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## One of the oldest campus traditions draws a crowd



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**K**SU Day, a university tradition, was held on the campus green April 6. KAB invited any and all student organizations out to the event. Many organizations viewed this as an opportunity to attract new members. Each organization was allowed one display table and could provide games or other activities. Some activities included a water balloon toss, face painting, an Xbox "Halo" tournament and inflatables. Student Government provided free food from the grill.

"It went over pretty well. There were a lot of people in attendance. I know Student Government had a lot of people visit for the free food. I heard nothing but positive feedback. Everyone had a good time," said Communication major and member of KAB senior Vanessa Jatho.

The KSU Psychology Club set up their Pie-A-Professor table, where students were able to donate a dollar and offered a chance to hurl a custard-filled paper plate at a KSU professor.

Dr. Alan Moore, a visiting professor in Visual Arts, gracefully accepted a pie.

"Emotionally, it [throwing a pie] was very liberating," said senior Psychology and Sociology major Melissa Adkisson. "It would have been so much more fun if I could have thrown a pie at a professor I did not like."

In past years, KSU has treated this day [typically the third Friday in May] like a holiday. Roads were closed, classes cancelled and people came out in mass.

## Promoting healthy living

### Health Fair educates students about risks and prevention

MARY E. YORK  
STAFF WRITER

The Health Fair was held in the Student Center on April 4. With more than 20 stations, including spinal evaluation, vision screening and STD testing, students were able to learn about potential health risks and ways to prevent them.

After completing the brief registration process, students were met with an array of tables covered with blue tablecloths inside one of the rooms in the Student Center. Signs displaying numbers and station names helped students know where to go.

The first station was entitled "Height and Weight." Students stood on a scale to measure their height and weight. These two measures are used to calculate their Body Mass Index. The BMI indicates whether the student is of a healthy, underweight or obese body type. Scattered among the table were many handouts about BMI and helpful tips about being healthy.

At the Breast Self Examination and Testicle Self Examination stations, informative handouts and pamphlets were provided. The pamphlets included cancer facts and booklets

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## Financial Aid fair hits one out of the park

### Students, parents attend fair to gain knowledge

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FEATURES EDITOR

The 10th annual Financial Aid Fair was held in the Student Center on Monday, April 10. Among the financial representatives were ten different leaders of the industry, including SunTrust, USA Funds, Wachovia, Georgia Student Finance Commission, Bank of America, Student Loan Express, AmSouth Bank, Wells Fargo and CitiBank.

This year's fair was presented with a baseball theme in order to make it more fun, according to Michelle Hildebrand, a student services professional in the Financial Aid Office. The timing was perfect for a baseball-themed event considering the fair was on the same day as the Atlanta Braves home opener.

Students had the opportunity to get a free lunch including hot dogs, chips and a soda. However, in order to receive the free lunch students had to visit one lender table

on each of the three sides of the room and two of the financial aid information tables in the middle of the room. In order to prove that students had done this, representatives at each table would sign off on a slip of paper provided to the students upon entry.

The fair offered students the chance to go around to each of the lenders and get information and advice to help them make an informed decision about their financial aid, according to Hildebrand. Many of the lenders were offering free gifts such as key chains, pens, stationary and candy to attract students to their table.

Students could also play games to win prizes. One game was called "Swing into Trivia" where students hit a ball from a tee. If they hit it within the lines they had to answer one question, if they hit the ball outside the lines, they had to answer to questions in order to win the prize. There were two categories

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## Calling all psychology majors

### Conference promotes undergraduate research in psychology

SUNNY ARNETT  
STAFF WRITER

The fifth annual Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology Conference was held April 8 at the KSU Center. Students and faculty from colleges, universities and institutions all across the Southeast attended this year's conference.

The conference was devoted exclusively to providing undergraduate psychology students a forum to present their research.

"We hope to encourage psychology students to engage in empirical research while they are still in college and to encourage faculty members to work with their students on research projects," said Dr. Ginny Q. Zhan, associate professor of psychology and GURP coordinator.

This year 33 presentations were given by undergraduates, and for the first time the conference included work by AP high school students from East Coweta High School. By including high school students, conference organizers helped to encourage high school research and promote recruitment for the KSU Psychology department.

Faculty from KSU and other psychology departments judged 25 posters and eight papers on quality, content and presentation. Each of the entrants was required to provide a 15 minute presentation on their paper with time for questions.

KSU had two presenters take home top honors.

Chandni Patel was presented with an Outstanding Paper award for, "The Impact of Media on Body Satisfaction and Mood," and Laura L. Mayhew was presented with an Outstanding Poster award for, "The effects of parental bonding and personality on relationship satisfaction."

Other winners included Christopher J. Brogdon of Columbus State for his paper presentation, "Lateralization of function in numerosity perception," and a group of four students from Lander University for their poster entitled, "Proximal and distal influences on grandparental investments." Winners received a certificate and a small monetary award.

In addition to student presentations, the conference included two workshops by Dr. Amy Buddie and Dr. Pam Marek of the KSU Psychology Department. It also featured keynote speaker Dr. Bill Buskist, professor of psychology and director of the Undergraduate Program at Auburn University.

Buskist spoke on "Why Psychological Research Matters." His speech focused on helping and encouraging students with research. He discussed how any aspect of behavior is open for research, how research can apply to improving real-life problems, how students can make contributions and how a career in research begins with questions about behavior that most students have asked themselves.



Courtesy of Dr. Ginny Zhan

Keynote speaker, Dr. William Buskist of the University of Auburn was a 2005 co-recipient of Auburn's highest teaching honor, the Leischuck Presidential Award.

"It is a great opportunity for students to share their research with others," Zahn said. "The conference was fun, really fun."

Conference organizers hope to reach out to Georgia schools and neighboring states to encourage students and faculty to come and display research in the future.

The faculty and staff of the Psychology Department

work collectively in order to hold the conference each year. This year's GURP conference was supported by grants from the Council on Undergraduate Research and the Southeastern Teaching of Psychology Conference as well as the Dean's Office of KSU's College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

## Car stolen



Alex Danaila | The Sentinel

A faculty member's car was stolen on April 3 out of parking lot C. For full story, see **AUTO THEFT** page 2.

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# More universities are going "SAT-optional"

Courtesy of Student Affairs Newswire

The words "SAT optional" on a Drew University postcard in Dan Kagan's mailbox prompted him to take a road trip to the Madison, N.J., campus in February.

Not requiring the SAT is a new policy for Drew University, and the West Hartford, Conn., high school junior found it attractive; he worries that his test-taking skills are not on par with his résumé. He boasts a 4.0 grade point average and participates in mock trial, debate and model U.N. He founded his school's Scrabble club.

"I'm a good student, but I don't think my SAT score will be as high as I want it to be," Kagan said.

Students who bomb on standardized tests took note of Drew and similarly selective liberal arts colleges that have chosen to make the SAT or ACT optional for students who seek admission; several others, including College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., also made the switch for the class entering this fall. Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Bennington

College in Vermont will make scores optional for students who enter in fall 2007.

"Whether they get 1300 or 1250 doesn't really tell you anything about them as a person or a student," said Bennington dean of admissions, Ken Himmelman. All the attention to numbers "becomes so crazy it's almost a distraction."

The addition of these schools represents a growth spurt in the test-optional movement; now, 24 of the top 100 liberal arts colleges, as ranked by "U.S. News & World Report," are SAT and ACT optional. In total, 730 U.S. colleges don't require SAT or ACT scores, but many are technical or religious schools or those with open admissions policies.

The University System of Ga is testing their own Pilot Program by not requiring SAT or ACT in two-year schools. When asked if any of Ga's four year schools would be using this method, Associate Director of Admissions, Susan Blake did not see it happening in the near future.

"I think that the more information we have on a student, the better indicator we have of their prospective

success," Blake said.

For some colleges changing policies, the turning point came when the College Board introduced the new three hour and 45 minute SAT with an added essay section.

The colleges were troubled by the hysteria among students and also by aggressive marketing of test-prep companies capitalizing on the students' worries about the essay.

"What this represents is a dissatisfaction or worse with the changes in the SAT," said Robert Schaeffer, spokesman for FairTest, a non-profit organization that says tests are over-used.

It may be too early to know whether the recent string of scoring errors on the SAT, which affected more than 4,400 students, will lead to more schools opting out, but Schaeffer says he is "getting lots of calls from colleges" that want more information on how such a change might affect enrollments.

Some of the schools that changed to SAT ACT optional policies this year logged record-breaking numbers of applications:

- Drew's were up 19%, breaking 4,000 applications for the first time.

- College of the Holy Cross, up 41%.
- Knox, up 18%.
- Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., up 12%.

Schaeffer says he is working with more than a dozen other colleges on test-optional policies. He expects several of them to announce changes this year.

The College Board maintains that the test is reliable and is an objective predictor of college success. Colleges going SAT optional are doing it primarily as a marketing tool, spokesman Brian O'Reilly said.

"More information about students is usually what these colleges opt for," said O'Reilly.

The high school grade-point average is the best predictor of how a student will do in college, and the SAT adds little, say admissions officials at the schools that dropped the test this year. Most are seeing 20% to 25% of applicants who choose not to submit an SAT or ACT score this year.

Admissions officers do not link the growth in applications entirely to the new SAT policy but call it a

significant factor. Many colleges saw a surge in applications this year as part of a larger trend in which students are sending out more applications than usual.

St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., for example, saw a 4.6% increase after two years of no changes in applications.

Several of the schools that went test-optional this year cited a 20-year study of the Bates policy that shows statistically little difference in academic performance and graduation rates among students who did not submit SAT scores compared with students who did. Bates also found application rates from minority and low-income students rose.

The SAT-optional policy gives students at Technology High School, a magnet school in Newark, N.J., an opportunity otherwise out of reach, guidance counselor Mary Leigh Harvey says. The average combined SAT score there is 800.

The school's guidance counselors encouraged students to apply to nearby Drew.

"They get to see different things about these students you wouldn't see from a test," said Harvey.

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with cancer prevention steps. Handouts with self-examination steps for both men and women were available.

The nutrition station also had rows of pamphlets and handouts. Most of these had tips on eating light and healthy. A list of nutrition resources, such as books, magazines, newsletters and cookbooks were also provided.

The stress and anxiety screening station, provided by CAPS center, included on-site counseling for students. General information about depression was available as well as a booklet with stories of depression and steps to understand and seek help. There was also information about stress and anxiety from the Anxiety Disorders Association of America.

Also included at this station was a pamphlet from the CAPS Center giving information on the various types

of counseling provided and whom to contact. To make an appointment with a counselor, contact their office at 770-423-6600, or visit the second floor of Kennesaw Hall, Administrative Wing.

An STD awareness table was also available for students. At the university's Health Center, located on Frey Lake Rd, multiple STD screenings are offered. With a simple phone call at 770-514-2300, an appointment can be scheduled and the process can begin.

Adam York, junior criminal justice major at KSU, was one of the many students who helped at the fair. York, along with a few others, was responsible for handing out evaluations to students. These evaluations provided insight on the student body's opinions of the fair.

"The evaluations came back with very positive responses," York said. "The students seemed to really

enjoy the fair and the turnout was great."

Misun Yoo was a participant who shared positive views of the fair.

"[The Health Fair] provided a lot of opportunities to do screening in one day," Yoo said.

She further explained that it was an excellent opportunity particularly for individuals who do not have health insurance.

The Health Fair also gave opportunities for students to win prizes. Free KSU Wellness t-shirts were given out to those who visited at least 15 stations. Many students were able to receive one, but found themselves dropping by more than just the required fifteen tables.

The Health Fair not only had a very high turnout, but it also educated many of the participants about their body and their health, making the fair a very successful event.

## Auto theft occurs on campus lot

### Professor's car stolen

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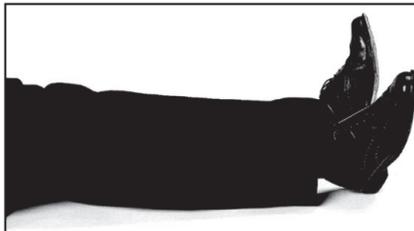
AMY STOREY  
NEWS EDITOR

According to the KSU Police report, the victim misplaced his keys after returning from lunch. When the victim walked out to their car on their way home, they noticed their vehicle was not parked in the spot where they left it and their keys, which had keyless entry, were missing.

The victim then filed a police report with the campus police. The incident was entered into the GCIC database and the car was later recovered

that day in South Georgia during a routine traffic stop. A suspect was detained and taken into custody. The vehicle was impounded and the owner notified. The case is pending further investigation. An email was sent to all KSU staff, warning them of the dangers of leaving their workspace unsecured.

"We just want to stress to every one on campus just how much we are growing and with that growth brings all different kinds of people. We all need to make an effort to keep campus safer and keep crime down. I encourage every one to make sure that they maintain control of their personal property," said Investigator at the KSU Police, Sgt. Jennifer Elliott.

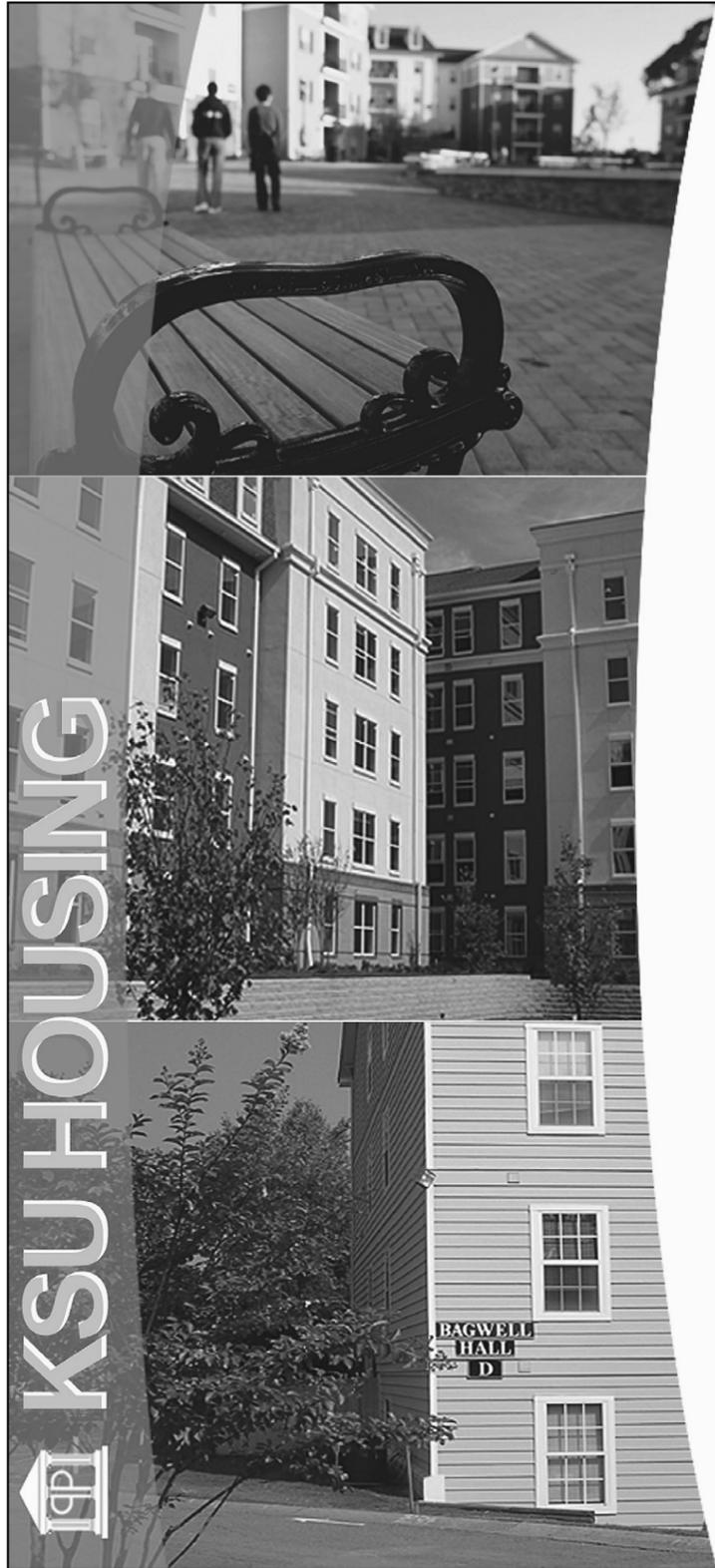


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ries of questions: baseball or financial aid. Hildebrand explained that KSU is not a direct lender by saying, "KSU does not deal with only one lender. We are open to the community of lenders and let students choose for themselves." Janice Oliver, a counselor in the financial aid department explained how KSU hosts the fair every year before fall registration so that students are not rushed to complete their financial aid. "We want our students to be prepared," Oliver said. There are various kinds of college loans granted by the government which include PLUS loans, Stafford loans and Perkins loans. PLUS loans are loans taken out by parents of dependent students. Generally, the interest on PLUS loans does not exceed nine percent. The Perkins loan, according to the College Loan Corporation, is provided by government funds and contributions from the school. The loan is then repaid to the school. Perkins loans are low-interest and are given to both undergrad and graduate students depending on the students' need. The Stafford loan is the most commonly used loan sponsored the U.S. government. Josh Aldrich, a financial aid representative from KSU, explained that there are two types of Stafford loans. One type is subsidized, the other is unsubsidized. A subsidized loan is one in which the interest does not exceed 8.25 percent and is paid off by the federal government while the student is in school as long as the student is enrolled in at least six credit hours for undergrad and five for graduate students. It is a need-based loan. An unsubsidized loan is like a subsidized loan except that the interest is not paid off for the student while in school. This can become an expensive loan option because lenders can allow the interest to accrue; meaning students may have to pay interest on interest. According to the College Loan

Corporation there are several steps to obtaining financial aid. The first step, the most important step, is to fill out the FAFSA form which is required by the U.S. government. Students can get this form at the financial aid office or online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Within four to six weeks after students submit the FAFSA the Department of Education will send out a Student Aid Report, better known as the SAR. SAR determines students' eligibility for student loans. Next, SAR is sent by the government to the schools listed on the FAFSA form. The schools then send out an award letter which shows the cost of attending the school after loans and grants are calculated. After award letters are sent out, students should look into grants and scholarship money. Unlike a loan, a grant is considered free money and do not require the students to pay them back. The money is given to students from the government, government sponsored organizations and the college or university. Scholarship opportunities can be found at any number of places starting with [collegeloan.com](http://collegeloan.com). Students are also encouraged to ask about scholarships within organizations or clubs that they are involved in. Other financial aid options include work-study and co-op programs. Students can earn money, tax-free while working at an on-campus job. The award letter will tell students if they are eligible for the work-study program. Co-operative programs allow students to work a job, off campus that is related to their major. Students earn both money and college credits for co-ops. Lastly, there are alternative loans which can provide students with additional costs that federal loans may not cover. The lenders present at the financial aid fair are alternative lenders. Students can go to the financial aid office on the first floor of KSU Hall for further information.



Kayla Press | The Sentinel  
Representative from SunTrust educates a fair goer on what to do and what not to do.

# POLICE BEAT

CHAUNTRELL LOFTON  
SR. STAFF WRITER

**KSU police were called** to meet with a complainant in the West Parking Deck on March 31 in reference to property damage. The complainant parked his car in the deck while he was attending class on March 20. Upon returning, he found a note on his windshield from an eyewitness, stating that they saw someone hit his car while pulling into the adjacent parking space. The complainant waited to speak with the person who hit his car. They worked out an arrangement for his vehicle to be repaired, but the offender did not follow through. The complainant then contacted KSU police.

while he was parked between buildings 300 and 400 at KSU Place. The complainant's car hood, windshield, top, bed cover and tailgate were covered with broken eggs. The responding officer filed a report and advised the complainant on how to obtain a copy for his records.

**A stolen vehicle was parked** in the Greenhouse apartments on George Busbee Parkway for several months before the police were called on March 31. KSU police were notified by a groundskeeper that a 1994 Honda Accord had been sitting abandoned on the property. The officer checked the registration through dispatch. It was confirmed as being stolen and then taken to impound.

**patched** to University Place in reference to a sexual assault on April 1. Upon arrival, the officers met with several subjects in the common area, who stated that the suspect was in one of the bedrooms. After gaining entry into the bedroom, the responding officers observed a male and a female lying on the bed. The male began resisting as soon as the officers identified themselves and asked him to stand up. The officers eventually had to carry him out of the apartment. After further investigation, the officers charged the suspect with one count of felony obstruction against an officer, which occurred when the suspect kicked one of the officers. He was also charged with one count of misdemeanor obstruction against an officer.

**A KSU student's vehicle was vandalized** on March 31

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## Road work

### Hit the road, Jack

The road to congressional trust is curved, deadly and deceitful. It is a road built by past experiences and, unfortunately, those experiences are marred with botched roadwork and long, painful delays.

Hard-working and busy professionals travel the road. Professionals who have neither the time nor the money to represent their driven interests. So they, the professionals, elect builders to do so for them. These builders are elected by these professionals who pay the builders, with the idea that they will pave a road that will be straight and narrow and cleared of most potholes.

But these builders hardly live up to their desired positions and instead they argue and debate each other over matters that are trivial. And the builders of that road are lazy. The builders of that road are perpetually late. The builders of that road expect payment for jobs

they rarely complete. And the jobs that are finalized are shoddy, at best.

And so the road rests: difficult to travel and sometimes hard to find because of what the past has dictated. Meaningful work is rarely accomplished, however those who want work done can do so, at a price.

Those who want work done visit a man who, for a price, can see to it that work is done and that work is done in favor of the person paying that price. And while lazy workmanship is not illegal, paying a builder to complete work is indeed illegal, even though the professionals are in fact paying for work to be done.

Illegality surfaces when professionals pay builders to complete

roads that, say, route roads directly to their house. Usually, these professionals will pay a middleman who will in turn coax the builders in pounding their tools in such a way that is beneficial to that of the professional who paid the middle man.

The middle man is a mediator between these two worlds of the professional and the builder. This mediator, floats between these two worlds with an enviable fluidity. And while the mediator could use this fluidity to accomplish great things, he instead uses it for personal and hedonistic gain. He uses this fluidity for purposes that are ultimately detrimental to that of the professional population. And that is why the work of this mediator is illegal and his person is one that many try to arrest and desist.

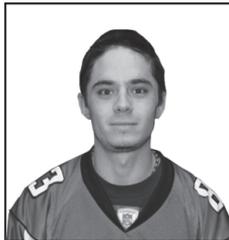
The trouble is that these mediators are elusive and hard to detect because money flows in the

making of these roads like water in the ocean. It is everywhere yet necessary and its permeation is not the problem. The mediators who influence the direction and subsequent workflow are the problem. And finally one of these mediators has been caught.

Jack Abramoff was one of these mediators, and while he could have used his motionless ease between builder and professional to serve a greater good, he instead acted as a cist on the professional/builder relationship. Abramoff could have used his flexibility to benefit those professionals who did not have this talent. He could have helped the layman, the citizen and the professional in getting some meaningful work accomplished.

However, he did not use this talent to benefit others who could have utilized it positively. Rather, he mutilated his skill and sculpted it in such a way that serving himself was its only reward thus rendering it useless to those who could have used it the most: the hard-working professional. His ultimate reward? six-hundred and ten months in a state penitentiary.

Hit the road, Jack. And next time, make sure your builder does, too.



Michael Miracle  
Columnist

"Class? What's that?"



Embattled lobbyist Jack Abramoff

## Powerpoint schedule Classes fail to meet student needs

JOHN HOOPER  
COLUMNIST

In a class last week, one in which an assigned project requires the use of Excel, and an extra credit opportunity requires the use of PowerPoint, I learned that there are still a lot of students on campus who do not know how to use these tools.

Some students are actually afraid of them. When I ask people about the free training classes on these software products and others offered by Information Technology Services, I got answers that fell into one of three categories. Most of the students knew nothing about the classes. If they knew about them, they had either found the classes very helpful, or that the available classes conflicted with their regular class schedules. Unfortunately, those who had taken the classes were a small minority.

I went looking for information about the classes and found some ITS brochures in the student center among others relating to parenting and day-care. On the fourth floor

of the Burruss building, on the wall you pass leading from the elevator or stairs into the computer lab, is a plastic container with the brochures.



When I stood by the elevators and asked a few people coming or going from the lab where I could get information on computer classes, the first six students could not tell me.

When I looked at the ITS Training brochure, the first page contains the schedule of classes. What I found makes me agree with the complaints about the scheduling of the ITS workshops. None of the classes are timed to fit into a student's regular schedule of classes. Most workshops overlap two class periods, and several overlap three or four periods. Further, many end at either 2 pm or 8 pm, the normal period start times. To take these, one must either plan

on leaving before the session is complete or on being late to a regular class.

Suggestions for the ITS Training Department:

1. Schedule most classes so that they begin when normal class periods begin, such as 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., etc.

2. All classes should end 15 minutes before a regular class period is to begin.

3. Schedule some workshops for a single class period over one or two weeks. For instance, beginning Word might be offered from 8 a.m.-9:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays over two weeks.

4. In the last suggestion, the example began at 8 a.m. There are a lot of students who would be able to make that class before attending a regular class beginning at 9:30 a.m. For classes requiring a longer contiguous period in class, begin it at 7:30 a.m. or even 7 a.m. running to 9:15 a.m.

5. The Burruss location is not conducive to attending workshops at all, particularly for students with a heavy schedule in the Science or Clendenon buildings. A more central location for the classes, such as somewhere in the library or Student Center, would probably help more students get to the workshops on time and encourage more participation.

6. Offer a one [or two?] credit course covering beginning and intermediate Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access, plus DreamWeaver and MS PictureIt. Tardiness or lack of attendance could result in a failing grade.

Learning to use the tools of today's business and education workplaces is essential. When that learning is offered to students who could profit from it for free, anything to encourage their involvement is worth trying.

## For the sake of economy Keeping the money out of the culture is unrealistic

I was recently in a class where we discussed the various forces that drive morality in our country.

One student brought insight into the discussion with an observation which we tend to miss in light of the search for ideals: that the economy drives morality. I agreed to an extent. I also chimed in, saying that it is a funny thing that this tunnel vision focus on the economy seems to be what sends cultures spiraling downward into decadence.

Another student, whose comments I have grown to respect over the semester, piped up and said, "I don't think it's focusing on the economy that turns cultures bad. It's when we stop focusing on the economy and get sidetracked by moral issues like abortion that the country starts going downward."

I am under the strong impression that the student who said this actually adheres very strongly to a moral code and is sincerely concerned with what is right and wrong; I am almost certain he did not mean exactly what he said. But it is certainly something that is said by many people who mean it exactly as it sounds. I want to bring to the forefront the real implications of this philosophy and how it has played out in history.

When a culture stops thinking about moral issues and focuses solely on the economy, it is the most natural thing for that culture to stop acting morally and start acting, in the purest sense, economically. Slavery has traditionally been very economic. The atrocities that befell African-Americans in the United States were characteristic results of the progressive mentality that has swept back and forth between powerful, growing civilizations since the dawn of history.

It is the plain and simple truth that our

forefathers have done a great evil to many people. However, it was perfectly economical. It was because we were focusing

solely on the economy and not thinking about what we should be doing that we kept the institution of slavery alive and thriving. Hitler enslaved and annihilated the Jews because it was the economic thing to do. It would have been very inefficient at the time for the Germans to stop and think about what they should be doing when they were making so much progress. World domination is the mentality of good business men. It is the ultimate investment, even if perhaps a far-fetched venture. Whether it is right or not has nothing to do with whether it is economic; and that is why thinking only of the economy leads to such devastating consequences that we have seen in the past.

The economy is something we must strive to work for by the simple fact that we are part of it. Yet what keeps a culture morally tempered, what stops a business-person from taking advantage of the common worker and exploiting their employees is not thinking about the economy. It is by thinking about what one ought to do. Martin Luther King Jr. was very uneconomical in promoting equality, but he was doing the right thing. It is the right thing that really matters.

The side of a person that looks out for the welfare of others is the uneconomic side; the altruistic side which makes the poor beggar a sack lunch; the sentimental side which buys Girl Scout cookies to support the building of a bridge over some anonymous creek in the woods. This is not what drives the economy, but it is what keeps the economy healthy and makes life worth living.

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# Stop the presses; the GOP meltdown has officially begun

## Once-Majority Leader Tom DeLay resigns amid bribery scandals and long time legal problems

Well, well, well... it appears as if the seemingly never-ending Republican reign of terror on American politics has finally reached its carrying capacity.

Tom DeLay, who was the majority leader in the House of the Representatives [until a federal indictment forced him to give up his prestigious seat] has announced that he is resigning from his seat in Congress. He has vehemently denied any guilt in the various charges that have been leveled against him, so his decision to resign has puzzled the D.C. political community. In his upcoming re-election race, polls showed that despite all of the ethics scandals and the Abramoff debacle in which he was firmly tied to, he was still poised to retain his Texas seat in the House. The burning question in the minds of everyone in politics is what does he know that we don't? A look at his past

might reveal some clues.

In the 1960's, DeLay was expelled from Baylor University for drinking and vandalism. The IRS has imposed tax liens on his property not once, twice, but three times for failure to pay payroll and income taxes. Shortly after he was elected to the Texas House of

bad he could not hold his seat in Congress as well as he holds his liquor.

He has been accused of committing perjury during a civil lawsuit brought against him by a former business partner. In 2004, the House Ethics Committee admonished him several times following unethical behavior concerning cam-

\$600,000 worth of fundraising money, according to Wikipedia. Later in the year, Texas District Attorney Ronnie Earle issued numerous indictments against DeLay which ultimately led to an arrest warrant. DeLay surrendered and was booked into Harris County jail later in the week.

There is no question that DeLay has gotten into his share of trouble in the past. The fact that in the face of all of this he was able to acquire one of the most prestigious positions in Congress and was still predicted to win his re-election campaign in Texas is mind-boggling. Texas, the state which supposedly cannot be "messed with," might want to conjure up another slogan, because everyone else is pointing and laughing at them for their failure to vote this criminal out of office. After looking at all of his problems with the law in the past, his



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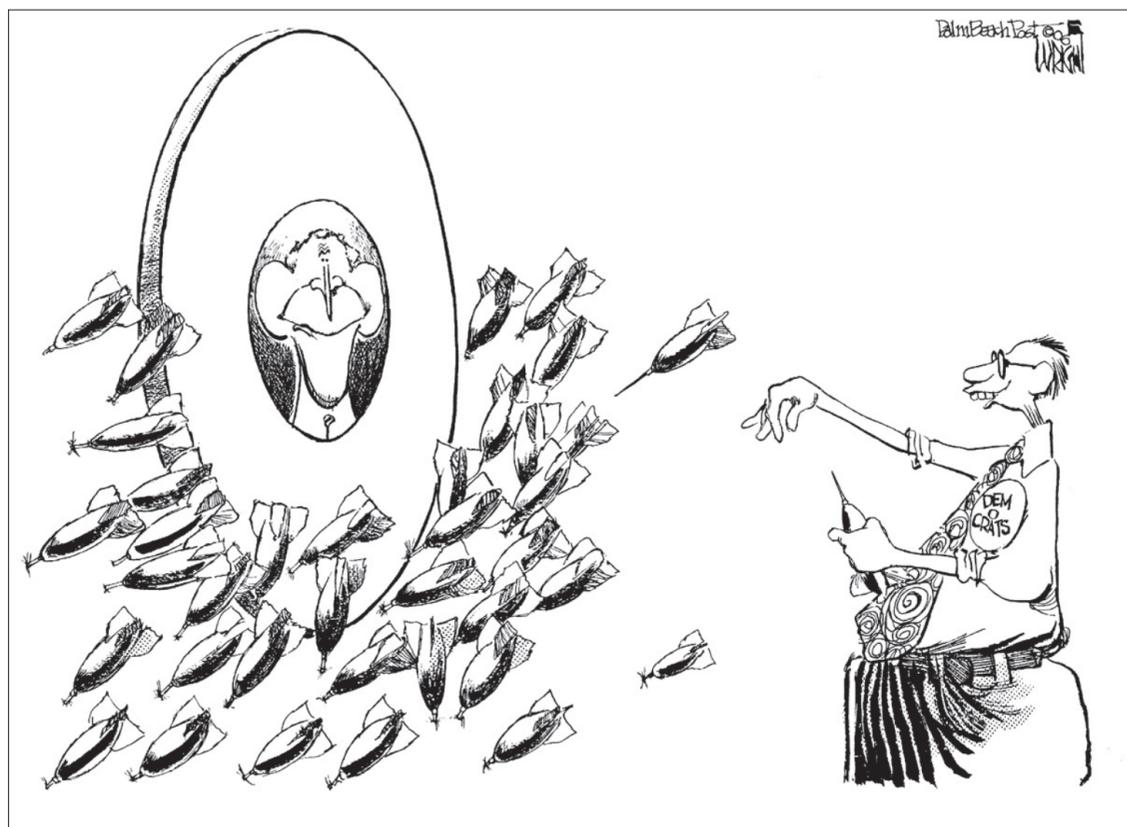
Representatives, he admitted to having an alcohol problem, stating he would sometimes drink 12 martinis a night at receptions and fundraisers. It is too

paings, contributions and pressuring votes. In 2005, a Texas judge ruled that a committee formed by DeLay had violated state law by not disclosing over

resignation seems to be coming right before the other shoe is about to drop. With his record it is no longer a matter of guilt or innocence, it is only a matter of time.

Republicans are finally coming down off the high they have been on since 1995, and detoxification is going to hurt when it hits during the election years ahead. President Bush's approval rating is at an all-time low. Democrats are garnering better and better poll numbers against Republicans, even on issues like national defense. Instead of Republicans distancing themselves from DeLay, they are defending him and embracing him. They are setting themselves up for a major power loss in Congress, and I hope they can find the courage to carry on after being defeated by arguably the worst-run Democratic Party in the party's history.

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# Giving troops a first-class trip

## Passenger swaps seat with soldiers returning home to help alleviate pressures

RONNIE POLANECZKY  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS [KRT]

When he went on his frequent business trips, Mike Bosaczyk used to care deeply about whether he flew in a first-class seat.

“There’s nothing like it,” he said. “You’re first on, first off. There’s always room in the overhead storage, so you don’t have to check your bag. It makes the trip easier.”

But after a chance encounter with a U.S. soldier returning home from Iraq, Bosaczyk does not give a crap about that stuff anymore.

And he does not want you to give a crap about it, either. He has started a campaign to get first-class flyers to trade their seats for the coach ones held by troops on the same flight.

Nothing, he said, makes him feel more warm and fuzzy about flying than squeezing into coach so that a serviceman can luxuriate in what would’ve been Bosaczyk’s capacious berth at the front of the plane.

“It’s the best feeling,” said Bosaczyk, 45, whose job selling healthcare-information systems for McKesson Technologies will require him to fly hundreds of thousands of miles this year.

“It makes the whole plane happy. I even got applauded.”

Not that he went looking for cheers. He just wanted to do something nice for a young sergeant he had befriended at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, where both were waiting for a Boston flight.

Hartsfield, the country’s busiest passenger airport, is forever crawling with troops heading to all points. Bosaczyk, an amiable guy, always chats them up.

“They really want to talk,” he said. “They tell you where they’ve been. They show you pictures of family.”

The Boston-bound soldier said he planned to order a rum-and-coke as soon as he boarded the plane, to ease his flying jitters.

“I said, ‘With all you’ve been through in Iraq, you’re afraid to fly?’” Bosaczyk laughed. “He said, ‘Yeah, can you believe it?’”

Bosaczyk, whose frequent flying often results in ticket upgrades, was settling into his first-class seat when the soldier inched past him into coach.

“He gave me a thumb’s-up sign,” said



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**Passengers are flying coach after giving first class seating to soldiers returning home from war in Iraq.**

Bosaczyk, “and out of the blue, I thought, I’m gonna give him my seat.”

He asked the flight attendant to locate the soldier, who was overjoyed by Bosaczyk’s offer.

“He was grinning from ear to ear,” Bosaczyk said. “I thought, ‘Enjoy the rum-and-cokes, buddy. You deserve them.’”

Giving up his first-class seat made Bosaczyk feel so happy, he did not even mind the long wait at the end of the flight to disembark.

“When you travel as much as I do, if you’re stuck back in row 20 on a full plane, you go nuts with the waiting,” he said.

But Bosaczyk was so tickled by his act of goodwill, he repeated it on his next flight, which was, again, more than sprinkled with soldiers. This time, two other first-class flyers traded seats, too.

“I think I shamed them into it,” he chuckled.

Later, the pilot announced that some “special guests,” soldiers returning home, were on board and asked all to let them disembark first, so they could greet their eager families.

The cabin erupted in cheers. Then the flight attendant announced, “And let’s applaud the three gentlemen who gave up their first-class seats for them!”

“That was pretty cool,” Bosaczyk said. Since then, Bosaczyk has been talking up this guerrilla-gratitude concept among colleagues and anyone who will listen at the airports he frequents.

“They think it’s a great idea,” he said. “There’s an immediacy to it, and it makes you feel good.”

The gesture also reminds Bosaczyk, who served three-plus years in the Marine reserves, how his own military career could have gone far differently.

“I enlisted during the Iran hostage crisis; everyone has their own motivations for signing up,” he said. “Iran was mine. It was luck that I never saw combat.”

So to all travelers with first-class-travel status, I challenge you to follow Bosaczyk’s generous lead. Repeat after me:

“No soldiers in coach!”

You will be so busy feeling the love, you may not even notice, or care, when the airline pretzels are stale.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Response to article: “Illegal immigration: A real problem with real solutions”

Although it is true that illegal immigration is a serious issue in this country, some of the solutions offered by Press are faulty in their logic or resolve.

Press cited that we should move the National Guard to the U.S. and Mexico border. Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano recently sent National Guard troops to the southern border; however, there is not any indication that illegal immigration has decreased in that state.

Consequently, we need to equip our immigration agents with better technology, and we also need to double the number of immigration agents throughout the border.

She also suggested that denying social services to undocumented immigrants will lessen the desire to come to this country. Arizona recently passed Proposition 200, denying basic access to any public services, yet there is no indication this has caused massive out-migration of the undocumented im-

migrant population nor is there any proof this has decreased incentive to come to the United States.

The fact is that undocumented immigrants do not have access to most social services. Of the services they do have access to, such as emergency health care and K-12 education. Undocumented immigrants have been shown not to use these social services more than the native-born Americans.

It is important that newspapers’ editors, offer responsible opinions and speak the truth of power. Immigrants come to the United States because of the opportunity to work and provide for their families.

Any immigration reform should include a guest-worker program for those people who are already here. For instance, Senators John McCain [R-Arizona] and Ted Kennedy [D-Massachusetts] have proposed a comprehensive immigration initiative that would allow for us to move forward as a nation. There needs to be strong enforcement provisions as well as a path to citizenship for those immigrants that have established themselves in the United States and choose to become a more integral part of our country.

Cesar Jaimes  
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## Food, games and fun at the KSU Block Party

Sports management class hosts events promoting campus life

L.T. MELTON  
STAFF WRITER

A block party was held on the intramural field on Saturday April 8, hosted by Dr. Deborah Lester's sports management class.

Despite early morning thunderstorms and tornado warnings the party was far from a wash.

The purpose of this block party was to promote student life and activities at KSU. Dan Smith, a graduating sports marketing major, said that the sports marketing class was trying to create a tradition for KSU and its students. He commented on the lack of attendance for all of KSU sports and activities. In his opinion, if students were to come out to

these type of events the "visibility and image of KSU would be huge."

The image and visibility may not be huge now, but the block party was definitely a huge success. Students, parents and children were treated to free hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, chips and drinks.

Sumo matches entertained the crowd, though the actual matches were sometimes overshadowed by the comedy of watching the competitors actually getting into their fat suits.

There was a bungee run that snapped one young lady back so hard she flashed the crowd her thong like she was on spring break at a Cisco concert.

Tug of war was often times tug of skirmish, because many

matches were over before they began.

Inflated Twister was comedic not only because of the game itself, but also because many of the children that took pleasure in it did not actually play Twister, but instead jumped up and somersaulted as if they were on a giant trampoline.

The least popular event was the fast pitch, even though a pizza was awarded to the winner every half hour.

The crowd was also serenaded by Driven, a local band made up of KSU students who are members of Sigma Pi. The Sigma Pi fraternity was presented with the award for having the most members there; second place was awarded to Delta Tau Delta.

## More than just a game

11 Alive Sports Broadcaster Fred Kalil speaks to KSU about his road to success, and how he really feels about sports



Andrey Zorin | The Sentinel

Fred Kalil is the weeknight sports anchor for 11 Alive News at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. He has been working with WXIA-TV since July of 1992.

L.T. MELTON  
STAFF WRITER

The Sports Marketing Club, along with the KSU Alumni, hosted an exquisite dinner with a local celebrity touted as the guest of honor on April 7. Fred Kalil, the sports broadcaster for local NBC affiliate 11 Alive, left directly from the studio after filming the six o'clock news, fighting his way through a Friday afternoon rush hour to grace the aforementioned KSU students and alumni with his presence. Kalil, known to all around him as simply Fred, by the end of the night, seemed to be delighted and honored to have the opportunity to communicate with his hosts.

The evening began with a mingling between students and alumni to establish a networking system for the benefit of both. Once the guest of honor arrived, the crowd was herded into the dining area where the opening remarks were made and a short raffle took place. The raffle prizes were provided by sponsors gathered by Christina DiCioccio, the president elect of the Sports Marketing Club. Sponsors included, but were not limited to, Johnny's Pizza of Kennesaw, The Punchline, Beef O' Brady's and the Kennesaw Bookstore. They were also credited with over \$2,000 in donations. The raffle was highlighted by one student, who had previously won a year's supply of Johnny's Pizza, being awarded a \$25 gift certificate to the same establishment. There was also a tan/manicure combo won by a young man who commented that he was secure enough to accept his prize. The raffle was followed by brief thanks to several members of both clubs and also the awarding of the first annual scholarship to the outgoing Sports Marketing Club president, Peter Jezerinac.

After all the pleasantries, it was time to eat. Kalil, the ever humble broadcaster, almost blushed when it was suggested that he, being the guest of honor, should be the first one to participate in the Mexican-themed feast. The delicious food was enjoyed by the satisfied crowd who seemed to be overjoyed with the festivities. Kalil made no bones about wanting to keep his impeccable suit clean. While he ate he was unashamed to have his napkin tucked into his collar as if he were wearing 50

Cent's bullet proof vest and his taco beef was that of Ja Rule.

Kalil was open the entire night. He told of how he grew up in a small town outside of South Bend, Ind. and of how after his father's passing in high school. The father of a close friend persuaded him to go to school to pursue a career in broadcasting. After high school Kalil attended Indiana University where he was a walk on football player under the tutelage of Lee Corso. While at IU, Kalil received a Holiday Bowl ring even though he did not participate in the game or the season leading up to the game. Kalil, who was mourning the recent death of his mother, was voted to get a ring by the team because of his commitment during the previous fall and spring.

Kalil not only opened up about his life and his journey into broadcasting, he was also very honest with his opinions and feelings on sports in general. When asked about the recent steroid scandal in baseball he did not hesitate to point out that although the spotlight is on Barry Bonds, "baseball people dug their own hole." He was adamant that since there was no steroid policy until recently, baseball itself should share the blame for the steroid scandal as well as any players who may or may not have used steroids.

Kalil also compared the strong baseball players' union to that of the teamsters. When asked about the NFL's lack of guaranteed contracts, he explained that although the contracts are not guaranteed, the signing bonuses are so big that players are well compensated in advance when their respective team cuts them because of injury or underperformance. Kalil also spoke about how the athlete's of today must possess layers with the media and the public in general because of the fact that so many people want a piece of them.

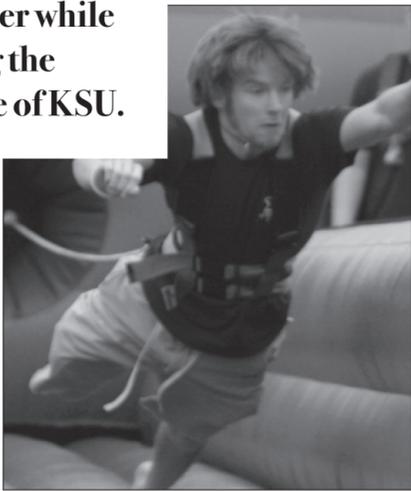
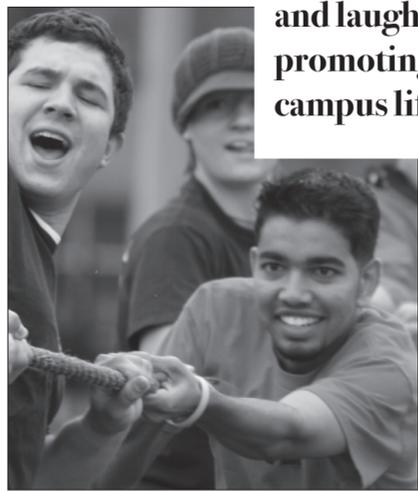
Overall, the invitation only dinner was a pleasant experience with an engaging speaker at the helm. Invitations were doled out to all the sports marketing alumni and club members.

The Sports Marketing Club's next event is rumored to feature Bernie Mullin, current CEO of the Atlanta Spirit, the owners of the Hawks and Thrashers. One can only hope that he is half as entertaining as Fred Kalil.



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The block party was an exciting event that was full of joy and laughter while promoting the campus life of KSU.



**What:** Meet n' Greet/Game Night

**When:** April 13, 7:15 p.m.

**Where:** Village Center

**Info:** Hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as part of Delta week.

**What:** Registered Student Organization Awards Ceremony

**When:** April 13, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** University Rooms A and B

**Info:** The event is hosted by

Student Government. Awards include: Student of the Year, Organization of the Year, Outstanding Event of the Year, Greek Organization of the Year and more. Refreshments will be served. Please dress formal.

**What:** The Forbidden Dance

**When:** April 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Student Dining



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**Addition**

**Cost:** \$3 for ladies and free for gentlemen.

**Info:** Hosted by the Human Services Club. Learn Latin dances. Everybody is welcome.

**What:** 2006 Spring Lecture and Graduate Reception

**When:** April 25, 11:30-1:30 p.m.

**Where:** University Room C

**Info:** Journalist for National Public Radio and commentator on affirmative action, George Curry will be the guest speaker. He will address the topic of diversity today and tomorrow. Hosted by the KSU Human Services Club

**What:** Psychological Benefits of Exercise

**When:** April 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Where:** Student Rec/Wellness

Building, Room 130

**Info:** Free lunch for the first 30 students that register. Call 770-423-6394. Brought by the Wellness Center and CAPS.

**What:** International Student Association Annual Banquet

**When:** April 14, 7-10 p.m.

**Where:** Univeristy Rooms

**Info:** RSVP to ISA at isa\_ksu06@yahoo.com



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Miss KSU Universe is an annual event hosted by the International Student Association. Each participant represented her country on April 7. Countries represented included Jamaica, Barbadoes, Thailand, Ghana, Nigeria and the United States. Noy Sankavilode from Thailand was crowned the Miss KSU.

# Delts take their shirts off for a good cause

Delta Tau Delta raises over \$2000 in their annual dating auction

AZY KASHANI  
STAFF WRITER

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity brothers were ready to take it off at their second annual date auction last week. Eighteen men from the Delta Tau Delta fraternity were auctioned off to raise money to sponsor a child for a year through the World Vision Charity organization. A total of \$2,085 was raised this year with the three highest bids going to Charlie Braun at \$300, C.J. Gilson at \$250 and Kevin Jones at \$220.

The auction, held at the dining addition in the Student Center, was a success as the brothers raised money by strutting their stuff on stage with background music and an auctioneer helping the crowd to go wild.

The bids, beginning at \$20, were raised in increments of \$5. The Delts auctioned off were not scared to take their shirts off as the auctioneer screamed for audience members to bid higher if the Delta would "take

it off." Props such as cowboy hats and kilts were used to entice the pack.

Audience members fought hard, bidding back and forth, with members from the back of the room competing, making bids to continue going higher. Live music by a Delta member took place during the intermission, and drinks and snacks were offered in the back of the room.

"I've never seen such fine pieces of meat for such a good deal, 'cause they're all worth a million dollars," said student Colleen Higgins after attending the event. Winning bidders joined the Delts for dinner at Carrabba's Italian Grille Restaurant the evening after the auction.

The auction beat last

year's numbers, where 28 members were auctioned off for a total of \$1,715.

"Considering the difference of ten men, we actually increased the money raised," said Ben Powderly, director and philanthropy chair for the fraternity. "I feel this year went exceptionally well."

The money collected is being used to adopt a child through World Vision, a non-profit organization. The charity uses the money to sponsor a particular child and help support them with nutritious food, health care, educational opportunities and spiritual needs.

Other charities the Delts have been a part of this year include the Red Cross, for whom they raised \$500 for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort, as well as their "Hugs for a Dollar" event and the Hosea Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving Dinner at Turner Field. The fraternity also helped with fixing a roof in Louisiana after last year's hurricanes.



## Fresh meat

As long as they are legal

JOSEPH PETTIS  
STAFF WRITER

I am privileged to say that I am dating a very beautiful 19-year-old-girl. She just recently had a birthday during which I came to a startling conclusion, I am the guy I hated when I first started college.

You see, I am 23 years old. Yes, the gap between 23 and 19 isn't that big if you think about it, but I remember when I was a freshman in college and all the freshman girls were dating older guys. I hated it. Now I am that guy.

It makes me think about other things too. For instance, when I graduated from high school, she was just leaving the eighth grade. Imagine what it would have been like to be a senior dating a girl in middle school.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. If anything, I'm bragging. Soon I will be way too old to score dates with girls who are barely legal, so I have to take advantage of it now.

If anything, I am just making up for all the dates I missed out on when I was still a teenager. I didn't date a single girl between the ages of 15 to 19. It was not because I was repulsive or anything, but because I was just too busy playing "Grand Theft Auto" to care about girls. That is four years of lost time that I am now making up for. Granted, I can't really date any 15-year-olds, so I basically just have to settle for girls who are between the ages of 18 and 19.

Of course, going home to meet the girl's parents is never too much fun. Her mom says, "Wait, you are five years older than my daughter, and you are still in school?" Yep, that's right Mom, you daughter has scored herself a quality loser in me.

Actually now that my girlfriend has turned 19, I think she might be getting a little too old for me. I think I can make it work through the rest of year, but I'm afraid I might lose her when she turns 20. Something about turning 20 makes a girl a little bit more mature, which basically means she won't be able to put up with my childish antics anymore.



Busting a gut

Thankfully for me there are 15 high schools just in the Cobb County School System, not to mention all the high schools in all of the Atlanta Metro area. So even if things don't work out with my teenage girlfriend there will be plenty of new recruits graduating ripe for the picking next year.

However I have high hopes for this one. She is a girl that actually took the time to talk to me. That is a keeper right there. She is also the first girl that doesn't make me wear a paper bag over my head when we go out in public. I hated when my mother use to do that to me. Most of all though, she makes me happy, and unlike all my previous girlfriends, she doesn't charge me by the hour.

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# Horoscopes

BY LINDA C. BLACK

**Aries [March 21-April 19]**  
Today is a 7. It's good for you to hang out with a person who helps you stay calm and cool. You can provide the energy. Together, you've got it made.

**Taurus [April 20-May 20]**  
Today is a 5. A tough job is somewhat easier if you're doing it for a good reason. How about financial security, and maybe retiring early? Or paying off one bill.

**Gemini [May 21-June 21]**  
Today is an 8. Just when you're almost at your wit's end, a miracle occurs. Somebody you thought could not be counted upon shows up, at just the right time. A favor is returned.

**Cancer [June 22-July 22]**  
Today is a 5. It's not a good day to travel, or even to send out packages. Focus your attention on legal matters, and getting things to balance. It's not easy, but can be done.

**Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]**  
Today is an 8. You're a romantic, through and through. So, as you're studying, learn something that will make your relationship even sweeter than before. Poetry, perhaps?  
**Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]**

Today is a 5. Gather up as much as you can, to feather your own nest. Then you can discuss a controversial topic in comfort.  
**Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]**  
Today is an 8. One of your advantages is that you like to read. Browse through the instruction manual and make an important discovery.  
**Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]**  
Today is a 6. You're doing the job the hard way. Find out where the orders come

from. You can get around the middle-man and increase your profits.  
**Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]**  
Today is a 7. Others are beginning to see the sense in your argument. Even some who thought you were crazy are coming over to your side.  
**Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]**  
Today is a 5. Listen at keyholes, and you'll discover where the power really lies. Once you have that figured

out, you'll know where to place the pressure.  
**Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]**  
Today is an 8. Follow the recommendation from a distant friend. Get involved with people who can help you solve tough problems.  
**Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]**  
Today is a 7. The way you manage your money is drawing positive attention. This inspires others to give you more money to manage. Resist the temptation to spend.

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Solutions to this issue's puzzle will be printed here next Wednesday.

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# Twist and turns abound in "Lucky # Slevin"

New film features all-star cast and surpasses expectations

DUSTIN JACOBS  
STAFF WRITER

Usually when a film gets next to zero publicity a red flag pops up. When that film has an all-star cast, the red flag is now on fire. Amazingly, "Slevin" is much better than advertised.

The film begins with a bang, literally, as someone is shot dead in the opening scene. In fact, five people bite the dust within the first 15 minutes. For all you action fiends, this one should grab your attention from the get-go. The question is: Will it keep it?

The answer is yes, and in a dialogue-driven sort of way. Do not expect much more action until the climax.

The opening action sequences may seem confusing. However, they are a very important element of the film. They so important, in fact, that a trained eye can pretty much guess what the rest of the film is about. If you are feeling clever, you might want to tell the ending to the person sitting next to you.

Slevin [Josh Hartnett], a victim of mistaken identity, is wanted by two mob bosses in New York City. Both "The Boss" [Morgan Freeman] and "The Rabbi" [Ben Kingsley] are after Slevin because the man they think he is owes them a lot of money. Throw in the fact that "The Boss" and "The Rabbi" are rivals, and things get really complicated.

What is worse is the fact that a world-class assassin named Mr. Goodkat [Bruce Willis] and a cop named Brikowski [Stanley Tucci] are hot on Slevin's trail as well. The only friend he seems to have in all of this is Lindsey [Lucy Liu], his best friend's neighbor from across the hall.

The film is written by Jason Smilovic, a relative newbie to the world of film. Smilovic's first shot at stardom is not bad. The dialogue is very good, but the story tries to play itself out to be smarter than it is. The film's twists and turns come together tightly. However, some story elements that are unveiled at the end don't seem to ring true. Consistency and continuity work best in film. The editing job is what truly drives the film.

The movie also takes a drastic turn. It goes from being a comedy/mystery film into film noir in the amount of time it takes for a restroom break. If not for the star-studded screen, one might think one had walked into the wrong film.

The acting is very good. When

a movie has actors like Freeman and Kingsley, you generally cannot go wrong. However, the one person that stood out most it is Lucy Liu. Liu is the cute mortician, who has an eye for adventure and is the quirky comic relief of the film. Liu, who recently has been seen doing nothing but films about chicks who kick butt, has gone back to her "Ally McBeal" days of vulnerability, which in my estimation is when Liu is at her best.

"Slevin" is one of those films that try to say "gotcha," however this one hints too early and often. Luckily for "Slevin," an all-star cast, great dialogue and good editing saves the film.

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- Art of the absurd
  - Help!
  - Moistened periodically
  - Utopian garden
  - Hole-making tool
  - To some extent
  - "Too Proud to Beg"
  - Even score
  - Thelma's partner
  - Spearheaded
  - Planted explosive
  - Sang merrily
  - Decisive moment
  - Morsel for Mr. Ed
  - Jazz enthusiast
  - Louis of boxing
  - Reuben shop
  - Film award
  - Actor Damon
  - Black Sea arm
  - Bawl out
  - "Do \_\_\_ others..."
  - Strongly advise
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  - Light gas
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  - One woodwind
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  - Piccadilly dilly
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  - Cambridge sch.
  - Ingenuous
  - Florida city
  - "Emma" author
  - Italian eight
  - School in England
  - Amateurish painting
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  - Kisses
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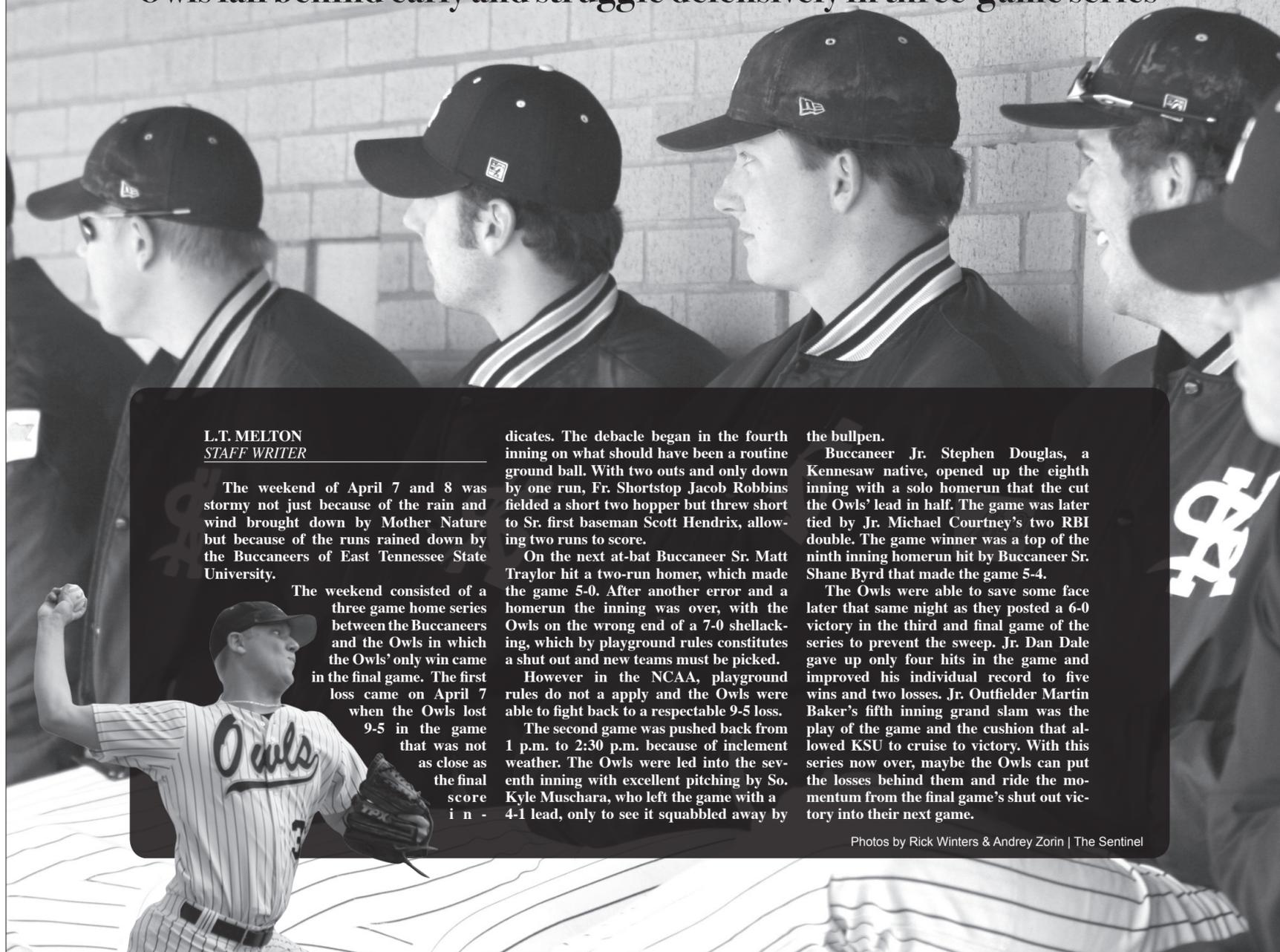
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- Stellar blasts
- Short-term govt. investment
- Too sentimental
- Positioned accurately
- Cher's ex
- Teen follower?
- Tom, Dick or Harry
- Take hold of
- Enjoy
- Chamonix

# SPORTS

## KSU Drops two of three to East Tennessee

Owls fall behind early and struggle defensively in three-game series



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The weekend of April 7 and 8 was stormy not just because of the rain and wind brought down by Mother Nature but because of the runs rained down by the Buccaneers of East Tennessee State University.

The weekend consisted of a three game home series between the Buccaneers and the Owls in which the Owls' only win came in the final game. The first loss came on April 7 when the Owls lost 9-5 in the game that was not as close as the final score in-

dicates. The debacle began in the fourth inning on what should have been a routine ground ball. With two outs and only down by one run, Fr. Shortstop Jacob Robbins fielded a short two hopper but threw short to Sr. first baseman Scott Hendrix, allowing two runs to score.

On the next at-bat Buccaneer Sr. Matt Traylor hit a two-run homer, which made the game 5-0. After another error and a homerun the inning was over, with the Owls on the wrong end of a 7-0 shellacking, which by playground rules constitutes a shut out and new teams must be picked.

However in the NCAA, playground rules do not apply and the Owls were able to fight back to a respectable 9-5 loss.

The second game was pushed back from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. because of inclement weather. The Owls were led into the seventh inning with excellent pitching by So. Kyle Muschara, who left the game with a 4-1 lead, only to see it squabbled away by

the bullpen.

Buccaneer Jr. Stephen Douglas, a Kennesaw native, opened up the eighth inning with a solo homerun that cut the Owls' lead in half. The game was later tied by Jr. Michael Courtney's two RBI double. The game winner was a top of the ninth inning homerun hit by Buccaneer Sr. Shane Byrd that made the game 5-4.

The Owls were able to save some face later that same night as they posted a 6-0 victory in the third and final game of the series to prevent the sweep. Jr. Dan Dale gave up only four hits in the game and improved his individual record to five wins and two losses. Jr. Outfielder Martin Baker's fifth inning grand slam was the play of the game and the cushion that allowed KSU to cruise to victory. With this series now over, maybe the Owls can put the losses behind them and ride the momentum from the final game's shut out victory into their next game.

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## Dominique Wilkins gets his due

Former Atlanta Hawk voted to the NBA Hall of Fame

In an era that saw Michael Jordan lead the Bulls, Larry Byrd lead the Celtics and Irvin "Magic" Johnson lead the Lakers, one man led the Hawks. It seems like a million years ago, but once upon a time the Hawks were good and forward Dominique Wilkins was the main reason for Atlanta's success.

The Paris born Wilkins, nicknamed the "Human Highlight Film," was recently voted into the NBA Hall of Fame.

Wilkins was drafted out of the University of Georgia by the Utah Jazz in the 1982, but was traded to the Hawks after refusing to sign

with the Jazz. That remains the best move in the history of the Atlanta franchise.

After his rookie season with Atlanta, Wilkins went on a tear of eleven consecutive seasons with at least 20 points-per-game. Needless to say, that is a lot of points, and ultimately the reason for his receiving Hall of Fame honors. His notorious victories in the 1985 and 1990 NBA Slam Dunk contests also added some flair to his many accolades.

Wilkins would also lead the Hawks to four consecutive seasons of 50 plus wins from 1985 to 1989, and within an eyelash of the NBA Finals during the 1988 NBA Playoffs.

After the nine-time NBA All-Star was traded to the L.A. Clippers in 1994, the Hawks franchise has yet to get back the flair he brought to the court. Sure, they made some runs at the playoffs in the mid-90s, but they never had a solid scorer to lead the way.

Wilkins retired after the 1999 season and will now be inducted alongside the likes of Charles Barkley, another talented forward who left the game without a ring.

Wilkins remains a legend to Hawks fans. His jersey can be seen in the rafters at Phillips Arena. He is currently the president of the Atlanta Hawks organization.

With all of the Hawks' problems, one has to wonder when this now Hall of Fame player will start putting together a World Championship caliber organization. They are building young, but the last two drafts have been questionable.

General Manager Billy Knight's job will be on the clock if this year's draft continues the same trend. Tall guys don't win championships, balanced teams do. Not to mention that Head Coach Mike Woodson has looked absolutely clueless at times. It is even worse to think that the times when he seems to know what he is doing are when the Hawks are down by ten late in the game and he has totally lost control.

I'm sure that eventually Wilkins' basketball knowledge will come forth to rid the world of headless head coaches and GMs whose only goal is to draft anything but point guards and centers. Eventually I have a feeling that Wilkins will cash in all of his 26,668 career points for a championship ring.

Let us Hawks fans hope for a miracle shot from the presidential suite. Let us also hope for a World Championship banner to hang alongside #21's jersey.

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Dustin Jacobs  
COLUMNIST



## Tennis team ends season

Women finish 6-8 in first Division-I appearance

DAVID BEAUMONT  
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The Lady Owls' tennis team finished their season with a 6-8 record after their last match on March 26.

The season opened on Feb. 4 with losses against Radford 5-2, followed by Alabama A&M 4-2 on Feb. 5 and host Eastern Tennessee State 7-0 the same day. KSU's only victories against Radford included the No. 3 doubles' team, Fr. Ashley Schumacher and Fr. Caroline Page, and the singles wins from So. Karen Ammann and Sr. Jessica Fischetti. Fischetti was the Owls' only victor against Alabama A&M, and they did not win a single match against Eastern Tennessee State.

The Lady Owls' disappointment continued when their first home match scheduled for Feb. 11 was canceled due to inclement weather. Their next match-up against Clayton on Feb. 17 turned out to be the moral booster the Lady Owls were looking for. They won their first competition of the season with a score of 5-4. Jr. Paula Takara and Jr. Giselle Nakakura won the No. 1 doubles competition while Takara went on to take the No. 2 singles, Fischetti the No. 3, Nakakura the No. 4 and Fr. Mercedes Cobos the No. 6. The Owls' confidence continued to grow when they shut out Clark Atlanta 9-0 on Feb. 24, taking all three doubles matches and all six singles matches.

The beginning of March

marked a quickening of the Lady Owls' schedule pace and, unfortunately, the end of their winning streak as well. Facing a new rival every day between March 4 and March 7, the Owls began with a 5-0 loss from Jacksonville University on the fourth. Cobos and Fischetti won the No. 3 doubles match while Schumacher took the No. 5 singles and Cobos the No. 6.

The Owls faired even more poorly against North Florida the following day when they failed to produce a single victory. March 6 played out identically to March 5 and UNC Wilmington swept the Owls as well. March 7 lightened the Owls only slightly when they were able to take two points from Belmont, who still defeated them 5-2. Takara and Nakakura took the No. 1 doubles match. Takara also succeeded in taking the No. 1 singles game.

The Lady Owls worked hard and struck back on March 11 to win a narrow victory over Evansville University.

The Takara and Nakakura doubles team succeeded again at No. 1. They were joined by Ammann and Cobos playing No. 2 doubles. Takara won the No. 1 singles match while her teammates Cobos and Fischetti won No. 4 and 5 singles.

The Owls, still struggling, went on to lose on March 17 to Brenau in Marietta 4-3 after wasting an advantage given when Brenau was forced to play down a player. The only winners from the Owls that day were Cobos playing No. 4 singles with a score of 6-4, 6-4 and Fischetti playing No. 5 with a clean sweep of 6-0, 6-0.

Decisively, KSU pulled out the season on a high note with an impressive 3-1 record at the Hampton Roads Collegiate Tennis "Round Up" held March 24 through March 26. The Owls started with a 4-3 win over Longwood University. The doubles point pushed them over the top thanks to wins by Nakakura and Cobos in No. 1 and Fischetti and Lindsey Teoli in No. 3. Singles matches were split 3-3. The Owl's winners were Cobos in No. 3, Fischetti in No. 4 and Page in No. 6.

The Lady Owls started off Saturday morning getting blanked by Old Dominion, 3 doubles matches and 6 singles matches all lost. Even more unfortunate, No. 1 singles player Takara, who had been absent against Longwood, suffered a knee injury while playing against opponent Charleen Haarhoff. The Lady Owls, however, were more successful at 4 p.m. against Norfolk State, winning 4-0 after all three doubles matches and two singles matches were cancelled due to inclement weather.

Undefeated, Nakakura won the No. 2 singles, Cobos the No. 3, Teoli the No. 5 and Page the No. 6. The most exciting match for the Lady Owls in the tournament was the last against Howard, which saw the return of Takara from her knee injury and the Owls' 5-2 victory.

After losing the doubles point and boasting a lone doubles win from No. 1 Takara and Nakakura, Kennesaw rallied to take five of the six singles matches. Takara won the No. 1 singles, Ammann the No. 2, Nakakura the No. 3, Cobos the No. 4 and Fischetti the No. 5.

Dominique Wilkins, also known as the "Human Highlight Film", averaged 20 points-per-game for 11 seasons. He also won the All-star slam dunk contest twice.



Glenn Osmundson | Providence Journal-Bulletin

# Braves pitching will recover

## Early season struggles just signs of spring rust

Side Lined

Tommy McNulty  
SR. COLUMNIST



"Mazzone left and so did the pitching." "It's been a long time coming." "15 seasons in a row seems unlikely now."

That is what the skeptics are saying about the Braves and their pitching woes early on this season. And they are all wrong. The fact of the matter is that they are still less than ten games in and have simply gotten off to a shaky start, nothing unusual for a team that

is known for its slow starts.

There are plenty of reasons for Braves fans to rest assured that the season is not at all in jeopardy. For one, the team's aces, John Smoltz and Tim Hudson, have never been anything but consistent throughout their pitching careers. Hudson has finished a full season with an ERA above 4.00 only once, in 2000; Smoltz, never.

As for the rest of the starting pitchers, Sosa dominated hitters last season with his speed and devastating off-speed pitches and Ramirez has never been spectacular, but is still young and a solid number four pitcher. Kyle Davies showed incredible promise last season and will only improve.

Most of the early season troubles have fallen on the shoulders of Smoltz and Hudson, and it is highly unlikely that those troubles will continue.

On top of the guaranteed

resurgence of the pitching, another bright sign is the Braves' hitting. The team currently leads the National League in batting average and homeruns, and both leagues in runs scored. The key addition of shortstop Edgar Renteria will continue to pay off with his offensive skills, which are superior to Rafael Furcal's.

As for good old Leo, his presence will be missed, but not as sorely as the media would like you to think. Roger McDowell has clicked extremely well with the young pitchers on the roster and John Smoltz has practically assumed the role of second pitching coach with his years of success, sportsmanship and wisdom.

So let the naysayers speak ill of the Braves as they do every year. It will be Atlanta's NL East counterparts crying come October...and the pitchers who play for them.

# Women's Track & Field excels

## Hayes among five D-I All-Conference honorees

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Lead by Sr. Patrina Hayes, the Women's Track and Field team has been able to not only make the move from Division II to Division I, but have been phenomenal while doing it.

The Lady Owls started the season at the Clemson Opener, hosted by Clemson University. Hayes won the 3,000-meter while Sr. Tara Mooney and Magdalena Polko also had top five finishes in the 5,000-meter and mile run respectively. Catherine Combs finished with a top ten performance in the 3,000-meter to add to the Lady Owls individual successes. The Lady Owl's relay team, consisting of Fr. Shantela Davis and Erin Sutton along with Polko and Hayes, finished third in the distance medley to add to a successful opening weekend.

After a promising start the Lady Owls continued their excellence at the UNC Chapel Hill Opener, hosted by the University of North Carolina, with four top ten finishes. Polko had the best finish on the team, garnering second place in the 800-meter. Fr. Sandi Brown and Sr. Lindsey Tyus both had eighth place finishes in the long jump and 3,000-meter respectively. Fr. Kelly Bloom finished with tenth place in the one-mile run.

After UNC it was on to Gainesville, Fla. Hayes won the 5,000-meter, which, along with the 10,000-meter, is her favorite and best event. Mooney also did well in the 5,000-meter, finishing fourth. Other notable finishes were Sutton's sixth place finish in the 3,000-meter, Davis' ninth place finish in the long jump, Polko's 10th place finish in the one mile, and Fr. Jessica Dunn's pair of 12th place finishes in the shot put and weight throw.

The Lady Owls next went back to UNC, where they had five top ten finishes. Hayes continued her dominance with another win in the 5,000-meter, slapping down the competition as if she were Cynthia McKinney in a room full of rent-a-cops. Mooney and Fr. Barbara Garner finished fifth and 11th respectively. Sutton was able to finish third in the 3,000-meter and Polko added another top 20 finish with a 15th place finish in the 800-meter. The 4x400 meter relay team was successful in their own right,

with a tenth place finish.

After two successful trips to UNC, the Clemson Opener and the trip to Gainesville one might think that the Lady Owls were due for a let down like Braves fans in October; however, that was not the case. The Lady Owls defied the odds with a fourth place finish in the Atlantic Sun Indoor Track and Field Championships in Johnson City, Tenn. Once again Hayes won the 5,000-meter, finishing a full 28 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. Fr. Lani Hammond added a third place finish in the pentathlon and fourth place finish in the 60-meter hurdles. Polko was able to secure a fourth place finish in the mile and a seventh place finish in the 800-meter. The Lady Owls concluded their indoor season with Davis, Hammond, Hayes, Polko and Sutton making the 2006 Women's Indoor All Atlantic-Sun Conference Team.

KSU then made the transition from indoor to outdoor track without a hitch. The outdoor season began with the Snowbird Invitational hosted by Florida State. Hayes and Sutton finished first and second in the 5000-meter while Polko and Bloom finished second and fifth respectively in the 3,000-meter. Davis, Garner, Combs and Dunn had top ten finishes as well. The team then traveled to Tuscaloosa, Ala., where Hayes won her third consecutive 5,000-meter race. Sutton finished second in the 1,000-meter and the Owls added four more top 20 finishes.

After Alabama it was back to Clemson, where the distance medley relay team was the only outright winner. However, the 4x1500-meter relay team finished second and the 3,000-meter steeplechase featured two top five finishers. The Lady Owls finished the weekend with three more top ten qualifiers and four more in the top 20.

From Clemson the women continued their hot streak in Jacksonville, Fla. with an overall second place finish in Jacksonville Invitational. Hayes finished first in both the 10,000-meter and the 5,000-meter. The 5,000-meter was dominated by KSU as Sutton, and So. Kate Brun finished second and third behind Hayes, while Mooney finished fifth. The Lady Owls had three more top five finishes all adding up to 134 points second only to the winner and host Jacksonville State.

# Men's Track & Field finishes in first place

## Devin Jones leads the way winning three events

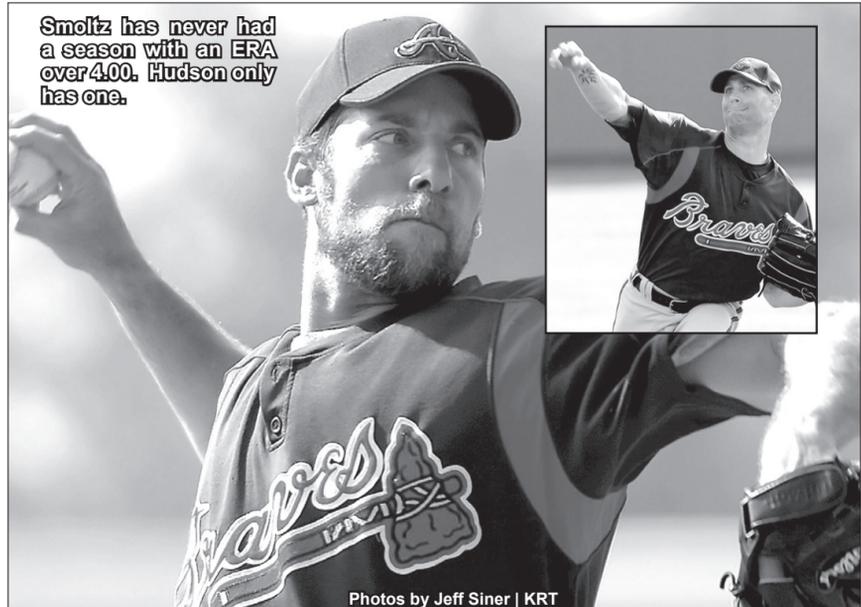
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The venture into track and field competition continued its success at the Jacksonville State Invitational on April 2 where the men's team finished in first place thanks to Devin Jones and Aymeri Koloki.

The Owls' dominating performance was impressive as Jones took first place in the 110-meter hurdles [15.35], 400-meter hurdles [56.28] and the high jump with a leap of 1.78m [5'-10.00"] and Kolokilagi won

first place in the shot put [13.70m, 44'-11.50"], discus throw [38.43m, 126'-01"] and the hammer throw [38.67m, 126'-10"]. He also placed second in the javelin. Four other Owls finished first in their respective events to push the Owls to victory.

Sr. Uche Emejulu ran a 22.29 in the 200-meter dash, Jr. Deji Famuyiwa ran a 50.46 in the 400-meter dash, Fr. Daniel Gormley contributed by finishing first in the 10,000-meter [33:42.70] and Poland native Lukasz Skrzypiec finished ahead of the field in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing with a time of 9:36.24.



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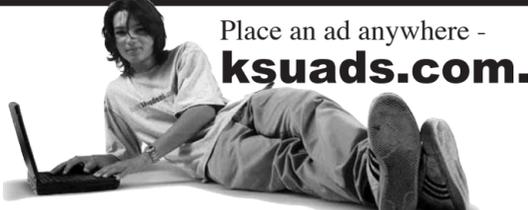
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