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KSU and Cobb County Police investigate the parking lot behind Building E at 11:45 p.m. on April 23.

## SHOCKING

*One transported to hospital after shooting*

Melissa Spielholz  
Editor in Chief

A shooting at KSU Place on Saturday, April 23 left one victim hospitalized in critical condition and many questions unanswered.

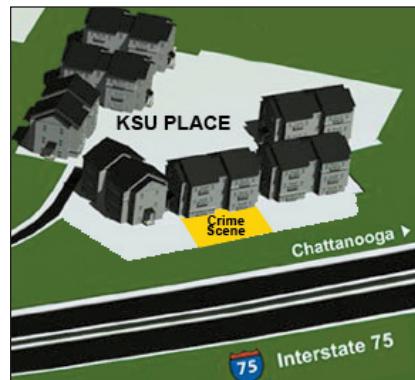
According to the KSU Police report, the shooting took place at 11:18 p.m. near building E.

Police were dispatched to KSU Place where they found the victim, a black male, lying on the ground. Police were unable to locate a pulse. They located a bullet wound in the victim's chest.

The victim, later identified as a 19-year-old former student, was transported to Kennestone Hospital.

According to the Cobb County Department of Public Safety Public Information Record, investigators arrested 22-year-old student Gilbert Wilson on Sunday evening.

"The case is being handled very meticulously and thoroughly," Captain Paul Kemper-Anderson said.



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Wilson has been charged with aggravated assault and is being held at the Cobb County Adult Detention Center.

Administrators identify this event as an usual event. "As far as we recalled we've never had someone shot on campus," Director of University Relations Frances Weyand said.

According to the Supplemental KSU Police Report, "Witness, Tobias Seldon, stated he was walking down

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## Next stop: Nationals

### SIFE wins regionals

Ashley Williams  
Staff Writer

The KSU Students in Free Enterprise team won the Atlanta SIFE USA Regional Competition held on April 15.

The team presented a report to a panel of business leaders, which contained a year-long synopsis of the team's community outreach projects.

The SIFE Team was named Regional Champion of the overall competition and finalists in the SIFE USA National Free Market Economics Competitions, SIFE USA National Entrepreneurship Competition and the SIFE USA

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Photo courtesy of Gary Roberts  
The Coles College SIFE Regional Champion Team, left to right, Trevor Skoog, Julie Meaders, Tiffany Nguyen, Katy Ryan, Adriana Strougo, Stella Xu

## Athletes suspended for cheating

**Are we failing  
our athletes?  
Men's basketball  
graduation rates  
below 50 percent**

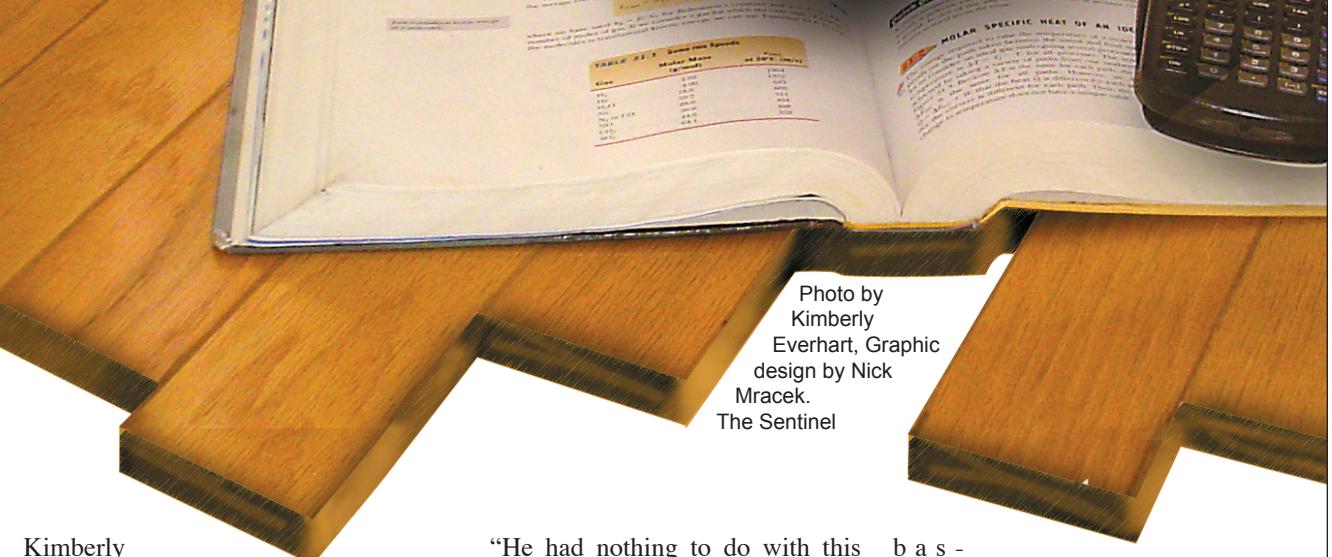
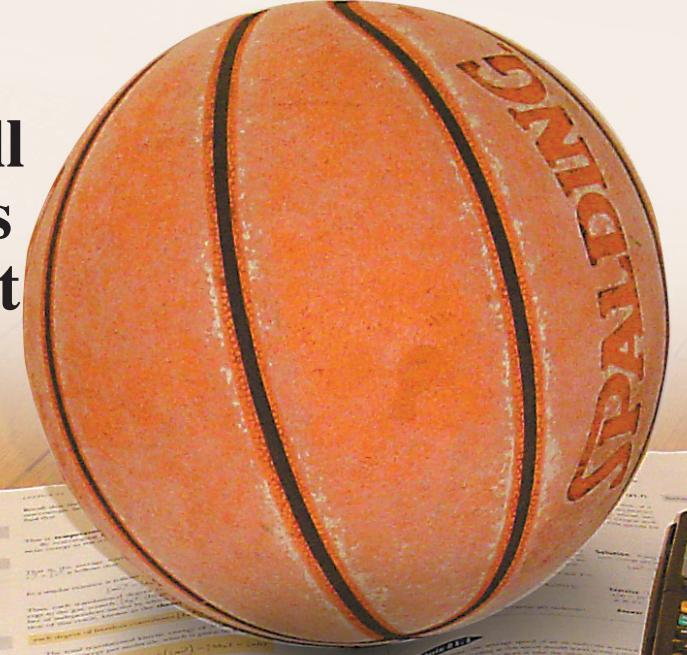


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Three basketball players were suspended on March 23 for violating a section of the KSU Student Code of Conduct. With graduation rates already below 50 percent, the men's basketball team will be forced to put the student back in student-athlete.

Rey Luque, senior communication major, Kevin McDonald, senior communication major and Georgy Joseph, junior undeclared major were suspended for one semester after they were caught cheating in Professor Radwan Ali's Business Information Systems online class.

According to the Student Code of Conduct, Section II: Academic Honesty, "No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course [including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.]".

According to Luque, the cheating happened after there had been some confusion as to where the exam was to take place. When Luque did not show up the morning of the exam, one of his teammates attempted to call him. When Luque did not answer, McDonald took the exam in his place. Luque said although he was not aware McDonald was planning to take his exam for him, he is not upset with McDonald.

"I'm not mad because he was just looking out for me and I would have done the same for him. You know, it's just like that. It's been two years we've been hanging around with each other, practice, everywhere, so he did it and we got caught," Luque said.

After McDonald explained what he had done, Luque went to talk to Ali.

Luque said Ali already knew something was up because he had not seen Luque in the classroom on test day. Ali knew either McDonald or Joseph had taken the test for Luque. Despite the fact that McDonald admitted to taking Luque's exam, all three players were still suspended.

Luque and McDonald both insist Joseph has been suspended unfairly.

**"There are  
some players  
that are there  
because of  
basketball,  
there [are] other players  
that are there trying to  
finish school and there  
[are] those that can do ball  
and school, you know, and  
do it at the same pace,  
but some of us, some of  
us are there just to play  
basketball," Luque said.**



"In the beginning they [the coaches] check our GPA all the time but once the season gets going they don't check it as much. Once the season starts it's a lot different, it's a different ball game," Luque said.

Compliance Director Michael Redd said, "We do what we can to track academic progress during the term. We send out reports, we e-mail instructors and at times it gets really frustrating because we don't get the information back until it's too late."

When asked about players struggling in class, Redd said players are not punished when they make bad grades. He said he believes it is more important to bring the players in and talk to them.

"We want to make sure they're going to class and being a good citizen in class. If those two things are being met and they're just struggling, we want to find out why," Redd said. "If the student is doing the best that they can in a class, and the class is just kicking their butt, what is the purpose of sitting them out a game? It's not going to get them to do better in class."

Luque agreed no one ever sat the bench for academic reasons but he said disobeying other rules would land

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## Shooting

the breezeway of building E. Seldon stated he heard approximately two gunshots. Seldon stated he walked around the corner of building E and saw the victim. Seldon stated that the victim looked at him and stated 'I just got shot' and fell to the ground."

Residence Life staff are working to ease the minds of residents.

"We are in the process of doing a number of forums with CAPS at KSU Place to put people's minds at rest," Director of Residence Life Michael Sanseviro said.

"We have stepped up patrol in the area,

and are trying to communicate through the RA's the status of the investigation and steps people can take for protection," Kemper-Anderson said.

Student Anar Kamalova, junior, information systems arrived on the scene with a friend moments after the shooting. "People would not believe that it happened until we got to KSU Place. Still you didn't believe that it was a shooting," she said.



Gilbert Wilson

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## Basketball

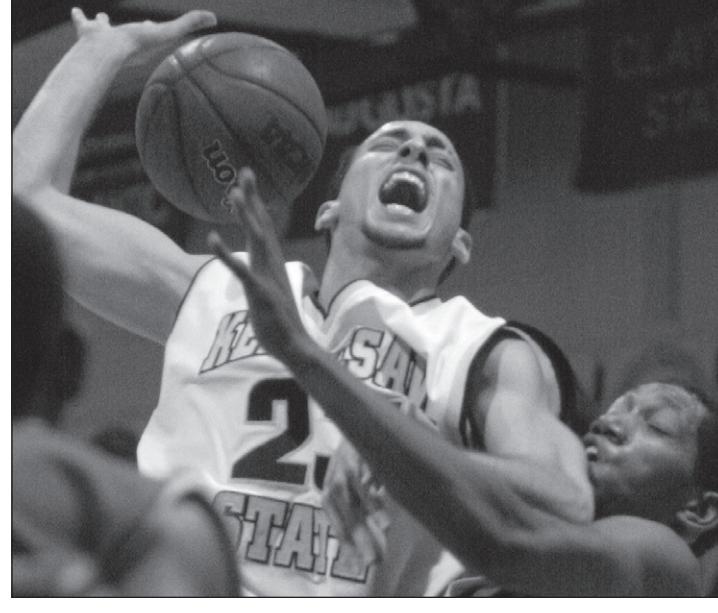
you on the bench. In fact, Luque admitted he had been benched earlier in the season, along with another player, for wearing the wrong travel suit to a game.

"I find it kind of weird when you're dressed the wrong way you sit the bench, and when you miss class you don't. I think it should be evened out," Luque said.

With the men's basketball team moving to Division I in the fall, they will risk losing scholarships with the new plan approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors in January, if graduation rates do not improve.

This new plan requires college sports teams to graduate at least 50 percent of their student-athletes. Those teams below the 50 percent graduation rate could be subjected to contemporaneous penalties. These penalties will be determined based on the Academic Progress Rate of each athletic team and on the student-athlete's individual academic performance.

According to the Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System Graduation Rates Report, the six-year graduation



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**Rey Luque is fouled as he advances towards the hoop.**

rate for the 1998 men's basketball cohort was only 33 percent.

The Associate Director of Institutional Research Donna Hutcheson defined the basketball cohort, "as those students who began as a first-time, full-time freshmen receiving athletically-related student aid in 1998."

In an effort to determine how many players from the men's basketball team have actually graduated, The Sentinel presented the last three year's of the basketball teams' rosters to the Registrar's Office. They were

unable to verify another graduate.

Redd said we are wrong, but due to privacy issues he refused to give the names of the graduates, the years they graduated or even the number of graduates.

The men's basketball team will need to score a 925 or above APR score to reach the 50 percent graduation rate. Although the men's basketball team moves to Division I in the fall, Redd said that it is his understanding the team will not be required to track their score until 2007.

## POLICE BEAT

On April 15 police were dispatched to University Place in response to a person screaming. Upon arrival, officers spotted "No Parking" and "Slow 5 MPH" signs just outside the apartment. After originally lying that they found the signs, two subjects admitted they had stolen them earlier that night. They were both taken into custody.

On April 14 officers responded to a stalking complaint in University Place. A girl claimed her ex-roommate tried to get maintenance to let her into their old apartment. The two females had problems in the past.

After the one left their formal living arrangements, the others' car was found keyed. Police advised the female to obtain a temporary protective order and no arrests were made.

On April 12 police were called to parking lot C in response to a fight. A man was taken into custody for striking his wife, a student at KSU. They had an argument earlier that day, and the man followed her to school to continue the fight. He grabbed her and struck her in front of her 2 children. The man's car was impounded and he was charged with battery and 2 counts of cruelty to children.

On April 11 officers were dispatched to University Village in response to a person having a seizure. Police observed a male subject having a seizure in his bed. One of the male's roommates had woken up to find him having the seizure and called police. The subject was taken to Kennestone Hospital.

On April 14 an officer was flagged down in the south parking lot of University Place. The male subject stated his car had been stolen. He had parked it the night before and no one else had keys to it. Officers checked all campus parking lots and the car was not found. The subject even called friends to make sure it wasn't a prank. The vehicle was not located.



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# Cotton, Touchton and Thompson elected for Student Government

*40 percent increase in voter turnout is the highest ever*

Alisha Cardenas  
Staff Writer

Thomas Cotton was elected president of Student Government for the 2005-2006 school year.

President-elect Cotton received 52.4 percent of the popular vote, beating sophomore Ian McClelland and presidential incumbent junior, Munzir Naqvi.

The vice president elected was political science major, junior James Touchton who received 34.2 percent of the popular vote beating junior, Michael Carvajal, junior, Juan Diego Mejia II, freshman, Jye Smallwood and junior, Joey A. Tyson.

English major, junior Shannon Thompson received 51.5 percent of the popular vote and will serve a second term in the Secretary/Treasurer position. Thompson beat junior Jeff Little and junior Jessica Smith.

"I appreciate all the students that went out and voted and I plan on representing the student body as a whole as best I can," Thompson said. "I'm very excited about the new year and the changes that will be made."

The high voter turnout can

be attributed to publicity, an increase in student's campus interest.

The election was a "complete success," said Student Government Election's Committee Advisor Kathy Alday.

"Out of about 18,000 students at KSU, over 1,000 voted. This was the best voter turnout that I have seen since my time here at KSU," Alday said.

"I think all of the candidates generated a lot of interest during the campaign and made the student body more involved and aware of their campus."

Voters casted 1048 ballots for the presidential race. Though this made up only 5.9 percent of the entire student population, it is significantly higher than last year's 750 voters.

The new computerized polling also allowed for more timely and efficient election results and minimal human error.

Senior Robert Connelly, last year's vice president, was responsible for the new computerized election. People were able to cast their vote at one of three monitored polls. Students were able to vote by typing in their PIN and student numbers into the laptop stations.

"This year's elections we brought the student body into the 21st century. I oversaw and coordinated the efforts between the SG Election's Committee and the ITS by

computerizing the polls. It was easier for the voters and it was a lot easier for the Election's Committee since we did not have to verify anybody," Connelly said.

Megan Kyker lost the At-Large senate election by three votes, giving her 15.9 percent of the popular vote.

"This election showed us that each vote counts," Connelly said.

Some of the common issues that were part of the candidate's platforms were student parking, establishment of a football program, tuition concerns and an effort to make book prices more affordable.

"Student parking is always an issue because everybody wants to park five feet away from their class," said Alday. "Ever since Lot C changed from student parking to faculty, staff and carpool parking many students have become increasingly irritated."

Another issue that was raised was the establishment of a football program. Touchton's campaign was one of the few that believed that since KSU will be a Division I school next year, there is no reason for the athletic department not to include a football team. Even though SG cannot



Secretary Treasurer elect, Shannon Thompson

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establish a football program, it can pressure the University and the athletic department.

According to many candidates, the contract for the bookstore is up for renewal. A common statement among candidates was that the SG should pressure the University to find a better contract, that would allow students the option to purchase less expensive textbooks.

When asked how much power the SG really has on the issue, Alday and Connelly both brought up the creation of the Student Fees Committee as a primary example.

Since the establishment of this committee, the school cannot impose a fee on the student body without consent of the committee.

"A University's student government can have a lot more power than what they believe that they can harness, and that there is no more powerful of a constituency than the students themselves," Alday said.

## Presidential candidates:

Thomas Cotton: 52.4 percent  
Ian McClelland: 28.6 percent  
Munzir Naqvi: 18.4 percent



## Vice President candidates:

James Touchton: 34.2 percent  
Michael Carvajal: 25.6 percent  
Juan Diego Mejia II: 22.2 percent  
Jye Smallwood: 5.7 percent  
Joey A. Tyson: 12 percent



## Secretary/Treasurer candidates:

Shannon J. Thompson: 51.5 percent  
Jeff Little: 24.9 percent  
Jessica Smith: 23.8 percent



## Senator candidates

College of Arts and Sciences [two seats]  
Kyle Howser: 100 percent

Coles College of Business [two seats]  
R. Brian Laurens: 51.4 percent  
Samir Thakker: 27.5 percent

Bagwell College of Education [two seats]  
Stephanie Nelson: 45.1 percent  
Ryan Joshua Anderson: 31.2 percent

College of Health and Human Services [two seats]  
Jenna Mobley: 66.7 percent  
Casey Greene: 33.3 percent

College of Humanities and Social Sciences [two seats]  
M. Stephen Valdes: 66.7 percent  
Christopher Anderson: 33.3 percent

American Minority [two seats]  
Tsen-Tsen Diya: 56.7 percent  
Gustavo Galdo: 43.2 percent

At-Large [three seats]  
Mohammed Unmair Wahid: 16.3 percent  
Sean Kenney: 17.8 percent  
Terry Wendel: 22.7 percent

International  
Allister Davis: 51.9 percent

Non-Traditional  
Jonathan Crider: 100 percent

Student Disability  
Dallas Messer: 100 percent

Traditional  
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Stewart Adams: 52.2 percent

University Place  
Philip Eberhard: 100 percent

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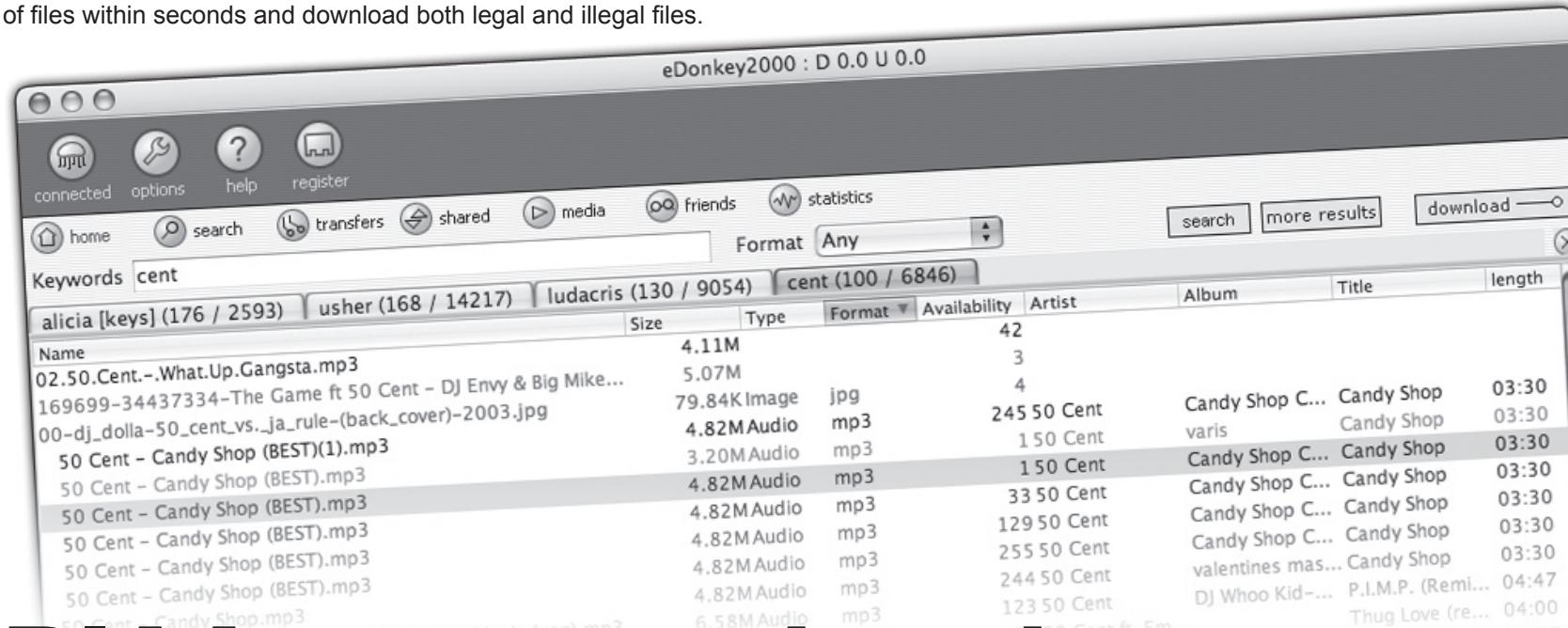
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Programs such as eDonkey2000 allow users to search for millions of files within seconds and download both legal and illegal files.



## RIAA targets university programs

*More than a million files downloaded illegally*

Olivia Noland  
Sr. Staff Writer

The Recording Industry Association of America has filed copyright infringement lawsuits against 405 students at 18 different colleges nationwide.

Claims made by the association hold that students using a program called Internet2 have downloaded more than one million music files. Internet2 is an advanced network created by participating colleges and universities for important academic research.

"Internet2 is a promising and exciting initiative that allows institutions of higher education to harness and expand the power of the Internet for research and learning," Cary Sherman, president of the RIAA said in his opening speech April 12. "It allows students and educators across

the country to work together in a fast and efficient manner and is paving the way for a global educational community."

The RIAA Web site states, "Through the use of a file-sharing application known as 'i2hub,' Internet2 is increasingly becoming the network of choice for students seeking to steal copyrighted songs and other works on a massive scale."

Sherman said, "Combined, the students being sued have shared more than 1.5 million total files, including more than 930,000 songs. That equals out to more than 70,000 CDs available for instant download, illegally, and with no musician, songwriter or record company earning a cent."

The minimum penalty in these cases is \$750 per work infringed. Cases are settled, on average, in the \$3,500-\$4,500 range. If a case must be litigated,

or if the infringement is especially excessive, the settlement amount could be higher, as stated in Sherman's online press conference.

According to third party research, the loss incurred from illegal file-sharing in the music industry could range from \$700 million to several billion per year in the United States alone.

KSU is not part of the lawsuit, however, students must be informed and aware of the consequences involved in illegal file-sharing.

"These lawsuits are a waste of time and money in my opinion," said Janie Hitchcock, senior, theater and performance studies. "I'm not endorsing downloading music illegally; I do understand the principle of the matter. I simply think the logistics of preventing it and punishing it are a little defunct."

"[The RIAA] should go after the people that made the program, not the people that use it," Hitchcock said. "Suing for music piracy basically serves no purpose except to make people in the music industry feel better."

Karen Chunat, junior, psychology major said, "The RIAA was right in filing those lawsuits. I think the students were stupid for downloading music on that program and that they were rightly prosecuted for their crimes. An academic program should not be used for their leisure, and they shouldn't have done it anyway."

Sherman said the RIAA hopes to work with Internet2 to see if there are technical steps that can be taken to reduce the potential for network abuse.

"Over the past two years, we have worked very constructively with the university community, improving educational efforts at colleges

across the country, expanding partnerships between schools and legal online services and providing a clearinghouse for expertise on technological anti-piracy solutions," Sherman said.

"The bottom line is that we all have something in common – a love of music. The question is how will the interests of creating more and more diverse music be best served?

We've got the most vibrant music community in the world in the United States [just like we do movies, and software, all of which are encouraged by the rewards promised by copyright law]" Sherman said.

"We should be doing everything we can to allow the marketplace to work here -- to get consumers more music, in more innovative ways, and to make sure that the creators get rewarded for giving us their gift. Respecting the property rights of creators is the key, and that's why we've taken the steps we have."

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## SIFE

Stella Xu said, "Participating in the SIFE competition is not only a learning experience, it is also rewarding."

Two teams will be chosen from the competition as Radio Shack SIFE USA National Champions. The team that wins overall will go on to represent the United States in the SIFE World Cup 2005 held in Toronto, Canada. There the winning team will compete against teams from 40 countries.

Over the last year, the SIFE team has implemented 17 different community outreach programs.

One project, Our Global Market Kids, taught children how global markets worked in a free economy.

"Our team went to Ford Elementary in Acworth, GA and taught 186 fifth graders about the culture, global markets, currency, international exchange, and economy of different countries," Ryan said.

The team also put on a puppet show for children, called "The Nelly Scam," which taught them about business ethics.

According to Ryan, the team organizes a lunch at the beginning of the school year for teachers in Cobb County.

"Our team organizes the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Belmont Hills Elementary. Then we work with the Kennesaw Business Association and the Acworth Business Association to serve lunch at other area elementary schools," Ryan said.

SIFE, founded in 1975, is an international non-profit organization that is active on over 1800 university campuses in over 40 countries. SIFE teams create economic opportunities in their communities by implementing outreach programs that help people understand market economics, ways to personal financial success, business ethics and entrepreneurship.

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# Viewpoints

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## Stump removal

### Defining political integrity

I will be honest. I can be a difficult person to please. I am very picky, almost to the point of snobbery. I'll be the first to tell you that I am a coffee snob, a beer snob, a ... perhaps I should just cut to the chase and tell you that I am, in fact, a snob. Of course, I don't really look at it that way, I think of myself as having very discerning tastes. I also understand that the world will not always conform to my standards. Nevertheless, that doesn't keep the occasional nit from really sticking in my craw. During the Student Government campaign debates last week, just such a nit arose amongst the issues discussed.

No, it wasn't parking. You all need to get over yourselves and understand that getting to school a little early and walking across campus is part of the deal. We really don't have a parking problem. It wasn't football either. Personally, I don't care about football at KSU. If I wanted to go to a football school, I would go to a football school. No, this is more systemic.

It started with someone talking down the current administration. I'm not sure who said it, or what exactly they said, but it amounted to, "instead of taking care of the students, Student Government has been consumed with fighting amongst themselves."

Now, I'm not going to tell you that this statement isn't true. The problems with this statement, within the context of a campaign debate, are that it's misleading and isn't helpful. The implication is that the person complaining is going to behave differently from those in office. Are they?

While it is valid to point to the failure of SG to coalesce effectively, in this context it is done only by aggravating the problem. It's like me saying, "the biggest traffic problem we have is excessive speeding," while I'm driving 90 miles hour down I-75. Is it true? Maybe. Am I helping? No. By bringing this topic into the debate I am left with the impression that there are those who aren't ready to pick up the reigns and start us moving forward again. Instead they are itching to roll up their sleeves and get into the fight. We'll call them the "Bloody Nose" party.



**Jonathan Edman**

Columnist

either. The fact is that there has been a problem, and patting the SG officers on the head and saying "There, there" isn't going to help. [Not that I think they need to be punished or beaten up for what has happened]. We'll call this side the "Mother Love" party.

The problem on this side of the fence is that by handing the current office holders a ready-made apology we overlook the importance of their failures. Several key things happened this last year, and, to be blunt, SG wasn't able to respond to them proactively or effectively because of the bickering and infighting. By failing to really look at the problem and address it honestly, we run the risk of never learning from the mistakes that were made and being doomed to repeat them.

Somewhere in between the extremes of the Bloody Noses and the Mother Loves there is something else. It isn't something easy, but nothing good ever is. Now that the campaign is over, I'd like to describe it in the hopes that our newly elected representatives might see something here that they can relate to, or maybe even strive for.

"It" is honest enough to admit that there were mistakes. "It" is strong enough to dig where it hurts to find those mistakes, even the ones that are deeply buried. "It" is brave enough to let everyone else see them, and to make meaningful apologies for them. "It" is disciplined enough to let those wounds heal once and for all. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, "it" is resolute enough to keep looking forward and upward, resisting the temptation to look back.

In a nutshell, that's what this political snob would love to see.

### "Instead they are itching to roll up their sleeves and get into the fight."

## Love and other indoor sports

*Sex, drugs, rock & roll and drinking may be fun, but everything has a price*



I have never met most of you. I am aware of your existence on an intellectual level through reports and crowded parking lots. I have nothing to gain whether you live or die, so please consider these words, because I have no ulterior motive.

Everybody wants to tell you something, teach you something or influence the way you think. I suppose I'm no better, but the goal is a good one: I want you to survive. I want you to make good choices and be free to excel as individual persons and as a whole people. I want you to see bigger pictures and consider other people before you act. I don't want you to ruin yourselves and end up regretting poor decisions later. I don't know much, but the few things I have learned, I learned the hard way.

For those of us who are overly fond of drinking, take care that you don't overdo it, okay? We've all been bored to tears by the stories about college kids drinking themselves to death. Do you know why it's boring? There are so many stories. Because it happens so often, we've become desensitized

**"You know that I'm no prude, but sex is more than grunting, sweating and that blissful feeling."**

to it. It might be fun to have a few cold ones, but the fun ends when you whip out your keys and start your 3,000-pound projectile. There is nothing fun about getting a DUI, but more importantly, you might hurt someone. If you think getting arrested sucks, try wiping out a busload of nuns and kids. Call someone. Call anyone.

For those of us who like to "expand our minds" with other drugs besides alcohol, take it easy, okay? I know there are those who say marijuana is less harmful than alcohol, but so what? Anything to excess is liable to cause harm. If you're into the harder stuff, may

God go with you. You are placing an awful lot of faith in the criminals who handled that stuff before they sold it to you. Drug dealers are criminals. They are

breaking the law for profit, not because they have any vested interest in your happiness. We all know that capitalism is the root of all evil, right?

Some of us are overly fond of sex. You know that I'm no prude, but sex is more than grunting, sweating and that blissful feeling.

To use Aristophanes' metaphor: for a few brief moments, two halves in a world full of halves become whole. That is a pretty profound thing and worth more attention than most of us invest in it. If you find yourself lucky enough to find a half you want to become whole with, please protect yourselves. A child may be a life long commitment, but AIDS is a death sentence. Come to think of it, herpes doesn't sound like much fun either.

"But Dave, I can handle it." Well, I'm sure you believe that. I know I believed it when I said it. You might even be right - for now - but where are

you going? What is the goal? We take so much time questioning what the establishment wants us to do and complaining about "the man" trying to keep us down, but when was the last time you questioned your own motives? If you are having serial sex with strangers, I would guess that you have a problem. Running away is not going to solve that problem, and it might just make new and bigger problems. When you get so drunk that you blow chunks all over yourself, is that fun? I've been there a time or three, and I don't remember thinking, "Wow, this is great."

I'm not saying not to do any of this stuff. If I were, you'd blow me off anyway, right? By all means, be young and have fun, but think about it, okay? Know what you are doing and why you are doing it. Be careful. Go slow. I may not like all of you, and I definitely don't agree with all of you, but I absolutely want all of you back here - tan and happy - at the end of the summer. I am hopeful that we will all make it, but statistically speaking, some of us will contract an STD, take part in an unplanned pregnancy, get a DUI or even die. On that cheerful note, let me wish you all a happy summer from the Sentinel staff.

The time has come. The semester is near its end and the last issue of the paper has hit the stands. It is time for me to take a moment to step back, evaluate the semester and reflect on the experience of being the editor in chief. Although I am not sure what the future will hold for the Sentinel, I can hope for one thing—continued greatness. We have made great strides over the past semester. We have built on a wonderful foundation and continued to strive towards the top. Whether I continue on as the editor in chief or not, I can only hope that the paper continues to grow as it has. Being the editor in chief has been a life-changing experience for me. Although it is not an easy job, seeing the paper hit the stands week after week motivated me to continue pushing to see continued growth and exceptional quality. I have learned more about myself than I ever thought possible and I treasure this experience.

First, I would like to thank

From the office of  
**Melissa Spielholz**

EDITOR IN CHIEF - THE SENTINEL

you, the reader. Without you, this paper would have no purpose. I would like to sincerely thank you for sticking with us through good times and bad. I appreciate and value the comments and feedback that you provided us with. Your comments and opinions help to shape who we are both personally and as a whole. Please continue sharing your thoughts.

Next, I must thank my wonderful staff. You guys have taught me more than you could ever truly understand. I thank you with all that I am for the time, dedication and experience you have given to me. In times of success we celebrated together, in times of hardship we bonded together and fought as one. As a whole you guys are incredible, and individually you have all taught

me more than I could have ever asked for. You guys have worked hard to earn the Pacemaker nomination. Be proud, as I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with you. Tara, you showed me what it means to stand up for what you believe in, and never to let anyone hold you back from what you want to achieve. Kim, you kept me levelheaded when the heat was on; you provided the balance between sanity and craziness. Colleen, you showed me, by example, not to sweat the small things and how to remain calm in the roughest of situations. Dave, you always could bring a smile to my face and your advice through thick and thin helped me accomplish many things. Tommy, you taught me how to try and find the fun and positive in any situation.

Alex, thank you for putting us on track for a Pacemaker. It was your dedication and work on the Web site that brought us to that point. Rykie, A.J. and Ashlie, you guys had to do most of the "dirty" work, but you always did it well. Hannah, your wisdom and experience helped guide my way. Grant, thank you for all you have done for me. Your listening ear and open-mindedness helped me greatly. Nick, without you I sincerely doubt the paper would have been possible. Thank you for being supportive both personally and professionally, and for all your creativity and hard work. Also, thank you for not getting frustrated with all of us InDesign challenged people. Jason, as always your support was a guiding light, thank you for sticking by me. Matt, thank you for keeping me smiling. Kiki, thank you for your support and helping me find the bright side of every situation. Meredith, thank you for teaching

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**LETTERS  
TO THE  
EDITOR**

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**Make a real difference**

Dear Editor,

I personally am too busy with my job, classes and my family even to think about sitting on the campus green, yelling [whining] for some perceived injustice. What, exactly, is the purpose? Is CNN going to converge on our campus, promoting our cause? I don't think so.

Do you want to protest? Get a group together and go to Washington, D.C. Do you want to make a real difference? Go to class.

**Brandi Maynard Cline**  
graphic communications  
freshman

**I'm sorry we're so boring**

Dear Editor,

I would like to say, in response to the Firestorm article, that there are plenty of things happening on this campus to write about such as fairs, fundraisers, guest speakers, Greek events, KAB events, plays and expos, despite the lack of protests.

In fact, the lack of protests and demonstrations is one of the best things about this campus. We all have different positions on issues, but we don't need to cram them down each other's throats. We co-exist pretty well on this campus. I'd say that's pretty cool.

The last time we had a demonstration on this campus it caused plenty of controversy. It was a group of religious radicals and it made the paper, because everyone united in protest of the demonstrators' harassment of students. No one wanted them here and I am hopeful that we won't have to put up with it again.

Besides, in the past weeks we've seen plenty of controversy from Student Government as fellow members move to impeach

those who opposed them. I hope that the newly elected members will be more mature and unite to get something accomplished, instead of squabbling with each other.

Maybe you should interview the SG members from week to week and report on what they're actually doing to make things better. Publish their agenda and minutes if you have to. Then students will be informed and you'll have something to write about.

Who knows? Maybe you'll see some activism come from it.

**Lauren Godinez**  
communication  
junior

**Important facts left out**

Dear Editor,

I feel that the article about Greeks left out some important facts. There were a couple of things that are not entirely accurate, that I would just like your writer to be aware of. I feel that while some of the information she brought forth was impressive for a non-Greek writer she didn't know a couple of things that might have made her article more thought provoking and accurate.

The meanings and foundations of fraternities and sororities merit those of previous secret organizations such as the Stonemasons and Egyptian mystery system.

While the sorority mentioned was the first "sorority founded" there were numerous "fraternities of women" founded years before. Alpha Delta Pi [1851] was the first fraternity of women, followed shortly after by Phi Mu [1852], both founded at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA. These secret organizations for women were founded as "fraternities of women" as the word sorority was not used and these early sororities were founded with the aid of fraternities and de-

veloped in a nearly identical way.

It is noteworthy to add that some of these fraternities switched their name to sorority while others, such as Phi Mu, remain to this day a fraternities. Many sororities were founded on religious and service principles and bonded the women through ritual.

I just thought it was important to add those two tidbits. I did feel that the article was well written, just perhaps not as deeply researched as I might have liked to see.

**Jessica Smith**  
international affairs  
junior

**Miss the message much?**

Dear Editor,

First, let's focus on the immediate issue. You dissected a quote from Dalton's April 6, 2005 article entitled "Plan B Contraceptive Not Readily Available," but you failed to give the entire sentence in which the quote appears. The entire sentence reads: "I suppose a cynical person would say that religion has hijacked the FDA and is trying to impose its view of morality on the rest of us." If you pay attention to the entire sentence, you will find that Dalton was guessing what a cynical person [might] say, not inferring that he himself is a cynical person. Although he is quite sarcastic, I can vouch that he is not cynical. Dalton has more hope for humankind than even he will give himself the credit. Proof of this is in his chosen major of secondary social science education. Anyone who has the desire to educate our future leaders must have hope for the future of humankind.

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Nick Mracek | The Sentinel

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## Award-winning school year

*Recognizing the many awards and honors given to clubs and organizations*

Eric Reinhardt  
*Staff Writer*

Although awards have been received and accolades given, it is time to come together in the acknowledgement of those outstanding KSU students and organizations that have proven to be made of the strong stuff. Awards were presented to individuals who committed themselves to outstanding performance and achievements in relation to those clubs and fraternities with which they are affiliated.

Other KSU organizations received the honor of hosting events which called attention to specific interests of the regional community. These groups, unified in the purpose of advancing particular fields of study or charitable causes, showed immense activity throughout the year. Listed below are the recipients of these notable honors.

The Society for Human Resource Management hosted the SHRM Games competition on campus in which over eleven state college teams attended for competition during this all-day event. KSU placed fifth in the competition.

The HPS Majors Club was nominated for the national Majors Club Of The Year and ranked first runner up for this award. Tara Martz was named HPS Major of the Year and was honored at the national convention in Chicago. Among these achievements, the HPS Majors club held regular meetings, two of which were attended by guest speakers: Atlanta Falcon Tommy Nobis and Ron Jones, record holder for transcontinental cycling.

For the group's work in conducting tobacco use prevention programs on campus, STRIKE received a grant from the Cobb and Douglas County Tobacco Prevention Coalition. Such programs conducted during spring Semester by the club include the 28 Day Quit and Win Challenge for faculty, staff and students and a Social Marketing Campaign with ads in the Sentinel.

The Circle K club of KSU was awarded the Best New/Reactivated Club of the Georgia District. Club member Jeff Little was elected as the Lieutenant Governor for the Northwest Division of the Georgia district of Circle K International for the 2005-2006 year.

The KSU Sociology Department established an Associate Membership this year to support students interested in scholarship of the field of study of sociology, and also created a Student Advisory Committee for the Georgia Sociological Association. In a statewide competition, Robin Crawford was awarded Best Undergraduate Paper by the Georgia Sociological Association and also named the Outstanding Sociology Student of the Year.

Women In Electronics member Anita Zgambo received a number of honors this year. She co-authored a paper entitled "An IS Student's Worst Nightmare: Programming Courses," which was presented at the regional conference in Savannah and published in the Southern Association for Information Systems Proceedings 2005.

The French Club received an award in recognition of the valuable contributions made to the global cultural education of KSU.

This semester the Arab League did quite well in the university competitions. At the March Southern Regionals at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, KSU won the Outstanding Delegation Award while representing Saudi Arabia. Individual outstanding delegates in their committees were David Valente [team captain], Emil Man, Ghizland Kirane and Sofia Lipko. In late March at the National Arab League Conference at the Watergate Hotel in DC, David Valente, Emil Man, and Carolyn Moranec received delegation awards.

Three KSU students won Diplomacy Awards for excellence at the prestigious Harvard World Model United Nations conference held in Edinburgh from March 28-April 1. The KSU delegation of nine students represented Romania and distinguished itself as one of the very best of the 186 country delegations present. All told, there were more than 1,200 students from more than 50 countries at the Harvard Conference. Of the 186 teams represented, only 42 received awards - and of these more than half received only one award. KSU's Romania delegation was one of only ten delegations to receive more than two awards.

This past fall the Iota Theta Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity won homecoming. After being officially installed this semester as a chapter, the brotherhood received awards during the Division conference in Columbia: Outstanding Brotherhood Award, Exceeding AFA/AMA Award, Excellence in Adopt-A-School Award and an Excellence in Recruitment Award.

## Two voices unite for the students

*Meet the new President and Vice President of Student Government*

Olivia Noland  
*Sr. Staff Writer*



**Thomas Cotton and James Touchton**

There are two new personalities who contribute motivation, integrity and professionalism in KSU Student Government and they are Thomas Cotton, President, and James Touchton, Vice President.

Both Cotton and Touchton are native Georgians who come from families that are proactive in their communities.

Thomas Cotton, junior marketing major, is the new president of SG. His sister, Jenny, was formally involved with SG and is now a political consultant.

Cotton's interest in Student Government first ignited because he wanted to do something more than just go to class.

"This place is the future of Georgia," Cotton said. "There are so many outstanding students that are here that want to go out and make a difference while they are here and out in the world when they graduate, and that is why I am here."

While campaigning for his presidency in the past weeks, Cotton said that he has come into contact with more students who did not know that SG even existed. He said he strives to make the organization more visible.

"Immediately I would like to start off on the right foot and unite the team of individuals that were elected and get everyone goal focused and ready to work together," Cotton said.

He believes that the student orga-

nizations of KSU should be united in making campus life better for students.

Cotton is also involved in Leaders in Kennesaw and the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

James Touchton, senior political science major, is the new vice president of KSU SG.

His grandfather was the head of a police department and President of the Lions Club and his grandmother was a founder of the State Deaf Services in Florida.

Touchton was involved in student government throughout high school. He recently decided that it was time for him to make a comeback in the political arena and use the time he has at KSU wisely.

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Cotton and Touchton have personal mission statements that keep them motivated and focused on their goals for the upcoming year. Cotton believes that if at first you don't succeed, try and try again. Touchton believes that one's life can only be what one makes of it - how one lives life and the way one builds one's reputations is up to them.

"You only get one shot at life, make it count and do the best you can, so when you die people will say, 'I was proud to know him,'" Touchton said.

# The sky is the limit

*Miss Universe winner Aba Wilson promotes diversity*

Chauntrell Lofton  
Staff Writer

Aba Wilson has been beaming with pride since April 1, when she was crowned 2005 International Student Association Miss Universe at KSU.

"Goals can definitely be achieved, though it taries, one should wait for it. There is no such thing as beyond my reach," said Wilson, when asked how winning the pageant had affected her life.

"My life has been affected in such a way that, though difficulties become stumbling blocks, I can definitely crumble them at my feet, because I have chosen to take a chance," she said.

Wilson is a part-time junior nursing major, with plans to become an accounting major during the summer semester. She hopes to become an auditor when she graduates from Coles College of Business, but during the remainder of her time at KSU, she will use her celebrity to address issues that concern all nationalities.

Wilson is currently a supervisor at Kroger. She functions as an accountant and customer service representative for the store, which sparked her interest in accounting.

In a post-pageant interview, Miss Universe spoke about almost becoming discouraged and losing hope with her

life.

"I went through a time of despair a while back in dealing with memories and pain, and was that close in shutting my world out. I had forgotten who I was as [a] woman of faith. I became stubborn and unwilling to let things go with God," Wilson said. "Knowing consistently that God has made me for his glory, and he who has started a good work in me will carry me until the end of my days, with his uplifted hand opening doors of conquering for me."

Wilson, who was chosen as the 11th ISA Miss Universe out of six contestants, represented her native country of Ghana in the pageant. Wilson moved to Illinois with her parents when she was a young teenager before relocating to Georgia to attend college.

One of Wilson's honors as the 2005 ISA Miss Universe is to be an ambassador of KSU. In her role as an ambassador, Wilson will speak at International Student Association venues, address freshman and encourage them to join ISA and other international organizations, which will, in essence, promote diversity.

Wilson will also be charged with the challenge of promoting diversity, addressing global issues, encouraging students to assimilate with other students of diverse backgrounds and leading by example.

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Photo courtesy of Aba Wilson

**Wilson is a role model for others.**

"The sky should always be your limit," Wilson said. "Do not allow yourselves to be intimidated by your competitors, because, for all you know, you are better in your natural way than they will ever know. Pageants are not necessarily about how pretty you may think you are, or how fortunate you are. Pageants are about how well and comfortable you are with yourself."

Wilson plans to use her role to stand up for diversity and fight against discrimination.

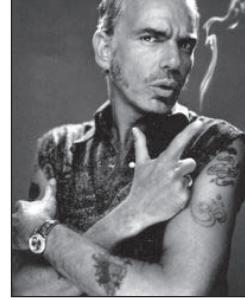
# AMERICAN BADASS

**Thornton puts the bad in "Bad News Bears"**

*Remake of 1976 classic hits theaters this summer*

Melissa Spielholz  
Editor in Chief

Spring is here and baseball season is underway, laying the groundwork for potential box-office smash hits. The 1976 hit "Bad News Bears," originally directed by Michael Ritchie, has been remade and is ready to take on the original.



It was quite an honor to be able to replay a role of his. I also love the guys who wrote "Bad Santa," who wrote this script, so that was quite appealing to me," Thornton said.

"We tried to stay to the same tone as the first one. It has been updated and modernized, but it is still along the same lines as the first movie. We tried to put our own spin on it but

also tried to honor the original movie."

Thornton, who is known in the Hollywood scene for his often adult roles, explained that while "Bad News Bears" is a family movie, it still pushes the envelope.

"It is a little bit left of center, but at the same time, it is more of a broad appeal. I love the original movie and I love baseball. Also, I have two boys who are ten and eleven, so it is about time I made a movie that they can see," Thornton said.

"Bad News Bears" is scheduled to hit theaters on July 22.

Director Richard Linklater ["School of Rock"] joins forces with the risqué comedic actor Billy Bob Thornton ["Bad Santa"] to remake the classic. A story set in Southern California outlines the life of former minor league baseball player Morris Buttermaker [Thornton, originally played by Walter Matthau]. Buttermaker, a man lacking motivation who enjoys heavy drinking, accepts a lucrative offer to coach the Bears. The Bears, a team of mischievous youngsters lacking baseball talent, forces Buttermaker to question his position on life.

"I love the original movie and I am a big fan of Walter Matthau.



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"Bad News Bears" is sure to be a hit this summer.

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# School upgrades

*Still has room for improvement*

After 12 years away from the university lifestyle, I have been swept back into the swing of things, albeit at a different pace than when I was just out of high school.

The funny thing is, I don't believe things have changed all that much. Students still fall asleep in classes, still occasionally show up in pajama bottoms, and at times I've seen a couple in fuzzy slippers. Students still moan and groan about homework and tests, and they still wait to the very last minute to do things.

There have definitely been some improvements made along the way, as well. When I was in school in 1988, the Internet was still a few years from reality, and communication with group partners was not the breeze it is today. There were no cell phones to infuriate professors at the crescendo of their lectures. And people used backpacks, not those goofy little suitcase-on-wheels deals [although I concede goofy or not, they must be much better on one's spine than slinging 50 pounds of books over one's shoulder and lurching across campus].

The greatest upgrade I have seen is registration. Pop online from your home computer, punch in a few numbers, and you're done! Totally cool, I must say. In my day, you went to the registration hall, filled out a Scantron sheet, and hoped that the open classes pasted up on board after board were actually still open. Otherwise, after waiting in hard plastic chairs and listening for your name for a good half hour, you would find yourself back out in the throng, filling out another Scantron and hoping, yet again, that the "recently updated" classes on the boards were really still open.

I hope over my time at KSU, the administration does consider the needs of the many non-traditionals like myself, and find a way to make services available to those who cannot be on campus between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. This campus does an overall great job of making the essentials available to non-traditionals. However, there is room for improvement, and I believe most non-traditionals will agree. Suggestion: Ask us!

Finally, the Primetime, oh, I apologize, Midnite Owl. I am still unimpressed with its \$2 coffee, which is only available until about 8:30 p.m. [it's midnight somewhere, I guess]. I did discover a coffee machine, hidden away in a dark corner of the Student Center. However, when I purchased a cup of half-caf to take with me to Fitness for Living on Saturday, it was so hot in its environmentally-friendly paper cup, that I couldn't carry it, so I left it sitting and headed on to HPS1000, coffeeless yet again.

It's been a great semester, and I hope to see you all again in the fall. Congratulations to those seniors who are heading down the road, and think of the rest of us every now and then, still here in our pajama bottoms and fuzzy slippers, wheeling our books to class and trying to find a decent cup of coffee.



By Mechele R. Dillard

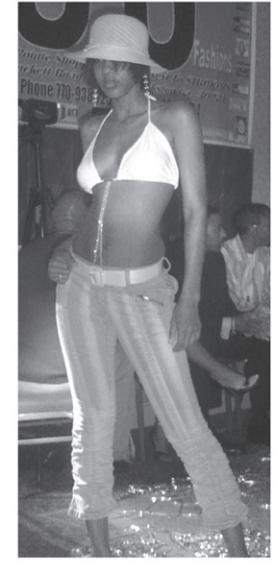
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**Mean Girls take on B-town Ballers**

The Mean Girls [right] won 28-21 in Theta Chi's 2nd Annual Powder Puff Football game. They were coached by Zack Peters and Lindsay Turner of Theta Chi. Phi Mu and Delta Phi Epsilon had a great turnout this year.

Mean girls took a 14-0 lead then B-town came back to tie. Both teams recorded one interception each. Most Valuable Player went to Kristin Tanner, Phi Mu.

**What are you doing for your summer vacation?**

Chance Harn, Staff Writer



**Betsy Walraven**  
senior, Psychology  
"Going to the lake to party, looking for a job and graduating."



**Megan Sheehan**  
senior, Early childhood education  
"To work, save money for a car and have fun with friends."



**Shannon Thompson**  
junior, English  
"I will be attending class, working with Student Government and partying with the Deltas."



**Autumn Coleman**  
sophomore, undeclared  
"I am transferring to UGA."



**Kaori Igeta**  
graduate student, public administration  
"Going back to Japan to visit."

**Roaming Reporter**

# The New York Times — Summer

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**Music to soothe the summertime blues**

Keep your ears open for the Atlanta Jazz Festival and Music Midtown

With the semester coming to a close and summertime approaching, I'm going to give you a brief overview of Atlanta happenings that I feel are interesting.

First, there's the Atlanta Jazz festival that will be taking place during the month of May. This is a 31-day festival that will feature some well known jazz artists, as well as a few not so popular ones. Included in the Jazz Festival will be a series of night club tours in such hotspots as Churchill Grounds, Bar Joel's, Justin's, and Jazz Loft.

Big name performers that will be at the Chastain Park Amphitheatre as part of the festivities on April 30. Ticket prices vary, but for the most part are really expensive. Friday, May 27, Kenny G. will be performing. The festivities will take place at various outlets such as Chastain Park Amphitheatre, Coan Park, Perkerson Park, Phoenix Park and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, as well as a three-day festival of show stopping

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By Tara O'Shea

John Fogerty, Slim Thug, Interpol and many others.

If it interests you, there will

also be a market set up so you can buy t-shirts with your favorite band's logos and such. Usually these items are over-priced, but that's the way it usually is at concerts.

Fortunately, this concert series also features performers from the Atlanta area, which is good, considering such big-names as John Mayer and Angie Aparo got their start at Music Midtown. Tickets are \$75 for the whole weekend. From what I hear, it's pretty flippin' crazy.

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# Cruise is more than Mr. Hollywood

*Tom Cruise discusses his life and upcoming film "War of the Worlds"*

Alex Danaila, Sr. Staff Writer  
Melissa Spielholz, Editor in Chief

**Q:** When did you feel you wanted to do another project with Spielberg, and especially another sci-fi project?

**A:** It just happened to be a sci-fi project, and you know, who doesn't want to work with Steven Spielberg? He's not only a great friend of mine, but he's a filmmaker that I tremendously admire. I think he is without a doubt one of our greatest storytellers in cinema. Certainly you look at how prolific he is, and the two of us together is a creative combustion. As soon as we finished "Minority Report," we kind of looked each other like, okay what kind of movie are you going to make next? There were three projects that he listed out and the third of them was "War of the Worlds" and we kind of looked at each other, and that was it.

**Q:** Can you compare working with Stanley Kubrick with working with Steven Spielberg?

**A:** Every single director is totally different. It's just like every single person I meet is very different. And the thing is

you can look at a Kubrick [and] you see his voice. And in that same way, the originality of Spielberg and his voice and the power of their ability of them as artists, both of them understand their medium. They both have the power to create what they want to create.

**Q:** How would Steven Spielberg describe you in ten words or less?

**A:** That's not fair! What would Spielberg say in ten words or less? I say that he'd say that I was loyal, a hardworker, caring, easygoing, fun, dedicated. Well, I hope he'd say that. I think he would. I think he has said that about me in the past.

**Q:** Is there an actor out there that has kind of been a role model to you or you have looked up to throughout your career?

**A:** My first hero as a kid was Muhammed Ali. I remember being four or five and he was an inspiration to me. Actors that I've loved growing up definitely was Newman, Hoffman, Hackman. You know, those actors that I grew up looking at their movies and then years later when I got to meet them, it was phenomenal.

**Q:** There's a scene in "Collateral" where you are running after Jamie Foxx and you threw a chair, and broke the glass and then you tripped over the chair.

**A:** That hurt.

**Q:** Was that natural or staged, because if it was staged, I have to commend you on your acting because it looked very natural and amazing.

**A:** Thank you. Going through that window - that just happened. You know, you want accidents but you don't want to get hurt in those accidents. But uh, the way the chair hit, that fall just occurred and we kept going.

**Q:** Despite performances in Kubrick and PT Anderson films, you still maintain a kind of reputations as a Mr. Hollywood, action hero type. Do you think you will ever be able to escape that reputation, and do you ever want to?

**A:** I don't really care. I don't really care, it's not important. What's important to me is I make the movies I want to make. What people say about me doesn't matter. It really doesn't. I get to make all the



movies I want to make, and I'm incredibly proud of that.

**Q:** In your movies you have portrayed a wide array of characters. Which character was most truly like you?

**A:** They're all different, I can't. I don't know which one. I know that you know, certain films like this movie, where I play a father is actually different than I am, because I'm not a deadbeat dad. I always wanted to be a father. When I look at films, "Samurai" to me is right on there with what I believe is a man. It is the journey of a man who believes essentially that he is his body. He then learns that he is a spiritual being and he learns about integrity and honor and regains that in life. That is something that I believe is a man. But it's hard to say. I really don't know actually. There are little pieces in each character.

"War of the Worlds" is set to release on June 29.

## GAME REVIEW: DYNASTY WARRIORS

**Game not up to speed**  
Jason Nimer  
Sr. Staff Writer

In these times of ours good games do get released, but the bad games tend to swell the market. For every outstanding single game that comes out, 20 are rushed to market to appease the "under six" crowd and the people with no taste at all. I tend to review the good ones; good games just tend to capture my attention. "Dynasty Warriors" for the PSP is one of those awful games I tend to pass over. This one was so bad, though, I felt I needed to warn the public.



"Dynasty Warriors" was a launch game for the PSP, so some faults with it could honestly be forgiven. The developers don't yet feel comfortable with the new technology. Why wouldn't there be tiny miscalculations? Tiny ones, as seen in "Twisted Metal" and "Untold Legends," can be forgiven. This game's flaws absolutely outweigh its strengths.

"Dynasty Warriors" is an old PS2 favorite. You take control of different generals in the war to suppress uprisings in ancient China. This formula has worked for at least six games,

and fans have demanded no change. The PSP version tries to work off the same basic plan but fails miserably. Though I have been an avid fan of the "Dynasty Warriors" series for many years, this game seems to scream awful. First of all, this game has massive slowdown. For those of you not in the know, slowdown occurs when there is too much happening on the screen. Due to bad programming, the game slows to an almost slow motion, Matrix "bullet time" pace. This is unforgivable. For an action game, speed is ever important, and this game just can't seem to handle it.

The map system during campaigns is also ridiculous. There is no explanation as to what the various symbols

mean, and so the whole war campaign becomes a baffling ordeal. Even worse, half the screen during the actual battle is obscured by this worthless map, destroying any peripheral vision you might have. Where do I go? Who am I supposed to fight? Prepare to ask yourself these questions if you actually purchase this terrible game.

With the awesome power the PSP sports, I know they can do better than this. "Dynasty Warriors" falls way short of the other PSP launch titles. The problems with this game are innumerable, so even the most extreme fan should avoid this game like the plague. Your money would be better spent on the excellent PSP games like "Metal Gear ACID" or "Lumines." Take my word for it on this one, this game doesn't even warrant a rental.

**Grade: D-**

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# Lessons learned

*Retrospect of my first year at KSU*

I thought it fitting to include a few remarks regarding my first school year here at KSU. It's been a learning experience in more ways than might have been expected. I can safely chalk down quite a few observations and experiences that are now part of my American knowledge base, aside from the realization that writing essays in MLA form is a bleedin' pain in the arse.

• General education is a total bother. If not for that I'd probably have my degree by now. I thought they taught English in high school for a reason.



**DOWN UNDER**  
By Adam Stevens

possible – a lamentable fact.

• Nobody has any idea what Geographic Information Systems is. The explanation count must be challenging a hundred by this point.

• Eating healthy on campus is confined to either bringing one's own lunch or having some sort of dodgy [insert food type here] salad sandwich. Neither appeals – the former due to a lack of portable fridge. When one doesn't have a car, getting to a fine dining establishment in the middle of the day is something of a hard task.

• Krystal's offerings are very shonky, yet addictive. Ditto Wendy's.

• People tend to think that I'm English. I don't see this perception changing whilst people think Steve Irwin actually talks like the rest of Australia.

• Mobile phones do not work once you enter any building on campus. Reception disappears into some hidden black hole as soon as one enters any covered structure.

• Students are almost invariably one of two types: Very busy, oft-stressed over-studiers or complete and utter slackers.

• People are both friendly yet un-inclined towards conversation – a general trait I haven't quite worked out yet. I'm sure I'm doing something wrong.

Lastly:

• Kennesaw is a bloody long way away from anything. Any plans to relocate in the cards?

Thanks a lot for the lessons. Here's hoping there are plenty more to come after the lovely long, hot summer we're all eagerly awaiting. Enjoy it – there's a good chance you deserve the rest.

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## School holds celebration for cheerleaders



### Team's consecutive Championships honored

Tommy McNulty  
*Sports Editor*

The competitive cheerleading team was honored for winning consecutive NCA titles last year and this year at a celebratory event Thursday.

Present at the event were Dr. Nancy King and President Betty Siegel. Both King and Siegel spoke at the celebration and praised the team for its hard work and commitment. "I was a cheerleader in Valdosta, which

we used to call Winnersville due to our exceptional football teams," said King. "KSU is now Winnersville."

Head coach Felicia Ingle also spoke highly of her team, noting that they went up against tough competition and still managed to win. The entire team was in attendance, and the women were visibly ecstatic about their accomplishment.

"It was a really hard season, but winning it made the whole year worth it," said junior cheerleader Annah Hinman. "The competition in Daytona

Beach was really exciting and there were millions of people there."

The girls will be competing in Division I next year and will face tougher competition. "We'll be competing against schools like Louisville and the University of Oklahoma next season," said George Olney, Director of Development for Athletics.

The team held tryouts Saturday, April 23, looking for cheerleaders with the same commitment and determination as those who made up this year's Championship team.

**The 2005 cheer-leading team was recognized on April 21 for their consecutive championship.**

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**Head Coach  
Felicia Ingle spoke**  
at the event and congratulated her team.



## Chapter closes on rich Division II history

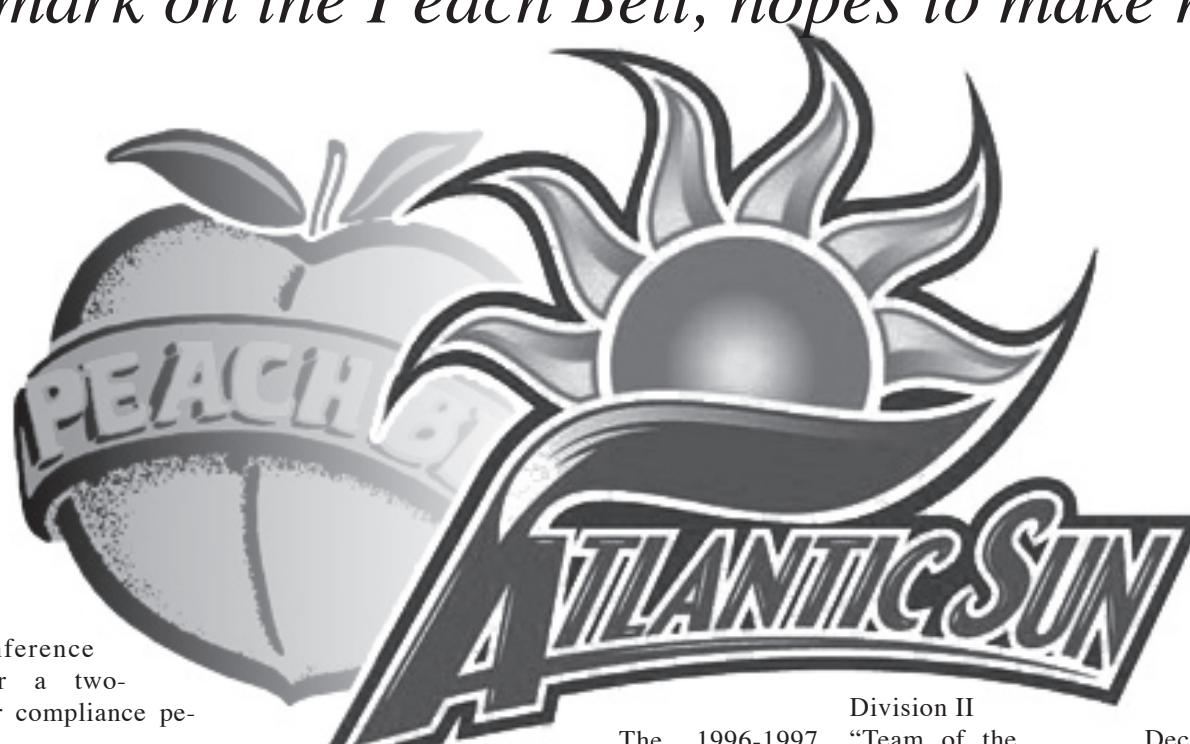
*KSU has left its mark on the Peach Belt, hopes to make new one in A-Sun*

Nathan McCreary  
*Sr. Staff Writer*

With warmer temperatures on the way, the last few 2004-2005 sports programs are winding down at KSU, and the final chapter is being written for the school as a Division II competitor.

In 1981, James "Spec" Landrum became the first Athletic Director for KSU and started the college sports programs. The school joined the Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and became a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Soccer, men's and women's cross-country, outdoor track, women's basketball, cheerleading, men's and women's tennis and men's golf made up the first athletic program. In 1983, KSU added a baseball team, coached by former major league pitcher Jim Nash, who played for the Oakland A's, Atlanta Braves and Philadelphia Phillies from 1968-1972. Slow-pitch softball was also added.

Its ten years in the NAIA was a fairly successful venture for the school. During that time, the university claimed a national and regional championship in baseball, four tri-district championships in softball, and seven district championships in baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, golf and track. In 1992, KSU accepted an invitation to join the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Peach Belt



Conference after a two-year compliance period.

In the 1993-1994 season, KSU became fully integrated into the NCAA and Division II. That year the softball team and coach Scott Whitlock won the NCAA National Championship after a 53-5 record. Newly appointed head coach Stan Sims led the men's and women's cross country teams to Peach Belt crowns.

The 1995-1996 season saw KSU become only the third team in NCAA history to win national championships in both baseball and softball as head baseball coach Mike Sansing led the Owls to a 48-17 record and Whitlock won back-to-back titles with a 49-8 record.

The 1996-1997

season for KSU sports

was very successful, as the Owls won five PBC titles and five NCAA Regional Championships. Baseball, men's and women's cross country, women's basketball and softball all won regional titles, making the rest of Division II take notice of the Owls.

As they approached the turn of the century, the Owls continued their expansion by adding a competitive dance team led by head cheerleading coach, Felicia Mulkey [now Felicia Ingle]. KSU continued to get recognized by national publications such as Baseball America, which named the Owls' baseball team the NCAA

Division II "Team of the Decade."

In 2001, KSU again expanded the athletic department by adding women's soccer, coached by Rob King. The soccer team started play in 2002 and became the 2002-03 NCAA Division II National Champions in their inaugural season. The same year, coach Stan Sims led the cross country teams to its 14th Peach Belt title.

The same year the KSU soccer team won its National Championship, two Ingles decided to follow suit. Felecia Ingle coached the cheerleading team to its first National Championship and Tony Ingle, the head basketball coach, took the Owls to the Final Four in Bakersfield, CA

and defeated Southern Indiana for the 2003-2004 National Title. Also in 2003, KSU Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples announced the move of soccer and golf into NCAA's Division I starting in the 2004-2005 season.

The move to Division I made the competition a lot tougher for the soccer team. The Lady Owls played against Clemson in an exhibition game and traveled to Chapel Hill, NC to take on North Carolina and Duke. KSU held its own as it lost by scores of only 1-0 in both matches.

This season, KSU basketball took the court as defending national champions and finished with a 24-6 record, losing to Clayton State in the first round of the NCAA D-II Tournament. The Cheerleading team also returned to defend its title at the National Competition and did so successfully.

The major news in 2004 was the move of all KSU athletics to NCAA's Division I Atlantic Sun Conference starting in the 2005-2006 season. KSU also has the opening of the new Convocation Center to look forward to in the upcoming season. Students began getting a sneak peek of the new home for Owls basketball when classes started meeting in the building this spring.

The University also released blue prints of a possible stadium facility, which could perhaps lend some truth to the rumor of a pending football team.

# Sheffield admits he thought of Artest in Pacers-Pistons brawl

*Player/fan conflict only adds more to an already heated rivalry*

John Harper  
New York Daily News (KRT)

Gary Sheffield didn't show as much restraint as he was trying to tell everyone on the night of April 14, after his incident with a fan at Fenway Park. He took what amounted to a swinging swipe at a fan who made contact with Sheffield as he was going for a ball, and was lucky the fan backed up out of reach.

But at least he wasn't Ron Artest.

In fact, Sheffield said he thought of Artest as the incident unfolded, and that kept him from leaping the low railing and going into the stands after the fan.

"That's the first thing that came to my mind," Sheffield said. "That's why I didn't react. I thought about the consequences."

He should have thought sooner, because even though Sheffield maintained that he didn't throw a punch, the tape shows that he took a full-blown swipe at the fan before he even threw the ball back into the infield.

Players can't do that - more so than ever after the infamous basketball brawl back in November in which Artest attacked fans in the stands at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

But if Sheffield was wrong, just to a lesser degree than Artest, the fan was just as wrong, and so too are the Red Sox in this latest mess.

After all, that right-field corner has been an incident waiting to happen, especially as the intensity in this Yankees-Red Sox rivalry has become so heightened the last couple of years.



**Gary Sheffield caught a break from** **MLB by not being suspended** **after swiping at a fan.**

Because the railing is so low out there, fans have easy access to balls that go into the corner, and right fielders as well. At the very least, the Sox should have an army of security people out there making sure fans don't interfere.

Better yet, the Sox ought not to sell those front-row seats, at least when the Yankees are in town, if they want to prevent something like this.

After all, there are always idiots in the crowd, and though it's hard to tell if the fan meant any harm to Sheffield, he had no business swinging his arm over the fence - even it was only in the hope of grabbing Jason Varitek's triple as it rocketed along the wall.

By doing so, the tape showed him making contact with Sheffield. How hard he hit him was hard to tell, and certainly it didn't look like it was as hard as Sheffield indicated, when he said he "got punched in the mouth."

But then again, it had to be jarring for Sheffield to get hit in the face when he wasn't expecting it, as he concentrated on trying to field the ball. That doesn't excuse Sheffield from turning and taking his two-handed swipe at the fan, especially before he threw the ball back. But after Sheffield turned and threw the ball to the infield, it did look for a minute as if he was going to jump that railing and go after the guy.

But he stopped himself at the wall, and gestured instead of going in. For that he does deserve at least some credit.

"I was getting ready to do something," he said. "I held my composure."

Major League Baseball officials surprisingly seem to agree. Sheffield was not penalized at all. He received no suspensions or fines.

In any case, so much for a kinder, gentler tone to the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry.

Whatever good will between New York and Boston, in this case the cities more than the teams, was born out of Monday's feel-good ring ceremony, with the Yankees applauding from the dugout, surely ended Thursday night.

Even with Sheffield's restraint, the incident had ugly overtones that are sure to heighten the intensity again in this rivalry, if only because the fans dictate the atmosphere at the ballpark, on and off the field.

It might have gotten uglier Thursday night except that the play was part of a three-run rally for the Red Sox as they beat up on Tom Gordon - much as they did here back in October - and defeated the Yankees, 8-5.

Perhaps Sheffield will get the Alex Rodriguez treatment in the future at Fenway Park. Unlike A-Rod, however, Sheffield seems to thrive on controversy; he was the first Yankee to bat in the top of the ninth, and with the crowd booing him, he lashed a double to left off Sox closer Keith Foulke.

April 14 was a typically wild game, as the Sox hit three home runs off Randy Johnson, Terry Francona and his hitting coach were ejected in two separate instances for arguing balls and strikes and the Yankees loaded the bases in the ninth before Ruben Sierra popped out to end the threat.

In the end, however, what everyone will remember is that Sox fans proved they could be idiots themselves, and Sheffield took a swipe at one. He won't pay a price for it, but the Red Sox need to take action so it doesn't happen again.

## Pro athletes take note: Tillman was a real hero

True heroes are hard to find in the world these days. They are even harder to find in the world of professional sports. But though they are rare, they still exist. Pat Tillman was living proof of that.

Just over a year ago on April 22, 2004, Army Ranger Tillman was killed in an ambush in the mountains of Afghanistan. He left behind his brother, parents and most importantly, his legend. In his time, Tillman was a college and pro football player, an academic achiever and a friend to almost anyone he met.

Born on Nov. 6, 1976, Tillman seemed destined for great things almost immediately. Always one for adventure, he climbed up to his parents' rooftop during a storm at the age of five and held on to a shaking tree. Later in life, Tillman would scale eight-story buildings and sit on top of fast-driving cars just for the thrill.

But first and foremost, Tillman was an athlete. At 5'11 and 195 pounds, he was not the ideal physique for his defensive tackle position at Leland High School in San Jose, California, yet he still managed to be one of the best due to his commitment and heart. It was this drive that earned him a scholarship to Arizona State University in 1994.

As a Sun Devil, Tillman garnered numerous athletic and academic awards. He wowed the fans and his teammates with his hard-hitting, "never say die" approach to the game. But despite his enormous success on the gridiron, Tillman was still always looking for what his true purpose in life was. During many of his evenings at ASU, he would climb thirty feet up a light tower on the football field to find tranquility and peace of mind.

**Tommy McNulty**  
Sports Editor



**SIDE LINED**

Tillman was picked in the seventh round of the 1997 draft by the Arizona Cardinals. His high energy, hard hits and bright personality impressed his "hometown" team, and he was moved from defensive tackle to safety. His former teammates described Tillman as having a zest for life. On road trips, he would often sit on the edge of his bed when the lights were out, asking his teammate about life and its joys.

Tillman finally found the purpose he was looking for after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Soon after the attacks, he and his brother Kevin joined the Army in hopes of becoming Rangers. Tillman left a life of fame and luxury to serve his country. He turned down a \$3.6 million three-year offer from the Cardinals to serve in the Army for \$18,000 a year.

He had no "hero complex" as some said. In fact, he tried to keep his exchange as far away from the media as possible.

Many people could not understand why someone who was set for life playing a sport would go and give it all away. That is because, to Tillman, he was receiving everything he always wanted in life. It is hard to find a person so humble, let alone a professional athlete.

Tillman's death marked the first time in 34 years that an NFL player had been killed in combat. The picture of the young, strong man with long blond hair was etched into many people's minds forever, but perhaps the most important thing about his death was that it also gave a face to the many other non-famous soldiers who died in the war. In death, Pat Tillman made sure the spotlight was on someone else and then scaled his light tower one final time.

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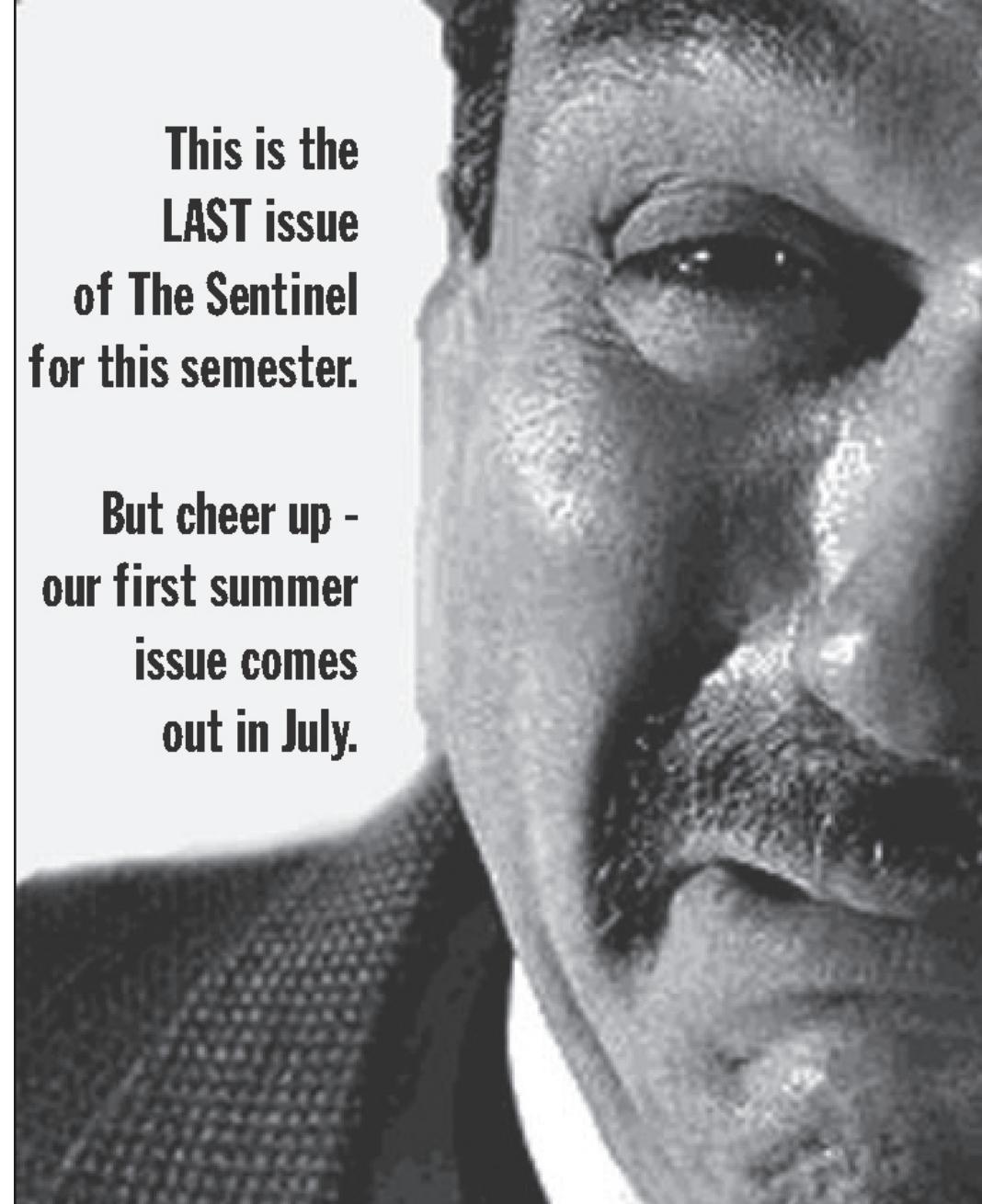
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