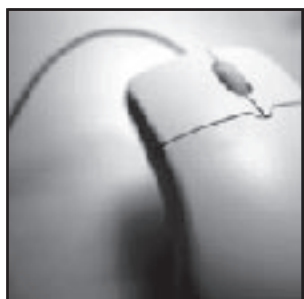


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## Academic misconduct cases up 400 percent

*Student disciplinary cases skyrocket in last five years*

Cheryl K. Miller,  
News Editor

Brian Cearns, a junior in the Sports Management program, has a problem. He has a problem with cheaters.

"I think cheating is dishonest," Cearns said. "What you're seeing at KSU is people as far back as middle school or high school having learned to get away with it and attempting it in college. If I see students get away with it, then I have a real problem."

Cheating is not just an issue at KSU. Dr. Donald McCabe, a Rutgers University professor, published a study that found that 75 percent of students admitted to cheating during college. At KSU, professors report that cheating runs the gamut with tests and assigned papers bringing out a rash of falsified medical excuses, car problems, grandmothers' funerals and cases of blatant plagiarism.

"I have called to verify deaths in the family, medical emergencies for children of students, work-related obligations that conflicted with class time and other excuses," said Donald McGarey, professor of biology. "Most deaths in the families and emergencies involving children are factual, whereas car problems, work-associated conflicts and medical excuses (other than pregnancy) are mainly bogus."

The Student Judiciary program at KSU was developed to maintain the academic integrity of the student population, according to Director Diane Walker. This program was initiated in 1985 to address concerns relating to the Student Code of Conduct. There are three bodies of judiciary: University Court, Appeals Court and Traffic Court. Most students would meet with the Judiciary over traffic violations on campus, but more and more students are facing University Court for infractions relating to academic misconduct. Walker started in the Judiciary office as a part-timer, but the caseload increased to the point that at the end of the 1998-1999 school year, she became full time.

"Ninety percent of the cases are handled directly by the professors," Walker said. "We do maintain a database of student records where we can check for previous incidents. For instance, a professor might report a student in one department, then a separate professor in another department will also report that same student."

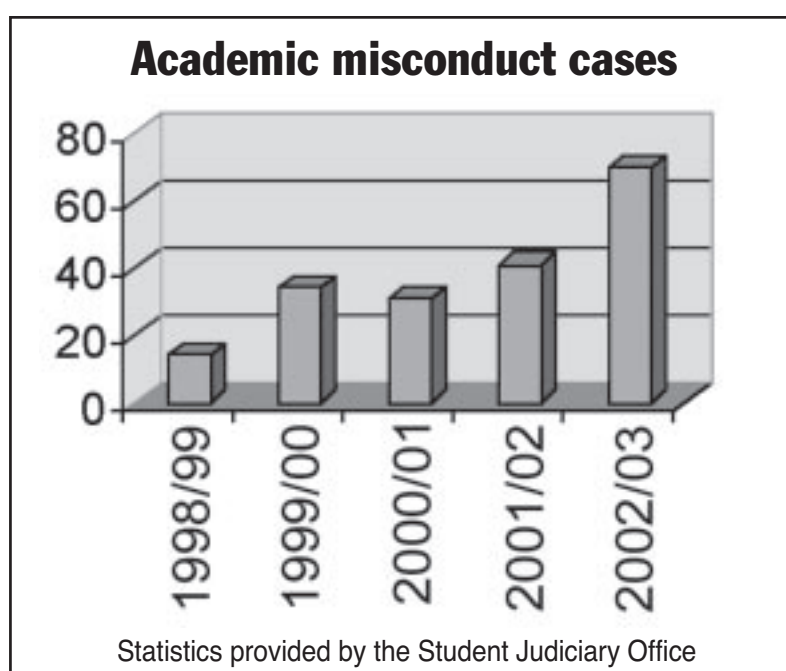
"I am not shocked or surprised when students cheat or lie," McGarey said. "I believe all students are honest, until they prove themselves dishonest. The temptation to look on another's paper or copy from someone's homework

must hit nearly everyone at some time, but not everyone follows through on that impulse...I guess cheating is deemed worthwhile if one does not get caught."

KSU has given professors several options to make sure that students are honest. "The Math Lab checks a picture ID for all students taking class tests," said Naidu Pinder, Math Lab Coordinator. "Students are turned away if they do not have the ID. Plus, it is important to note that the class tests and retests are randomly generated so that no one student gets the same test or same type of question in the same order as anyone else taking the test. In this way we can minimize and hopefully eliminate any opportunity for students to cheat."

"One thing we at KSU are doing about it is trying to emphasize ethics early and often," said Judith Stillion, director of the RTM Center for Leadership, Ethics, and Character. "Linda Damico and her colleagues have developed a unit on ethics that will be incorporated into KSU 1101 classes. Plagiarism can occur because people don't understand the concept. It can also occur because students have lost sight of what is really important—their own integrity and growth. They may believe that "getting by the easy way" is more important than spending the time needed to make the work their own. Interestingly, such a choice only cheats the chooser who has lost the chance to learn and grow and may be left with lowered self-esteem and a bad conscience."

Plagiarism of written papers is so prevalent on campus that many professors use software that identifies any stolen or borrowed work. "It can usually be easily identified," said Katya Vladimirov, professor of history. "I am pretty familiar with what's on the Internet in my subject. The numbers are very low that are actually taken to the student judiciary in comparison to the actual numbers. Many professors deal with it themselves. My major concern is that students



## What is Plagiarism?

The penalties for plagiarism can be surprisingly severe, ranging from zeros on assignments, class failure, expulsion from college and losing a job. All of the following are considered plagiarism:

- Turning in someone else's work as your own
- Changing the words of an original source if you have retained the essential idea of an original source and have not cited it
- Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- Neglecting to put quotation marks around quotes
- Providing incorrect information about the source of a quote
- Using a majority of text from one source (see "fair use" in copyright law).

## Catching Cheaters:

Professors have more resources than ever:

1. Plagerism.org generates a report that will identify where the original material came from and link to the original documents.
2. Integriguard.com has over 25,000 papers that they compare student papers against to detect papers that have been bought.
3. Turnitin.com – this service checks phrases in the paper against content on the Internet.

don't actually understand that it's theft. Some students don't even think it's wrong or have any feelings of remorse when they're caught."

"I would rather not feel the need to verify excuses," McGarey said. "However, some people seek an unfair advantage over other students by trying to gain additional time prior to an exam or assignment deadline, or gain insider knowledge about an exam. To make it fair for everyone, I verify excuses."

Regarding plagiarism, Walker said, "If a student can find it on the Internet, so can the professor."

## Drug and alcohol addiction epidemic in the U.S.

*Recent survey found that 1 out of 10 have a problem*

Matt Cutrona,  
Police Reporter

A report issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration estimated that 19.5 million people, ages 12 or older, have used illegal drugs in the past month. SAMHSA interviewed 68,000 individuals in 2002 and determined these statistics on census surveys. This means that more than one in 10 Americans have substance abuse problems with drugs or alcohol.

Out of the estimated 19.5 million people, 94 percent of them stated that they did not believe that they needed any kind of treatment for alcohol or drug abuse.

"Most people that use drugs or alcohol regularly don't even see that they have a problem, but the people around them do realize it," KSU senior Danielle Johnson said.

The report concluded that the number of young adults who have used marijuana or cocaine is increasing. Marijuana is still the most commonly used drug in the U.S. followed by the non-medical use of prescription drugs. A positive factor of the report told that the number of people smoking cigarettes has decreased dramatically between 2000 and 2001.

In 2001, there were 166 arrests made by the KSU Department of Public Safety relating to drugs or alcohol.

"The number of people being ar-

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## ROTC membership increases after 9/11/01

*Students served in Bosnia and Baghdad*

Leslie A. Thompson,  
Senior Staff Writer

Since September 11, 2001, the number of Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets at KSU has increased almost fourfold. Before, there were seven cadets enrolled in the ROTC program at KSU. Now there are 30, a few of which have already been deployed to active military duty.

Joshua Clopton a student serving in the National Guard, served in Bosnia in September 2001, and Jessica Swee, also a member of the National Guard, is in Baghdad.

"Jessica has a great attitude," Totten says proudly of Swee. "She writes us every day, and talks about her mile walks to the shower. She seems to be enjoying her work."

The ROTC program is located in the lower level of Willingham Hall, in room 120, a tiny office tucked discreetly between classrooms. The KSU



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ROTC drilling on campus.

ROTC program is a branch of the Georgia Tech program, although it is run independently by Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Totten.

Totten, a well-muscled military man with an easy smile, said this program is one that is close to his heart. ROTC is a program for students with an ambition to become Army officers. Once a prospective cadet is interviewed, Totten reviews his or her file.

"The paperwork is meant to

help us place each new recruit. Each file is evaluated individually so that everyone is placed correctly, according to their interests and talent."

Of course there are requirements. A member of the ROTC program must maintain a height-weight quota, which means a person must not go above a certain body fat percentage specified by height, weight and gender. And a new recruit must also maintain a 2.5 GPA or better to enter and maintain their position in ROTC.

Each recruit begins at Military Science level 1 or MS 1. Both MS 1 and 2 are not obligated to complete anything more than their academic and physical fitness requirements and attend a specialized basic training camp called ZTC. Cadets in the MS 3 and 4 levels have to fulfill more strenuous requirements. Not

only must they continue to meet the physical and academic standards, but also they must participate in regular training and go to Advanced and National Leadership training camps.

However, life in the ROTC program is much different from any other kind of military life.

"Every day is about training. The ROTC program and the U.S. Army teaches and enforces leadership skills through constant battle drilling," Totten said. "But there is true camaraderie. We get together and discuss grades, majors and training."

Indeed, an observant student at KSU can see the ROTC cadets at work performing regular drills. Then, after four years of study and training, a cadet will receive a commission in the Army as a lieutenant. Of course there is increased interest since the tragic events of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Many were left feeling defenseless," Totten said. "Many young people came by hoping to find a way to help out, wanting to do what they can to be proactive in any capacity."



# Did I pick the right roommate?

WebRoomZ makes selecting roommates easier

Claudia Biassou,  
Senior Staff Writer

Within the University System of Georgia, KSU is among one of the few using WebRoomz as its roommate selecting system.

WebRoomz, a web-based software system, was developed by Place Properties in 1996 and has since become an industry leader in student housing and development. It allows college student to select their rooms and roommates without visiting the dorms or meeting their roommates.

According to Jessica Harrison, WebRoomz director of public rela-

tions, WebRoomz manages all 1,058 beds at the campus, but KSU handles all inquires from the students. Because of the efficiencies provided by WebRoomz, universities are able to increase revenues while decreasing costs.

"Consistently, they comment on the strong return on investment-realizing that an investment in WebRoomz pays for itself in less than a year, and in some cases less than five months," Harrison said. "I know of many students who are thrilled to have the opportunity to choose their own roommate and room. Sometimes students show up on move-in day knowing who their roommates are, and their bedspread

and dishes patterns. All they have left to do is meet their roommate in person. WebRoomz can enhance students living experience by relieving a lot of the anxiety involved with living with a stranger. With WebRoomz, you can feel comfortable knowing who you are sharing your living space with, while still living and interacting in a diverse environment within your hall."

"I did not know what to expect when I first logged into WebRoomz but it made picking a roommate easier than expected," said Kathrina Biassou, a sophomore, said. "This is my first time living away from home so I was scared."

Kennesaw Place was so popu-

lar this year that the demand resulted in a waiting list of at over 700 students hoping to get in. So, when Biassou received an invitation from a resident, she accepted right away.

"I received an e-mail from Calesta asking me to be one of her three roommates. I quickly accepted her invitation after reading her profile," Biassou said. "I felt that she was a good match."

Adam Wilson is a freshman from North Gwinnett High School. He enjoys all music, but mostly Jazz. His first university choice was Georgia State, but after visiting the KSU campus, he was so impressed that he decided to enroll. Another reason was Alex Gibbs, his current roommate. Gibbs and Wilson have been friends for three years.



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Home sweet home away from home

He met his other two roommates at the freshmen orientation, and later selected them as his dorm partners.

"WebRoomz was a painless

process, but not as specific as I like to be," Wilson said. [It was] easy enough to use, plus I can call and ask questions if I wanted to."

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rested for alcohol will only increase due to student life in the dorms," KSU alumni Jonathon Harricharan said.

The KSU student handbook states that any activity contributing to the over-indulgence of alcohol is prohibited. The test administered by SAMHSA proved that the overindulgence of alcohol is a problem amongst people ages 18 to 23, the majority age of KSU students.

**POLICE • BEAT**  
Compiled by Matt Cutrona,  
Police Reporter

• Vernon Benton, of 210 North Bethel #20, Olympia, WA, was arrested and charged with **assault** on August 5, 2003. The victim stated Benton punched and broke her nose when she asked for some of his beer.

• David Frazee, of 1689 Windstone Drive, Ringgold, GA, was arrested and charged with providing **false information** to police August 11.

# KSU struggles with note taking controversy

Is it ethical to purchase notes for your classes?

Angela Hansberry,  
Staff Writer

Many KSU students received mailed advertisements from The General Bookstore advertising "efficient service" and shorter lines when compared to the bookstore on campus. The advertisement also offered possible job positions for select students at KSU.

On the backside of this same mail-in advertisement, there is an ad for "A" students wanted for a note taking job. According to the ad, if a student is taking at least one class that was listed on this ad, had a 3.4 GPA, and is a "superior student," they will be eligible to sell notes to the General Bookstore for a fee. The notes would then be sold to other students who take the class.

Even though the ad does state a disclaimer towards the bottom that "These notes are intended to be helpful supplements to students' own material, not replacements or substitutions for going to class," some have questioned the procedures, the pay, and the ethical principles behind subscribing to someone else's work.

"We're looking for exceptional "A" students," said Nathan Dlnatelli, the manager at the General Bookstore. "We have each individual note graded by graduate students from the University of Georgia and then print them up into packets... Pay depends on the length and popularity [of the students' notes] and commission is even available by how many they write."

"I don't see anything wrong with it," said Sarina Hall, fresh-

man. "I would even do it for the right amount of pay. It's not plagiarism because evidently I'm giving the students permission to do it."

While some students claim there is nothing morally wrong with buying specific notes from other students, some professors disagree.

John Fowler, an asst. professor of history, said that it was not only illegal, but a waste of time. "I'm not too concerned about it, though. They should be out of business pretty soon."

"Well, I think it is unethical," said Akanmu Adebayo, executive director of the Institute for Global Initiatives and professor of history. "It is a big copyright infringement. I don't know what [a student] could get out of these notes because not everyone takes good notes, to

start with. But, the fact that they would publish a work of the word of a faculty member without permission is very unethical."

Math Lab Coordinator, Pinder Naidu said that the best way for a student to learn is firsthand.

"Research shows that most students are visual learners and I think that students really need to sit in the classes and look at the material being presented," Naidu said. "I think taking good notes is a value... but I really don't think that there is a good substitute for actually going into the class, listening to the questions being asked [by fellow students in the course], especially in a math class, because you could be missing out on questions that you may have yourself. I think that just being in the classroom is really more than just taking notes."

Juan Arenas, a tutor in the math lab, plainly states, "Yeah,

something's wrong with [buying other student's notes]. People should do their own work."

**CORRECTION**

The artist names for the artwork displayed in the Sept. 10 issue of *The Sentinel* were not displayed with their artwork. On page one was "Why 9-11-01" by Kim Laurel. On page three, inset was "Untitled" by Alison Howard-Levy; the page three photo with a hand with heart is "Helping Hand" by Dorothy Krause. All artwork is part of from the September 11 Memorial Portfolio of the American Print Alliance and all pictures of the artwork were taken by Staff Photographer Heidi Paruta. It is the policy of *The Sentinel* to provide all information possible about the subjects of our coverage. *The Sentinel* apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.



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# VIEWPOINTS

## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

When I began taking courses toward a second degree a few semesters ago, I actually found the experience at KSU a stress-reliever compared to my normal day with 2 small children. No more. The parking situation is stressful enough, but the comments in the parking article are enough to make me go over the top.

To imply students are whiny and lazy because they don't want to use spots "less convenient" is an oversimplified and ignorant statement. Yes, the day that a 19-year-old able-bodied guy with a "GOLDS GYM" pass hanging from his key chain cut me off for a closer spot it did seem ridiculous. But what Kort Peterson must not realize is that some students take classes at night, and for us parking becomes a matter of personal safety. My day at KSU ends at 9:40 p.m., which means my finding a spot at 5 p.m. that is relatively close to my last class is critical. I wouldn't walk through my friendly neighborhood alone at that time of night, let alone with my purse, wallet, \$200 graphing calculator and encumbered by a backpack that weighs practically more than I do. I don't find crossing a four-lane road in the dark to a parking lot conveniently located near a gas station and interstate appealing either. Sounds like stuff I've been warned not to do since I was a child, so why start now? I urge you to walk the campus (as I have had to do) at that time of night. It is dark, desolate, with zero security presence. Equally frustrating is that when I start my day the faculty and guest lots are about two-thirds vacant....

**Jill Shivertaker**  
Post Bacc - MGE

Dear Editor,

SG President Kort Peterson must not be an evening student. Two weeks into the semester my "drive time" upon arrival—approximately 6 p.m. Monday through Friday—is averaging 20 to 30 minutes. While this is admittedly not the end of the world, it is more than just a small problem. Nontraditional commuting students like myself—a demographic group substantially responsible for the success of the university—have enough to deal with in our lives without the added challenge of hunting down a parking space. KSU is a good school with a great deal to offer students and the community. However, in its aggressive growth strategy the school is straining not only the physical environment but students and faculty as well. For a school with excellent business and education programs a little more foresight would have been desirable.

Looking forward to graduation,

**Marshall James**  
Senior, History



Response to a response  
Dear Editor,

What a difference a week makes. Last week Mrs. Velarde, in a response to an column by Mr. Voyles, said, "President Bush is showing that true leadership is doing what is right although the world may sneer, and not allowing U.S. foreign policy to be dictated by the French or that paper tiger known as the United Nations." Ironically, the Bush administration has recently tucked its tail between its leg, and it is essentially begging the UN for money and troops. Apparently, we are much better at making messes than we are at cleaning them up. Furthermore, where has President Bush been while soldier after soldier gets picked off? He has been on vacation if you can believe it. Actually, the official line from the White House is that he has taken a month long "working vacation." Yes, even the President gets to telecommute to work; doesn't that make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside?

CBS has estimated that Bush has spent as many as "250 full or partial days at his getaway spots—27 percent of his presidency thus far." We are talking about taxpayer-funded jaunts to his ranch in Texas or his family's home in Maine. Does that sound like true leadership? I implore someone to explain to those serving in Iraq how it is possible that their leader, the commander in chief, gets to take a month long vacation because I will not. I implore someone to explain this to the hundreds of people who have lost a brother, sister, father, or mother in Iraq because I cannot. Their blood is on our hands, both yours and mine, and so is the blood of the thousands, if not more, of unnamed Iraqis, who have fallen victim to Bush's true leadership. I hope that Mrs. Velarde is comfortable in her assertions, and she seems quite confident in her beliefs. I only wish I could be that strong because these are the thoughts that keep me awake at night.

**John A. Sweeney**  
Senior, History of Ideas Major

## A dopey thing to do?

It is safe to assume that most parents would give serious thought before taking a young child to a movie bearing an NC-17 rating. Why? Because that type of movie was created for adults. Things are quite different, however, in the pharmaceutical world. Thanks to a strong push by the drug companies, including a virtual deluge of candy-coated advertisements, kids are not only taking more drugs, they are taking in increasing numbers drugs manufactured and intended for adults.

A recent study by Medco Health Solutions stated that prescription drug use in children has risen by 33 percent since 1997. In fact, prescription spending for children during the period from 1997 to 2002 grew faster than for any other group, including seniors. Those facts aren't necessarily alarming until the focus shifts to the specific drugs children are taking.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration records show that in 2000, almost 250,000 children took Prilosec (an adult heartburn drug) and about 100,000 were dosed with "proton pump inhibitor" heartburn drugs such as Prevacid, Nexium and Aciphex. At that time, none of these drugs was approved for use in children (Prevacid was approved for pediatric use in 2002). Ann Smith, Medco's public relations director, sums up the situation clearly. "Children are on more drugs than we think of as adult drugs: Prilosec, antidepressants, even arthritis drugs like Celebrex and Vioxx, which more kids are taking for sports injuries."

Children taking adult medications creates a dangerous situation. Clonidine, a blood-pressure medication, is now being given to children with ADHD and even to babies that are deemed "sleep resistant." A study by the University of Maryland Pharmacy Dept.



shows that poison centers nationwide have been receiving increasing reports of children suffering toxic effects from Clonidine.

This is not to say that children should never take prescription medications. But when physicians are prescribing for children medications originally intended for adults, the effects need to be carefully scrutinized. This includes studies of long-term effects and side effects. A child may not show an immediate negative reaction to Prilosec, for example, but what will transpire if the child begins taking the drug at age 10 and continues to take it throughout adulthood?

The pharmaceutical industry knows that children provide a rich marketing field to insure them a future revenue stream. Fueled by the increases in obesity and diabetes among adolescents and children, the trade magazine *Pharmafocus* recently labeled diabetes "an ideal disease for the pharmamarket." Now there's an ironic phrase: an "ideal disease." Try that label out on a diabetic person.

But there is hope that more studies testing the effects of drugs on children will be conducted. The FDA is now offering an incentive program through which companies are permitted to extend a drug patent in exchange for testing the

effects of the drug on children. A patent extension on a drug is quite a windfall for a company, particularly in light of the fact that drug pricing builds in the patent exclusivity period as one factor; an extension can mean hundreds of millions of additional revenue dollars to the drug company.

The pharmaceutical companies cannot shoulder all the blame for the situation we are in, however. The impetus for prescribing a drug for every child, and for prescribing adult medications for children, although certainly supported and encouraged by the drug companies, ultimately stems from our no-need-to-wait, fix-it-now society. Parents want a quick fix for any perceived problems with themselves and with their children. The fact that they—or, more likely, the children—may pay later for this quick fix apparently either does not occur to or does not faze them. The quickest and easiest way may not be the right way, or even the best way in the long run. And children, we hope, all have a long run ahead of them.

It is certainly true that some children need to take prescription drugs. It may also be true that in some specific and rare cases, children need to take prescription drugs designed and intended for adults. But the starting point, for parents, physicians and drug companies, should be that adult medication is prescribed for adults, not kids.



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Jessica Wise  
Staff Writer

The Be-A-Part-of-the-Arts-Fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Several kid-friendly events, performances and activities are happening throughout the fair in various spots around campus.

Members of the KSU Music Faculty and the Cobb Symphony Orchestra are performing "Green Eggs and Ham" in the Stillwell Theater at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Participants will also be able to hear

the Georgia Young singers at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in the Humanities Building room 102.

At 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., the Jazz Ensemble will be playing Jazzy Kid's Show Themes in the Legacy Gazebo. Also at 1:30 p.m. Cobb Children's Theater will perform for children in the Studio Theater.

A kids' talent show will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Legacy Gazebo. Applications can be found online at [www.Kennesaw.edu/arts/bapa/index.html](http://www.Kennesaw.edu/arts/bapa/index.html). Participants must be between the ages of 5 and 13. The talent show is not a competition, but all performers will be given a Certificate of Participation.

Children can also enter their own creations into the Super Colossal Art Display. Details for submitting an entry can be found online. The Art Display and a Fine Arts Gallery Exhibition will be open from noon to 4 p.m.

Other events include a musical petting zoo, visual arts activities,

face painting and storytelling. A door prize will also be available at the fair in room 125 of the Wilson building. All events at the fair will be free. Refreshments can be purchased at the fair through various student art organizations. In the event of rain, the Jazz Ensemble performance will be cancelled, the talent show will move to Music Building, room 109 and the other outdoor activities will be moved to indoor locations. For more information, call 770-423-6650.

The Sentinel Staff

### Thumbs Up



1. Carnival rides
2. Donating blood
3. Free movie passes \*
4. Nude scenes
5. Madonna and Britney's kiss

1. Homophobia
2. Cheaters
3. Group projects
4. Nude scenes
5. Madonna and Christina Aguilera's kiss



### Thumbs Down

\* See Critic's Corner for information.

## The North Georgia State Fair

Tawnia Grove  
Staff Writer

Bring the kids and join the fun at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual North Georgia State Fair. Have Al the Bicycling Artist create a caricature for you in just two minutes. Become a frog trainer and win a trophy as your frog leaps to victory. Gasp as the Human Cannonball shoots 300 feet through the air, and then head over to watch the "Master of the Chainsaw" as he carves a sculpture out of a two-foot long log. Don't forget to stop by the Frisco Brothers' show where the zebras, elephants and Bengal tigers play.

So hop in the car and drive to Jim Miller Park, 2245 Callaway Rd. in Marietta. Bring \$5 if you are a grown-up, or \$2 if you are 7- to 18-years old. Children 6-years old or under get in free. You can also visit the website at [www.NorthGeorgiaStateFair.com](http://www.NorthGeorgiaStateFair.com) and buy advanced tickets at 30% off. Ride tickets start at \$10, and add \$2 for parking, but sit back and enjoy the live concerts absolutely free of charge. Save a little cash for



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR

THE 71ST ANNUAL NORTH GEORGIA STATE FAIR SEPT. 18-SEPT 28, 2003 .

Granny's Apple Dumpling Booth and munch on some "Jail Bird Wings" before you go.

"It is hard for families to find an activity that everyone can enjoy," said Mike Donahoo, President of

the Cobb County Fair Association. "Spend an evening at the fair and everyone will leave happy."

From Thursday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 28, an expected 300,000 people will gather for hours

of excitement. Head over to the fair Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Fridays from 4 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays 10 a.m. to midnight and Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Sammy

It is a miracle my brother ever survived childhood. He'd had it a little rough, and adulthood seems no better. He never shows up on time for anything, has a strange sense of humor and he seems to have stopped sleeping altogether.

What's worse is that this isn't a progressive thing. He has been like this from the day he was born, and these personality traits have led him to pull some seriously outrageous stunts. Sammy (name changed to protect the somewhat innocent) has always been an unpredictable character of literary proportions.

### THE NORMAL ONE



Leslie Thompson  
Humor Columnist

As a child, he was the kid that ate anything on a dare, and while his child's palate lacked sophistication, it did possess a super human tolerance for texture and consistency. We have caught Sammy eating everything from fuzzy caterpillars and pill bugs to screw washers and my art supplies.

Once I dared him to shove a kitten's head in his mouth just to see if it would fit. Sammy was rushed to the hospital to have the hysterical animal removed from his jaws and to stitch up the gashes left by the claws of a terrified cat.

Sammy did eventually quit putting things in his mouth. As he grew older, he switched to more physical antics. He began jumping off of a number of things. I can still see him in my mind's eye, his face split in a goofy and gregarious grin and his arms waving maniacally as he plummeted towards certain death.

He jumped off cars, retaining walls, siblings and the roof of the house, because there was nothing too high or too dangerous. Once my elder sister convinced Sammy to pile all the bedding, pillows and sleeping bags we had into the middle of the living room just to see if he would actually jump from the second floor banisters.

As we pushed furniture away from his landing pad, Sammy scurried up the stairs, climbed the banister and went sailing into open space. It seemed he hovered there, like a magnificent tropical bird before he plummeted like a rock into the safety of the pillows. We were amazed by Sammy's stunt. My sisters, our youngest brother and I scurried up the stairs to take the leap. We jumped for hours, coming closer and closer to breaking our legs and cracking our skulls.

Once the integrity of the landing pad had been destroyed, we moved to leaping onto the couch and we destroyed that too. The fun didn't stop until Mom and Dad came home.

We were lined up on the stairs, each waiting a turn, when the front door was flung open. The doorknob hit the wall with a drywall-crushing thud. Mom and Dad stared in amazement as Sammy was soaring down in a graceful pose and slammed into the couch. Needless to say, my mother went nuts. Her voice reached octaves so high even the neighbor's dog cringed in pain. I don't think any of us saw the light of day for a month.

Now that Sammy is an adult, his quirks have become much more sophisticated in nature. He now performs what I affectionately call "stunts of intellect."

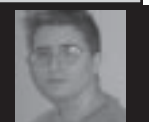
Sammy is the only person I know who can get lost on his way to work after finding his way safely there for at least three months. He can tune a car perfectly using just by listening, but cannot hear three people screaming at him to move his car.

He can not see the buxom beauty rubbing suggestively against him, but Sammy has no problem spotting the one woman who wants nothing to do with him standing three miles away. He possesses the delicate patience to piece together miniature works of art, but Sammy can not manage to keep from mangling the video game console every time he loses at Tetris.

Because Sammy will always be prone to silliness, (I'm beginning to think he does it on purpose) I will always be compelled to relate his misadventures. There is more to come...

## Roaming Reporter

### KSU speaks out



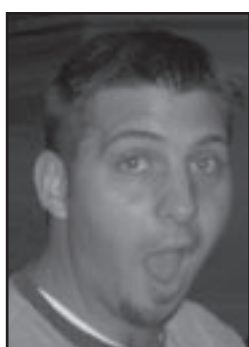
Heather Croas  
Roaming Reporter

Growing up people would ask that age-old question, so what do you want to be when you grow up. Now that we have entered college it is time to plan our future and decide what we are going to do once we leave school. For some graduation is just around the corner for others it still seems like a long way to go. But I wanted to know what people planned to do once that elusive day arrived and it was time to leave school finally. So KSU: What do you plan to do after you graduate?



**Brinson Smith**  
Health and physical education  
Senior  
West Palm Beach, Fla.

"Teach P.E. in a middle school and coach girls' soccer. I also plan to on going back to school for a second degree in psychology."



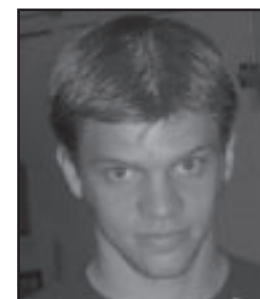
**Greg Hall**  
Health and physical education  
Junior  
Marietta

"I plan to teach and coach."



**Jordan Carter**  
Forensic chemistry  
Sophomore  
Douglas

"Work in the Air Force office of special investigations in forensics."



**Matt Jones**  
Health and physical education  
Unknown  
Kennesaw

"Teach high school P.E. and coach basketball."



**Ryan K. Rohan**  
Biology/pre-med  
Sophomore  
Jasper, Ala.

"I plan to pursue my dreams by becoming a pediatrician, meet the woman of my dreams, have several kids and go to Disney World. If the woman of my dreams reads this, find me somewhere and holla."



# Looking for a job, Career Services Center can help

Jason Quigley  
Staff Writer

The on-campus Career Services Center may have a job just for you, and they teach you how to get it. Interviews, resumes, job hunting techniques and all the things that boggle a career seeker's mind are sorted out here. Once a part of the Counseling and Advising Program Services, the Career Services Center has been helping students prepare for a career before and after graduation for nearly ten years. Funded through outside companies, the center offers a wide variety of jobs for many students and alumni through their OwlTRAK (MONSTERTRAK) system on their Web page.

OwlTRAK is an online job

site with over 15,000 postings that are updated daily from local and national companies. Students and alumni can find part-time to full-time jobs ranging from entry-level to upper-level positions, as well as internship and cooperative education opportunities. Applicants can submit resumes directly online.

OwlTRAK also offers a career contact and alumni network. The program allows students to contact alumni and professionals for career advice.

The center is committed to helping students succeed in finding and preparing for a job that is right for them. Counselor and assistant director (Coles College of Business), Lori Trahan said, "We are here to help. We can't help unless we know that

you need us. You never know till you look, even after graduation."

Prior to looking for a job, students should call and make a one-on-one appointment with a counselor to help prepare or finalize their resumes. Trained staff can give useful insight into what direction is right, and what type of resume is necessary for the job. The center makes an in-depth evaluation of your accomplishments and skills to help build your resume, and further organizes a cover letter and any referrals.

A Career Services professional will help with questions and interviewing techniques. Schedule an appointment for a taped interview session. A counselor will record a practice interview using questions that

professionals use. Afterwards, the counselor will go over strong and weak points to help students better understand the interviewing process.

The center provides on-campus recruiting with hundreds of employers each year. Students must register with the center through its Web site. After browsing OwlTRAK, students can submit a resume to a potential employer. Students can then check daily for any correspondence with the company. Once chosen for an interview, students select an interview time-slot on the Web, and all interviews take place at the center. Students failing to select a time or to show up for the interview will forfeit any future interview schedules.

Each year, Career Services

conducts four career expos in the areas of Business, Arts and Science, Co-op and Internships and Education. The students can meet directly with employers and professionals. The fall expo will be Sept. 24 in the student center from noon to 4 p.m. The center has invited over 3,100 employers to attend. Students are encouraged to dress in proper attire and to have resume copies available for submission.

Students may come to the center at any time to browse for current job postings. Assistants are available for any questions. Students need to call to set up an appointment with a counselor. The center provides a library filled with books and journals on strategies and opportunities in many career fields.



The Career Services Center - 2617 Kennesaw Hall - 6555  
<http://careerctr.kennesaw.edu>

Hours: Monday-Thursday  
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:  
**FALL CAREER EXPO:**  
Sept. 24, Student Center, 12 - 4 p.m.

## Career Fair 2003 hits KSU

Tawnia Grove  
Staff Writer

Fifty-eight employers, including representatives from AFLAC, Fox 5, WellStar Health System, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service and the DeKalb Medical Center, will fill University Rooms A through E as the Career Services Center hosts Career Fest

2003 on Sept. 24 from noon until 4 p.m.

Employers invite students of all majors and welcome all years of study, and participation in the fair is free with a valid student ID.

The Career Center recommends wearing professional attire, suits preferred, and also suggests wearing a name tag displaying first and last name, along with class year. Sev-

eral professional-quality copies of an error-free, attractive resume should also be on hand. Upon entry students will receive a list of employers, a map, and instructions.

"This is one of the few times in your life that employers are coming for you," said Lori Trahan, a Career Evaluation Counselor. "They like KSU students and appreciate the education that KSU students get. They want to employ you."

For a full list of attending employers, as well as tips on "How to make your Career Expo Experience a Success," visit the Career Center website at [careerctr.kennesaw.edu](http://careerctr.kennesaw.edu). The site also provides direct access to employers' Web sites, the type of positions open for interview, and which majors they cater to.

## Any volunteers? Volunteer fair needs you

Jacky Mbaya  
Staff Writer

If you are out looking for something to do to help the community, or if you are interested in lending a hand in community development, or you want to find out what specific careers offer before you make up your mind to go into them, or if it is just to get some experience in the career that you plan to undertake, then you need to get yourself down to this year's Volunteer Fair on Sept 25 in the student center university rooms noon until 4 p.m.

This event has been organized by the Volunteer Center to give all students an opportunity to meet agencies who will provide them with volunteer opportunities. The agencies will give the necessary advice, rules and regulations that along with the job terms, policy and conditions. They will be on hand to answer questions that anyone may have.

## The man in the watermelon hat

Grant Sinclair  
Editor in Chief

He walked into the room wearing a dark suit, a blue dress shirt, unbuttoned and without a tie, and custom watermelon shoes. It's hard to tell under his watermelon hat if the lines on his face are laugh lines or worry lines, but his warm smile and easy demeanor are difficult to hide.

Wally Amos is an inspirational cookie man and the cookie man came to KSU last night as part of the Chautauqua Lecture Series, sponsored by the Kennesaw Activity Board.

Amos is the entrepreneur who started Famous Amos cookies, spent 10 years building it to a \$12 billion business, then losing it. "I made a lot of mistakes," Amos said. "I didn't have the best management team and I didn't listen. I became 'Famous Amos' and I always right. The business just began to go downhill."

Amos did not take it sitting down. He started another cookie company, Uncle Noname Cookies. When Keebler bought Famous Amos cookies, Amos merged back with the company, renaming the company Uncle Wally's and stayed with it for a while, but decided he liked being the boss and left to form yet another cookie company: Aunt Della's.

"I love chocolate chip cookies," Amos said. "I got started with my aunt Della's cookies, but after awhile, she stopped sending me cookies, so I didn't have the chocolate chips."

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# Critics Corner

## Diary: Journal for the dead

Jessica Wise  
Staff Writer

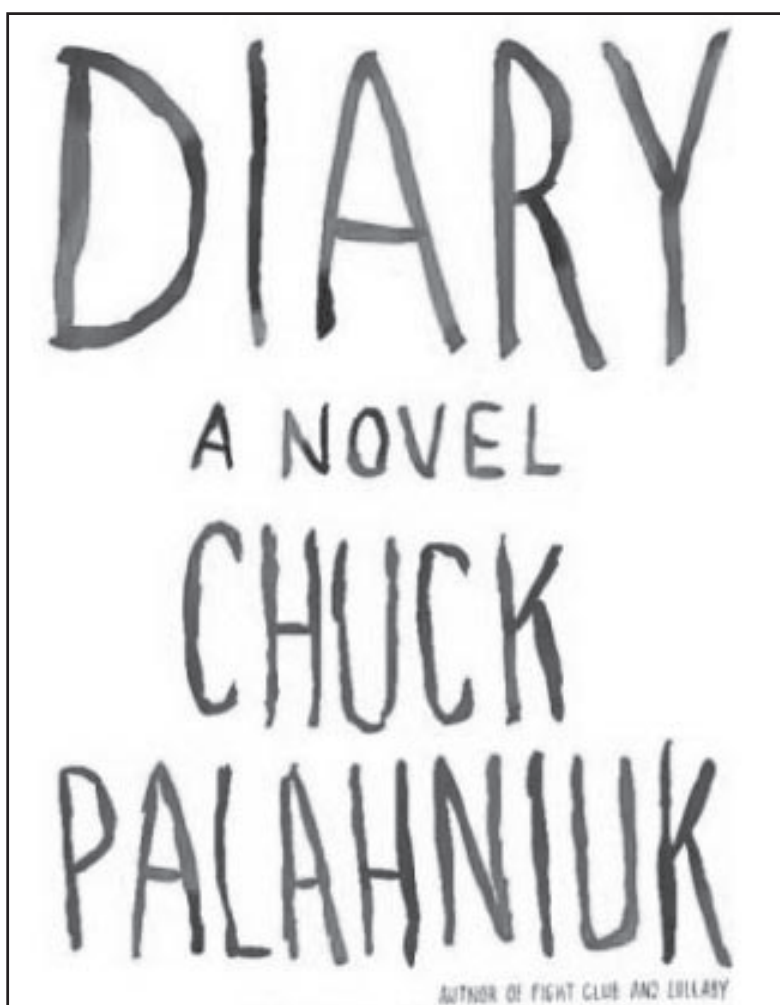
It is a personal tale sifted from busy homogenous lives that creates the subject of Chuck Palahniuk's new novel *Diary*. As Misty Marie Wilmot, "queen of the slaves" and waitress to the masses of summer tourists, struggles to support her daughter and her manipulative mother-in-law, she finds refuge writing messages in a diary for a husband that might as well be dead. Peter is Misty's husband, and he is comatose. Peter is just lying in a hospital slowly decomposing. His wife is trying to figure out why she married him, why she loves him and why she followed him to the strange and once secluded world of Wantaysea Island.

This is a novel by Chuck Palahniuk, the author of *Fight Club* and *Lullaby*, and like previous novels, Misty's realizations are packaged tightly together with the magic of reincarnation and possession. Misty's humdrum life becomes "Bermuda Triangulated" as she discovers that she does not really know the people she lives with—her husband, her daughter, herself or the islanders she has known for more than a decade.

As the mystery is sorted out and slowly realized, every spoken line can be seen in a sinister light. Even a mother-in-law's innocent reassurances that everything will be fine take shape as a threat.

Palahniuk's style is powerful and deeply-focused, thundering in heated chorus as Misty discusses her husband, her family, her life, the tourists and the confusion of what is happening to her. The pace is smartly maintained through a rhythm that somehow approaches poetry.

Palahniuk's angry and unmeasured



stanzas stalk their way through Misty's confusion and frustration at her husband's situation, and the poetic sense of the novel is heightened by the way in which her personal mantras develop into a refrain.

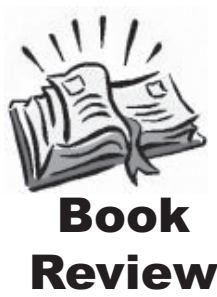
"Just for the record," she writes about her past. "Just for the record," she says as she acknowledges her own mistakes. This repetition enters a reader's subconscious and hooks them along down the fish scale blueprints of Wantaysea.

The strength of Palahniuk's craft is dragged down with the quality of a mystery that seems tacked on. Misty's eerie possession is explained haltingly as she creates art from be-

yond the grave—from recollections that are not her own. The origins of which those recollections belong to are seldom discussed, and their pasts seem to remain no more than murky memories. The strange activities of the townspeople seem a little contrived, because those characters seem to stay two-dimensional. Indeed, they are seemingly of little interest to the author himself who frequently avoids discussing the islanders, their families or the Wantaysea School of painters.

For the record, *Diary* is a worthy read. The twist and turns of the plot may seem like *Rosemary's Baby* meets *Gilligan's Island*, but Palahniuk never disappoints fans who enjoy a character with a voice and a life (or lives) of their own.

Grade: B+



**Book Review**

## Top 10 rock albums you've probably never heard of

Chris Dituri  
Staff Writer

### And the winners are . . .

10. God Lives Underwater- Life in the So-Called Space Age
9. Lacuna Coil- Unleashed Memories
8. Life of Agony- Soul Searching Sun
7. Idlewild- Remote Part
6. Pop Will Eat Itself- Dos Dedos Mis Amigos
5. The Sugarcubes- Great Crossover Potential
4. Ours- Distorted Lullabies
3. Snake River Conspiracy- Sonic Jihad
2. Placebo- Black Market Music
1. Stabbing Westward- Wither Blister Burn + Peel



TAKING SECOND PLACE: PLACEBO BY BLACK MARKET MUSIC



AND THE WINNER IS: STABBING WESTWARD BY WITHER BLISTER BURN + PEEL



IN THIRD PLACE: SNAKE RIVER CONSPIRACY BY SONIC JIHAD

## Star Wars proves to still be light years ahead

Chris Dituri  
Staff Writer

Canadian developer BioWare is well known for producing high-quality roleplaying games and now offers up what is, in many ways, its finest such game to date: *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic*. Everything you could want in a Star Wars title is here, and the game is totally open-ended. Nothing has been left out...from light sabers to Stormtroopers to Wookies. If you want to follow the path of the dark side, you are more than welcome to. The options are limitless, and this is the game's biggest strength.

In *Knights*, you create a main character and then explore many different areas, interact with different characters, settle disputes, solve puzzles, and engage in plenty of combat.

Combat appears to be real-time but actually uses a turn-based system "under the hood" just like *Neverwinter Nights*, which means your character's statistics and attributes (and your strategy) make all the difference, and your personal reflexes and hand-eye coordination have no bearing on the outcome.

Most importantly, *Knights* is very different from the typical console RPG in that you'll always be an active participant in the storyline, rather than a passive observer. Everything revolves around you and the decisions you make. You don't just read, watch, and listen to a lot of text, cutscenes, and dialogue—your character is constantly invited and required to make difficult decisions, and that's ultimately the most entertaining, impressive and rewarding



aspect of the game.

This game boasts some superior gameplay but it lacks the depth in both the audio and graphical areas where other RPGs are superior. Characters are blocky and dull, and the voice-overs can become very cheesy after about a half hour of play especially during the battle sequences. The other downfall is that the combat at a glance looks dynamic, like an action game. It is a slight disappointment when you figure out that you don't actually get to hack away with your lightsaber but rather command your character. The action is turn based, meaning that the enemies attack and then you attack. This is very similar to the game engine of *Final Fantasy*, and it makes battles very interesting in terms of strategy. If you're low on health and it's the enemy's



**Game Review**

turn to attack, you'd better hope that they miss. In my opinion, the small graphical and audio dings can be overlooked and this game provides a solid Xbox roleplayer.

*Knights of the Old Republic* is a very welcome addition to Xbox's starving repertoire of RPGs, and it might set the

standard for all movie-based games. While it is not flawless, it contains all of the components of a solid title. If you are a Star Wars fanatic, pick this one up. If not, it's still worth renting. Most Star Wars titles have been disappointing, and they have all either been first person shooters or fighting based action games. *Knights of the Old Republic* proves that Star Wars is better suited for the realm of role-playing.

Grade: B+

Come to the Sentinel office for free passes to see the movie Anything Else. The first 30 people to stop by will receive passes to see the private screening at the AMC Barrlet Commons 24.





# Reel News (Movies/DVD)

**Eric M. Croas**  
Features Editor

**Duplex (movie releases 9-26-03)**

Set in the competitive world of New York City real estate, a couple (played by Drew Barrymore and Ben Stiller) find their dream home is a converted duplex apartment in the perfect neighborhood. In true comic crime fashion, they decide to kill the sweet little old lady (played by Eileen Essell) who is currently living there, because they will never get to buy it otherwise.

**Trivia**

- Greg Mottola (The Daytrippers) had been signed to direct, but he dropped out, so Danny De Vito came aboard to replace him.
- This was Larry Doyle's screenwriting debut, and prior to that he wrote and produced for *The Simpsons*.
- Stars Drew Barrymore and Ben Stiller were also co-producers of this film.



**Anger Management (DVD releases 9-16-03)**

After being wrongly accused of a crime, mild-mannered businessman (played by Adam Sandler) is sentenced to an anger management program. He discovers that his instructor (played by Jack Nicholson) has his own serious anger management problem, and it seems that the instructor is the one man most capable of making his new student lose his cool.

**Trivia**

- The in-flight movie that Buddy is enjoying is *Tomcats* (2001).
- The shots of the Boston Medical Center are actually of Columbia University's Law School.
- Features on the disc include audio commentary, featurettes, deleted scenes, and more.

**Prey for Rock N' Roll (movie releases 9-26-03)**

It is the story of an all-girl rock quartet, Clamdandy, trying to break out of obscurity in Los Angeles. Their own personal problems, including age, sexuality and drug addiction, pose serious barriers to the success of the band. An opportunity to open for a legendary punk group (X) arises, and it could finally be the big chance they have been waiting for. It will be a matter of overcoming their obstacles to actually do it.

**Trivia**

- Gina Gershon actually provides her own vocals in the film.
- Drea DeMato's character on *Sopranos* is club owner of a rock bar.
- Beat out Geri Halliwell and Victoria A. (Posh Spice) for the lead in *Tank Girl* (1995).

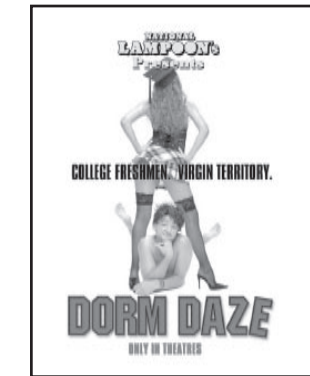


**Confidence (DVD releases 9-16-03)**

This is the story of a con man (played by Edward Burns) whose latest scam puts him in debt with the mafia. It turns out that his victim, an accountant, works for the mob. Dustin Hoffman plays the kingpin whom hires an enforcer (played by Franky G.) to shadow the con man. In the meantime, the con man and his crew are working to pull off another scam for the mob to pay off their debt.

**Trivia**

- The World premiere of this film was at the Sundance Festival in January 2003.
- Director James Foley joined this project after being attached to direct *The Recruit* but dropped out of that production.
- Features on the disc include commentary, a featurette and deleted scenes.



**National Lampoon presents: Dorm Daze (movie releases 9-26-03)**

Taking place just before the Christmas break in a coed university dormitory, it is a comedy of errors revolving around the arrival of two very different women named Dominique. The first is a prostitute hired by a student so his brother can lose his virginity, and the other is a French foreign exchange student who barely speaks English.

**Trivia**

- The film was produced independently of National Lampoon.
- This is the first movie from the Brothers Hillenbrand to land an actual theatrical release.
- This movie was filmed in locations in Castaic, Los Angeles and San Diego, California

**AMOS, FROM PAGE 5**

Amos now travels the United States giving inspirational speeches, especially to students.

"I love speaking to students," Amos said. "I know some things about life they don't and maybe if they won't fall into the same ditches I have. Ultimately, you have to do it for yourself, but maybe some of the students who listen to my talks can take a detour around those ditches."

The watermelon or "Walleymelon" hats are Amos' way of defeating stereotypes, particularly negative stereotypes associated with watermelons and black people.

"I think the sin of stereotyping is people believing in them," Amos

said. "A stereotype has no meaning unless you believe in it."

KAB spent four months planning the event, which was hosted in the University Rooms in the Student Center, according to KAB Lectures Coordinator John Beard.

"It took a lot of people doing a lot of work to bring this off," Beard said.

Amos gave the audience of around 150 the opportunity to pick his brain and understand why he "doesn't cry over spilled milk."

"I am in charge," Amos said. "No one can control me. That is what this (gesturing to his Walleymelon attire) is all about."



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# DORM LIFE: Entertaining at home

Rina Mann  
Staff Writer

“Staying in” (as opposed to ‘going out’) used to be a matter of necessity. To stay home on a Friday or Saturday night meant that you were either broke, too tired to go out or there was absolutely nothing worthwhile happening.

More and more, staying in has become an acceptable and even preferable way to spend an afternoon or evening. If you give some thought to what you

want to do, what you want to serve and who you want to invite; you should have a good time on your hands.

### What to do?

Go retro. Board games have come back in a big way. Classics like Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit and Clue can provide hours of entertainment for a pretty diverse crowd.

Cranium, a relative newcomer on the board game scene, is another hit with eclectic groups. Cheapass Games, another industry

newcomer, has developed a cult following by producing a slew of unique games that are incredibly inexpensive and incredibly addictive.

If board games are a little too much like ‘bored games’ for your crowd, reinvent the rules. Check out *New Rules for Classic Games* by R. Wayne Schmittberger, or just make up your own. Try your hand at cards while you are at it. UNO, because it is so simple, lends itself to many variations. You can find a list at [www.pagat.com/invented/uno\\_vars.html](http://www.pagat.com/invented/uno_vars.html).

Poker has become increasingly popular since the Travel Channel started televising the World Poker Tour. If you are planning on hosting a poker night,



be sure to have an official rule book on hand and discuss house rules before the cards are even shuffled.

### What to serve?

The beauty of staying in is that the evening can be as simple or as complicated as you want it to be. Trying to impress someone? Go all out with a homemade dinner complete with all the trimmings. Be creative! Have a picnic in the middle of your living room.

Expecting a crowd? Order pizza or buy pre-made family size entrées like Stouffer’s lasagna and just make the side dishes- or ask your guests to

bring them.

If you are skipping dinner, be sure to have snacks on hand. It is hard to beat the wholesale clubs when it comes to entertaining. They have all the basics, and you can usually find some great off-the-wall options as well.

### Good Company

This is the real key to enjoying an evening at home. Give some thought to who you would like to invite. If anyone on your guest list does not get along- *do not invite them*. Staying in is all about relaxing and avoiding unnecessary drama.

## Campus shorts

Heidi Paruta  
Staff writer

### Interviewing and Dress for Success Sept. 16 and Sept. 17

Organized by The Career Services Center

Dalita Bullock will help students develop interview skills, as well as learn how to dress and speak in order to make an impression on a prospective employer. Times are Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. both in Buruss Building room 132. For more information, call the Career Services Center at 770-423-6555.

### Negotiating a Job Offer and Surviving the First Year on the Job Sept. 18

Organized by The Career Services Center Employers, Cobb EMC and Infomart, will be helping students learn how to negotiate a job offer and how to stand out and survive the first year on the job. Thursday, Sept. 18 at 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Buruss Building room 132. For more information, call the Career Services Center at 770-423-6555.

### How To Work a Career Fair Sept. 18 and Sept. 22

Organized by The Career Services Center

Pauline Jones will be holding two workshops for students who want to learn how to use their time effectively and be successful at the Career Fair. Times are Thursday, Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Buruss Building room 137 or Monday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Buruss Building room 132. For more information, call the Career Services Center at 770-423-6555.

### Keyboard Conversations Sept. 21

Stillwell Theatre

“Bach & Beyond.” Pianist Jeffrey Siegle will be performing masterpieces of Bach and Brahms. Taking place 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, at Stillwell Theatre. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 770-423-6650.

### Faculty Chamber Recital Sept. 22

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Taking place 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, this musical event is free to attend. For more information, call 770-423-6151.

### Piano Alumni Recital Sept. 23

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## theysaid...



**Would you like to see a KSU football team?**

"Definitely. It would give KSU a big university feel. Right now we don't have that."

~ Alan Amann



**Would you support a raise in tuition if there were a football team?**

"Probably. Tuition is not that expensive. It would bring more industry and money to the school."

~ Mellisa Lemons

## gotnews?

If you have a story idea or are interested in joining The Sentinel sports staff, call editor Justin Young at 678-557-4900 or email him at jdy5929@students.kennesaw.edu

# Football at Kennesaw State? Maybe...

Chris Lerstang  
Senior Staff Writer

The college football season is officially here. That means tailgating and fight songs, pep bands and cheerleaders. For many college students around the nation, every Saturday between September and late November is a time to celebrate and root on the team.

But not here at Kennesaw State University.

KSU is one of the largest universities in the state of Georgia with an enrollment of a little over 18,000 students. The athletic department consists of ten varsity sports playing at the NCAA Division II level including men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball, but no football team.

Like the university, the athletic department is growing rapidly every year. But will it ever include a football program? The answer is complicated, depends on a variety of factors, and probably will not be decided upon for years to come.

The primary issue is money. Football programs cost millions of dollars to start and take millions more to maintain.

"Football programs are a money vacuum," Mike Redd, Director of Compliance, said. "It's not just a one time startup fee. It takes lots of money every year to keep the program up and running."

In KSU's case, just the money to start the program would be tremendous. At the very least, a practice facility would need to be built, locker rooms constructed, coaches hired, athletic department support staff increased, as well as uniforms and equipment purchased. All of this takes money and lots of it.

A school that just went through these growing pains is Coastal Carolina, a Division I-AA university with an enrollment of approximately 5,000 in Conway, South Carolina. According to a report in the *Beaufort Gazette* (S.C.), head coach Dave Bennett said that it cost about \$1.5 million dollars in one time startup fee for everything from locker rooms and office facilities to equipment and media guides.

Then there is also the question of where to play. Building a stadium on campus would obviously cost millions of dollars, but is a nice selling point to potential recruits. The cheaper option would be to rent out a local high school stadium, such as North Cobb HS, and play all home games there. This costs less money, but would be a drawback for many players, coaches and fans.

Coastal Carolina, with about 13,000 less students, recently constructed a 6,400 seat on-campus stadium. The cost? Eleven million bucks. However, they now have a stadium that students can walk to and nice facilities to show recruits.

Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples doesn't think there is any question as to where the Owls would play if football were to come to KSU.

"What is the sense of having a football team if you don't play on campus?" Waples said. "To me, you have a football team for the students and you want it where they can conveniently get to it and can enjoy themselves. That means you need an on-campus stadium."

Dr. Duane Trogden, athletic director and head coach of the first-year football program at Huntingdon College in Alabama, agrees with Waples.

"It is a major roadblock if you do not have an on-campus stadium," Trogden said.

The Hawks currently play a two-game home schedule in a high school stadium but are building an on-campus facility next year. All other games have to be on the road this year.

Title IX will also need to be addressed before creating a football program. Title IX addresses gender equity in NCAA athletics and basically states that the ratio of male athletes to female athletes must be equal to the ratio of males to females on that campus.

With KSU's student population being about 66% female, bringing in 80 male football players would create a major shift in that ratio and cause the athletic department to establish at least three or four more women's sports. This, of course, creates more money issues.



With all these new additions comes the problem of space. Most of the current athletic staff is moving into the new sports complex located between the baseball and softball fields later this year, but a good deal more additional room than that would be needed for the football coaches, extra support staff, and the new Title IX sports staffs.

In addition, the university is quickly running out of land and classroom space, so bulldozing an already scarce parking lot or a needed educational building to put in a football stadium or a practice facility may not be a viable option.

If the decision is made to make football a sport here, conference affiliation becomes a problem. Currently, the Owls play in the Peach Belt Conference of the NCAA, Division II. No Peach Belt Conference member school has a football team which means KSU would need to shift conferences. But the closest conference to KSU with football in Division II is the Gulf South Conference, which stretches from Georgia and Florida to Arkansas. This creates major budget and travel concerns.

The more likely option is to move up to the Division I level. This would give KSU more options as far as conference affiliations and create a higher profile for the entire athletic program.

Some students tend to think that just having a football team at KSU would provide that higher profile for the university.

"Having a football team would establish credibility at KSU as a legitimate university," said Andy Bost, a senior communication major. "Some people don't consider a school as big as KSU as a top notch university if there is no football team. I am looking forward to it happening."

While some students may want to see the Owls play football, many may have not considered the price they would have to pay. Currently, each student pays \$80 a semester in athletic fees. Add a football program to the school and the athletic fee will need to be, at the very least, doubled, but more likely tripled or quadrupled. Many complain now about high fees and tuition increase, but that would only get worse with football.

"Our athletic program is funded by student fees right now," said Waples. "You're talking about tuition and fees going up."

All these factors are things that President Siegel, Waples and the board of trustees must consider before bringing a football program to the KSU campus.

"We are at the point where we've got some major decisions to make as an athletic department," Redd said. "There are a lot of decisions and constituencies that need to be really comfortable with some of the things that a football program brings to the campus."

Waples summed it up nicely. "There would be a tremendous amount of work involved. If we had the money and facilities now, I would want a football team tomorrow. I think college football is wonderful."

In college football seasons to come, there may be some more college students around the nation tailgating and rooting on their teams every Saturday in the fall. And they might be right here on the campus of KSU.



## Fantasy Football

John Davies, a UGA sophomore, watched his Dawgs walk all over South Carolina 31-7 on Saturday. Tom Bergan, a Georgia Tech senior, drove to Tallahassee only to see his beloved Yellow Jackets fall to Florida State in the closing minutes of an amazing game. And 18,000 KSU students did their laundry.

Another college football weekend went by with very little fanfare

for Owl fans. For the 26<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the third largest school in the state of Georgia could only watch from a distance. Why should we?

Going to a university without a football team is like going to a club without music. It's like going to a parade without any floats. It's kissing your sister. KSU boasts national championships in both baseball and softball but amazingly the Sprayberry Junior Jackets (ages eight and nine) have more fans in the stands than the Owls' award winning programs. Get the picture?

In the football addicted South, there is no good reason why every university - enrollment 40 or 40,000 - should not have a football

facility. A new stadium would have to be constructed on campus but in the meantime, a home away from home will have to do. Last year, the softball team played at the East Cobb Softball Complex while their new field and offices were being built. Football can be in the same boat.

Here is an idea.

McEachern High School, located in West Cobb, is in its first year of a \$1.5 million upgraded field. The high school is using the Speed Turf system, similar to the turf the Atlanta Falcons are using. The turf could handle the durability of college football, allowing KSU to play five to seven home games there for one or two years while a new on-campus facility is being constructed.

Now comes the fun part. The dollar bills, ya'll. KSU students pay \$79 a semester for athletics fees. That's chump change compared to the near \$400 UGA students pay. In order to have a football team, these fees will have to be raised. Maybe doubled. Maybe even reach UGA-like numbers.

Football will require a lot of cheese. Think about the supplies needed. Even the amount of trainers will need to be upped.

As Chris Lerstang reported in his story to your left, tuition will increase. Are you willing to fork over more money for a team?

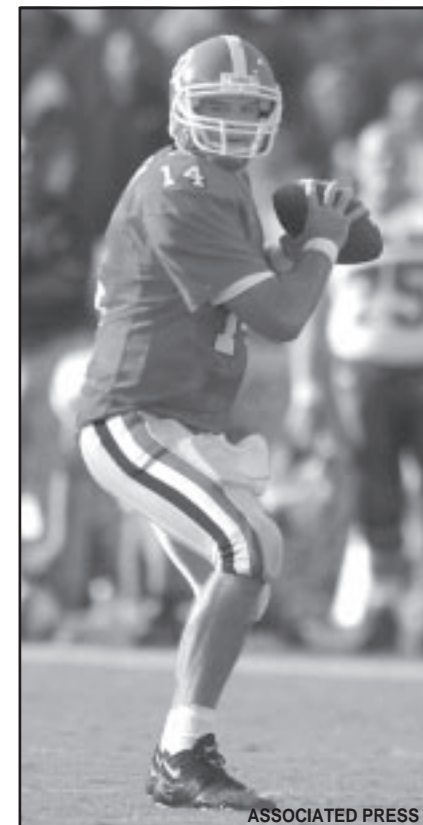
While in theory, a football team may seem like a grand idea, giving students hope for a real college feel, the actuality of it all is still far from reality.

For now, enjoy those quiet Saturday afternoons folding laundry. Turn the tube on and tune into Your State U vs. Anytown College. That's the closest anyone is going to get when it comes to college football.

Anyone see an extra sock?



**JUST A MINUTE**  
by Justin Young



**Will KSU ever have their own David Greene? Not for a while.**

program. If cotton is king in the South, then football is the Supreme Being.

Football at KSU is a dream on the horizon and has been discussed in the halls of the Athletics building. But for now, it isn't anything more than a fantasy. So let's dream for a moment. Cue the Wayne's World dream sequence.

Starting from scratch, KSU will need to build from the ground up in personnel, facilities and financially.

Recruiting is a no-brainer. Cobb County, the primary county for KSU, is home to dozens, if not

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# Falcons fever spreading in Atlanta

**Alisha Alford**  
Senior Staff Writer

Falcon Fever! That's what everyone around town is experiencing with the new faces and acquisitions of the Atlanta Falcons. In case you haven't noticed, there is plenty of new excitement going on, from the new logo, to the new players, to the newfound fan support.

Ever since the Falcons reinvented the face of the bird, a new attitude has burst forth from the team. Like the new logo, the players appear to be bolder, more confident and in your face. That is the impression that team chairman, president and CEO Arthur Blank wants fans to have.

"The new uniform reflects input from fans and players, and it signifies our team's strength, speed, and personality," Blank said.

Expectations are running high for this team. With all single and season tickets sold out for the second time in franchise history and a waiting list growing for the first time in team history, many fans are forced to cheer for the home team from a local sports bar or at home in front of their television.

Fans and foes of football say 'Atlanta is not a professional football town, there is no fan loyalty here,' but there are a few faithful fans left at KSU who would beg to differ and argue their case in full for their team.

While many students spent their days at work or in class over the summer break, anticipating the new fall semester, there were some eager fans awaiting the breaking of a new day for the Atlanta Falcons football season.

Take Josh Davis, a junior IT major and loyal fan who proudly wears his Falcon gear to class and spent some of his time visiting the Falcons at their training facility in Flowery Branch.

"I just went up there to hang out. I bought some stuff and



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The Atlanta Falcon Mobile Marketing Tour is one of the ways the hometown team is spreading interest.

watched them play," Davis said.

One of the fortunate ones, Josh has already been to a pre-season game and plans on attending many of the home games this year.

"My dad has pretty good seats, he has season tickets for the whole year, so I plan on going to them."

Another supporter of the Atlanta Falcons, Ponch Casian, a KSU marketing major and member of the TKE fraternity, is a newcomer to the fan flock, but insists he is a Falcon fan now.

"I didn't get into the team until this year, but I think they are cool. I love the new image of the team and the new leadership, and the direction they are heading in, and I am looking forward to a great season. I think what Arthur Blank has done is great," Casian said.

Like Davis, Casian also likes new Falcon merchandise and made trips to see the team over the summer at training camp. "I like the new uniforms, they are really cool. They are

more vibrant, and the logo just screams don't mess with me."

So they say the true fans travel far and wide to support the likes of their favorite hometown team, and sophomore Chris Estrada is a true example. The sport-marketing student spent a few days at training camp in South Carolina, and feels it was a well worth it event.

"I had a chance to see the Falcons Museum and it was pretty cool to see what the Falcons used to be and what they have become today."

The museum is a part of the new Atlanta Falcon Mobile Marketing Tour, which traveled to various venues over the summer. The Mobile Tour actually consists of two decorative trailers designed with the Atlanta Falcon logo and pictures of various players, and travels regionally and locally.

An interactive museum trailer gives fans a look into the history of the Atlanta Falcons through different eras via six different viewing screens, and has an interactive area called "Inside the

Huddle," which allows fans to hear and see Coach Reeves call offensive plays inside the huddle on the sidelines.

The second trailer sells all of the new Atlanta Falcon merchandise which has many fans excited with the new gear available for game days, and it has three replica lockers on the back, which gives fans insight into what the players are wearing on the field.

Both components of the Mobile Tour have received high praise from local and out of state fans, and have members of the Falcons staff quite happy.

"The fans are very pleased. They have had nothing but good things to say. They like the new merchandise and are excited about the team. They are pleased with what we have to offer," said Roddy White, Director of Event Marketing and Entertainment.

So there you have it. All loyalty is not lost to the home team, and there are proven fans of professional football and the Atlanta Falcons right here at KSU.

## Fab 5

**Texas A&M @ Virginia Tech**  
Thursday, Sept. 18 8:00 ESPN  
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The Virginia Tech Hokies beat Texas A&M last year 13-3 in Texas. This year the game is in the mountains of Virginia. Dennis Franchione left Alabama to coach the Aggies to some big wins. A win in Blacksburg would be huge, but unlikely. Tech has a solid offense, defense and special teams and they play fundamentally sound football. VA Tech will win, but it will be a battle.

**UGA @ LSU**  
Saturday, Sept. 20 3:30 CBS  
Tiger Stadium  
Baton Rouge, La.

Georgia looks better each week, but will have to play in the bayou with out star receiver Fred Gibson, who re-injured his left hamstring last week. Last year LSU defense was second in the nation in pass defense. Georgia has to pass effectively to win. Georgia should win if the David Greene is able to hit receivers and get help from Michael Cooper in the running game.

**Tennessee @ Florida**  
Saturday, Sept. 20 noon  
Ben Hill Griffin Stadium  
Gainesville, Fla.

#13 Tennessee Volunteers travel to the Swamp for another SEC battle against #19 Florida

Gators. The Gators took out their frustrations on Florida A&M, defeating the Rattlers 63-3, after allowing #2 Miami to rally and win from a 33-10 halftime score Sept. 6. Tennessee does not have the receivers to match-up with Florida's secondary. Florida wins bid at home.

**NFL**  
**Tampa Bay Bucs @ Atlanta Falcons**  
Sunday, Sept. 21 1pm FOX  
Georgia Dome  
Atlanta

Tampa Bay's weaknesses were exposed by the Panthers last Sunday. The Bucs weakness in Special Teams allowed two blocked field goals and a blocked P.A.T. that would have won the game. Instead, the Panthers forced overtime and returned a punt 50 plus yards into Buccaneer territory and kicked the winning field goal. The Falcon's secondary was exposed by the Redskins in a 33-31 loss, after leading 17-0. Tampa Bay should get good pressure on Doug Johnson and force some turnovers. Bucs win in the GA Dome.

**Oakland Raiders @ Denver Broncos**  
Monday, Sept. 22 9:00 ABC  
INVECO Field at Mile High  
Denver, Colo.

The Raiders had trouble with the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday winning by a Sebastian Janikowski field goal. The Bronco's Jake Plummer looked much more comfortable last Sunday than two weeks ago, as the Broncos defeated San Diego. The Broncos will when at home on Monday Night.

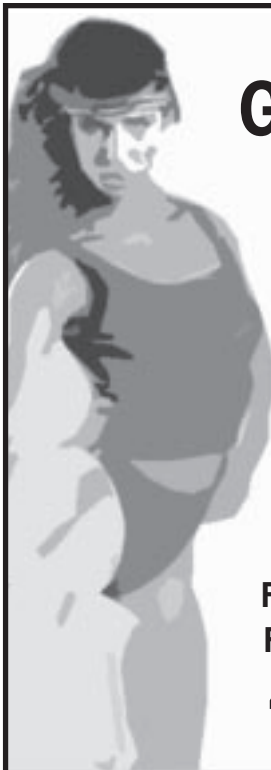
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Mr. Roland I. Ojebga and his attorney are seeking witnesses to an incident that occurred on the tenth day of April 2003 on Frey Road near Chastain between Mr. Ojebga and members of the Kennesaw University Police Department.

Mr. Roland I. Ojebga and his attorney would also like to talk to anyone who might be a witness to or victim of what they perceive to be excessive use of force by the Kennesaw University Police Dept. within the past years.

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# Owls gain respect in 3-1 win over Tusculum

Joe Dollar  
Staff Writer

If the Lady Owls' soccer team didn't have national respect before last Sunday's 3-1 victory over the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked Tusculum Lady Pioneers, they certainly have it now.

KSU traveled to Greenville, Tennessee for a top ten national match up last weekend, looking for a win as well as some respect. Despite the early success dating to last season, the Lady Owls have yet to gain much national attention.

"If teams did not already know (who we are), they certainly will now," Head coach Rob King said. "We have a lot of good players back from last year and a lot of good new ones as well."

The Lady Owls got things started early with a goal from freshman forward Laura Tucker in the fifth minute. The goal was Tucker's fifth of the young season. Tusculum struck back in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute with their senior leader Rachel Barron, tying the score at one.

Tusculum was hoping to get to the half with a tie when Owl forward Stephanie Grzeszkowiak put a rebound from teammate Janae Gzehoviak's shot on goal through for the go ahead score just



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**Laura Tucker (13) scored her fifth goal of the season in the win.**

seconds before halftime. The goal was the freshman's team-leading sixth of the season.

The Owls dominated the second half with great ball control while limiting the Pioneers to zero shots in the half until about four minutes left in regulation. Then in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute, a slightly more

experienced member of Owls decided to get in on the scoring action, as Gzehoviak slammed one past the Pioneer defense for her fourth goal of the season.

Owl goalkeeper Jessica Marek saw little action in the save department Sunday, stopping three out of four shots she faced in the victory.

"This

should move us to number one in the region, but it really depends on what other teams did," King said. "Hopefully we will crack the top five (nationally). Confidence is the main thing we can draw from this win."

Tucker admitted that the team will gain more attention as the season progresses.

"It's a bit humbling to get the recognition we have so far the team's success," she said. "But we are even better this year than last. Right now, we are just taking it game by game."

The Lady Owls face Montevallo Wednesday at home facing off at 7 p.m.

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Coach Rob King

# KSU hosts Montevallo tonight

Nathan McCreary  
Senior Staff Writer

Kennesaw State welcomes Montevallo University from Alabama tonight as they play the Lady Owls soccer team at 7:00 p.m. at the KSU Soccer Complex.

The Lady Falcons has struggled this year, winning only two of eight games and has been shutout five times already in the 2003 season. Montevallo has four key players that fuel their offense.

Sophomore Candice Flow was 2002 Montevallo Player of the Year. She has started all eight games for the Lady Falcons in 2003. Flow, the 5'7" forward, has scored two goals, one a game winning goal and has four points. She led Montevallo in scoring as a freshman last year.

Sophomore midfielder, Alissa Thurmond, finished second in scoring as a freshman in 2002 behind Flow.

Montevallo voted Thurmond Most Improved Player last year

as she scored two game winning goals. In 2003, Thurmond has scored two goals on seven shots and has a game-winning goal.

Freshman Midfielder Elise D'Alessio comes to Montevallo from John Collins Catholic School, where she was voted the best team player at the Lakeshore Shootout, and MVP defensive player at the Daphne Tournament. D'Alessio has scored two goals in 2003 on only seven shots.

Emily Thurmond and Janell Gotschalk split time as the goalkeeper for the Lady Falcons. Thurmond has started five games in 2003 and Gotschalk has started three. They have allowed 16 goals so far in 2003 and have a combined 41 saves. Thurmond has a 1-4 win loss record and Gotschalk is 1-2.

Look for KSU to attack Montevallo early and try to devastate the Lady Falcons with superior speed, precision and energy.

**Kennesaw's first college night,** with the Owls playing Montevallo, is tonight, Sept. 17 at the KSU Soccer field. Free food will be provided courtesy of Xochimilco Mexican Restaurant. In addition, T-shirts will be thrown into the crowd with every goal scored by the Owls. Admission is free to students, so come on out to cheer on the KSU soccer team, get free food and catch a T-shirt.



~ Kelly Sims

## CORRECTION

In the Sept. 10, 2003 issue we mistakenly identified this photo as Linsey Cornelius.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all errors of fact. *The Sentinel* regrets this error.



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