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**Students have to decide
how to receive funds**

Melissa Spielholz
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February marks a new chapter in university funds distribution. Students will have to decide if they would like paper or plastic when dealing with financial aid refunds, as KSU has implemented a system to distribute funds more efficiently. Until the adoption of the "KSU debit card," students had to wait for their funds to arrive in the mail, but now students have a choice.

Martha Roth, director of Universal Card Services Center, said the project began with the Board of Regents' request for the university to identify any business processes that may have needed to be re-engineered. The project that appeared at the top of the list was the distribution of funds.

"We felt we had a large opportunity, with 65% of students receiving some kind of refund or financial aid, to reduce the current amount of check handling and manual processing," Roth said. "Additionally, we could address the concern of the students that they can not get their money quick enough, it often takes a week or more before they receive their funds."

KSU teamed up with the University of West Georgia and went before the Board of Regents to present their findings on improving

the current distribution method. The Board of Regents granted permission for this project to begin and soon after students received notification through student email accounts

The program took effect Feb. 16, and the university hopes to tackle other areas of funds distribution soon, including student payroll.

"The only difficulty we're having at this point is getting people to activate their cards," Roth said. "There is some misconception to the students that by activating the card, they are opening a MasterCard/debit account and that is not true."

Under the new method, it is imperative that students go to the Web site (http://www.KSUone.com), and activate their card. Activating the card verifies that the student does have the card they were assigned. It does not open a Higher One account automatically. Once the student goes to the Web site and activates their card, they are brought to a screen giving three different options of how they may choose to receive their funds. At this point, the student will choose whether they would like to continue receiving paper checks, have funds deposited into a third party bank account or open an account with Higher One.



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Director of Universal Card Services
Center

Higher One, the bank KSU and West Georgia have teamed up with for this project, offers students free checking accounts. If the student chooses to open a Higher One account, the card is activated as a debit card and is accepted anywhere MasterCard is accepted. If the student chooses either of the other options, the card will not be activated as a debit card, but students are advised to not throw away their cards. Students who do not activate their cards will not be able to receive refunds until they do so.

"I personally feel that in this day and age, with all of the advancements in technology," said Nathan Chadwick, an undeclared freshman,

"that this will make money matters at KSU one-hundred times easier."

With advances in technology affecting people's lives everyday, KSU continues to strive to use all available resources to serve students as efficiently as possible.

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Department crowns a new chairperson

Melissa Spielholz
Senior Staff Writer

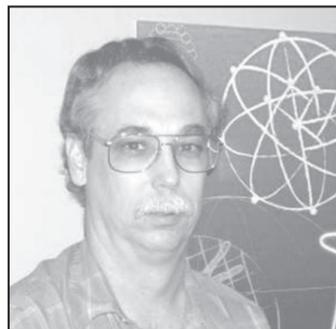
Long-time professor, Ronald Matson, has accepted the position of chair of Biological and Physical Sciences department.

"We have recently completed a nationwide search for the Chair of our Department of Biological & Physical Science. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ronald Mason has been offered and has accepted the position," said Dean Larry Peterson of the college of science & mathematics, in an email addressing faculty Feb. 24.

Having served as the acting chair of the department for nine months, Matson hopes to use his knowledge to advance the department. "It is

a matter of service—of giving back to the department and university that has helped me in my career," Matson said. "I like working with a team of dedicated people as we all try to move the department forward. I see the chair's position as a way to help the faculty make the department a better place for them and our students."

With goals of further developing the department, Matson hopes to develop a master's program for students who want to continue their education. "Such programs keep the faculty active in their field, makes them more competitive for grants, which, in turn, provides more op-



Dr. Ronald Matson has been named the new chair of the Biological and Physical Sciences department.

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KSU prepares for disaster

Doug Kindry
Staff Writer

University police and administration will host a mock disaster on campus. The disaster drill will take place this summer and will involve a large section of university grounds. The working mock disaster plan incorporates Cobb County's emergency resources, as well as major Georgia emergency agencies. The disaster drill will include a simulated bomb explosion on the lower floors of the science building. A second bomb, with a ticking expiration, will be hidden in the same building as part of the drill.

Police emergency resources, including the bomb squad and K-9 units, will respond, along with the Cobb County Sheriff Dept, Marietta Police, Kennesaw Police and the Georgia Highway Patrol. Along with police efforts, emergency medical resources will be combined with fire and rescue units. State level participation will be the GBI and GEMA (Georgia Emergency Management Agency). Counselors will be present from the CAPS center to respond to any grief or stress concerns. Kennestone Hospital, the

American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Cobb County Transportation and local county utility companies also plan to participate.

With more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, Lt. Jerry Jacobs is leading the effort for KSU and acting as a liaison to outside authorities. He served as the graveyard detective supervisor in a section of Brooklyn and has responded to riots and civic disorders, such as the bombing of the World Trade Building in 1993. Jacobs has played a role in two prior disaster teams and brings extensive disaster training knowledge to the drill.

Campus administration is talking about the disaster drill.

"This is exciting," said Dr. Nancy King, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Services. "This is a large scale simulation that will help us be better prepared for any potential disaster."

"We will analyze how the certain flow of media interests would impact KSU," said Dr. Frances Weyand, Director of Media and Editorial services. "This is all in an effort to find any weakness in the system, in order to fix the problem in case of a real emergency."



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Director of Public Safety Ted Cochran (left) stands outside the science building where the mock disaster will test KSU and Cobb County's emergency resources, as well as major Georgia emergency agencies. The disaster drill will include a simulated bomb explosion on the lower floors of the science building.

Stalker arrested

Richard L. Johnson
Assistant Photo Editor

Officers arrested a man for peeping tom and aggravated stalking after they responded to a prowler call on Idlewood Avenue on Feb. 22.

Officers caught the man as he exited nearby woods and tried to leave in a car parked between two buildings.

According to the report, the victim called the police at 2:36 a.m. when she saw a man's shadow outside her living room window. She told officers that the shadow was possibly her former boyfriend, Michael Wafula. The victim also told officers that she had a protective order issued against Wafula that restrained him from contacting her.

Officers located Wafula's vehicle in a nearby parking lot. The officers concealed themselves and watched the vehicle. At 2:56 a.m., officers saw Wafula come out of the woods and get into the car.

According to the report, Wafula initially told the officers he was at the apartment complex to check his mail. He later told the officers he had come to speak with his ex-girlfriend and had been looking in her window so he could see if she was alone.

According to Cobb County Superior Court records, Wafula had been charged with a prior felony count of peeping tom in August 2003. The court documents indicate that a jury trial on that case was to start on Feb. 23.

Georgia history day 2004

KSU holds history competition

LaToya T. Cole
Staff Writer

The Georgia Humanities Council along with the department of history and philosophy sponsored Georgia History Day on Saturday, Feb. 28. The theme was Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History. The contest and exhibits were open to students, grades 6-12. Students submitted historical papers, projects, media presentations and performances. The event allowed students to compete with other students on the local, state and national levels. Each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners is eligible to go to the state competition in Macon, Georgia, Apr. 24. The state winners go on to National History Day held at the University of Maryland, June 13-17.

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FROM MATSON, PAGE 1

portunities for all our students. I hope that as chair I will be able to help make a master's degree program a reality," Matson said.

"The dedicated, hardworking biology & physics faculty & staff that I work with are what makes this a great department. The faculty is truly committed to sharing their love of science with their students," Matson said.

"They are dedicated to making sure our students are well-

educated and have the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed," he said. "Because of the efforts of the faculty, we provide our students with a top quality education second-to-none. At the same time, the faculty has increased the amount of scholarships coming out of our department. This reflects not only on them as individuals, but on the department and KSU as well."

Matson's science interest be-

gan as a child.

"When I was a kid, I liked dinosaurs. I also used to do a lot of camping and backpacking and wanted to know about the plants and animals I saw," Matson said. "By the time I entered college, going into biology seemed like the right path for me—I was interested in trying to understand how nature works."

Matson came to KSU in 1989, from University of Alabama, after

finishing his post-doctoral studies. Matson also has a Bachelor of Science in zoology, a Master of Science in biology from California State University and a PhD from UCLA.

"He brings to this position," Peterson said, "an outstanding record of dedicated service and leadership at the department, college, and university level, for which he has been recognized with numerous awards. Dr. Matson emerged from the search as the candidate most prepared to provide the energy, experience, vision, and leadership skills necessary to take the department to its next level of prominence within the university."

Students are encouraged to stop by the science building, introduce themselves and congratulate Matson on his new position. To visit Matson's Web site, go to "<http://science.kennesaw.edu/~rmatson/cv.html>"



POLICE BEAT

Compiled by Richard L. Johnson

A suspicious male tried to get a female student to accept a ride from him on the morning of Feb. 16. According to the police report, the woman was walking to class from the Lutheran Church parking lot on Frey Lake Road at 10:45 a.m. when a man driving a black two-door passenger car pulled up next to her. The man asked her if she would let him give her a ride to her class. She told the man "no," but he persisted that she should let him give her a ride. She continued to refuse and walked away. She described the subject as a white male in his late twenties with a slim build and blonde hair. He wore khaki pants and a black jacket.

Stopped for speeding and weaving, a Woodstock man was arrested for DUI. When a KSU officer stopped the vehicle on Chastain Road, the driver told the officer that he just left Sidelines bar. After a series of field sobriety evaluations, the driver was arrested for DUI. The state breath test indicated a blood alcohol concentration of .146 grams.

KSU officers assisted Cobb County police twice on Feb 21. A KSU officer helped stop

a vehicle at 1:52 a.m. on Interstate 75 that had been involved in a shooting. At 10:05 p.m., KSU and Cobb County police responded to an armed robbery at The Mill at Chastain Apartments on George Busbee Parkway. The KSU K-9 unit tracked the suspects to Millstead Village apartments where the suspects possibly entered a vehicle and fled. The robbers matched the descriptions of the suspects from two robberies earlier the same evening on Barrett Parkway.

An irate man called and began cursing at members of the Georgia Commission for the Holocaust. The victim told police that a man called to complain about a display panel at the Anne Frank Museum in the KSU Center. The man, who said that he had not viewed the panel himself, claimed to be offended by it and cursed the employee.

A Canton man was arrested for DUI when an officer observed the man unable to maintain a single lane of travel. According to the report, the man told the officer he "had a few beers" at Kennesaw Billiards. The officer administered field sobriety evaluations to the man and subsequently arrested him. The state breath test indicated a blood alcohol concentration of .182 grams.

Option	Pro's	Con's
1 Continue to receive a paper check through the mail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A student will actually be able to see the funds they are receiving. The ability to personally cash or deposit the check. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The turnaround time from the time the check is printed to the time the student receives the check, can reach 7-10 business days. The time it takes to drive to a bank to cash or deposit the funds.
2 Have the funds deposited into their personal 3rd party bank account.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funds will be electronically deposited into the account designated by the student, eliminating the time it takes personally go to the bank. No additional fee for choosing this option. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can take up to 3 days longer to receive funds, than if the funds were transferred into a Higher One account.
3 Open a Higher One account and have funds deposited directly into the account.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds from the university will be available immediately. No monthly account fees, no minimum balance requirements. Ability to use the KSU one card as a debit card at any location accepting MasterCard. Funds transferred electronically from either another account or direct deposit become immediately available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no physical locations for Higher One Bank; this bank is strictly an Internet bank. Paper checks to be deposited will have to be mailed to Higher One or dropped in the on-campus drop-box, make funds delayed in availability. Cash cannot be deposited into account.

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- 2nd The Great Locomotive Chase – Canton Elementary School

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- 3rd Panama Canal: Exploration of Engineering – Rome High School

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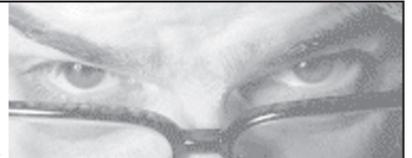
SENIOR GROUP DOCUMENTARY

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- 2nd The Battle for the Plains – Rome High School
- 3rd An American Holocaust – Rome High School

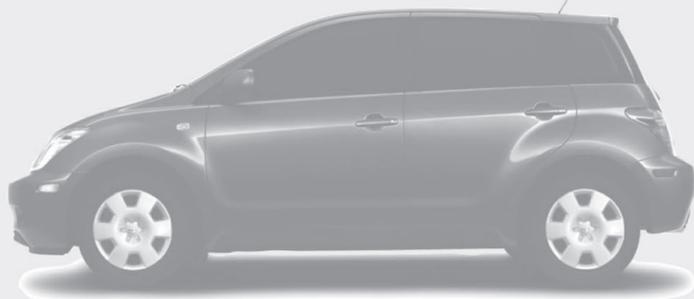
SENIOR HISTORICAL PAPERS

- 1st Galileo and his Telescope – Rome High School
- 2nd The Arctic Controversies: Cook vs. Peary and the Struggle to Determine the True Discoverer of the North Pole – Lakeside High School
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VIEWPOINTS

The war effort in the Middle East

It seems that every time I turn on my radio or TV I hear that another 3 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq (according to what the government wants us to know), despite the war being "over". It seems that more soldiers have died in the period that the war has been "over" than who died in the actual war itself. As each day goes by and Iraqi resistors manage to consistently kill coalition soldiers, I have to ask myself a few questions about why this is happening. A few possible answers came up, but were quickly defeated, as different examples of inconsistencies presented themselves.

My first issue is with the everlasting search for weapons of mass destruction. America has them so why shouldn't other countries? If America wants other countries to disarm, shouldn't we set the example by being the first to do so?

Before I go any further, let me say that I am glad that Saddam has been caught, and that both Saddam's government and the Taliban are no longer in existence. Other leaders and regimes responsible for crimes to humanity still exist. There are many other countries where people are suffering because of these terrible regimes, however, America is not investing billions of dollars to correct their problems.

The next issue I have with the war is its goal of eliminating terrorism all over the world. I'm sorry but this sounds like an unrealistic childish dream. Every aspect of people's lives would have to be controlled in order to achieve this, and since George W. Bush has said that he respects people's individual freedoms, I don't see how would be possible.

The defense of America was another reason given for the war. For years taxpayer dollars have been spent on giving Israel supplies and

weapons. In turn the American dollars and machinery are used to impose curfews, discriminate against, and attack Palestinians. I welcome other explanations, but this sounds like an offensive attack to me.

An Israeli bulldozer ran over and killed an American war protestor in the Gaza strip who stood up to try to save a Palestinian family from having their house bulldozed (source www.csmonitor.com). The bulldozer was paid for with American tax dollars.

I am still confused about why Afghanistan was bombed in the name of "Defending Freedom." I do not understand how defending freedom means dropping bombs on a country that has been bombed for the past two decades, especially when the majority of the terrorists in the 9/11 attacks were from Saudi Arabia, America's "ally."

I am also completely bewildered that the government is so fixated on the rebuilding of Iraq, a country thousands of miles away, when America itself has so many problems. I am reminded of this whenever I see children selling candy outside in the cold for school fundraisers. If so much money wasn't going to Iraq, maybe the government could contribute more to our schools. Money is being spent on an Iraqi education system, while kids in the American education system continue to go down the drain. Why would the U.S. government pour money into an Iraqi health system, when America's practice of healthcare has fallen victim to the practice of insurance? It just doesn't make sense. Does the U.S. government care more about Iraq or America? The last scenario that comes to mind is this: How is a country as young as America going to erase a way of life that is thousands of years old? Are the Iraqi people really going to just accept democracy? Sorry Mr. Bush but I am not convinced.



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Consume less, live more



Grant Voyles
Viewpoints Editor

America is a capitalist country that embraces free enterprise, whose lynchpin is competition and variety for the consumer. It's all about survival of the fittest. Keep that in mind the next time you walk through Wal-Mart; shoddy, homogenized products and headache-inducing fluorescent lighting are—ironically—the same things your high school social studies book warned that you'd find in a totalitarian-communist country. Adding to the irony is the fact that a country that values "survival of the fittest" has so many obese citizens.

Before the Ayn Rand babies bombard me with letters, I am not advocating the end of global capitalism. Capitalism is a great system for creating wealth; however, unchecked capitalism can have disastrous consequences. Look up the days of the "Steel Trust" and you'll see that free enterprise outsmarted itself into a monopoly—the antithesis of free enterprise. The problem lies in cultural programming that has promoted the values that worth is based on money and materialism, thus creating the problem of overconsumption and consumer culture. Why is Paris Hilton on TV? It's certainly not talent—oh, yeah she's from a rich family.

Overconsumption is a mounting problem, both on a national and global scale. We are all consumers and we all have needs. But consuming too much means taking more than can be productively used, or more than the environment can sustainably provide. The most obvious repercussion is environmental damage. Overconsumption accelerates species extinction, global warming, and accumulation of garbage. It also means that we're using renewable resources faster than nature can restore them. According to the New Road Map Foundation, one million acres of crop land are lost to erosion each year and ninety percent of the northwestern old-growth forests are gone. The U.S. Academy of Sciences states that "[i]f current predictions of populations growth and patterns of human activity on the planet remain unchanged, science and technology may not be able to prevent irreversible degradation of the environment, or contin-

ued poverty for much of the world." And who's benefiting? Simply because we're producing more and buying more does not mean that our overall quality of life is getting any better. A study by Food First showed that in 1999, the richest one percent of Americans had as much after-tax income as the 38 percent of Americans with the lowest incomes. The wealthiest one percent of households own nearly 40 percent of the nation's wealth, while the bottom 80 percent of households own just 16 percent. Looking back at history you can see the same archetypal structure in the feudal system of the medieval days. Is this not the same dominant paradigm America so vocally protests? It seems that "trickle down" economics has left those at the bottom parched with thirst.

Overconsumption has come about because corporations and chain stores have altered the socio-economic fabric of this nation. We are constantly under a barrage of advertisements that promote the "you are what you buy" mentality. All too often when making a purchase decision people do not ask "what do I need?"; they ask "what do I want?" I can think of nothing more absurd than "window shopping". This practice means putting yourself into advertisers' chosen territory—why would you ever want to do that? People are coaxed into buying things they don't truly need because shopping and leisure have become intertwined. Shopping malls represent nothing more than the commercialization of social interaction. Do you ever ask yourself who the hell is Tommy Hilfiger and why do I want his name across my chest? Or why would you need a four-wheel drive SUV for cruising the suburbs? Shopping may fulfill the hollow needs of wanting to belong and give you control over your environment, but consuming more things is a harmful way to try to achieve happiness. Happiness and human worth are not related to what you buy, but rather to who you are and how you treat people. In a consumer society, you can never have enough and that's what the corporations want—McDonalds and Nike are not trying to be your friends. You are not the sum total of your possessions. You are not a human product that was stamped out in a factory. Start consuming less (and consuming smarter), living more, and enjoying what you have—not just in a material sense.

YET MORE RESPONSES TO MS. DANIELS' "AMERICA MUST DEFEND THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE" EDITORIAL

Daniels is not alone...

Dear Editor,

Just so you know: I'm a Christian; I'm white; I'm male; I'm southern; I'm middle class; I'm am middle aged; I live outside I-285.

In reading all of the responses to Emily Daniels' article (which I have not read), I was impressed with the fact that they were all against Ms. Daniels and pro-gay marriage. First of all, Ms. Daniels, I want you to know you are not alone.

The arguments in favor of gay marriage just do not stand up to reason. Remember reason? Remember we are a nation of laws and not feelings? Is the disintegration of marriage a good excuse to change the meaning of the word or the meaning of the institution? Is the denial of benefits to homosexuals is another good reason to change the very framework of society? I cannot follow that logic.

Marriage means the union of one man and one woman. It is as simple as that. If two people of the same sex want to live together and model their lives like heterosexuals, they certainly may do so. We are fortunate enough to live in a Judeo-Christian society that allows a degree of personal freedom unknown throughout the rest of the world.

If someone is denied benefits because of their sexual orientation, why not change the laws that allow that to happen? Why redefine words and institutions that have stood for eons? Why don't we take government regulations out of the areas of our lives where they don't belong?

My goal is not to tell people how to live their lives. I would like to encourage a deeper reflection on the long term consequences of what it is we are discussing. Our society has gone long enough without really considering the direction in which we are traveling. If our society endorses the idea of gay marriage, what then? Where does it lead?

Marshall James
Senior, History

The Hypocrisy of the "Tolerance" Movement

Dear Editor,

I read with extreme incredulity the eleven letters to the Editor in last week's Sentinel. I knew the liberals would argue with Ms. Emily Daniels' article two weeks ago in defense of the Same Sex Marriage Amendment, but I did not realize they would stoop so low. In 80% of those letters who disagreed with Ms. Daniels' position, they personally attacked HER, not her beliefs. For example, according to Mr. Sam Squires, "The denial of this right from homosexuals stems only from hate, bigotry, homophobia, and the desire of the masses to put down those different from themselves, much in the same way this article does".

According to Ms. Barbara McClure, the entire article has "an overall quality of intolerance or at the very least, ignorance". These are just two examples, among MANY others. I counted 12 direct quotes from

8 authors who proclaimed "tolerance" but were themselves intolerant of those they deem to be "intolerant".

I have no problems with tolerance, because it all comes down to respect. I DO believe that ALL beliefs should be tolerated, not just those with whom the liberals happen to agree with. TRUE tolerance is accepting of ALL beliefs including hard line conservative and Judeo-Christian ones. TRUE tolerance is completely neutral. It accepts ALL and denigrates NONE. This is NOT where the current "tolerance" movement - particularly as exposed by last week's authors stands. After all, could it be that the liberals already know - whether consciously or not - that Truth will prevail when it is presented in a neutral fashion?

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America already tolerant of gays

Dear Editor,

I found the recent outrage over Emily Daniels and her piece on gay marriage pathetic and comical. The vitriolic responses of those who support the "gay rights" agenda exposed the contradiction behind their movement. They shout "TOLERANCE, TOLERANCE, GIVE US TOLERANCE!!!!" Yet if anyone dares to question or disagree in the slightest with any element of their agenda, they unleash fiery darts of labels like bigot, homophobe, narrow minded, etc. Does this sound a bit intolerant? Don't they realize that the overwhelming majority of Americans are not like that, rather, they are simply people who disagree with the idea of gay marriage. (HUSH, HUSH), (GASP, GASP) we're going back to the dark ages, oh no!!! The fact of the matter is, marriage is not a right, and Americans overall have been very tolerant of homosexuals. The gay rights movement cannot acknowledge that, because doing that would make it impotent (no pun intended). The leaders of this actually powerful movement, will always need a crusade to remain relevant. Without imaginary "civil rights" issues like gay marriage, it would be much more difficult for them to manipulate the minds of their followers. Here are some words of advice for the gay rights movement: Quit trying to turn America's tolerance into a full-fledged endorsement of every aspect of the gay lifestyle. Wake up and smell the coffee, you are way out of touch with mainstream America!! Over 60% of America disagrees with the idea of gay marriage and the way homosexuals carry themselves. Americans are against your illegal marriages and even San Francisco is turning off those who were sympathetic to you. Stop demonizing those with whom you disagree; it shows that you have nothing of substance to add to the debate. Quite honestly, if the gay rights movement continues like this, the pink on their flag will soon be upstaged by the red on their face.

Jesse Velarde
Political Science

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Amanda Dumich
Staff Writer

Cafeteria food Is it worth the cost?

Quality Food? Competitive prices? What are the students' perceptions regarding the food they eat and the money they spend each day at KSU? These are just a few questions that were asked to the students and Kerry Morrison, the Director of Food Services.

Morrison has been at KSU for three years and is responsible for all food operations on ca.m.pus. He ensures quality of foods with competitive prices as well as customer service, satisfaction, health and cleanliness.

When asked about his opinion regarding the students' perception on the prices and quality of the food available on ca.m.pus, he said that he felt it was 50/50. Morrison thought some of the customers might think that the food court is expensive when compared to the "street" prices of comparable items, but he also felt that the pricing differences could result from the fact that the selections available on ca.m.pus are not comparable to those offered at competing street restaurants. For example, he said one could not compare the food court products with any 99-cent menu items, because a student is not receiving that same quantity of product as they would for say, \$2.50.

Morrison gave an example of a misconception regarding the cost of food on campus. He said, "There have been a couple of instances where someone has come and said, I can't get anything for under \$5.00. We went over to the deli and went through and did a sandwich and a combo, with chips and a drink, and it was under \$5.00." He believes the misconceptions about excessive on-campus pricing are mostly based upon unfounded hearsay.

Several students that were asked to comment on the "competitive" prices felt that KSU's prices were average compared to other competing restaurants in the area. Senior Miranda Bouldin, a Chemistry major, said "The prices on food are average but the drinks are overpriced."

"I think they are competitive and average," said Junior Debbie Crawley, a Nursing major who ate frequently at the food court last semester.

To ensure the competitive prices, Morrison and his staff go out to the street, annually every summer and chart the prices of the food that is served in the food court with similar products that can be purchased at Subway, Wendy's and other fast food restaurants in the area. Amber Maritan, a junior Communication major, felt that the prices for the hot meals that are set up in the food court are priced a bit higher. "I thought the food was kind of expensive one time when I bought some Chinese food they were serving."

Lauren Cooper, Sophomore Marketing major, usually spends her money on Chick-fil-a or Pizza Hut said, "I

think the prices are fair or average compared to what I can buy off ca.m.pus."

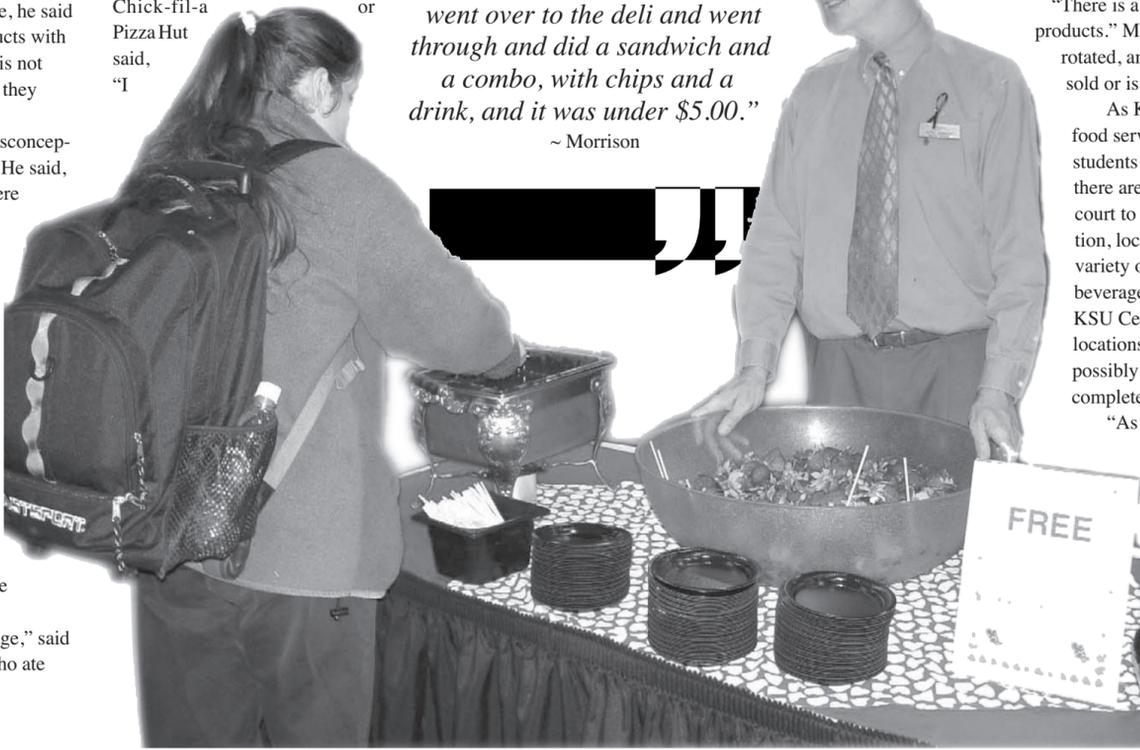
As for the quality of the food and taste, Morrison said that he had not found that many comparisons to quality of food at the street merchants. He said that he had never had comments that the food taste has

been bad, or was not as good as any other place in the area.

When asked how the students felt about the quality

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~ Morrison



of the food, most responded that they felt the food was average. "I like the subs that the food court sells," Crawley said. Tiffany Hendrix, a junior Nursing major, agreed with Crawley on the good quality of the deli sandwiches, and also enjoys the Chick-fil-a that is sold daily.

Miranda Bouldin felt otherwise. "I think that the restaurants in the area are better."

The food court serves 5,000 students throughout the week, with most of its business from 8 or 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "The reason I eat at KSU is because it is convenient," Maritan said.

Justin McCurdy, a senior Professional Sales major, agrees. "The food is fine, but honestly, parking is so bad here, I don't want to lose my spot just to go and get something to eat."

Cleanliness and preparation, as well as, fresh stock of products are also important to ensure the best quality of products. Morrison said that foods are prepared fresh and made available daily. Morrison personally stocks and rotates the items in the vending machines located in the food court.

"There is a two day shelf-life on all of our products," Morrison said. "Each day the food is rotated, and after a day the food has either been sold or is discarded."

As KSU continues to expand, so will the food service, providing more places for students to "grab food on the go." Right now there are two locations other than the food court to purchase food. Consumption Junction, located in the Burruss building, serves a variety of cold sandwiches, snacks and beverages. There is also a Caf  located at the KSU Center. Future plans include adding food locations in the Math/Science buildings and possibly in the housing developments, once completed.

"As a service provider it is my responsibility to move to where the customers are," Morrison said. He also feels like there is not as much foot traffic in the student center, as there are in other surrounding buildings, where the food court is located.

The food court is open to students Monday- Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturday Starbucks is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Roaming Reporter

Gerry-Anna Jones
Staff Writer

KSU speaks out

Spring Break is almost here and between mid terms and class projects students are becoming quite busy. Keeping the balance between school, work, friends and family is enough to drive a college kid crazy. However, some students still manage to find time to devote to various campus groups and activities.

So KSU: What groups do you participate in on campus?



- Anthony Colello
- HPS
- Sophomore
- Woodstock

None, I'm too busy working in my spare time.



- Amber Duncan
- Nursing
- Freshman
- Kennesaw

Phi Mu



- Mitch Lane
- Business Management and math
- Freshman
- Cartersville

The emotional stress is too much to my soul. I don't like communicating to people.



- Gwen Eagleson
- History
- Senior
- Atlanta

I belong to A.B.L.E. and A.A.S.A.



- Justin Brewton
- Sociology
- Freshman
- Cartersville

No I'm not, too much effort.

Savannah: hostess city of the south

Vibeke Hodges
Sentinel Archives

Located just four hours southeast of Atlanta down that dreary stretch of road known as Interstate 16 awaits an area bursting with history, cool shops, great food and tree-lined streets forming graceful canopies filled with Spanish moss.

Come and explore the town of Savannah. It is not just for Saint Patrick's Day anymore.

Known to many as "The Hostess City of the South," Savannah was founded in America's thirteenth colony in 1733 by General James Oglethorpe, who was assisted by the Indian chief Tomo-chichi. The general also designed the layout of the many squares that define Savannah's historic district. During the Civil War, the city was captured by General Sherman and presented to President Lincoln as a gift, but was spared the burning fate of other cities due to its natural beauty and grace.

During Oglethorpe's time in Savannah, provisional gardens were developed in the hopes that items could be exported to other areas for trade.

The area held the name Trustee's Gardens, and botanists were called in to grow cotton, rice, silk and peach trees. Savannah's harsh, almost tropical, climate, however, destroyed most of the efforts. The renowned Pirate's House restaurant stands in Trustee's Gardens now, along with upscale boutiques and housing. Original to the colonial period is the Herb House located in the Pirate's House, where the royal gardener dwelled and experimented with crop ideas.

Lodging is plentiful here; for a romantic getaway, choose from one of several bed and breakfast homes or book a room in the historic district near River Street. Most hotels are within walking distance to all that is offered in the historic area. Check out www.savannah.com for rates and availability.

If a trip to Savannah for St. Patrick's Day is in the works, book ahead. Savannah hosts one of the largest St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the country and rooms go quickly.

A great way to take in the rich historical culture is to take either a walking tour or a tour via trolley car. Various types of tours are available, including tours of historical homes, museums and churches, or follow the path of the New York Times best seller *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* throughout the historic district. Savannah is located on the coast, so temperatures are mild until the summer which can make it ideal for walking in the fall, winter and spring.

If energy of the present is in



Welcome to the tranquility of Savannah. SENTINEL ARCHIVES

demand, shake off the dust of the past and head to City Market. City Market was home to the local fisherman, bakers and tradesman of the mid 1700s. Once bustling with horse and buggies, the streets are now filled with restaurants, high end shops for discriminating tastes and seasonal entertainment.

For great seafood and a taste of Savannah's nightlife, head to River Street, a local landmark. The actual street is made up of cobblestones taken from England in the 1700s. While this adds to the charm and grace that is Savannah, the slippery uneven surface can be tough to walk on; comfortable shoes are suggested.

Another source for great local seafood is Fiddler's for casual dining or The Chart House for something more upscale. For relaxed waterfront dining, visit The Crab

Shack on Tybee Island. This restaurant is described as the place "where the elite eat in their bare feet." Bring your appetite and come early; portions are plentiful and on weekends, so are the wait times.

The short commute, mild climate and rich culture make this city and ideal weekend getaway for Atlantans. Entertaining is key here, so do not be surprised if you are invited for cocktails! Savannah is a city rich in history that celebrates the past but slowly moves toward the future. Perhaps this adds to the charm of all that is

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In a New York state of mind...

Eric M. Croas
Sentinel Archives

It is the city that never sleeps, and it is the media capitol of the world. It is an international city that hosts all kinds of languages and nationalities. It is New York City, and it is only three hours by plane and less than a day's drive away.

Every block offers a different adventure. There are street vendors offering used books, collectible comics, hot pretzels and fresh fruit. In some parts of the city, people can even find bootleg movies and CD's or designer knock-off merchandise. Residents of the city move at a fast pace, but they are not necessarily as rude as stereotyped to be.

The subway system can be confusing, but with a map and a little practice the rails become easier to navigate. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to people watch. By buying a Metro card, people can ride the trains and buses for an unlimited number of times, which is easier than breaking out the change each time you need to catch a ride.

In the heart of Manhattan, which is just one of the five city boroughs,



A glimpse of the sky from Central Park. SENTINEL ARCHIVES

is Times Square. In a six block radius, you can feel the total energy of New York City pulsate. There are bright lights, huge building billboards, giant television monitors and lots of people. It is a symphony of controlled chaos.

Restaurants, Broadway theaters and marquee shops and television studios all in that six block radius. You can hand select where you want to eat, buy full price at the theater or check out the discount tickets available hours before the show.

Entertainment is not the only facet of the city to consider. There is a great big park in the middle of Manhattan known as Central Park,

and within that park is a zoo, art sculptures, benches, walking/jogging paths and more opportunities to just people watch.

The city offers even more than can be covered in this short article, but it would also take more than just a few days to really experience everything that New York City has to offer. A person should try to plan at least a week, and visit www.nyc.com to plan some of the events they want to do. At the same time, they should be aware that once they start feeling that New York state of mind that they may not want to leave.

Myrtle Beach offers activities for all

Dreama Berner
Sentinel Archives

Looking for a straight shot to the beach? Whether it is a long three day weekend or a week's vacation during

the break from classes, head to Myrtle Beach, S.C. for some fun in the sun.

Myrtle Beach has something for everyone on every corner. For those busy-body types, there is golfing at one of the dozens of award winning courses, or water sports of all kinds. Visitors just looking for a little rest and relaxation can try taking in dinner and a show at one of the larger-than-life theaters: The Dixie Stampede, House of Blues and the Palace Theater just to name a few.

For those who live to shop, Broadway on the Beach is the best bet for finding new attire, with over 100 specialty stores including 20 restaurants, 15 attractions, 10 night clubs and three on-site hotels. A person would never have to leave the premises, unless of course they actually wanted to see the beach. Check out www.broadwayatthebeach.com, and click on "print and save" for coupons and discounts for many of the different attractions.

While Broadway on the Beach is great, nature is another thing that can be looked forward to in Myrtle Beach. Ripley's Aquarium is the largest attraction at Broadway on the Beach. Tickets are only \$14.95 for adults and they are open 365 days a year so there is no reason to miss out.

So no matter a person's lifestyle or how much time and money they can spend, Myrtle Beach is right for everyone. Check out www.myrtlebeach.com for more information.

Destination Spring Break

Erika Grissinger
Senior Staff Writer

No plans for spring break yet, do not worry, because with the click of a mouse you could be on your way to an exotic beach, cascading mountains, or to visit an historic monument.

Though it might sound impossible since you spent your last dime paying for school, it is by being a student there is the opportunity to travel for less.

If it all sounds too good to be true, the proof is at the KSU Sentinel website www.ksusentinel.com. Simply click on the "Travel Channel" icon located in the top right-hand corner of the page, and then start packing a bags.

Here is how it works, the "Travel Channel" has teamed up with Student Universe, which is an online travel service that allows students lower air fares by negotiating prices

with major airlines. Together, they offer students the best trips at the best prices. All a student has to do is tell them where they want to go and when. The site does the rest.

Considering the alternative of hassling with phone recordings, waiting in line to book a flight, or dealing with pushy travel agents, *The Sentinel* link makes the process fast and easy by simply letting you be the guide.

The link also offers a variety of destinations to choose from along with the student discount price. For example, students can bask under the Ft. Lauderdale sun for a round trip student fare from Atlanta for a reasonable \$149, or if you would rather do a little sight seeing you can visit

London for only \$305.

Looking for more information on a destination, simply click on the "Travel Guides" icon, which will provide information on what people need to know before they head off to your destination, such as the best places to visit, the exciting things to do, and the most delicious places to eat.

The "Trips" icon will provide more information on the cost of your trip. It provides package deals that include round trip flights, 7 night hotel stay, party and activity money, and offers savings of \$50-\$100 a person.

However, for those who have planned out the specifics of their trip

themselves the site offers a "Student Airfares Search," which allows students to type in the specific date that they wish to depart on and return from.

Spring Break is a time to lie back and enjoy the company of friends, so do not leave them out of your traveling plans, bring them along too. The site makes it easy to do. By clicking on the "Groups of 12 +," students can find group friendly rates and travel accommodations.

Now is the time to put down pencils, close up calculators and enjoy a much-needed break from classes. The Sentinel's Travel Channel link can make that possible. So for those who are thinking it might be too late to plan your Spring Break Vacation, visit this site and discover that it is never too late to have the experience of a lifetime.

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The faculty want to exhibit?

Tauheedah Hasan
Staff Writer

The School of the Arts presents the Annual Art Faculty Exhibition. 18 professors will display a wide range of media including sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, printmaking and graphic design. At the exhibit, the work and the artist will be there to take complements and constructive criticism. Professors who will be present include: Sandra Bird, Charlotte Collins, Valerie Dibble, Margaret Fancher, Rick Garner, Diana Gregory, Roberta Griffin, Linda Hightower, Hank Kunath, Natasha Lovelace, Ayokunle Odeleye, Carole Mauge-Lewis, Joe Remillard, Dan Sachs, Robert Sherer, Keith Smith, Jeanne

Sperry and Chris Wilson.

Some of the professor's works will be on sale at the exhibit. Each artist will have three pieces of work on exhibit. The exhibit opens March 17 and will have an opening reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through April 8. There will also be a student's reception on March 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Senior Art Majors' work will be displayed in the Fine Arts Gallery located in the Joe Mack Wilson Building. The first show is March 18 to April 8 and will feature work from Holly Butterworth, Paul Laminack,

Laura Patti and Hannah Putney who are all graphic design majors.

The second show is April 13 to May 6 with an opening reception on April 13 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.. Featured works will be from art education major Anila Chinoy, art education major Samuel Leslie, art education Melissa McKeehan, studio art Lauren Nesbitt, studio art Liadonnasanova Owens, art education Rachel Robinette, studio art Alison Stokes, studio art Linda Voogt-Wood, art education Colletta Ward.

The Sturgis Library Gallery is open Monday-Thursday at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information and directions please contact the office of the Sturgis Library Gallery at 770 499 - 3223.



campus shorts

Tauheedah Hasan
Staff Writer

March 17 - April 8: The Strugis Art Gallery presents the Annual Art Faculty Exhibition. Admission is free and the gallery is open Mon-Thurs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wed-Thurs 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sat 1p.m.-4p.m.. For more information call 770-423-3223 or go to www.kennesaw.edu/arts.

March 18: The Fine Arts Gallery is having an opening reception for the Senior Arts Majors. This exhibition will be from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.. For more information please call 770-499-3223.

March 20: The 3rd Annual Arts Benefit Gala will begin at 6p.m. For more information call 770- 420-4750.

March 20: AASA presents the KSU Celebrity Softball game. Located at the Kennesaw State University Intramural Field it will occur from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Join them for a family affair between students and faculty/staff. If you are interested in playing or cheering please contact ksuaasa@yahoo.com or call 770- 423-6284.

March 21: There is a Faculty recital and it will feature Mary Akerman on the guitar at 3 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. For more information please contact 770- 423-6650.

March 21 - 26: Honors Week is beginning and at the Science Auditorium the Honors Convocation at 2 p.m. For more information call 770- 423-6310.

March 23-28: KSU's Studio Theater presents the production of The Stop Kiss premiering at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call the box office at 770-423-6650.

March 23: AASA presents the "Women of Color: A Formula for Success" at 7 p.m.-9 p.m in the leadership room in the student center. A panel of successful women will share their victory and challenge stories. For more information contact the KSU directory at 770- 423-6000.

Are you 'microfit'?

Commentary by Heidi Partua

I am the person who wants to stay in shape but never has much motivation. Upon passing the "CONDEMPlation" table in the Student Center a few weeks ago, I inquired as to what the Wellness Center had to offer. I was informed of the MicroFit evaluation, a free service that would show where my fitness level is and although I was not sure exactly what it would entail, I made an appointment.

Brandi Justice, a junior exercise prescription major and student assistant in the Wellness Center greeted me with a smile and we got started. Gavin Cox, a senior exercise prescription major, who was helping for an exercise prescription class, performed most of the testing.

After giving them my student ID and answering a couple of questions about my health to make sure the evaluation was safe for me to complete, Justice and Cox took my blood pressure which fell into the "Needs Work" column of my fitness profile. The printout of my analysis says, "Blood pressure below 140/90 is in the normal range. A blood pressure of 160/100 or higher is too high and indicates an immediate visit to a doctor." The diastolic pressure is the lower number and essentially is the more important one because it is the pressure that occurs between contractions when the heart is resting. Now I know I need to go visit my doctor. Even if for some reason it was a fluke that I have high blood pressure today, it is still a good idea to get a check-up.

Although high blood pressure, or Hypertension, is usually hereditary and does run in my family, I can help myself lower it by maintaining my ideal body weight, reducing my salt intake, and exercising regularly.

"The MicroFit [evaluation] gives you an overall base to know where you stand physically-fit wise." Justice said, "If you're unaware of how physically fit you are or of your health,

it informs you so you know where you stand and what you need to work on."

The next test was to check my body fat content. Skin on the back of my right upper-arm, on top of my right hip and the middle of my right thigh was measured with skin-fold Calipers. This was done twice to eliminate error. My personal body fat content fell into the "Fit" category, which shocked me and my fitness profile does not recommend any weight loss "unless it is desired for aesthetics or athletic performance." Regular aerobic exercise and low-calorie foods are recommended to maintain or lose body fat.

Next came the test I dreaded but was very curious to find out the result of. All through middle school I was one of the girls who could never do push-ups and I occasionally got my arms held down for "indian burns." The Bicep strength test was similar to lifting weights in the weight room. They asked me to stand on a

small square platform and pull upwards as hard as I could on a metal bar attached to the platform with a strap. My test results told me that I fell into the "Fit" category! I guess babysitting and carrying around an 11-month-old and a three-year-old, two days a week, is good for something besides birth control! Although my friends now tell me I punch too hard, I still cannot do a push-up to this day.

Next, I sat down on a mat and got ready for the Sit and Reach Flexometer, which would tell me the flexibility I have in my back. It sounds so complex and futuristic, but is simple. The Flexometer looks like a large arrow and has numbers on it labeling each centimeter. I was in the "Fit" category once again. My fitness profile says it is good to have flexibility because it reduces the risk of muscle or joint injury as well as being important for good posture. Yoga, Pilates and any other exercise that lets you stretch, hold a muscle or ligament, is good for improving your flexing ability.

The last test was Aerobic Fitness. This involves a stationary bike that some people hate. It tells how long I can endure muscular activity, such as walking, running or cycling. My aerobic fitness fell into the "Fair" category. Although it could be worse, anything below the "Fit" category is unsatisfactory. Having a higher aerobic fitness score could possibly better my life and make it easier to do sports or take care of emergency situations after I have completed my daily activities. To improve my aerobic fitness it was recommended that I walk, jog, cycle or swim 3-5 days a week for 15-45 minutes a day.

The Wellness Center is open six days a week and provides many sources of information on how to achieve well-being. Available resources include computer programs, a library with videos, brochures and special events. For more information, contact The Wellness Center at 770-423-6394.



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Did you know? I was a majorette in High School. On my 40th birthday a good friend, as a joke, put my majorette picture in the local paper announcing that I was retiring.

Graduate of: Sprayberry High School.

Favorite Book: I particularly like suspense, such as John Grisham. I am, however, a magazine "junkie," as well.

Favorite Place: With my husband or family, whether in the mountains, the beach, or at home.

Favorite Food: Any kind of pasta.

American Idol: Wish I could narrow it down to one, but I can't.

Passions: Decorating houses, community involvement, and education.

Most proud of: My children, and being the second woman (Dr. Betty Siegel was the first) to lead the Cobb Chamber of Commerce in 60 years (2003), and helping to spread the brand name of "Post" for over 25 years.

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Vibeke Hodges
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Viggo Mortensen is a household name. People may not know how to spell or pronounce it, but fans all remember his commanding performance as Lord Aragorn in the epic, *Lord of the Rings*. In a room overlooking downtown Atlanta, writers gather to get a few minutes with the star to discuss his latest film, *Hidalgo*.

Hidalgo is a story about the fading glory of the long-distance horse-rider Frank T. Hopkins (Mortensen) and his mustang, Hidalgo. Hopkins decides to test his endurance and his faith, by competing in a 3,000-mile race across the Arabian Desert. Frank must look inside for release from his past and the strength to finish the race.

Hidalgo was shot in locations including South Dakota and the unforgiving Sahara Desert. Shooting took just over four months, partly due to the temperamental working conditions of the Sahara. "The winds, the dust storms and all of the stuff getting into the camera added time, plus, the wear and tear on the horses that were not used to the weather. They weren't raised in that climate. That made it tough and it made things take a little longer over there," Mortensen said.

The role of Hopkins shares the honest simplicity of Mortensen's role in *LOTR*. "Joe and Shelly Johnson were able to get footage of *Hidalgo* in his character in such a way



Viggo Mortensen on the set of his new movie *Hidalgo*.

that he really is a personality. *Hidalgo* is his own character in the movie and what I like about that is it kind of goes hand in hand with Joe's approach to the whole movie - no showing off for the photographer, tell the story. Just use what's essential," Mortensen said.

Mortensen is a poet, painter and musician. His art and photography have been shown successfully throughout the country and a portion of the proceeds from his book, *Miyelo*, is being donated to the SuAnne Big Crow Boys and

Girls Club of Pine Ridge, South Dakota. For more information on other photographic journals created by Mortensen, go to www.percevalpress.com

Mortensen has had supporting roles in over 30 films and has worked in film for more than 20 years. He may be a bit of a latecomer to the party, but he is not going home empty handed. *Lord of the Rings* took home several Academy awards and *Hidalgo* has proved him to be an engaging choice for a leading role.

Reel News

Broken Lizard's Club Dread (movie released 2/27)

On a small Costa Rican island resides the swank and swinging-singles resort Coconut Pete's Pleasure Island. Alcohol is not the only liquid flowing as a serial killer is slaughtering partygoers. It is up to the staff to find and stop this insane party crasher, or to at least hide the bodies from arriving guests.

Trivia

- Even though the movie is set on a tropical island, the film was actually shot in the jungles of Mexico north of Manzanilla.
- The five man comedy team Broken Lizard originally called themselves Charred Goosebeak when they first joined forces in college.
- Broken Lizard's debut feature film *Puddle Cruiser* was awarded Grand Prize for Best Film at the Hamptons Film Festival.



Twisted (movie released 2/27)

Ashley Judd plays Jessica Shepard, a San Francisco police officer whose father was a serial killer. At the beginning of a new murder investigation, she realizes that the victim is a past lover. Despite the potential conflict of interest, Shepard's boss, played by Samuel L. Jackson, keeps on the case, but bad turns to worse when more of her former lovers turn up dead under similar circumstances.

Trivia

- *Blackout* and *Blackout Murders* were working titles for this film.
- Judd turned down the role of Catwoman in 2003 so that she could star as Maggie in the Broadway production *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.
- Samuel L. Jackson graduated in 1972 from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga.



Duplex (DVD released 3/2)

Ben Stiller and Drew Barrymore star in this comedy about a young couple who have bought the duplex of their dreams. The only problem with their new homestead is the rent-controlled tenant living upstairs. The old lady, played by Eileen Essel, may seem sweet and frail at first, but when the couple realizes the truth, they plot to get her out of their house.

Extras on the DVD include a behind-the-scenes featurette and deleted scenes.

Trivia

- Stiller's parents often make cameo appearances in his movies.
- On Feb. 3, 2004, Barrymore received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- The movie was co-produced by Stiller and Barrymore's production companies.



Looney Tunes: Back in Action (DVD released 3/2)

Set in a world where animated characters and live human co-exist, the film's premise is about Daffy Duck feuding with Bugs Bunny about Daffy playing second fiddle to Bugs. Jenna Elfman plays the Warner Brothers Studio Vice President of Comedy, Kate Houghtin, who basically fires Daffy. She has the WB security guard/aspiring stuntman DJ Drake, played by Brendan Fraser, escort Daffy from the premises.

Out of a job and without a sidekick, Daffy tags up with Drake. He is there when Drake discovers that his movie star father, played by Timothy Dalton, is actually a suave international spy who has been kidnapped. It becomes a race to save Drake's father from Mr. Chairman, played by Steve Martin.

At the same time, Houghtin and Bugs realize that Daffy plays a crucial role in Bugs success, and they follow Drake and Daffy in their adventures in order to get Daffy to return to Hollywood. Other names to watch for in this crazy film are Heather Locklear and Joan Cusack. Trivia

- Extras on the DVD include additional scenes, an exclusive DVD animated short, alternate endings, DVD ROM material that include an additional 26 minutes of footage, a couple of featurettes and the theatrical trailer.
- Brendan Fraser is the voice of Taz in this movie.
- Look for the cameo of Matthew Lillard talking to the animated Shaggy and Scooby Doo.



Party Monster (DVD released 3/2)

Macaulay Culkin returned to film to star in this movie about the true story of Michael Alig. Alig was a Club Kid party organizer in the late 80's, early 90's whose lifestyle was shattered after he boasted on television about killing his drug dealer and roommate Angel Melendez.

Extras on the DVD include director commentary, a featurette, behind-the-scenes footage, trailers and interviews with the actors and Michael Alig.

Trivia

- Alig's best friend James St. James, played by Seth Green in the film, actually wrote the book *Disco Bloodbath*, which is about the times and the murder of Melendez.
- Even though the film was working with a small budget, there were over a 1000 costumes used.
- The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in Jan. 2003.



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Let's talk about sex

There is a lot of talk about sex these days. There are issues with sex between members of the opposite sex, sex with members of the same sex, and sex all by one's self. Although the biggest controversy for now is about marital sex between two people of the same sex, I thought it might be appropriate to take it easy on the testosterone rage for awhile, stop waving the self righteous flags (on both sides) and try to take ourselves just a little less seriously. Since sex is the universal connector, let's have a little fun with it.

The Normal one



Leslie Thompson
Humor Columnist

For instance:
I think sex is God's greatest gag. He handed us these powerful sex drives, combined it with intense pleasure, a huge dose of idiot hormones, and an order to be fruitful and multiply. But only if you're married. Otherwise it's hands off and no one should be looking or desiring either. Then just to make things a little more difficult, God threw in the sexual peak. Men start feeling peakish at approximately ages 18-21 and then it's all downhill from there. Meanwhile women start to feel their jollies at about 30-35, right before menopause smacks us like a sweaty and moody sledgehammer. Then on top of that, God decreed that women should have their physical peaks at age 25 and then letting our looks immediately crap out. Men have it slightly better; they hit theirs at age 35, retain their looks for awhile after that but, the memory and language centers of their brains give up. I can only imagine our divine father (whoever he may be) rolling about his heavenly floors laughing until his eyes streamed as he watched his little creations wander about in a perpetually aroused and brainless state, thinking into each other like confused rabbits.

There is a reason why the lights are turned off and the eyes are tightly closed during orgasm. Has anyone ever bothered to open their eyes the moment their partner feels his/her happiness? It is an expression that throws desire right out the win-

dow. The first (and only) time I watched my husband um, you know, I laughed myself sick. He mistook the reason behind my hilarity and took it personally. He wouldn't touch me for a month and that was after I spent several hours stroking his um...ego.

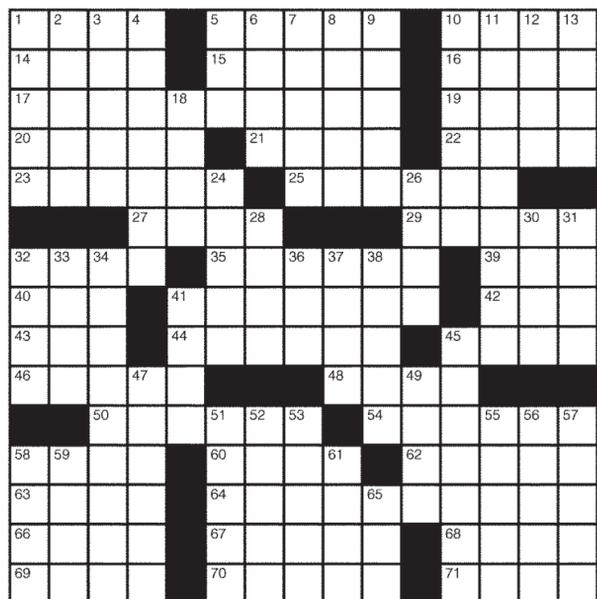
The sexes have been developing new weaponry in our effort to render each other obsolete. While the leaps in fertility treatments has done wonders for barren couples seeking children of their own, sperm banks and egg depositories have rendered intercourse for the purpose of procreation unnecessary. That did nothing to stop everyone's desperate and often futile efforts to uh...get together. So in order to complicate things a little less and end the need for any social interaction, there are toys and tools to take everyone out of the picture all together. My beloved bought me something called a rabbit (if you don't know what that is, go ask your mommy) for our anniversary. It is a more delightful gift than I ever anticipated. Unfortunately my poor beloved has nearly rendered himself useless (but then there's nothing like the real thing baby) and I'm afraid he'll be stealing my batteries soon. Ah well, maybe then things will start to even out.

For the poor virgins who have held out faithfully for so long and are toying with the idea of having sex despite whatever their convictions may be, I must insist you ask yourself these questions before ah...taking the plunge: Am I willing to become the hormonal dumping ground for a man who may not have anything to do with me in a very soon? If I get pregnant, will the father abandon me and allow me to become an example of what sex in entertainment will do in the eyes of the extremely stupid? Will the woman I'm having sex with try to get pregnant to keep me? Will I get a gruesome disease that will eventually kill me? If I am sexually experimenting will my partner tell everyone about it? If so, will I find adult toys/condoms/references to my sexual preference via porn/my mother, in inappropriate places? Will anyone try to beat me up?

While the sex controversy (and yes the marriage thing too) rages on, each individual must take time out to smell the roses, think hard about the real reasons for their feelings, (for me it's a traditional thing) and just try to remember, straight or gay, male or female, alone or in groups, we all look really, really stupid.

The Weekly Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS**
- 1 Arctic Circle dweller
 - 5 Panoramic view
 - 10 Geometry calculation
 - 14 Wheels support
 - 15 Wastes time
 - 16 Fossil fuel
 - 17 Wise guy
 - 19 Weightlifting exercise
 - 20 Have an inkling
 - 21 Parched
 - 22 Repulsive
 - 23 Tip or Eugene
 - 25 Brunch pastry
 - 27 Did in
 - 29 Park perch
 - 32 Obligation
 - 35 Hair-care product
 - 39 Actor Wallach
 - 40 Architectural add-on
 - 41 Beet soup
 - 42 Foldaway bed
 - 43 Chairman
 - 44 Create a soft spot?
 - 45 The ___ the limit!
 - 46 Andes people
 - 48 Boom's counterpart
 - 50 Hershey's candies
 - 54 Andre and Goliath
 - 58 Quantum theorist Niels
 - 60 Eye amorously
 - 62 Tease coyly
 - 63 Parroted
 - 64 Professional investigator
 - 66 Tolerate
 - 67 Macho types
 - 68 Garbage boat
- DOWN**
- 1 Roper's rope
 - 2 Lumberjacks
 - 3 Tool for evening
 - 4 Keep on trying
 - 5 Exuberance
 - 6 Altar vows
 - 7 Fishtailed
 - 8 Aquarium fish
 - 9 Pallid
 - 10 Point a finger at
 - 11 Oil-rig roustabout
 - 12 Jimmy Carter's middle name



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Columbia, MD

- 13 Pact participant
- 18 Legendary archer
- 24 Clunker
- 26 Yeah, sure
- 28 Gentlemen's agreement
- 30 Surfeit
- 31 Chart toppers
- 32 Actress Moore
- 33 Panache
- 34 Ignoramus
- 36 Put to work
- 37 Wound covering
- 38 Indicate indifference
- 41 Mrs. Truman
- 45 Most hackneyed
- 47 Hang on the clothesline
- 49 Sort through
- 51 Last year's frosh
- 52 Plumed wader
- 53 Snail trail
- 55 Sister's kid
- 56 Don in the fitting room
- 57 Goulash and ragout
- 58 Rum cake
- 59 Candid
- 61 At any time
- 65 Novelist Beattie



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SPORTS



"A team never likes to lose players, but that's how things play out."

~Women's Head Coach Colby Tilley
See story below



2004 Softball Schedule

3/6 @ Shaw 1:00 p.m.

3/7 @ St. Andrews 1:00 p.m.

3/8 @ UNC Pembroke 1:00 p.m.

3/10 @ Francis Marion 1:00 p.m.

FMU INVITATIONAL (Florence, S.C.)

3/12 Slippery Rock 7:00 p.m.

Presbyterian 9:00 p.m.

3/13 Belmont Abbey 3:00 p.m.

Catawba 5:00 p.m.

3/14 Coker 10:00 a.m.

3/17 ANDERSON 3:00 p.m.

KSU CLASSIC (Kennesaw, Georgia)

3/19 SHAW 1:00 p.m.

3/20 ANDERSON 10:00 a.m.

ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE 2:00 p.m.

CATAWBA 6:00 p.m.

3/23 GEORGIA COLLEGE 2:00 p.m.

3/25 NORTH FLORIDA 6:00 p.m.

3/27 LANDER 2:00 p.m.

3/28 @ USC Aiken 2:00 PM

3/30 @ Armstrong Atlantic 1:00 p.m.



2004 Baseball Schedule

3/5 @ Columbus State 6:00 p.m.

3/6 @ Columbus State DH 1:00 p.m.

3/9 @ Limestone 3:00 p.m.

3/10 ERSKINE 6:00 p.m.

3/13 NORTH FLORIDA DH 1:00 p.m.

3/14 NORTH FLORIDA 1:00 p.m.

3/16 SOUTHERN TECH 5:00 p.m.

3/17 CARSON-NEWMAN 2:00 p.m.

3/20 UNC PEMBROKE DH 1:00 p.m.

3/14 UNC PEMBROKE 1:00 p.m.

3/23 @ Clark Atlanta 3:00 p.m.

3/24 WEST ALABAMA 3:00 p.m.

3/26 AUGUSTA STATE 6:00 p.m.

3/27 AUGUSTA STATE DH 1:00 p.m.

3/30 ANDERSON 6:00 p.m.

3/31 @ Columbus State 5:00 p.m.



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Owls ready for tournament time

Lady Owls split final games

Matt Cutrona
Senior Staff Writer

The 2003-2004 season came to a close on Feb. 28 for the women's basketball team. The Owls lost their final game against the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, but won their final home affair on Senior Night against Clayton State.

"This team is playing with confidence and playing well," Owls Head Coach Colby Tilley said. "We've been struggling with the close losses, but the ladies are playing well at the right time."

Denisha Ferguson has been one of the best basketball players to ever grace the court for KSU. Ferguson had yet another double-double against Clayton State on Senior Night helping the Owls win 82-60.

"Senior night is always emotional," Tilley said. "A team never likes to lose players, but that's how things play out."

Larvisha West also contributed a double-double on a special night at the Spec Landrum Centre. The game was close until the second half when the Owls began to run away with things.

The Lady Owls then traveled to Jacksonville, Fla. to face the conference's first place team, the University of North Florida Ospreys. The final game of the regular season did not go as planned with the Owls losing to the Ospreys 67-56.

The Peach Belt Conference Tournament begins on Mar. 2, and the Owls will face familiar rival USC Spartanburg. The first meeting between these teams went in favor of the Owls as they won 70-64.

It is "win or go home" for the women's basketball team, and they look to benefit from the success that they found against USC Spartanburg in Jan. The Owls need two wins for a bid to the final eight in the tournament.



One step closer

Joseph Dollar
Staff Writer

Sophomore forward Georgy Joseph posted a career high 25 points to lead 10th ranked Kennesaw State over Clayton State 80-73 Feb. 25, which was the Owls senior night.

"I wanted to send the seniors out with a victory," Joseph said.

CSU jumped out to an early 9-2 lead in the opening minutes, but KSU was able to claw its way back with good bench play. With 11:32 left in the first half, junior forward Cardale Talley nailed a bank shot to give the Owls a 16-15 lead.

The game was filled with fouls and physical play all night with both teams combining for 23 first half fouls, including four technical fouls. "They made us work for this win," said Head coach Tony Ingle.

The Owls finally made a statement late in the first half. Junior point guard Tommy Thompson missed a tough lay up, but senior forward Justin Thompson was there to slam the miss with authority. The dunk lifted KSU to a 27-22 lead and gave the antsy crowd something to cheer about. KSU went into the half with a 38-31 lead.

The statistic of the game was rebounding, more precisely offensive rebounding. KSU owned the glass all night, and the leader of these gangbusters was Joseph with 14 total rebounds, nine of them offensive boards. The Owls end the game with 47 rebounds to CSU's 27.

The Owls have built a reputation of playing a perimeter based offense. This game they came out proving that they could bang inside just as well. This inside presence earned KSU 47 trips to the free throw line converting 33 of them. In contrast, CSU only made it to the foul line 18 times.

Joseph continued leading the team by hitting 10 of 13 from the foul line. Ingle was pleased with Joseph's game. "It's like hitting a good drive in golf," Ingle said. "You wish you could bottle it up and do it every night."

CSU did make a game out of it in the second half, and they even had a short lived lead at 56-55 after a Leon Parker three pointer with 9:22 left in regulation.

The lead was erased when junior guard Tobias Seldon drained one the Owls' three three pointers of the game.

CSU tried creeping back into the game, but it was not meant to be for the Lakers on Wednesday night. Joseph and Thompson would combine for a thrilling last two minutes to keep the Owls 15 winning streak alive.

Joseph blocked his fifth shot of the game, and then followed that up with an alley-oop dunk courtesy of Thompson. Thompson went on to sink six free throws within the last 28 seconds of the game sealing the victory for KSU.

Records broken with win

Joseph Dollar
Staff Writer

History was in the making Feb. 28 in Jacksonville, Fla. when Kennesaw State beat North Florida 66-52. The Owls are the first men's basketball team to finish the regular season undefeated (16-0) in the Peach Belt Conference since the inaugural year, when the PBC only included seven of its 12 current member schools.

Senior guard Terrence Hill was not fazed by the accomplishment shortly after the game. "I guess I'm still in shock," he said. "It really hasn't hit me yet."

The Owls 26th win (26-4) breaks the school record for most wins in a season, which was set last year with 25.

The Owls came out blazing in the opening minutes of the game to grab a 14-2 lead. Then they hit a defensive wall created by UNF. The Ospreys were able to pull within two points after UNF's James Grimble drove through the lane for a slam dunk, bringing the score to 19-17 with 7:43 left in the first half of play.

The first half was sloppy for KSU committing more fouls and turnovers than they have been accustomed to this season.

Head coach Tony Ingle was not too concerned with his team's play in the first half. "I felt we were in control," he said. "Our deep bench helped a lot. The players that were in foul trouble were able to have fresher legs for the second half."

Key free throws made by junior guard Tobias Seldon helped KSU stake a 31-24 lead.

A pair of blocked shots by sophomore forward Georgy Joseph, followed by an old-fashioned three-point play gave KSU a comfortable 10-point lead early in the second half.

All season different players have stepped into the spotlight lifting their team to a win. This time it was sophomore swingman Rey Luque.

Luque was struggling to find open looks in the first half and he had early foul problems. With UNF starting to gain some confidence in the match, Luque drained two back-to-back three-point shots putting the Owls ahead for good.

"I just felt like I was in a rhythm,"



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Aggressive playing style leads to Owls victory.

Luque said.

The Owls extended their lead by as many as 15 points late in the game prior to UNF exerting one last effort to trim the KSU lead. The campaign was put to rest for good when Hill saw Luque slashing towards the basket setting up an alley-oop play.

"Terrence threw it perfect," Luque said. "All I had to do was finish the play."

Luque dunked it once more inside the last 60 seconds giving him his eighth 20-point game of the season.

Ingle was ecstatic about the company he joined with the undefeated conference season. He mentioned that only two other teams in the last five years had gone undefeated in division II. "We did it every night," he said, "home and away while taking everyone's best shot."

"It's just starting for us," Luque said. "Our goal is a national championship."

Ingle is not looking that far ahead though. Ingle knows his team will be in the NCAA tournament, but he does not want to take the PBC tournament for granted. "We missed it my first season here," he said, "then we got the championship game the next two seasons. We plan on taking the next step this season."

KSU has a first round bye in the PBC tournament because they are the number one seed. The Owls first test is Mar. 5 in Augusta against the winner of the UNF versus USC Aiken game.

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 homer of his own making the score 3-0, marking the first time this season that the Owls have hit back-to-back home runs.

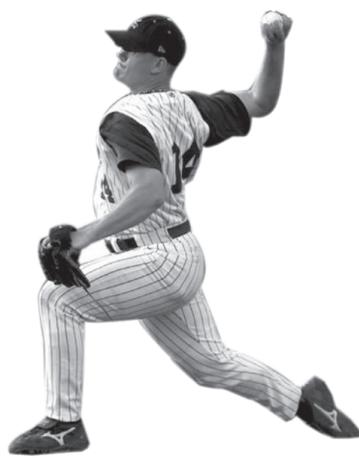
KSU added two more runs in the sixth inning when Brett Campbell reached base on an error and came around to score on a Hendrix double. Scott Conway followed with a single to drive home Hendrix.

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 stingy 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



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Reed continues to prove dominance in game three over Francis Marion

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.

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 ever-lasting 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 centerfield, but centerfielder 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.

Penalties prevent win against the Dawgs



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Getting physical on the ice.

Richard L. Johnson
Assistant Photo Editor

With only 10.1 seconds left in the game, the University of Georgia took advantage of a 5-3 powerplay to tie the game and deny the Owls a win in the last game of the season at Phillips Arena Feb. 29.

"Penalties, penalties, penalties," Head Coach Craig MacDonald said.

KSU (15-13-2) led for the majority of the game, but with only 1:32 left in the third period, two men wound up in the penalty box. With a heavy advantage, UGA (27-3-1) kept the pressure on, desperately trying to put one in the net. After many great saves, the defense was worn down, and the Ice Dogs were able to slip one past Owls goalie Chris Telford.

"Telford with goal tending was sharp," MacDonald said. "Penalties killed us at the end. Penalties killed us

all year."

UGA scored in the first 12 seconds of the game, but KSU came back strong. Going into the third period, they had a 4-2 lead.

The Owls accomplished a lot in just their second season. An expanded schedule allowed them to match up, and often beat, big name schools from around the country. Teaming up with the Gwinnett Gladiators and the Atlanta Thrashers for double-header games allowed the team to get a lot of exposure and has helped recruiting.

For the 2004-05 season, the Owls will have to recruit more than just players. MacDonald is stepping down from head coach to accept a position in the Washington D.C. area. MacDonald is staying on temporarily to help with scheduling for next season.

"It's going to be tough leaving the boys," MacDonald said.

Softball's train keeps rolling

Nathan McCreary
Senior Staff Writer

The Kennesaw State Owls softball team (11-0) barreled through last weekend's tournament at the East Cobb Complex, going 4-0 and again showing the impressive power of their pitching staff.

The Owls found themselves playing from behind in the first game of the Classic, as Southern Indiana went into the sixth inning leading 3-2. After a great performance by the Screaming Eagles' pitcher Missy Grover, with six innings played and only three hits and one earned run against her.

The Eagles reliever Shannon Emmons entered the game in the bottom of the seventh after playing third base and hitting the first homerun off Owls pitching all year. Emmons walked the first two Owl batters, followed by two consecutive singles by Cambria McKay and Kelly Cowart to tie the score at 3 a piece. The Owls winning run came on a sacrifice fly by Jennifer Hunt driving home Amy Middleton and sealing the Owls comeback.

The first day of the Owl Classic continued as the Owls played the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks. The Owls scored two runs in the first inning, as Middleton sent an NCAA official softball over the left field wall.

The Mavs scored a run in the fourth inning on a solo shot from Lauren McArthur, cutting the Owls lead to one run (2-1). Middleton took offense and decided to put an end to

this double-header by swinging deep, and her second two-run HR put the Owls up 4-1. Hryciuk was relieved by Kearns who saved the game pushing the Owls to a 13-0 record.

The second day of the Owl Classic was more of the same for KSU. The Owls defeated Wayne State 6-0 and Lenoir-Rhyne 4-1 to wrap up the tournament.

The Owls ended the weekend with a Sunday afternoon double-header with Wayne State. The Owls' Lisa Macki owned Wayne State, as she retired the first 14 batters faced. An error in the fifth inning prevented Macki from chalking up the second perfect game for the Owls in two weeks. Macki did get her fifth no-hitter, with a final score of 8-0.

The second game of the double-header was much more interesting as Owl Jenille Edwards hit a two out game-winning single to score Jennifer Nolan. The Owls completed the sweep of Wayne State 3-2.

At 16-0, the Owls are ranked ninth in the nation. The toughest part of their schedule is ahead of them, entering spring break on a nine game road-trip. During that road trip, the Owls will start facing conference opponents.

The Owls will play UNC-Pembroke in a double-header March 8 in North Carolina. The Braves are currently 5-8 and 0-2 in the Peach Belt Conference.

On March 10, the Owls travel to Francis Marion in Florence, S.C. to compete against the Patriots. The Pats are 8-2 and playing solid. Last year, the Owls were able to sweep the Pats 9-0 and 4-3.



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Pitcher Lisa Macki gets her fifth no-hitter.

The Owls road trip starts Sat March 6 in Raleigh, N.C. against the Shaw Bears and ends on March 14 against Coker in the Francis Marion Invitational in Florence, S.C.

On March 19, the Owls return home to the Bobbie Bailey Complex hosting the KSU Classic. The tournament features several PBC rival's in-

cluding North Florida.

The Osprey's are 14-2 so far this season. The Osprey's lucky #13 is pitcher, Cari Chewning who is 8-1 and has a 0.81 ERA in 10 appearances. Chewning has complete games in all of her seven starts. Chewning is also an offensive threat, batting .308 with nine RBI.

Fab 5

NCAA Tournament Edition

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With the close of the regular season, and the NCAA Tournament fast approaching, *The Sentinel* wants our readers to know which teams may be the ones to pick for your office pool. The following five teams come from the five major conferences and are not the best teams in the land, but they have some of the qualities that are usually seen in worthy tournament teams and should make waves in the Big Dance. Without further ado, here are our Fab 5 picks to look out for.

***(Team record as of 2/25/04)**

Stanford

Pac 10

***23-0**

Best Attribute: Multiple Scorers

This is the obvious choice, but Stanford should get the number one overall seed and stay out West to play its games. Unlike the other undefeated team, St. Joseph's, the Cardinal don't seem to have any weaknesses. They have five players that average double figures, so Head Coach Mike Montgomery has several options. This is vital come tourney time, because if one guy gets cold, another can just as easily step up. Expect Stanford to waltz into the Final Four.

Texas

Big 12

***20-4**

Best Attribute: Inside-Outside Game

The Longhorns have played a brutal schedule and have met the challenges. Rick Barnes' boys seem to be peaking at the right time and have a strong inside-outside game to rely on. Guard play is important during the NCAA, which the Longhorns have in Royal Ivey, but so is rebounding, and Texas cleans the glass with the best of them, ranking second in the nation with 43.1 rpg. Expect the Longhorns to make a strong run as the surprise team in the Final Four.

Mississippi State

SEC

***22-2**

Best Attribute: Toughness and Confidence

A late season loss to Alabama may have cost them a #1 seed, but the Bulldogs will be the best #2 seed out there. They have their share of wins of over 15 points, but they have also had some victories that required them to scratch and claw to pull out the victory. This shows that MSU has toughness, confidence, and the ability not to panic - always valuable traits in strong tourney teams. Stansbury's bunch seems to fall behind early, which could spell trouble, but with Lawrence Roberts and Co., they have the talent to overcome that. Expect the Bulldogs to go deep into the Big Dance.

NC State

ACC

***18-6**

Best Attribute: Guard Play

Duke is the obvious #1 team out of the ACC, but the Wolfpack have amassed a good deal of wins in the nation's toughest conference. NC State has some quality guards in Julius Hodge and Scooter Sherrill, who each average over ten points per contest. At 6'6", Hodge is big enough to play down low which will cause major mismatches come tourney time. Guard play can make or break a team in the Big Dance, and if these two are on top of their games, expect the Wolfpack to be the sleeper of the NCAA's.

Michigan State

Big 10

***16-9**

Best Attribute: Battle Tested

The Spartans played an incredibly tough early season schedule and were criticized for it because they lost six of those games. But they learned about the makeup of their team and how to play with the big dogs, so they won't be intimidated by anybody. Tom Izzo knew what he was doing, and now he has his Spartans playing their best basketball when it really counts. Expect Michigan State to handle their early round games and create problems for the higher seeds.

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