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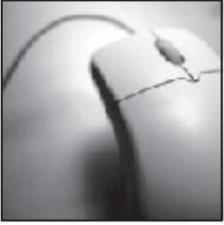
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VALERIE FLETCHER | THE SENTINEL

(L to R) VP of Administration Lindsay Phillips, Secretary Charlie Braun, President Tyler Fishback and VP of Programing Laila Ghaffar-Jabbari hanging out in the KAB office.

KAB needs your vote

**Elections for the
2004-2005 school
year coming soon**

Melissa Spielholz
Senior Staff Writer

With another year moving quickly along, it is time for students to put on their voting hats. Students are invited to vote in the Kennesaw Activities Board elections March 2-3.

For the past year, President Tyler Fishback, along with Vice Presidents Lindsay Phillips and Laila Ghaffar-Jabbari, Publicity and Press Relations Representative Amy Klemm and Secretary Charlie Braun, have led KAB.

KAB is responsible for events such as "Homecoming Week" and "Family Fun Days," and strives to organize events that will entertain and appeal to the student body.

"KAB organizes events that are not only fun," undeclared junior Mohammed Khalid said, "but give students the chance to put

down the books and enjoy their college experience."

KAB also runs CineKAB, KSU's free video rental store, open to all students with a valid ID. CineKAB is located on the lower level of the student center in the food court.

"I think that it is great that KSU has an organization that strives to get the students more involved with campus events," said sophomore English major Ryan Haney.

KAB holds weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

Visit KAB's Web site at:
www.ksukab.com

Door-to-Door Scams: magazine sales at University Place

Richard L. Johnson
Assistant Photo Editor

KSU police issued criminal trespass warnings to employees of Fidelity Reader Service, Inc. for selling magazines door-to-door at University Place Apartments on Jan 26. According to the police report, Jesse Cartledge, 23, and James Crawford, 19, were "trying to sell magazine subscriptions to win a contest."

Employees from the same company drew the attention of Columbus, GA police Jan. 22 when they were selling magazines door-to-door to raise money for Columbus State University. The problem? CSU officials had never heard of them.

John Lester, director of public relations for Columbus State, said CSU never collects money door-to-door and the university was not associated with FRS. Lester said the CSU police department contacted FRS regarding the use of the university's name.



VALERIE FLETCHER | THE SENTINEL

Michael Sanseviro, Director of Residence Life, at University Place.

KSU Police were not aware if the FRS solicitors at University Place claimed to be collecting money for KSU. However, Police Chief Ted Cochran doubts the legitimacy of these types of groups.

"It's been our experience in the past that folks show up to [sell magazines], the intended purpose or what they lead you to believe is not really what hap-

pens as far as the money is concerned."

Kaye Anderson, of Student Life, said no door-to-door solicitors are allowed on campus.

Off campus, the laws regarding door-to-door solicitation vary, but most cities and counties require salespeople to obtain a permit.

While officers were dealing with FRS employees at Uni-

versity Place, City of Kennesaw police officers were removing two different FRS solicitors from St. Charles Apartments, a community near KSU on McCollum Parkway. These two solicitors were selling magazines without permits.

How far will door-to-door solicitors go to make a sale? People have reported that some solicitors are pushy, rude and sometimes even assault their potential buyers. Arrests of door-to-door magazine solicitors from various companies have been for a range of crimes, including murder. Some FRS employees have also had run-ins with the law:

In 2001, Spokane, Wash. sheriff's deputies arrested an FRS employee for criminal trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia. The suspect let himself into a woman's home and then refused to leave. The subject then began to ask the resident about her love life and smoking mari-

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Assault at the Fairfield Inn

Prospective Student and Parent Robbed

Richard L. Johnson
Assistant Photo Editor

A prospective college student was robbed at gun point in the parking lot of the Fairfield Inn on Busbee Drive at Chastain Road Feb. 18.

The woman and her mother were going to their room at the hotel at 11:15 p.m. when two men armed with handguns approached and demanded money. After taking an undisclosed amount of money from the victims, the suspects fled in a light blue vehicle.

According to the Cobb County Police Department, the women had just arrived in town from South Georgia to visit a local university when they were robbed.

The admissions office refused to release any information related to this case. Julio Espana, assistant director of admissions, said that the list that would have confirmed if the robbery victim had visited KSU was "not accurate" and would have been destroyed within two days of her visit. The Fairfield Inn is one of three hotels the admissions office lists on their Web site for out-of-town travelers to stay.

Police Chief Ted Cochran was not available for comment on this incident, but previously said that he is "worried" about the rising number of robberies in the area surrounding the university.

Margaret Jones, the director of public relations for the Fairfield Inn, said that she could not recall an incident like this happening previously at their business. Jones said that although there were no security guards or off-duty police officers at the hotel on Feb. 18, the night managers at the hotel make regular surveillance walks around the property.

"They do go out and periodically check the property to check to make sure it is secure," Jones said.

The suspects were described as short, skinny black males wearing hooded sweatshirts and blue bandanas. Anyone with information about this robbery is asked to call the Cobb County Police Department at 770-499-3945.

"Land of the lost parking lot" New dorms replace old Parking Lot J

Lauren Lerma
Staff Writer

The lot formerly known as Lot J/north lot is currently undergoing a make-over to become KSU Place Phase II by fall 2004.

The school currently has two on-campus housing communities with KSU Place and University Place. For those who remember, the first on-campus housing facilities were opened fall 2002.

Combined, the two existing communities house 1,085 residents. The head count for the university according to the fall 2003 enrollment report was 17,485, meaning that roughly 6.2 percent of students are on-campus residents who can walk to class.

"Seven-hundred and fifty-six new beds will be completed for fall 2004," said John Anderson, the director of planning and design, "and 850 additional beds will open in 2005."

This means in 2005 as long as all the beds are filled and based on this year's enrollment, 15.4

percent of the student body will be on-campus residents.

The new phase will include a 1,500 space parking deck for the residents of the community, along with retail and community spaces. These additional students will not be taking away from the current parking.

The new housing offers an option for prospective students living far beyond the commutable distance. It is true that anyone interested in KSU previously could have moved here and rented an apartment, but that did not offer the

experience of a campus life-style. In addition, apartment complexes usually do not come fully furnished or offer classes with fellow hall-mates.

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John Anderson, Director of Planning and Design

For some students, the on-campus life-style aids in their academic discipline by surrounding them with fellow students who are all there to achieve the common goal of an education. Current students have varied reactions to the development.



HEIDI PARUTA | THE SENTINEL

Maintenance Building torn down to make room for new parking deck.

English department holds annual writing conference

Contemporary Literature and writing conference in March

Matt Cutrona
Senior Staff Writer

KSU is holding its annual Contemporary Literature and Writing Conference March 1-4. The conference will take place in the Student Center University Rooms at 8 p.m. This year Sonia Sanchez, Thomas Lux and Meg Kearney will be speaking. All are respected in the world of poetry and literature and are accomplished in their fields.

Sonia Sanchez has written 12 books of poetry, including

Homegirls and Handgrenades, which won an American Book Award. She is also a published playwright and was the first Presidential Fellow of Temple University.

"Sonia Sanchez is really the highlight of the conference this year," Dr. Ralph Wilson, coordinator of the conference, said. "She is a legend



Ralph Wilson
Contemporary Literature and writing conference coordinator

among minority leaders and will really bring out the community."

Thomas Lux is also a poet and has been the recipient of three National Education Association grants. Currently, he holds the McEver Chair in writing at Georgia Tech.

Meg Kearney is the acting executive director of The Na-

tional Book Foundation, as well as an acclaimed poet. Kearney is a teacher at the New School in New York City.

"The New School is a creative art and literature college in New York City that is very liberal," Wilson said. "It is not like a usual college or university, but still offers a number of great literature classes."

The conference was created in 1989 to bring respected writers of the world to campus. This will be the 15th conference the department of English has held.



POLICE BEAT

Compiled by Richard L. Johnson

A 29 year old woman was arrested during a traffic stop on Chastain Road for driving while her license was suspended. The Kennesaw woman was stopped for an expired tag and told officers she "did not have a license and that she was in trouble." Her license has been suspended since 1998.

Police responded to a sick female at the KSU gym. According to the report, the woman had raspy breathing and an elevated pulse. She told the officer that she took a shower in the women's locker room and noticed a "very strong odor of bleach." She said she became light-headed and dizzy and she almost passed out. The female was checked by paramedics but refused to go to the hospital.

KSU police arrested a fugitive during a traffic stop. An officer stopped a Jeep Cherokee with an expired tag on Chastain Road. When the officer ran a license check on the driver, the officer discovered the man was wanted by the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department. The man

was arrested and transported to Cherokee County.

An officer stopped a GMC Yukon when he observed a passenger was not wearing a seat belt. According to the report, the officer "smelled a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage from [the driver]" and the man told the officers he had been drinking beer. After an Alco-sensor test, the officer "determined that [the driver] was unsafe to drive." The officer did not arrest the driver, but did issue him citations for a seat belt violation, expired tag, and driving with an expired license. At the driver's request, the officer had a third party drive the vehicle from the scene.

Officers arrested nine people at an apartment on Idlewood Avenue. Officers were dispatched to a noise complaint and when they arrived, the officers could hear loud music and people outside the apartment being loud. When the officers contacted the people at the apartment, they discovered that nine of the 12 people inside were under 21 years old and had been consuming alcohol. Each of the nine was arrested and charged with underage consumption.

Schedule for the English conference:

Monday, March 1

8:00 p.m. Sonia Sanchez*

A public reading followed by book signing.

Tuesday, March 2

8:00 p.m. Thomas Lux*

A public reading followed by book signing.

Wednesday, March 3

8:00 p.m. Meg Kearney*

A public reading followed by book signing.

Thursday, March 4

8:00 p.m.*

Graduate and undergraduate creative writing contest winners.

* denotes event located in Student Center, University Room A

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juana. The suspect left before deputies arrived but was located nearby.

Earlier the same day, Spokane deputies arrested another FRS employee for stealing a woman's purse from her car. The woman had parked in her garage and was unloading groceries when he took the purse.

In 2002, Nicholas Kuhlman, also an FRS employee, pled guilty to sexual indecency with a 6 year old girl in Fayetteville,

Ark. According to The Morning News, Kuhlman "exposed himself to the girl and engaged in an indecent sexual act."

Chief Cochran encourages all students to contact the university police to check the validity of solicitors when they are encountered.

"Never think that anyone who walks up to you in a parking lot or is coming through your dorm is legitimate."

CORRECTIONS

In the Feb. 4 issue, we mistakenly reported in the TRAC article that students have never paid for consumable materials. We have since been informed that this information is inaccurate. It is the departments that have not had to pay, however TRAC is now requiring the departments to pay for consumable materials.

We apologize for the oversights and errors made. It is the policy of The Sentinel to correct all errors of fact.

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"None of us [in Student Life] view this as a job, but a lifestyle. It's what you do for your life."
Michael Sanseviro, New Residence Life Director - see the article on page 5

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MORE RESPONSES TO RECENT EDITORIAL, "AMERICA MUST DEFEND THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE"

Where is this supposed irrefutable research?

Dear Editor:

An interesting argument was posed in the February 4 edition of the KSU Sentinel that drew my attention and the undeniable urge to refute the misinformed claims. In her article "America Must Defend the Sanctity of Marriage," Ms. Emily Daniels reiterates the same old sing-song ideal of marriage as some sort of sexual institution that, as the largest government and religiously sanctioned practices in the nation, has no room for gays and lesbians. Some readers sensitive to her arguments may ask for evidence, and of course Ms. Daniels is quick to follow with "society cannot exist without [marriage] because sex between a man and a woman creates babies." Setting aside the obvious wise-cracks, I fail to see how marriage is necessary for this miracle of heterosexuality to occur.

But Ms. Daniels obviously expected my devil's advocate position and counterarguments winningly before I can so much as form a single doubt as to her credibility. "Research clearly, unmistakably, irrefutably, and consistently confirms that family structure does have a direct impact upon the lives of children, and the family structure that offers the best protection and rearing of children is unquestionable that family headed by one biological father and one biological mother that are married." Taking into account the confusion which arises from Ms. Daniels' poor grammatical skills, let me sum up her argument: Family structure affects children and a married biological mother and father are the best choices to raise children.

No presupposing that Ms. Daniels is choosing to consciously omit such marital side effects as abuse, divorce, and poor living conditions my question is simple: Where is this supposed irrefutable research? As a philosophy minor specializing in feminist perspectives, I see very little in Ms. Daniel's thesis to take seriously. Instead of clear fact, she has given hearsay. This little matter of evidence aside, why are biological parents singled out as superior? If the issue is same-sex marriage, at least in the case of a lesbian marriage, artificial insemination is an option. If one parent is biologically related to the child, what differentiates such a child from those whose parents have remarried? And are you saying that children who are adopted have received less care? Heterosexual couples have indeed produced quite a number of successful children, but they have also been responsible for many psychological problems. Divorce and depression are most often asso-

ciated with long marriages, and with most heterosexual unions ending so disastrously (with or without children) why not give homosexuals a chance to marry?

My argument is simple - America is no longer the cookie-cutter scenario of the post WWII era so often portrayed in films and on television. More often than not, it takes both parents to raise a child, and often child-rearing in our country is too expensive. The fact is, homosexual couples will continue to cohabit together whether or not they are allowed to marry. The question is whether they should be given the same tax breaks as heterosexual couples who are rewarded in the eyes of the law for their ability to churn out future voters. Why Ms. Daniels is so hung up on child-rearing is beyond me. Perhaps in the future she should research her facts before pretending to be a journalist.

Kelley Frank
English

Complete disregard...

Dear Editor,

I cannot believe the complete disregard of Ms. Daniel's column. I also can't believe that you would allow such an ignorant and ill prepared argument to be printed. I am a firm believer in our basic freedoms; they are what make this country so desirable to others. Yet to make accusations that single parents, adoptive parents, and even same sex parents are incapable of child rearing is absurd. If there were in fact research to prove this, then I would give this article some credit. The absence of any credible research to support these claims leads me to believe this article to be of loosely constructed opinion and therefore unsuitable for publishing. I am a child from a single parent home and I know that if it weren't for my mother's strength and sacrifice as a woman I would not be the person that I am today. I also have to worry about those children that are given up for adoption: Does this mean that living in poverty with both parents is the only way to grow up to be a well rounded person? What about those children living in abusive homes? Should the parent allow the child to be beaten? As for same-sex marriages, I would think that a same-sex couple would be well suited for the honor of raising a child. First and foremost, they would want the child and I believe that they would offer just as much love, security, and moral character as any other parent. If Ms. Daniels has some recent legitimate scientific proof that only biological, married, straight parents are the only ones suited to raise children then please let us know!

Heather Hansen
Senior, Psychology

Dissatisfied and embarrassed

Dear Editor,

For the first time since I began attending Kennesaw State University, I am actually disappointed and embarrassed to be a part of this school. I am completely and utterly disgusted by an article I just finished reading in The Sentinel entitled "America must defend the sanctity of marriage," (Feb. 4th) by Emily Daniels. Apparently, Ms. Daniels needs a lesson in truth versus opinion. In the article, Ms. Daniels states that "activist judges have given little regard for the will of the people." First and foremost, who exactly are the "people" she is referring to? Am I to assume she is speaking to heterosexuals? I am not a homosexual, and I am in favor of these "activist judges." Another thing needs to be made clear: judges do not hold a responsibility to the "will of the people." Ms. Daniels needs a refresher course in political science. A judge's only job is to uphold the law. If judges had made decisions based on how the majority felt, the South would still be practicing slavery.

My next area of concern is Ms. Daniels' reference that marriage creates babies. She claims that "society can not exist without it because sex between a man and a woman creates babies." Today, sex is not the only thing that creates a baby. She apparently needs to educate herself on artificial insemination. If she disagrees with it, I suggest she speak with a married woman who is unable to have children. Another thought, Ms. Daniels, is that rape creates babies. Are you suggesting that this should be constitutional? I do agree with Ms. Daniels that "research clearly, unmistakably, irrefutably, and consistently confirms that family structure does have a direct impact on the lives of children," but evidently her definition of family is different from mine. She needs to be careful mistaking "fact" with "opinion." These two terms are very different. I would like to see sound evidence that "one biological father and one biological mother" is the "best protection" for children. Here are a few cases that rebut that opinion: Andrea Yates, Susan Smith, and Christopher Carey. How about providing us with statistics on how many gay couples have killed their children versus how many married couples have killed theirs. Ms. Daniels' greatest statement is that marriage is "not about facilitating adult's sexual preference." I say, that's the whole point. It shouldn't be about sexual preference. However, she goes on to say that "homosexuality is a human sexual need." Doesn't the same then apply to heterosexuality? Thank goodness marriage isn't about who you are sleeping with or who you want to sleep with. It's about spending the rest of your life with someone you love, honor, and cherish. How is gender even a part of that equation? Another statement Ms. Daniels made is that "there is no substantive or convincing evidence proving the claim

that people are born gay." If that is true then there is no "scientific evidence" that someone is born heterosexual. Ms. Daniels can't have it both ways. Also, she made claim that "many have left the homosexual lifestyle." I can show her many who have left the heterosexual lifestyle as well. What is her point? I am not sure where Ms. Daniels read, heard, or learned that gays expect marriage to be handed to them on a "platinum platter?" Marriage is work, dedication, and love. Marriages aren't ever handed out, at least successful ones aren't no matter if you are gay, straight, man, or woman. I am assuming she is not married. I hope for her future husband's sake she learns this important lesson before saying her vows. Ms. Daniels asked if "there are any rights defined by the Constitution that have been withheld from homosexuality." She then answered "no." This is Ms. Daniels' opinion. Judges across the country disagree and have one thing on her, a law degree. Many laws have changed throughout time, including those allowing interracial marriages. I have faith that the laws will change for homosexuals, as well. If America is really a culture that values its youth, we need to be spending quality time promoting education, removing drugs from the streets, and dealing with teenage violence. I am ashamed my tax dollars are being wasted on deciding whether single or even widowed mothers should be punished for not being married, or should stop two loving, committed adults from marrying based on sexual preference. I would stand right beside Ms. Daniels if she truly wanted to protect children. Unfortunately, the only thing she is trying to do is teach the world to continue living inside the box. How many children will have to die inside the box before we get it? Marriage does not always promote safety or protection for our children. Remember, Ms. Daniels, that the Constitution you stand by now once prohibited you from voting. Times change, and I am disappointed in KSU for not teaching Ms. Daniels that already. Educate yourself; it really is the key to the future!

Tracey L. Tanner
Freshman undeclared

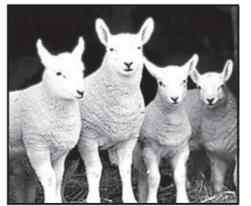
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"The explanation didn't resonate..."

Dear Editor,

I confess that I am not entirely sure of the point of Leslie Thompson's "Why I didn't write my column." It doesn't appear that there was a point (although I suppose Thompson may have been attempting to use satire, in which case it was not obvious). At any rate, I am disappointed. If this column was as pointless as it appears, why did such a useless piece make it into print? In my view, the piece is a sad reflection on the author.

Jamie Kiley
Freshman, English major



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About Joel Guerra



Joel Guerra

"I am a 23 year old Senior Sociology major (even though my records still say sociology interest). I am originally from Trinidad, the country that produced Billy Ocean, Haddaway, Calypso, Dwight York and Russel Latapy (for all you soccer fans) and the Steel Drum or Pan as we call it. As a child I spent 4 years in England, and now here I am in Atlanta not necessarily loving it, but its alright. I play bass in the local band Muuhda (we opened for Sevendust and Collective Soul at Downtown Rocks.) I am not sure what I want to do after graduation on August 2nd, but I know that Canada or Europe are looking like nice options. I enjoy writing editorials because I think I can offer a unique opinion. Being of mixed ancestry I am intrigued by ethnicity so you'll probably see alot of articles on race from me. Some of my favorite bands: Deftones, Lost Prophets, Glassjaw, 2 Skinnee J's, RHCP, Primus and Steel Pulse. To get an idea of what I am about check out these websites. www.noml.com www.lp.org www.muuhda.com I look forward to hearing any of your opinions about what I write."

About Tracy Turner



Tracy Turner
Columnist

"I am thirty-two years old and happily married with four kids. I'm a sophomore majoring in American History. My husband is also a student at KSU. He is majoring in mathematics. I teach my children at home. My political philosophy is libertarian. I try to remain open-minded about all subjects and enjoy debates, especially those that give me new insight and perspectives."

Defend others' rights as your own

One of my fascinations with American history lies in our inability to see our own duplicity. The United States claims to stand for freedom and give equal opportunity to all, but not once has this country lived up to that claim. I recently watched Iron-Jawed Angels, an HBO movie depicting the struggles of Alice Paul and others to secure women's suffrage. I knew the story of Paul, but even so, the persecution these brave women were forced to endure to secure their constitutional rights angered and disgusted me all over again. Sadly, the women's suffrage movement is just another chapter in the book of American small-mindedness.

In the beginning, we killed the Native Americans and enslaved Africans. When they fought their way free, we passed "laws" to keep them second-class citizens. Throughout all of this and beyond, women were enslaved to their husbands and fathers in a different way. Then, there were the Japanese internments during World War II and anti-Chinese laws. Today the oppression is directed toward Hispanics and homosexuals.

Throughout the recent debates over gay marriage, I have heard the tired, unfounded arguments against gay marriage and they play like a worn-out record pulled out again to "defend our 'godly' nation from the hordes." Our President claims to fight for freedom in Iraq while denying it to his own citizens. In listening to news and talk shows and in reading the papers, I have heard no one speak of one of the most important issues, the separation of church and state. Is marriage a religious or civil ceremony? The answer? Marriage is not a matter of religion. It is a matter of state. We cannot legally marry in a church without a marriage license, but we can marry at the courthouse without a church or minister. We can be married by a justice of the peace, a ship's captain, or, an Elvis impersonator. It has been a matter of state, in our culture, since Henry VIII left the Catholic Church to marry Anne Boleyn. Here, even the Puritans deemed marriage to be a civil, rather than a church, issue (<http://www.christianchronicler.com>). This means that marriage in the U.S. has always been a



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matter of civil law.

The arguments against same-sex marriage are just a variation on the same themes. They are different. They will corrupt our society, especially our children. The Bible says they are an "abomination." The Bible also says you can't wear polyester and cotton at the same time, you can't eat shrimp or bacon, and a woman must stay inside her house during her "unclean" time of the month! Shouldn't we follow those rules, too? In researching this topic, I was surprised to discover that the Catholic Church performed "spiritual" ceremonies for same-sex couples in the Middle Ages? (Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe, John Boswell).

Some opponents claim gay people don't need to get married because there is no benefit to be gained. Such hypocrisy from people who themselves are married! Why then would anyone choose to marry if there is no benefit? The answer? There are numerous benefits to marriage and they know it. Legally, married people get tax benefits, inheritance rights, property rights, hospital visitation, custody and support rights of children and insurance benefits. On a personal level, marriage is the ultimate form of commitment.

If religions choose to ban gay couples from marrying in their church, they have every right to do so, but, thanks to the Constitution of the United States, particularly the Fourteenth Amendment, our government has no right to deny gay couples (yes, they are citizens too) equal protection under the law. I commend Mayor Newsom of San Francisco for his courage in ordering marriage licenses be issued to gay couples. Hopefully, this action will catapult the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The opponents of gay marriage, including President Bush during his State of the Union speech, claim to want to defend the "sanctity of marriage." The definition of sanctity, according to Merriam-Webster Online is "holiness of life and character," but is marriage really a question of holiness? Only to those who are religious, which brings the First Amendment into play. The First Amendment assures that we do not have to abide by the religious doctrine of others and yet, this is exactly what the denial of gay marriage does. In his Oath of Office, President Bush also promised to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." He cannot do both, if his idea of defending the "sanctity of marriage" means denying constitutional rights to U.S. citizens.

Patriotism as foundation, not conclusion

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Guest Commentary

"Our country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right, when wrong to be put right," said Carl Schurz

I would like to dispel the notion that any disagreement with, or even any sort of discussion regarding, the policies of one's government is automatic and irrefutable grounds for a total lack of patriotism...for treason. It is saddening to notice the trend in close-mindedness (which is by no means restricted to any particular political inclination) that has gripped and constricted the capacity for mature discussion in our country. But more than voicing my opinion regarding the practice of dissenting with a particular policy of one's government, I also wish to suggest an analogy through which we, collectively, can see the childishness of our all-to-often close-minded beliefs.

Imagine that one of your loved ones has cancer. It would be more than natural to hate the cancer, to hate this small fraction of the whole which threatens the entirety of the afflicted. But these feelings towards the small portion would not necessitate the same feelings towards the loved one, would they? That would be a misuse of logic, but one that is, more common than one might suppose. I would like to point out that this model can also be misused in the most irresponsible of manners, particularly if one envisions that the 'cancer' in question might be conceived as a group taken as a whole, say for example, democrats if you are republican, or vice-versa. This would be continuing the tradition of exaggeration and irrationality that we are trying to break down. This would be yet another attempt to write off the whole when only the fraction is truly objectionable. The way this analogy should be used, might be to realize that, said republican would probably only really disagree in a handful of

important, but nevertheless restricted, instances. There probably exists, to a much greater extent, similarities between the two parties. One can also see this model in terms of personal disagreements. It is possible to have disagreements with a parent, friend, spouse, etc. without resorting to hating that person. To engage in the opposite would be to indulge in the *ad hominem* logical fallacy - resorting to personal attack for lack of an acceptable way to counter an opponent's argument.

I would like to apply this model to that person who, through much painful and earnest ethical deliberation, arrives at political conclusions that are contrary to the current administration's policies. I am such a person. The typical knee-jerk reaction would be to automatically label me unpatriotic. This sort of practice is overtly reinforced by the administration. One painfully obvious example is the administration's "Patriot Acts," the first of which has been passed into legislation. These policies, if argued against, carry the effective implication that one disagrees simply because he or she is unpatriotic. But to do so would be to follow a line of logic that is anything but logical. Rather, it would be totally fear-based and out of defensiveness. Furthermore, to those who feel that a challenge to present norms runs contrary to the interests of the country which they love (I suggest that we are ignoring the very real distinction between one's government and one's country), consider Emerson's belief that "[t]here is no good now enjoyed by society that was not once as problematic and visionary as" the desire for peace.

I love the patient, which is the country in which my friends, peers, and family live but I abhor the cancer, which is the aggressive, domineering, narrow-minded national and international policies of the government, particularly those that, with good conscience, who authorize such an absurdity as preemptive defense (a statement

with such internal contradiction that I am amazed that the words which form it are able to stay on the page side-by-side).

There are aspects of my government with which I have very strong disagreements, but that does not guarantee that I hate my country. In fact, quite the opposite is true. I grow to appreciate my country and my freedoms more and more. I know how fortunate I am to be an American, but I will not be bullied into agreeing with actions that I feel to be contrary to humane action. I will not buckle under the force of those who blindly insist that America can do no wrong. To such parties, I would suggest a long, sober look at American history for instances where America chose immediate gain at the expense of universal moral obligation (we do believe in the rights of all (wo)men, don't we?) Being American does not excuse me from acting in the spirit of humanity. I will also not be brushed aside as unpatriotic by those who feel threatened whenever any person presents a thoroughly rational, ethical argument that runs contrary to the party line. I refuse to assent to anything that is primarily based upon fallacious logic and ideological appeals. Rather, instead of espousing mere patriotism, love and responsibility for one's country (wo)men, I would rather exhort an ideal which is not contrary to the sentiment of 'patriotism,' but rather enlarges upon it: the ideal that Jane Addams calls a "cosmic patriotism." In comparing this "cosmic patriotism" to patriotism as we know it, Addams insists that we "make [the fellowship of patriotism] wider, to extend its scope without lowering its intensity." In a statement of true hope, something which is apparently lacking in our national consciousness, Addams insists that "[w]hatever it may be called, it may yet be strong enough to move masses of men out of their narrow national considerations and cautions into new reaches of human effort and affection."

Schurz said, "If you want to be free, there is but one way, it is to guarantee an equally full measure of liberty to all your neighbors. There is no other.

FDA needs to stop dragging its feet

Emergency contraception is what the name implies—contraception to be used in an emergency. Unfortunately, the Food and Drug Administration is in no hurry to increase the accessibility of this important medication. The decision at hand is whether to make EC (commonly called the "morning-after" pill; sold under brand names "Plan B" and Preven) available without a prescription. The decision was supposed to come by the end of this month but is now being postponed until May.

There is a lot of unwarranted controversy surrounding the decision to make EC available over-the-counter. Some of the opposition stems from confusion about what the morning-after pill does and does not do. EC has been around for almost 30 years and has been available in the U.S., by prescription since 1998. The "Morning-after" pill is not to be confused with RU-486 as they do not cause an abortion. A woman does not become pregnant immediately after having sex; the biological process of becoming pregnant takes several days. EC pills work the same as birth control pills—they use a form of the synthetic hormone progestin, called levonorgestrel, to block ovulation and fertilization of the egg. It is known that EC is effective for up to 120 hours (5 days) however, the sooner it is taken after intercourse the more effective; when taken within 72 hours, EC is 89 percent effective. This fact is the reason for the push for over-the-counter approval. With such a short window of time it can be difficult for a woman to get access to a doctor so she can be prescribed the pill.

The "morning-after" pill's impeccable safety and efficacy record are what made it an appropriate candidate for over-the-counter status. On Dec. 16 the FDA Drug Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs voted 23-4 to recommend its over-the-counter status. Currently, more than 70 medical and public-health groups, including the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, have endorsed this proposal.

Pressure from conservative opponents has

stalled the process of EC being available without a prescription. The opposition complains that over-the-counter status could lead to unsafe sex or teenagers being more likely to engage in sex. These arguments are unfounded. No method of birth control is 100 percent effective; by eliminating the barriers to obtain EC women will have an emergency method of birth control in the event that the primary method fails. The American Medical Association estimates that in 2000, use of EC

prevented almost 51,000 abortions. If EC is available over-the-counter, that number is sure to grow. Furthermore, there is no evidence that increasing EC's availability will create more promiscuous teenagers. Teenagers have sex because teenagers have sex—just as their parents generation did 30 years earlier. Those who choose to be sexually active are going to have sex whether the "morning-after" pill is available over-the-counter or not. It is irresponsible, at best, to refuse to educate teenagers about sex (which, of course, includes promoting abstinence) and to deny them the best birth control methods in an effort to reduce teenage pregnancies. Those who believe that EC will be responsible for increased teenage sexual activity are turning a blind eye to the situation; they seem to believe that if you do not talk about it, everything will turn out fine.

Ultimately, over-the-counter emergency contraception will vastly expand reproductive health options for women, by placing another option for preventing pregnancy in their hands. To deny this would constitute a major FDA capitulation to political pressure. Other than political pressure there is absolutely no reason to delay convenient access to this important medication for women. EC is safe, it is effective, it is simple to self-administer. Expanding access to EC dramatically furthers public health goals of reducing the number of unwanted pregnancies. It is time for the FDA to remove the unnecessary access barriers to EC and give women as many convenient choices for birth control as possible. Any other decision would not have the public's health as the main interest.



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Immigration to developed countries

It is not hard to see that Atlanta's immigrant population has grown. When I was younger, I went to Zoo Atlanta with my family. I remember the area seeming to be divided equally between blacks and whites. Today, it seems, the area is mostly Latino. In fact, according to the 2000 U.S. census, the Latino population is the largest minority. Everywhere you look signs in Spanish are popping up. Not far behind Latinos are Asians. From looking at the U.S. census, the Asian population is not growing quite as fast as the Latinos, but it is growing.

It seems that some people are getting up in arms about this type of foreign growth. One morning I was listening to Neil Bortz and a Republican caller was put on the air. He seemed to be convinced that soon, in certain California cities, Cinco de Mayo would be the biggest holiday instead of July 4, and he expressed concern about this issue. Many people's opinions on immigrants seem to corroborate the caller's views. However, I must say that America is a country that has historically been a haven for immigrants. Since the 1800's, whether it was Eastern Europeans, Jews escaping persecution or the Irish, America has been a country of immigrants. So my question is: How could the descendants of immigrants have a problem with other immigrants? Isn't that what their

ancestors did?

In certain European countries, anti-immigrant sentiment is so strong, nationalist political parties use it as their platform. I have also heard the opinion that some people don't mind the immigrants, but they have a problem with them coming to the United States and not contributing to the economy, instead sending the money back to their families in their home countries.

To this argument I say that most countries where immigrants come from are still developing nations. These countries were at some point in recent history a victim of colonization and/or occupation. Europe is a great example of having many different "empires of extraction" as a history text might put it. An "empire of extraction" in my eyes can be looked at as "middle-man-ism" on a much grander scale. European nations around the 1400 - 1500's colonized or occupied nations that had riches. America is a result of this European expansion and extraction, therefore America benefited from the European empires of extraction. In these cases thousands of "middle-men" went in and extracted resources from these developing countries to send back home to their families. Does this sound familiar? So I guess my question is: Why would developing nations be upset about immigrants coming in to do exactly what they did to other countries a few hundred years ago? Yes, I believe immigrants should be documented, but as far as extraction of resources, I don't see why any of it should come as a surprise.



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Residence Life welcomes new director Michael Sanseviro

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A year after opening their first official residence hall, a Director of Residence Life has been hired. Michael Sanseviro, with his warm, welcoming smile and a heart for students, has a world of experience behind him and many hopes for making the KSU Resident experience the best it can be.

Sanseviro has an office in the student center with a floor to ceiling picture window looking out on the middle of the campus. Sitting in his office, a person can watch all the comings and goings of the student center. It seems to be a representation of the way his life is open to students.

"None of us [in Student Life] view this as a job, but a life-style," Sanseviro said. "It's what you do for your life."

Amy Wrye, the Coordinator of Residence Life, is thrilled to have Sanseviro come here. Wrye formerly worked with Kathy Alday, the Director of the Student Life Center.

Alday was responsible for taking care of residence issues before Sanseviro. While everyone agrees that Alday did an excellent job with the resources she had available, Wrye is relieved to have someone who is solely in charge of Residence Life. "I can't say enough good things," Wrye said. "We are thrilled he is on board."

Sanseviro has only been here for a few weeks, but Wrye is already seeing a difference. Most significantly he has opened the lines of communication. "He is making everything much more streamlined," Wrye said. She believes that makes everyone's job much easier.

Sanseviro has

three pressing goals he wants to accomplish. First and foremost is setting up a system to provide customer service to the residential students. The dorms are owned and managed by Place Properties, not the school. Sanseviro recognizes that if there are problems at the dorms they will have a negative impact on students' attitudes and perceptions about KSU. "Residence life touches every part of a student's life," he said.

Building maintenance is not Sanseviro's only concern. Relationship maintenance is important to him as well. Making sure students work together is just as important as making sure the plumbing works. Sanseviro is planning continued training of the Resident Assistants. For example, he suggests that the RA's sit down with roommates to create a roommate contract. In it, they will discuss little details that can make a huge difference. For example, how long is it acceptable for a dirty dish to sit in the sink? How many guests are acceptable, and how long can they stay? Do you use the bathroom with the door opened or closed?

Second, Sanseviro wants to build a strong residence life program including the faculty. "It's important for the first year students to feel a strong

connection from the beginning," he said.

Sanseviro recognizes that in many universities staff and faculty are at odds with one another. Each is coming from a different perspective with different goals. He hopes to help everyone work together to make a smooth connection between academic life and resident life. "The best part of my job is that I see the best of both worlds," he said.

Sanseviro has several ideas for helping students blend resident life with academic life. For example, the first week might offer many opportunities for students to socialize.

There will be organized activities that will get them out of the dorms and into a social environment. To build on that, the next week, workshops would start on topics like time management and study skills.

As the semester goes on and things start to get more

intense, workshops would be given for things like stress-management, conflict resolution and test anxiety. All of this is built on the idea that students who feel a part of the community will have better success.

Third, Sanseviro says he wants to create a culture of what it means to be on KSU's campus. "We need to create in our minds what we want it to look like in ten

years," he said.

Sanseviro realizes that KSU is a blend of commuter and resident students. He wants to make sure the commuter students feel as welcome and a part of the community and suggests an "adopt a commuter student weekend," where resident students invite commuter students to stay in the dorms for a weekend.

The son of a New York City police officer, Sanseviro developed a love for Atlanta while attending Emory University for his undergraduate degree in comparative world religion, philosophy and educational studies.

While he enjoyed learning about religion and philosophy, he felt it more practical to also pursue educational studies. After working for a little while, he returned to school to get his Masters in Higher Education from Florida State University.

Sanseviro was pleased about coming back to Atlanta during the 1996

Olympics while working for ACOG. He worked in the Olympic Village doing a job similar to what he is doing for KSU now. When the Olympic Village turned into student housing for Georgia State University, Sanseviro became the Complex Director there.

Looking to pursue his Ph.D., Sanseviro wanted a job that was a little less intensive and where living on campus was not required. He started as Student Life Director at the Lawrenceville campus of Georgia Perimeter College in 1999.

Sanseviro also did a one-year turn with the Board of Regents as a Student Services Associate. He served as an advisor to the Student Advisory Council, made up of all the SG presidents from 34 state colleges and universities. "It was a more corporate environment which had its advantages, but there was limited daily interaction with students," Sanseviro said, "I really enjoy working directly with students and being a part of the excitement on a college campus, so my biggest challenge at the BOR office was missing the on-campus culture."

Having accomplished his goals at Georgia Perimeter, and with most of his Ph.D. work finished, Sanseviro was pleased to start here. "Kennesaw has growth potential that other schools don't," Sanseviro said.



Communicating through the Matrix

By Erika Grissinger
Staff Writer

Communication is key, but as KSU continues to grow, the communication gap between the college and the campus community also continues to do so as well. A new survey provides the opportunity to decrease this gap.

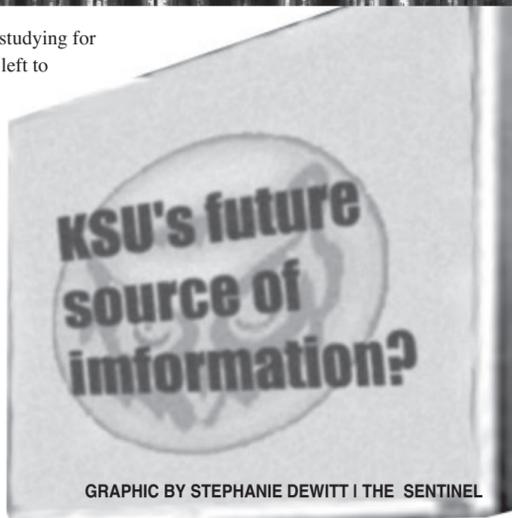
According to the enrollment archives, in fall 2003, 17,500 students enrolled at KSU, which is the third largest number of students enrolled among the 19 four year colleges in the University System of Georgia. According to the Georgia Board of Regents, in the next 15-20 years, it has been estimated that KSU will have 35,000 - 40,000 students enrolled. With the continued growth, how can the university keep the growing student body, staff and administration informed?

Resources such as The Sentinel and simple word of mouth are the most common ways students stay informed of current and upcoming events, along with other information. However, in the college world of paper deadlines,

homework assignments and studying for tests, there is not much time left to pick up the newspaper or search the net for the latest events. With all these considerations, one idea is in the works to provide an additional source of information in the form of a matrix sign.

The matrix sign is an electronic billboard that either flashes information on its digital screen or has the information scroll across the screen. Before any decisions are made on the sign, the campus will have the opportunity to provide insight on the sign.

Deborah Lester's Promotional Strategy class is asking for KSU's help. The marketing class began conducting a survey Feb. 16 to Feb. 29 trying to find out how aware the campus is of events, where students get their information, and if they want to know more about what is



happening on campus. More specific questions concerning the matrix sign include how the campus community feels about the effectiveness of a matrix sign to questions on the best location for the sign.

The survey can be accessed through KSU student e-mail accounts at www.students.kennesaw.edu. On campus, students may be approached and asked to take the survey. There will also be a link

on The Sentinel web page, at www.ksusentinel.com.

The class is conducting the survey in the name of education. According to Lester, the survey is a project assigned to the Promotional Strategy class with the goal of "identifying the best method to communicate information to the KSU community."

The class is divided into five groups to get a detailed and thorough report. Group one is researching where students and staff enter and exit to decide where the sign would be best viewed. Group two is studying the traffic on Interstate 75 and roads surrounding the campus to find the best location for the sign. Group three is researching the rules and regulations about where billboards can be placed according to Federal, State, and KSU's guidelines. Group four is studying how to effectively get information to the community and group five is researching sign companies to find the best price and design for the matrix sign.

The class benefits by applying the skills they have learned which include

communication, marketing, and economics by having the opportunity to apply them in real life situations. The students and staff will benefit by having a voice in the university's promotion.

"I think it is an important aspect of the college experience to be able to enjoy the events that are taking place," said Susan Berman, a student in the promotional strategy class, and a member of group one. She said it is hard for students to find time to read or go online to learn of school events, but the matrix sign will draw attention and inform the community in a matter of seconds.

The goal of the matrix sign is to not only to make the campus aware of events, but it is also to inform local residents and visitors of Kennesaw in general about athletic events, art events, and important announcements that will further unite and strengthen the community. Student participation in the survey will make that goal possible.

"It is important to provide a communication vehicle to students on a timely basis," Lester said, "and with the input from students, faculty and staff we can get the best quality product out there to reflect KSU's image."

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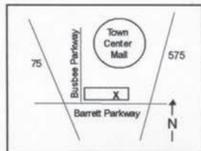
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I am a survivor

Growing up I was an adventuresome child. With no sense of fear, or simply lacking the common sense to realize that I wasn't immortal allowed me to perform quite a few stupid stunts.

According to my mother, even as an infant I was fearless. I have been told the stories of how more than once I was caught jumping out of my crib only to climb back in it and jump again.

As far back as the young age of seven I can remember training to outperform the other kids in my class, but especially the boys, when we took the Presidential Fitness Challenge. Running along side my brother while he rode his 10-speed, crossing the monkey bars so many times my hands blistered to the point I had trouble holding a pencil. But all the hard work paid off and I was able to beat all of the boys in my class, except one.

When I was nine years old we lived in Colorado, where actually snows. One winter day someone had the brilliant idea to set up a ramp and being the fearless idiot that I was I decided it would be fun to jump my bike off of it despite the ice patches on the ground. I can still remember flying through the air as my bike went off in the opposite direction, luckily there was a snow bank to break my fall.

That summer my friends and I devised an inspired idea to collect and recycle soda cans to raise money. We were able to purchase a shopping cart for only a quarter at a garage sale, which allowed us to collect more cans in one shot. When collecting cans would tie the shopping cart to the back of one of our bikes and ride around the neighborhood collecting cans and various treats from the neighbors who saved

their cans for us. After completing the run through the neighborhood we would ride up to the park to engage in "dumpster diving" to find more cans. As crazy as it sounds we were able to make pretty good money but I would not recommend "dumpster diving" as a viable career choice.

As I grew older I also grew braver and found new ways to entertain myself. Just after I turned 10 we moved to Honduras where there wasn't much for kids to do, unless they had an active imagination at least. The house we lived in was at the bottom of a hill that was not really steep but a pretty decent size. One of the things I used to do for fun, especially just after the grass was cut, was to slide down the hill in a cardboard box. Had a lot of fun doing it too.

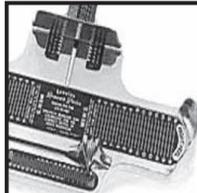
One of my other pastimes was creating obstacle course for myself. These usually involved using playground equipment in unorthodox ways. For example climbing up 15-foot swing chains, shimmying across the top of the swing set and then sliding down the opposite pole. Growing up I always enjoyed climbing up things, especially trees. One day for some unknown reason I got bored and discovered that jumping out of the trees was more fun than climbing back down. How I kept from breaking any bones is beyond my comprehension.

For those readers who are parents, especially mothers, please note that I no longer engage in these activities, granted I have found others to replace them. I in no way encourage others to try these stunts as they could cause bodily harm. If my mother is reading this please note that I do not admit to actually performing any of the acts listed above, wink wink.

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This university is home to many outstanding students, some of which have been featured in past issues of The Sentinel. There was Stacey C., who is a 23 year old DJ at 95.5 The Beat. There was also Cassie Cunstance, who runs her own business selling dog baskets on the Internet, and a KSU student connected to Gov. Sonny Perdue's office. Her name is Stella Xu, and she has obtained an appointment to an internship in the governor's office, making her the first student at here to do so.

"There are six interns at the Capital, Stella is one, the other five are from law schools. This is a pretty big accomplishment," said Nancy Prochaska, professor in the management and entrepreneurship, and Xu's faculty advisor.

This task was not easily accomplished. The road to this position started in October. After attending a career fair on campus, Xu became discouraged. She found out that a lot of the companies that attended the career fair required students from a particular major.

When she visited the booth for the governor's office, she was pleased to see that they did not have a major requirement. She had always been interested in politics, but it was not until



Stella Xu poses with Georgia's governor Sonny Perdue.

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then that she decided to apply.

So how does a student become an intern to the governor? Prochaska says that each applicant is asked to put together a narrative on why he/she should be considered for the internship. Xu and Prochaska had to decide what type of information would be beneficial for Xu to include in her application.

"We tried to find information on what types of things they were looking for, but we just could not find any," Prochaska said. "We finally had to put ourselves in their position and ask ourselves what we would want in an intern."

They decided to include information on the many

community activities that Xu participates in. She is an Asian liaison for the International Student Association and tutors international students. She also serves as an Internationalization Mentor.

"Long standing, sincere, community service is what they were after," Prochaska said.

Xu could have missed the opportunity if she had not followed up on the application. She first applied for the international studies program and by the end of November, she had not heard anything back.

"I called to follow up on the application and the representative told me that the letter requesting an interview with me had been returned to them in the

mail," Xu said.

There had been a mix up with Xu's address and the letter was returned to the governor's office. Xu asked if there was any way she could still interview and they were able to fax her a copy of the letter, which she was able to complete in time.

During that time, a position for the front office in the capital building became available, and

Xu was willing to deviate from the original plan to join the international studies program. A few weeks later, she was offered the internship, making her the only KSU student working at the capital building.

Xu started her position, assisting the governor's executive assistant, on Jan. 12, 2004, and on her first day, she was introduced to the governor.

"On the second day, the governor walked into the office and said 'Hi Stella.' I was so shocked that he remembered my name," Xu said.

Her duties include daily administrative work, such as filing and helping with the executive summary. She said it was not easy at first because she had to familiarize herself with their database, but after about a week she was able to get into it.

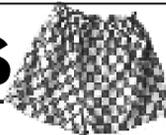
She is already starting to make an impression there. On Jan. 22, 2004, the Chinese New Year, Xu planned and hosted a reception at the capital. "I wanted to share my culture," she said. The governor was present among other attendees. She decorated with Chinese artifacts and served different types of Chinese finger foods and tea.

She has also arranged for the 24 Chinese officials who are studying at KSU to meet with the governor and tour the capital building.

Xu came to the United States in December 1999. She attended Georgia Perimeter College, where she received an associate's degree in business administration. She came to KSU in January 2003 and is a member of student government.

"This internship has helped me gain a better understanding about the United States government," Xu said. "I am honored to hold this position."

campus shorts



Tauheedah Hasan
Staff Writer

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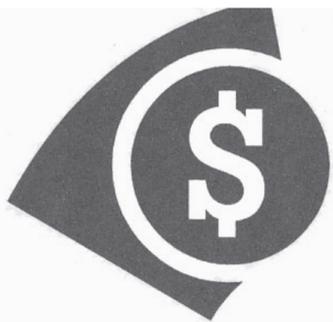
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Critic's Corner



Jury's in on *Runaway Jury*

Eric M. Croas
Editor in Chief

The latest John Grisham film adaptation is now on DVD and it offers viewers the opportunity to see Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman square off for the first time on-screen. While this is a highlight of the movie, the rest of the story seems tired in a "seen that and done that" repetition of other films.

The protagonist is the civil lawyer, played by Hoffman, of a woman whose husband was killed by a disgruntled day trader. The murder happens when the ex-employee entered the office with a semi-automatic and kills everybody including himself.

The wife has filed a wrongful death suit against the makers of the firearm, and their lawyers have hired a jury consultant, played by Hackman, to help pick a group that will vote in their favor.



Hoffman's character is a homegrown New Orleans lawyer, but Hackman is a hired gun that spares no expense to know all that he can about the potential jury pool. It is enough to make the average citizen nervous about receiving a summons for jury duty.



John Cusack plays Nick Easter, and little does anybody know, he is going to make the trial a little more interesting. Easter causes himself to be put on the jury by the judge, even though the defense does not want him there. They must have a sixth sense, because Easter and his girlfriend Marlee, played by Rachel Weisz, are

planning to sell the jury to the highest bidder.

Even though the movie fails to effectively create the suspense or tension, the extras on the DVD are certainly worth checking out. There is a featurette that takes viewers backstage to watch Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman prepare and work through the seven-minute scene they have together. In addition to watching the read-through, rehearsal, filming and outtakes, the actors share their insights behind all the hype of doing a scene together, as well as speak about their friendship.

Other featurettes include a look at acting, cinematography, production design, editing, and there is the standard making-of featurette. There are also deleted and extended scenes and trailers. There are also a couple of scenes that Hackman and Hoffman offer a visual/audio commentary.

Grade: C (movie) / A (extras)

Lockwood scores weak

Amanda Dumich
Staff Writer

Music can be appreciated by all kinds of people. As someone who listens to several types of music, I came into the review with an open mind, as a listener who could understand that there are different types of music that appeal to all of us.

Lockwood's album, coincidentally called Lockwood, is a combination of several songs comprised of electronic and

acoustic music. The songs on the CD seem to evoke strong visuals images, which I believe are also portrayed on the cover of the album and in the pictures throughout. Although the pictures, full of cliché symbols of Gothica, seem interesting, the music on the other hand is not.



After listening to the CD, I was forced to listen to it once more to make sure what I heard were seven different tracks and not one extremely long song, full of repetitive eclectic themes and sonic textures, that seem to drag on and on.

There are messages in each of the songs that deal with heart-break and despair, although they seem to be drowned out by the electronic and synthesizer instruments. If you care to know what the songs are describing, I suggest reading the lyrics that are provided in the cover.

If you are looking for background music or something to play at a funeral, this is the music for you, but if you are an average listener like me, who actually enjoys life, you can pass by Lockwood and not miss a thing.

Grade: D



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Reel News

Welcome to Mooseport (movie released 2/20)

Gene Hackman plays a former president, known as 'The Eagle,' who moves to a quiet New England town to write his memoirs and enjoy retirement. Not long after his arrival, he is asked to run for mayor, and his opponent is the owner of the hardware store Handy Harrison, played by Ray Romano.

Even though it is just a small-town race, Hackman's life as a politician causes the election to elevate into a comedic war. It doesn't help that "The Eagle" made a move on Harrison's girlfriend, played by Maura Tierney.

Trivia

- While she plays the girlfriend of a political candidate in this film, Maura Tierney is the daughter of former Boston City Council president Joseph Tierney.
- A working title of this film was *Beat the Eagle*.
- Dustin Hoffman was in discussions to play the role of the former president.



Eurotrip (movie released 2/20)

Scott Thomas, played by Scott Mechlowicz, receives a letter from his German pen-pal about meeting, and he freaks out because he thinks Meike is either a guy or some older sexual stalker. He is pleasantly surprised when he discovers that Meike, played by Jessica Boehrs, is actually a hottie. Before Thomas can follow-up on it, Meike's e-mail account is discontinued.

Thomas convinces his friends to go abroad with him so that he can track her down. Together with Cooper (Jacob Pitts) and the twins Jenny (Michelle Trachtenberg) and Jamie (Travis Wester), Thomas treks across Europe in search of his beautiful pen pal.

Trivia

- Jessica Boehrs is the singer of the German techno-pop act Novaspace.
- Prior to landing his first feature film leading role in Eurotrip, Mechlowicz graduated with honors from the UCLA Conservatory Acting Program.
- This is Jeff Schaffer's directorial debut.



Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (movie released 2/20)

What's the most popular girl to do when she transfers to a new school, and she finds out that her usual role is already filled by someone else? That is exactly what happens to Lola, played by Lindsay Lohan, when her parents move from Greenwich Village to the New Jersey suburb of Dellwood.

Lola finds herself in direct competition with Carla Santini, played by Megan Fox. Lola's first move is to win the lead role in the next big school play, which is also being pursued by Carla. When Cara finds out about Lola's attempt to steal her thunder, she gets tickets to the sold-out farewell concert of Lola's favorite band. Ah, the drama of being a teenage girl.

Trivia

- New Line originally had this project, and they had planned to cast Hillary Duff as Lola.
- The film is based on the Young Adult novel "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen," by Dylan Sheldon.
- Lindsay Lohan is the daughter of a former Radio City "Rockette."



Pieces of April (DVD released 2/24)

April Burns, played by Katie Holmes, is a 21-year-old wild child who decides to have her estranged family over for a Thanksgiving dinner. Not only does she want to offer them a meal, April wants to introduce them to her new boyfriend Bobby, played by Derek Luke. When her oven breaks down, April is forced to ask her neighbors for help, and she can only hope for the best.

Extras on the DVD include audio commentary, the featurette *All the Pieces Together*, the original theatrical trailer and it is available in widescreen or full screen edition.

Trivia

- The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in the dramatic competition Jan. 2003.
- Something about those Catholic girls. Katie Holmes attended high school at Notre Dame Academy, an all-girls parochial school in Toledo, Ohio.
- Holmes is slated to appear in the next Batman film due in 2005.



The Missing (DVD released 2/24)

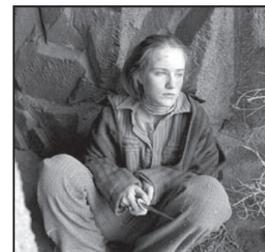
The film is set in New Mexico, 1886, and Tommy Lee Jones plays the estranged father of Cate Blanchett's character Maggie. He has returned to make amends with her after spending decades living with the Apaches, and finds out that Maggie wants nothing to do with him.

When a band of outlaw Army deserters kill Maggie's companion and kidnap her daughter, she finds herself forced to team up with her father and a mysterious Apache shaman Chidin, played by Eric Schwieg to rescue her daughter.

Extras on the DVD include audio commentary, trailers, 11 featurettes, three Ron Howard short films, three alternate endings, 11 deleted scenes and a photo gallery.

Trivia

- Tommy Lee Jones was roommates with former Vice President Al Gore at Harvard University.
- Tommy Lee Jones is a part-time cattle rancher with a 3000 acre ranch near San Antonio, Texas.
- Cate Blanchett was the first person to win the Critics Circle Theatre award for Best Newcomer and Lead Actress in the same year.



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Barbie and Ken call it quits

It has finally happened. After 43 years, Ken and Barbie have finally ended their relationship. While the official report is that Barbie and Ken are citing irreconcilable differences, the sudden appearance of an Australian boogie boarder in close orbit around Barbie have skeptics wondering what really happened. After all, most of us grew up with the couple and have at one point or another noticed their more obvious problems.

Throughout his adult life, there has been speculation about Ken's sexuality and his ability to perform. As little girls we all took Ken's clothes off and stared baffled at his sad little mound. When I had first discovered Ken's anatomic inadequacies, I thought to myself, "How does he pee?" Then I figured that "Barbie must love him for his looks."

Then there is the question of his sexuality; is he or isn't he? Ken has often appeared wearing tiaras, and jewelry. He has held jobs as a fashion guru, "Ken a Go-Go" and the "Happy Chef." True, Ken's behavior has been a little iffy, but the fact is, Ken is straight.

Christmas 2002, Barbie's best friend Midge turned up pregnant. Across the nation, eyebrows were raised as no one remembered Midge owning a wedding dress, much less having a wedding. Allen took credit for Midge's condition, but when Midge's baby daughter was presented, it became almost certain Ken was the father.

Midge has green eyes and red hair, and Allen is a brunette with green eyes. The baby girl Midge displayed so proudly is blonde haired and blue eyed. You make the connection. Barbie was a good sport though, because she was Midge's gynecologist.

With a girl like Barbie, why would Ken stray? Everyone knows that Barbie is the prettiest, smartest, best dressed and most interesting of all her friends.

Why would Ken go slumming with a hag like Midge? Perhaps Barbie is frigid. She too is lacking in a few anatomic points. I have never been

able to figure out how she pees. Barbie certainly does not pay enough attention to Ken.

How could she? Barbie has had 80 different careers ranging from teen super model to an archeologist. How could she possibly have time for anyone with all the college she must attend to do all of these jobs? In addition, when Barbie is not working, she is either competing in the Olympics, running for President or hanging out with her girlfriends.

It is a good thing Barbie has had so many careers; her spending is enough to make even the most extravagant royal blush herself to death. Barbie has had 43 pets including 21 dogs, 12 horses, a chimpanzee, a panda (illegal in a private residence, *bad Barbie*) a lion cub, a giraffe, and a zebra. Barbie has owned a billion pairs of shoes, and she acquires at least 120 new additions to her wardrobe annually. She owns a townhouse and a pink Victorian style Dream House. She has a pink Corvette, a Jeep with matching horse trailer, limousine with Jacuzzi, RV, yacht, and a jet ski.

There is no way Barbie could have acquired and then maintained so many assets. Her debt must be astronomical! Would any sane man stay with a woman who was so obviously a huge drain on his financial resources? Their fights about money must have rivaled nuclear war!

Then there is Barbie's somewhat checkered past. It has been revealed that Barbie is in fact a German prostitute by the name of Lilli. According to Salon.com, Lilli worked out of Hamburg in 1952. In 1959, Lilli changed her name (prostitutes are not granted residency in the U.S.), underwent her first make-over, and began her American life as a model. Ken must have found out at some point.

After 43 years of dating, you do learn a few things about your special someone. What is so surprising is that he did not say a word, and he probably did not leave her when he found out. What a guy! However, this does kind of explain the sexual problems in the relationship.

There has been no other word about how Ken or Barbie are doing now that they are single. Perhaps Ken keeps company with more accommodating, less complicated women like Teresa, Kayla or Christie. Meanwhile, Barbie has been spotted arm-in-arm with an Australian immigrant named Blaine. Unfortunately it already looks as if Barbie's new relationship will parallel her last one. There are already some jokes about Blaine's sexuality and his ability to perform.

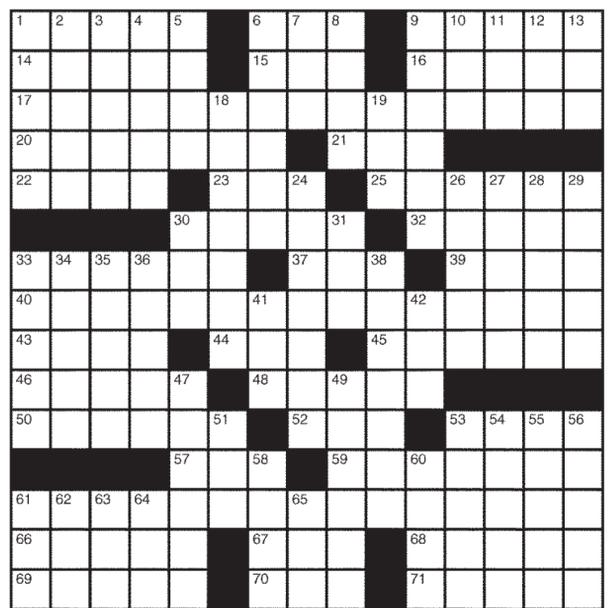
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Leslie Thompson
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Owls pitching dominates in tournament

Nathan McCreary
Senior Staff Writer

The KSU Softball team improved to 10-0, as they hosted the KSU Invitational at the Bobbie Bailey Sports Complex Feb. 20-22, where the Owls pitching staff only allowed one run in five games.

Tara Hrycuik closed the invitational with an exclamation point Sunday after pitching a perfect game against the Mars Hill Lions. The Owls beat the lions 8-0. Hrycuik started the game in dominating fashion, by striking out the first five Lion batters. The Mars Hill batters struggled all game to make good contact with Hrycuik's pitches. She faced 15 batters and five popped out while the rest struck out.

Sunday's game was special for Hrycuik for several reasons: The perfect game was her first in collegiate competition, it was only the fifth perfect game in Owls' history, she was named the tournaments Most Valuable Player, and Tara's parents, Len and Karen Hrycuik, came from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada to cheer on their daughter.

"Today was a special day for Tara" Head Softball Coach Scott Whitlock said. "Her hard work paid off and her mom and dad were in the stands to see her. We are all very proud of her."

Hrycuik was not the only Owls' pitcher to have an impressive weekend. In fact, all of the Owls pitchers have been dominating this season.

Lisa Macki, Janet Kearns and Hrycuik have a combined ERA of .046 and opponents are batting a skimpy .130 average. The Owls pitchers have not allowed a homerun in their 10 games and stuck out 69 batters.

The impressive start will not get Whitlock off their backs, "I will always critique them and try to help them pitch better," Whitlock said. "All three will tell you they have areas they need to improve on, but I am very proud of all of them."

As for the first 10 games, "So far so good, but the games and opponents will continue to get tougher," he said.

With the Kearns, Hrycuik, and Macki pitching so well, Whitlock likes the internal competition between pitchers, "They are a team within a team," he said. "They can compete with each other, but not against

each other. There will be games when they will be coming in to relieve each other."

So far the competition with each other is fierce, as Hrycuik has a 4-0 record with three shutouts, an ERA of 0.34, has allowed one earned run in 20.2inningspitched. Opponent's batters are hitting .088 against Hrycuik.

Macki has posted a 2-0 record with two shutouts, an ERA of 0.45, has allowed one earned run in 15.1innings pitched, and has batters hitting just .157.

Kearns was last year's star pitcher and continues to dominate this year. She has a 4-0 record with one shutout. She has allowed two earned runs in 25innings pitched and opponent's batters are hitting a measly .141.



Pitchers Lisa Macki (left) and Tara Hrycuik

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The Owls offensive production has been stellar, as they have out scored opponents 76-7 and are batting .370 against the opponent's pitchers. While the Owls pitching have not allowed a homerun, the offense has produced five, thanks to Keri Mckee who has three HR and Cambria McKay who has two HR.

The Owls are looking to continue their domination as they host another tournament, The Owl Classic, Feb. 27-29 at the Bobbie Bailey Complex.



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Reed helps Owls avoid a sweep

Chris Lerstang
Senior Staff Writer

When things are not going well for a team, someone needs to step up to guide through the rough time. This past weekend, Sammy Reed was that man for No. 3-ranked Kennesaw State.

After dropping the first two games of a three games series by one run to No. 17-ranked Francis Marion, Sammy Reed started game three and simply pitched a gem to get the Owls (6-5, 2-4 PBC) back on track and avoid the Peach Belt sweep.

Reed (2-0) dominated Francis Marion (6-3, 2-1) over nine innings, giving up only four hits, all singles, and striking out nine hitters, including whiffing the side in the ninth inning. Only three

Patriots were able to get past first base as Reed earned his first career shutout and first career complete game.

The game was a pitching duel through the first three innings as FMU starter Philip Wilkins retired 10 of the first 12 batters. In the fourth inning, the Owls got on the scoreboard via the long ball. With Scott Hendrix on first base from a walk, Kevin Gergel blasted a two-out home run, his second of the year, putting the Owls up 2-0. Love was up next and hit a homerun of his own making the score 3-0, marking the first time this season that the Owls have hit back-to-back home runs.

KSU added two more runs in the sixth inning when Brett Campbell reached base on an error and came around to score on a Hendrix double. Scott Conway followed with a single to drive home Hendrix.

The Owls tacked on the sixth and final run in the eighth inning on a Gergel sacrifice fly, driving Hendrix home.

While the Owls were able to avoid the sweep on Sunday, they still had to be stinging from the Saturday doubleheader sweep by the Patriots.

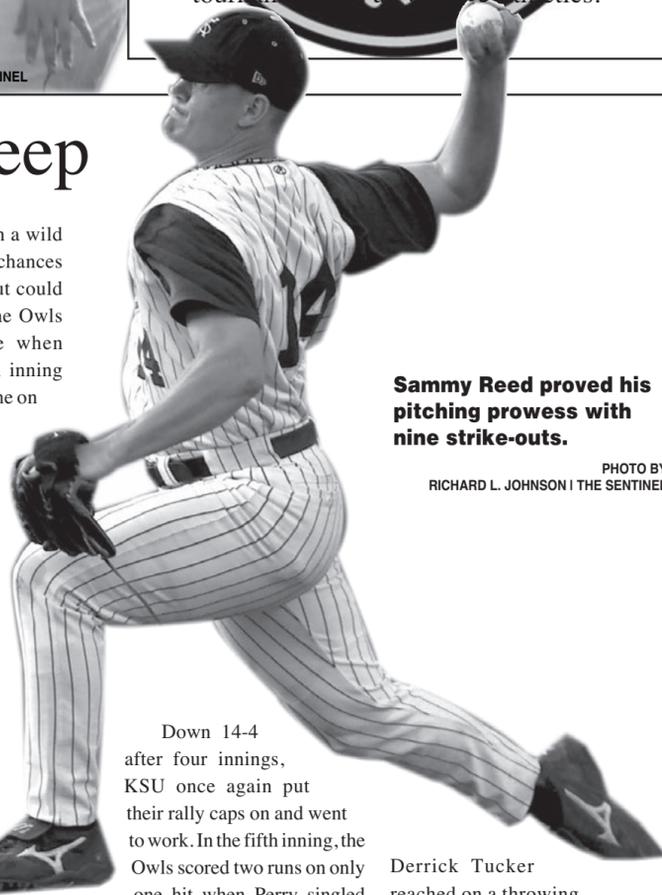
Game one was a low-

scoring pitching duel with a wild end. Both teams had their chances in the first five innings but could not push a run across. The Owls were the first to strike when Hendrix led off the sixth inning with a triple and came home on a single by Love.

The 1-0 lead wouldn't last long, though, as the Patriots got to Owls starter Brent Jackson (1-2) for five runs in the seventh inning on five hits and an Owl error.

Things really got interesting in the eighth inning. Hendrix and Conway reached on a single and a walk with only one out. Love then singled to drive home one run and was followed by a Ryan Apple double to score two more and make the score 5-4. However, Ryan Perry, who came in to pinch run for Apple, was picked off of second base to end the rally. The Owls would go down in order in the ninth inning for their third straight conference loss.

While the final score of game two was different, the result was not. Another wild one-run loss, this time a 14-13 in seven innings, had the Owls questioning the baseball gods.



Sammy Reed proved his pitching prowess with nine strike-outs.

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Down 14-4 after four innings, KSU once again put their rally caps on and went to work. In the fifth inning, the Owls scored two runs on only one hit when Perry singled home Conway and Apple, who had reached on a walk and a hit by pitch.

The everlasting top of the sixth saw the Owls draw within one run after all was said and done. Using six hits, including a Clint Watters two-run single, and two key Patriot errors, Kennesaw State was able to plate seven runs in the frame to make the score 14-13.

The Owls tried to make some noise in the seventh inning when

Derrick Tucker reached on a throwing error by shortstop Jason Weaver. With two outs, Perry ripped what looked to be a game-tying double to the gap in right center field, but center fielder Quentin Davis raced over to make a diving catch and end the Owls' hopes.

KSU next travels to Clark Atlanta before hosting their first conference series this upcoming weekend against Peach Belt Conference-leading USC Spartanburg.

2004 Peach Belt Baseball Standings (Through games played Feb. 22, 2004)

Team	Won/Loss
USC Spartanburg	5-1
North Florida	4-2
Armstrong Atlantic	2-1
Francis Marion	2-1
Augusta State	3-3
Columbus State	3-3
GC&SU	1-2
Lander	1-2
Kennesaw State	2-4
UNC Pembroke	2-4
USC Aiken	2-4

Men clinch division

The crowd and team are getting pumped as the Conference tournament nears.

Joseph Dollar
Staff Writer

The Spec Landrum Center was packed to capacity Feb. 18 when Kennesaw State defeated rival Columbus State 92-72 for their 14th straight victory.

"Best crowd we've ever had here," junior point guard Tommy Thompson said. "I don't think our fans would rather be anywhere else but here tonight."

Thompson was instrumental in sparking his team to an early 18-11 lead with three three-pointer field goals. Thompson tied his season point high with 15 to go with seven assists and five rebounds.

"It was good to knock down some shots early," Thompson said of the long range shooting success.

"Tommy sent a message early on," head coach Tony Ingle said. "We're here tonight."

Minutes later senior guard Terrence Hill missed a lay up. Senior forward Reggie McKoy was there to clean up the miss with a rare put back dunk that sent the crowd into a mind-numbing roar.

On the next possession Hill made sure that the ball went into the basket. He drove the baseline, leaped over a CSU defender and dunked on him like he was hoping to get on ESPN's highlight segment. The basket gave KSU a 24-

16 lead with 11:46 to go in the first half.

The intensity over flowed to the bench later in the half when both teams' coaches were given technicals for arguing over personal fouls.

The Owls put up an explosive offensive effort in the first 20 minutes. Lead by Hill with 17 first half points, they had a 56-43 half-time lead.

Junior guard Rey Luque came into the game slumping. In his last two games, Luque only had 14 points combined. Luque came out in the second half to drain three of his four three-pointers.

“If we continue to play like this, I don't think anyone can beat us.”

~ Owls junior guard Ray Luque

Luque scored 12 of his 19 points in the second half to help lead the Owls to their 13th consecutive conference win.

McKoy contributed with his 10th double-double this season with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

When asked about his choice for player of the game, "Everyone came to play tonight," Ingle said. It was an astute observation given that five players had double digits in the game.

The win clinched the south division of the Peach Belt Conference. "We started out slow," Thompson said, "but it's not how you start. It's how you finish the season."

"If we continue to play like this, I don't think anyone can beat us," Luque said.



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Owls overpower UNC Pembroke

Joseph Dollar
Staff Writer

Kennesaw State (24-4, 14-0) cruised to a 99-64 victory over UNC Pembroke on Saturday afternoon.

The Owls shot a blazing 58 percent from the field for the game. Senior guard Terrence Hill led the way with 21 points, followed closely by Reggie McKoy's 16 and Cardale Talley's 15.

Few individual stats stood out in the box score. KSU out rebounded the Braves 43-25, but not one Owl player had more than seven. The Owls held an 18-10 advantage in assists, but the assist leader Tommy Thompson only had four.

The Owls' defense was part of the reason for the spread out contribution. Head coach Tony Ingle likes to get his bench involved whenever possible, because he knows that when the post-season is in full swing,

the playing time is directed to a shorter list of players.

The defense clamped down on the Braves offense by holding them to 24 first half points. The Braves were able to shoot 50 percent from the field, but they found it hard keep up with a high scoring team like KSU. The Owls defense only allowed them to attempt 20 shots in the first half. In contrast, the Owls made 19 shots in the first 20 minutes of play.

The bench was heavily involved in the second half outcome. The Braves were able to score more points against a less talented defensive unit, but the Owls offense pushed the tempo, countering the lapse on defense. KSU shot 60 percent from the field and scored 53 points in the second half.

The Owls host Clayton State tonight for senior night at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Owls on a mission

With the conference tournament approaching, the Owls are on a winning streak

Matt Cutrona
Senior Staff Writer

The women's basketball team continued the quest for the conference tournament facing Columbus State and UNC Pembroke last week. Both teams fell to the Owls, but only Columbus State made it look like KSU was playing against a high school team.

KSU led by as many as 43 points during the Feb. 18 match against Columbus State at the Spec Landrum Centre. There were a lot of supporters that traveled to see the Lady Cougars, but the crowd left Kennesaw feeling severely defeated.

Every KSU player had a chance to score at least one basket against Columbus State. Owls head coach Colby Tilley said, "The girls are playing like the team I knew they could be all season, and this win was really refreshing."

Denisha Ferguson, Kristina Usaite and Malgorzata Morka all scored in double digits, but it was

Ferguson who overpowered Columbus State. Usaite had 18 points, and with Ferguson by her side, they make an unstoppable team.

"This win gives us a good shot on finishing second in the conference," Tilley said, "and that would give us a bye in the first round of the tournament."

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~ Colby Tilley Head Womens' Basketball coach

On Feb. 21, in Pembroke, NC, KSU found their team in a position they were not used to, they were trailing at the half. However, at the beginning of the second half the Owls came out running and took the win 87-64.

Larvisha West led the Owls with 24 points, followed by the great play of Denisha Ferguson who netted 18 points and grabbed a season high 19 rebounds. Senior Lauren Gaines had an ever so important three-pointer to tie the game capping a 16-0 Owl run.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 is Senior Night at the Spec Landrum Centre where the Lady Owls will go for their fifth straight win.



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The sweet taste of revenge

Richard L. Johnson
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With a tight knit defense and a relentless offense, KSU defeated Middle Tennessee State University 2-1 on Feb. 20.

Both teams were shut out going into the third period due to outstanding plays by both goalies. Halfway into the third period, forward Jason Welch took a pass from Bret Gibout and put the puck into the net to put the Owls on the board.

It looked like the game would stay 1-0 until MTSU, with only 1:51 left in the game, took a break-away and slipped it past goalie Chris Telford to tie the game up.

"I told them don't get nervous," Head Coach Craig MacDonald said. "Keep pouring it on them; they're tired."

That is exactly what the Owls did, and less than 30 seconds later, KSU was sweeping back down the ice with speed that left MTSU bewildered. Forward Brian Wickstrom took a pass from his left to shoot the puck right past the Blue Raiders goalie and seal the win.

"MTSU was loaded," MacDonald said. "It was going to take 100% from all of these guys."

The Blue Raiders handily beat the Owls 11-1 earlier

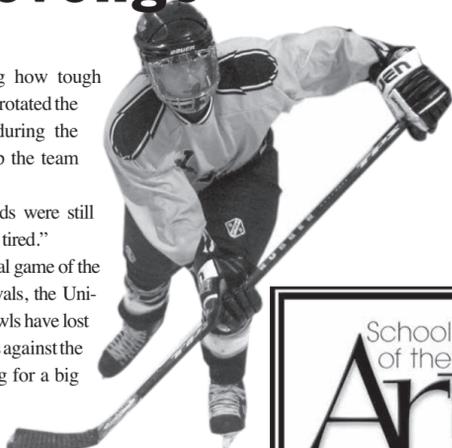
in the season. Knowing how tough MTSU was, MacDonald rotated the Owls lines frequently during the first two periods to keep the team from becoming tired.

"It paid off. The kids were still fresh and MTSU was just tired."

KSU will play its final game of the season against in-state rivals, the University of Georgia. The Owls have lost both regular season games against the Ice Dogs and are looking for a big win to end the season.

"This is big," said MacDonald. "You see a different fire in these kids eyes when they come walking in the locker room for these games. No speeches, no nothing. Just show them UGA."

The game against the University of Georgia will be played at Phillips Arena on Feb 29. The Owls and Ice Dogs will take the ice at the conclusion of the Atlanta Thrashers game.



Feb 5

By Chris Lerstang

Saturday, February 28

No. 5 Mississippi St. at Vanderbilt
8:00 p.m.
Memorial Gym
Nashville, TN

Vandy is definitely [on the bubble I don't get this phrase... is it a sports thing I don't get?] for the NCAA Tournament and a win against a top five team would probably seal the deal. Matt Freije is the go-to guy for the Commodores and fills the nets for 18.1 points per game, but they don't have another real scoring threat. The Bulldogs, however, have the probable SEC Player-of-the-Year in Lawrence Roberts. Expect the 'Dores to be desperate, but it won't be enough.

No. 3 Saint Joseph's at Rhode Island
12:00 p.m.
Ryan Center
Kingston, RI

Because of their weak conference, St. Joe's is going to have to run the table to get the No. 1 seed. A road trip to Rhode Island is one of the final tests where the natives will be going nutty. The Rams have struggled this season and are under .500 in the A-10, but a win here would make their season. The Hawks are way too good, though, so expect St. Joe's to pull away late.

No. 24 Syracuse at No. 4 Pittsburgh
4:00 p.m.
Petersen Events Center
Pittsburgh, PA

The Orangemen are probably in the Big Dance unless they really falter down the stretch, but a win

over Pitt would give them a higher seed. Pitt needs to win them all to get that all-important No. 1 seed. The Panthers have such a balanced scoring attack that it's hard to decide who to defend, but Syracuse should be able to keep up on the offensive end, as they average 76.6 points per game. Pitt is undefeated at home, so expect another Panther victory.

No. 14 Kennesaw State at North Florida
4:00 p.m.
UNF Arena
Jacksonville, FL

This is the last regular season Peach Belt match-up for KSU and will no doubt be a war. The Owls took the first game against the Ospreys, 66-53, by using a stifling full-court press and will probably use the same strategy until North Florida proves they can beat the pressure. Donny Lotz and Derrick Scott lead the Ospreys in scoring, and they will have the home crowd behind them. Expect a close game, but the nod must be given to the Owls.

Monday, March 1

No. 12 Texas at No. 7 Oklahoma State
9:00 p.m.
Gallagher-Iba Arena
Stillwater, OK

The best team in the Big 12 is not the Longhorns, Sooners or Jayhawks like everyone originally thought. It's Oklahoma State and they are scary. Troy Allen leads the Cowboys in scoring with 15.7 points per game, but he has a supporting cast of three others that have double figure averages. Texas is rolling but they must travel to Stillwater, where no one wins. Expect the Cowboys to win another big one.

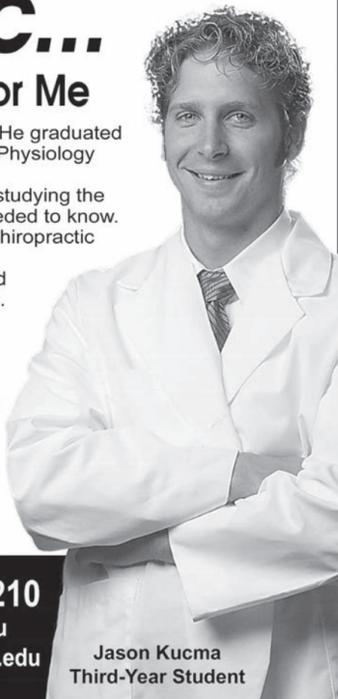
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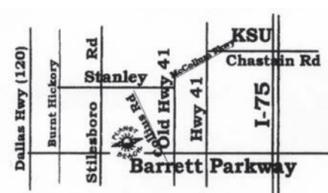
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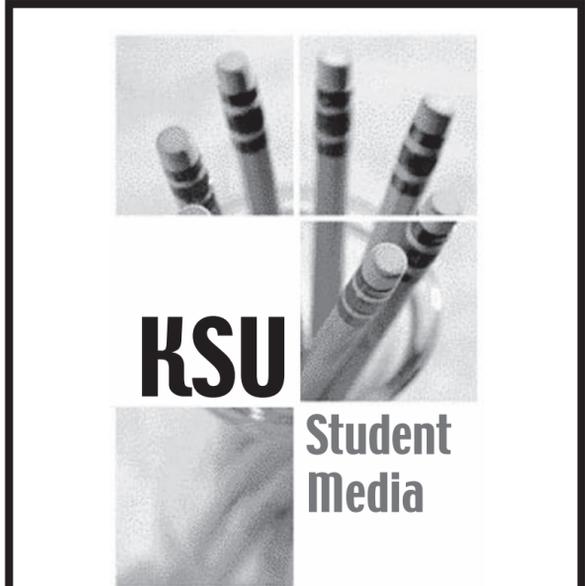
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