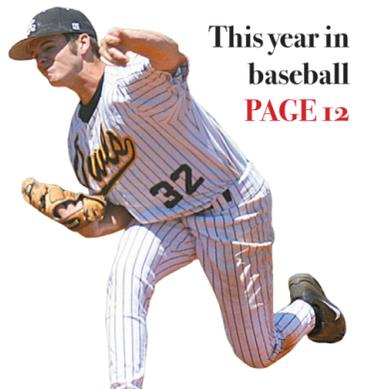




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## Center for Student Leadership opens with ribbon cutting ceremony



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The Center for Student Leadership opened to the public on Tuesday April 17. Those in attendance at the ribbon cutting included University President, Betty Siegel, Vice President for Student Success, Nancy King, Chair of University Studies, Rebecca Casey and CSL Director, Brian Wooten.

According to King, CSL is responsible for contributing to the center's products, including three of four line-item organizations, 2,927 volunteer service hours [366 full work days] and a student now running for the Georgia House of Representatives, Zachary Smith.

Siegel also spoke to the crowd, touching on items like the definition of a student, KSU's plan for the New HOPE program to be implemented next year and the center's need for a name in order to give it a sense of place.

"We are here to celebrate the center and what it will be," Siegel said.

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## The truth about women and drinking KSU Professor studies the risks young women face when drinking



SUNNY ARNETTE  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Amy Buddie, assistant professor of psychology, is researching the drinking habits of young college-aged women along with Kathleen Parks and R. Lorraine Collins from the Research Institute on Addictions in Buffalo, N.Y. The study hypothesizes that on days in which women consume alcohol heavily, the probability of a high risk sexual encounter will be greater than when little to no alcohol is consumed, especially if the drinking occurs in a bar.

Buddie began studying the relationship between sexual assault and alcohol abuse on women while completing postdoctoral fellowship at RIA. She began to examine women and bar-related aggression with Parks, which lead to more research opportunities.

Along with Parks and Collins, Buddie received a grant from the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse, and used it to expand their research to look at alcohol abuse and HIV.

"We are hoping to get a sample size of 300 women bar drinkers between the ages of 18 and 30," Buddie said. "The women will call a toll-free number every day for three months and answer a number of automated questions using what is called the Interactive Voice Response system."

All participants must be females that meet the age requirement, are single, heterosexual and drink in a bar at least once a week in order to be eligible for the study.

The women will use the IVR system daily and will be interviewed on four different occasions. The first interview

will consist of questions relating to their background, including demographics, individual and family substance abuse, sexual victimization and sexual history. Each additional interview is set to get more in-depth information about the women's sexual experiences.

What sets this study apart from other research on women and drinking is the way in which the data is being collected. Buddie feels that the data collection of this study will be more accurate because the participants have to call and report their experiences daily.

"Past studies have focused on retrospective accounts of women's alcohol consumption and risky behavior," Buddie said. "People's memories are often hazy, especially if a long period of time has gone by."

Buddie and her colleagues have thus far collected about ten percent of their sample. She predicts that it will take several years to complete the research. The NIAAA grant ends in 2007, but Buddie is optimistic about receiving continued funding for the project.

Once the project is completed, the results will be analyzed to see if bars are risky places for women in terms of increasing their risk for HIV. If the hypothesis is supported, Buddie hopes that this knowledge will lead to education and prevention programs aimed at young women.

"I feel like it is very important for young women to be aware of the risks of drinking, particularly in high-risk settings like bars. I'm not trying to say that alcohol use is inherently bad - students just need to be smart about it."

**"Past studies have focused on retrospective accounts of women's alcohol consumption and risky behavior."**

## SIFE claims win



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SIFE President Ashley Thomas leads a team practice for Nationals in May. Here the team is able to mock their presentation that will be done in front of judges at the competition. The team is hopeful to clench high ranking as they have already won Regionals.

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## KSU Police Department veteran graduates from FBI National Academy

KAYLA PRESS  
FEATURES EDITOR

Kemper Anderson, assistant director of the KSU Department of Public Safety, recently graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

The academy, located on the Quantico Marine Base, houses 251 attendees that represent 50 states and 21 countries. Students apply with recommendations and references, and then wait to receive acceptance. On average, the waiting list to get in the academy is about three to five years; however, Anderson waited ten years. Anderson explained that he applied before the 1996 Olympics, during which time KSU was going through a national accreditation program and Anderson could not take off three months at a time to attend the academy. Anderson is also a Coast Guard Reserve and in January 2003, he was called up and served for two years. Finally Anderson attended the academy and graduated March 17, 2006.

The program is a ten-week residential program that involves taking five graduate level courses through the University of Virginia-Charlottesville.

"It is like being in graduate school again," Anderson said. "Three of the five courses are slanted towards leadership."

Those three courses are Contemporary Issues, Human Behaviors and Executive Leadership. The Contemporary Issues course dealt with common hot button issues that affect law enforcement agencies: recruitment retention, use of less lethal weapons [taser guns] and alternative patrol methods.

The Human Behaviors course taught essential organizational behavior and leadership in the contemporary workforce versus leadership in law enforcement. The last of the leadership based courses, Executive Leadership, taught leadership through examining other leaders and the characteristics that made them great.

The other two courses are technical-based and include Statement Analysis, where attendees examine a statement from a victim, suspect or wit-

ness, and use grammar and syntax to indicate and identify further areas of investigation.

This process will not tell specific information but helps law enforcement determine which parts of a statement to further investigate, according to Anderson. Lastly, the Applied Research course teaches about evidence-based police work. The course teaches police officers to identify a problem and then find out what other organizations have done to tackle the same problem. Officers adopt the best program using what they learned from other.

"It was the first time I had nothing to do but go to school in over 30 years," Anderson said.

On top of the five courses, attendees also had to complete a Fitness for Law Enforcement course that requires a 10k [6.1 mile] run. The catch is that the last 2.8 miles of the course is the Marines' obstacle course. Challenges include cliffs, crawling through barbed wire and jumping walls. The 10k is dubbed "the yellow brick road" by attendees. Upon completion, graduates receive a plaque that has a yellow brick on the bottom of it.

"They built us up to it," Anderson said.

Anderson has been working in the KSU Department of Public Safety for 22 years.

"KSU is a small city...we get a little bit of everything," Anderson said. "It [KSU] has the lowest ratio of crimes per student in the University System of Georgia."

KSU also has the poorest ratio of officers per student. There are 51 full-time employees in the department but only 28 police officers.

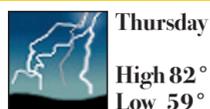
"KSU was the first nationally accredited campus police agency," Anderson said.

Anderson not only works on the campus but has also experienced KSU from a student's point of view. In 1994, Anderson received his bachelor degree in Public and Social Services. In 1998 he received his masters in Social Services.

His qualifications and efforts have earned him the rank of captain in the police department.

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# Alum starts weekend job web site

## Weekendworker.com offers a unique network for Atlanta residents

AMY STOREY  
NEWS EDITOR

Former advertising major and 1999 KSU graduate Rus Chao has made his own mark in the business world. He started weekendworker.com in February.

The web site has created a place for both willing weekend employees and weekend employers in need of an established middle ground.

After graduating KSU, Chao attended the Creative Circus, an advertisement portfolio building school in Atlanta. He now resides in San Francisco and works in advertising and also runs weekendworker.com.

Weekendworker.com is a site open to residents of Atlanta and San Francisco, Calif., who are willing to work on the weekends. Here they can post resumes, profiles and other information pertaining to a weekend job. Businesses that need weekend workers can create a profile for their job site and post needed services. After posting their profile, workers can search available post-

ings from businesses and further contact them from there. Business can do the same by searching for weekend workers who have desirable profiles and contact them for work.

"I was looking on the Internet and it was really hard to find just specifically weekend work so that gave me an idea to start this niche community. It [weekend work] is actually something that people are looking for," Chao said.

"I wanted to make it easier for people that were looking for that kind of thing and I wanted to make it simpler than having to sift through places like monster.com or craigslist.com and all of those job search engines for a job." The site now hosts approximately 250 members, approximately 80 percent of whom live in Atlanta.

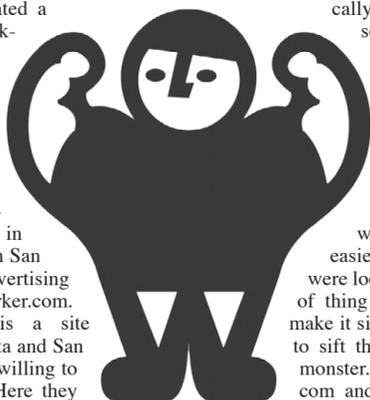
"I kind of limited the weekendworker web site to just Atlanta and San Francisco.

I added Atlanta just because my family is there and I knew it would help with word of mouth. I am definitely seeing a better response from Atlanta. I guess it's just because people in the city, I think they would rather take the weekends off, and in San Francisco the suburbs are so far out where the suburbs in Atlanta are all around the city. It is such a sprawl. There are so many people with homes that need weekend work like plumbing or lawn care," Chao said.

Weekendworker.com has nearly 50 different job categories for postings. Chao mentioned that the site will have a brand new feature up and running by the end of April. He is implementing a rating system much like that of Ebay. Once an employee and employer have connected, and the job is completed, the employer will have an opportunity to go onto weekendworker.com and rate the employee upon their performance and vice versa. Each party also has the option to post comments on the experience.

"I think that this will help people with their decisions on who [sic] to work with or for. I wanted the site to be really personalized and give people the freedom to express themselves and really create and ad for themselves," Chao said.

Weekendworker.com is a free service.



# SIFE wins seventh consecutive regional championship

## Students advance to national competition

AMY STOREY  
NEWS EDITOR

Students in Free Enterprise brought home their seventh consecutive championship from the Southeastern Regional Competition on April 4.

The conference included teams from states like Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. It was held downtown at the Sheraton and included 35 teams from the Southeast. Teams were split up into seven different leagues for competition. KSU came out victorious in their league, and will be attending the National Competition in Kansas City, Mo., May 21-23 along with the six other league winners and teams from more than 200 schools.

SIFE is a student-based organization in its 21st year at KSU that strives to change the community, and even the world, through outreach community service programs. SIFE was originally exclusive to business majors but has now expanded to all majors. The effectiveness of their organized community involvement is judged at these competitions.

At the regional competition, KSU was able to meet all six community involvement qualifications and was the only team to do so. The team was awarded \$4,500 in prize money.

"I was ecstatic that we swept all six requirements for our league, and it made it very special that we were the only team," said Ashley Thomas, SIFE president.

"I think that the 2006 team is one of the best teams we have ever had. More work has gone into this team than any in the past. The projects have really made a difference in the community. I think that the judges decisions and awards given to us are evidential proof of the project's quality," said Dr. Gary Roberts, professor of management and faculty advisor to SIFE.

KSU's SIFE team has between 200-300 members including organization officers, project managers and members of the presentation team. SIFE also gets help from students enrolled in MGMT 3100. These students are required to participate in service learning. Members of the presentation team include SIFE president senior professional sales major Ashley Thomas, senior marketing major Abdel Al-Tamimi, senior advertising/Spanish major Kameko Langston, sophomore accounting major Tamera Stucky, senior professional sales major Tom Smith and senior accounting major Jennifer Nerren.

"It's a great experience for the students because they have to work to plan and secure all of these projects," said Stella Xu, MBA student and graduate research assistant to Dr. Roberts.

SIFE was also recognized by the Governor of Georgia, Sunny Perdue, when he proclaimed March 27 International Entrepreneurship Day in effect to what organizations such as SIFE do for the community.

One of the many community service projects done by SIFE affected Hurricane Katrina refugees staying in Kennesaw.



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Members of SIFE line up to practice their individual speaking responsibilities of the presentation.

They were able to partner with another business and provide \$100-\$300 to Katrina survivors.

SIFE members were also able to spend time with at-risk students at the Georgia Devereux School, less than five miles from KSU. Members spent time with 30 residents ages 14-18 who suffer emotional and psychological changes, helping them to organize a mock company, create a business plan and then present their business. The students were invited back to KSU for an opportunity to have their work judged by volunteer judges on April 27. The winners will receive a cash prize. This project alone used 195 hours of SIFE's project requirements.

"These children are often overlooked. They are so isolated in this facility. It is a treat that they get to come to KSU," Xu said.

SIFE is the world's largest student organization, with 970 teams in the U.S. alone. The SIFE competition team would not be able to complete any of its projects without the support of the KSU business

community. The team was able to complete 16 community projects and invest a total of 1440 hours.

"I love it because I learned so much and I can help people. I think it is a great organization. Now I am sticking around more like a mentor to the new students," Xu said.

**"It's a great experience for the students because they have to work to plan and secure all of these projects."**

# POLICE BEAT

CHAUNTRELL LOFTON  
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A KSU student opened the door of her University Village apartment to find an unpleasant surprise on April 9. The complainant heard several knocks on her door that afternoon, but when she went to the

peephole she saw a white male with curly hair running away. She then opened the door to find eggs covering her door and the ground in front of the door. She contacted KSU police to file a complaint.

KSU Police were called to University Village apartments in reference to possible drug possession by a student on April 9. The complainant contacted the resident assistant because she allegedly saw her roommate place marijuana in a drawer in the roommate's bedroom. KSU Police were contacted by the R.A., and arrived at the apartment to investigate the situation. The suspect allowed the responding officer to search her purse, but would not allow

them to search her bedroom. The officer did not find any marijuana in her purse.

KSU Police received a call from a concerned faculty member regarding a possible threat to a speaker at a KSU event held on April 6. The complainant received a call from a male, who stated that he was upset that Dr. Beheruz N. Sethna, University of West Georgia president, would be speaking at KSU. The caller seemed demented to the complainant, so she contacted KSU Police to advise them of the situation. For precautionary measures, two officers attended the event where Dr. Sethna was speaking. The caller was not present at the event.

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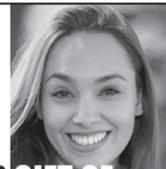
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## Right goals, wrong directions



### ACLU steps in on meth problem

Anyone familiar with the American Civil Liberties Union knows that they have a tendency to not see the forest for the trees. Anyone familiar with the ACLU knows that they can be prone to aligning themselves with causes that are sometimes petty and, in some cases, counterproductive. But still, anyone familiar with the ACLU knows that their reasons are justifiable and that their cause is noble. Regardless, there are times when the ACLU oversteps their righteous precepts and their good fight becomes lost demented and misguided. This occurs when the ACLU leadership leads not with their heads

and knowledge, but instead with their heart and feelings. Such is the case with the ACLU's issue with a northwest Georgia sting operation involving methamphetamine production; also known as "Operation Meth Merchant."

The operation was interested in the detection and removal of convenient store clerks who "knowingly" sold materials needed to manifest methamphetamine to customers. The ACLU attests that the sting operation targeted merchants of South Asian descent while disregarding Caucasian merchants who were/are knowingly selling said material. Allegedly, of course. And what does the ACLU stand by that would prove their stance? They

have facts. They have figures. They have graphs, numbers, maps and charts. Yet, they still have nothing.

They argue thusly: "While more than 80 percent of stores in the area where 'Operation Meth Merchant' was conducted are owned by whites and other ethnic groups, 23 of the 24 stores targeted by the investigation are owned by South Asians."

This is an interesting statistic but it lacks any relevant information. The statistic is made irrelevant because it simply points out the fact that many of the arrested store clerks were of the same race which, in itself, is interesting.

It also begs the follow-up question, "So what?" Yes, the operation picked up a majority of merchants of South Asian descent, but those same merchants were still selling needed materials to customers who they knew were going to head back to their home-made laboratory and cook up some crystal.

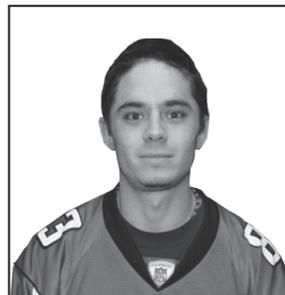
The sting operation was successful in its rounding up of possible sellers of materials for meth-making. This achievement could potentially derail any future making of this drug, thereby creating a sense of security and fulfillment for both the drug law enforcement agency and the public. Ultimately, the agency has achieved what others have not been able to in its fight to eradicate ourselves of this horrific drug, and for that

Both organizations are vehemently trying to accomplish goals that, to themselves and their supporters, appear just and valid. The problem, however, is not with their goals, but their means of achievement. The ACLU takes issue when positive steps are taken to solve a substantial problem if the steps involve any semblance of racial inequality. This is counterproductive because while the ACLU fights for equality in what "may or may not be" racial injustice, the road to a meth-free America remains littered with addicts and cooks. And roadblocks in the form of ACLU litigation.

The sting operation, on the other hand, is headed for the right destination but going in the wrong direction. The efforts in curtailing meth-making and trafficking is only helping in pushing these materials underground. Rather than cutting the drugs off at their core [i.e. the makers and users], the operation focuses only on the materials, which does nothing to stop the actual concoction of methamphetamine, save a few idiotic cooks who are so blasted that they tell store clerks that they are buying the materials to make drugs.

Instead, the operation needs to focus on those that are making the drugs, not those who are selling materials to them. In essence, the operation is stalking the innocent bystander while standing idle as the makers make and the

users use. Both organizations need to get their heads out of the proverbial sand and start making smart decisions in accordance with their separate goals. Making rash and counterintuitive moves such as these only act in placating the vices they are diligently fighting against.



Michael Miracle  
Columnist

"Class? What's that?"

**"They have facts. They have figures. They have graphs and numbers and maps and charts. Yet, they still have nothing."**

they should be commended, not condemned. Their actions have likely led to some empty meth labs and their actions, like those of the ACLU, can be justified. Or at the very least, reasonably rationalized.

Sadly, the drug agency suffers from the same delusional vision as the ACLU.

## Outraged over immigration? Save your breath

### It has been here before and it will be here again

I highly doubt that any of the people that will read this article are full-blooded Native American. I also severely doubt that a majority of the people reading this article are first-generation Americans. With that being said, whose right is it to refuse those who obey our laws and work hard [probably much harder than many Americans do] the chance to better their lives for their families?

If one is to be against immigration, then the notion must be applied universally. If one is against only illegal immigration, the issue still stands: they should be able to produce legal documentation of the arrival of whatever ancestor of theirs first came to this country. If you can't do that, then you better think about

how much sense it makes to be against the same type of immigration which made it able for you to be here in the first place.

The quote inscribed on the Statue of Liberty states, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." This was what greeted many of our grandparents and great grandparents when they arrived on Ellis Island. They came to this country for a better life for their families. There is no difference today; this is the exact same reason why the modern wave of immigrants are coming. They aren't here to destroy America.

And, even if they wanted to, they sure aren't going to do it by bolstering our economy with hard work while providing cheap labor.

The issue of immigration has come before the American people again and again and the

parallels are undeniable. At one time in this country's history, countries' migrants were basically despised. German-Americans, Italian-Americans, Polish-Americans; there are no exceptions. The trend continues to be one where the last wave of migrants strives to shut the door on the new wave.

In retrospect, it seems pretty ironic that the Irish and English were trying to shut out the Germans and the Italians. They have an excuse: that was the immigration debate the first time around. That was the first time those who spoke a different language began to come. Their irony has now been turned into stupidity and ignorance because of people who either fail to acknowledge their country's history or those who can't figure out that there's no difference between this wave and the waves before them. Every immigration backlash has died down eventually when the supposed threat turned out to be nothing more than added human capital to the economy.

If this country is really concerned about immigration, then maybe we should start to be concerned with the business practices that seem to benefit our country while damaging

others'. American businesses continue to export jobs and relocate factories to countries because they can utilize cheap labor and lax environmental standards. Don't get me wrong, American business is not entirely bad for some of these countries. It provides them with some sort of work and income,

**"Every immigration backlash has died down eventually when the supposed threat turned out to be nothing more than added human capital to the economy."**

albeit under very poor conditions. Can you really blame them for wanting to share in the wealth that can be found in the United States? Why would one work a more dangerous job for less pay in an unhealthy environment [Mexico] when they could be doing safer work that pays much more in a clean, prosperous place [guess where]? It makes sense to this new wave just as it made sense to our ancestors. Consider that the next time you oppose immigration.



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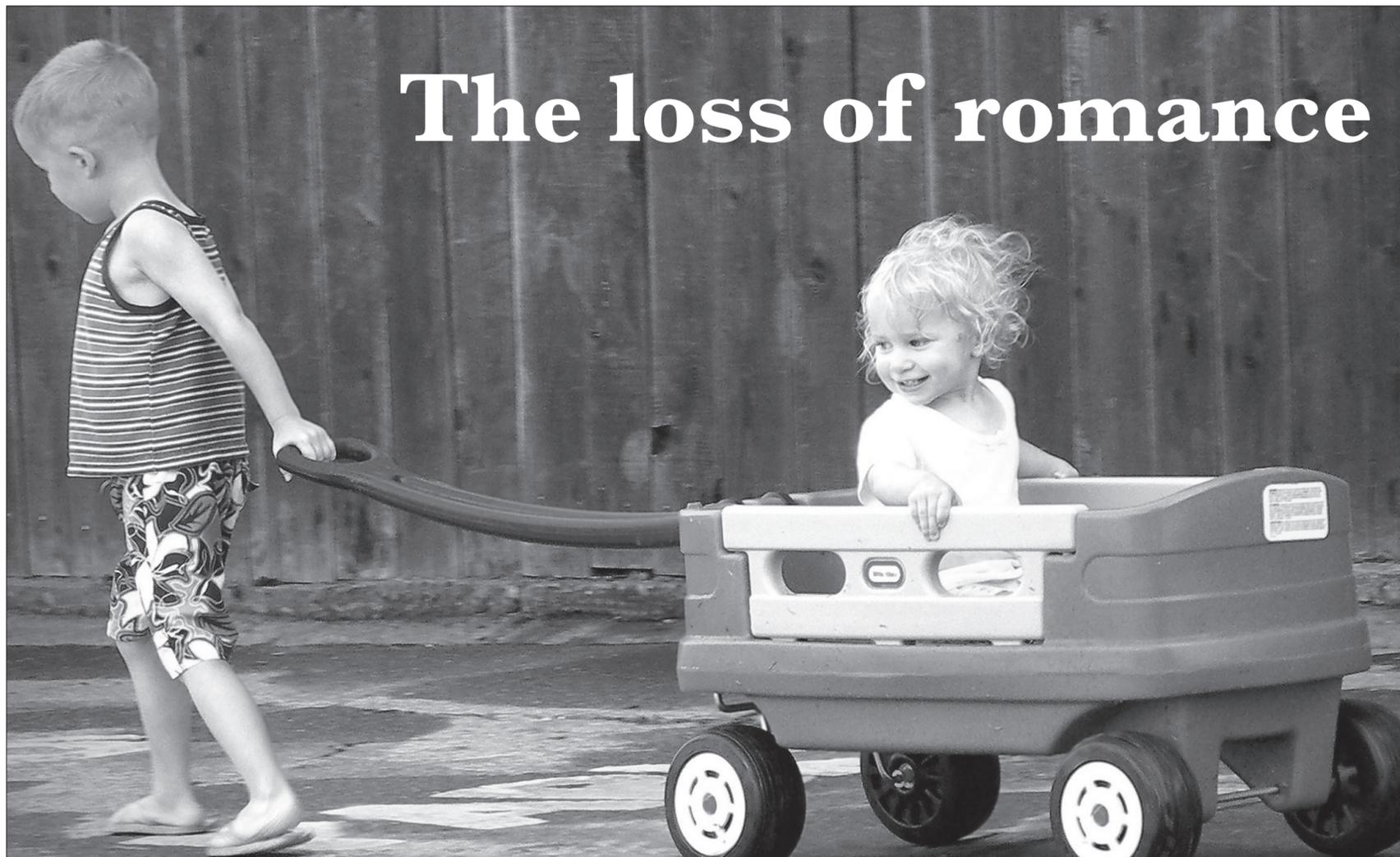
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# The loss of romance

I recently read the article by Azy Kashani, "Dating Standards," in which she wrote about the loss of romance in our dating culture today. I found much of what she had to say to be very poignant and true. Then I read Dustin Jacobs' response to her article, "Girls Have It All Wrong: Dating Has Never Been Easier," in which he started off thanking Kashani for her input and then proceeded to spew off a lengthy reprimand that seemed to have nothing to do with how easy it is to date. It came off more as a critique of the female gender.

Jacobs writes in the first paragraph of his column, "I would like to thank fellow Sentinel writer Azy Kashani and her opinion column... now it is our turn." I hope Jacobs was referring to himself and some small, anonymous group of people and not to the entire male sex. He certainly does not represent myself. Therefore, I would like to start off my article by thanking both Kashani and Jacobs for their opinions on dating and romance in our culture. Now it is this particular man's turn.

Romance is an ideal. This is what makes romance romantic: that it is out of reach. Just when you think you've attained it, it leaves. The knights in shining armor riding on white horses to save damsels in distress are symbolic to com-

municate the adventure which we all know, in some form or fashion, we are missing out on. There is hardly a man I know who, when he lets down his defenses, does not wish that he owned a white horse and armor so that he could save damsels from dragons in far off lands.



Derek Foster  
Columnist

"Truth matters."

Unfortunately, for most men, the only white stallion they have ever owned was a rocking horse and the only giant reptile they have ever fought in any fashion was a pet snake. I also know many women who desire to be swept off their feet by some romantic Casanova, and instead are frequently met with a type of Curly from the Three Stooges.

However, both men and women still need something to capture this sense of romance in their lives and because they do not find it in reality, they settle for substitutes. For men, I believe their

substitute are generally pornography, sports and video games. All of these hobbies receive countless criticisms from women, and I sympathize with them, but I also see a deeper problem than what appears on the surface. I believe

these hobbies are, for many men, a way to cope with a loss of romance. A man realizes that he will never live up to the expectations of women and will never appear as the knight in shining armor in their eyes, so he substitutes real affection from women for cheap, pornographic pictures to make himself feel more masculine. He realizes that there are no dragons or damsels in distress to save, so he substitutes real-life adventures for adventures on the ballfield or on a TV screen. I believe sports and video games are many a man's way of escaping the humdrum, monotonous normality of the every day life. He does these things because he is looking for a romance he knows he cannot find in real life, so he retreats to his imagination and creates a world in which he can be a hero.

Many women desire to be swept off their feet by knights in shining armor. Instead, they find men who like pornography, sports and video games. Therefore, many women substitute real life romance for the exaggerated romances on "The Real World" and "The Notebook." This brings us to our current predicament. Men are more satisfied with being a hero in their false romantic world than being a failure to their ladies in the real world. Women build up false expectations of men by dwelling on false romantic worlds in TV programs and movies and begin to expect their men to become something they cannot be.

Both men and women are, therefore, dissatisfied with one another. Is there a solution to this?

I think our dating generation is in need of a detoxification from the false realities that are created in our country. Men, step up to the plate and buy your girlfriend flowers. Take her out to dinner and a movie. If you don't have money, take her on a walk or write her a little love note and leave it in the door of her car. Believe it or not, she actually responds to this. Listen to her when she talks to you about how bad her day was, even when you don't feel like it. Somehow, that makes her feel better.

Ladies, don't expect something unrealistic from your men. Yes, particular things from romance stories and movies can and do happen. Yet, you have to remember that these fairy tale romances really are fairy tales. "The Notebook" is not reality. "The Real World" is the most unrealistic world there is. But romance does happen. My parents have made a commitment to continuing romance from the day they were married, and they are still very happily married after over 25 years. My father still buys her flowers. My mother still lets him know he's appreciated. It doesn't take white horses, dragons and notebooks to have a real-life romance, it takes commitment to the person. That is how good romantic relationships last.

**"You have to remember that these fairy tale romances really are fairy tales."**

# The dangers - then and now - of a pre-emptive strike

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Reports that Pentagon officials are actively discussing plans for using nuclear weapons to prevent Iran from building its own A-bomb reveal that President Bush is falling victim to the same lack of imagination that led John F. Kennedy to think he could attack China to keep it from getting the bomb without igniting a major war.

Even more worrisome is the catastrophic possibility that Bush will form another "coalition of the willing" by teaming up with Israel in a joint attack on Iran.

Kennedy's failure to grasp the consequence of his plan to bomb China 45 years ago in circumstances remarkably like today's show how easily President Bush could stumble into a major new war in the Middle East.

A nuclear-armed China would be a "great menace in the future to humanity, the Free World and freedom on earth," Kennedy told a visiting French diplomat in January 1963. Kennedy's words are eerily similar to Bush's January statement that an Iran with nuclear weapons would be "a grave threat to the security of the world."

So far the Bush administration has wisely allowed the international community to take the lead in responding to the threat from Iran. These international efforts to persuade Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions have been halting but still hold promise. Recently, European Union officials discussed diplomatic and economic sanctions against Iran for the first time and urged Iran to comply with a United Nations request to halt its nuclear enrichment program.

Iran's announcement this week that its uranium-enrichment efforts have passed a new milestone are more show than substance and do not significantly set back international efforts to end its nuclear program.

In the early 1960s Kennedy had much less to work with diplomatically. The Nuclear Non-

Proliferation Treaty, to which Iran is a signatory, did not yet exist and China was not to join the United Nations for another decade. Also, China's self-imposed isolation from the rest of the world made it all but impervious to trade restrictions or other economic sanctions.

The paucity of means helped lead to JFK's flirtation with the military option. This pursuit, particularly his desire for a covert international coalition, illustrate the dangers that may lie ahead for President Bush.

Kennedy considered striking "Red China" unilaterally, but he also thought he had a better idea. He believed Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev could be persuaded to take military action to stop China's A-bomb program. The most frightening scenario was for a joint nuclear strike: A U.S. and a Soviet plane would fly together over China's nuclear facilities and each would drop a bomb. Only one of the bombs would detonate, making it impossible to determine whether the U.S. or Russian weapon had produced the mushroom cloud over the ruins of China's nuclear facilities. This scheme is reminiscent of a firing squad in which every member but one shoots blanks at the victim. White House planners must have somehow believed their nuclear firing squad would likewise absolve the United States of full accountability.

The consequences of a U.S.-Soviet strike on China, including all-out war between China, Russia and the United States, are mind-boggling to contemplate. If Bush administration officials war-game Kennedy's China policy they may realize that a nuclear strike on Iran's processing sites, killing an estimated 10,000, would have similarly dire consequences.

Even if the United States were to act unilaterally, Iran would likely respond militarily against our forces in Iraq and elsewhere in the region, perhaps with other Middle East nations. The United States would also have to anticipate an unprecedented wave of terrorism for generations

to come. In this context, alienating our allies worldwide would be the least of our concerns.

It's not known if there have been discussions, in Washington or Tel Aviv, about a joint strike, but Israel today, unlike Russia in 1963, seems a willing partner. Israel, which bombed an Iraqi nuclear plant in 1981 to prevent that country from developing nuclear weapons, was determined to keep Iran from getting the bomb even before Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, said Israel should be "wiped off the map."

But if the United States were to enlist Israel's considerable expertise and knowledge of Iran to assist in an attack, the consequences would multiply exponentially. Just imagine: Two nations already suspected in the Middle East of collu-

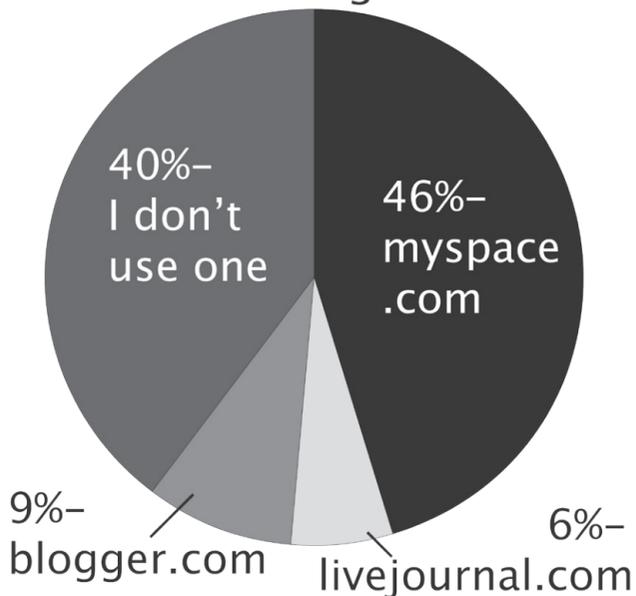
sion against the Arab world actually be joining forces to attack a Muslim nation in the first use of nuclear weapons since World War II.

The Kennedy administration's China debate continued under President Lyndon Johnson but a new intelligence assessment downplaying the danger allowed cooler heads to prevail. China detonated its first nuclear weapon on Oct. 16, 1964, and Kennedy's fears China would use its nuclear arsenal to bully Asia have proved groundless.

With any luck cooler heads will also win today's debate in Washington over Iran and the world will again be spared the disastrous consequences that can come from a president's failure of imagination.

**"A nuclear-armed China would be a great menace in the future to humanity, the Free World and freedom on earth."**

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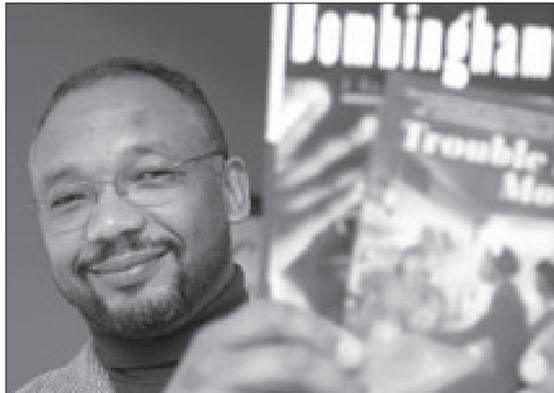
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## KSU professor travels to Sweden

### Emerging himself in the culture, Grooms research is for his next novel



DUSTIN JACOBS  
STAFF WRITER

Alongside a cliff in southern Sweden lies Södertörns högskola, which in English translates to the University of Southern Stockholm. Within the hallways and classrooms are Swedish students and professors, but one professor has traveled far from home to do research for a new book.

One of KSU's professional writing professors is in Sweden preparing for his next novel. Professor Tony Grooms, who teaches both fiction and poetry writing in the English department, is taking a semester off from KSU to teach at the University of Southern Stockholm.

Grooms, best known for his Lillian Smith award-winning novels "Bombingham" and "Trouble No More," is originally from Louisa County, Va. He was born in 1955, and was raised in the era of segregation. Grooms' most noticeable works deal with the hardships, the history and the culture of African Americans.

Grooms has taught at KSU since the English department began its Masters of Professional Writing program eleven years ago. He currently resides with his wife and four-year-old son in Atlanta. His passion for writing is what brought him to Scandinavia.

"I have an idea for a novel about an American exile community that lived in Sweden in the 1960s," Grooms said. "I am seeking interviews with people who were a part of this group and scoping out settings that might work in a novel."

"The research is going well in so much as I have found several important interview connections. I have to be very careful, though, that I do not get too swamped by lectures and student work, which will cut down on the research time. My working title is 'The Burning House.'"

Grooms was able to take this trip to Sweden because he became a Fulbright Fellow back in April 2005. The Fulbright Program is an international educational exchange provided by the U.S. government, and has been in existence since 1946.

"It is a competition for which the scholar applies by proposing a research project and courses to teach. It is considered quite prestigious and I was very happy—and a little sacred [because it meant I would really have to live in a different culture for four months]—to win it," Grooms said.

"I am supervising undergraduate thesis writers in English and lecturing on American literature and culture. It has kept me quite busy," Grooms said.

Sweden is known for its tolerance, which was key to bringing Grooms to the country. Needless to say, the Virginia native and Georgia resident finds a lot of differences between the U.S. and Swedish school systems.

"The main difference to me is that Swedish students do not have the same pressure on them as American students. Though it is possible to fail a course, the system provides for many second chances and

almost no one ever fails. And the education is quite inexpensive. Loans are easy to get and repaid over a lifetime, so there is little financial burden to going to college."

Though the college experience may be different, the students there are not as different as one would think. In fact, in some ways they mirror a KSU student.

"The typical Swedish student whom I have met would not surprise the KSU student in terms of interests and outlook. They are very much aware of American pop culture in so much as most of their television is imported from the U.S."

"There are certainly many 'Nordic' types in Sweden—but there are many who do not fit this type. Sweden also has a large percentage of immigrants from Finland, Southern Europe and North Africa. So, especially in Stockholm, one finds a rainbow of types."

Another thing Sweden is known for is its vast and beautiful landscape.

"As I arrived in February in the middle of the worst winter in two decades, I've not yet seen Stockholm at its best. It's been mostly under a crust of dirty snow. But the city center is old, dating back to the 1200s and I suspect that when spring finally comes, the many parks and fountains will be quite beautiful," Grooms said.

"From my apartment window I see apartment blocks and snow. My apartment is 'över gården' or over the yard so I don't have a street view. I live in Södermalm [the south island], an old working class section of Stockholm that is considered very centrally located. The terrain is slightly hilly and rocky, and views of the Baltic and Lake Mälaren abound."

"Nearby is a famous old church, Maria Magdalena, and a famous square called Mariatorget [Maria square]. Surrounded by bookstores, cafes and sundry shops, Mariatorget is a small park with a large statue of St. George fighting a dragon. St. George is a symbol of Stockholm."

Back in Atlanta, Grooms' wife, Pamela Jackson awaits the return of her husband. However, she understands his commitment and supports his mission.

"In many ways it is a solitary journey, but I do respect and support it," Jackson said.

"He is a talented artist who has learned to balance his art with being a dedicated husband and father."

Grooms shall return home after the Swedish semester ends. He feels that he can bring something to the table for the Swedes.

"I think I can say that I'll bring some of my experience abroad into the class room in various ways. I teach world literature so I will be able to talk with greater authority about Swedish literature and film," Grooms said.

Grooms' next novel is in circulation now. It is about lynching and redemption in pre-civil rights Georgia, entitled "The Redeemers." He is also working on a poem narrative about travels in Africa. He hopes to get both works published.

## Local radio D.J. celebrates two years in Atlanta



Photo courtesy of Star 94

Nudge speaks to President Betty Siegel at KSU.

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FEATURES EDITOR

Kevin, better known to his listeners as Nudge at Night, celebrates two years on Atlanta's Top 40 station, Star 94. Nudge, only 23-years-old has been in the radio industry for five years. But he has had a passion for the trade almost his entire life.

Nudge recalled listening to the Howard Stern Show with his mom in the car on the way to school. "I always thought to myself, that must be that best job in the world," he said.

"When I was as young as probably eight or nine, I used to listen to the radio all of the time. I thought it was the coolest thing," Nudge said.

Although he did not get his first experience in a real studio until he was 17, he began practicing when he was young. He used to record his own radio shows in his linen closet at home. Nudge also spent a lot of time bothering the people at his local radio station, V102, in his home town of Philadelphia.

"I would always call them, I was annoying, that is how I got my name," said Nudge with a chuckle. In yiddish, the word "nudge" can be roughly translated to bothersome or annoying, of course it is meant in a good-hearted way.

Nudge's efforts finally paid off when he was a senior in high school. "They got to know me pretty well."

Unfortunately for Nudge the radio station would not hire anybody until they were 18-years-old because of insurance reasons but Nudge was not going to let his age stop him. He was 17 at the time.

"I got a sucker at the radio station to

sign my papers for me, so they had to let me in. They gave me an internship without wanting to give me an internship," Nudge said.

As a senior, Nudge was allowed to leave school at noon to go to work so he did his internship for nine months during his senior year. At V102, Nudge worked in Promotions doing computer work, paper work and scheduling events. This was not glamorous work but Nudge exclaimed, "I was freaking out because I was working with the people I had grown up listening to."

Nudge was not on the air yet, but he did not stop trying. "The promotions director used to get irked with me, because every time I had like two seconds where I was not doing anything, boom, I was in the studio."

His lucky break came on the last day of his internship with V102. Nudge wore and suit and tie and went to the general manager's office. Although Nudge was still too young to work at the station, he was given a job right then and there in programming.

While working at V102 as a board operator during the week, Nudge also took on a part-time radio job in Atlantic City on the weekends where his boss allowed him to be on the air a little bit. That is when Nudge moved away from home to St. Cloud, Minn. for his first full-time job on the radio. From there on it did not take long for Nudge's career to take off.

"After six months I got a job offer in Miami at Y100," said Nudge. After almost two years in Miami, Nudge moved back home and got a job on the air at V102 once again. But Nudge's full circle journey was short-lived.

"Then Atlanta came calling, it was a no-brainer, it all just worked out." For two years now, Nudge has been entertaining listeners on the Star 94 night show dubbed, "Nudge at Night."

About a month ago, Nudge kicked off a new promotion on his show called "The Nudge at Night Money Back Guarantee." The purpose of it is to get listener feedback. Listeners can send in a complaint via mail and Nudge will send the listener 94 cents of his own money as a token of appreciation. Nudge proudly said that the promotion was his idea and that it really is his money.

Without giving away too much information Nudge also mentioned a new promotion. "We have not announced anything yet, but Music Midtown, which would have been on its thirteenth year has been cancelled so we are doing something called Starfest." According to Nudge it will be a day long music festival at a big venue with a lot of bands, but that is all he said.

Working at radio station has its ups and downs. Because Nudge is on at night, a lot of the concerts are when Nudge is on the air, but on the up side Nudge explained that when he gets to go [to shows] it is usually at a show that Star 94 is throwing and he gets to broadcast live.

"In the promotions department we get a lot of stuff to give away on the air and a lot of times we get the extra stuff."

Nudge does not see being on the air at night as a bad thing. "If I worked regular hours I would be normal and I think being abnormal actually gives me a lot of free time. It is definitely better." Listeners can catch Nudge at night on 94.1 from 7 to midnight.

## Person behind the name

### The mystery of the AJC film columnist

The name

Alan Smithee is a pseudonym. It was often used by various directors/writers/editors whose films were so drastically changed in post-production by the film company or producers that they no longer wanted their name associated with the project. So why does the official Atlanta-Journal Constitution film columnist go by the same moniker?

"Being Alan Smithee allows me more freedom in writing," Smithee said. "[It allows] a little more leeway with tone and attitude and humor."

With a pseudonym for a name, one has to wonder how Smithee got a job with the AJC in the first place. The truth is Smithee had been working with the AJC long before he began writing film columns.

"I was already working here as a writer/editor. I had been here for several years." Smithee, whose column runs in every Friday issue, has a love for film that is unwavering. For him, it all began at an early age.

"[I've] been watching movies all my age and each morning at 10 a.m. my mother watch with her. I've been watching movies

His children also play a key factor in the "This same sort of thing happened and Cecil B. Smithee. They watched walk. D.W.'s first movie at a theater at sat on the front row."

With column head-  
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life. I recall specifically being pre-school would watch the morning movie on ABC. I'd ever since."

growth of Smithee's love for movies, with my own sons -- D.W. Smithee movies with me from the time they could age two was 'The Return of the Jedi.' We

ings such as "I ran from the '80s styles not its fine films." "Everyone can try to have exquisite taste like Smithee" and "Any year you avoid a Rob Schneider film is a good one," it is obvious that Smithee has a sarcastic tone. However, it is his humor that brings in readers. His columns consist of questions from an inquisitive movie-going public.

Something that furthers the mystery of Smithee is his picture. The picture that is stamped on each column is not that of a real person, but instead it is a caricature of a smug man.

Something that comes up in his columns is the state of films today. Smithee sees both the good and the bad. "I like the greater acceptance in America of foreign films, the rise in quality and quantity of documentaries."

His problems with the film industry today seem to be its lack of motivation for original ideas. This stems from the industry's undying love for the dollar bill. "[There are] not enough fresh ideas and fresh stories. Too many remakes, sequels, and prequels."

Smithee is an original character, despite his pseudonym. His comedic and often sarcastic columns should brighten any filmgoer's day. There is only one catch. Under no circumstance will he ever allow any reader or inquisitive reporter find out what his true identity is.

"I cannot tell you," Smithee said.

Story by  
DUSTIN JACOBS  
STAFF WRITER

# Roaming Reporter

Compiled by Amy Storey

## How to you plan to prepare finals?



**Steven Simmons**  
freshman, business  
"I am going to cram like crazy."



**Calvin Testamark**  
freshman, political science  
"I am going to study in between classes and get together with my classmates and compare notes."



**Kim MacKain**  
sophomore, communication  
"I'm not going to do anything special, probably study the night before."



**James Bartlette**  
graduate student, music  
"I have to play three instruments for my final grades. So I'm going to practice hard and really jam."

## Horoscopes

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### Today's Birthday [04-19-06]

The more responsibility you accept this year, the stronger you become. As that happens, the job gets easier. It's like working out with weights. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

### Aries [March 21-April 19]

Today is a 6. Stand up straight and accept a challenge. It's okay if you won't get paid much at first. You'll gain enough in fringe benefits.

### Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 7. Go to a person who has too much, and it won't be long before you find a way to reach your goals. There is one.

### Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is a 7. You're getting to the point in the discussion where money must be considered. You'd better figure out how much you have, and how much you're willing to give. Do it before the meeting.

### Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 7. The controversy rages, and you could be caught in the middle. Hold out until tomorrow, and the problem will solve itself.

### Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]

Today is an 8. Hurry and do an important household job before conditions change. Your career will take up a lot more of your time after tomorrow.

### Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]

Today is a 7. Others begin to realize how much work you've done. Accept their appreciation. You've earned it.

### Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]

Today is a 6. Thinking about the topic counts as mental preparation. Get your friends to help; don't try to do it all by yourself.

### Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]

Today is an 8. If you have experience, draw on it now and get much more for your efforts. If you don't have much experience, consult somebody who does.

### Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]

Today is a 7. Invest in finishing a project you've had hanging around for too long. It'll cost you a few bucks, but you'll make that much back, and more.

### Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]

Today is a 7. An obstacle you've been struggling with for weeks is beginning to fade. The next phase is easier, and a lot more fun.

### Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]

Today is a 7. No more procrastination. Do what you promised. Don't worry \_ you will be well rewarded for your efforts.

### Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]

Today is a 7. Consult people who have more experience. They'll put you on the right path. Learn from their mistakes and save yourself a lot of time.

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## Addicted to MySpace

### Joe's life in cyberspace

There is no doubt in my mind that I have become addicted to Myspace. Like everyone else in the world I fought the urge at first, but eventually I gave in and now I could not live without it.

In case you live in a cave and have no idea what Myspace is, I'll be happy to inform you. Basically, Myspace is a site that allows users to post Photoshop images of themselves and send comments people they would never be caught talking to in real life. Essentially, Myspace is just another excuse to never leave the house.

So many people use Myspace these days that it has become the fifth most popular web site according to Alexa.com. For example, everyone in my family has an account, from my 55-year-old mother to my 2-year-old goddaughter. It does not stop there. I have received numerous friend requests from my friend's pets, including cats, dogs and even fish. Thought you were popular on MySpace? I have a fish for a friend.

How do I know I'm addict-

ed? Well basically my whole life revolves around Myspace. For example, there have been numerous times where I have been heard to say, "Wow, I'm going to post a bulletin about this," or "That is totally going to be my new Myspace photo."

I've even gone so far as to score dates off of Myspace. This last summer I went on at least ten dates with girls I met off of Myspace. The sad thing is only two of them ended up being real women. One was actually a robot, which strangely enough ended up being the best of them all. Thankfully, however, I didn't end up on a date with any pets. Actually, that might have been nice date because animals are cheap to feed.

On a given day I probably log in at least 57 times, and that is on a slow day. If I go more than an hour without logging in I start having withdrawals. "I wonder if anyone has sent me a new message?" When I log

in and I don't have anything new I'm outraged. With as many friends as I have, at least someone should have left me a picture comment. Then again, I suppose it can be hard for fish to type.

With the aid of other web sites, which I will leave disclosed because I'm selfish, I can even track what users visit my profile and how many times they do. It's nice to know that my ex is still checking me out, however, it is kind of creepy knowing that some guy in Canada has visited

my profile 25 times in the last week.

I'm sure I could probably find help for my addiction, but I can't think of anyone that isn't addicted to Myspace. The only people I know that are not signed up are the same people that still can't tie their shoes, so I can't rely on them. I guess I will just have to live with my addiction for now. Speaking of which, I've been itching to sign in ever since I started writing this column. So until next week, I'll see you online.



**Busting a gut**

**What:** KSU Earth Day

**When:** April 20, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

**Where:** University Rooms A and B

**Info:** Hosted by the KSU Environmental Alliance. There will be a lecture by Sally Berthea, Upper Chattahoochee river keeper and enviro-jeopardy. Organizations participating include the Georgia Aquarium, Cobbriides, Chattahoochee Nature Center and more.

**When:** April 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Where:** Cowboy's parking lot

**Info:** Hosted by Omega Phi Alpha, Circle K and Delta Tau Delta. Come out and support by bringing your old electronics.

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

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

**Where:** University Room C

**Info:** Hosted by the Human Services Club. Journalist and Affirmative Action

Expert, George Curry, will be the guest speaker.



**What:** Silent Auction and Cash & Carry

*Compiled by Kayla Press*

**When:** April 26, 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

**Where:** Atrium of the Student Center

**Info:** Hosted by the Humanics Student Association. Items that will be auctioned off include gift baskets, baked items, tickets for destinations and exhibits, Starbucks Coffee and more.

**What:** "King of Hearts"

**When:** April 18-23, Tues-Sat, 8 p.m. Sunday 3 p.m.

**Where:** Stillwell Theatre  
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  - Lay down some cards
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  - Dare
  - Units of force
  - UFO crew
  - Other self
  - Bother
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  - Powdery substance
  - Director Howard
  - Part of a plan
  - Dos Passos opus
  - Game officials
  - Pockmarked
  - Actor Aldo
  - Nuclear power sources
  - City near Bayonne
  - Poppy product
  - Sites
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# SPORTS

## KSU splits series with first place Stetson University

Owls lose a heart breaker in the first game, but come back strong and blank the the Hatters 8-0



During the stolen base attempt by a Stetson runner, So. shortstop Amanda Malcom takes the throw from Sr. catcher Cambria McKay and lays down the tag for the out.



Photos by Rick Winters | The Sentinel

DAVID BEAUMONT  
STAFF WRITER

The Owls gave the Stetson Hatters a run for their money on April 15 before losing the softball match by a single run 6-5. The sun did not set on the Owls, however, and they went on to defeat Stetson 8-0.

The beginning of the first game looked promising for the Owls. In the first inning KSU scored three runs. The first was a hit by Jr. infielder Jennifer Nolan that went between the legs of Stetson's third baseman. Fr. pitcher Norie Glazebrook hit a single to right field and pulled in the other two runs for the promising lead. Stetson unfortunately started slowly cutting into the lead and managed to tie the game 5-5 in the seventh inning. Stetson's comeback started when Sr. KSU pitcher Lisa Lamb

was only one out away from ending the seventh inning with the Owls still up 5-4. However, Lamb walked Sherril Fountain, who went on to steal second base. Fountain went on to make the tying run off a single by Stetson's Melissa Wiggins.

The eighth inning, however, nailed the Owls' coffin shut when Hatters' Lindsay Wightman and Carolina Rojas both hit singles off Jr. pitcher Andrea Moss. Stetson's Carrie Cruitt layed down a sacrificed bunt, putting her teammates in scoring position. Teri Lake tried to bring Wightman home, but struck out.

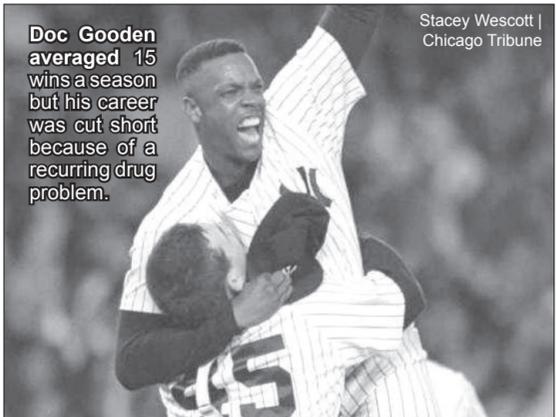
Sr. KSU catcher Cambria McKay tried to pick the runner off third base, which So. shortstop Amanda Malcom was covering. Nolan was running to third base to grab the throw as well. The players inadvertently collided, knocking the ball into left field. Stetson's Wrightman rounded third and headed home. To further confuse the situation, Jr. left fielder April Keasler kicked the

softball while trying to pick it up, losing all hope of stopping Wightman from scoring. When the eighth inning ended, Stetson had taken the lead 6-5. KSU would not be able to comeback.

In the second game, So. Pitcher Brittany Mathews nearly pitched a perfect game. She allowed only one single to center field in the sixth inning. Nolan hit her tenth homerun of the year in the fifth inning and the game was essentially over after the Owls scored three runs in the sixth inning. Sending the Owls in the right direction, Jr. Keri McKee placed a hit right on the left field line scoring So. Kelley Cowart. Nolan effectively ended the game with a two run double that brought the score to its final 8-0.

The Owls play their last two games of the season against North Florida at Bobbie Bailey Field on April 28 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 1 p.m.

## “Doctor K” leaves us asking what could have been Dwight Gooden serving 1-year sentence after failing to kick recurring coke habit



Stacey Wescott | Chicago Tribune

Doc Gooden averaged 15 wins a season but his career was cut short because of a recurring drug problem.

With all the current debate over the steroids scandal, it seems that people have forgotten just how many vices young players are faced with upon entering the big leagues.

Gooden never cheated by using performance enhancing drugs or spitballs, he only cheated himself when he did his first line. He was an impressionable and star-crossed 19-year-old who realized far too early that with the celebrity status came the women, alcohol and drugs. Where most of the players just say no or grow out of these temptations, Gooden was one of the few who kept saying yes.

He will also be the first to tell you he has a problem and it has ruined his life. He has been in and out of rehab and jail so many times, it is pointless to keep count. Earlier this month at his court hearing, the judge allowed Gooden to choose whether he wanted to go back on probation or serve out a prison term. Knowing that his time is running out, Gooden chose to go to prison. It is the one place he knows he can keep clean. It is sad to think that this man, who once became the youngest pitcher ever to win the Cy Young Award, must now relinquish the only thing he has left, his freedom, to ensure his survival.

Gooden's teammates from the 1986

World Championship team will hold a reunion this summer at Shea Stadium to commemorate the event, but he will not be there. With a team particularly known for its wild and erratic behavior, Gooden represented the wildest of them. But back then, it was all fun and games... living the life. Today, Gooden realizes that it was that very attitude that ended up costing him his career.

In a picture published this month, Doc is seen at his court appearance dressed in an orange jumpsuit, his face holding no expression. He is only 41 years-old, but has not aged well and looks closer to 50. It is a far cry from the once youthful and energetic face that adorned an April, 1986 issue of "Time" magazine boasting "Baseball's hottest pitcher." This man who made himself famous for the 95 MPH fastballs he could throw, made himself equally infamous for the eightballs he could not walk away from. He cannot change his past, nor the bridges that he has burned, but one must hope that he can finally rid himself of the demons that have brought so much pain and grief to his life. He would probably be the first to admit that he has few chances left.

If he had kept clean, perhaps Doc Gooden would be celebrating not one World Championship with his Mets teammates this summer, but three. Perhaps he would be coaching, or even pitching still. Perhaps he would be happily married, living in luxury with his wife and children. Or if he had kept clean, perhaps Doc Gooden could have been the greatest pitcher ever to play the game... but we will never know.

### Side Lined

Tommy McNulty  
SR. COLUMNIST



## Cheer and dance team finishes in third place

### Owls beat Georgia and South Carolina

L.T. MELTON  
STAFF WRITER

With their impressive third place finish in the 2006 Chick-Fil-A Cheer and Dance at the NCAA Collegiate Championships, the KSU Owls announced their presence to the rest of the Division I cheering world. The Owls finished behind national champion Maryland and second place finisher Louisville. Marylands' win marked the first time in six years that Louisville did not win the title. The University of Georgia and the University of South Carolina rounded out the top five place winners.

On the second day of competition the Owls cheerfully

somersaulted from fourth place in the standings. Head Coach Felecia Ingle admitted that her team's ability "to finish in third place at an event of this nature with the quality of teams participating [was] a thrill."

The competitive coach, however, refused to rest on her team's recent success. Ingle observed that the team "could have put together a better performances," letting the world know that the Owls would not be a one hit wonder like Toni Basil.

"We hold ourselves to a high standard, we always have and we always will," Ingle said. The coach also added that the team "will work harder to improve on the [third place finish] and put together a cleaner performance. Hopefully the team can grab next year's championship and bring it home to KSU."



Photo courtesy of Olivia Noland

The dance and cheer team finished behind Maryland and Louisville at the NCA championship.

# Atlanta fans need to sober up

## Why spend money if you won't remember the game?

**Suite Views**  
**Dustin Jacobs**  
 COLUMNIST



I arrived at Turner Field's blue lot anticipating the Atlanta Braves 2006 home opener. This was the Braves' 40th opening day in Atlanta and the anticipation was at an all time high, at least for me.

Everyone else seemed to be too pre-occupied with their tailgating and the throwing of the pigskin.

I know I might have gotten to the stadium three hours early, but come on. This isn't football season people. There was a rather large amount of baseball fans on hand as well, but most seemed to be representing teams other than Atlanta. For some reason this is very common in Georgia. I always find it interesting to see Turner Field packed to capacity when the Red Sox come to town.

During the game, when I found out that attendance was not a sell out, my views on fellow Atlanta fans continue to shift toward that of the rest of the nation. We do not seem to care. After fourteen straight years with a trip to the playoffs and only one World Championship, it would seem that Braves fans ride a bandwagon of numbness. We have become complacent.

Attendance continues to drop, and the Braves continue to win. It just doesn't make sense. It would appear that the only one thing that can keep Atlanta fans interested in baseball is the alcohol or at least that seemed to be the theme for the fans in section 406.

Section 406 is located in the upper deck behind home plate, and directly across from the Chophouse, which has an open bar on the roof. It would appear that the fans in 406 had either been drinking there for an extended period of time or had been tailgating as if they were headed to Mardi Gras or into Sanford Stadium.

This particular group started coming in during the bottom half of the first inning. They then began making many beer and restroom runs, sometimes it seemed at the same time.

By the end of the game, one such female in the span of 30 minutes high fived everyone in the aisle seats on her way up from a beer run. Then, with the help of a male and female friend she walked very slowly down the steps for a regurgitation run. She then came back up the steps with her friends looking like someone who had just come out of Death Valley.

Eventually, two guys, a girl and the railing

down the steps helped the completely smashed female, after the game was over. I feared for her safety, because she looked like a zombie.

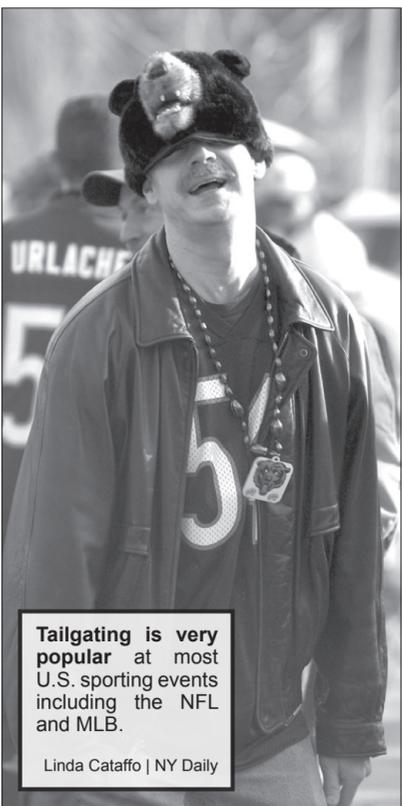
College-age students were the vast majority sitting in this section. How do I know? Well, they all looked the same age as me. They all were drinking heavily and I also happened to recognize one of the ladies in the group.

Binge drinking continues to be a problem for college kids around the country and it may not be getting any better any time soon.

My question to Atlanta fans is, why spend your hard earned money on the ticket to get in and the over priced beverages if all you are going to do is get sick and not enjoy yourself?

If Atlanta fans would put down the beer and actually watch a sporting event they might be able to enjoy it that much more.

Sure, baseball isn't football, and some people find baseball boring and feel they need a few to get them through nine innings. However, if you pay your hard earned money to make an ass of yourself, you should instead head to a karaoke bar and not down Hank Aaron drive.



Tailgating is very popular at most U.S. sporting events including the NFL and MLB.

Linda Cataffo | NY Daily

# Lacrosse team finishes season

## Head Coach Ken Byers predicts a bright future for KSU



The Lacrosse club finished its first season at KSU. Next year the club hopes to bring the female version of the sport.

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DAVID BEAUMONT  
 STAFF WRITER

Lacrosse came to KSU last fall when the club was founded by Brett Davies, Anthony Grizanti, and Michael McCabe. In September Grizanti approached Ken Byers with the offer of coaching the new team. Byers has 25 years of experience in the sport playing collegiate lacrosse in New York, men's club lacrosse in Georgia, and coaching at Roswell and Etowah High Schools.

The Men's Lacrosse Team was granted club status and practices officially started on Jan. 13. The Owls powered through a successful first season and came out with a commendable 8-4 record.

A scrimmage against the Savannah College of Art and Design on Jan. 28 gave the Owls their first chance to spread their wings. They beat SCAD 7-5 and then went to scrimmage with the older, more experienced Charleston Lacrosse Club who they lost to 12-0.

With some preseason experience in tow the Owls played their first official match against Auburn. They lost 19-7. On Feb. 12 the team tasted victory for the first time, winning 16-8 against the cadets from The Citadel.

Traveling to Knoxville Tenn. on Feb. 17, the Owls competed against the University of Tennessee where they lost 16-8. On Feb. 18, however, the Owls turned the tide and won 12-6 against West Carolina.

On home turf again, the Owls beat Alabama 15-0 on Feb. 19, recording the first shutout for KSU. The win was short lived, as the Owls fell 24-8 against hometown rival Emory University on Feb. 24.

After a significant rest period the Owls took on Western Carolina on March 18 and won 18-2. On the same day they forced UT-

Chattanooga into submission with a 16-8 victory. The Owls faced UT-Chattanooga again on March 26 and won 17-6, sweeping the series.

Old faces continued to appear as Alabama took its second beating from the Owls 15-6 on April 2, and the Owls again lost to Emory on April 7 14-8.

Finishing the last game of the season with a new competitor, the Owls defeated the larger Furman team 18-10. "The final score surprised me because I thought that game would have been closer," said Davies. "I think it shows how far the team has come in a year."

Commenting on the scores in the season, Byers said, "There were so many games we either won or lost by a lot." Davies explained that this is because skill levels vary in the "pay-to-play" nature of club sports.

The Owls are currently playing as an affiliate member of the Southeast Lacrosse Conference, specifically in the men's league of intercollegiate athletics 'B' division. In September they intend to petition the league for full affiliation wherein thirty teams in the league will vote to affiliate the Owls or not. "I have confidence that we will be voted a full member in the SELC next year," said Byers.

If the team is voted in, they will be able to compete in the MBIA 'B' division championship next season. Byers is ready for the new year and has 18 to 20 recruits lined up to play next spring.

Additionally, the next spring will see the first year of a women's lacrosse team at KSU. The organization has already petitioned for club status and looks forward to the same success the men's team enjoyed in its first year.

Commenting on the success this season and the future, Byers said that this is "the start of something big."

# Children treated to NBA game

## Two KSU organizations giving back to the community

NATHAN MCCREARY  
 SR. STAFF WRITER

Tickets to the Atlanta Hawks versus the Charlotte Bobcats while sitting way up in Section 317, row L might not seem like the ideal place to spend a "Good Friday" evening, but thanks to the Blue Key Honor Society and KSU's Sociology Major Club, 32 children and host families from the Calvary Children's Home enjoyed every second of it for free.

Calvary Children's Home is an organization that provides a place for children, mostly siblings, to live together when their parents are no longer able to care for them. Most children that become fostered have to separate from their siblings. Calvary Children's Home accepts siblings into their family so the kids can grow up with their brothers and sisters.

The home is a Christian-based organization and receives many children that need care and stability. Calvary

Children's Home's mission is to "make certain that the children in our care are nurtured, educated, loved, corrected when necessary and continually challenged to redirect their lives so they can become productive members of society," said Snyder Turner, the administrator at the home and son of the founder Rev. Ben Turner.

Calvary Children's home is located in Powder Springs on ten acres of donated land off Lost Mountain Road. It began in 1992, and has been able to remain debt-free thanks to donations from local churches, businesses and individuals.

David Albert, the vice president of KSU's Blue Key chapter, approached the home with a chance to take their children to the Hawks game.

"First of all, the Atlanta Hawks and their public relations rep Justin Gurney came up big to help us accomplish this," Albert said.

The opportunity was to raise money and purchase

Hawks tickets for the children and their host families, as well as provide a Chic-Fil-A dinner prior to the game. "We wanted to give back to the community and resurrect Blue Key's position of community service, which has been dormant in the past," said Albert. "We saw that Calvary Children's Home is these children's family and they deserved to be treated to a night of entertainment."

Blue Key is an unusual honor society that recognizes upperclassman for their achievements outside of the classroom.

The good deed did not go unnoticed by the fans at the game as the Calvary Children's Home, Blue Key Honor Society and the Sociology Majors Club had their names scroll around the arena's hi-definition banner during a timeout.

Unfortunately, the Hawks lost to the Bobcats 116-110. But the hearts of the volunteers made the event successful. The children were the winners, and that was the goal of the event.

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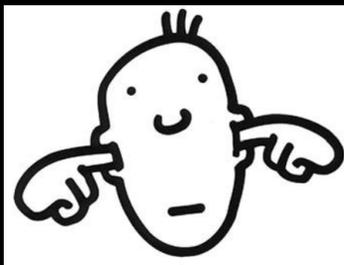
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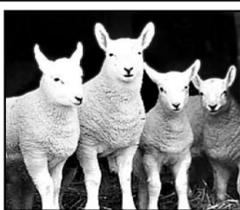


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# Baseball Special Edition

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## Seniors

### Scott Hendrix



Hendrix is an infielder from Cartersville, Ga. and has played for the Owls four consecutive years after leaving Cartersville High School. He will be graduating with a degree in Physical Education and has a .325 batting average this season. Scott is the son of Ricky and Cathy Hendrix and his favorite food is gyros.

### Ryan Perry



Perry is an infielder from Jonesboro, Ga. and has played for the Owls four consecutive years after being red shirted at Jonesboro High School in 2002. Perry was injured in 2004 after playing in 21 games. He is the son of Debra and Garland Perry and likes to watch Nebraska Cornhusker football.

### Matt Nelson [pictured on the right]

Nelson is an outfielder from Roswell, Ga. who transferred to KSU from Western Carolina his junior year. Matt is the son of Paul and Ellen Nelson. He will be graduating with a degree in Communication. Nelson's favorite TV show is "Family Guy" and his favorite food is meat.

### Andy Hudson

Hudson is an infielder from Dallas, Ga. who transferred to KSU his junior year from Augusta State. Andy is the son of Robert and Cathy Hudson and enjoys working on cars and watching "South Park." He will be graduating with a degree in Business Management. Hudson made a 2005 season high three hits in each of three separate games.

### Ben Sosebee

Sosebee is a pitcher from Demorest, Ga. and transferred to KSU from Truett-McConnell his junior year. He is the son of Ricky and Donna Sosebee and will be graduating with a degree in Education. Sosebee enjoys camping and fishing and watching "The Chappelle Show" on Comedy Central.

### Mahal De Castro

Castro is a catcher from Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. He previously attended Chattahoochee State and transferred to KSU his junior year. He will graduate with a degree in accounting. He is the son of Arthur and Violet De' Castro and enjoys watching "SportsCenter."

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# A-Sun Conference Review

## Young Owls playing well in NCAA Division I

NATHAN MCCREARY  
STAFF WRITER

### Gardner-Webb Bulldogs - March 10 & 11-Kennesaw, Ga.

The Bulldogs took advantage of KSU pitcher Muschara scoring five runs in the first two innings ending his day early. The Owls' bullpen did not fair any better as GWU pushed eight more runs across the plate in a 13-6 win. After a lopsided loss in the first game, KSU's offense opened up for a Saturday double-header against the Diamond 'Dogs.

In the first game, the Owls fell behind early 2-0, but an offensive explosion occurred for the Owls as they scored four runs in the fourth and five in the fifth inning. Matt Dallas and Sr. Andy Hudson struck with their first home runs of the season. So. Bubba Blaylock pitched a complete game ending the Owls' three-game losing streak. The Owls win 10-2.

The second game saw KSU jump out in front with a four spot in the bottom of first inning on a couple of Owl singles and a double from Sr. Scott Hendrix. GWU answered by tying the game with four runs in the second, but KSU pulled away by scoring a single run in their half of the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings for another Owls A-sun victory, 8-5.

### @ Florida Atlantic Owls - March 17 & 18 - Boca Raton, Fla.

KSU took a trip to sunny Boca Raton, Fla to battle Florida Atlantic [13-13, 3-5]. The Owls of FAU were able to claw their way to a 7-2 victory on the first day, but the second day belonged to the Owls of KSU. A 7-6 win by KSU evened up the series.

In the second game, FAU scored all of their runs in the first three innings to put the Owls in a hole, but a 2-run blast to center by Dallas and a throwing error with men in scoring position allowed KSU to grab a win. The deciding game of the series saw FAU crunch out ten runs in the sixth inning to put the KSU's hopes of victory to rest. FAU took 2-of-3 with the 12-6 win.

### Mercer Bears - March 24 & 25 - Kennesaw, Ga.

KSU had an opportunity conference record above of Mercer would accomplish that goal, but the Bears had other plans.

The meeting first between the 7-3 lead by Mercer March 24 was the teams since 1987. A the Owls was erased as they battled to a 7-7 tie. It took extra innings Nelson single into right-centerfield, which scored Jay Morrow for the Owls to pick up a victory, 8-7.

The Bears responded with a 10-3 win in the first game of Saturday's double-header. In the second game KSU was able to take advantage of seven errors and 10 base-on-balls by the Bears. KSU's Morrow had another big game as he drove in three runs on the night. Dallas also contributed with two RBI of his own to put the Owls at 10-10 [.500] in

the Conference with a 10-6 win.

### @ Lipscomb - April 1 & 2 - Nashville, Tenn.

Muschara was back on the mound for KSU for the first game of the April Fool's double-header. Muschara went 6 1/3 innings and gave up three runs to the Bison. Bohana was almost perfect in 2 2/3, striking out nine and not allowing a hit. Morrow answered the call for clutch hitting again for the Owls and plated two runners with a double in the fifth to put Muschara in position for his second win of the. Lipscomb tried to rally, but Bohana 5-3 KSU win. Muschara shut the door for a

In the second game of the evening, Lipscomb suffered from the error bug and allowed KSU to jump out to a 3-0 lead.

The Bison's attempt at avoiding a sweep was unsuccessful as Owl pitcher Dan Dale stopped the Bison at two runs for the game and picked up his fourth win and a complete game. Dale's numbers were fantastic. He allowed only five hits, struck out five and he did not allow any earned runs.

The final game saw KSU exchange punches like a prize fighter with Lipscomb, but the TKO came for the Owls when Bison's Zac Miller punched a HR over the left field wall. The Owls lost 9-8.

### East Tennessee State Buccaneers - April 7 & 8 - Kennesaw, Ga.

A tough outing for Matt Eckardt proved to be too much for KSU to overcome as ETSU jumped all over the KSU pitching staff, scoring seven runs in the fourth inning. KSU pushed four runners across to cut into the Bucs' lead, but nothing doing for the Owls as they fell 9-5 to ETSU.

The second day of the series was a double-header in which KSU jumped out to early leads in both games. The first game the Owls punched a run across in the first two innings and the fifth and sixth innings. With a 4-1 lead entering the top of the eighth, KSU was rolling, but ETSU had some spark left. A 3-run eighth inning tied the game. Another run in the ninth put the BUS on top for good, 5-4.

The second game of the twin-bill saw KSU avoid the series sweep thanks to another dominating pitching appearance by Dale. He shut down the Bucs with another complete game and the shutout.

### Belmont Bruins - April 14 & 15 - Kennesaw, Ga.

The first game of the series had an ineffective pitching performance by the starter Muschara reliever Bruins KSU 9-5.

Dale back who jumped offenses Redden and in the second. the deal for the Owls as four runs on three hits scored, making the score 10-4. The Bruins rallied for two more runs, but could do no more. The Owls won 10-6.

In the second game, KSU and Belmont both were effective early offensively. The game was tied 3-3 in the fifth inning when KSU put two runs on the board on a Matt Nelson double down the left field line. The Owls held on to the lead and won 9-3



# Mike Sanging leads KSU baseball

## Experienced staff includes two former major league players



L.T. MELTON  
STAFF WRITER

The men's baseball team has been in good hands since 1992, the year Head Coach Mike Sanging began his tenure here. The Atlanta native and West Georgia alumnus has coached the Owls to two national titles as well as records for wins [61] and winning percentage [.924] in a single season. Under Sanging's tutelage the Owls were named the 1990's best Division II program by "Baseball America".

In his KSU coaching career Sanging has amassed a winning percentage of .729, with 608 wins to only 226 losses. He was named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coach of the Year, as well as the Georgia Dugout Club Coach of the Year after KSU's first national title in 1994. In 1996, after KSU's second national title, Sanging was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year.

Former World Series Champion with the Los Angeles Dodgers, William Brennan is in his third year as the Owls pitching coach.



Former professional baseball player, Ryan Coe joined the Owls as the batting coach in 1998 and the club went on to set single season hitting records.



Coach Bob Roman, the 1994 Georgia Dugout Club Assistant Coach of the Year, is the third base coach as well as the recruiting coordinator.

