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# Student killed in single-car accident

CAITLYN VAN ORDEN  
NEWS EDITOR

A KSU student hailed by university officials as “an engaged student leader” was killed early Sunday morning in a single-car accident in Kennesaw.

Kimberly Johnson of Macon was just six days shy of turning 22 and was on her way to graduating in May. She was a backseat passenger in a TrailBlazer that careened off Barrett Parkway near Stilesboro Road.



Newsome

Johnson was also remembered as a loving friend. Stephanie Washington, a communication major, described the Johnson as “the definition of class, beauty and love.”

“I met her during my freshman year in 2006 and realized she was a contact I never wanted to lose,” said Washington. “I saw her approximately three weeks ago. Our outing was full of laughter, jokes and music – all of which were her favorite. I remember [her] telling me she had been student teaching this semester and love the joy the children of her class brought her. We were really excited about the future. I love her dearly and can’t believe that she is gone.”

The vehicle, driven by former KSU student

Shaneisa Newsome, 21, of Roswell, hit trees before coming to a stop on its side. According to reports in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the crash took place at 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

Also in the vehicle were passengers, Michelle Jackson, 21, and Lauren Prewitt, 22, both former KSU students. The two were treated at the hospital and released. According to police, none of the women in the car were wearing seat belts.

Newsome was also treated at the hospital before being arrested and taken to Cobb County jail. She has been denied bond for causing the accident. In addition to being charged with first-degree vehicular homicide, she has been accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane change, not having a tag and not wearing a seat belt.

Dr. Jerome Ratchford, vice president for Student Success & Enrollment Services, and Dr. Michael Sanseviro, interim dean of student success, sent an e-mail to members of the campus community, describing Johnson an active student leader.

“Our condolences are with Kimberly’s family and friends, as well as all members of the KSU community who are impacted by this tragedy,” they wrote in their message. “We also express our concern for the other women involved in this accident and for their timely recovery.”

The e-mail also reminded the campus community that counselors are available through Counseling and Psychological Services. The office is located in Kennesaw Hall, Room 2401, and may be reached by calling 770-423-6600.



Photo from facebook.com

Kimberly Johnson (above) was killed Sunday morning in a single-car accident on Barrett Parkway. Johnson was a senior at KSU.

## In memoriam



Caitlyn Van Orden | The Sentinel

Members of the KSU community will gather at 3 p.m. Thursday to honor the memory of those who have died this year. Since January, four students have lost their lives.

The event will take place at the Owl Memorial sculpture off the Campus Green.

Among the dignitaries who will be on hand are KSU President Dr. Daniel Papp, SGA President Daniel Street and Dr. Robert Mattox, assistant dean and director of Student Success Services.

## Campus remembers students

ALAN MOORE  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the KSU community are mourning a second student death this week.

Joseph Fuoto, 47, of Roswell suffered a heart attack while on campus April 10.

At 8:14 a.m., KSU police officers received a call from the Burruss Building, which houses the Coles College of Business. Paramedics transported Fuoto to Kennestone Hospital in Marietta at approximately 8:45 a.m., where he was confirmed dead shortly after arrival.

Mitra Bathai, an adjunct professor in the business department, taught Fuoto in an accounting class and received the news of his student’s passing while going to another class.

“I took this very hard and tears just rolled out without my control,” wrote Bathai in a mass e-mail. “I informed the class, and the entire classroom cried for 15 minutes. I resumed the lecture and remained on task, even though it was difficult.”

Bathai remembered Fuoto fondly. “Joseph was a wonderful student and individual. He was always prepared, on time, and sat in the front of the classroom. He knew all of the answers and helped the other students. He made me laugh and feel good about teaching. This is a great loss to Kennesaw as he was the model of the perfect student. My heart is saddened and goes out to his family. It was very hard to teach the class looking at his empty seat.”

According to a statement from the office of Dr. Jerome Ratchford, vice president for Student Success and Enrollment Services, funeral services for Fuoto were held last Wednesday at Northside Chapel in Roswell.

Fuoto’s death is the latest on the list of KSU community members who have passed away since the beginning of the year.

“It has been an unprecedented year for us at KSU, with the number of deaths,” said Kathy Alday, director of the Department of Student Life.

Early this year, a Dorian Varciana died after attending an off-campus party. In March, Miranda Whiteway died after sustaining injuries consistent with a fall from the top of the Central Parking deck.

And last weekend, student Kimberly Johnson died in a car accident.

A memorial is planned at 3 p.m. Thursday to honor those KSU students. The event will take place at the Owl Memorial near the Campus Green.

According to Alday, the work to create such an event began in fall 2006 under the Student Government Association presidency of KSU graduate James Touchton. The motivation for the event was the death of three KSU students in separate events at the outset of the fall 2006 semester.

“SGA worked for the entire semester on a proposal, which they presented to Dr. Papp and the Cabinet,” said Alday. “After some modifications, the idea was approved, and work began on the Owl Memorial that is now displayed near the Green. It took some time to select the sculpture and have it created.”

The sculpture was installed and dedicated late last spring.

“This is a project that began in 2006, and is finally being realized now, in the spring of 2010,” said Alday. “Since this is the first year of having this observance, we will evaluate it afterward and make necessary changes for next year.”

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# POLICE BEAT

CAITLYN NEWMAYER  
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## We be burnin'

While conducting a license and safety check on April 8, an officer noticed the smell of burnt marijuana odor coming from a vehicle carrying three males. The officer asked if anyone had been smoking marijuana. One male stated that he had some marijuana underneath the coin holder in the center console of the vehicle. A second male stated he had marijuana in his pocket and a glass pipe underneath the passenger seat. The second male placed a bag containing a green, leafy substance on the trunk of the vehicle. Both males were charged with possession of marijuana less than one ounce. When questioning the third passenger, the officer noticed that the male smelled like alcohol; the male stated that he had two beers and tested positive for alcohol. He was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

## I'm late, I'm late, for a very important (court) date

An officer conducted a traffic stop at Idlewood Avenue April 8 after observing a Nissan with a malfunctioning brake light. Once the Nissan pulled over, the driver got out of her vehicle. She informed the officer she was late for work and needed to call her boss. The officer advised that she call her boss from inside her vehicle, so the female got back inside her car. Within a few minutes, the driver got out of the car and began walking away from the scene. The officer told her stop, but she continued to walk away, increasing her pace. After loudly ordering her to stop, the female finally stopped and was es-

corted by the officer back to her vehicle. She asked why the officer was harassing her; he stated that he needed to see her driver's license. She was arrested for obstruction, brake light violation and expired vehicle registration.

## Theft from bedroom

On April 7, an officer was dispatched to KSU Place Apartments regarding missing items from a bedroom. After returning from vacation, the victim said she was missing a laptop computer, a Nike duffel bag, her KSU identification card, her New York driver's license, a few items of clothing, her University Village room key and a lanyard. She stated that she had gone on vacation with a friend and left the items in the friend's room. The friend said he did not lock his bedroom door before he left for vacation because his lock was broken. There were no signs of forced entry at the apartment's front door or at the bedroom door.

## Drunk swerving adventure

On April 11, an officer pulled over a Nissan on McCollum Parkway after noticing the vehicle swerve in and out of its lane. When making contact with the driver, the officer immediately smelled the odor of alcohol on the driver's person. He also noticed that the driver's eyes were bloodshot and watery. The driver stated he was coming home from a friend's place on KSU campus. The driver failed several sobriety tests, was arrested for DUI alcohol and was issued a citation for failure to maintain lane.

## I.D. card used for food

On April 8, an officer met with a student in reference to a theft. The victim said she lost her KSU identification card in the Visual Arts Building. She said she later checked the balance and noticed that two meals had been purchased on her identification card. The value of the two meals was \$18.

## Haterade

An officer was dispatched to KSU Place in reference to the burglary of 10 Gatorade bottles. The victim stated that 10 bottles of Gatorade were missing from his kitchen. The victim said he locked his door each time he left his apartment. There were no signs of forced entry at the apartment door.

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# THAT'S WHAT [S]HE SAID

Story and photos by Hannah Imler

KSU plans to increase on-campus housing from 3,200 beds to 5,000 beds by fall 2012 because the demand for housing is high and the university is attracting more out of state and international students. The rent costs will be similar to those of University Place, which range from \$560 to \$630 per month. Is the convenience of living on campus worth the price tag? Check out what KSU students think about living on campus.



**Bryan Bontrager, junior, history education**

"I lived on campus for three years and \$535 a month was ridiculous. You can find similar housing for \$350 if you have four guys. In fact, you can find cheaper housing right around the corner. Most students are paying their own way and can't afford housing on campus. I loved living on campus and being able to walk down to campus anytime to go to the gym or events. It's not that the dorms aren't good - it's just that they aren't competitive."



**Bernice Yeboah, freshman, nursing**

"If the new buildings would have more facilities like a basketball court, a pool, another gym, or even an ice cream machine, I wouldn't mind paying more. I pay for housing with my student loans. I live in the village right now and I like it, but I feel like the village is pretty much dead. We need more life, more activities."



**Brandi Dyer, freshman, nursing**

"I'm going to live in KSU Place next year. Right now, I live at home to save money. I chose KSU Place because it's cheaper than all the other on campus housing. That's the only reason. It's what you make it, I guess. But I wish there was more lighting outside the building. You feel like you're in a sci-fi movie when you walk through there. The worst part, though, is I won't have a closet."



**Kelsey Howington, senior, human services**

"People commute because there is no affordable housing on campus. I'm involved with Campus Crusades, and our hope is to foster a community on campus, but many students move off-campus quickly because it's so expensive. Everyone is living off a college budget. One thing we need is more shared-occupancy rooms; it would be a cheaper option for low-income students who don't mind sharing a room. Also, I think we should have couples housing to encourage nontraditional students to live on campus."



**Arielle Dancy, junior, nursing**

"I love living on campus. You pay for the convenience. I don't have a car, so it's incredibly beneficial for me to live here. I live in KSU Place, which is cheaper than the other housing. I don't mind the fact that we don't have our own washer and dryer. I still get my own room but I have to share a bathroom with someone. But, I wouldn't pay a higher price to have my own bathroom."



**Monique Smith, graduate student, nursing**

"Where would they build the new facilities? I live at home, but I think on-campus housing is expensive. What are the benefits to living on campus? Do you get your own parking space? I went to New York Technical College for my undergraduate degree, and everything was a lot more expensive because it was New York. They didn't have on campus housing so I had to live off campus."



## OWL BRIEFS

### ISRAELFEST 2010

Student organization Hillel is holding Israelfest 2010 Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Rooms. The event includes food, giveaways and a music performance.

### SHAKESPEARE CELEBRATION

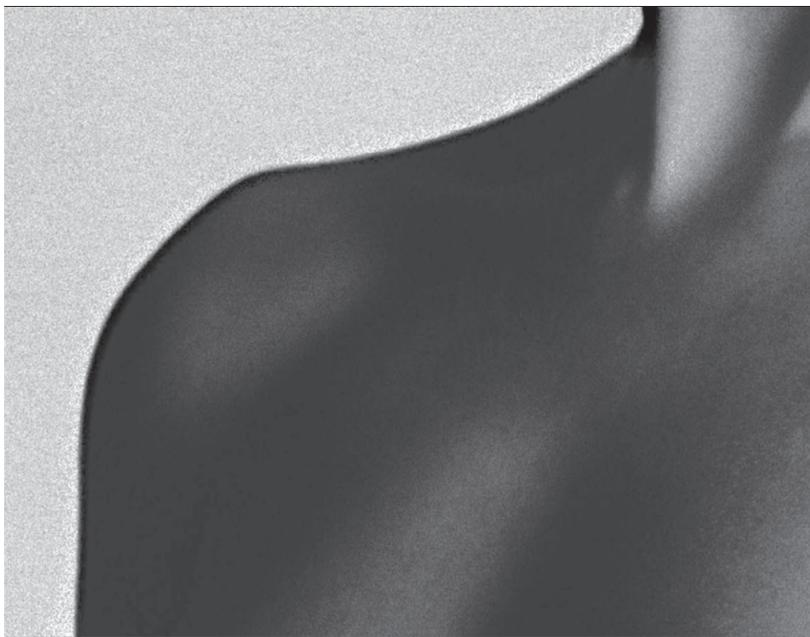
Will turns 446! Celebrate his birthday Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Legacy Gazebo. The event includes sonnet readings, cake and giveaways. There will also be live performances from actors of the Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern.

### FREE CONCERT

Join Campus Crusade for Christ Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. at Legacy Gazebo for a free concert featuring the group Echoing Angels, a local Christian band.

### RAPE DEFENSE CLASSES

Ladies, learn how to stay safe. KSU police are holding a series of Rape Aggression Defense classes April 27 and 29 and May 4 and 6. They are held from 4 to 7 p.m. and demonstrate techniques as well as escape tactics. The classes are free and are for women only. Participants must attend all four classes. To register, e-mail [communitycontact@kennesaw.edu](mailto:communitycontact@kennesaw.edu).



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# OPINIONS

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## Censorship: Teaching kids what to think

Many books such as Harry Potter face challenges as parents and concerned citizens pursue educators to ban books from school libraries, booklists and college syllabi. In January, a version of The Merriam-Webster dictionary was banned in a California school on the basis that its definition of oral sex is inappropriate. (Seriously, it's a freaking dictionary!) Biology textbooks even face opposition as some voice concerns that they explore evolution theories and dismiss Christianity.

But how does this affect us as college students? As we complete elementary, middle or high school, we may or may not experience censorship, but the principle sticks with us.

Censorship teaches us to not challenge authorities and ideas. Our intellectual freedom is diminished and our cultural understanding thwarted. Books that discuss controversial issues such as sex, slavery or unconventional family structures are banned. We are denied their contents and insights.

Throughout my life, I was under the impression that school was about learning. The point was to learn new things, face challenges and even

tackle the very things that made us uncomfortable. But banning books undermines this. An institution that censors is teaching its students that it's OK to limit and devalue intellectual freedom. The unfortunate part is that many students carry this belief with them into college.

Furthermore, the lessons learned from books such as "The Color Purple" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" are important to our understanding of literature, history and culture. If issues in these books are denied from students, then how will the student fare when they get to college? Will they be able to thoroughly address topics such as sexual abuse and racism with their peers if they have never encountered these issues before? We have to learn about explicit experiences and histories in order to have a well-rounded perspective about the world. How would our understanding of slavery and racism change if we weren't allowed to read Frederick Douglass or "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"?

Censorship prescribes us with limited perspectives and undermines our freedom to choose. Libraries that have banned "The Origin of

Species" by Charles Darwin are denying readers the right to examine multiple theories of religion and creationism. The censor has already chosen a reader's perspective for them; they are imposing their personal beliefs on readers.

Many schools have banned books by a popular author Judy Blume because she discusses the sexuality of an adolescent girl. Other similar books and authors have also been stripped off library shelves. A teen girl who will encounter sexuality in adolescence is limited when particular books concerning sexuality are banned. Although she may be exposed to sexuality through other media, she has still fewer avenues for exploring her sexuality.

When we are not allowed to read certain books, many social experiences are closed from us. An author's reaction to slavery or a character's struggle with homosexuality are social experiences, whether fictional or not, that help define who we are. Censorship strips us of our understanding, our past and heritage.

Censorship is built on a principal belief: that once people read a book, they will adopt the ideas



CAITLYN NEWMAYER  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

presented in the book or will somehow be corrupted by them. Just because you read something, doesn't mean you believe it or subscribe to it. An institution that censors in any form, whether it is an elementary school or a university, is teaching its students to dismiss intellectual freedom and to devalue their rights to access information and express ideas.

## Congrats, graduates

It's the end of another spring semester here at KSU, and it means a great many things to a great many people—the end of a semester, the beginning of summer, the end of a freshman year, the beginning of a sophomore year.

But to a very special few this May means quite a bit more. It means the end of college, the beginning of... something else.

It has always been a scary thing to walk into the unknown. We all did it once before when first we walked onto the KSU campus. At the end of this semester, after finals, after grades are reported, a group of us will do it again.

Our graduates will take their first steps off the KSU campus. Not only for a day or a weekend or an hour, but forever. Our graduates are ending a journey they began four years ago. They are taking their last steps as KSUers and their first steps as... something else.

We came to college with different dreams, goals and final destinations in mind, but we will all end up on the same stage our KSU graduates will step onto in a few short weeks.

Whatever it is that our graduates are becoming, wherever it is that they are going, they must take those last steps to get there.

It seems like a simple thing to walk across a stage and accept a piece of paper, but it isn't really, is it? It means stepping into the unknown; it means leaving your status, title and past behind.

It's what we're all working for, and in the end, the first step off of the platform of graduation is still, and always will be, a step into the unknown.

But whatever it is that our graduates are becoming, and wherever it is that they are going, they will walk with their heads held high and their hearts proud because this unknown is the greatest unknown they have yet to uncover.

This unknown is the culmination



ALESSANDRA LARGENT  
COLUMNIST

of all of the hard work and dedication, all of the hours of study and of homework, the culmination of all their hoping and wishing and waiting.

All of the students of KSU are marching towards the finish line, and all of the students of KSU stand in awe of those who have made it there before us. And when our spring semester 2010 graduates walk, I hope they know we all walk with them; and when they smile, I hope they know we all smile with them.

I hope our spring graduates know that their pride and their family's pride are amplified 20,000 times by the pride that every last KSU student has for them and for their accomplishments.

Our graduates are taking their last steps as KSUers and their first steps as... something else. And it is awe inspiring; it is amazing; and it is beautiful. Our graduates are our inspiration, and their unknown is the beautiful unknown that we all signed up for when first we walked onto the KSU campus.

Congratulations is such an easy word to say to our graduates but that one word could never encompass the feelings associated with their feat. Indeed every last graduate is walking towards my dream, towards every last one of our dreams, and by nothing but the power of their determination have they achieved it.

There are no congratulations, there is no article, there is no pretty graduation speech that can hold in its words the power to impress upon our graduates the depth of emotion that is entangled with their graduation.

What words have I to give you? What words does the institution have? What words can we undergrad KSUers give you? A thank you, perhaps, for leading the way. A congratulations, perhaps, feeble at best. I can find no words good enough.

But know this—the feeling that you experience as you walk across that stage, the feeling that you have as you accept your diploma: that is the same feeling that all of KSU has for you.

So humbly I say: thank you, and congratulations to the KSU 2010 Graduates.

## A letter to motorcycle cynics

Dear overly-concerned worrywart: Can you refrain from telling me horrific stories about dead people when I mention I ride a motorcycle? Seriously, I just can't take it anymore.

Anytime I mention I have a bike, the first thing I usually get from people is the face. You know the one: It contains the hideous expression only made by an elderly man who, in spite of being in week two of debilitating constipation, ate the jalapeno burger anyway. Save the face, guys—a motorcycle isn't a death sentence.

After that look, I'm immediately privy to the tale of some uncle's neighbor's gardener's astrologer who got smeared across 285 when a teen-aged drunk driver swerved into his lane back in 1993. Sigh. Way to go, Debbie Downer. Now I have to reach into my feigned emotion box, manage to return the face and offer some sort of apology for a completely random incident I wish you'd stop elaborating on. Oh, he didn't die immediately? His family rushed to the hospital only to get there seconds after he passed, never getting the chance to say goodbye? To top it off, he was on his way to get his five year old daughter a puppy to celebrate the birth of her brand-new baby brother? And he never learned to read? Bummer. Guess I better sell, huh? Hey, can we talk about something more upbeat, like the Holocaust or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome?

Shoot happens, yes I know. It's tragic, and I'm sorry to hear it, but can you please stop gnawing your torn, bloody fingernails between the gory details and let me get back to my rant on political bumper stickers? And when I change the subject from my imminent doom back to Sarah Palin, can you please not accuse me of skirting the issue because it makes me uncomfortable while insisting that this is something I "need to hear?" For crying out loud, please go on. While you speak, however, I'm going to Google pictures of fatal car crashes, so we can delve even further into what happens to stupid people who like to "take risks" by using motors and wheels to move around the world.

The statistics are clear: Motorcycles can be dangerous and are at times fatal. However, what most of these people in love with doomsday tales fail to realize is that the number of fatalities is the direct results of things I won't do, such as riding while intoxicated, declining proper riding gear or racing in the streets. It's a fact that I won't even test-taste a beer if I'm going to ride that day. It's a superstition I made up, but I like knowing there's not a drop of hooch in me while I lean into curves. Too, I find racing on the road to be selfish, dangerous and strictly for imbeciles. Take it to the track, chump—you're making us look bad.

Consider also that it's not the law in every state to wear a helmet. Ride to Florida, and you'll see what I mean: Helmets are rare over there, which really bothers me. The largest percentage of motorcycle deaths is due to head-trauma. It's because of these bare-headed showboats with an apparent need to let the wind blow through all four feet of their wispy hair (and don't get me started on the women) that you have the inclination to lecture me. Save it. I've always got a brain-bucket on.

I've been riding ATVs, dirt bikes and motorcycles since I was a wee lass. I've ridden cruisers, standards and sport-bikes (my favorite) and have seen more interstate miles on two wheels than many people have seen on four. I've been nearly sucked into the underbelly of an 18-wheeler during Katrina's runoff storms and have been badly burned by a pretty rough spill when I was younger. Trust me—I know these things can be tricky. However, I need you to stop treating me as if I'm some product of blind vanity hell-bent on flying by you at 140 miles per hour because I think I'm immortal and because I can.

Since we're on the subject, can I tell you why motorcycles rock? Apart from the fact that they make the most



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mundane errands, such as going to the bank or taking movies back to Blockbuster, a blast, they also get the most amazing gas mileage. I can put 12 bucks in my tank and peel around Kennesaw for two weeks before returning to the station only to find I still have half a tank. In terms of insurance, I have a premium plan with a mere \$100 deductible and \$250,000 in coverage for \$188 per year. Per year! I never (ever ever) have to worry about parking; I can ride in the HOV at any given time, I can squeeze through inexplicable clogs in traffic and never get hampered by rush hour traffic. There's also the warm fuzzy feeling I get when enormous, tattooed bikers nod hello and smile as I pass them. By the way, did I mention how tough some people think girls on bikes are? Instant respect—it's lovely!

I know I'm not immortal, and I know need to take a few extra precautions when I'm out there on my bike. What I don't need is some nosy Parker warning me I'm about to die for my vehicular narcissism; that's not what riding a motorcycle is about for me.

When you hear someone is about to eat lunch, you probably don't rattle on about the number of choking fatalities per year. Likewise, when you find out someone rides a bike, please put down the jalapeno burger, and instead, say something like: "Hey, that's cool. Bikes get a bad rap, but be safe anyway—lots of idiots on the road these days."

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# What is Libertarianism? Here's what it's not..

There are two ways of mistreating a subject. Either one negligently misunderstands the subject, or one maliciously misrepresents it. While they take many forms, these fallacies are transparent and unmistakable.

The political realm is saturated with this mistreatment, and perhaps the greatest recipient of it has been libertarianism.

There are various ways to interpret the ideology of a libertarian with its many philosophical wings and subsets. These interpretations include small "l" libertarians, big "L" libertarians, objectivists, minarchists, anarcho-capitalists, Austrian economists, classical liberals, conservative libertarians, liberal libertarians and so on and so forth.

Accordingly, there are just as many if not more misinterpretations and misrepresentations. Therefore, it is incumbent upon those who deem themselves a libertarian of any degree to respond with the clarity and demeanor their principles demand.

Libertarianism is not a trend - that is, unless you want to say that the whole of American history is trendy. There are exceptions to this rule, however, and not the least of which is slavery. Principles championed by libertarianism predate the American Revolution in the works of Aristotle and John Locke, among others. The term libertarian did not come to prominence until the last few decades; it merely replaced "classical liberalism" as the opposition to deferring to governmental authority by default.

Libertarians are not monolithic. Libertarians are not a demographic, political group, or a vote that either party can easily manipulate. We are not idiots. We cannot be pinned to a particular issue or policy. Libertarians are not just party hacks.

Libertarians are not enigmatic. There are many reasons why one

adopts an ideology, ranging from the merited to the capricious. It is disingenuous, however, to say that an entire ideology is without reasons for doing so, or worse yet, to say those reasons cannot be heard and understood.

Libertarians are not hedonists. Just because I do not want a law against a particular practice does not mean that I am for it. We live in an age that suffers from a diffusion of personal responsibility. We accept the idea that laws can make us better people and can stop bad things from happening, and in doing so, we sacrifice not only our ability to improve, but our belief in our own ability. Libertarianism is an affirmation of human ability, not an irrational fear of its own barbarity.

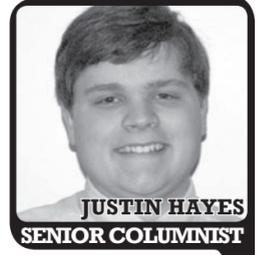
Libertarians are not pacifists. We despise a misguided and incompetent war as much as we do a foolish and unrealistic peace. The libertarian is just as ready to fight for his country if indeed a threat exists as he is prepared to lay down his arms and protest what he perceives to be a mistake, or worse a crime. We hold the policies of isolationism and interventionism with equal disdain.

Libertarians are not potheads. Although many of us support the decriminalization of many if not all drugs, we would be hard-pressed to find a libertarian who is one purely because of this stance. Widespread and deep is the indignance felt by the hypocrisy of keeping alcohol legal while withholding substances with similar effects from the public.

Libertarians are not conspiracy theorists. It is not a conspiracy to admit that our money is losing value, and it is offensive to correlate advocacy for returning to a gold standard to believing our own government was complicit in the attacks of September 11, 2001. To be suspicious of the government is not the same as to be paranoid because of



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the government. We doubt the proficiency of government based on our moral and practical experience, but do not blame secret cabals plotting Earth's destruction.

Libertarians are not a-religious. While your average libertarian is certainly no zealot, there are those who oppose government intervention on religious grounds, just as there are those who want no masters, be they god or government. We are not simply faithless Republicans, which brings us to the final and perhaps most important misnomer.

Libertarians are not Republicans. If you want to see a libertarian explode in a violent rage, you will have no better chance of doing it than by calling him or her a Republican. On issues ranging from gay marriage to foreign policy to immigration to the drug war to nationalism to abortion, the two could not be farther apart. Let us not forget the distinction between parties and ideologies. Libertarianism is not defined by a party platform, whereas Republicans are beholden not only to voting blocs but also to talking points and winning at all costs. Libertarians are less willing to sacrifice principles for power.

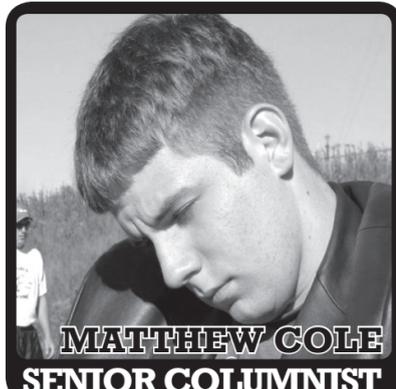
## Georgia is anti-freedom

Summer is almost here! During the course of this season, many of us will celebrate Independence Day. Some will grill hot dogs or drive to South Carolina to buy fireworks. My annual tradition is to go on a rant about how this holiday has become almost as meaningless as Halloween. It's meaningless because the founding ideas of independence and liberty are no longer valued in American society. For the purposes of this year's angry rant, I shall confine the scope of my criticism to hypocrisy in the state of Georgia. More specifically, I place the blame for societal decay on the twin demons of entitlement and paternalism.

Any KSU student who has not been comatose this semester is aware of the fact that the state of Georgia has a significant budget deficit. Among the reforms considered by the General Assembly to address this problem has been a proposal to reduce funding for the University System of Georgia, thus likely resulting in a rise in tuition and cuts in campus services.

The fear of having one's program of choice cut is certainly an understandable one, but increasing tuition can help avoid this. Despite the fiscal facts, students have expressed their outrage en masse over proposals to reduce the amount of other people's money to subsidize the comparatively cheap tuition of USG colleges. The Georgia government, with no small amount of help from the federal government, has created a culture of entitlement among students in this state. Although I have heard some student protest leaders with sensible ideas, most of them seem to have no alternative ideas for how Georgia can fix its budget deficit without cutting funding for education. Of course, many student protestors obviously don't believe in making reasonable attempts to work with the General Assembly. Instead, they scream out their demand that other people, many of whom have never gone to college, be forced to pay for their education. The students' outrage borders on narcissism. Others are just expected to shell out money to reward these students for gracing us with their existence on earth.

Not only is there a culture of entitlement in Georgia, but paternalism also has



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its death grip over the lives of the citizens. Forget firearms. Apparently, the Georgia government believes vibrators are a greater threat to public safety. It's the same with Sunday alcohol sales. It is not enough for certain busybodies to make these personal choices based on their own beliefs. The thought that someone somewhere might enjoy certain harmless activities irks these "Talibaptists" so much that they demand the government use violence to force others into compliance. Georgia's drug laws, which in some cases can see a person sentenced to up to 40 years in jail for simple possession of marijuana, are nothing short of evil.

This culture of paternalism has led to grave abuses of power in Georgia law enforcement. Many of you may remember the case of Kathryn Johnson, the elderly lady who was gunned down in her own home by overzealous Atlanta cops who fabricated a story about alleged drug dealing. Georgia's very tyrannical property forfeiture laws have allowed corrupt cops, in gross violation of the 5th Amendment, to rob Georgia residents to fund lavish expenditures in places such as Lamar County and Camden County.

When Independence Day comes around this July, compare the nice-sounding rhetoric with the actual facts. Can we honestly say that independence and liberty are still important to most Georgians, or has this given way to a government run by whiny brats and Puritanical zealots?

## U.S. obesity: The big, fat truth

Examining the land of the free and the home of the Whopper

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I recently found out that there is a national organization for the advancement of overweight people. I suppose this was going to happen sooner or later. What surprised me, however, was just how massive (no pun intended) the group really is. This is no joke; the group is growing in numbers, and there may come a day in which these guys have bona fide lobbying power.

I think of the great Chicagoan businessman and philosopher, one Alfredo Bundy, and I wonder what his take on the matter would be. Sure, this is America, where everyone is proud of who they are, but isn't this, well, kind of taking it to the extreme?

Keep in mind, this isn't a collection of fast-food spokesmen or fried doughnut chain operators; these are the connoisseurs of said products, and they are fighting for their rights to maintain such unabashedly spherical physiques. They say, "Well, if black people are proud to be black, and gay people are proud to be gay, why can't we be proud to be fat?"

I hear their mantra, and for the first time in my life, I am rendered totally and completely speechless. Francis Fukuyama said that democracy is civilization at its absolute zenith; if that is the case, then I suppose this is the punch line to 3,000-plus years of human development. I've talked to a lot of people in this world; I've had discussions with people from the U.K., Laos and Venezuela. I'm always interested in how other nations view the United States, and every time I ask a person from another country how America is fundamentally, pictured, I hear not retorts involving democratic philosophy or individual opportunism, but rather, some permutation of the term "lard-o." Ultimately, the summation of the American way of life isn't economic imperialism or widespread democratization; instead, our contribution to global collective is nothing more than a really, really complex fat joke.

There are so many things wrong with the concept of "Fat Pride" that I know not where to begin. I could begin by stating that, essentially, obesity is a choice, and one that is fairly avoidable for the most part. I could begin by rattling off a list of all of the negative ramifi-

cations of such a viewpoint, and how obesity is probably the number one reason for our nation's concomitant health woes. I could begin by talking about the economic effects over-consumption has on the American infrastructure, and how it hurts workers, small business and the environment.

Instead, I bring up the most obvious reply, because being a fatty is nothing to be proud of!

But nope, not here, not in the United States. Everybody is special, and no one has faults. Being obese isn't a sign of laziness, greed or lack of self-discipline. Back in the day, they said it was biological; obesity was hereditary, it was glandular, so on and so forth. Well, as modern science improved, we quickly came to the reality that maybe, just maybe, fatness had less to do with one's thyroid and a whole hell of a lot more to do with the fact that he or she was jamming Ho-Hos and Ring-Dings down his or her throat like coked up Pac-Men.

So now, obesity isn't a genetic condition; it's a lifestyle choice. Some people have children, some people have campers and some people decide to sport enough extra poundage to qualify for mega fauna status.

The tubby ones are the majority in this country; a good 60 percent of the nation is considered overweight, and nearly a fourth of the nation is considered obese. That's almost 70 million people who are at medical risk due to their lifestyle choice. There are more people in this country on taxpayer funded health care due to McDonald's and Burger King than there are methamphetamine overdoses and gunshot wounds.

But, no, that's nothing to be ashamed of. In fact, that's something to be proud of!

Hooray for all of the fatties, the ones who go on dialysis at age 30! Here's to all of those 12-year-old kids with type II diabetes! The number one cause for discharge in the military isn't because the troops suffer mutilation or psychosis, but because the troops are too fat for combat!

That's what "Fat Pride" gets you: it puts you in state-funded health care, turns your children into amputees and does more damage to the United States Army than Al Qaeda. That's what national contentment gets you; come to think of it, that's what gets you fat to begin with.

## This is your fellow student/(almost) father speaking

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Attn Parking Operations: If you're want my feedback, why haven't you responded to my earlier e-mail? If gates were installed to add a measure of control our parking decks, then why are they up until 8 a.m. (at least in the West Deck)? People are parking without their hangtags—I've seen it.

Of course, once you're in, it's not needed to exit. As well, if they're required for entrance, I wouldn't have received a ticket for not displaying mine last year (I had it, but new procedure is hard to remember when it's in your glovebox!).

Now, onto the real story. I'm writing this as a non-traditional student, realizing that I'm about the same age as most of your parents. However, I'm also writing this as one of your peers.

Over the past two to three years we've had classes together, talked and worked on team assignments. This is where I have to be careful, as I don't want to seem like the "creepy old guy" who's trying to fit in—heck, already had it bad enough when my wife wouldn't let me live on campus,

kidding. I've already had my BMOC days in an earlier life.

What I'm hoping to drill into your heads is for some of you to shape up your behavior. When you leave this institution one day and venture out into the professional world, this behavior will not be tolerated by your co-workers and your bosses.

What am I speaking of? It all boils down to being self-centered and unaware of what's around you.

For starters, if you have to sit along the walls waiting for class to change, you prima donnas (and guys, is it prima donnies??) need to pull your legs in and sit cross legged.

You make it very difficult for two lines of traffic to walk down the halls. Why should we risk tripping over you just because you want to play on your laptop? A few of you do see people coming and retract, and we thank you.

The next item: Please realize we are in America and not in England. People here "travel" on the right side of the road. Especially when classes change and there are huge amounts of people going down the stairs, stick to your right side.

If you're so late or just too good to be bothered with crowds that you have to take to the left and run into

people, then you have a problem.

The same principle applies to going through doorways. Go with the other 95 percent of the traffic and use the right doors. Gosh forbid you actually care about the face you just opened a door into.

Thirdly, your parents or guardians are not here to pick up behind you. In the wellness center, put the weights back as they should be when you're finished.

It's just a matter of respect and courtesy that you leave the barbells empty and put the bench weights back in their proper places because the next person may want to lift a different set-up.

Some of your behavior reminds me of how my 14-year-old daughter used to be, but she's getting better. The same applies to the dumbbells (could there be a more appropriate name?).

I'm surprised the overseers don't require a gym etiquette class before being allowed in. It's bad enough that some of you are lifting incorrectly and risking great injury, but that's your own issue.

I'll end with what is probably the worst of them all—lying. I've seen an instructor call out 3-4 students who had constantly been texting or playing with Facebook, Twitter

or something else on their laptops during class.

They were seen and caught several times red-handed. When confronted, they outright lied about it.

"No, I wasn't texting," they said, "I was just taking notes." You're not that slick and you look pretty stupid trying to act innocent. As mentioned earlier, this is one thing you'll surely be fired for.

Has some of this stung or hit a nerve? If so, that's good. Maybe this is a wake-up call to change and to start shaping up. If this has made you mad, you need only be mad at yourself.

Take this critique as one of your peers and not someone your parents' age.

Hopefully a lot of this behavior is from incoming freshmen or sophomores and not someone older who should know better.

If that is the case, I hope your true peers (classmates your same age) and upperclassmen will take the initiative and speak up.

Be a leader and be heard when it comes to a few inattentive or unthinking students—you may be doing them a favor. That leadership will be a real world skill that will overshadow their bad ones.

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## Smells like green spirit

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KSU's campus offers the opportunity for small changes that can help the Earth: smokers throwing cigarette butts in the appropriate containers, foodies throwing away their Big Mac wrappers, hand-washers preserving water.

The Progressive Earth Alliance at Kennesaw, KSU's foremost eco-friendly club, will honor mother Earth with a campus-wide event on April 22 at 11a.m.-3p.m.

This year's event marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. PEAK has several activities planned for Earth Day, including organic seed planting, soy candle making, recycled jewelry making and carbon footprint tracking.

Sarah Christopherson, Secretary of PEAK and senior majoring in Spanish and philosophy, stressed that Earth Day 2010 will not be about "pushing our ideals on people, we want everyone to recognize that there is a green movement and just use less stuff in general."

Beyond the festivities, Earth Day 2010 will host discussion panels on the impact of consumerism and other environmental topics.

PEAK's electronics at the event will be solar-powered to preserve energy.

PEAK has held past events to promote eco-friendliness. Karli Bailey, one of the active recycling committee members and freshman majoring in business and minoring in human studies, hosted a recycle relay at the University Suites.

During the relay, recyclable material such as paper, plastic, cardboard and cans were mixed and divided in half, and then groups raced to sort the recycling. The group that sorted the fastest won prizes.

"We are encouraging each floor in the suites to recycle, and the floor with the most recycling wins a pizza party," Bailey said.

To learn about PEAK and more ways to lessen your ecological footprint, visit <http://groups.google.com/group/environmentalalliance>.



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Branden Macie and Amanda Masters reach out to students in the Social Science as a method of recruiting new PEAK members.

## Owl Radio raises more than \$300 at 'KSU Rocks'

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Owl Radio presented "KSU Rocks" on April 17 in the Student Center. Matt Nix of "Matt Nix on Mondays" and Sean Rocaway, of hip-hop radio show "Real Talk" hosted the event.

The concert, meant to feature acts in the metro Atlanta area, boasted headliners such as Rusted Soul, Miles High Club and Go Robo Go. It was also a promotional fundraiser Owl Radio, which has aims to increase visibility

and appeal on campus to a wider portion of the student body.

This was the first "KSU Rocks" for Owl Radio. The station's staff promoted and organized the event for months. Owl Radio intends to make the concert an annual event on campus.

The concert had a diverse lineup, from metal acts Aes Sedai and Bury Me Breathing to rhythm and blues act Az-1.

It also hosted several acts that have been regularly featured on the station's local music rotation and programming, such as rockers

Have You Seen My Ghost and acoustic musicians Trey Hawkins and Isaac Solomon.

Owl Radio grossed almost 300 dollars in profit from the event, which the station will use to pursue AM-band broadcasting, more on-location events, a television project "Owl Radio TV" and a greater presence in campus life.

The concert was part of a wider campaign to define and broaden the brand of the station and its number of listeners. Owl Radio is available online at [ksuradio.com](http://ksuradio.com).



Owl Radio staff members, including Ryan Lessard (standing), Kirsten Otto (center left) and Pete Hassanzadeh (center left), promote KSU's radio station at the first (and possibly annual) "KSU Rocks."

## Women lead in challenging times

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Work place ethics, financial security and women leading in the nonprofit sector were topics of discussion at the 10th Annual Phenomenal Women's Conference at the KSU Center on April 16.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Shirley Garrett is a full-time professional speaker and best-selling author of "A Tap Water Girl in a Bottled Water World."

Garrett's journey has been a long one. At four years old, Garrett was labeled as having a learning disability because she couldn't speak well. Her mother also left her at an orphanage.

Speaking on this experience, Garrett said, "My mother did the best thing in that she let go of me and let someone else raise me because she couldn't afford to do it."

Garrett mentioned that women are jugglers: "When you juggle, it's not what you catch, but what you let go of."

Garrett's first recommendation to women is to stop trying to be somebody else. In high school, she admired Nancy Malone because she seemed to be a perfect girl-head cheerleader and everybody loved her.

"Nancy was confident-she embraced and loved other people," Garrett said. Garrett left home to attend college at Samford University.

"I decided I did not want to be Nancy, I wanted to be Farrah Fawcett," Garrett joked.

In the end, Garrett realized that she needed to stop trying to be someone else and work on becoming the woman that she was meant to be: "There's a lesson to everything-we have to be gentle to one another. We all make mistakes. Do

not judge or criticize-help people."

Another keynote speaker Amy Whitley currently serves as Vice President for Corporate Human Resources UPS.

Upon graduating from college, she didn't know what to do with her life. Whitley applied to several companies, and UPS called her for an interview to be a truck driver.

Whitley called her dad and told him about the opportunity. He told her to take the job and that "hard work never killed anybody."

One of Whitley's boy-friends taught her how to drive a stick shift.

"I failed the first time, but decided to keep going." She said after another few months, Whitley got her license and became a truck driver. A year later, Whitley was accepted into the management program.

"It's not about women taking over, because we do value men and having their input," Whitley said. "I've had men (and women) give me advice and help me in my career."

"Deep down, I believe that most people are helpful," Whitley said. "It's about listening, caring about people and staying true to yourself. If you're trying to help someone and it's not working-try another approach. We are all in difficult and trying times, but we can help one another."

"I felt extremely fortunate to hear and learn from such amazing women, I simply did not want the day to end," said Kim Morris, coordinator for the Graduate Student Leadership Experience. "I was inspired, encouraged, and motivated to be my personal best, to know myself and to always be authentic. These women are fantastic role models of integrity and ethical leadership."



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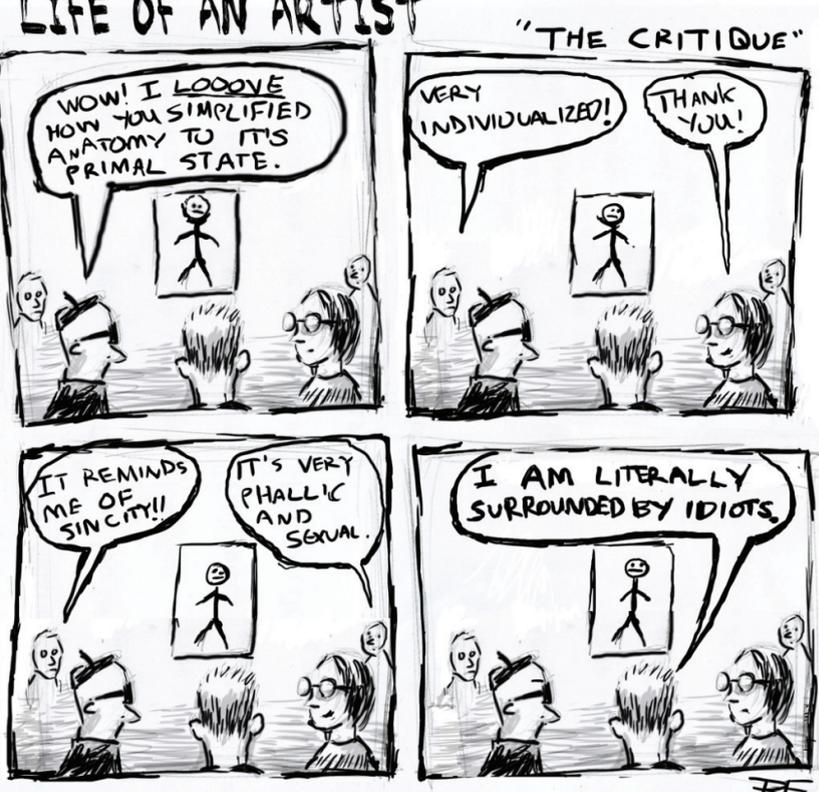
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Panel 2: "VERY INDIVIDUALIZED!" "THANK YOU!" (Artist: stick figure)

Panel 3: "IT REMINDS ME OF SINCINITY!!" "IT'S VERY PHALLIC AND SEXUAL." (Artist: stick figure)

Panel 4: "I AM LITERALLY SURROUNDED BY IDIOTS." (Artist: stick figure)

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## The spring purge: Aerosol air fresheners

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While tackling spring cleaning duties, there are some environmentally dubious household items that you might want to give a second look. And when I say "give a second look" I mean you should reconsider using and/or replace with a more eco-sensible alternative.

So far, I've recommended a household purge of antibacterial cleaning products containing the potent chemical triclosan and a partial purge of the common paper towel roll. This week, I'm examining purge-worthy aerosol air fresheners since, after all, cleaning and freshening do go hand-in-hand.

Don't get me wrong \_ I love me some fragrantly scented air. In fact, I have a bit of a purchase-problem when it comes to scented soy candles. But if you're the type who grabs for a can of Freesia Fiesta or Melon Madness aerosol air freshener to combat the stench of last night's fish fry or this morning's wet dog, I'm here to convince you to spritz your last spritz.

As you might be aware, the alluring fragrance housed in that aerosol can isn't derived from freesia or melons but from a complex chemical brew that can trigger allergic reactions, respiratory problems, and pollute the indoor air. The four basic ingredients according to the EPA: formaldehyde, petroleum distillates, p-dichlorobenzene, and aerosol propellants. And unsurprisingly, air fresheners of all varieties, not just ones in aerosol cans, contain those nefarious volatile organic compounds (VOCs), a source of health woes and ground-level ozone.

So why am I picking specifically on aerosol air fresheners (don't even get me started on those plug-in things)? Aerosol cans no longer contain ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) but still employ questionable propellants like hydrocarbons and nitrous oxide. And although aerosol cans are recyclable, they are made from steel ... not the most low-energy material to recycle. And here's something to consider before you say adios to that half-empty aerosol air freshener: the improper disposal of non-empty aerosol cans is illegal in many states since the contents are considered as hazardous waste. Yep, that Freesia Fiesta is hazardous (not to mention ineffective since it masks odors instead of removing them).

As someone who has an olfactory obsession, I've found plenty of ways to freshen my indoor airspace without a fragranced aerosol spray \_ and I'm not just referring to scented soy candles. For one, I'm big on the effective and free practice of opening windows and letting fresh, springtime air in. Additionally, something that I do every spring is place bowls of baking soda and/or white vinegar around my apartment to absorb stubborn odors. I'm also big on placing fresh-cut flowers alongside my air-purifying houseplants to inject a dash of color and subtle, natural aroma.

And yes, I do use an air freshening spray, but I'd like to think it's an eco-friendly one. It's Mia Rose's Original Orange Air Therapy a commonly available, biodegradable non-aerosol spray (I got mine at Trader Joe's) that's made from pure essential oils distilled from orange peels.

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## Freeman, Stubblefield named players of the week

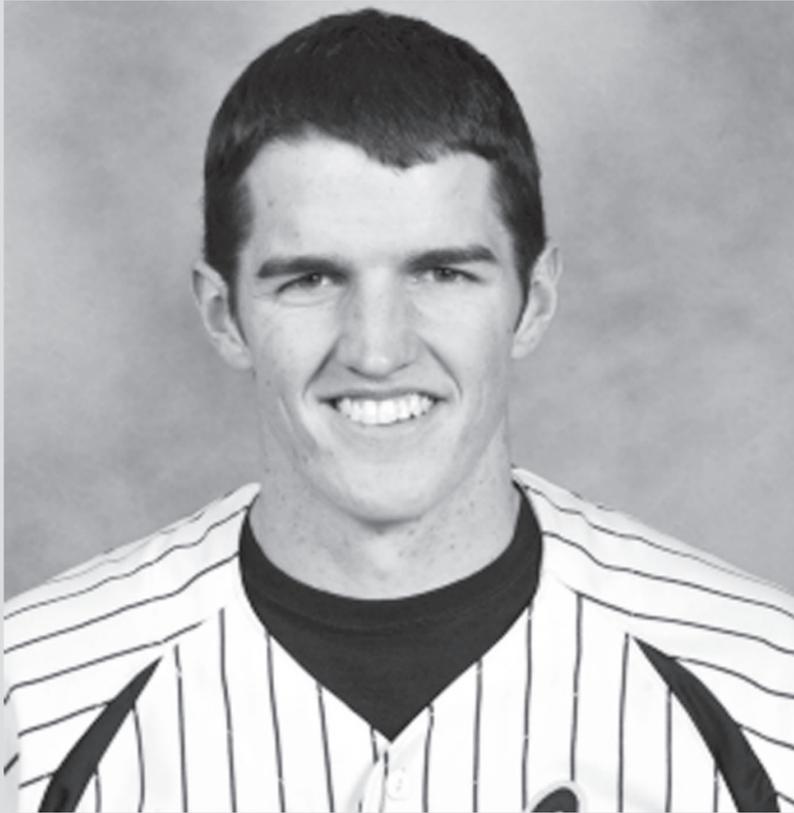


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### RONNIE FREEMAN

BEN POPLIN  
BEAT WRITER

#### RONNIE FREEMAN

KSU's own Ronnie Freeman was named the Atlantic Sun Conference player of the week on Monday, March 5. Freeman is the starting catcher for the Owls baseball team.

"I was surprised because I am a freshman and I did not feel like I had a good weekend," said Freeman, upon hearing the news.

In this weekend's series between the Owls and the Belmont Bruins, Freeman collected five hits, three of them home runs.

At first, Freeman struggled at the plate, swinging early in the count. Extra work in the new hitting facility, as well as approaches made at the plate, changed his performance.

"We are very excited for Ronnie," KSU baseball coach Mike Sansing said. "He's very deserving of this award and we hope this is just the first of many awards he'll receive during his career."

Freeman is a right-handed hitter who does not like to pull the ball much. More than half of his hits this season, other than his home runs, have gone to the right side of the field. They were solid line drives that scraped past the diving first baseman, sending left and center fielders chasing the ball.

"I would definitely say my power is more to the right or right center," Freeman said.

Freeman was not only recognized for his ability at the plate, but as a solid catcher who moves quickly to block balls and keep the runners honest.

Since being named the Player of the Week, Freeman continued his tear at the plate. He is boasting better than a .327 batting average, with more than 26 runs batted in, and is one of the his team's leaders home runs. He has consistently stayed in the clean-up spot of the Owls line-up, whether he is catching or playing the designated hitter.

Freeman and the rest of the team can be seen at Stillwell Stadium on Saturday April 24, as they take on the James Madison University Dukes (19-16) in a doubleheader. The first pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. and game two is scheduled to begin approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first.

#### TYLER STUBBLEFIELD

At first glance, Tyler Stubblefield does not appear to be the star player he has become at KSU.

Stubblefield is a 5'11, 180 pound senior who will do whatever it takes to win a ball game.

During his time at KSU, he has been a consistent .300 hitter, with the exception of his freshman season, where he averaged .229. He has a great deal of power and likes to pull the ball. He spreads the ball around, rarely strikes out, and only fouls two to three pitches in each at-bat. He is also very fast and gets himself



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### TYLER STUBBLEFIELD

into scoring position for his team with an occasional stolen base.

"I'll do whatever it takes to help my team win," Stubblefield said. "Whether it is laying out for a ball, I will do it."

Throughout his four years at KSU, Stubblefield has made many memories.

"The first time we beat Georgia Tech in my freshman year was big," Stubblefield he said. Recalling the excitement of his first collegiate home run, Stubblefield admitted to tripping over first base.

He has had many influences over the years growing up, the main influence being his mother.

"She pushed me as hard as any dad would," Stubblefield said. "My mom's brother actually played on the first collegiate baseball team at KSU, so he was also a big help."

Growing up, Stubblefield's favorite player to watch was Ozzie Smith of the St. Louis Cardinals.

"He was everything I thought I could be, and solid defensively," Stubblefield said. "He was not the biggest or the strongest, but he did everything he could help his team win."

More recently, Stubblefield has grown fond of watching Boston Red Sox short-stop Dustin Pedroia.

Stubblefield is similar to both of players. He does not have the build of a power hitter or the height of a pitcher. Another similarity between he and the two is that they both spent time in the lead-off spot for their teams—that is where Stubblefield has staked his claim in this season for the Owls. They want someone to get on early and, more times than not, Stubblefield delivers for them.

Although Stubblefield's main focus after college is to play at the next level, he also has aspirations to attain his masters degree and a doctorate in psychology.

"I switched majors twice, but I finally found something I enjoy in Psychology," he said.

Stubblefield was one of the few juniors who stayed for another year after the 2009 season. Eight KSU players were selected in the Major League Baseball draft, but Stubblefield elected to stay.

"Those were the guys I came in with, so it was a thrill for me to see them called out on the ticker at the MLB draft," he said.

Stubblefield is a down-to-earth guy and has enjoyed the relationships he made with players coming in and out of KSU baseball.

"My favorite part would have to be the friendships and the growing I had to do," Stubblefield said. "Also, seeing our 08-09 team ranked was exciting."

"Stubbs" as his teammates call him, played for Coach Mike Sansing all four years at KSU.

"It has been great playing for him," Stubblefield said. "There are a lot of different coaching styles, and he is the most laid-back coach I have ever played for."

Stubblefield also developed a relationship with his coach.

"He will do anything in the world for you," Stubblefield said. "He will go to bat for you day or night."

## Women's tennis sent home early in quarterfinal



Matt Bradshaw | The Sentinel

MATT BRADSHAW  
BEAT WRITER

The Lady Owls No.5 seed, lost their first Atlantic Sun Tournament quarterfinal last Friday, April 15, dropping the match 5-2 to No.4 seed Campbell University.

Having struggled to win doubles matches all season, the women were unable to earn a doubles win against Campbell as the Camels struck first, seizing the doubles point to go up 1-0 in the match.

"We played great doubles in the fall but started the spring off with some injuries that just kept mounting," said head coach Brandon Padgett. "We never really got to the point where we could use our [winning] doubles combinations from the fall on a consistent basis. If we can avoid the injuries, I think we will be just fine in doubles next year."

The Camels quickly took a 2-0 lead when No.2 Christina Garcia dismantled Morgan Carney, 6-3, 6-0. Owl No.3 Lesha Holton was next to fall, losing 6-2, 6-2 to Camel Blanca Saenz.

"We had a couple of players who didn't show up to play," said Coach Padgett. "That hurt us."

Two of the Owl's most reliable singles players, Vera Shkundina and Therese Lagerkvist, finished their seasons with straight-sets play-off wins. Shkundina and Lagerkvist took the Owls to the brink of a comeback as Owls cut the Camels lead down to one point. Lagerkvist was devastating, crushing Anais Gomar, 6-0, 6-1.

With the match set at 2-3, the Lady Owls needed wins from No.4 Agatha Palider and No.5 Ayano Tanaka to avoid tournament elimination. Both matches went to third sets, but Palider had her racquet taken when Tanaka lost the No.5 singles point 3-6, 6-2, 6-4 and the Owls were finally defeated.

Therese Lagerkvist was in good play-off form, winning her match easily, 6-0, 6-1.

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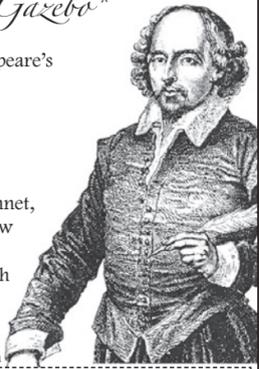
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**Tournament record broken in final round Womens' golf placed second in conference championship**

JACK MORBITZER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

A final round 13-over-par 301 pushed the women's golf team just out of contention of the Atlantic Sun Golf Championship as they placed second, four strokes behind champion Stetson, at the Venetian Bay Golf Club in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. KSU improved on their opening round 299 by cutting eleven strokes in the second round to finish at even-par, the low round of the day and a KSU record. The second round score was an Atlantic-Sun conference record until Stetson shot a 2-under-par 286 in the final round to win the conference championship after starting

the last round in fifth place, 12 strokes behind the leader ETSU.

"We didn't lose, Stetson played really well, and they won," sophomore Patricia Arana said.

The first round was highlighted by senior Jordan Lazenby's even-par 72, her lowest score of the season at that point.

"I could have gone lower," said Lazenby. "I had a lot of missed putts, and a lot of birdie opportunities I didn't take advantage of. But I think I made up for it the next day."

Lazenby fired a second round 1-under-par 71, keeping her in the top ten. Lazenby finished tied for sixth at 5-over-par 221.

"[Jordan] performed really well in all the tournaments," teammate Arana said. "And that's what we needed, because we need more than two players. When our teammates perform well it helps throughout the team."

Freshman Ket Premuchen shot an opening round 1-over-par 73, followed by a second round 2-under-par 70. Premuchen shot 76 in the final round to place her in fourth at 3-over-par 219.

"I was happy with how everyone did," Lazenby said. "Molly [Winnett] went lower than her average, and Ket played lights out. Everyone just brought their A-game and that's what we needed to do."

No Owl finished lower than

24 in the 50 player field, with all rounds scored in the seventies.

"Each tournament, we were consistently getting better," Lazenby said.

Senior Abby Fitzgerald shot a second round 1-over-par 73, and finished tied for eleventh at 11-over-par 227. Sophomore Molly Winnett played steadily with rounds of 75 and 74 to open the tournament, and finished tied for 21, at 12-over-par 228. Arana's final round even-par 72 put her tied at 24, with a final score 13-over-par 229.

The women finished the spring season with three top-5 finishes, and return three starters from the spring roster.

**KSU baseball wins series at home**

BEN POPLIN  
 BEAT WRITER

KSU (16-22, 7-8) was able to take two of three home games against their conference rivals, the North Florida University Ospreys.

Junior Ryan Rodebaugh pitched eight strong innings. He struck out six, yielding just one run on two hits. He had trouble finding the strike zone in the first inning, walking four batters in 44 pitches. He set the Ospreys down in order on three occasions, keeping the team's momentum heading into the dugout.

There were only five runs scored in the game, with KSU coming out on top 3-2. Junior right fielder Bucky Smith put the Owls on the board in the bottom of the second with a single that scored junior designated hitter Drew Fowlkes. Junior North Florida starter, George Lott, pitched also pitched well. He allowed three runs on six hits, with seven strikeouts in seven innings.

The Owls struck again in the fifth and sixth innings, with a run-scoring single from red-shirt freshman center fielder Ray Anderson, helping junior first baseman Ross Tendler score. In the sixth, Fowlkes put the game away after fouling off several pitches with a solo homer over the right field fence.

The second game was similar to the first. Starter Josh Carr pitched solidly, allowing six runs. The Owls broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning, when Smith scored on a wild pitch. They added another four runs in the inning as a result of singles from Fowlkes and Tendler. Freshman catcher Ronnie Freeman got in on the action in the sixth, with a run-scoring single to plate Stubblefield. The Owls continued to unload on the Ospreys and were able to pick up their sixth conference win, beating North Florida by a score of 12-8.

The Owls trailed early in the rubber match of the



Vanessa Jenkins | The Sentinel

Last week's matchup against Jax State featured a crawfish boil with 400 pounds of Louisiana Crawfish, giveaways from KSU KAB, Residence Life and Earl Smalls Harley Davidson. The game ended in a KSU loss, with a final score of 11-4.

series. Four runs scored in the fourth inning gave them a 6-3 lead. Tendler and sophomore center fielder Jordan Craft started the inning off with singles, and Smith and then drove in Tendler to tie the game. Red-shirt freshman third baseman Peyton Hart reached on error, enabling Smith to score giving KSU its only lead in the game. Fowlkes singled later in the inning, scoring Stubblefield and Hart, which gave KSU a three-run advantage. In the fifth, Smith doubled to left to score Craft and the last run of the game for the Owls.

Senior starter Micah Sales pitched six innings, allowing six runs. The Ospreys added two more runs, but a KSU comeback almost tied it up. North Florida won by a score of 8-7, improving their record to (22-17, 10-5).

**Owls softball snaps back**

**No. 9 ranked Ga. Tech tops KSU at Bailey Park. The Owls split first road double-header at USC Upstate, then sweep East Tennessee State University.**



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No. 22 senior catcher Jenna Closner swings away during the 7-3 loss to Ga. Tech.



**The KSU softball team plays a double-header against the Georgia Southern Eagles in Bailey Park at 3 p.m.**

# KSU recruits international talent



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Clockwise from left: Jeff Karlsson, Ket Premuchen, Peder Lunde Hermansson, Patricia Arana.

“ Even with English as my first language, it is a different culture... it is a different way of life.”

JACK MORBITZER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Cultural anthropology is defined as the study of human beings, while concentrating on their respective culture and other social issues. When applied to sport, we see how differing cultures promote alternative ideals in development and final goals.

This is apparent in America with collegiate sports. “The opportunity to come over and get an education and play is like nothing else in the world,” women’s golf head coach Rhyll Brinsmead said. “That is the appeal of the American college system to any international, in any sport. It’s that you cannot do it anywhere else in the world.”

Brinsmead is a native of Melbourne, Australia, she attended Texas State as a four-year letterman and two year captain for the Bobcats, and graduated in 2004. She was hired as head coach for KSU before the 2007 season, and has adopted a multi-cultural stance for comprising team members.

“Some teams have the philosophy to not carry any internationals. I like to have a combination of both. I think it adds a nice diversity to the team,” Brinsmead said.

In an international sport like golf, it is common to recruit international players. Currently, all top-five nationally ranked golf programs, both men and women, boast at least one international player. Defending women’s national champion Arizona State features eight international players from seven different countries. KSU fields two international players on both the men’s and women’s teams. The ability to continue education is the major selling point for international recruits.

“To be quite honest, there are so few that are actually successful on tour, to be able to have a degree to fall back on is essential. There is only so far your sport is going to take you,” Brinsmead said.

Sophomore KSU golfer and Sweden native Jeff Karlsson agreed to the sentiment.

“My goal has always been to become a professional player and make a living from it, but it was important to me to have an education if that didn’t work out,” Karlsson said. “It was just the perfect option for me.”

The utter lack of collegiate sports globally is why many internationals are intrigued to play in the United

States. Players are faced with the decision to turn professional or study. The focus internationally for athletes is to play professionally, as evidenced by club-based individual development. In America, the focus is more for amateur collegiate sports that may provide the future possibility to play professionally. It is a large difference for a young adult in deciding what career path to take. Being a student, with the capability of continuing a sport one loves, offers another option.

However, it does not come without challenges. The effort in school is coupled with the unfamiliarity of a new setting. Time may be the only remedy to cure the shock of the new American culture and homesickness. A native of Barcelona, Spain, sophomore Patricia Arana found it difficult to adjust.

“The first two months I could not eat, I felt depressed,” Arana said. “I didn’t know anybody; I did not know English at all. I woke up because I had to. But I said I would try for that semester, and it turned out it was fun. I ended up liking it a lot.”

The experience Brinsmead gained making the same decision other internationals are faced with can aid in recruiting.

“As far as being able to relate to international players, it’s nice to be able to say, ‘I did it. I know what you’re going through.’ Brinsmead said. “Even with English as my first language, it is a different culture. It’s a different way of life.”

Being able to relate culturally to a recruit from New Zealand was a factor in why the player signed with KSU while being courted by other top programs. As with many other aspects of the modern age, Brinsmead says the Internet has played a role in the process.

Though Americans have adapted to globalization in business and trade, internationalization of US collegiate sports has been met with criticism. International student-athletes are earning scholarships that some argue would go to national players, which may squeeze life from the sport locally. Supporters stress that it is about opportunity for the players, citing a strong work ethic from the international players.

“It’s an easier sell to the internationals because they do value that education as much as, if not more, because they sometimes don’t have the opportunities at home to do both,” Brinsmead said. So when you’re talking about school and golf, it’s a no-brainer.”

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