. He was also listed as a top 50 prospect by the AJC.



Chad Jenkins

KSU takes series, but falls to second in conference



Christine Morales | The Sentinel
Jon White and the Owls slipped to second in the conference standings after taking two of three from Belmont.

JOHN MORBITZER
STAFF WRITER

The KSU men's baseball team took two of three games from Belmont, with winning scores of 26-2 and 7-2 after dropping the first game to stay within a half game of Florida Gulf Coast for first place in the A-Sun.

"The performance lately has been good," said head coach Mike Sansing. "We dropped the first game, but our defense has carried over. We hit, pitched and defended well."

The Owls (23-16, 15-5) fell in the first of a double-header Friday, April 24 in Nashville, Tenn. KSU and Belmont traded runs in almost every inning, as Belmont had an answer for every time KSU scored.

The Owls were down 6-5 going into the ninth when Tyler Stubblefield hit a two-run home run, his second home run of the game, for KSU to take the lead. However, a throwing error by Stubblefield in the bottom of the inning with two outs allowed Belmont to tie the game and force extra innings.

In the 10th, Curtis Van Wyck and Jon White had back-to-back RBI doubles with two outs to take the lead, but a two-run home run by Belmont in the bottom of the inning prolonged the contest.

KSU could not put any runs on the board in the 11th, and a home run by Belmont provided the winning run, with a final score of 10-9.

After dropping the first game,

KSU returned in game two with a vengeance. The Owls brought out the bats behind Chad Jenkins eight scoreless innings, and won by a dominating 26-2 margin.

KSU started early, scoring seven runs in the second inning with RBIs by five different Owls. Two innings later KSU put up six more runs, highlighted by home runs from Jace Whitmer and Curtis Van Wyck. After putting up one more run in the seventh, KSU added another twelve runs in the eighth. A home run by Josh Whitaker pushed the lead to eighteen, and a few batters later White reached five RBIs for the game with a three-run home run. Whitaker and Van Wyck also pushed in five RBIs each.

Jenkins had another dominant outing, allowing only five hits in eight innings with no walks and twelve strikeouts, while extending his scoreless innings streak to 34.2.

On Saturday the Owls were able to take the series to stay within a half game of first place in the conference, with a final score of 7-2.

KSU scored two runs in the top of the first, followed by three more in the third. Starter Justin Edwards threw no hit ball until two were out in the fifth inning. In the fourth, Andrew Martin hit a solo home run, as he went 4-4 on the day, and Jon White also hit a solo home run, bringing the last run for the Owls across the plate.

Belmont scored in the fifth and entered the sixth with bases

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KSU women's track and field member Jill Arthur is fulfilling a key role for her team in jumps and hurdles.



Jill Arthur

As a sophomore, Arthur has already broken many of her own personal records in events like the indoor long jump and triple jump.

She set a KSU record in the triple jump with a distance of 12.13m in Baton Rouge, La. at the LSU Alumni Gold. The record jump was enough to put her in second place.

"It's a great feeling to set a record," said Arthur. "I want to do better than I did before."

Along with the triple jump, she finished in fourth place in the long jump with a distance of 5.70m.

Coming into the LSU Alumni Gold, the Owls wanted to do well not only for their school, but for their head coach Don McGarey who is a graduate of LSU.

"My coach went there for college," said Arthur. "I wanted to do very well."

On May 9 the Owls are traveling to Athens, Ga. to compete at the Georgia Invite. Arthur believes that if the Owls are going to be successful they will need to work hard in the gym and at the track.

During the competition, she explains that her team will need to remain consistent. She also hopes to break a personal record in the triple jump.

"I know I am capable enough in doing it," said Arthur.

Arthur graduated from Chestake High School in Gainesville, Ga. where she was a track MVP for four years straight. She was a three-time region winner in the long jump and triple jump.

During her senior year, she finished in first place in the triple jump and long jump competitions at state. She also holds her school records in the long jump, triple jump and 100m hurdles.

Transition complete! End of reclassification

BRIAN C. BELL
STAFF WRITER

Ever since the NCAA decided to allow KSU to transition from division II to division I four years ago, the Owls' various teams have been going through a mandatory reclassification period.

The 2008-2009 seasons marked the final seasons before KSU receives the full-fledged status of being a D-I school. This is a status that comes with a few perks KSU has not been privy to during this time of transition.

The one thing that KSU has missed during the transitional period is the ability to participate in the post-season. The loss of post-season participation was a hard sacrifice to make when you look at KSU's success at the D-II level, including national championships in baseball, softball and basketball. While the successful Owls' programs have felt somewhat out of place without postseason play, the sacrifice is well worth the rewards in the future.

"Being eligible for the postseason will serve as motivation for every athlete and coach at KSU. Having such a rich tradition of postseason success while in Division II, the past four years of ineligibility for the post season has been very difficult to handle. I'm sure that all of us will be chomping-at-the-bit to get back into the championship business," said head softball coach Scott Whitlock, who also serves as senior associate athletic director.

As the Owls begin possible postseason play in the major sports next season, the incentives are falling

into place that could aid in luring more recruits to KSU. It has been tough to convince some players to come play at KSU because of the inability to play for championships, but with the end of reclassification, new doors could be opening for recruiting.

"It's simple math, athletes want a chance to go to the playoffs. It has been a tough sell for us to recruit top tier athletes to KSU during reclassification; and we as coaches are grateful for those who came here and stuck with us during the transition period. We now look forward to having a better shot at providing them with a higher caliber of teammates," said Whitlock.

KSU's newfound ability to appear in postseason tournaments can also pay off in other fields that can serve to improve the university as a whole. "Having our school being looked at, and referred to, as Division I enhances everything athletically about KSU. I also feel that it will actually boost the overall student pride around campus. It might even, to some extent in the general public's eyes, add a bit of 'extra zip' to a KSU degree," said Whitlock.

Ultimately, the move to division I shows KSU's commitment to success and development both in and out of the athletic arena.

According to Whitlock, "[The move] means that we as an institution and athletic department can take pride in going through the process, enduring and were found, by the NCAA, to be ready to be called an NCAA division I university. It's a great source of pride."

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loaded, but Edwards escaped the jam with no damage.

The Owls needed the win on Saturday to stay within striking distance of winning the conference.

"We have several to go, but we're playing well and our goal is to win the conference, and we should be able to do that," said Sansing.

KSU has pulled it together lately, having won twelve of their last sixteen games, including a

series sweep at Mercer.

Six of the twelve wins this month have come from the Owls top two pitchers, Kyle Heckathorn, who is 4-1 on the season, and Chad Jenkins, who is 6-1 on the season. The duo is both projected for possible first-round picks, and Coach Sansing feels they have solidified those spots.

"In my mind they have. I see them work more often, and see how they progress so I think they have. I don't have much of a say

in the process, but with them pitching it feels like every time, they give you a great chance to win," said Sansing.

Chad Jenkins extended his scoreless innings streak to 34.2 total innings, which stands out in Sansing's mind as one of the most memorable moments of the season.

At this point in the season, with thirteen games left, the Owls are on target to finish with their pre-season conference winning expectations. Sansing feels

they have lived up to those expectations but understands there is a lot of baseball left to play. He feels the team can win the conference and knows the team can stay confident through the last few games to finish strong. The goal was to win the conference, and currently, that goal is still in view.

KSU plays again at home against Alabama State Tuesday, followed by a double-header with Georgia State Wednesday to finish their April schedule.

LAX players, coach honored at SELC All League Awards



Christine Morales | The Sentinel

The lacrosse team received recognition for their great play this season.

CATHY DEKMAR
STAFF WRITER

Three KSU players received awards honoring their performance during the season at the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference All League awards selection.

Head coach Ken Byers joined his players on the awards list by receiving the highly regarded 2009 SELC Coach of the Year award.

Scott Schulze was given the First Team SELC Attack award and was honored as the Offensive Player of the Year. Last year, as a freshman, Schulze was the SELC Rookie of the Year. His 22 goals and 13 assists led the Owls offensive production in 2008.

"Schulze was chosen among 18 different teams for the Offensive Player of the Year. He led the team in points with 56. He is an excellent team leader, and will be counted on heavily next year. The other teams vote for these awards, so it means a lot to be named Offensive Player of the Year and Coach of the Year," said Byers.

Juniors Charles Roland and Zach

Statham joined Schultz in receiving recognition for their accomplishments this season. Roland was named First Team SELC Midfielder, while Statham was given the Honorable Mention SELC Defense award.

The Owls opened the Spring 2009 season strong, with a 17-6 domination over Middle Tennessee State. The team only had two losses this year, and one of those came against Emory University at the beginning of April. Emory went on to win the 2009 SELC Championship this past Sunday.

"The fact that one of our two losses on the season came from the eventual SELC Champions says a lot about our team," said Byers.

Three seniors will no longer be with the team, but the success during the 2009 season and a new facility should help recruit new players to the team.

"We appreciate the positive support from the fans and administration at Kennesaw State. We are getting a \$1.5 million complex built for the team, and are extremely grateful to the school for their continued support of the team," said Byers.

Club sports grows with addition of new paintball team

BRIAN C. BELL
STAFF WRITER

The club sports program added a new paintball club, the brainchild of Spencer Lloyd.

While the club has only been in existence since March, Lloyd's love for the sport began years before he became an Owl when he was in middle school.

"A friend's birthday party. We played all day and I just kept getting more and more into paintball afterwards, playing every weekend," said Lloyd about his introduction to the sport.

His continued exposure to paintball led him to bring a competitive spirit to the sport at the collegiate level that can provide incentives along with competition. "You get to meet new people, travel to different places, so I thought I would bring paintball to KSU. We could start something here and be fairly successful," said Lloyd.

The success will not come without some work. When the Owls begin play in class AA, they will be going up against established teams in the area such as Ga. Tech and UGA. However, Lloyd plans to field the best possible team he can through fundraising

and word of mouth.

"With fundraising we can offset some of the cost of this fairly expensive sport...there are experienced players here who just haven't heard about us. We hope we can bring them in as well," said Lloyd.

There are currently 10 players on the team's roster, with a possibility of adding another four to six players before the fall.

"We expect to make the jump to Class A after our first season. I would love to see a KSU team in the national championship and receiving television time," said Lloyd.

Lloyd is ready to compete as soon as possible, looking to hit the ground shooting, and is ready to bring in anyone who shares his love for the sport, wants to learn more about the sport or just wants a fun way to relieve stress and frustration.

"Anyone who wants to compete can come out and play, we want to field multiple teams," said Lloyd.

If you have interest in joining the KSU paintball club or want more information, Lloyd has established a Facebook group (KSU Paintball Team) that you can join, or you can contact the KSU Club Sports office.

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