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### World-class soccer stadium to open Sunday



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Clockwise from top: The new soccer stadium; KSU soccer player Savannah Duet during the Alumni Day scrimmage on Sunday; Atlanta Beat players Johanna Rasmussen and Brett March with Atlanta Beat owner T. Fitz Johnson at the Taste of Marietta Sunday; a KSU soccer alum plays during the Alumni Day scrimmage Sunday afternoon.

### SGA executive board positions go uncontested

KEVIN SCHMIDT  
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive year, the Student Government Association Executive Board has been selected by an uncontested election.

The election was held April 19 and 20 and was voted on via Owl Express for senators, treasurer, secretary, president and vice-president. A total of 2,194 ballots were cast. The Senate and the Executive Board will change over at the SGA meeting Thursday.

SGA advisor Nu'Nicka Epps believes SGA elections have been uncontested the past two years because of the respect members have for each other.

"Members of SGA are very courteous, responsive, selfless and student body-oriented," she said. "Most times, the students interested in these positions come from within the organization."

Current SGA President Daniel Street cited similar reasons for uncontested elections.

"There are two reasons: The first is a high quality of candidates, and the second is that many of the qualified candidates may have outside responsibilities prohibiting them from running for the position," he said.

Replacing Street as SGA president is Ali Kamran, who is currently serving as one of the two senators of the College of Science and Mathematics. He cites his leadership in SGA, Student Alumni Recruitment Society and the American Medical Student Association as proof that he is well prepared to take on the position. The first two items on his agenda include increasing membership in the Senate and creating an ad-hoc committee dedicated to holding meetings to inform students about university-related topics, such as fees.

The only returning executive board member is vice-president Darius Robinson. In his second year, he plans to push for a school yearbook, a 24-hour study facility on campus and Greek housing.

Adaugo Okoro will be the new secretary and Ifeanyichukwu Amajor will serve as treasurer. Amajor is a junior not previously affiliated with SGA other than as a meeting attendee.

"I am going to find out the most prominent issues that KSU students are facing right now, which seems to be the additional fees we are required to pay, and look for solutions so that everyone is happy," said Amajor.

SGA has been the subject of controversy this semester while debating massage chairs for the Student Center, a spending resolution aimed at curbing wasteful spending and a resolution drafted to advise Georgia lawmakers on how to address the University System's fiscal problems.

Speaking to SGA, KSU President Dr. Daniel Papp said, "SGA is a critical part of KSU. This year and preceding years, you (SGA) have done a wonderful job addressing student concerns and thinking strategically."

MATT BRADSHAW  
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, KSU will unveil its fully operational, state-of-the-art, \$16.5 million soccer stadium with seats for up to 8,300 people.

The new stadium will be home to the women's soccer team and the professional women's soccer team, the Atlanta Beat. The Beat will play their first game there May 9 against Sky Blue Football Club. The KSU women's team plays its first game there August 22 against Alabama A&M.

"The stadium is fantastic, and the field itself is beautiful," said junior midfielder Thais Gibson on KSUowls.com. "We are all so fortunate to be able to play here, and we are all really excited."

The new field has a world-class playing surface of Bermuda grass based with a rye over seed. The drainage system is the same one used by the New York Yankees at their new stadium.

According to the university Web site, the Owl's soccer-specific stadium has a performance stage set up at one end of the field. If seats are added to the field level, the stadium can house up to 16,000 for concerts. Along with traditional seating tiers, the stadium has club-level seats and luxury boxes.

While the stadium is owned by the KSU Foundation, it will

be run by the Atlanta Beat. The team will handle all stadium booking.

"I'm excited about the new stadium and about the notoriety the Atlanta Beat can bring to our school," said Kennesaw senior and Owl radio sports-talk personality Bryan Harper. "The school will have a new fan base, as everything the Atlanta Beat does will be affiliated with Kennesaw."

The stadium could also be easily converted to handle a football team.

"I hope that the building of the stadium is the beginning of a foundation for a football program at Kennesaw," said Harper. "I think this is the step in the right direction, but I don't see the funding coming as soon as some people think. I think this might be a 5-year long ordeal."

The stadium's construction has been funded by private donations (including a sizeable donation from Beat owner T. Fitz Johnson), and KSU student fees.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place Sunday and will feature guest speakers KSU President Daniel S. Papp and Atlanta Beat owner Johnson. There will also be live music, concessions, photo ops, tours of the stadium, soccer drills and appearances by Owl and Beat soccer players. Festivities will run from 3 to 6 p.m.

### Coles partners with Mumbai Business School

CAITLYN NEWMAYER  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Coles College of Business is partnering with Mumbai Business School in India to launch the school's first executive Masters of Business Administration program, offering KSU opportunities to establish business relations in an international market.

The partnership provides the Mumbai Business School with KSU's business expertise to help them design and implement their first executive M.B.A. It also offers both KSU and Mumbai experience in conducting American-Indian business.

The Mumbai Business School is one of the only institutions in that country that will offer an executive M.B.A.

Students who enroll in the new program will receive a diploma equivalent to an executive M.B.A. from Mumbai Business School and a certificate in international management from Coles College of Business.

Six KSU faculty members will teach at the school, providing faculty with the opportunity to study and conduct business in India.

"Approximately one-third of the curriculum will be offered by the Coles College and KSU faculty," said Dr. Ken Harmon, dean of the Coles College of Business. This equates to five out of 16 classes taught by KSU professors.

Coles and Mumbai plan to launch Mumbai's first executive M.B.A. class this fall and anticipates around 40 students to enroll.

Mumbai currently has about 200 students studying in other post-graduate business programs.

Before forming the partnership, KSU explored a number of opportunities with several other Indian schools, but Mumbai Business School made it to the top of the list.

"We came away with a number of partnerships, and the one that rose to the top was Mumbai Business School," said Harmon. "We could see the possibility of taking Georgia business people

to India to introduce them to India businesses, to help facilitate business and educate them on how to do business in India."

The school's location was a central factor in the partnership, said Dr. Govind Hariharan, chair of the Department of Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis, who helped select the Mumbai school.

Hariharan also added that the partnership will give Mumbai students a perspective on American business tactics and allow KSU faculty to transfer knowledge about international business to students back home.

"It is critical for Georgia to form partnerships there," he said. "It helps faculty get exposure to countries such as India and bring that knowledge back here. It will also help local businesses who want to establish business in India."

The partnership partially fulfills KSU's commitment to Global Learning for Engaged Citizenship, a plan that calls for KSU to prioritize global academic learning initiatives.

Funding for the program is drawn from tuition and fees paid by students enrolled in the Mumbai Business School.



Raminta Zebrasuskas | The Sentinel  
Dr. Ken Harmon



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New SGA President Ali Kamran aims to increase the number of members in the SGA Senate.

#### New 2010 SGA executive board members

President	Ali Kamran
Vice President	Darius Robinson
Secretary	Adaugo Okoro
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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."



**Arwen Blane, 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."



**Novlette 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."

## POLICE BEAT

CAITLYN NEWMAYER  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

### Theft from motor vehicle, Part I

On April 18, an officer was dispatched to University Place in regard to missing items from a vehicle. The owner of the vehicle said he parked his car on Saturday night and returned Sunday when he noticed the missing items. The missing items included a car stereo, stereo amplifier and sub-woofer. No signs of forced entry were apparent. The owner said it possible that he left his doors unlocked after parking his car.

### Theft from motor vehicle, Part II

An officer was dispatched on April 18 to the East Parking Deck in reference to a vehicle break-in. The driver of the vehicle said he parked his car on the second level of the deck and later returned to his car to find his stereo missing and the passenger door unlocked. He said he locked his car after parking. The officer noticed a small hole below the key lock and minor scratches to the car. The window appeared to be pulled down, which most likely gave the thief access to the interior of the car.

### Egg thrower loose on campus

On April 17, an officer was dispatched to KSU Place in regard to someone throwing eggs at a vehicle. The driver of the car stated that the eggs were thrown on the doors of her vehicle, damaging the paint. She told the officer the name of a woman she suspected of throwing the eggs; she suspected the woman threw the eggs because she turned the woman in for smoking marijuana, which resulted in arrest. The woman suspected of throwing the eggs had several active outstanding warrants.

### Theft from motor vehicle, Part III

An officer arrived at the West Parking Deck on April 17 in reference to a vehicle break-in. The driver said he parked his car and then returned later to find damage to the vehicle and

his GPS missing. The officer observed several scratches and damage around the door lock. Photos were taken to document the damage.

### "Revenge is a bitch"

An officer met with a woman on April 18 at University Place in regard to damage to property. Upon entering the apartment, the officer saw several eggs and dents on the front door. The woman said she had issues with occupants living above her apartment and complained to an RA about excessive noise made by the occupants. The woman said when she put her garbage outside the apartment, a male yelled "revenge is a bitch." The woman left the apartment later and returned to find the front door covered in eggs. A neighbor also stated that someone had tried to kick in the front door while the woman was away. An occupant from the apartment above admitted to throwing the eggs and hitting the door.

### Drunkard on wrong side of road

On April 17, an officer conducted a traffic stop after observing a Mitsubishi stopped on the wrong side of the road near Canton Place. As he approached the vehicle, the driver got out of the vehicle and started walking toward the officer. The officer informed him to get back inside the car and asked for his driver's license. The officer observed that the driver had bloodshot eyes, smelled like alcohol and was excessively talkative. The driver said his license was suspended and only drove because his passenger didn't know the area and stated that he hadn't been drinking. He tested positive for alcohol and then admitted that he drank four beers. He was arrested for driving on the wrong side of road, driving with a suspended driver's license and DUI alcohol.

### Hit and Run

On April 15, an officer was arrived at the West Parking Deck in reference to a hit and run. A woman stated she went to class and returned to her vehicle to find a small scratch on the driver's side rear door. The officer was unable to determine whether the damage was caused by a fixed object or another vehicle. The woman said she did not know what or who caused the damage.

### Threatening letters

On April 15, an officer met with a faculty member from Student Life in reference to two threatening letters addressed to a columnist of The Sentinel. The letters were from an unknown subject who was unhappy with an article written by the columnist. The letters were threatening, but made no threats specific to the columnist.

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# OPINIONS

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## Boss lady signing off: Goodbye from K Tipp

I've been editor-in-chief of *The Sentinel* since May 2009. That's dangerously close to a full year. The issue you're reading is my last as boss lady, or editrix supreme, whichever you prefer (I like them both).

There have been only a few EICs in *The Sentinel's* 44-year history to hold the position for two semesters. Why am I a member of such a small group? I love newspapers. And I love people who work at newspapers.

When I started working as an editorial assistant for *The Red & Black* in fall 2006 at UGA, I never thought I'd be editor-in-chief of anything, and I certainly didn't know I'd go to graduate school at KSU.

I was a comparative literature major. For those of you asking the obvious question, it's like an English major with a multicultural twist.

In other words, I learned nothing I know of journalism in an undergraduate class. I learned by experience, and I became a copy editor my second semester at *The Red & Black*. Not only did I learn everything I know about journalism, but newspaper work was also my college social life.

I graduated from UGA in August 2007 and started the Master of Arts in Professional Writing program at KSU in June 2008. I didn't

even try to work for *The Sentinel* my first fall semester because I thought I wasn't allowed.

I thought I had a graduate research assistantship, but after many phone calls and confusing e-mails, I found out that my position was simply a graduate assistantship. One main difference between GAs and GRAs is that GRAs aren't permitted to have a second on-campus job.

I was taking feature writing, so at my professor's suggestion I turned in a piece of my work from class to *The Sentinel*. The article made it into the last issue of fall 2008 and so began my love for KSU student media.

The spring 2009 EIC was nice enough to offer me the position of Arts & Living Editor and I accepted. I was excited about actually having subordinate staff. I was pretty low in the office hierarchy at *The Red & Black*.

Before long, the student newspaper took over my life—socially, academically (I earned six hours of internship credit from working at *The Sentinel*) and mentally. I was constantly thinking about next week's issue.

The newspaper life-takeover continued until I finally offered myself to it entirely by filling out the EIC application at 4:45 p.m. The deadline was 5 p.m. that day. It's not that I didn't

want the job; I was the only staff member even considering it.

I was worried about—for lack of a better phrase—biting off more than I could chew. I didn't know if it was feasible to try to be an EIC, graduate student and graduate assistant. I don't regret my decision at all. I bit off just the right amount and I've been chewing contentedly for 11 months because of my fortune of having a great staff.

Managing a group of underachieving losers would be hell for a leader in any profession. I didn't have that problem.

Even though we met for production of the newspaper only once a week instead of daily, I think I became closer to this group. *The Sentinel* staff is smaller, so there are few members I don't know personally.

It's been a crazy ride being EIC for so long. Some weeks went smoother than others, but the staff and I weathered all the crises, office conflicts, corrections, mistaken identities and controversial cartoons that appeared during my time in office.

You're lucky if you like your job, but you're extremely lucky if you like your job *and* your coworkers. I am extremely lucky.

*The Sentinel* is extremely lucky as well, as I



KATHERINE TIPPINS  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

leave it under the ambitious and zealous leadership of the über-capable fall 2010 EIC. The newspaper has now taken over her life, and I'm glad I'll be around to watch the madness.

I've gained journalistic knowledge, friendships, relationships and a purpose that had a large part in shaping my graduate education. The newspaper took over my life, but it's time for me to hyper-focus on something else—a magazine, perhaps?

## The myth of the moderate

Whenever there's an election about to come up in this country, regardless of where it is or what or at what level of government, there is always at least some talk about "moderate" or "centrist" candidates. These people can relate to both conservatives and liberals on nearly any issue without much hassle and never get involved in petty partisan squabbles. There is discussion about the moderate voter, who is likewise somewhere in between left and right, firmly planted in their own middle-of-the-aisle ideology. Finally, there's often talk of a "post-partisan" era - the era of American politics some like to think we are in.

All of these are simply myths - untruths created by people who want to think we can avoid the petty partisan bickering that Washington and every other government, whether local or state, descends into day after day. There are some who realize this and point to our two-party political system as the culprit, who say that if we just get some more legitimate parties into the fray, we'll solve this. That solution is like trying to heal a compound fracture by putting a bandage over the broken skin. It doesn't solve the underlying cause of the issue. Truthfully, it's the makeup of our country that's to blame.

America is made up of immigrants from many, many countries from all over the world. While the vast majority of those immigrants have adopted our language and culture, they still have their fundamental beliefs intact. Some of those beliefs are more conservative than others; some are more liberal. As the different immigrants intermarried and sired generation after generation, some of these beliefs got passed on.

These different ideals coming from different backgrounds clashed; that is the underlying tension you see in America today. It's not just that Republicans and Democrats hate each other; it's that John Smith was taught a set of ideals by his parents because they were taught that by their parents, all because it's what makes the most sense to them. In the same way, Jane Doe had another set of values passed on to her through her parents.

Of course, they are also influenced by the outside world and the values of others. Don't think I'm saying that all political belief is simply hereditary. It's just how it starts. We disagree because America is built upon such a vastly different and heterogeneous mixture of



NOAH SOLOMON  
COLUMNIST

people that there is no way we could not conflict with each other. And since at least part of who we are is influenced by where we came from (parents, et cetera), those differences continually get passed down. But don't be fooled—that's just the beginning. The underlying cause of our conflict is our diversity, but doesn't our political system contribute to it in at least some capacity? Of course it does.

From the birth of our country, there have been two opposing cliffs: one on the left, one on the right, with a valley in between them. Compromising between left and right used to be easier, but Lyndon Johnson's administration saw a massive split in Congress that deepened and widened this valley. Richard Nixon's presidency increased the valley's size tenfold. Issues such as abortion, gay marriage, war and the draft are incredibly polarizing, as are candidates who insist on pitting people against each other for political gain (nearly every politician does this, so don't think your favorite is above reproach).

The simple fact is you can't disagree with someone anymore without having to ally yourself with their polar opposite. Involvement on any issue forces you to one side or the other; the valley in between them is far too vast for anyone to stand in. There is no middle ground to speak of. The backgrounds, issues and politicians that divide us make it impossible to be a moderate outside of isolation. You have to pick a side if you want to be active on any issue. It's just the way it works. We will never be post-partisan. It's time we stopped deluding ourselves.

## The real world is next

Sadly, this will be my final column for *The Sentinel*. As this is the final issue for the spring semester and I will be graduating in May, no longer will I be able to rant and rave about all the issues I've touched on throughout the 2009-2010 school year. It has been an absolute pleasure and a gift to write for *The Sentinel*, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for actually publishing what I've written.

Reflecting on these past few years at KSU helped me realize just how important and precious education is for us all. We've been given an incredible opportunity to study, research, question and expand our knowledge about the world around us; it's a gift that we should never take for granted. At a time when education is on the chopping block in states nationwide, realize how fortunate you are to be at KSU and make use of everything the faculty and staff provide.

An education is the most important key not only to bettering yourself but the world. It unlocks the doors to your mind and gives you the opportunity of a lifetime. There are millions around the world who lack a fundamental education that we so often take for granted in the United States. It's a common expectation for the middle class of this country to complete a high school education and then go on to college and complete at least one degree. It has become so expected that many students who grace KSU's campus take their education for granted and don't understand the precious treasure they're seeking.

Despite the economic downturn, receiving a college degree all but guarantees you a chance to seek a better, higher-paying job in a field that you prefer. It allows you to pursue graduate and post-graduate degrees to advance not only your own knowledge, but also the knowledge needed to advance the world. If it were not for the education I've received, I would not have the job I do today; nor would I be sitting here writing this very column. The chance of receiving an education is the greatest gift that's ever been bestowed upon me, and I cannot thank those involved in that process enough for everything they've done for me.

As you read this, please contemplate your own future, both in terms of your education and what lies beyond your time at KSU. Do you realize as you sit on our wonderful campus the opportunities within the doors of every classroom building? Someone in your life, whether it's your parents, grandparents, wealthy benefactors, scholarships donors, loan makers or yourself, has provided you with the chance of a lifetime. You cannot and must not take it



JOEL MENDELSON  
COLUMNIST

for granted.

Receiving a college degree is not meant to be easy. It takes dedicated work and a commitment to achieve the honor of being a college graduate, but it's an effort that will pay off when you finish. However, you must have fun, enjoy yourself and treasure the memories that your education can provide. Over the past few years, I've had the pleasure of working on political campaigns, hosting a show on Owl Radio and writing for *The Sentinel*, all while I've taken courses that both challenged and engaged me in what they had to offer. These experiences have defined the person I am and who I strive to be. When I first set foot on KSU's campus, I never thought for even an instant I would do what I have done.

As I depart KSU and move onto the next chapter in my life, it's your turn to seize your time here and define who you are. I promise you won't regret a single moment between the struggles and triumphs of your college career, you will find in your heart, mind and soul just how important education is for us all. KSU, and all college campuses for that matter, are amazing places where opportunities are endless and the wonders of the world are unlocked for all who wish to pursue them. The sun is setting on spring semester 2010, but summer and fall are on the horizon. A new day is dawning, and it's yours for the taking. Don't take this opportunity for granted, and your wildest dreams will be realized.

Thank you to each and every one of you - professors, classmates and most importantly friends and family - who've made these past few years the best of my life. To everyone else, good night and good luck.

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# Sex, drugs and alcohol: The clear case for sobriety

Last November, Sentinel columnist James Swift wrote an article entitled "Actually DON'T legalize it," in which he made the case that marijuana should remain illegal. For what I am about to write, I am sure to be lumped in with that sort of paternalistic ideology. That is why I am going to pre-empt these accusations with the following disclaimer: I am in favor of legalizing vice. Whether it's relatively harmless drugs such as marijuana, or more harmful drugs such as cocaine, I say legalize it. The same goes for gambling, prostitution, pornography, Sunday alcohol sales and riding a motorcycle without a helmet. Legalize all of it.

That being said, there is a difference between approving of a certain decision and wanting the government to make that decision for people. In most cases, adultery is not illegal, but most of us don't want to live in a society in which adultery is commonplace. Furthermore, I believe it would be beneficial to our society if more people decided intoxication in any form is just unnecessary and, in many cases, potentially dangerous.

I know getting wasted on weekends is just part of college, but is drunkenness actually a good path to self-fulfillment? If you had a really awesome night, wouldn't you prefer to remember it in detail the next day?

I am also well aware of the effectiveness of

alcohol as a hook-up aid. Of course, anyone who needs alcohol to get laid probably has low standards anyway, so dependency on alcohol should come as no surprise. I actually think it's easier to score if you're sober.

Strangely enough, many legal jurisdictions define "rape" to include sex with a person under the influence of alcohol, even if that person says "yes." This brings me to an interesting question. Why does our legal system hold people criminally responsible for choosing to get drunk and subsequently drive, but does not consider a person who chooses to get drunk and subsequently have sex responsible enough to give consent? "No" means "no," but why should "yes" also mean "no"?

A little consistency here would be nice. Of course, blaming it all on the alcohol may be one example of what many pick-up artists call the "anti-slut defense." Alcohol is just a convenient scapegoat some people use to evade responsibility, unless of course that person happens to be behind the wheel of a car.

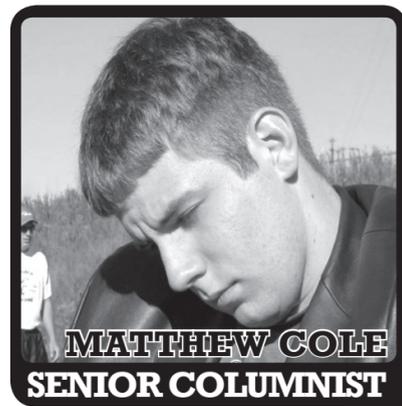
Issues with legal consistency aside, wouldn't both of these activities be much safer and more enjoyable if done without the mental and physical impairment induced by alcohol? I realize that many people drink in moderation, and avoid getting seriously drunk, but that still brings me back

to a basic cost-benefit question. If you weigh the dangers of alcohol against any possible benefits, it's still a pretty clear case for sobriety. If your goal is not to get drunk, then why not order a non-alcoholic beverage?

Greek organizations on college campuses are the worst when it comes to promoting drunken idiocy, especially when a binge drinker doesn't wake up afterward. Fraternities and sororities are said to be home to the leaders of tomorrow. Apparently, they are also home to candidates for the Darwin Awards. The same can be said about Big Mac addicts and chain smokers, but binge drinking can kill a person a lot faster.

The same basic cost-benefit analysis also applies to illegal drugs, including safe drugs such as like marijuana. I know marijuana is not nearly as dangerous as alcohol or cigarettes, but serving jail time is pretty dangerous. I am in favor of legalizing all drugs, but until you can buy pot in the candy aisle at your local Walgreens, you risk serving hefty jail terms, especially here in Georgia, if you get caught with it. The maximum sentence for marijuana possession in Georgia is 40 years.

There are some people with serious illnesses who could really use some pot for medical purposes, but for most people, the risk of prosecution should outweigh the temporary effects of



**MATTHEW COLE**  
SENIOR COLUMNIST

marijuana consumption, which isn't really all that pleasing anyway. The KSU Sentinel's Police Beat section is almost always filled with cases of arrests for DUIs and marijuana possession. Why risk it? I used to drink socially, but gave it up after seeing alcohol consumption seriously mess up people's lives, including someone who was a close friend of mine. Being sober also allows me to perceive the world around me as clearly as possible. Why should anyone trade that for intoxication?

# 'Oh, my god! They killed Kenny comedy!'

In the midst of the media's sordid attempts to connect Tea Parties to the violence of Timothy McVeigh and the militia groups of the mid-1990s, real extremists have been threatening individuals for practicing a natural, fundamental liberty held by the people: freedom of speech.

On April 14, Comedy Central aired a new episode of the hit animated comedy, "South Park." For their 200<sup>th</sup> episode, creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone brought all of the celebrities they had made fun of throughout their 14 seasons back to the town of South Park. After an incident in which Tom Cruise was called a "fudge-packer" while packing fudge in a fudge factory, Cruise assembles all of the other celebrities to file a class-action lawsuit against the town.

The people of the town beg the celebrities not to sue and ask what they can do in return. The celebrities demand that the prophet Mohammed be delivered to them immediately. The celebrities want to use Mohammed's "goo" to become invincible to criticism. This illustrated the fear surrounding the criticism or even the simple presentation of Mohammed in our pictures, movies and television.

After producing the movie "Submission" about the maltreatment of Muslim women, Dutch film director Theo Van Gogh was murdered by an Islamic extremist on November 2, 2004. On September 30, 2005, 12 editorial cartoons featuring the prophet Mohammed appeared in the Danish

newspaper Jyllands-Posten. These simple cartoons, meant to shed light on the debate surrounding criticism of Islam and its followers, sparked protests and an eventual eruption of violence throughout the Muslim world.

Since these events, the governments of European countries such as Italy, Britain and Norway have cracked down on individuals who dare criticize any aspects of the Islamic faith, even the violence directed at those who criticize. Where governments have not created laws, members and organizations of these countries have chosen self-censorship out of fear.

This issue has been the subject of a few episodes of "South Park." In the "Imagination Land" trilogy, the characters of "South Park" constantly proclaim that "terrorists are attacking our imaginations." In another two-part episode, big-boned Eric Cartman seeks to remove an episode of "Family Guy" that shows Mohammed, but not in support of political correctness, of course. In the "Family Guy" episode and the 200<sup>th</sup> episode, Comedy Central censored the image of Mohammed.

After the first part of the 200<sup>th</sup> episode aired, Abu Talhah al Amrikee, an author from the radical Islamic Web site Revolutionmuslim.com, posted a warning to the creators, which reads: "We have to warn Matt and Trey that what they are doing is stupid and they will probably wind up like Theo Van Gogh for airing this show. This is not a threat,

but a warning of the reality of what will likely happen to them."

According to CNN, the post proceeded to provide addresses of Comedy Central's New York and Los Angeles headquarters, as well as Parker and Sloane's production company. Amrikee said the addresses were provided "to give people the opportunity to protest" the episode.

What is there to protest? The episode gave no explicit criticism of Mohammed or even the Islamic religion. The only criticism was of those who wish to sacrifice freedom of expression to religious extremists, which Comedy Central appears to be.

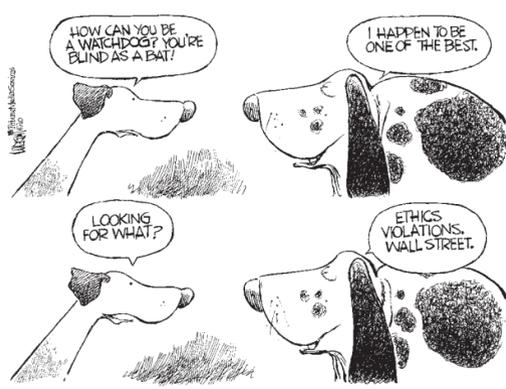
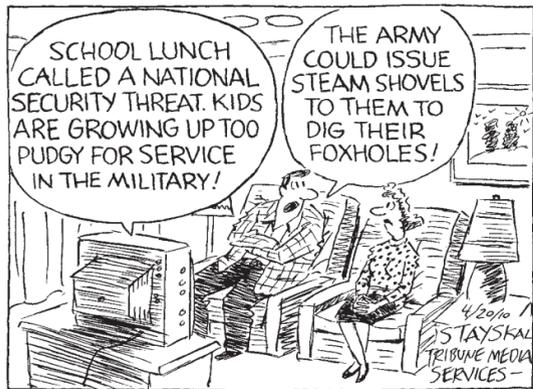
The second part of the episode aired on April 22 and faced further censorship from Comedy Central after this threat was posted. Unlike part one, Comedy Central censored "Mohammed" every time the word was spoken. The final monologue of the episode by Kyle, Santa Claus and Jesus was about "intimidation and fear" and did not even mention Mohammed, according to a statement issued by the creators. This final speech was also bleeped by Comedy Central.

The executives at Comedy Central have displayed the ultimate disrespect for free speech in their recent actions. "South Park" did not even criticize Mohammed or the Islamic faith, despite their right to do so, and they were still bleeped by the hypocrites at Comedy Central. These two episodes offended countless celebrities, races, religions and other groups, yet only the image of and the word



**JUSTIN HAYES**  
SENIOR COLUMNIST

"Mohammed" were censored. Criticizing Islam is not racist or bigoted. Bruce Bawer of "Reason" said it best: "Islam is not a race but a religion whose ideology should, in a democratic society, be entirely open to criticism—and, for that matter, to parody and mockery." "South Park's" 68<sup>th</sup> episode, called "Super Best Friends," featured the image of Mohammed and nothing happened. This recent fear is irrational and harmful to healthy discourse and debate. **Note:** My piece called "It's time to make English the official language of the United States" was satire. Have a great summer everyone!



# THE WLF FORUM



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## Libertarianism: The hottest thing in irrationality

James Swift's article on libertarianism just goes to show how dangerous a person can be with a pen and a little bit of information (or in this case a lot of misinformation). I would be very interested to see what study the columnist did that gave results like "hardcore" libertarians are the same people who claim 9/11 was an inside job, and more importantly how those results stack up with the extremists from other political denominations. I also have to wonder just how much information Mr. Swift was able to garner from his "two years of incessant exposure" given some of his conclusions about the party. For one libertarianism is not some new phenomenon, or some "passing fad", that is just a group of disenfranchised republicans, and it really shouldn't be too difficult to find like-minded members of the party if you bother to look. Of course I'll admit that if you are looking for 100% agreement among individuals then you

won't find it, but if those are your standards then when you apply them to the other parties you are going to find the same wide ranging belief sets. It sure would be wonderful if writers of opinion pieces made the effort to do some meaningful research into a topic before formulating a definitive opinion and then trying to argue their point.

**Andrew Stephens**  
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## The danger of Ray McBerry and Southern radicalism

Dear Editors,  
Mr. Cole's article that attempted to discredit Ray McBerry, Republican candidate for governor, was misleading at best down-right ignorant at worst. First of all, let me introduce myself. My name is Zach Carter, and I support Ray McBerry. I can assure you and all of the readers of the Sentinel that Mr. McBerry would not use government to force his views upon the State which he governs. In fact, his views are an absolute contradiction to all advocates

of government force in any aspect of our lives, excepting that the government should use force to protect our natural rights to Life, Liberty, and Property.

Mr. Coles portrays McBerry as a man who would utilize the government's power of force to impose his views upon the citizenry. However, McBerry is a classical liberal, and if you study classical liberalism, an over-arching theme that you will find is the non-aggression principle. This basically states that every individual has the right to do whatever he or she pleases, as long as he or she does not infringe another person's rights listed above. This is why talk of Georgia becoming a statewide war-zone upon McBerry's election is nonsense.

Lastly, I have been to several speeches given by McBerry myself, even eaten dinner with him, and I can tell you that the League of the South was not mentioned once. We should not judge politicians by their personal lives, how many wives they have had, their sexual orientation, what organizations they belong to, etc., but by their policies, beliefs, and voting records.

**Zach Carter**  
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## KSU celebrates Shakespeare on a perfect 'summer's day'

JENNY HARRISON  
STAFF WRITER

To be or not to be part of KSU's annual William Shakespeare celebration was not the question for more than 150 students, faculty and staff members who showed up at the Legacy Gazebo last Thursday to honor their literary hero.

Starting at 10 a.m., participants read 154 of the Bard's sonnets to mark his 446th birthday and the end of National Poetry Month.

"I just enjoy Shakespeare," said Whitney Wilkie, an MAPW student and an advisor for the Coles College of Business who read sonnet 87. "I thought it would be a beautiful day to read a sonnet."

It was a beautiful, sunny day, ideal for sitting outdoors and enjoying the showcase, including a recital by actors from Atlanta's Shakespeare Tavern. The costumed crew performed scenes from three plays in the open air in front of about 200 spectators.

Faculty, staff and student sonnet readers were equally entertaining. One of the most captivating was English professor and KSU Radio host Jeff Cebulski, who continued a tradition he's established of reading his sonnet to a jazz song. Junior Matt Southwell gave a punk rock rendition of sonnet

130. Performances were also offered in French, Portuguese, Slovak, Spanish and Pig Latin.

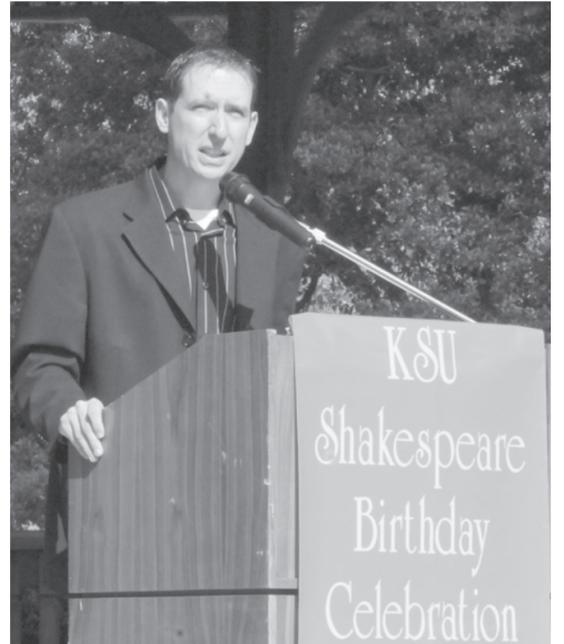
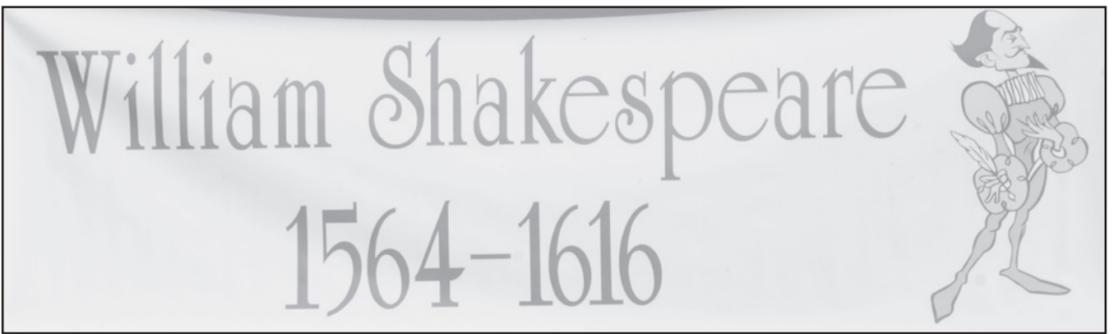
The celebration included a round of Shakespearean trivia, with winners scoring prizes from t-shirts to pocket rhyming dictionaries. Junior English major Mallory Harris, who read sonnet 89, won VIP tickets to an upcoming Shakespeare Tavern performance. And everyone got a slice of birthday cake.

The annual celebration is organized by Dr. Keith Botelho, assistant professor of English, who also acted as the master of ceremonies. The event was inspired by one of his own professors at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire, where participants received commemorative pins. KSU participants walked away with a t-shirt.

Botelho's main goal is to draw a cross-section of people into the world of poetry and Shakespeare.

"Our hope is to expand beyond an English focus," he said. "For me, it's nice to sit back and see everyone do readings. It's great to see my students and the English department and people throughout the community embrace the day."

The party came to a close at 3 p.m., when English chair Dr. William Rice read the final sonnet.



“ O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo? ”



“ What's in a name? That which we call a rose... ”



# Single moms balance school and children

JENNY HARRISON  
STAFF WRITER

It's 6:30 a.m. on a typical weekday, and senior Rachel Watts has been awake long enough to prepare her two children and herself for the busy day ahead of them. Watts and other single moms at KSU face many challenges that more traditional students may not understand.

According to Watts, one of the biggest challenges involves juggling responsibilities. After she drops off her children, aged 4 and 5 years, at daycare, Watts heads to school for her 8 a.m. class. Between classes and her internship at WKLS Project 9-6-1, Watts, a full-time communication student, schedules studying, gym-time and activities with the kids.

"I try to make sure I get studying in during the day and at night when the kids go to bed," said Watts. "Sometimes I may be up until 1 or 2 in the

morning, making sure I have all of my reading done, but it's a sacrifice that I'm willing to make."

Watts still manages to spend quality time with her children.

"When they get home, I cook for them," she said. "I take them to the park, and even while I'm at the park watching them, I have my books with me to make sure I'm keeping up with what I'm supposed to be doing. After that, it's putting them to bed and then doing it all over again."

Watts' story as a full-time, dedicated single mom and student is not unusual at KSU. Brandie Congdon, a senior in the early childhood education program, also manages to juggle the responsibilities of being a single mom and full-time student. Congdon, who is student teaching this semester, has a 9-month-old daughter.

A typical day for Congdon is divided between student teaching

and her daughter. She gets ready for the day, completes her student teaching and then spends the rest of the afternoon taking care of and playing with her child.

"Amidst all of that, I have to try to do my lesson plans and everything that I have to do for school," said Congdon. "I feel like I have to split myself. If you think about it, normal students have to work and take care of normal responsibilities, like writing papers and doing homework. On top of all that, single moms have to care for another human being, which adds 10 times more responsibilities."

In spite of the strain, Congdon and Watts both consider themselves lucky. Both women have strong support systems with family and friends who help out when their responsibilities are too overwhelming. Congdon said she is thankful for the support she receives from her boyfriend and stressed the importance

of being willing to accept help when necessary.

"When you are a mother, you find yourself wanting to do everything yourself," said Congdon. "Sometimes I have to say to myself, 'No, I can let other people help me.' [Even if] I'm not the one doing everything for [my child], I'm still being a good mother."

Watts also said it's important to focus on the end-results of taking the time to complete college, though it may mean missing out on certain things now.

"I know this is only temporary," said Watts. "I know that this time next year I'll be working, taking [the kids] to practice and all those different things in addition to hopefully starting to work in my career."

"You're doing what's best for your kids in the long run," agreed Congdon.

Watts also said it's important not to doubt yourself or to make excuses.

"I've asked other

women that I know, 'Why don't you go back to school?' and they say, 'Well, who's going to watch my baby?' It can be done," said Watts. "As long as you continue to make excuses, you won't get where you want to be, and you'll become complacent."

Watts said the Temporary Child Care Assistance program, a federal program for needy families, has been crucial in her quest to finish college. TCCA provides assistance with childcare costs. To qualify, single parents must be Georgia residents enrolled in job readiness or vocational training, technical school or college. They must be unemployed or work part time, match income guidelines and have at least one child under the age of 12.

"I was paying about \$150 for daycare for both of my children

every week," said Watts. "Having this [assistance] helped me take classes that were later in the day and stay longer at my internship. An extra \$150 in your pocket in times like these really helps."

Unfortunately, the program ends in September 2010, but Watts and other single moms are hopeful more assistance will be available elsewhere when TCCA runs out.

"I wish it could be extended longer," said Watts. "I think people who are trying to do the right thing should receive help."

Regardless of the cost and time management struggles, Watts said hard work and dedication pay off in the end.

"Take your time," she said. "Do what you have to do to get where you want to be. It won't be easy, but it will definitely be rewarding."



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Rachel Watts attends classes full-time, works as an intern and takes care of her two children.



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# Long-standing admissions dean to retire

MEREDITH HEAD  
SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

KSU boasts many faculty members and administrators who helped drive, shape and direct the university to be the institution it is now. Among those is Joe Head, assistant vice president and dean of Enrollment Services who will soon retire after 26 years of service.

Head has served KSU as assistant vice president and dean of admissions since 1984. According to Head, he used to drive by what was then Kennesaw Junior College and dream of one day working on the campus. When he was offered the opportunity, he accepted and put his heart and hard work into KSU.

“Because of Joe’s vision and his innovative thinking, KSU’s admissions and enrollment has moved to a national model,” said Dr. Nancy King, former vice president for Student Success at KSU.

Head brought many fresh ideas and concepts to KSU and continues to enhance production in his office. In 1995, he inspired the university to consolidate registration, admissions, financial aid and student marketing into one enrollment service division. This political reorganization is a Head legacy.

Head’s leadership and creativity helped the university grow to the third largest in the University System of Georgia. Head also brought the university to regional and national levels of recognition, with numerous presentations and articles about the many efforts introduced in the KSU admissions office. A few examples of his significant innovations are document imaging, electronic brochures, freshmen admissions predictor, Georgia high school counselor Web links and a registration tracking device.

Commenting on Head’s technological accomplishments, Dr. Roger J. Thompson, vice provost for Enrollment Management at Indiana University, said, “I think Joe was ahead of most in our profession in recognizing the value of technology and moving

quickly to implement enhancements for KSU.”

With a passion for admissions and professional service, Head was the youngest elected president of the state professional association Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (GACRAO). He contributed professional publications to the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers (AACRAO) Handbook for the College Admission Profession, and he served as chair for AACRAO Task Force to establish professional enrollment standards for collegiate enrollment officers.

“Simply stated, Joe Head has had profound impact on higher education and the enrollment management field,” said Thompson. “I think he is truly one of the best in our business, and I don’t say that about many people.”

Numerous awards demonstrate Head’s achievement and leadership. Some of those honors include KSU’s Administrator of the Year in 1995; the 2003 University System of Georgia’s Board of Regents Bench Marking, Best Practices Award as a result of Head’s 24/7 enrollment management Web tools; the AACRAO Apex Award, which contributed \$5,000 to KSU scholarships; the GACRAO Distinguished Member and Service Award, recognizing his lifetime career achievements; and in 2009, WSB’s Going Green Award, based on the environmentally friendly work Head created through an e-brochure.

“There are people who pass through an institution and stay a long time [without leaving] an indelible mark,” King said. “But Joe Head has left lasting and important contributions, which have raised the stature. It is not an understatement to say he is a KSU treasure.”

*With everything Head has done, I am proud to call him “Dad.” He has heart and passion for people to help make them their best. I know he brought this to KSU and it will forever be remembered.*

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This past year, ABLE has collaborated with multiple student organizations to heighten awareness through campus events. Notable events include the ABLE/Theta Chi Wheelchair Race between the library and the Student Center, Tango with a Wheelie (partnered with the International Students Association) where actual dance instructors partnered with students in mobility devices to learn to tango, and the “King Gimp” Keplinger Chautauqua Lecture series that

was co-sponsored by numerous student organizations and academic departments. Members also participated in off-campus activities such as “Dialog in the Dark” and “The Bodies” exhibit.

ABLE has been an active registered student organization for more than 12 years. As a member of this organization, you will gain leadership skills through your participation and experiences. ABLE is currently enlisting interested students who are willing to serve as officers for the 2010-2011 school year.

For more information or to submit an application, students can visit the ABLE office located within the DSS office on the second floor of the Student Center. Additionally, interested students can contact Lynne Hagan at lhagan@kennesaw.edu or Adam Oglesbee at aoglesbe@students.kennesaw.edu.



ABLE members attended “Dialog in the Dark.”



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Andrea Griffin, a KSU student, thanks Flora Lowe Rockett for being a constant source of support and encouragement at ABLE’s Who I Am Matters.

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# Top five KSU bathrooms

TORI WESTER  
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Though most of us would rather wait until we're in the privacy of our own home, sometimes we just have to go on campus. Whether we have need to number one or (c'mon, not now!) to number two, to puke or to shower, to put on makeup or to just avoid class, here are some of the top campus bathrooms for all our bodily needs:

- Best place to poop: Everyone does it, don't front. Why not go in a comfortable environment with hardly any foot-traffic? How about a quiet, small room with soothing pastel-yellow walls? Sound good? Then "head" to the bottom floor of the Pilcher building, a stone's throw from the language lab.

- Best bathroom for personal hygiene: The fourth floor of the social sciences building has both men's and women's restrooms... with showers! Shower participants get a luxurious, oversized stall and a bench for their belongings.

- Best overall for privacy: Sometimes you just need to be alone. It doesn't matter if you are relieving yourself or just need a moment - the second floor of the University College building has a unisex bathroom that is perfect for solo serenity.

- Best for getting dressed: On the second floor of the Student Center, one can find a multi-stalled restroom that is both roomy and clean. Below the mirror is a giant ledge to place your belongings on while you primp.

- Smelliest: Avoid at all costs! The bottom floor of Kennesaw Hall is home to the smelliest bathroom on campus. The pentagonal lavatory right down the hall from financial aid has a full-length mirror and a prime location, but do not let this fool you! The odor is foul; as soon as the door is opened, one's eyes begin to burn and water. If you must use this bathroom, bring a roll of good luck with you.

Familiarize yourself with this information and never be misled by a bathroom again!



Tori Wester | The Sentinel

## Tae Bo creator to come to Kennesaw

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The City of Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department will host Billy Blanks, creator of the Tae Bo total body fitness system, this Saturday at the Ben Robertson Community Center. Blanks will conduct a free, public workout at 4 p.m., along with Tae Bo fitness certified instructor Cece Evans who teaches classes at the center.

Although best known for developing the Tae Bo system, which was derived from his extensive martial arts training, Blanks is a 7-time World Karate Champion. He has won 36 gold medals in international competition while earning admission to the Karate Hall of Fame in 1982.

The center is located at 2753 Watts Drive in Kennesaw. Same-day registration begins on-site at 3 p.m. and space is limited. An autograph and photo session will follow the 1-hour workout session.

For more information about the Billy Blanks workout in Kennesaw, call 770-422-9714 or visit [kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/billyblanks](http://kennesaw-ga.gov/pkrec/billyblanks).

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## SPORTS

## Freshman honored for hits



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Ashley Burkett swings away in the KSU v. Georgia Southern game last Tuesday.

JACK MORBITZER  
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second time this season, KSU softball's Ashley Burkett was honored with the A-Sun Player of the Week Award for April 18.

"We are very pleased for Ashley," head coach Scott Whitlock said. "She is deserving of the honor. She is having an outstanding freshman year"

Burkett won the award after batting .600 (9-for-15) for the week, driving in eight RBI, with two home runs in five games.

"She had a tremendous week last week and helped us win three big games on the road," Whitlock said. "We're happy for her and that she's getting recognition, and that our program is getting recognition."

In game two of the Owls' double-

header against East Tennessee State University, Burkett went 3-for-3, hitting a solo home run in the top of the seventh to aid a comeback victory, 5-4. The starting first baseman also scored six runs and walked four times during the week.

Burkett is sixth in the Atlantic Sun Conference and leads the Owls in batting average (.362) through the week of April 25. The freshman is second in the conference with 34 RBI, second in total bases with 93 overall, tied for seventh in home runs with eight and hits with 54.

A graduate of Houston County High School in Warner Robins, Ga., Burkett has helped KSU achieve a 24-20 overall record, including 9-7 in conference while currently sitting in fourth place in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

## Owls' Rodebaugh earns Pitcher of the Week

BEN POPLIN  
BEAT WRITER

KSU starting pitcher junior Ryan Rodebaugh joined his teammate, freshman catcher Ronnie Freeman, this week when the Atlantic Sun Conference honored another Owl with a Player of the Week award.

"I was excited," Rodebaugh said. "Just to get that honor as a pitcher, it feels great."

The A-Sun officials noticed Rodebaugh because of the game he pitched against KSU conference opponent, North Florida University, during which he yielded only one run on two hits while fanning six Ospreys.

"Ryan pitched a very good game for us," Coach Mike Sansing said. "He set the tone with a solid outing."

With this pitching performance,

Rodebaugh earned his third win of the season, improving his overall record to 3-4.

"I have been working hard all season," Rodebaugh said, "and I have been working on getting a rhythm."

Rodebaugh has developed a rhythm, displaying a commanding fastball that batters struggle to catch up to. He also mixes in the occasional breaking ball to keep batters guessing.

"His fastball has a lot of jump to it," Sansing said. "Overall, his last couple of starts have been very good."

Rodebaugh and the Owls return home Friday to Stillwell Stadium to battle rival Mercer University (25-20). The first pitch is set for 6 p.m. On Saturday, the game starts at 1 p.m. with game two following 30 minutes after the last out.



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Ryan Rodebaugh delivers another award for KSU athletics.

## Rain doesn't stop Owls' sweep

BEN POPLIN  
BEAT WRITER

After a treacherous downpour postponed game one of the series between KSU and James Madison University (20-19), the times of games two and three were moved back to 10 a.m. Sunday.

Time was not a factor in this series for either team. Both the Owls and the Dukes came out with their bats blazing. Game one was neck-and-neck during the entire duration of the contest. The Owls got on the board in the second on a sacrifice fly by junior first baseman Ross Tendler to score junior right fielder Josh Whitaker. KSU's lead was short-lived, however, because the Dukes answered back with two runs of their own.

Owls' starter sophomore Josh Carr lasted through three innings. James Madison drove in two runs off Carr on five hits. Only one of the runs was earned because of a Tendler throwing error to redshirt freshman third baseman Peyton Hart. The Dukes kept a 3-2 lead over the Owls until the sixth inning, when KSU tied it up. Junior center fielder Bucky Smith drove in Whitaker on a single.

The Dukes had no answer until the top of the eighth inning, when they scored two off KSU senior reliever Brad Long and took a 5-3 lead.

When the bottom half of the inning came around, freshman catcher Brandon Brown drew a walk. Smith then singled. Freshman second baseman Trey Malone followed with a run-scoring single, cutting the Dukes' lead

to a run. Freshman left fielder Ray Anderson added another run-scoring single, and the stage was set for senior shortstop Tyler Stubblefield. With two strikes on him, he hit a walk-off single, scoring Malone to give the Owls a 6-5 win.

"I was just trying to make something happen," Stubblefield said. "He was the guy I wanted to face all weekend because he was their guy."

In game two, KSU came back from a 4-run deficit in the first. The Owls plated five runners and never looked back. Junior left fielder Clint Roques lead the way, going 4-for-5, with five runs batted in. Junior second baseman Sean McClurken also accounted for what would be 20 Owl runs scored in the game. McClurken drove in four runs on three singles at the plate.

Every KSU batter—including a few of the late subs—reached base on a hit in this game. The Owls ended up scoring 20 runs on 25 hits for a final 20-9 score.

"Confidence-wise, our bats came alive," Stubblefield said. "I think we grew as a team."

Sansing admitted being worried about the quality of play after a week off. "But we played well," he said.

The Owls are back in action Friday as their rivals, the Mercer University Bears (25-20), come into town. Game one of the series starts at 6 p.m. Game two starts at 1 p.m. Saturday, with game three following 30 minutes after the last out.

“Confidence-wise, our bats came alive. I think we grew as a team.”

## Owls split with Southern Drop double-header to Stetson in extra frames

JACK MORBITZER  
SPORTS EDITOR

A first game plagued by unearned runs was followed by a complete game victory as KSU (24-22, 9-7) split a double-header with Georgia Southern April 20 at Bailey Park.

"The thing I'm happy about today is that we showed some resilience," KSU Head Coach Scott Whitlock said. "We tightened it down, and we played a very clean second game."

Freshman Abby Meixel held GSU to one run on five hits with seven strike-outs as she recorded the complete game victory.

"For a freshman, playing at this level, doing the things we're asking [Meixel] to do, I'm tickled to death," Whitlock said. "I'm not surprised; she was good when she got here. I'm pleased, but not surprised."

Both pitchers threw complete games with GSU's Megan Smith recording the loss, giving up two earned runs on six hits.

In the second game, KSU got on the scoreboard early when freshman Sharon Swanson drove in reigning A-Sun Player of the Week, freshman Ashley Burkett with a RBI double to right.

GSU tied the game in the top of the third with a RBI single to right. KSU regained the lead in the bottom of the inning with a RBI double to right-center field, again bringing home Burkett.

That would be all the scoring in the first game, as Meixel only gave up two more singles.

The first game proved to be

high scoring, with miscues defensively putting KSU in tight spots.

"We played very poorly defensively," Whitlock said. "I don't think we played well in the first game, and I don't think I coached well in the first game. There were a lot of things we should have done differently."

KSU allowed two singles in the top of the seventh and walked the third batter to load the bases. The next Eagle batter recorded a 2-run single to shallow right, and two batters later, GSU received a double to take a 4-run lead.

Cross led off the last chance for the Owls with a single, and senior catcher Jenna Closner walked. Senior Kelsey Kulk reached first on a fielder's choice as the inning looked promising with the bases loaded and no outs. Sophomore Brittany Moore came through in her pinch-hit role, with an RBI single to shallow right against the Eagles' relief pitcher Megan Smith to bring KSU within two. However, Smith retired the next three batters and the Eagles took the first game with an 8-6 victory.

The first two innings were scoreless until GSU took the lead in the top of the third with a solo home run. KSU changed the lead when Kulk hit an opposite field 2-run home run.

A throwing error in the top of the fifth allowed GSU to score two runs and take a 3-2 lead after two walks in the inning.

KSU tied in the bottom half of the inning after Burkett singled to shallow right field, scoring junior Jordan Hackett,

who reached with a lead-off double.

With rally caps on, the Eagles again took the lead in the top of the sixth with an RBI that bounced off three Owl gloves.

The first pitch at the bottom of the sixth cleared the left field fence for Closner, again tying the score and giving the Owls hope.

## Extra inning wins for Stetson

Saturday the Owls traveled to DeLand, Fla., taking on the Stetson Hatters in a conference double-header.

The first game starting pitcher for Stetson, Amanda Lindsey, won it for herself with a walk-off grand slam in the bottom of the eighth inning. Lindsey came in for relief in the second game, striking out five of the nine batters she faced.

KSU scored three runs on five Hatter errors, but could not finish off Stetson as they scored a 2-out, game-tying run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Cross was credited for the loss, as an error, single and intentional walk loaded the bases in the eighth.

The second game saw the Hatters take another victory in extra frames, as an infield ground ball with the bases loaded brought home the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning. Meixel recorded the loss, but only gave up two runs in nine and one-third innings of work.

KSU takes to the field again Thursday in a conference double-header against the Jacksonville Dolphins at Bailey Park, with the first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m.

# Men's golf places seventh

JACK MORBITZER  
SPORTS EDITOR

A late run by freshman Ben Greene led the Owls in their lowest round of the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships, where they finished tied for seventh with Stetson at 35-over-par, 899.

"Coach told us to just keep our confidence up and give it all we had," senior J.P. Putnam said. "If our whole team played well, we had a good chance to win conference. But overall as a team, it just wasn't our week."

Played over three days at the Championship at the Legends Course at Chateau Elan, in Braselton, Ga., KSU preceded their final round 7-over-par 295 with a first round 301 followed by a second round 303.

Greene finished with four birdies in his last nine holes for a final round 1-under-par, 71, and moved up nine spots on the final day to tie for ninth individually at 3-over-par 219.

Sophomore Jeff Karlsson shot a first-round 71, tying Greene for the Owls' lowest 18-hole total for the tournament. Karlsson shot a second round 78 and final round 74 to finish tied for 22 at 7-over-par 223.

Putnam closed his final tournament with an even par 72. "The first two rounds, I wasn't hitting it well," Putnam said. "Warming up on the range that morning I wasn't feeling great, but it was good to shoot well in the final round. It was good to end on a par round."

Putnam tied for 42 with teammate Sam Curtis at 15-over-par, 231. Alex Jones shot 19-over-par, 235 to finish at 48.

A-Sun Conference Champion East Tennessee State recorded a 5-under-par 859 for the tournament, four strokes ahead of Florida Gulf Coast. The final day, Wednesday, was the lowest scoring day for the tournament with an average score a 74.73.

Head Coach Jay Moseley finishes his first season at the helm for the Owls with five top-5 finishes, including three top-3 finishes.

# Something to cheer about: National champions



Special to The Sentinel

KSU's Competitive Cheerleading team won first place at National Cheerleading Association's All-girl Division I category. The KSU competitive cheerleaders hit their routine securing the first place title for the first time in five years and the first time ever since transitioning to Division I in 2006, edging out competitors such as Quinnipiac University, University of New Hampshire, Towson University and University of Massachusetts Amherst.

# State of the game

It was America's national pastime until microwaves, the Internet and Ritalin. Oh, and the "Madden" video game franchise.

Talking to a friend the other day, I was discussing why it seemed baseball had taken such a hit in the interest of the younger generations.

Could it be the pace of baseball is too slow? There is a lot of data that shows NFL and MLB games average nearly three hours each. A Wall Street Journal article found that the average "action," or time from the snap of the ball to the whistle stopping play, of an NFL game was less than 12 minutes. That makes sense when teams can take as long as 40 seconds on the play clock between the spot of the ball and the snap, as well as a running clock for most situations of the game. Comparing baseball and football "action" is comparing apples to oranges.

Since 1961, when Roger Maris broke Babe Ruth's single-season home run record, the American population has nearly doubled. More people have differing interests, more cable channels and more entertainment outlets—and that may be the key.

When looking at sports, we do not see the same elements of competition for entertainment dollars as we do when comparing sports to movies, concerts, restaurants or other non-sport entertainment venues. Sports entertainment tends to be complementary, not substitutional. In my observation, this does not seem to hold true in video game sales.

In the aforementioned discussion, my buddy gave me a new

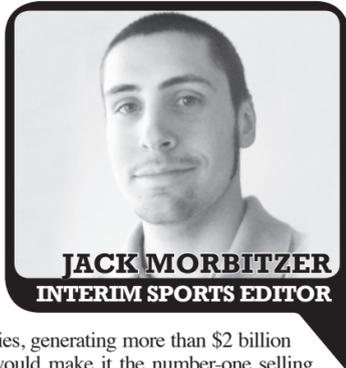
theory on the lack of baseball interest among Millennials.

Since 1988, the year Electronic Arts released the "Madden" video game franchise, the title has sold more than 75 million copies, generating more than \$2 billion in revenues. That would make it the number-one selling sports title ever and good for seventh place on the best-selling video games of all-time list behind titles such as "Mario," "Pokemon" and "Tetris."

The numbers are intriguing. No baseball video game title is in the same stratosphere with the "Madden" title.

Continue scanning the list, and you will see "FIFA," a soccer video game, rounding out the top 10. Following that, if we count racing/driving games as sports titles, there are 21 titles ahead of the first baseball title, the "Major League Baseball 2K" series, which comes in at 150. To give some perspective, the "MLB2K" series was released in 2004, compared to "Madden" in 1988. However, there are no other baseball titles in the 163-title list.

Since my birth, the same year "Madden" made its debut (I know,



**JACK MORBITZER**  
INTERIM SPORTS EDITOR

you feel old; I do, too), I have owned at least one video game console and "Madden" title for that console. I can remember more than a few friends throughout my childhood who have had this same experience. Some of my best memories are playing for my uncle's little league team; some of my worst are playing "Madden" with my older brother.

In a Nielsen Sports blog titled, "One nation under Madden," Nielsen research as recent as 2008 showed that 11.7 percent of video game owners were "prolific NFL viewers," compared to 8.08 percent of non-video game owners. It is possible that "prolific MLB viewers" are a high number of video game owners, but a 40 percent difference between the owners and non-owners for NFL viewing is staggering.

Sports in general have not suffered with losing viewers or the loss of entertainment dollars as much as other venues. Revenues and attendance for sports in America have shown an increasing trend.

Let me say that I do not think "Madden" has turned people away from baseball as much as it has given the younger generation a better understanding of the concepts applied in football. With increased population and more entertainment outlets, we should expect to see increasingly fragmented numbers in any entertainment venue. But it is interesting to note the discrepancies in video game sales between "Madden" and any baseball title. It would seem easier to play against the artificial intelligence in "Madden," or against one other friend, than to find 18 or more peers to play a full baseball game, or 22 or more peers to play a full football game.

But let's be honest. "Madden" really is a better video game than any baseball title anyway, and isn't that what all these damn kids are doing these days?

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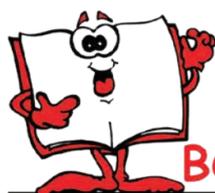
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