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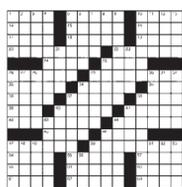
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# Where will they go for graduation?

## Convocation Center or Gymnasium?

Melissa Spielholz  
Staff Writer

For many KSU students, the next few months mark the final steps in their educational journey. As these steps are being taken, many students wonder where the commencement of their college career will take place.

With construction of KSU's Convocation Center on-going, many students and faculty were hoping to have this semester's graduation in the new building. Unfortunately, the chance of the building being completed by May is slim.

"The building is not behind schedule," said Earle Holley, Vice President for Business and Finance. "The actual delivery date, with rain

dates included, from the contractor, per contract, now is October.

"At one time, before the rain's came, the pace was such that we thought that there was a remote possibility that it might be that much earlier," Holley said, "but again I still want to reinforce that they are not late, it is not a set-back, it is one of those things that just happens. At this time we are not even planning on Convocation Center, it is almost not even in the cards whatsoever at this point."

With the Convocation Center not likely to be completed, students are left with the question of where their graduation will be held. In past years, graduation has been at the Atlanta Civic Center,



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Convocation center. When did you say that would be done?



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In the belly of the beast. An inside view of the convocation construction site.

but due to scheduling conflicts, the Civic Center is not a possibility this semester. With the chances of using the Convocation Center looking grim and the Civic Center's lack of availability, it is likely KSU seniors will return to campus to celebrate their graduation in the Spec Landrum Centre.

"There is no replacement for graduation on the campus where you went to school...there is a big positive to being on campus, whether we are in the gymnasium or whether we are in the Convocation Center," Holley said. "For years we used the gymnasium, and basically people had no real complaints...the seating is very nice in there, a very cozy atmosphere...the only real drawback is that it is so small."

With this drawback, multiple graduation sessions will have to be scheduled, allowing for the accommodation of the graduates and their family and friends.

"An on-campus graduation would not pose as a problem," said senior Berry Dabbs. "As long as there is sufficient space for the graduates and their families."

While Dabbs may not see fault with the gymnasium as a graduation venue, other students are not thrilled about the idea. "I think it takes away from the experience of it being a special occasion," senior Adam Leslie said.

Dabbs and Leslie are two of many seniors set to graduate this May. Although the student body may have mixed feelings on the graduation venue, they all have one thing in common, they will be leaving with their hard-earned degree.

Students should continue to check for updates regarding graduation news. Final decisions regarding the definite location of this semester's graduation will not be finalized and announced until approximately Mar. 1, 2004. A tentative schedule for graduation has been proposed. Currently seniors can expect a total of four graduation ceremonies.

# Hail to the chief

## Kort Peterson: Changing the face of Student Government

Stephanie A. Salter  
Staff Writer

There is a biohazard sign on the microwave and fake head stones of famous dead people not what you would expect in the president's office.

Kort Peterson, elected president of student government in April of 2003, is a senior earning a communication degree in media studies. As president, Peterson tries to make sure the Student Government stays focused on the students.

"The whole premise behind the organization is that we are representing students just like us," Peterson said. "They have the same concerns and problems that we have."

In addition to making sure they stay student-focused, Peterson has been busy working to restore their reputation in the eyes of administrators, other student organizations and fellow students.

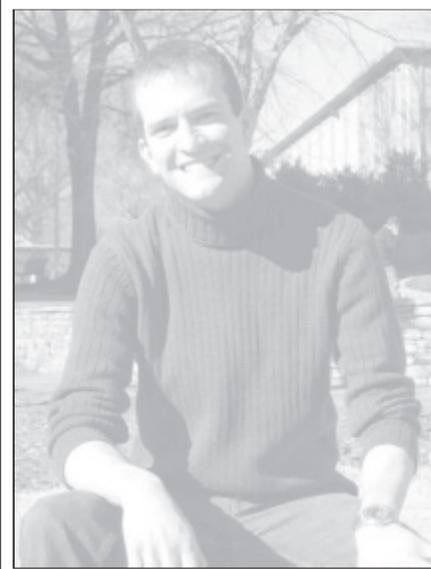
Peterson feels that some trustworthiness has been lost, and he is working to rebuild their image.

He wants people to view the SG as an effective organization that addresses the concerns of students. He believes they have come a long way with improvements.

Peterson says that a good reputation is essential for successful lobbying. While the SG may not be able to make executive decisions on a number of issues, they do have an influential role with those who make decisions through effective lobbying. Peterson acknowledges that students can also be effective in the lobbying process.

"I would honestly like to see more students come up to the (student government) office and complain about stuff," Peterson said. "If students want to see something get done, they should come to my office and complain."

Vice President of Student Government, Sean Witherspoon, says that Peterson genuinely cares about the concerns of students. Witherspoon said that it is the SG's job to figure out where the problems are, find out who can fix them and make sure they are fixed



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~ Kort Peterson,  
Student Government  
President



correctly. According to Witherspoon, most of what they do is behind the scenes. Few people realize who is responsible for the many changes the organization has set in motion.

One of the many changes includes making sure there is enough lighting on campus to keep students safe at night. SG members are also largely involved in making decisions concerning student activity fees. Their goal is to help each organization on campus receive the funding they need to operate. They have also developed their own non-profit organization, Friends of the Library, which is working to improve the campus library.

In comparison to the Federal government, Peterson says, "We are what the Federal government should be, because we are representing the students."

Despite the seriousness associated with their roles as members of the student government, Peterson and his fellow colleagues know how to have a good laugh. Peterson has seen his share of practical jokes since he has been in office, some of which include having his office toilet papered and having the keys on his keyboard rearranged by Senate members.

In addition to dealing with practical jokes and being president, Peterson has also served as

vice president, Viewpoints Editor and Editor in Chief for *The Sentinel*. When Peterson is not at school, he enjoys spending time with his family, writing short stories and writing a form of Japanese poetry called Haiku.

Peterson will graduate in May, and he plans to attend law school in the future. When asked what he wants to be remembered for at KSU, he replies, "I want to be remembered for working with an excellent group of people to restore the student government's good name, and that is what we have done this year."

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# TRAC makes changes

Not everything is free anymore

Alison Waters  
Staff Writer

Beginning Feb. 1, 2004, faculty, staff and anyone else who uses the Teacher Resource Activity Center for supplies will not receive them free.

TRAC has supplied consumable materials for ten years at no charge. The equipment, of course, is still available at no charge. Consumable materials are paper for Xerox copies, transparencies, construction paper, poster board, lamination and spiral binding.

Due to campus growth, an increase in the cost of supplies and a shrinking budget, the center has no choice but to start charging. While there are many students on campus who do not know that TRAC even exists, those who use it are having a hard time coming to grips with the new charges.

"I probably will not use it anymore," said Jenny Flowers, a



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**Fran Martin**, an education major, takes advantage of the services provided by TRAC.

sophomore biology major. "Our student fees should pay for it."

The overall feelings on campus are the same. Most students do not believe TRAC should charge people to use the materials. "I do not think we should have to

(pay), because we already pay for so many things in tuition and fees," said Natasha Molock, a political science sophomore. "I do not think many students will be able to afford anything extra."

Some students can see the financial problems TRAC is having. "It's okay," said senior psychology major Timmy Wennemann.

Even though students have to pay for the consumer materials, the prices are very reasonable. TRAC also accepts many forms of payment.

A charge slip must be filled out, and the department for which the supplies are being used will be charged. The department can either pay cash or check or use the department charge system. Calling to inquire what materials are in stock and how much they are is recommended, because TRAC will only keep a limited supply of materials.

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**Jessica Northcutt and Shannon Thurman** get work done together in the TRAC room.

## POLICE • BEAT

Compiled by Richard L. Johnson

**Stopped for speeding in excess of 100 mph**, a Cartersville woman was arrested for possession of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle. On Jan. 21, the KSU officer stopped the woman on I-75 at 4:08 a.m. According to the report, **the woman was under 21 years of age and tested positive for alcohol.** The woman's license was also suspended for a prior DUI.

A parking dispute required a police report on Jan. 21. An officer met with a female student at the Public Safety Annex. According to the report, at about 4:45 p.m., **the woman parked her car on campus and was approached by a male student who began screaming profanity at her, demanded that she move her car and then struck her car.** She told the officer that she

was scared to get out of her car and waited until he had left the parking lot. She provided the male subject's license plate number to the officer. The officer determined that the male was a KSU student. According to the report, the officer located **the male who said that he had "tried to talk to her in a polite manner" but she "just got an attitude."** The officer told the man that he might file judiciary charges against him.

A Bremen man was **arrested for drug possession during a traffic stop on Jan. 22.** According to the incident report, KSU Police stopped the man's vehicle for a tag light violation and based on the man's behavior asked for, and received, consent to search his vehicle. During the search, **the officer located methamphetamine and prescription pills.**

**Officers found a nude woman in a parked car** behind a closed gas station on Barrett Lakes Boulevard at 2:19 a.m. on Jan. 22. According

to the report, the woman told police that she had driven there from her office with her male companion. After conducting field sobriety evaluations, the officer arrested the woman for DUI. **The state breath test indicated a blood alcohol concentration of .171.** Officers contacted Cobb County Police to check on the welfare of the woman's 14-year-old daughter who had been left at home.

**A Japanese citizen was arrested for DUI** on Chastain Road. On Jan. 23, a KSU officer observed a Ford Excursion driving in the center of the road, driving at erratic speeds and make an improper turn. According to the officer's report, when stopped the man said that **he was in Georgia on business and was coming from Hooters.** After the man performed field sobriety tests, officers arrested him. **The state breath test indicated a blood alcohol concentration of .131.**

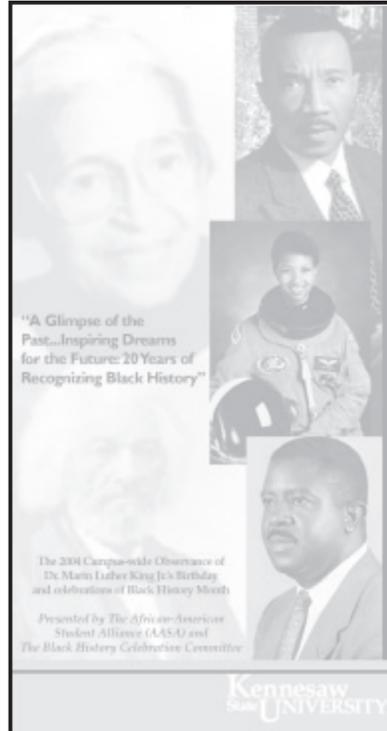
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**EVENT: REMEMBER THE TITANS**

Date(s): Friday, January 16, 2004  
Time: 2 - 5 p.m.  
Location: KSU Carmichael Student Center University Rooms  
Description: Based on a true story, this Disney film, starring Denzel Washington, portrays the story of Herman Boone, the coach of the T.C. Williams High School Titans. Set in the 1970s, this movie depicts the challenges and triumphs of the 1971 court-imposed integration of the Alexandria, Virginia high school football team.

**EVENT: ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY (ADDRESS BY HERMAN BOONE)**

Date(s): Monday, January 19, 2004  
Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Location: Stillwell Theatre  
Description: Join us for this traditional celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our keynote address will be given by Herman Boone,



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America must defend the sanctity of marriage

The family is the most primary fundamental cross-cultural aspect of human civilization. Since the beginning of time, society and laws have recognized the union of one man and one woman as the only suitable combination of people capable of procreating and giving children what they need most: one mom and one dad. For thousands of years, and across thousands of societies, marriage has found its way into every culture.

On Wednesday, January 21, Senate Majority Leader Bill Stevens proposed an amendment to the Georgia Constitution that will ban so called "same-sex marriage." Since 1996, Georgia law has defined marriages as the union between one man and one woman and the state prohibits the recognition of "same-sex marriages" from other states.

If we already have two laws protecting the sanctity of marriage, why do we need another one? The answer is simple; according to Emory law professor Robert Shapiro, if it's in the state constitution, it will be harder for judges to find it unconstitutional.

Activist judges have recently given little regard for the will of the people as they have used their unelected positions as a platform for pushing an agenda to re-define marriage. According to Tony Perkins, President of Family Research Council, "an outbreak of judicial tyranny has changed our court system to the point where laws are no longer enough; we must amend the Constitution in order to protect marriage in this nation." America is still a democracy and the will of the majority rules. Polls consistently tell us that Americans oppose so called "same-sex marriage". According to USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll, Americans oppose "same-sex marriage" by more than 2-1, 65% to 31%.

Why does the American public oppose "same-sex marriages?" Does it really matter if homosexuals get married? The answer is unambiguously YES, marriage does matter. It matters for children and it matters for society, in fact, society can not exist without it because sex between a man and a woman creates babies.

Research clearly, unmistakably, irrefutably and consistently confirms that family structure does have a direct impact on the lives of children, and the family structure that offers the best protection and rearing of children is unquestionable that family headed by one biological father and one biological mother that are married. This means that no other family structure can provide what a married mom and dad can, not a single-parent family, not a step-parent family, not an unmarried parent, not a cohabitating family and not a same-

sex family.

Would government promote single-mom households, when they clearly are inherently incapable of providing kids with two of their most basic needs: a mom and a dad? Government and laws and social norms don't encourage family structures that don't work, that would be self-destructive. Marriage is about



Emily Daniels  
Columnist

being the foundation of society; it's not about facilitating adult's sexual preferences. By its very nature, homosexuality is a human sexual desire and a purposeful behavior, not a human right or need. Homosexuality can not be equated with race or any other inherent, immutable human characteristic. There is no substantive or convincing scientific evidence proving the claim that people are born gay or that homosexuality is determined by genetics. That assertion has been defeated on every level, by the many that have left the homosexual lifestyle, freely.

A pilot argument of gays is that they have endured a "civil rights injustice" by not having been handed the right to marry each other on a platinum platter. However, this argument is refutable because the right to marry is clearly given to every American. And every American is also given the same restrictions, which in itself rebukes the argument of discrimination. Are there any rights defined by the Constitution that have been withheld from homosexuals? No. Homosexuals are entirely free to live, behave, and vote as they please, just like all Americans. By asking for marriage, homosexuals are asking for a benefit, an affirmation, a celebration and government sanction of a lifestyle. They are not asking for a right.

Society celebrates marriage; we throw huge weddings to share in the joy that marriage brings: a loving, lifelong commitment to someone - of the opposite sex. We encourage parents to have children within marriage because by its very nature, marriage coincides with what is best for children. If we are really a culture that values our youth, we must protect them. And when the sexual desires of adults conflict with the best interest of children, we must make a choice. Not a choice based on hate, or intolerance or bigotry, but a choice based on truth. We must choose to defend the sanctity of marriage.

OPM | The Drug of Choice for Democrats and Republicans Alike

Tracy Turner,  
Viewpoints Columnist

As I've watched the presidential nomination process unfold over the past several months, I've found myself coming to the same conclusion time and again. For all practical purposes, there is no difference between the Democrats and the Republicans. Like drug addicts, they will say or do anything to get what they want, and what they want is that powerful, intoxicating drug to which they are all addicted, OPM, other people's money, our money. While they rearrange chairs on the deck of the Titanic, we, the American public, are waiting below deck for that twenty-first lifeboat they've promised us.

Democrats claim endlessly that Republicans are in the pockets of big corporations, such as insurance

and drug companies, and they are. Yet those same Democrats advocate universal healthcare and prescription drug coverage on Medicare. When laws are passed requiring people to buy insurance or government funding for prescriptions, who do you think gets paid? Insurance and drug companies. Maybe those companies have left and right pockets...

It certainly works both ways. Republicans accuse Democrats of maintaining a "tax and spend" policy, raising taxes to fund huge government programs, and, of course, they do. But, according to the Cato Institute, in his State of the Union address, President Bush named thirty-one new or expanded initiatives he wants implemented, most of which tell us what to do and how to act.

Democrats claim they are steal-

ing our money to help the poor little children. Republicans claim they are stealing our money to deliver us from evil and temptation. For example, Howard Dean wants to spend \$200 million a year to hire people to invade the homes of new parents and tell them how to raise their children, and John Kerry wants to require all high school students to do community service as a graduation requirement. On the flip side, Bush wants to double the federal funding of abstinence programs and ban same-sex marriage.

Now don't get me wrong, I like to have roads, running water, and a military to defend me when the need arises, but, beyond those basic needs, I am perfectly capable of running my own life. I imagine that you are also. We do not need the government to do it for us. I submit to you that all these programs do is enable irresponsibility. Why shouldn't a sixteen-year-old girl get pregnant to hang on to her boyfriend if the government will pay her to do so? Why should a laid-off worker find a new job when he has six more months of unemployment benefits to receive? What motivation does a man diagnosed with a treatable mental illness have to make a productive place for himself in society when he receives a disability check every month? Why shouldn't parents pack their kids off to daycare and government schools at birth to have someone else raise them? After all, they don't have time to raise their kids because they have to work seventy hours a week to support those government programs?

Yet none of the candidates vying for the presidency want to really help us. None of them want to trim down the oppressive behemoth that is our government. They simply argue over who should get that wonderful drug, OPM. It really doesn't matter what they want to do with it. When will we elect a candidate brave enough to kick the OPM habit? I suppose if those people on the Titanic could've held their breath that long, they would have survived.

LETTERS

Voyles misses the mark

Dear Editor,

Once again, Grant Voyles misses the mark when it comes to Iraq [Not the victory we were looking for, 1/21/04]. In his haste to lambast the Bush administration for its "unilateral" policy in the middle east, he conveniently fails to mention that Great Britain, Japan, Australia, El Salvador and other nations contributed troops to this cause as well. Also lost in Voyles diatribe against Bush, is that the President was operating on intelligence gathered by the CIA. This is the same intelligence President Clinton used to justify his attack on Iraq just prior to his impeachment trial. In a speech on December 16, 1998 he stated that "chemical, nuclear and biological weapons sites" were under U.S. attack. Currently weapons of mass destruction have not been found, but if you choose to blame the CIA, then you must also demand President Clinton, and the Congressional Democrats be held accountable for dramatically reducing federal spending for intelligence in the 90's.

It is also very hypocritical of liberals to whine about unilateral action in Iraq, but then eagerly support the same unilateral action in Kosovo. The bottom line is that Bush took decisive action. He didn't pass more meaningless resolutions, rather he put his money where his mouth was when it came to national security. Many Democrats supported him on this action because they recognized that Saddam Hussein was a threat to the United States. Our proactive military action has sent a signal to the world that we will not allow the United Nations to be the arbiters of our national security. The world has responded. Libya is dismantling its weapons of mass destruction program, and North Korea has recently allowed weapons inspectors as well. Though we haven't found any weapons yet, it would be naive to believe that they were never there. We must realize there is an evil anti-American movement in the world today.

We have two choices: We can appease and end up like Jimmy Carter with a hostage crisis, or we can confront and be aggressive like FDR and Reagan defeating the enemies of freedom, and inspiring freedom loving people around the world.

Jesse Velarde  
Political Science

Protecting whose choices?

When an industry starts getting criticism from the public or faces tighter regulation by the government, it's not uncommon for it to create a lobby group for the purpose of influencing legislation more favorable to its interests. The now-defunct Tobacco Institute is a prime example, but at least in that case, it was fairly obvious that this lobby group represented the tobacco industry. What happens, though, when an industry lobby group masquerades as a consumer protection group? In a word: misinformation. The group in question here is the Center for Consumer Freedom (CCF). I came across one of its ads in the January 19th issue of Newsweek. The focus of this ad was that the U.S. has nothing to fear from mad cow disease and that activists who raised concerns about the issue are nothing but "radical scaremongers." It even had a neat slogan stating that CCF is "dedicated to protecting consumer choices." It sure looks good on the surface, but CCF is counting on the fact that few consumers will actually do their homework and find out the truth about this group.



Grant Voyles  
Viewpoints Editor

Idid that homework for you. CCF is a non-profit group that was started in 1995 by a \$600,000 grant from Phillip Morris. To date, Phillip Morris has given about \$3 million to CCF (gmwatch.org). As you may know, Phillip Morris's products include everything from Marlboro cigarettes to Kraft cheese and Oscar Meyer bologna, and it is also a majority shareholder in SABMiller (formerly Miller Brewing). I know that if there is an industry that wants to protect consumers, it's definitely the cigarette industry! In fact, members of CCF's advisory board have included officials representing companies such as Cargill Processed Meat Products and Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association. It seems quite clear that CCF was created to lobby for the industries that most strongly oppose regulation. On top of that, they use "consumer choice" as a mantra in an effort to distract consumers from their mission, which is to provide the public with slanted information that appears to be unbiased because it doesn't come directly from the industry. CCF is headed by Richard Berman, who in 1995 (when he worked for Steak

and Ale restaurants) donated \$25,000 to then House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who ended up having to appear before the House Ethics Committee because of the donation. Berman was lobbying against the minimum wage. Now there's a guy who truly cares about the average consumer.

Berman is a spin doctor. In the past, he's tried to discredit groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Center for Disease Control, and the Center for Science in the Public Interest (perm.org). Berman even admits that his group's purpose is to attack and discredit activists and consumer protection groups. In a 1999 interview with Chain Leader magazine, a restaurant industry trade publication, Berman stated that, "Our [CCF's] strategy is to shoot the messenger", adding that, "we've got to attack their credibility as spokespersons." Why is there a need to discredit the

spokespersons? Because CCF cannot defend its position with fact-based arguments. In a 1998 issue of Food Arts magazine, Berman stated that there is a "lack of evidence that second-hand smoke causes cancer." That statement blatantly flies in the face of current evidence; according to the BBC, the International Agency for Research on Cancer states that non-smokers who are exposed to second-hand smoke are 20 to 30 percent more likely to develop lung cancer than are non-smokers who are not exposed to second-hand smoke.

The fact is, an industry-funded organization is going to function as a mouthpiece for that organization; unfortunately, such organizations often do not have the average consumer's best interest in mind. The sort of manipulation that the CCF is engaging in is not necessarily an outright lie, but by omitting certain facts, it purports to represent one agenda - that is, consumer protection - while in reality it acts merely as a platform for the messages of particular industries. A group such as CCF wants to keep its clients out of the limelight while still achieving those clients' objectives. But as long as CCF promotes the idea that consumer freedom is synonymous with corporate irresponsibility, they too should stay out of the picture, or at least should be required to make full disclosure as to the interests they represent.

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# Ben Huck: past, present, and future

Erika Grissinger  
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**B**en Huck is the Chemistry Coordinator at KSU. He is also a compassionate teacher, father and son. Huck's involvement with KSU has played a significant role in each of those aspects in his life.

Long before Ben Huck would become the CLC for KSU, he would visit the campus as a child with his father, Eugene Huck. It was 1973, and Eugene, a former history teacher and dean, at what was then known as Kennesaw Junior College, was instrumental in expanding KJC to a four-year college. This would be one of the first of many transitions Ben Huck would witness as the college continued to grow.

In 1979, Huck returned to Kennesaw Junior College as a student after graduating high school. The growth of the college was evident but moderate at the time. While attending the college for only one year, Huck found his niche in chemistry and joined the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society

and was a lab assistant.

Huck then went on to pursue his bachelor's degree in chemistry at the University of Georgia. He took time off to pursue his passion to travel abroad which led him to living in Germany for three months. Upon Huck's return to Kennesaw, he left again to fulfill his passion of going to graduate school at Georgia Tech.

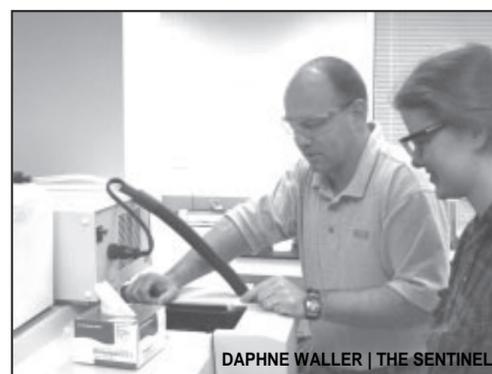
Prior to finishing, Huck returned to Kennesaw in 1991 where, as he explains, fell into teaching at what had become Kennesaw State College. After deciding to put off finishing his Ph.D., KSU called Huck to offer a part-time position since he had not yet completed his Ph.D. After spending four years as a part-time chemistry teacher, Huck felt it was important to finish what he had started at Georgia Tech. He went back and completed school at Georgia Tech and returned to KSU.

Huck, now with his Ph.D., followed in his father's footsteps and began teaching full-time alongside instructors who had once taught him. This was also at a time when KSU was beginning new construction. It was now Huck's turn to witness another chapter in the modernization of KSU that his father had once started.

In 1996, the Science and Mathematics building began

construction. The five-story building became the home of 57 labs, numerous offices, and classroom space. The construction did have setbacks.

At the time, the 1996 Summer Olympics were also taking place in Atlanta. Due to the much-needed materials for the construction of Olympic facilities, materials became scarce causing prices to skyrocket. This unfortunate combination caused the elimination of student



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Huck demonstrates the proper use of lab equipment.

study space from the construction of the Science and Mathematics building.

Despite certain setbacks, KSU has grown immensely from early 1970 to 2004, just as Ben Huck has. Recalling his earlier days at KJC, Huck remarks that the campus has more than doubled in size. As the campus grew, Huck did the same, and went on to become the CLC in 1995.

The functions of the CLC include: supervising 30 laboratory assistants, acting as a liaison for the chemistry part-time instructors, buying the supplies (chemicals, instruments, glassware, disposables), consolidating hazardous waste for proper disposal, fixing and maintaining instruments, scheduling free tutoring service for the Chemistry Department, and setting up/maintaining the WebCT for laboratories.

The job is tremendous, but Huck handles the responsibility with enthusiasm. His passion for his job was evident as he gave a tour of the labs. Weaving in and out of the lab doors, he was like a kid in the candy store.

Pointing out the various equipment and chemicals, he

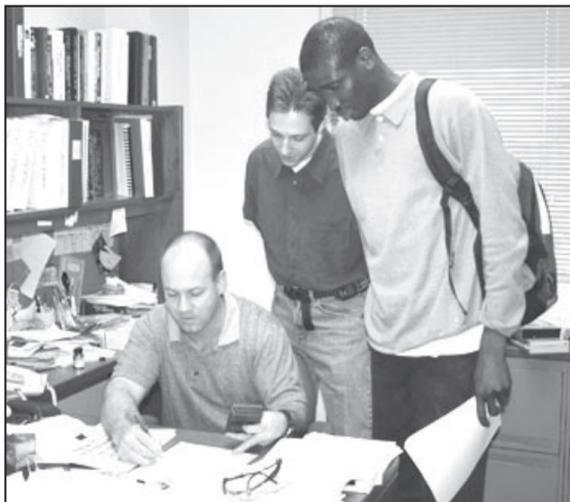
stopped only to grab the liquid nitrogen canister and instantly began to demonstrate. The liquid nitrogen, when poured on a nearby table, beaded up into large frozen water droplets, and looked as if they floated across the table to only disappear with a thud-like pound to the floor. For Huck, it was like watching a fireworks display.

Huck's excitement for his work is also expressed when discussing his hopes for his students. He says his goal, as CLC is to be available and kind. "Life is too short to be uptight," he said.

His door is always open to students and faculty. He offers the advice to set goals high, because time goes by very quickly, and should not be wasted worrying.

Today, Huck lives by his words of wisdom and enjoys the simple things in life, including his two children and doing handy work around the house. He looks forward to visiting Florida beaches with his family rather than his past ventures out of the country, and he finds these closer-to-home trips equally enjoyable.

Throughout the past and present, KSU has played a signature role in Huck's career and life. Looking toward the future, Huck is able to give back with the gift of knowledge, compassion and a whole lot of fun.



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Ben Huck helps students with their homework in his office.

# Roaming Reporter

Gerry-Anna Jones  
Staff Writer

## KSU speaks out

We all know parking can be a nightmare, and some students have found an easy way out. Though illegal, parking in handicapped spaces has become increasingly problematic on campus.

**So KSU: Have you seen anyone on campus who is not obviously handicapped parking in handicapped spaces? If yes, what do you think about it? Would you ever do it?**



- Aquanetta Lane
- Pre-Med biology
- Sophomore

"I haven't seen anybody but I wouldn't agree. Its about respecting people who are not as fortunate as others."



- Jeff Hanenkrat
- Computer science
- Freshman

"No, but if it was crowded I would [do it]."



- Joy O'Bert
- Psychology
- Junior

"I haven't noticed anyone... but I think it's really lazy of people to do."



- Allison Trehwitt
- Secondary education
- Freshman

"Yes, definitely, it makes me want to hit them with my car and make them handicapped."



- Tamer Yacoub
- Business
- Sophomore/junior

"No, and I would never do it."

# Putting fun back into college

Alison Waters  
Staff Writer

Most people have no idea what the two terms in intramural and recreation mean. The Intramural and Recreation

Services office is a place that many students, especially those that attend evening classes probably know little or nothing about.

They offer a wide variety of sports. Some of the other events coming this semester include: Ultimate Frisbee, a 3

on 3 basketball tournament, a table tennis tournament, a Daffodil Run and more. Before participating, students must have a valid KSU ID and complete a waiver/release form.

The programs are open to current students, staff and faculty at KSU. All that is needed to participate is the desire to compete and make new friends along the way.

For those not interested in sports, there are other services offered which include aerobic and specialty classes located in the student center room 172. The Wellness Center and Intramurals will also co-sponsor a belly dancing class. With the variety of classes offered students can find their niche. For those who thrive in high-intensity classes, the Tai Chi, Guts and Butts, Low Impact/BodySculpting, HipHop, Low 'n' Lean, and Kickboxing may be the classes to check out. The Yoga and Pilates classes tend to be low-intensity with stretching exercises that are no less difficult than the high-intensity classes, while treating the mind and body as one. Monday and Wednesday classes begin at 11 a.m. and continue until 6:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes begin at 12:30 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m.

KSU faculty, staff, and students who just want to play with friends or



Step aerobics is just one of the many aerobics classes offer through the Intramurals program in the student center.

take a bike ride around the campus can checkout footballs, basketballs, bikes, tennis rackets and other equipment. For those wishing to do any kind of camping or backpacking with KAB activities may rent tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and backpacks.

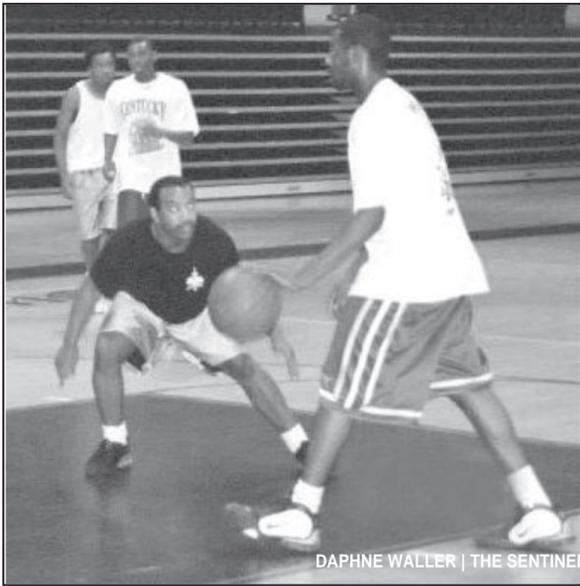
Open hours for the gym, weight room and swimming pool began Jan. 7, and the hours have been extended for the weight room and gym. All of these facilities are open to current students,

staff, faculty and members of the Alumni Association. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni may bring two guests when they use the weight room and pool. Be sure to have a current Student ID when coming to use these facilities.

The Intramural and Recreation Services Office, or IRS, is located in the student center room 171. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information and schedules for different

events are available on-line at [www.kennesaw.edu/student\\_life](http://www.kennesaw.edu/student_life) by clicking on Intramural and Recreation Services.

Student fees pay for the different programs provided by the IRS and grants can also help students to develop leadership skills, communications skills, learn how to cooperate with others, etc. Students can develop a greater connection with the campus by participating in the many activities that are available.



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Students enjoy a quick game of basketball in the gym.

## campus shorts

Tauheedah Hasan  
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**Feb. 7**  
Faculty Recital: Hillary Hight, soprano at 8 p.m. in the Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. For more information contact the box office at 770-423-6650.

**Feb. 9-12**  
KAB presents *The Week of Hot Lovin'*.

**Feb. 9 - 12**  
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. "Love Emporium" in the Atrium. Students can make their own Valentine cards.

7 p.m. comedian Buzz Sutherland is performing. For more information about Buzz go

to [http://www.buzzsutherland.com/college\\_main.html](http://www.buzzsutherland.com/college_main.html).

**Feb. 10**  
Make your own lip-gloss and candy from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Atrium.

**Feb. 11**  
Make your own Stuffed Bear at 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Atrium.

**Feb. 12**  
*Morning After Breakfast* at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

*The Idiot's Guide to Valentine's Day* at 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the student center Leadership Room. For more information call 770-423-6279.

**Feb. 10**  
The Studio Theater presents *The*

*Hero's Journey*. The show runs from Feb. 10 to Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 with your student I.D for the first ticket and \$5 for each additional ticket. For more information contact the box office at 770-423-6650.

**Feb. 10**  
*Love Through the Ages: A Spoken Word Experience*. The AASA hosts this spoken word event at 7:30 p.m. in the student center Leadership Room.

AASA offers the night as a chance to "Experience a night of passion and love vibes as we engage in exchanges of poems and prose of love from the black perspective." For more information contact 770-423-6000.

**Feb. 10**  
Student Government is launching the new Friends of the Library at KSU with a viewing of rare books donated by the family of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The books include inscriptions made by Dr. King Jr. to his wife.

The event will be at 12:00 p.m. in the student center Leadership room. All welcome and refreshments will be served.

**Feb. 12**  
Funny Valentine's Comedy Night hosted by AASA. Beginning at 8 p.m., Michael Blackson of BET's *Comic View* will perform in the student center University Room. Contact 770-423-6000 for more information.

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## McLachlan's "Afterglow" shines

Erika Grissinger  
Staff Writer

**A**fterglow is defined as the glow left in the sky once the sun has set, and it is also the title of Sarah McLachlan's new CD. The title is appropriately fitting due to the fact that McLachlan, while on a six-year hiatus from music, experienced the death of her mother to cancer and gave birth to her first child. Her CD is in essence the afterglow of a bittersweet break. The mixtures of pain and joy, however, produce beautiful music.

The first single "Fallen" proves that McLachlan is staying true to her simplistic yet enduring style, unlike some such as Jewel who abandoned her roots and went with the more pop inspired sound. Fans of McLachlan's previous CD's will not be disappointed. However, if you have never been a fan of the Lilith Fair founder, there is nothing different here worth checking out.

The smooth flow of the single "Fallen" also reflects the tranquil sound of the entire CD's ten tracks. The soft instrumental background plays a key role in emphasizing the stimulating voice of McLachlan and her piano. This inviting sound is



perfect for unwinding at the end of a test stricken day. Overall, McLachlan's serene voice makes the CD a must listen.

While the sound is soft, the words are deep. The lyrics hit hard, as found in the love influenced words of "Train Wreck," *To fall so deep into you, lose myself completely, in your sweet embrace, all my pain's erased*, to the heartbreaking chorus of "Stupid," *How stupid could I be, a simpleton could see, that you're no good for me, but you're the only one I see*, and to the search for self discovery in "Perfect Girl," *I*

*own my insecurities I try to own my destiny. That I can make or break it if I choose.* The CD is not for the timid at heart. Her words provoke the pain of love and lose. The listener must be prepared for a roller coaster ride of emotions.

McLachlan, recently nominated for a Grammy, with three already under her belt, has sold more than 22 million records worldwide since her first release, "Touch," in 1988, and has yet again shown with "Afterglow" that her "glow" is unfading.

Grade: A

## Perfect Score scores less than perfect

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**C**ompetition for entry into top colleges and universities is tight. Today, some kids begin hearing about the SAT's during elementary school, and others may begin preparation for the standardized test shortly afterwards. Despite all the pressure, high school may bring back pretty cool memories, right? Maybe it was the Prom, spring break, or just hanging out with friends for hours on end. One thing is for certain; those memories do not spill over into the prep time and the actual taking of the SAT.

The *Perfect Score* takes a subject that is somewhat serious and sheds some much-needed humor into the actual test taking drama. Think the 2004 edition of *The Breakfast Club* meets the heist members in *Oceans Eleven*. This way, if you are over the age of 22, it's easier to put this film into perspective.

The *Perfect Score* is about putting the SAT's into a new light and asking how important is it really? Six diverse high school students come together for their own personal agendas that all have one thing in common; high SAT scores and a strong desire to do anything to get



them.

Meet Matty (Bryan Greenberg) and Kyle (Chris Evans), best friends. Matty's girlfriend has gone to college in Maryland, and Matty's GPA isn't so hot. In addition, he has not done so well on prior SAT's. Without the score, he can't get into the school of his choice, which means he loses the girl. Kyle desperately wants to be an architect and needs a high score as well. Hence, the idea is born to break into the Princeton Testing Building and steal the SAT.

Kyle has a feeling about over-achiever Anna (Erika Christensen) and tells her about the plan, and then he recruited rebel Francesca (Scarlett Johansson). Stoner Roy

(Leonardo Nam) overhears the plan and wants in, and then Anna tells high school basketball star Desmond (Darius Miles) and he gets in on the action. And then there were six.

The premise behind this film is cute, and has bits and pieces of the confession scene from *The Breakfast Club*. However, this is *definitely* a matinee. The first 30 to 45 minutes of the film drag. Bright spots in the film are Roy's depiction of a totally untapped resource of technical knowledge while being totally stoned, and Francesca's smart-ass comments to her father's increasingly younger girlfriends.

Grade: C+

## Reel News (Movies/DVD)

Eric M. Croas  
Editor in Chief

### The Critic – The Entire Season (1/27)

This animated series starred Jay Sherman (the voice of Jon Lovitz) who makes his living as a film critic required to cover movies that he usually does not like. A catch phrase of the show was "It stinks."

The fun part of the show revolved around Sherman's life and the people in it. The supporting assemble includes his boss Duke, his son Marty and his assistant Doris. Extras on the 3-disc set include commentary, a making-of featurette, a short film and more.

#### Trivia

\*The show ran on ABC-TV from 1994-1995, and it shared a producer with *The Simpsons*.

\* While Jon Lovitz was never a film critic in regular life, he did hold a variety of other jobs prior to acting including waiter, messenger and hospital orderly.



### The Big Bounce (movie releases 01/30/04)

Jack Ryan, played by Owen Wilson (*Shanghai Knights*, *Zoolander*) is a charming drifter whose talents lie in the realm of petty crime. He decides to go to Hawaii hoping that a change of scenery will bring him good luck.

As soon as he arrives, it becomes evident that trouble follows him. Ryan takes on a construction job for a real estate tycoon played by Gary Sinese (*The Human Stain*, *Forrest Gump*), and he ends up knocking his foreman out with a Louisville Slugger. Ignoring the instruction of his boss's right-hand man, played by Charlie Sheen (*Scary Movie 3*, *Wall Street*) to leave the islands, Ryan finds himself working for the main rival of his former boss; a North Shore District judge played by Morgan Freeman (*High Crimes*, *Shawshank Redemption*).

Things become more complex when the lover of his former boss attempts to seduce Ryan into scamming her lover out of \$200,000. Ryan must decide what road to follow. Will he stay loyal to the judge, or will he be led back into a life of petty crime?

#### Trivia

\* This is the second time this novel has been adapted for the screen. The first time was in 1969 with Ryan O'Neil playing the role of Jack Ryan.

\* Other Elmore Leonard novels that have been made into films include *Get Shorty*, *Out of Sight* and *Jackie Brown*.

### Secondhand Lions (2/3)

Walter (played by Haley Joel Osment) is a 14-year-old boy who has been dropped off on his eccentric great uncles' (played by Robert Duval and Michael Caine) farm for the summer. There is definitely a period of adjustment for everybody as Walter gets used to his uncles strange behaviors and stories.

Walter's imagination brings life to the exotic adventures that his uncles tell him about, and the film includes flashback stories about kidnapped princesses, Arabian sheiks, faraway lands and lost treasure.

#### Trivia

\* The ending of the film was re-shot after a negative test screening and cost \$600,000.

\* It's a family affair: Haley Joel Osment's father also appears in this film as a doctor.



### My Boss's Daughter (2/3)

Tom Stansfield (Ashton Kutcher) is asked to housesit for his boss Jack Taylor (Terence Stamp), and Stansfield eagerly accepts in hopes of winning the affection of Taylor's daughter Lisa (Tara Reid).

What Stansfield is not prepared for is the number of people that show up while his boss is away, including the eldest son (Andy Richter) who is hiding from drug dealers and a former employee (Molly Shannon) trying to get her job back.

Extras on the DVD include deleted scenes, commentary, two featurettes including a behind-the-scenes and Tara Reid's audition, outtakes and more.

#### Trivia

\* Two weeks left to get your photos of bad parking into the features editor for a chance to win a copy of Ashton Kutcher's *Punk'd - Season 1*.

\* Tara Reid is a fashion consultant for the clothing store "Patrick Reid," which is owned and run by her brother Patrick.



### The Fighting Temptations (2/3)

Cuba Gooding Jr. (*Men of Honor*, *Radio*) plays slick New York advertising executive Darrin Fox who returns home to a small town in Georgia to collect an inheritance after his aunt's death.

Before Fox can collect, he must fulfill his aunt's last wish of creating a gospel choir and lead it to success. The only problem is that the town is full of people who can not sing. The answer to Fox's prayers comes in the form his old friend Lilly, played by Beyonce Knowles.

Extras on the DVD include eight extended musical numbers, seven extended scenes and trailers.

#### Trivia

\* Sean Combs was originally considered for this film.

\* In addition to going with Cuba Gooding, Jr., they also changed Fox's occupation from an L.A. record producer and his home state from Alabama to Georgia.

\* Shooting for the film took place in Los Angeles, Calif., Atlanta, Ga. and Senoia, Ga.



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# Dude, where's my house?

Last November I left my home in Cartersville, and moved into a lovely house located in a new subdivision in Kennesaw. After eight years of marriage, two kids, six years of college (and counting); our blood, sweat and tears have finally paid off. I am a suburbanite like my mother before me, but I am rapidly learning that suburban living is not all that it's cracked up to be.

For instance, I have trouble finding my house.

My house is light grey with blue trim, a two-car garage and brick veneer facing; just like all the other houses on my street. Often I pass my house to find myself staring stupidly at a red light I know isn't located in my subdivision. So I have to turn around and park at the corner of what I hope is my block and start counting houses. My daughter looks at me with a puzzled expression and asks, "Mom, what are you doing?"

"I'm looking for our house." I reply. My daughter lets out a belly laugh.

"Mom you're so silly, our house is right there!" My daughter points at the house in front of us.

"Why didn't you say so when we passed it?" I exclaimed. My 4-year-old gave me a very put upon look.

"Because you said I can't talk in the car 'cuz you can't talk back and drive at the same time," My daughter retorted. Feeling sheep-

ish I pulled into the driveway. I realized that I had lost a 4-year-old's respect.

But I'm not the only person in my neighborhood with this problem. I'm frequently stuck waiting behind an SUV while the driver squints at the numbers on mailboxes in an attempt to find his house. Eventually one of the driver's children will realize that her father is home, and guide him into the driveway. Someday there's going to be a 50 car pile up and, the only one to blame will be the Home Owner's Association.

As I studied the lawyer-speak that our subdivision rules are written in, I realized that the 40-page document said only one thing: "Please do not attempt to alter or add to the lack of personality of your home."

Apparently the architect of these cookie cutter homes worked so hard that his feelings would be hurt if we mounted a satellite dish where it could be seen from the street. The landscape designer had sweated much blood over the placement of both our bushes and our single tree that it would give the man a stroke if we took one out. We are led to believe that our neighbors would riot if we changed the color of our mailbox and painted our house numbers so they could be seen from the street.

Despite the homogenization of our neighborhood, there are several amenities I do appreciate. For instance, there is no gunfire near my bedroom window. I am not jolted awake at 3 a.m. by the sound of a freight train blasting a hundred yards from my front door. My children love the unrestricted access to a fenced in and safe backyard, but I am going to have to defy the Home Owner's Association if I'm ever to earn back my daughter's respect. I am putting in a lawn gnome.



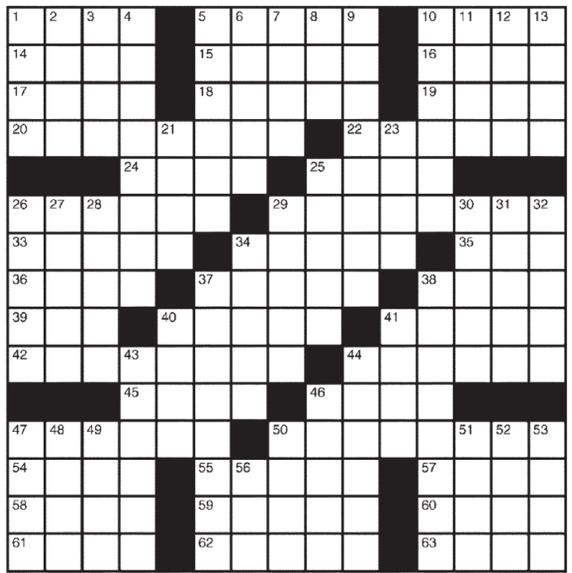
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Humor Columnist

## The Normal one

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### Solutions



# Giving back by giving blood

Erika Grissinger  
Senior Staff Writer

As college students, we often lack the funds or time to help donate to charities or volunteer at shelters, but there is a fast, no charge way to help.

Volunteer Kennesaw partners with the American Red Cross three times every year to hold "The Blood Drive." Simply go by the University Rooms A, B, C, D or E on Tuesday, Feb. 10 or Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Walk-ins are accepted, but students can make an appointment by calling the VKSU office at (770) 423-6700 or stop by the office located on the 2nd floor of the student center.

While anyone is encouraged to donate, the Red Cross requires that the donor be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and have overall good health. Medications or

health conditions may prohibit a donation. To determine these factors a potential donor must go through a screening.

The process is simple. The procedure takes about 30 minutes in which donors are asked health questions, and the temperature, pulse, and iron levels are checked using sterile methods in order to secure the safety of the blood donor and recipient.

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According to bloodassurance.org, someone

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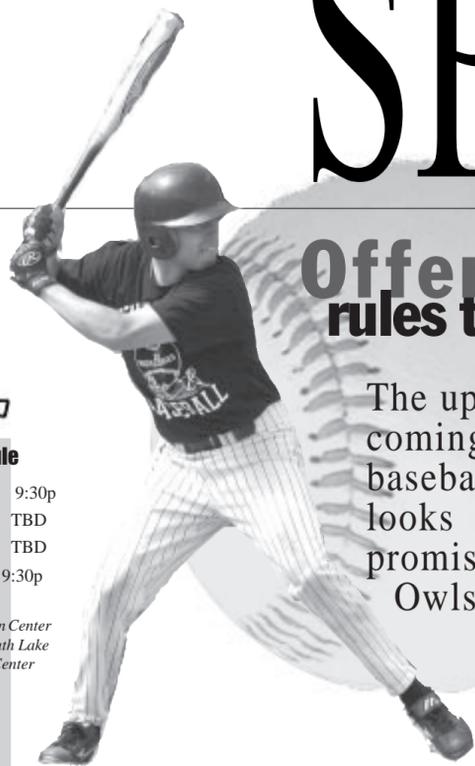
# SPORTS



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to run the score up as much as possible at the beginning of the game," said Coach Tilley.



## Offense rules the nest

The up and coming baseball season looks promising for Owls hitting.

**"Our weakness is in our unproven pitching staff."**

~Head Coach Mike Sansing

over to shortstop to fill a hole last season but struggled defensively, making 20 errors. Offensively, the Marietta, Georgia native is a consistent .320 hitter.

The Owls should have one of the strongest outfielders in the Peach Belt Conference. Clint Watters is back for his senior season, and he is the leader of this bunch. He will likely hit at the top of the lineup because of his speed and the ability to drive the ball into the gaps. Watters tied a school record with 24 doubles last season.

Jon Love will make the transition from leftfield to rightfield to replace the departed Travis Evans. Love set the bar high for himself after hitting .318 with 14 homers and 59 RBI, but the Owls are hoping he can match or exceed those numbers since Evans is gone.

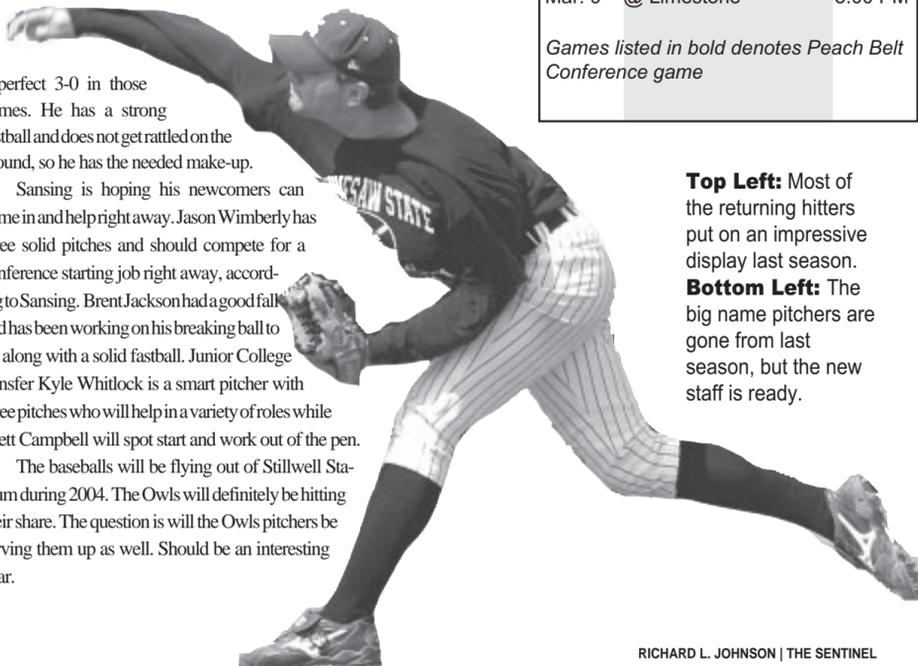
While the Owls' offense is experienced, the pitching staff is just the opposite. The three most experienced starters from last year's staff are gone, and Sansing must find some replacements before the conference season starts.

Of the returning pitchers, Travis King and John Robbins are the most likely candidates. King became the most reliable arm out of the pen last year and showed that he can pitch against some of the best competition, as he excelled in the College World Series. Robbins started seven games and went

a perfect 3-0 in those games. He has a strong fastball and does not get rattled on the mound, so he has the needed make-up.

Sansing is hoping his newcomers can come in and help right away. Jason Wimberly has three solid pitches and should compete for a conference starting job right away, according to Sansing. Brent Jackson had a good fall and has been working on his breaking ball to go along with a solid fastball. Junior College transfer Kyle Whitlock is a smart pitcher with three pitches who will help in a variety of roles while Brett Campbell will spot start and work out of the pen.

The baseballs will be flying out of Stillwell Stadium during 2004. The Owls will definitely be hitting their share. The question is will the Owls pitchers be serving them up as well. Should be an interesting year.



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**Top Left:** Most of the returning hitters put on an impressive display last season.

**Bottom Left:** The big name pitchers are gone from last season, but the new staff is ready.

### 2004 February Baseball Schedule

Feb. 7	Presbyterian	12:00 P.M.
Feb. 8	Presbyterian	1:00 PM
Feb. 10	@ Belmont Abbey	2:30 PM
Feb. 14	@ <b>Armstrong Atlantic</b>	12:00 PM
Feb. 15	@ <b>Armstrong Atlantic</b>	1:00 PM
Feb. 17	Lincoln Memorial	3:00 PM
Feb. 21	@ <b>Francis Marion</b>	TBA
Feb. 22	@ <b>Francis Marion</b>	TBA
Feb. 25	Clark Atlanta	2:00 PM
Feb. 27	<b>USC Spartanburg</b>	5:00 PM
Feb. 28	<b>USC Spartanburg</b>	1:00 PM
Mar. 2	@ Alabama Huntsville	4:00 CST
Mar. 3	Limestone	3:00 PM
Mar. 5	@ <b>Columbus State</b>	6:00 PM
Mar. 6	@ <b>Columbus State</b>	1:00 PM
Mar. 9	@ Limestone	3:00 PM

Games listed in bold denotes Peach Belt Conference game



### 2004 Hockey Schedule

2/5	&UGA	9:30p
2/13	@Tulane	TBD
2/14	@Tulane	TBD
3/20	#Middle Tenn. SU	9:30p

# - Denotes at Ice Forum @ Town Center  
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### 2004 Basketball Schedule

2/4	@ <b>Armstrong At.</b>	5:30pm
2/7	@ <b>Lander</b>	5:30pm
2/11	@ <b>Clayton State</b>	5:30pm
2/14	<b>North Florida</b>	2:00pm
2/18	<b>Columbus State</b>	5:30pm
2/21	@ <b>UNC Pembroke</b>	2:00pm
2/25	<b>Clayton State</b>	5:30pm
2/28	@ <b>North Florida</b>	2:00pm

\*Times denote women's games  
\*Men's games start 2 hours after women's times

**Chris Lerstang**  
Senior Staff Writer

The hitters are back. The pitchers are not. The coming season should be an interesting one for the 2004 Kennesaw State baseball team.

Last season, the Owls came within two wins of claiming a third national championship. Capable starting pitching and power hitting highlighted the whole year. The team set a new KSU record of 83 home runs as well.

Offense will not be a problem because most of the home runs were hit by returning players. However, Adam Brandenburg and Peach Belt Pitcher-of-the-Year Grant Reynolds were selected in the major league draft and starter Kevin Poole is no longer with the team, so the pitching staff could decide the main concern for the 2004 season.

"We don't have many changes on the position players," said head coach Mike Sansing, back for his 13th season. "Many of them have played together for a couple of years now. Our weakness is our unproven pitching staff."

The infield returns four out of five everyday starters and will be a strength for the Owls both offensively and defensively. Senior Scott Conway is back to man first base and hit cleanup. He hit 21 home runs last year, third on the Owls' all-time single season list and led the team in RBI and total bases. Conway was also a solid fielder, making one error all season.

Up the middle are Jeremy Brotherton and Dustin Atkinson. Brotherton hit .307 last season and is perfect to be the number two hitter. He gets on base, has the ability to move runners over and can get the big hit if needed.

Atkinson is a four-year starter and will be back at shortstop for the second year. After playing his first two years at second base, Atkinson moved

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Senior, **Denisha Ferguson**. She posted a double-double against Francis Marion with 34 points and 10 rebounds.



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# Lady Owls back on track

Close games seem to be familiar sight for the Lady Owls

**Matt Cutrona**  
Sports Editor

The KSU women's basketball team pulled out two big wins on Jan. 28 and Jan. 31. "We weren't thinking about the past few losses and really focused on the task at hand," senior Denisha Ferguson said.

The lady Owls traveled to Milledgeville to play GC & SU on Jan. 28 for their second meeting against the Bobcats. GC & SU won the first meeting of these teams by a slim 69-68 score.

"It's always a little less pressure when you're seeing a team for the second time," junior forward Kristina Usaite said on the second match between the Bobcats and the Owls.

The Owls ended up with a needed victory in Milledgeville by a score of 91-85. They trailed at the half, much like every game, but forced turnover after turnover to come back to put one in the win column.

On Jan. 31, the Lady Owls were back at the Spec Landrum Centre to face South Carolina school Francis Marion.

It was an explosive opening for the Owls as they went up 27-11 with vastly improved ball



**"I started feeling the groove, and stayed in that groove for the remainder of the game,"**  
West said.



handling skills. "We really came out with a lot of intensity to run the score up as much as possible at the beginning of the game," said Coach Colby Tilley.

Francis Marion came back to make it a four-point margin halfway through the second half to force Tilley to call a timeout. Something Tilley said must have made an impression on Larvisha West because she then posted 16 points.

"I started feeling the groove, and stayed in that groove for the remainder of the game," West said. The Owls shut down the Francis Marion offense for the rest of the game and won 78-62.

**Leslie Smith, 25,** prepares to launch a pass.

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# Lady Owls back on track

After some heartbreaking losses, the women's team turning it around

**Alisha Alford**  
Staff writer

It has been a tough run in the Peach Belt Conference for the Lady Owls, after losing two straight at home on Jan. 21 and Jan. 24 against Armstrong Atlantic (12-3) and Augusta State (14-3).

In the Jan. 21 match-up against No. 21-ranked Armstrong Atlantic, the Lady Owls fell 70-69 to the Lady Pirates, as KSU was unable to hold on to a late nine-point lead in the last minutes of the game.

Fully prepared and aware of the talent they were facing, the Lady Owls (3-2 in the PBC), went into the game with confidence.

"We were ready for Armstrong Atlantic (4-1 in the PBC). We knew how tough they were," senior forward Paulina Aniola said. "The coaches prepared us really well and we knew our game plan. We did a good job in containing their leader

in the first half (Tasha Washington, 19 pts) but it just wasn't good enough."

Down but not out, the Lady Owls prepped themselves to face Augusta State (14-3), but were again unable to claim the win as the Lady Panthers left the Spec Landrum Centre with a stunning 71-67 win over the Lady Owls.

Senior guards for Augusta State, Emesia Wideman and Alshaa' Hodges, both contributed to the win scoring 15 and 20 points respectively. KSU coach Colby Tilley said, "They are Augusta State's two best scorers and they had to be stopped."

Senior forward Denisha Ferguson recorded her ninth double-double of the year during the match-up, with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while junior forward Kristina Usaite was one point shy of a double-double with 22 points and nine rebounds. Senior guard Paulina Aniola also scored in double digits for the Lady Owls with 10 points.



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**Denisha Ferguson** was named Peach Belt player of the week, and leads the Owls in scoring.

# Owls' hockey on a streak

Men win four straight and end their troubles

**Richard L. Johnson**  
Assistant Photo Editor

Reversing midseason troubles, the KSU hockey team shut down Vanderbilt and Texas A&M Universities to extend their winning streak to four games.

The Owls (12-7-1) opened a two game series against Vanderbilt (2-11-1) with a convincing 8-4 win in front of a record crowd of 263 on Jan. 23. Brian Wickstrom led the offense, scoring four goals. Bryan Griggs and Robert Farris each added a pair to the effort.

The following day, KSU completed the sweep of the Vanderbilt Commodores with a 7-4 victory. Wickstrom, Alain Farag and Bret Gibout each contributed two goals with Farris adding a single.

The Owls hosted Texas A&M

(6-10-1) on Jan. 25 and beat the Aggies 5-1. Offensive machine Wickstrom added another two goals to continue an impressive season. Griggs, Jason Welch and Steve Baxter each scored a goal to put the game away for KSU.

"These were the best three games we have played all year," Coach MacDonald said.

Over the course of the three games, goalies Chris Telford, Christian Burris and Nathan Heffley all got playing time blocking a combined 73 shots-on-goal.

"All three goalies were fantastic," MacDonald said.

The Owls next home game is Feb. 5 against the University of Georgia at the Gwinnett County Civic Center in Duluth. The game immediately follows the 7 p.m. ECHL game featuring the Gwinnett Gladiators hosting the Charlotte Checkers. Ticket discounts are available for students who want to catch the pro-hockey game prior to the UGA/KSU match-up.



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The **Owls offense** was awakened against Vanderbilt and Texas A&M.

# Feb 5

**Chris Lerstang**  
Senior Staff Writer

**Saturday, February 7**

**No. 15 North Carolina at No. 17 Wake Forest**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Lawrence Joel Coliseum**

Both of these teams are struggling of late and need this one to keep up with the Krzyzewski's. There is no doubt the game will be a high scoring affair as both teams are in the top 5 in scoring per game. Rashad McCants leads the Tarheels with 18.5 ppg., but they should be tired after an emotional affair with rival Duke and have been horrendous on the road. Wake Forest will be ready, so expect the Demon Deacons in a close one.

**No. 9 Arizona at No. 2 Stanford**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Maples Pavilion Palo Alto, CA**

No team has gone undefeated in the regular season since UNLV went 30-0 in 1991. Arizona is the only ranked team left on the Cardinal schedule, so an unblemished record is not out of the question. Their balanced scoring is virtually impossible to stop, but if anyone can keep up, it's the Wildcats as they are second in the nation in scoring with 86.9 ppg. Expect a classic, but give the nod to the undefeated team playing at home - Stanford wins.

**No. 14 Texas Tech at No. 12 Kansas**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Allen Fieldhouse Lawrence, KS**

The Jayhawks will be focused after dropping their first conference game in a shocker to Iowa State and can't afford to lose one at home if they want to win the Big 12. Texas Tech is led by senior guard Andre Emmett who averages over 21 ppg., but not many teams win in Lawrence, KS. Expect the Jayhawks to take care of business at home.

**Kennesaw State at Lander**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Horne Arena Greenwood, SC**

The Owls keep on roiling and have started their season with eight straight conference wins for the first time ever. They seem to have everything a great team needs with Rey Luque and Terrence Hill bombing from the outside and Reggie McKoy and Cardale Talley banging down low. Lander, 5-13 as of this writing, should be an easy win for the Owls, but you never know on the road in the Peach Belt Conference.

**Sunday, February 8**

**No. 25 Oklahoma at No. 18 Texas**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Frank Erwin Center Austin, TX**

If this were the gridiron, we'd pick Oklahoma in a laugh. But this one is on the hardwood and the Sooners have struggled big time in conference play, losing their first three games. The Longhorns don't have any superstars, but have a bunch of scrappy players that get the job done. Expect Texas to add to the Sooners downward spiral and get the victory.

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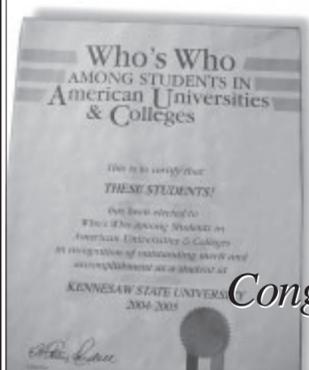
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