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## Body of student found



[From left to right] Eric Martinez, Allan Bryant Whitman and Derrell Lee Rose were all taken into custody by the Cherokee County police department.

AMY STOREY NEWS EDITOR

Sept. 14 marked the third death of a KSU student under skeptical circumstances within a 30-day period.

Avnita Ghuman, sophomore international affairs major, was found in the trunk of her car on the evening of Sept. 14. The car was parked near a logging road off of Upper Sweetwater Road in Canton, Ga.

According to a statement released by the Cherokee County Sheriff Department, initial investigation failed to

reveal the cause of death, but refers to it as being "suspicious."

Three suspects were taken into custody by Cherokee County and Acworth detectives. Eric Martinez, 20, of Acworth, Alan Whitman, 21, of Acworth and Darrell Rose, 26, were served a search warrant at a Park Bridge apartment in Acworth, Ga. Rose was arrested on drug related charges and sent to Cobb County Adult Detention Center, where he was released on bond the same day. Martinez and Whitman were charged with tampering with

evidence, concealing a death and improper disposal of a body.

Their bonds were placed at \$16,800. They are currently being held at the Cherokee Adult Detention Center. Acworth has drug charges pending on all three suspects.

According to a public web page, Ghuman expressed her concern for human rights and love for her two cats, Scully and Mulder.

The body of Ketan Mohan Patel, junior computer science and information systems major, was found in

a burning car Aug. 26 in Milledgeville, Ga. The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office reports that no foul play was involved and the incident is still under investigation. Smoke inhalation was found to be the cause of death.

Acworth police are conducting an investigation of Ghuman's death, while Cherokee Sheriff's Office and Acworth Police are investigating the discovery of the body. At press time, an autopsy was being executed to determine the cause of death.

## KSU professors receive excellence awards honors

TINA WELLS STAFF WRITER

Two KSU professors have received Excellence Awards from the Board of Regents for the 2006 academic year.

Psychology department chair Randolph Smith is slated to receive the Board of Regents Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and history professor LeeAnn Lands will receive the Excellence in Teaching Award for the Summer Hill Project she orchestrated with her public history students. "It is a special recognition, not just of one or two years, but for most of my career," Smith said.

Smith is recognized as one of the top psychology educators in the country. He is currently the editor of *Teaching in Psychology* and was the recipient of the Charles L. Brewer Award for the Distinguished Teaching of Psychology in 2006 by the American Psychological Foundation. Smith also actively develops opportunities and encourages other faculty members to pursue teaching research.

The award is significant for educators who focus on teaching.

"The award speaks well for the system of Georgia and the Board of Regents that they recognize this type of achievement," Smith said.

"It sends a message across the system that not only is research important, but teaching and aiming for improvement in teaching is important as well."

Lands is also recognized by the recognition.

"The university already knew my interests and philosophy, but now I know the university and state are willing to visibly support critical pedagogy and activist scholarship," Lands said.

Lands' Summer Hill Project actively engaged her public history students in hands on research while documenting the history of the Summer Hill community in Cartersville, Ga.

"The project was a window of opportunity to have our students explore the richness of African American culture and life and to visibly mark African American history on the landscape," Lands said.

"One of the most important aspects of the project was that collectively we were able to chip away on the barriers that divide us racially and economically."

The Summer Hill Project was a collaborative effort between KSU, the Etowah Valley Consolidated Housing Foundation and the Summer Hill Foundation. The purpose was to preserve the history of the African American community of Summer Hill.

Lands and her group of public history students worked closely with the community to create the Summer Hill Museum and a documentary film that was aired nationally on Public Broadcasting stations. The students also created a website and teacher curriculum.

The significance of the project was that it preserved the history of a community that might otherwise have been lost.

"The project left an imprint in the community that other



Andrey Zorin | The Sentinel  
LeeAnn Lands [top] and Randolph Smith

children following us can learn from," Lands said.

Lands is very excited to be recognized by the Board of Regents for this award, but she stressed that this accomplishment was a collaborative effort and should be shared with her students.

"I received the award because it had to be given to an individual, but the students are the ones who were the creative force behind the project," Lands said.

"So much of the process was the undergraduates actually implementing this work and digging deep into the human element and making connections with the community."

KSU has consistently been recognized by the Board of Regents since the development of the Excellence award program in 1996. According to records at the Board of Regents, it is uncommon for a university to receive more than one award per year; KSU has taken home simultaneous awards repeatedly though out the years.

The purpose of the Board of Regents Excellence Award program is to encourage teaching that fosters high student achievement and student oriented research. The awards recognize outstanding teaching that engages the student in research and supports student success.

The Board of Regents chooses the award recipients from the nominations submitted by university presidents. Currently the Board of Regents has 35 public colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia.

Professor Smith will be presented with the Award for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning during the Board of Regents awards ceremony scheduled in March 2007. Professor Lands will be presented with the Award for Excellence in Teaching at a Board of Regents board meeting in November.

## Constitution Day recognized on campus

JEREMY BALL STAFF WRITER

Constitution Day celebrations at KSU officially kicks off Sept. 19 and will continue throughout the week of Sept. 22 with a variety of events.

A requirement by the Department of Education states that all higher education institutions receiving federal funds are now required to implement an educational program relating to the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 of this year and every year after. Thus, Constitution Day was born. This day is celebrated in honor of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787.

The New York Times, The Sentinel and the American Democracy Project will be sponsoring the events organized in order to help students, faculty and staff celebrate

this holiday.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, Julia Preston, New York Times Federal Courts reporter, will be speaking in the Burrus Building Room 151 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Entitled "Immigrants and Citizens," Preston's presentation will focus on immigration issues of today. Preston was a 1988 Pulitzer Prize recipient for a series focusing on drug corruption in Mexico.

A calligraphy and document presentation from the Director of the Library Bob Williams, and demonstration from Joe Head, dean of Enrollment Services, will be held in the Carmichael Student Center's University Rooms A and B from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 20.

The library will also be showing several constitution-era documents. Those in attendance will be able to witness a demonstration of penmanship similar to that of the Constitution's. Attendees

will also get their own chance at calligraphic writing.

The Constitution Bowl will take place Sept. 21 in University Room B from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. The Constitution Bowl is an academic college bowl-like competition. Teams of four will compete against each other in a showdown of Constitutional knowledge. Everyone in attendance will receive a pocket-sized copy of the U.S. Constitution.

James Gathii, Governor George E. Pataki Professor of International Commercial Law, in Albany Law School, New York will present a lecture concerning KSU's Year of Kenya at 6 p.m. in University Rooms C, D and E.

For information regarding constitution week, students are encouraged to visit [www.kennesaw.edu/university-college/constitutionday2006.html](http://www.kennesaw.edu/university-college/constitutionday2006.html).



Rick Winters | The Sentinel

## SG requests student feedback

SG president James Touchton and vice president Tsen-Tsen Diya direct a routine, weekly meeting. These meetings are used to discuss current issues, recent achievements and other things like recent survey.

For full story, see SG on page 2.

CONSTITUTION DAY  
CELEBRATION

Join us for a presentation by Julia Preston of the New York Times, a Constitution Bowl competition, and other activities and events. For a complete schedule, see our ad on page 3.



# KSU sponsors concert series

DANIEL BURNETT  
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this year, the College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University announced the names of the musicians and musical groups who were to perform in the ninth annual Starlight Series at KSU.

Known for everything from opera performances to movie themes, the College of Arts' presentations have been very popular with many students. Since the start of the series, cool jazz tunes could be heard all around campus.

"The College of the Arts is an academic unit in KSU," said Cheryl Anderson Brown, the public relations coordinator for the College of the Arts. Divided into the Department of Music, the Department of Visual Arts and the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, the

college is responsible for many of the arts performances that occur on campus.

For nine years, the College of the Arts has presented the Starlight Series to showcase talent from both within KSU and around the world to students. The concerts specialize in jazz artists and "pops concerts," which consist of popular music and movie themes.

Considered to be the "big name" of the series, Nestor Torres, a Latin Grammy recipient, is a jazz musician with a twist. The artist uses flutes and chanting to enhance the sound of his music, which is popular around the globe. People in many countries including Japan, Spain and Mexico have been drawn to his concerts and music.

"It appeals to a broad spectrum of people, whether they're children or old people, black

or white, rich or poor," said Torres.

Because of his musical appeal to fans, he was chosen as the 2006 Starlight Highlight, an award reserved to only one or two musicians a year.

Other performances included the Cobb Symphony Orchestra and the KSU Jazz Ensemble, which is scheduled to perform again during the seventh, and final, concert of the series. The show will take place Sept. 24 at the Legacy Gazebo. The ensemble will perform at 7:30. Lawn seating is \$5.

"It is a fun way to listen to some great music and enjoy time with friends," Brown said.

The concerts tend to draw between 300-2000 people, depending on the performer and season.

"The Fourth of July performance is the most popular," Brown said.



Photo by Andrey Zorin | The Sentinel

Latin Grammy recipient Nestor Torres performed his set in front of a packed house by the Legacy Gazebo.

She suggested its popularity stems from the fireworks that conclude the show.

"They are a lot more social than more formal performances," Brown said.

"People just get up and dance!"

"I like performing at the Gazebo," said Lynn Kunkel, vocalist in the jazz ensemble.

"It's a much more laid back

atmosphere."

Kunkel added that many recognizable songs will be played at the concert and that the performance is a great show for couples.

# NSCS chapter honors new members

DANIEL BURNETT  
STAFF WRITER

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars welcomed new members to the charitable organization Sept. 17 in the University Rooms in the Carmichael Student Center.

NSCS, an invitation-only organization, caters to the academic student who wants to make a difference in their community through volunteer work, tutoring and community service projects. More than two hundred students were offered invitations to the program this year.

"It's about new opportunities to experience new things, new places, new people," said new inductee Audrey Daniel.

Like many of the club's newest members, she was excited about the scholarships and study abroad programs that NSCS offers.

"It's an opportunity to meet people, extend yourself and see what else is going on outside the school. It's a chance to go beyond [academics]," said chapter advisor Tara Parker.

When NSCS is not making a difference in the community, it is showering its members with awards. Four women were awarded with the 2006 Distinguished Member Award, and \$100 and \$50 scholarships were awarded to Daniel Kupsky and Cris Cortez.

NSCS, however, was not always so

successful. Tammy Tso, Coordinator of Publicity for NSCS, explained that when she first became active in the organization, it was a dying program. Participation and enthusiasm were at all-time lows. With the help of other members, she was successful in bringing NSCS to the active and influential club it is today.

For years, NSCS was considered a Bronze Star chapter by the main office in Washington, D.C. Last year, in the club's fifth year of operation, the members were able to bring the organization up to Gold Star status, the highest honor to be bestowed on the chapter.



Dalinda Dennis, a representative from the Washington office, spoke at the ceremony.

"I could never imagine three years later that I could be standing in front of you as a representative for the office in Washington D.C.," said Dennis.

"Being a leader is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Dennis shared her insight to the inductees as she spoke of the great advantages and opportunities that NSCS can provide.

Another speaker, Director of the Student Life Center Kathy Alday, praised the program for its tremendous service to the community and

academia.

"The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is one of the finest student organizations," said Alday.

Cris Cortez, award recipient and a member since 2002 also spoke.

"I've enjoyed every year of it," said Cortez.

"We do a lot of community service."

Among the service projects include working with high school students to discuss college life, Habitat for Humanity, Hands on Atlanta and toy drives during the holidays. With so many people that need the group's help, the officer board was happy to have so many students interested in joining.

After the students received their honorary pins Chapter President Ileana Koczka led the inductees through the oath of the NSCS.

"Now it's really up to you to take the next step," said Executive VP Elaine McMahon.

"Most of all, make this club your own. Until I learned what it is to serve your community, I didn't know what it was to live."

In the coming months, NSCS will sponsor tutoring sessions, toy drives and even a Halloween dance.

"We have a great semester ahead," said VP of Community Service Lissette Davila.

"And we can't wait for you to be a part of it."

Photo by Andrey Zorin | The Sentinel  
Many significant figures attended the induction. Among them was an NSCS representative from Washington, D.C.

# SG considers survey answers

SG, from front page

MEGHAN GRIFFIN  
STAFF WRITER

During Week of Welcome over six hundred students were surveyed by Student Government about issues concerning KSU.

The students surveyed were given free pizza, t-shirts and other KSU accessories for their cooperation. SG decided to hold the survey in order to get a feel for what the students thought were important issues. SG will now be able to set their agenda around the students' needs much more so than by assuming they know what the student body wants.

"The surveys were done in order to gauge students feedback and find out that many of the issues have already been initiated and SG is publishing some of those as right now," said James Touchton, president of SG.

SG surveyed students on issues involving advisement, WebCT, housing, sports, meal plans and whether or not Kennesaw should add new degree programs.

The majority of the students surveyed were in favor of most of the questions asked, with the

exception of housing. Eighty percent of the students surveyed do not live on campus; instead, they commute daily. Only twelve percent of the students surveyed strongly disagreed with the idea of some sort of meal plan. Ninety-four percent agree KSU should have more green space for student activities and intramural fields. More and more students want KSU to become more of a "normal, traditional" university and less of a commuter school, despite the numerous amounts of people who commute.

SG sent out an email with the finalized results to the faculty and staff. Changes on many of the issues have already been initiated. SG is keeping open communication with President Papp, Faye Silverman, Director of the Bookstore and Director of Auxiliary Services and Dr. King, the Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Services.

"It is our hope and goal that we will continue to raise the bar for next year and leave behind a legacy that shows how much we did for students," Touchton said.

For contact information, visit their website at [www.ksusg.org](http://www.ksusg.org).

# New mp3 player expected to contest iPod

ZACH VOSS  
TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Microsoft has officially dropped the bomb with their up and coming "iPod Killer," the Zune.

Reportedly, Apple has sold over 42 million iPods and now Microsoft wants some of that pie. The Zune, release date yet to be announced, will be similar to the iPod in that it will be available with a 30 GB hard drive, which has the capability to store 7,500 songs, 25,000 pictures or 100 hours of video.

Once plugged into your computer, the Zune's accompanying software, Zune Marketplace, will download all of your existing music, video and pictures onto its hard drive. All of your videos and images will be played off of Zune's three inch LCD screen that can be used as landscape or portrait, compared to iPod Video's two and a half inch screen which can only be viewed as portrait.

According to [zuneinsider.com](http://zuneinsider.com), Cesar Menendez, a Microsoft employee, stated that Zune's file formats will support your existing, unprotected, music library [MP3, AAC and WMA files] as well as video formats [WMV, H.264, MPEG4, 320x240] and JPG photo files. Zune will also be able to download and play Podcasts.

What makes the Zune stand out from the iPod is "Zune-to-Zune." Zune-to-Zune

allows you to wirelessly share full-length sample tracks, pictures, playlists or even your own personal recordings with your friend's Zune. Once you receive a sample track from your friend, you can listen to it three times in three days before it expires and you are prompted to buy the song the next time you connect to Zune Marketplace. Once a song is expired you cannot receive the song again as a sample track.

Zune Marketplace is like Apple's iTunes, where you can either pay per download or download per monthly subscription, called a Zune Pass. The Zune Pass allows you to access all of Zune Marketplace with unlimited downloads. Microsoft has yet to announce a price range for the Zune Pass.

Marketplace even works with Microsoft Points, so downloading without a credit card is easier than ever. Currently, Microsoft Points are used with Xbox Live, which allows members to purchase points at a local retailer or with a credit card and then use the points to purchase updates or even new multiplayer maps. The Zune also features a built-in FM tuner, so you can listen to all of your favorite stations. Also, unlike the iPod, you can create and customize playlists on

the go.

Microsoft plans to have the Zune available for Christmas. A price has yet to be revealed but is expected to be competitive.

The Zune will be available in three different colors; white, black and brown. More Zune devices will be available 2007.



Techno  
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# Living large in Georgia

T.R. MALONEY  
HEALTH BEAT



The CDC announced this week that 6 in 10 U.S. adults are overweight or obese.

The findings are based on a study of 333,000 adults aged 18 and older. The study ranked Georgia 14 in adult obesity with 25.9 percent of Georgia's population in the overweight, obese or extremely obese categories.

The report that appeared in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report showed Mississippi the worst ranked at 30.3 percent obese and Colorado the leanest, with a 17.4 percent obesity ranking.

In 2005 60.5 percent of U.S. adults were overweight, obese or extremely obese.

Most of those people were overweight but not obese. Twenty four percent were obese and 3 percent were extremely obese. Not surprisingly, the CDC said more work is needed to reverse America's continued trend towards obesity.

The CDC report also brought to light some interesting data. Obesity was least common among adults aged 18-29 years [nearly 18 percent] and most common among those in their 50's [nearly 30 percent]. Obesity data among races showed

22 percent of whites, nearly 34 percent of blacks and about 26 percent of Hispanics were obese in 2005.

W e b M D defines obese as: "excess proportioning of total body fat." A person is considered to be obese when his or her weight is 20 percent or more above normal weight. A common and quick way to check for obesity is the body mass index or

BMI.

A BMI is derived from an individual's weight and height. The calculation does not account for muscle mass. A BMI calculator can be found online at webmd.com. A person with a BMI between 25 and 29.9 is considered overweight. A person is considered obese when their BMI is over 30.

Overweight or obese people are consuming more calories than they are burning. In other words, they are eating too much and exercising too little.

While there are other contributing factors to consider, illness and medication, a sedentary lifestyle seems to be the main culprit. Even in a high-paced, competitive world the majority of the population are still toiling at a desk and not getting out and moving around. Lunch hours have been replaced by mad dashes to fast food restaurants and eating at the computer.

The good news is that those willing to make the change to a healthier lifestyle can do so

with relatively low or, in some cases, no cost. Just the act of walking through a neighborhood is enough activity to stimulate the body to burn calories and help jump-start one's metabolism.

Doctors agree that the first step is to consult a physician before any exercise program is implemented. The best way to exercise safely and avoid injury is to start slowly. Walking, swimming and cycling are low impact exercises that most adults are capable of performing. Most reputable gyms have programs for beginners and can perform a fitness analysis to help derive the best fitness plan for any individual.

Those looking to start a workout program, or continue their healthy lifestyle, can visit the

KSU Wellness Center. The center is open to all students and faculty and offers a wide variety of equipment and exercise, events and programs. The Wellness Center's 45,000 square feet of space includes strength and conditioning programs, cardiovascular training, a circuit training room and a floor exercise and stretching area. The facility offers 52 pieces of cardio machines from treadmills to rowers to elliptical machines, as well as 5 tons of free weights. Floor attendants are available for orientation and assistance. The center also has heart rate monitors available for checkout for no additional charge. For more details on the services of the KSU Wellness Center visit [kennesaw.edu/col\\_hhs/wellness](http://kennesaw.edu/col_hhs/wellness).

## CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATION

On Sept. 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed by thirty-nine brave men who changed the course of history. Now Constitution Day is a time for us to continue their legacy and develop habits of citizenship in a new generation of Americans.

KSU with support of The New York Times, The Sentinel and The American Democracy Project have planned a number of activities to celebrate Constitution Day, 2006. Please join us and invite students to attend:

**Tuesday, September 19, 2006:**

**Guest Speaker - Julia Preston - NY Times Correspondent**  
12:30 - 1:45 p.m.  
Burrus Building Room 151

**Wednesday, September 20, 2006:**

**Calligraphy & Document Demonstration - Mr. Bob Williams, Director of the Library will have several constitution-era documents available and Joe Head, Dean of Enrollment Services and Director of Admissions will demonstrate calligraphy as it was used to actually write the constitution.**  
12:30 - 1:45 p.m.  
University Rooms A&B  
Carmichael Student Center

**Thursday, September 21, 2006:**

**Constitution Bowl - A college bowl-like competition based on knowledge of the constitution.**  
12:30 - 1:45 p.m.  
University Room B  
Carmichael Student Center

**"The History and Politics of Constitutional Reform in Kenya"**

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6:30 p.m., University Center Rooms C, D, & E

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# POLICE BEAT

EMILY WYSOCKI  
STAFF WRITER

Police were dispatched to University Village Sept. 9 in response to a domestic dispute. Upon arrival, police learned of the tenant who was assaulted over a decline to a party. The tenant was slapped in the face twice by a male who appeared to be intoxicated. Several witnesses confirmed the claims. The assailant was later found in a University Village apartment and was placed under arrest for simple battery and given a criminal trespass warning not to return to KSU. He was then transported to the Cobb County Adult Detention Center.

Police arrived on the second level of the east park-

ing deck Sept. 12 in response to a damage of property complaint. On the north side of the parking deck, the complainant pointed out her vehicle was parked near the elevators. The complainant reported that she last saw her car at 5:45 a.m. and upon coming back to it at 8:45 a.m., evident damage to her hood and left side grill had occurred. There were no paint transfers, noticeable scratches or vehicle parts around to suggest the damage coming from a nearby car.

On a routine route to check for parking violators, police come across a black BMW on Marietta Drive with a ticket on its windshield that had been placed there Sept. 7. Dispatch was contacted to check the tag for any wants and owner information. After inventory of the car's contents through the windows was completed, Wilbur's Wrecker Service was contacted to transport the impounded vehicle to Wilbur's impound lot.

A hit and run was reported

Sept. 12. The complainant reported that she had parked her car in lot A at 7:30 a.m. that morning and returned at 2:30 p.m. to find that there had been a moderate sized dent put into the car's passenger side taillight. Due to its position and angled of the dent, it was obvious that the car was hit by another vehicle.

The night of Sept. 12, at 9:41 p.m., police were dispatched to University Village apartments in response to complaint of harassing phone calls. Upon arrival, the police spoke to a 20 year-old woman about a phone call she had gotten from a past partner. The man calling asked her to buy alcohol for him, and when she refused, he cursed at her and hung up. Concerned with the fact that he knows where she lives and what car she drives, the woman contacted the police. Police informed her that no crime had been committed, yet if anything does happen to call the police to report it.

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## Decriminalizing marijuana could benefit the U.S.

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In 2003 marijuana possessions accounted for 21 percent of all arrests. In a 2004 National Survey on Drugs and Health, it was found that 94,000,000 Americans had at least tried marijuana once, and over 3 million people use it daily. About 2 million people try marijuana for the first time every year. Yet this drug is still illegal. Should we legalize it?

As a non-smoker, I don't feel this would solve the problem. If marijuana is legalized, the FDA will regulate it and corporations will sell it. They will use addictive chemicals and possibly increase prices. The answer is to decriminalize it. If marijuana is decriminalized there will be less over-crowding in prisons, less organized crime profit and it will allow for more research into medicinal uses as well as keep corporations from being able to sell it.

Comparing this situation to prohibition, society donated a lot of time and money to the prevention of illegal sales and illegal use of alcohol. However, this did not stop people from drinking. Organized crime groups became the suppliers of alcohol and all of the profit went to them. There was increased gang violence over territory, not to mention that the illegal production made some alcohol dangerous to drink.

The same is true for marijuana use today. Laws are not keeping people from smoking and

organized crime factions are profiting. Smokers do not always know what they are getting and the marijuana they purchase could be laced with more dangerous drugs.

According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report in 2000, the number of people arrested for marijuana charges was 734,000; this number far exceeded the number of arrests for all violent crimes combined, including rape, murder, robbery and aggravated assault. Of these 734,000, many will not go to jail and many will not even go to trial. They will see a judge to plea bargain, their case will be dismissed, or they may be diverted to treatment. If marijuana were decriminalized police forces would have more time and resources to devote to catching real criminals, such as rapists and murderers, and we would be able to devote our court time to sentencing such people. Decriminalization would also lessen the prison population, which in turn would reduce over-crowding and allow more room for these real criminals.

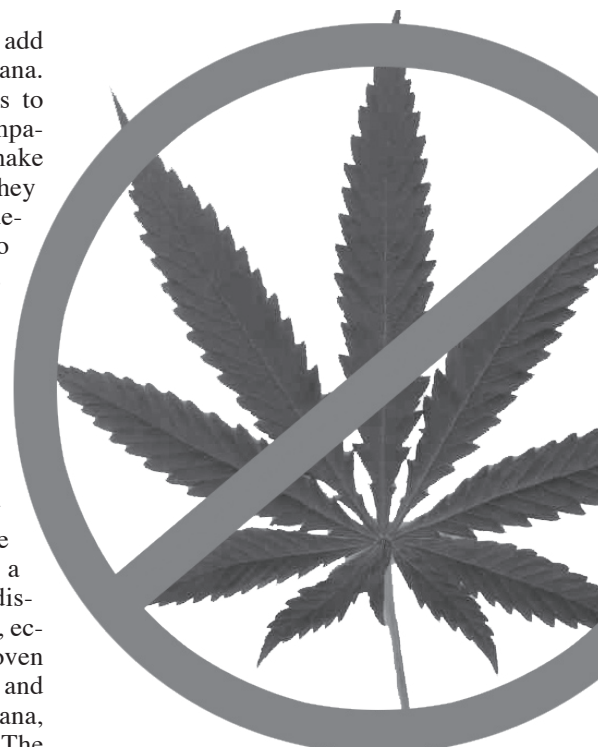
One medicinal use for marijuana is for cancer patients. If patients go through chemotherapy they often have trouble eating due to nausea. Medicinal marijuana's anti-nausea properties helps patients overcome this feeling and also stimulates their appetite. With more research and development, doctors may be able to find more ways to help patients with other ailments through use of this drug.

Why not legalize? First of all, the FDA

would implement standards of growing, add taxes and instill a legal age to smoke marijuana. Legalization would also allow corporations to control the sale of this drug. Tobacco companies add chemicals to their cigarettes that make them physically addictive; what is to say they would not do the same to marijuana? By decriminalizing it, Americans would be able to grow, possess, and smoke their own herb, only criminalizing the sale of marijuana. In effect, this would reduce gang activity and taxes appropriated to marijuana related offenses.

The effects of marijuana are no worse than cigarettes or alcohol. Putting laws similar to alcohol or cigarette use on marijuana use would curb criminal charges to only apply to underage users and irresponsible adult users. In the Netherlands, they have a hard drug/soft drug law that makes a clear distinction between hard drugs [cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, i.e. drugs that have been medically proven to be physically harmful to the human body] and soft drugs [psilocybin mushrooms, marijuana, psychedelic drugs with minimal harm]. The distinction comes from whether or not the drug causes dangerous withdrawal symptoms.

If America were to decriminalize marijuana and pass laws such as those in the Netherlands, marijuana would become less of a taboo subject, ultimately reducing use. Prisons would benefit, Americans would face less violence and less



criminal charges and to put it bluntly [no pun intended] everyone would be much more chill. If you ask me, the world could use a bit more of a laid back attitude. Put down the nuclear weapons and pick up a bag of potato chips.

## Leave your political agendas at the door

College professors have more than just lesson plans

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Churchill defends his radical views at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Are they padding the walls in the teacher's lounge yet?

In reading Noam Chomsky's "Hegemony or Survival-America's quest for Global Dominance" I found a quote that irked me more than the others. It was from "Middle East expert" Fawaz Gerges on the subject of war in Iraq.

Gerges found it, "simply unbelievable how the war has revived the appeal of a global jihadi Islam that was in real decline after 9/11." Recruitment for the Al Qaeda networks increased, while Iraq itself became a "terrorist haven" for the first time.

The appeal of global jihadi was on the decline after 9/11? What? Is Gerges just stupid or being purposefully ignorant? I don't think the appeal of global jihadi Islam was on the decline. If anything, 9/11 was a huge recruitment tool for Al Qaeda.

To claim Iraq became a "terrorist haven" for the first time is a little short-sighted. What were the rape rooms? What about the five thousand dead Kurds on whom Hussein tested deadly gas? I think Iraq has been a terrorist haven for a long time. Let us not forget the \$25,000 Saddam Hussein was handing out to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers.

I was curious about Gerges. Who was he and upon what elevated perch did that placate his pompous rear end? I went to www.campus-watch.org and there he was. Gerges is a professor at Sarah Lawrence College in New York. Fawaz is a Middle East expert and has appeared on Paula Zahn, CNN, The Charlie Rose Show and The Oprah Winfrey Show. Well then, if it's on Oprah, you know it's credible. For those who watch Oprah, have a Dr.Phil diet book, or care what Suri Cruise looks like — the last remark was sarcastic.

According to campus-watch,

Gerges is "yet another Middle East specialist who minimizes the threat of militant Islam while presenting the United States as a sinister force."

What catches my attention more than another "American hater" is that he is a college professor. Then I recalled seeing a group of college professors on C-SPAN talking about the so-called 9/11 conspiracies that are about as relevant as a Kerry-Edwards bumper sticker in 2006.

So what is going on with college professors getting all crazy? Are college campuses giving professors too much time without guidance or supervision? Is the comfort of tenure giving these professors too much latitude for their attitude? Did these professors finally move out of their parent's basement and are having angst from leaving the nest at age 42?

University of Colorado has Ward Churchill getting all foamy around the mouth with his comparing 9/11 victims to Adolf Eichmanns, one of the architects of the Holocaust. This tenured professor has written numerous books and hundreds of published articles. When the uproar around Churchill's comments attracted national attention the University of Colorado at Boulder investigated the allegations of research misconduct.

They found Churchill had engaged in "serious research misconduct" including four counts of falsifying information, two counts of fabricating information, two counts of plagiarism, improperly reporting the results of studies and failing to "comply with

established standards regarding names on publications." If that wasn't enough, the investigative committee also found him "disrespectful of Indian oral traditions."

That could explain the nasty ponytail. Note to Churchill: braided silver hair is best kept to the rear end of a horse.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has Kevin Barrett, who claims the collapse of the World Trade Towers was a plot by the US government to justify a preplanned war in Iraq. Barrett is a member of the Scholars for 9/11 Truth. One of the charges against the government was that it cleaned up Ground Zero fast so people wouldn't uncover the wires and explosives. And I thought they were looking for survivors.

Make up your mind already. Katrina clean up is too slow and now Ground Zero was too fast. Not that it should matter, but Barrett has a minor in Folklore, French Literature and is teaching an introductory class on Islam. I'm sure the tone will be fair and balanced.

There is a fine line between teaching and preaching, and the real losers will be the students. Professors have a responsibility to teach and mold students impartially in preparation for real life challenges and hopefully success. Taking advantage of a captive audience [students] to wax unfettered about unsupported theories and anti-American emotion is pathetic. As students we must take a Socratic approach to those claiming to know the "answers."

## The new wave of manliness is on the rise

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"I find it truly appalling that there are people in the world like you. You are a disgusting, vile, repulsive, repugnant, foul creature. Because of you, I don't believe in God anymore. No just God would allow someone like you to exist."

This was one of many responses to a book published by Tucker Max called "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell." In his book he writes about his lifestyle of drunken debauchery. It's part of a new wave of writing the New York Times has dubbed 'fratire.' Many people have found fratire to be repulsive, misogynistic and homophobic. Oh, and that book I mentioned sold 60,000 copies in the first sixth months, and spent two weeks on the New York Times Best Seller List.

To explain what fratire is, a short history lesson is vital. You can break down feminism into three waves. The first wave saw the birth of such movements as Women's Suffrage and many vital social revolutions for women. The second wave took women out of the kitchen and into the workplace and provided the sexual revolution. This leads us to the third wave, which sought to defy gender rules; this has given us results such as Britney Spears, Suicide Girls and Margaret Cho.

The problem is that this led to a lot of confusion in the role of the modern male, spawning the PC revolution and brought about the metrosexual trend five years ago. However, signs are pointing toward a change in attitude and a resurgence of manliness; Cargo, the metro sexual bible, is now a relic of a forgotten age. Replacing this are commercials like 'Man Laws,' wherein a group of males led by Burt Reynolds lay down the laws that should govern the male life. This comes as a result of a recent poll by advertising agency Leo Burnett that found that 70 percent of American males thought that advertising was out of touch with them.

Professor Harvey Mansfield of Harvard has said, "We're in the middle of a Mannaisance." He has made a call

for the return of classic male characteristics such as decisiveness and assertiveness: his book "Manliness" talks about the stark differences between the sexes. Instead of hiding these differences, he wishes to celebrate them.

What some people don't seem to get is that this is not a snub to feminists, it's merely an entirely modern rebirth of machismo. This is where fratire steps in. It often takes the old standards of what makes a man and exaggerates them. It is done in a mocking nature, but with the point of pointing out the absurdity of the situation. What one witnesses is not just some beer fest and moral bankruptcy, it's a lampoon of the culture wars, and an attempt at true equality. In essence, it is man's answer to chick-lit.

The new wave is showing strength too. A book titled "The Alphabet of Manliness," published by a man going by the pseudonym of Maddox, debuted at number four on the NY Times Best Seller List. In his book Maddox plays the part of a hot sauce-filled woman-ogling a metal-loving gas-passing pirate. It's filled with absurd humor such as showing mathematically how beef jerky is composed of little girls and how lumberjacks are raised by cyclopes.

Maddox and Tucker Max are not the only ones. Richard Hamburger writes about ninjas. He says, "When you think about the ninja, you think about the apex of manliness. These are guys no one could ever spank or tell what to do or tell what time they could go to bed — real men. It's a spoof of that." Another author in the movement mentioning is Frank Rich, author of "The Modern Drunkard," who writes exclusively about drinking and alcohol.

But ladies, don't take offense. This is no movement to undo the feminist revolution. The undeniable fact is that men and women are different. Hiding the fact that men can sometimes be disgusting pigs does nothing but repress natural urges. Men are looking for a return of their role in society, but with a modern outlook that emphasizes inclusion and understanding. Just remember the old saying: boys will be boys.

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# Big tobacco aims at women

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Next time you walk around campus, take a look at the people you see smoking. This summer I saw an article about the decline in male smokers and a rise in women smoking, internationally. After reading it, I have walked around observing smokers on campus. I have not done any research about women smokers at KSU, but by observation, it seemed to hold true even on our own campus.

I notice this all the time; I will see guys smoking, but most of the people I notice seem to be girls. Even when you hear about Hollywood actors that smoke, it seems that actresses are more commonly smokers than their male counterparts.

This made me think about what the reasons could be that are causing women to smoke more. Is it because of the rise of women in the workplace? Is it the stress from everyday living? At a conference held by the American Cancer Society reasons for the increase reported to be from cigarette companies marketing towards women.

Project leader of the British Columbia Center of Excellence for Woman's Health, Lorraine Greaves, said that the marketing being aimed at woman is rising in poorer countries, as advertisements in these countries use attractive and modern

women in their marketing campaigns. This seems so true in our country alone. Take a look at "Sex and the City." Carrie Bradshaw is a constant smoker. Could it really be that Carrie Bradshaw created more than just clothes as a fashion?

Even in magazines, I see ads for cigarettes with female models smoking. In tabloids, you see celebrity women smokers—Kate Moss, Jennifer Aniston, Courtney Cox and Catherine Zeta-Jones just to name a few. And forget real people—just look at Jessica Rabbit. That cartoon is supposed to be for children who grow up thinking smoking makes you beautiful.

I can only imagine how they try and play up women smoking in other countries. I have personally seen many movies, Hollywood and foreign, that used images of women smoking being portrayed as sexy. Women hold and smoke cigarettes in erotic scenes, or in sexual ways.

I can see how it can be portrayed as creating an "independent" woman. The media has portrayed independent women as taking on a lot in their careers, and dealing with a lot of stress. Most of these films and television shows have plots about the struggles of how women are not able to maintain relationships and a career. Is it true that women can't balance both? I guess not, so instead

they start a relationship with smoking.

The American Cancer Society web site suggested that women with less education are more likely to smoke, and that women who begin smoking before high school graduation will be more likely to smoke heavier as adults. It went on to say that it's popular among young women and less accepted in older women, and the health consequences will be a growing issue in the future.

On Jan. 1, 2006, KSU became a restricted smoking campus, which enabled smokers to light up only in designated areas. Many people on campus have been heated by the new regulation, but KSU adopted this smoking restriction policy in efforts to help create healthy lifestyles and prevent health hazards. In addition to health issues, the school foresaw preventions of other problems such as cleaning, maintenance costs, fire damage and employee health and medical care.

Hopefully the next research will show that there is a decline in women smokers. I like the way that the American Cancer Society stated it: "Smoking is the most preventable cause of early death in this country." Maybe we can all grow out of our smoking stages and prevent unnecessary health issues for our futures.



# Maintaining a safer America

What's the tax on that?

BETH BALLINGER  
COLUMNIST

With the formidable prospect of another terrorist attack on America, President Bush signed the USA PATRIOT Act [Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act] into law in 2001. The House and Senate both passed the Act within 48 hours.

The PATRIOT Act expands the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act from having the capabilities of investigating only those terrorists associated with a specific nation or involved in international terrorism to include the capabilities to investigate 'lone wolf' terrorists. A 'lone wolf' does not need to be associated with any group or nation to be investigated, as long as there is some sort of evidence to justify him or her as a terrorist suspect.

Section 106 adds to this by expanding the International Emergency Powers Act from the presidential authority of investigating suspicious foreign monetary exchanges to include the capabilities of investigating anyone under the U.S. jurisdiction without a warrant or any reason to suspect said person.

What does this mean? This means that the American government now has the power to check what books individuals are purchasing, what web sites are visited from each network address and what people are saying to their friends, neighbors and relatives. It means

that declaring martial law has become much easier for the Bush administration in that they don't even have to declare it to start implementing its effects. It means that if you mention the words "bomb," "terrorist" or "chemicals" you may become a suspect of terrorism.

However, our government would never exploit these newfound privileges without an explicable reason that relates all investigations to our protection against the War on Terror. We can trust them completely and go about our daily lives without any concern.

Right? Well, I wouldn't go that far. The FBI has admitted to more than 100 violations of civil liberties when conducting surveillance, and they aren't the only department conducting illegal surveillance programs. The National Security Agency has been conducting a warrant-less wiretapping program since just after the attacks on 9/11. President Bush and his administration justify the program, that until last December was kept secret, by saying "Congress gave [the Bush administration] the power to conduct warrant-less wiretaps when they told him to use 'all necessary and appropriate military force' against Al Qaeda."

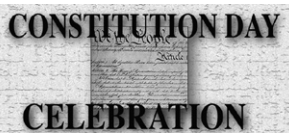
If the administration were only using the program against members of Al Qaeda, then that reasoning would check out. However, this program has

been used to tap into telephone calls across the nation that are completely unrelated to Al Qaeda or any terrorism group at all. Furthermore, there is a record of all calls, emails and other online information kept using Carnivore, an online-detection program used by the FBI and based in Atlanta.

We all want protection and we all want to feel safer, but where do we draw the line? Part of what makes America so great is our melting pot. There are so many different kinds of people, different cultures, different political views and other characteristics that make this country great. Without the First Amendment, there would be no way to express our differences. Is the tax on protection destined to always be our rights to freedom?

Our government is in place to keep order, but there has to be a balance of order and freedom. Maybe it's worth giving up freedom of speech and the requirement of a warrant to put someone under surveillance, but I prefer liberty to over-protection.

The USA PATRIOT Act effects us all. We no longer have the liberties we've come to take for granted. The Bush administration now feels they have a duty to listen to our conversations whether we like it or not. Any information about us can be divulged to Homeland Security at the drop of a hat. Between the government's ease of attaining information about me and some of the recent illegal activity our government has been involved in, I do not feel at all safer without my civil liberties.



September 17 was Constitution Day, and KSU is celebrating the week of September 18-22, in collaboration with the KSU American Democracy Project committee, The New York Times and The Sentinel newspaper. This commentary was the winner of The Sentinel's Column Contest. Runnerups will be published in future issues. ~ Op/Ed Editor



# I want to be like Steve



Terry, Irwin's wife, holds a baby alligator as Irwin gives it a playful kiss Bob Pepping | MCT Campus

Finding the crocodile hunter in all of us

DANISH AMIN  
COLUMNIST

On Sept. 4 Steve Irwin lost his life and proved to be mortal, but immortality was afoot after his death. After his life ended in a horrible accident, millions received the news of his death. Only then a sad sigh swept the world for the loss of one of its finest adrenaline junkies.

My life's 20 years have taught me that people usually don't care about some guy who used to be on TV, let alone The Animal Planet. Many celebrities passed away in last year, but none of them received a mourning anywhere near that of Steve Irwin. For example, when Johnny Carson died not many of us felt as distressed as when we heard that the Crocodile Hunter passed away.

The surprise of his death got to us all and many showed their feelings toward Irwin in noble ways. There were thousands of groups created on the online network Facebook.com, and millions of people joined those groups. Most of the groups were focused on remembering Irwin and irrelevant people discussing how Chuck Norris died not many of us felt as distressed as when we heard that the Crocodile Hunter passed away.

All this attention to the death of a conservationist Aussie got me thinking: why do people care so much about this one guy? Most people who felt sorry for his death had never even

watched his show, but only seen him every now and then on TV. I thought for a while about why so many care for this one person.

Then it finally hit me. I finally knew what that one thing was, and that one thing wasn't in the Crocodile Hunter, it was in all of us. Irwin represented something that we all at some point in our life wanted to be, but over time it became inevitable for the heart to change.

To say we all wanted to be a Crocodile Hunter would be an over statement, but we wanted our presence to be felt all around us in positive ways, in which we make others happy and ultimately make ourselves happy. We wanted to be firefighters, astronauts, veterinarians, professional athletes or even a Power Ranger.

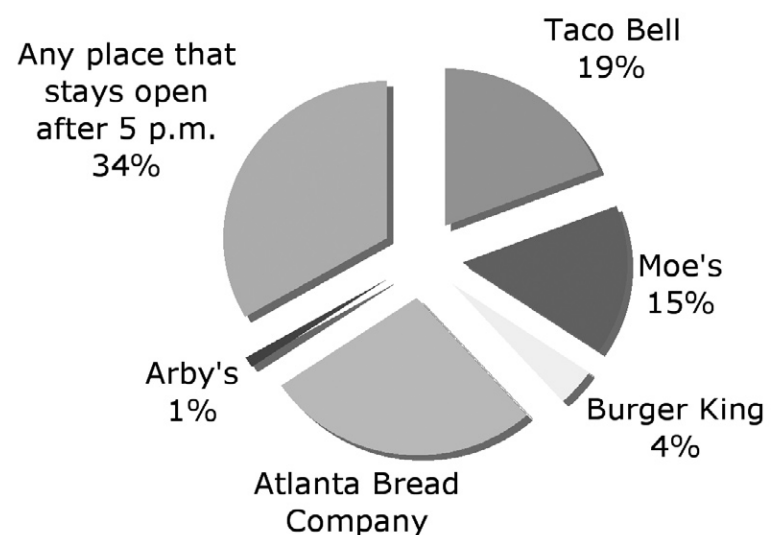
Needs never stay the same and wants are even harder to remain consistent. About 12 years ago none of us wanted to be an accountant, a psychologist, a lawyer, a biochemist or a politician. Today we all aspire to be all those things that we truly never had a whole lot passion about as a young mind.

Most of us saw our old dreams in the original Crocodile Hunter, and when he was no more we felt as though our already destroyed dreams were lost forever. As we grew up, the Crocodile Hunter in all of us became less evident.

Irwin will be forgotten in few months, if not few weeks. He will become another figure in the history books that people rarely ever pick up to read. If we lift the curtain of our man-made needs, we will find that a dream still exists somewhere inside of us. If we can get out from behind that curtain we will see that in our own special ways we all are crocodile hunters.

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# FEATURES

## Tony Grooms entertains at public library

JESSICA EDENS  
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Tony Grooms, professor of creative writing at KSU, spoke to an audience at the Cobb County Central Library Sept. 14.

The evening, narrated by Grooms, contained several excerpts of his literature. He began with the poem "Journey to the South." One of the poem's themes, he explained, is the human tendency to look for "that which is fantastic," and realizing that what you have is equally so.

Grooms read in a way that was calming and gentle. This approach gave his words a personal resonance and realistic flow. He shared a bit of the story "Negro Progress" from his book "Trouble No More." Grooms created in those listening empathy for the main character, Carlton, as he takes in the Civil Rights demonstration going on around him. It was as though merely closing one's eyes brings Carlton to life, and his fear and confusion are tangible.

The stories in "Trouble No More" and his book "Bombingham" represent a variety of perspectives through-

out the middle class black demographic of the Civil Rights era. Grooms pointed out that most of his background information was learned through his wife's family and by living in the south.

Unlike "Trouble No More," a formal research process went into the development of "Bombingham." Grooms recalled a woman around the age of 80 who he interviewed. To speak with her, it wasn't as simple as knocking on her door and coming in with his voice recorder. He had to go to her home and invite her to his house for lunch. She returned the gesture by dressing up for the occasion. Upon questioning her about protests during the movement, she revealed that she had no memory of where their destination was, or what she was protesting specifically.

"All she remembered was that she was MAD! She still had the energy, but had lost the focus," said Grooms.

That spirit is what emanates from Grooms' stories. To Grooms, his book "opened up the myths of Birmingham," which, even while having been scrutinized extensively, haven't been sufficiently explained. His efforts have been an aim to

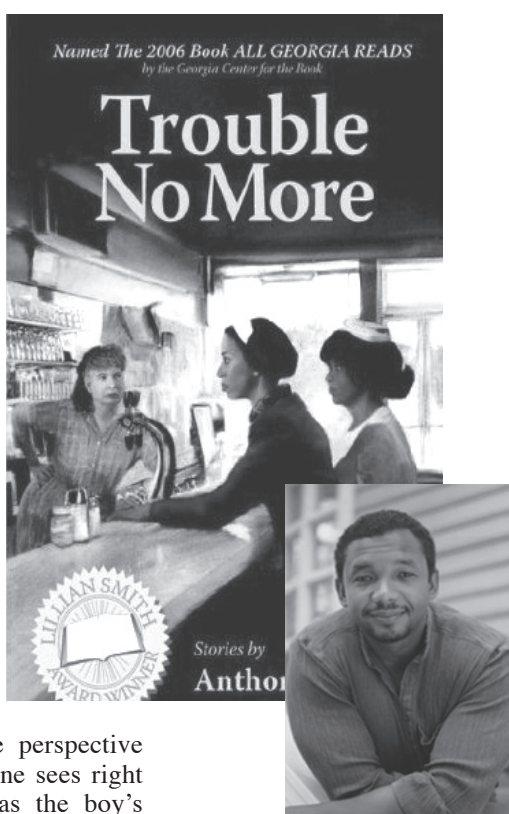
"demythologize" the instability and struggle of the era in that region.

As far as any future writing, Grooms said he's still in a historical mindset, and his current project is based primarily in the seventies. That is the most current époque he wants to venture into.

Grooms continued reading; He began to unwind the tale of a young boy watching James Brown "act a fool" on the Ed Sullivan Show. The boy's aunt, uncle and father went steadily into a heated conversation about the behavior they saw on the television. It was as if the scene was played out before the audience. Those who could relate filled the room with laughter. As told from the perspective of Little Ralph, one sees right along with him as the boy's

father grows increasingly angry, and Little Ralph knows it won't end well. The bitter-sweet mood of the story resonated in Grooms' voice.

The night was over as Grooms shut the book and the audience was released from the trance of Groom's voice.



## Doug Lansky: living guidebook

"What awaits you 'out there' is something only you can find. That is your very own adventure."



JESSICA EDENS  
STAFF WRITER

Doug Lansky, extensive world traveler, made a stop-over at KSU Sept. 5 to share his stories, advice and overwhelming personal photo collection.

The presentation was part of KAB's Disorientation week. Rail Europe sponsored a drawing for a EuroRail Pass worth \$1000 at the event.

Lansky's young, energetic and stylish persona was hardly an indication of his comprehensive global expertise.

As a young man Lansky was offered a job at the New Yorker magazine but turned it down to spend two-and-a-half years traveling around the world. The trip ended with a broken leg in Thailand. He has since had a successful career, writing and reporting on his travels. Lansky speaks four languages and has been to over 100 countries.

All this was a part of his story which was told over several hours. It was accompanied by a slideshow of his astonishing escapades. Colorful images of Lansky in festival costumes, mud make-up and a tomato-throwing event in Spain splashed across the screen. He showed 40-seater rickshaws packed with a hundred people, desert travels via camel's back and himself in the passenger seat of a Ferrari going for a test-drive. The most amazing part of the slide show was that these images all came from one man's personal collection, not a guidebook or travel brochure.

He kept the audience in fits of laughter over the proper form when using a "squatter," while maintaining balance and simultaneously realizing there is no toilet paper within miles.

One of the focuses of his travel advice was going on a budget. An advocate of light packing and using common sense to stay safe, Lansky provided details on misconceptions about backpacking.

Lansky also bashed the "must-see" theorem. The idea that there are preset required sights to see turns out to mean you spend a lot of time with other tourists. The end result is that you return with albums full of pictures of you standing in front of huge monuments. A real traveler, he said, goes not for these things, but for the life and energy of a place: its people and pastimes.

"You'll remember a day trek through the desert on the back of a camel much more than the ten minutes spent in front of Big Ben," said Lansky.

He insists that it is not about getting as many stamps in your passport as you can manage, but covering less ground and taking the time to soak in a culture, landscape and even make a few new friends.

"The memories that become the most cherished things unexpected and unplanned," said Lansky.

In addition to the memories comes the confidence gained from bargaining in a market, riding an ostrich, learning to cook a foreign dish with locals, swimming with sea life or climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. Seeing all the world has to offer, or even a little bit of it outside your own neighborhood, changes the way you view places, customs, natural wonders, cultures and people.

"What awaits you 'out there' is something only you can find. That is your very own adventure," Lansky writes, in the introduction to his book, "First Time Around the World."

## Piracy: Is it really worth the deal?

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STAFF WRITER  
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STAFF WRITER

Morpheus, LimeWire, BearShare, BitTorrent & eMule are the most popular among the various file-sharing software that floats around in cyberspace. Their prices range from free with advertisements and pop-ups to "pro" versions that cost. When used for legitimate purposes these are outstanding pieces of software allowing users to search to find a variety of non-copyrighted files for free. Sadly, these programs are used for the trading of copyrighted materials more often.

Many college students find themselves begging the question, "does piracy really hurt anyone?" The act of downloading and sharing copyrighted works seems to be harmless when looked at on the surface.

In fact, most students will tell you that it is completely risk-free and they have no worries about the possibility of being caught participating in such activity. However, many students do not realize that this act can have extreme repercussions.

Students should be aware of their university's policy on such matters where the use of their network is in question. KSU's Information Technology

Computer Usage Polices document states:

"Section 4. Computer fraud and abuse:

Whoever knowingly and willfully, directly or indirectly, without authorization, accesses, causes to be accessed, or attempts to access any computer, computer system, computer network, or any part thereof which, in whole or in part, operates in commerce or is owned by, under contract to, or in conjunction with state, county, or local government or any branch, department, or agency thereof, any business, or any entity operating in or affecting commerce for the purpose of:

Devising or executing any scheme or artifice to defraud, or Obtaining money, property, or services for themselves or another by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined a sum of not more than 15 years, or both.

Whoever intentionally and without authorization, directly or indirectly accesses, alters, damages, destroys, or attempts to destroy any computer, computer system, or computer network, or any computer software program or data shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$50,000.00 or imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both."

In other words, if you attempt to download copyrighted materials using the university's computers or network, you could face stiff fines, jail time or both.

It is illegal to download or distribute commercial software or other copyrighted material without a license. Even so it is overwhelmingly prevalent not just on college campuses, but everywhere, including the workplace. Moreover, it is now such a significant issue that employers are using piracy as a potential reason not to hire prospective employees.

A potential employee with a criminal offense on their record for illegal file sharing or the use of pirated software would most likely be turned down for the job. Companies are also cracking down on in-house file sharing; meaning that an employee caught participating in such illegal behavior in the workplace is subject to severe consequences.

Why is piracy allowed to continue if it is such an issue? The answer is the overabundance of free software available on the internet that enable people to download practically anything they want from music, movies, television programs and even software. Students should be cautioned not to give in to the readily available programs that allow piracy with such ease.

What good is a cloned sheep?

Kazaa (above) and LimeWire (right) are just two of the many peer-to-peer programs available.

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# Roaming Reporter

Compiled by Andrew Pittman

What is your opinion of the recent changes to Facebook?



**Dustin Bavard**  
business management, 21

**"It's stupid. Its too much into people's business."**



**Kim Jacob**  
business, 21

**"I don't like them. It is becoming more like Myspace, which I don't like."**



**Cara Sperry**  
sociology, 17

**"I don't really see the problem. I think people are making it into a bigger deal than it really is."**



**Shane Kearney**  
international affairs, 21

**"I don't like the news feed, but it's not that big of a deal that it is opening up to everyone."**

## Walk on the safe side

MISSY GOOD  
MCT

Being watched isn't usually a good feeling. Especially when you're walking alone across an empty, dimly lit parking lot. When these heart-racing moments happen, do you ever find yourself wishing that you knew how to defend yourself?

Many would say that the best defense is to avoid getting yourself into a dangerous situation in the first place, but we all know that this isn't a perfect world.

While you may never need to use any self-defense techniques, it's always better to be on the safe side, right?

We gained some self-defense insight from Master Tammy Stamps of Stamps Academy, and from Lt. Bruce Morton of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department.

Stamps, 45, has been practicing martial arts for 25 years, earning a black belt in both Tae Kwan Do

and Choi Kwan Do.

Morton teaches public self-defense classes at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Training Center.

Both agree that there are steps you can take before actually resorting to physical self-defense when you get into an uncomfortable or threatening situation.

"First, carry yourself in a confident manner. This means having good posture [squared shoulders, head held high] and heightened awareness [avoid looking down at the ground and make eye contact]," Stamps says.

"Second, use your voice. If you find yourself in a threatening situation, always use verbal force as your first line of defense. Tell the attacker to back off in a loud, firm tone of voice."

According to Morton, this tactic will deter most attackers by letting them know that you're not afraid, and it will alert anyone who might be nearby. It's also the best

way to avoid getting hurt.

"Attackers look for submissive victims," Morton said. "They'll back away if a woman asserts her power."

While Stamps has never had to use any of her training in a real-life situation, she says the benefit of having that knowledge provides confidence and peace of mind.

"A lot of self-defense is common sense," Stamps said. "We're all born with weapons on our bodies, we just need to know how to use them."

Morton is glad to see a turnaround in the way women are viewed in society.

He says that more females being cast in dominant leading roles in movies [think Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft in the Tomb Raider films] and on TV shows is sending a definite signal that women are standing up for themselves.

"I like what I'm seeing," Morton said. "It's never OK for a man to attack a woman by force."

## "Gridiron Gang" an emotional drill

**"The Rock" heads back to his first love: Football**

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STAFF WRITER

Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson heads back to his roots in "Gridiron Gang."

Johnson portrays Sean Porter, a correctional facilities officer at Camp Kilpatrick. Teens, mostly gang members, are who occupy the facility. Unfortunately, the majorities of those that leave Kilpatrick are either put back in prison or find violent ends. Porter sees that there is a need for correction, and decides to fill the void with the game of football.

Along with his fellow colleague Malcolm Moore [Xzibit], Porter begins to put a football team together. The problem is, how can he get this team of convicted youths to co-exist? Specifically Willie Weathers [Jade Yorker] and Calvin Owens [David Thomas], members of opposing gangs in Los Angeles, whom both have seen tragic ends for loved ones as a result of each respected gang. Johnson hopes to do this through the ideology of

being a Mustang.

The film is gritty and realistic. It's based on the award winning documentary of the same title from filmmakers Lee and Linda Stanley. It showcased the real gridiron gang and their 1990 inaugural season. In the narrative film version, no such documentary is being shot. This leads to questions of whether the real life motivation came from the fact that cameras were on the group for the entire season. Some of the footage is showcased during the end credits. Lee is the producer of this Jeff Maguire scripted film.

One thing that stands out is how emotional the film is. The filmmakers put you on the level with the convicts, and make you feel as if you are one of them. Director Phil Joanou disservices praise for keeping this balance constant from the very beginning. You will sympathize, despite all that they have done wrong, with these individuals. You will also feel the emotional lows and highs that they go through, particularly with one of the film's central characters, Willie.

Willie deals with the death of his cousin Roger, who is run down by a rival gang's vehicle. He witnesses Willie's death and becomes distraught. So

much so, that he eventually shoots and kills his mother's abusive boyfriend. Now at Kilpatrick, he has the opportunity to find purpose. Jade Yorker has a break out performance and he looks to become a real talent in Hollywood. Yorker does an amazing job of showcasing raw emotion. Filmmakers should put his name down now, before he starts asking for \$20 million a film.

The class system is very much at the forefront of this story. A team of mostly minorities in the Mustangs take on a team of mostly white suburban kids, ironically given the team name Panthers. The Panthers stomp the Mustangs into the ground the first time around and of course face off one more time in the grand finale. Is this a social comment? How can it not be? Is it fair? That is really up to the individual viewer's perspective.

As for "The Rock," who had several run-ins with the law as a teen, this is as close as he has come to being a true actor. Does he break at times? Yes, he does. Being a former beloved professional wrestler can do that to a career. You can see some of that WWE "Rock" push through. Then again, maybe that's just Dwayne being Dwayne. In the end, Johnson entertains and does it well. If he continues to make these kind of career choices, the former "People's Champion" may be hoisting a different kind of trophy above his head.

This film is real. It cuts you to the core and you feel every minute of it. Is it an inspirational piece like every other sports film? Yes and no. The fact that these kids had the opportunity to focus on something besides the social climate they live in is not just inspirational. It is a blessing. Coach Porter deserves more than a Gatorade shower for that.



Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (center) stars in the movie "Gridiron Gang."

Grade: B+

## Crossword

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- 6 Dancer Pavlova
- 10 Dosage amts.
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- 17 Black tea
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- 34 Fajitas topper
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- 47 Alley prowler
- 48 USN big shot
- 50 In the past
- 52 -Barr virus
- 56 Disney mermaid
- 57 Good humor man?
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- 63 Vernal and autumnal
- 65 Decorative object
- 66 Alfred of the theater
- 67 You bet!
- 68 Brought to bay
- 69 Big name in little blocks
- 70 Hebrew lyre
- 71 Chicago tower

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- 9 More abundant
- 10 File flap
- 11 Pint-sized
- 12 Composure
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- 21 Believer in God
- 24 Tango number
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- 27 Sty denizens
- 28 Hautboy
- 29 Full of tang
- 33 Practicer
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**share** n. 1. A portion belonging to an individual. 2. To participate in, experience, or use in common. 3. The Art and Literary Magazine of KSU.

**free** adj. 1. Not literal. 2. Costing nothing. 3. Cost for getting published in Share magazine.

**submit** v. 1. To surrender to the authority, discretion, will of another. 2. To acquiesce. 3. What you have to do.



# Campus highlight: celebrate European language

JESSICA EDENS  
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Sept. 26 marks the fifth annual European Day of Languages. In celebration the KSU Department of Foreign Languages is hosting a reception and film screening. The reception will offer light refreshments prior to

the screening in the Department of Foreign Languages Conference at 12:30 p.m. The event will then shift to the Department Language Resource Center to watch the film.

The European Day of Languages was founded by the Council of Europe [different and older than the European Union] in September of 2001.

Originally celebrated on Sept. 16, 2001, the council decided to declare the European Day of Languages a yearly celebration. The Council began as an advisory board for societal issues including environment, human rights and education things.

The celebratory event's purpose is to act as a vessel to inform the public

of linguistic diversity and to promote and increase plurilingualism [the blending and learning of languages for many purposes.] There is also an emphasis on intercultural relations and understanding.

The event is sure to be a multicultural experience. This celebration will be an insightful and worldly way to

honor European language and culture. Contact the Department of Foreign Language if you have any questions regarding this event.

\*Information for this article contributed by Dr. Kristin Hoyt, Department of Foreign Language at KSU.

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### Today's Birthday [09-19-06]

It's a good year for following through on dreams you had set aside. Something that used to be impossible now just requires a little more work. Toss out the stuff that's outgrown. 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 7. Stash away provisions for the future. You never know when that's likely to come, and it's always nice to be prepared.

### Taurus [April 20-May 20]

Today is a 6. Establish a routine and enforce it until it becomes a habit. Once you get this down, you and your family will never go hungry.

### Gemini [May 21-June 21]

Today is a 6. Gather the facts so you can tell the others what to do and how to do it. Luckily, you can learn quickly, and you're a good teacher, too.

### Cancer [June 22-July 22]

Today is a 7. Pay attention to what the competition's doing. This will give you the advantage, as they make silly mistakes. Be out in front, but don't be the one who plunges over the edge.

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

Today is a 7. Spend a little of your recent paycheck on something nice for yourself. You love living in the lap of luxury. Don't spend the rent money on it, unless you're upgrading your location.

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

Today is a 6. Sometimes,

advantage.

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

Today is a 7. You never have to strut or draw attention to yourself. In fact, just the opposite is more often your problem. You have magnetic

powers.

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

Today is a 7. Conditions are better for doing what you already know how to do. Leave room for a few pleasant surprises, too, if you've been good.

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

Today is a 7. You don't have to buy everything new; you can make a few things yourself. Or, since you really like old things the best, you can buy them second-hand. Odds of finding good stuff are great.

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

Today is a 7. Although others are quite willing to help, you're the brains behind the operation. Make sure they understand their roles, and provide applause when they finish each part.

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# 'Last Kiss' or last resort?

TERESA ALVAREZ  
STAFF WRITER

"The Last Kiss" had the potential of being one of the best films of the year. If you had thoughts of "The Last Kiss" being this year's "Garden State," put them aside because it didn't happen. Once again, Hollywood has tried to reinvent a foreign film. This time, it's the 2001 Italian "L'Ultimo bacio." This adaptation tells the tale of 29-year-old Michael [Zach Braff] on the line between growing up and staying free.

It starts out wonderfully by setting the "perfect life" of Michael and his expecting girlfriend, Jenna [Jacinda Barrett]. You're also introduced to Jenna's parents, Anna and Steven [Blythe Danner and Tom Wilkinson]. In town for a friend's wedding, Michael is introduced to free-spirited Kim [Rachel Bilson] and is tempted to "have fun" with her. Michael is also thrown back in with his childhood friends Chris [Casey Affleck], Izzy [Michael Weston] and Kenny [Eric Christian Olsen] who all have their own drama to deal with like marriage, moving on and commitment.

What messes up this tale of growing up is the editing, plot outline and casting for some of the girls. Instead of giving even distribution of the friends and their interesting situations, you don't have an opportunity to really empathize with the characters.

The attempt to making a "Crash" or "Love Actually" plot where everyone's connected somehow didn't go through. This is a letdown for two-time Oscar winning screenwriter Paul Haggis. Unlike the "Crash" formula that worked, the characters weren't shown evenly. They all had their dealings

of drama that should have been more balanced. For this to work in a good way, their issues mainly involving fidelity and commitment don't need to be brushed off like they did nor should they have concentrated it on a portion of the characters. Even though you got a sense that this was where Haggis was going, he should have finished his train of thought.

Braff did exceptional as the confused Michael. However, it is about time for the "Scrubs" star to venture out of his shell before he gets trapped being typecast as Dustin Hoffman's Benjamin Braddock of "The Graduate." Needless to say, he does a good job doing it. Danner and Wilkinson both gave fine performances, but could have picked another film to do. Barrett started out as a good pick for Braff's girl, but was the real reason why this film should be seen when it comes out on video or cable. She was whining and over-emotional the entire film.

The only positive aspect of the film that never budged was the soundtrack. This could be because the songs were all picked by Zach Braff. This was the only aspect that could be equivalent to "Garden State." Opening up

with Snow Patrol and hearing Amos Lee, Rufus Wainwright and Fiona Apple gave the film that would-be serenity and quiet atmosphere. The "Garden" feel definitely comes back when you hear Coldplay, Cary Brothers and Remy Zero- all of which appeared on the "Garden State" soundtrack.

So if you were to ask me right now, "Should I see this movie or not," I'd say yes if you're a fan of Zach Braff, love his choice in music or you've seen all the other movies out in theaters at least twice. I'd say no if you're looking for a meaningful film or good acting.

Nonetheless, nothing can help improve "Garden State." Wait, I mean the knock-off "The Last Kiss." Not the soundtrack, it only makes it pleasant to listen to. Not the attractive cast, it will go away once they open their mouths. Not the art-house, open-ended ending, you'll just say it's an homage to "Lost in Translation" or "The Graduate." The only thing that "The Last Kiss" has good going for them is you don't see Jacinda Barrett fully on the poster of the film.

Grade: C



Michael (Zach Braff, left) and Izzy (Michael Weston, right) discuss their troubles with the women in their lives in "The Last Kiss."

# New changes bring sour attitudes



## Students protest changes to Facebook

ANDREW PITTMAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

One of our generation's biggest social networking tools is undergoing changes in the midst of controversy. College students are uniting in protest against the Facebook.com "facelift" and news of the site opening up to anyone with a valid email.

A new feature was added to Facebook earlier this month. The "News Feed," as the site is calling it, allows anybody to track the online activities of friends all on one screen. This new addition has angered many of the website's 8 million users.

The information you can find through this new feature includes things like: "John is single," "Jane wrote on Jim's wall," "Jim and Bruno are now friends." You can even find out when James added one photo to his album.

Many college students find the new addition meddlesome. Thousands of students have organized to voice their opinion to the site's administration. They feel that the addition is annoying and an invasion of privacy.

Mark Zuckerberg, founder and CEO of Facebook, has responded to the cries of the protesters in a journal entry on the Web site titled "Calm Down. Breath. We Hear You." He did acknowledge the problem that many users have, but did not say anything about changes to the new feature. He instead promoted the feature as a new way to "know what's going on in your friends' lives."

"The new addition is just plain out annoying," said Kim Delk, graduate student at KSU. "I do not care if one of my friends becomes friends with some random person I don't even know."

The majority of users feel the same way. Others have expressed they feel that the news feed is a privacy issue.

"The recent outpouring of feedback, both positive and negative, confirms the passion

people feel for Facebook and its importance in their lives," said Zuckerberg. "These privacy features put control of who sees what information in News Feeds directly in the hands of our users, just as they requested."

The News Feeds do not publish information on pokes, messages, whose profile a user views and other things that would constitute invasion of privacy.

Facebook will soon open up to anyone with a valid email. Once again the masses have organized groups of protest to tell Zuckerberg what they think.

Since its start as a college-only Web site in 2004, Facebook has grown to accommodate users from high school and corporations. In October, anyone with a valid email will be able to register for a region.

Zuckerberg and the staff at Facebook want everyone to know that nothing is going to change. New users who will be able to register for regions will be able to see anyone in their region but college networks will still be closed to anyone outside that region.

# The Hook Up

## When you're online, it's all about the winks

BRIDGETTE WILLIAMS  
MCT

After a week of digging around various online dating sites \_ from the big catchall destinations to the more specific ones for pet lovers and Web pages designed to help a shopaholic find her metrosexual \_ I'm done with Recon. I'm now ready for Step 2: The Profile.

Might I point out that it's the seventh level of

hell? The Profile is your relationship cover letter. No pressure not to screw it up.

There's trouble right off the bat in choosing a user name. Something witty perhaps, like "Nevermore," you know from "The Raven"? The poem? By Edgar Allen Poe? No? OK, no literature references. And since it's my deeply held belief that women over age 21 should not have a user name that includes the word "girl," going cute isn't an option. One popular site advises using letters and numbers in a way that tells something about you. "ImaRiteAboutUL8tr" sounds good.

Next, I have to describe my match, which causes a panic attack. If I already knew how to do that, I could find him in the real world, right? How specific do you get?

Some people get quite specific, and there's nothing wrong with that. But that's the kind of thing that makes Internet dating seem like a haven for every freak with a fetish. (Not that there's anything wrong with freaks, fetishes or any combination thereof.)

On the other hand, if you answer every question with "any," it seems a little desperate. Open-minded and liberal, sure. But it's just not natural to have no preferences at all.

I mix in a few specifics and an "any" here and there, then move on to describing myself. Oy. I think I'm going to lie. But honesty is the best policy, so here goes:

"I'm an intelligent, somewhat sane twentysomething who likes cuddling, long walks, playing outdoors, treats and shiny things. I'm loyal, faithful and seem to have an aversion to strangers. But I like french fries and ice."

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## Alabama gets locked on and off ice

Before a raucous crowd, the KSU ice hockey team stepped on the faces of the Crimson Tide of the University of Alabama with a hot nailed-boot and broke their noses. The Owls beat the Tide by a score of 12-2.

The Ice Forum was rocking on the night of Sept. 15. There was a considerable line waiting to get into the hockey game. This was the largest crowd that the Ice Owls have experienced, with more than 1,004 people in attendance.

Inside the Ice Forum there was standing room only. The atmosphere was electric with the anticipation of the battle to come. The Owls Director of Hockey Operations, William Morrison said, "the hockey team would like to especially thank all the fans that came out to support us."

Each time the Owls scored, which seemed like each puck possession, KSU fans would bang on the "ass" can, a large can held up by fans in the student sections. This was the first game that the University of Alabama has ever played in ACHA competition. Nevertheless, the Tide showed their maturity by putting on a brave face and a tough exterior throughout the shellacking. The Owls' forward Ryan Kovac, commenced the onslaught by scoring the first goal of the game. Other Owls that scored include forward Ricky Lirette, with 2 goals, and single goals by Curtis Morrison, Dustin Olsen, Tony Lopez, Jimmy Barry and Aaron Sewell. Freshman forward Jerry Holden would pour lighter fluid on the crimson colored bonfire by contributing 4 goals and 2 assists. The Owls had 62 shots on goal, compared to 14 by the Tide.

The hockey match was not without controversy, however. Between the second and third period the Alabama hockey team went AWOL.

The intermission was extended by about ten minutes because the Crimson Tide would not exit their locker room. According to an unnamed source, a KSU fan had locked the Alabama hockey team in their locker room.

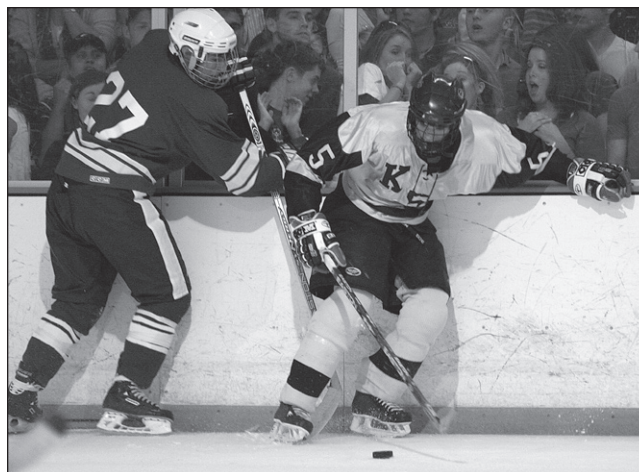
However, Morrison denied any rumors that a KSU fan had any part in the incident, despite the fact that Team President Ryan Falavi was reportedly seen running from the direction of the Tide's locker room.

After further investigation, it was discovered that the Alabama hockey coach had turned the lock on the door and the lock became jammed. Employees of the Ice Forum had to forcefully open the door.

KSU has recently been invited to Stockholm, Sweden to play three of the top junior teams in that country on Dec. 13. The Owls' next game will be Sept. 22, 2006 at 9:40 p.m. at the Ice Forum against Life University. This will be Life University's first ice hockey game against the Owls since being reinstated into the ACHA. The KSU Student Government Association will host a tailgate party Friday night before the game, beginning at 8:00 p.m. next to the Ice Forum.

"The hockey game was not without controversy... between the second and third period the Alabama hockey team went AWOL."

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## Soccer team keeps on winning

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The Owls shut out the Gamecocks of Jacksonville State on Sunday Sept. 10 with a score of 3-0, and defeated the West Georgia Wolves on Thursday Sept. 14 4-0.

The Owls dominated the first half of Sunday's game and out-shot their avian brethren 21 to 3. They maintained a tight defense under the command of senior Team Captain Rebecca Hall, who rarely allowed the Gamecocks within 30 yards of the Owls' net. The rest of the game was left up to the offense, which spent most of the first half missing chances for goals.

The crowd of 470 was first wowed, however, by a blast of a shot from senior Laura Tucker that was palmed over the crossbar by Gamecocks goal keeper Kate Kelly. Junior Mandy Nolin took the next gasp from an

expecting audience when she shook the Gamecock's crossbar with another missed shot. The Owls, conforming to what seems to be a usual trend for them, were making a lot of shots that were missing their mark. It wasn't until the last minute of the half, with only forty seconds to go, that Nolin took a corner kick from senior Stephanie Grzeszkowiak and scored a goal. From a mere three yards out Nolin's shot came off Kelly's hands before finding the back corner of the net.

The next goal was scored 40 seconds on the other side of halftime by sophomore Maylee Attin-Johnson. After a pass from sophomore Sara Clapham, Attin-Johnson shoved past a Gamecocks defender, ran up and spun the ball at the goal. The ball again glanced off Kelly's hands before rolling into the net. The Owls were up by 2.

"I am very aggressive, competitive and just like to pressure them," Attin-Johnson said later. "I try to intimidate... I guess it worked that time."

A third goal soon followed when Clapham, a substitute player, again showed her worth by scoring the third goal of the match and her first for the season. The Gamecocks' goalie fumbled a punt to Clapham, who then chipped the ball smoothly over Kelly's head.

"A good little loft over the keeper," said Head Coach Rob King afterward. "She's got a lovely touch, saw the keeper off her line and lifted it over her head. It's a good confidence builder for her because she's coming back from a couple of bad injuries."

The rest of the half was character-

ized by a series of substitutions that kept the Gamecocks weary and the Owls fresh. The game ended with a score of 3-0.

West Georgia played Kennesaw in the Owls' second non-conference game of the week. Both of the Owls' New Zealanders, Clapham and senior Pip Meo, were moved to the starting lineup for the game. After winning the toss, Hall took the west side of the field so as to leave the Wolves staring into the seven o'clock sun. After the kickoff the Owls soon dominated their Division II opponents, who sacrificed their first goal only seven minutes into the match when senior Annie Phillips put one past goal keeper Jennifer Ross. It didn't come without a struggle, however, as Ross dove to stop the ball which was then gathered by Meo and passed to Phillips. Before Ross could get back in position, Phillips shot off her first goal for both the game and the season.

The second goal followed six minutes later when Hall and Grzeszkowiak were able to repeat the performance that won the College of Charleston match in double overtime. After a perfect corner kick from Grzeszkowiak, Hall put her head on the ball for a well-timed goal.

The second half saw an early goal from the Phillips and Meo duo. Meo, one of the Owls fastest players, charged the ball down to the Wolves' goal line and passed the ball across the center. Then Phillips kicked the ball from the air and into the goal before the Wolves' goalie could respond. Phillips attributed some of her success to "good distribution from Pip. She assisted both of them, so cheerio to her."

Sophomore Caitlin Dingle would also see her first goal of the season before the end of the night. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, Dingle charged the goal with the ball, and Ross came out of the box to take the shot away. With a quick side step Dingle maneuvered around Ross and planted the ball into the lower right of the goal. Nolin and Clapham were attributed with the assist. The game ended moments later with the score of 4-0.

The Lady Owls play their next home game against the Jacksonville Dolphins on Sept. 28 at 7 pm.

## Profile: Paula Takara

### Senior battling her way back on court

ANDREW PITTMAN  
FEATURES EDITOR



Andrey Zoria | The Sentinel

Paula Takara is ready to hit the courts again. On Sept. 5 the Owls Tennis team held their first practice while Takara watched from the sidelines.

Takara suffered a knee injury in March of last season, when she tore her ACL at the Hampton Roads Classic.

"I decided to have my surgery at home with my doctor and so I could stay with my family," said Takara, a native of Brazil. "It was the best thing I could have done, to have my family close to me while I was recovering."

Takara has been doing intensive rehab since having the surgery in May with the goal of starting practice in December and being back to full health when the season starts in February. She said she understands that a torn ACL takes a while to heal, but when she is not in rehab she plans to be with the team. This injury has been tough for Takara because as an athlete she has only suffered from small back and ankle injuries "like everyone does."

One of the biggest things that Paula attributes to her recovery

is the support that she receives from her teammates, especially her best friend Giselle Nakakura. The two have been through a lot together. Since becoming doubles partners at the age of 16, both girls moved to KSU after their freshman year of college.

"She was with me a lot of the time," Takara said. "She did everything for me when I couldn't do things myself. She would visit often so I wouldn't be lonely."

Paula first came to the U.S. in Jan. 2004. She started her college career at Lees McRae College in Banner Elk, NC. In her first season there was awarded Most Valuable Player, Freshman of the Year, Player of the Year and All-Conference team.

Takara is captain of the KSU tennis team. She received the award for Most Valuable Player last season. Some of her accomplishments while at KSU includes her first singles win [2004-05 season] and a win against fellow teammate Caroline Page in the Alltel Championship Flight "A" Singles Championship [2005-06 season.]

Paula was born on Sept. 28, 1985 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She has two younger sisters and is a Business major at KSU. She played tennis in high school. After graduating she decided to take a year off before going to college so she could play tennis.

The Lady Owls open their season, hopefully with Takara in the roster, Feb. 2 at home against Georgia State. They will continue their season against teams like Belmont, Evansville, Mercer, Chattanooga and Samford. Their season will conclude on Apr. 15 against Jacksonville.



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# Pick 5: Football

DUSTIN JACOBS  
SENIOR COLUMNIST

## NCAA:



Arizona State  
at  
California



After a disappointing start in Knoxville, Cal rebounded by scoring 42 points in two straight ball games. They both came against Minnesota and Portland State. Okay, so maybe that is not as impressive as say, Arizona State's 21-3 victory at Colorado last week. Okay, okay, enough sarcasm. This is a huge match up. Why? Mainly because this is the first PAC 10 game of the year for both programs. With the Trojans still running rampant, and Oregon proving to be a force, neither team can afford to lose this one. Cal's Golden Bears have the advantage in more ways than one. First off, they have a talented backfield with Marshawn Lynch carrying the load. Receiver DeSean Jackson is proving to be a threat downfield as well, in the PAC 10's #1 passing offense. Also, the Cal defense is nothing to sniff at. Arizona State's Sun Devils are undefeated, but now face their first true test almost a month into the season. Sun Devil QB Rudy Carpenter likes to open up the field by spreading the ball around. Daymien Hughes and the rest of the Cal secondary will have their hands full, but in the end I feel they are up to the challenge.

**The Pick:** California



Alabama  
at  
Arkansas



Alabama is a team on the rise. Thanks to their SEC leading rushing attack, so is Arkansas. Running back Darren McFadden is a much unheralded back in a conference that is considered by many to be the best in the nation. McFadden has had to deal with an injury this season, but has played on, totaling for 226 yards and 2 touchdowns. Alabama, on the other hand, has a defense that is built to stop the run. Both teams have a keen opportunity to get into the SEC West hunt. With Florida looming for Bama and Auburn looming for Arkansas next week, this is a must win. The Razorbacks have home field, but Bama has a Crimson Tide hungry for SEC BBQ.

**The Pick:** Alabama



Penn State  
at  
Ohio State



### - Game of the Week -

The Buckeyes have their eyes on the prize--a National Title. They also will be hosting Penn State this weekend, with their Tasers set to avenge last season's loss and subsequent sharing of the Big Ten title with Joe Pa's squad. The Nittany Lions have two wins against lack luster opponents. The only game of note for Penn State is the humiliating 41-17 loss at Notre Dame. Ohio State, on the other hand, has rolled over everyone, including a Vince Youngless Texas Longhorn team. There is no doubt which squad is more talented. Expect Heisman trophy candidate QB Troy Smith to lead his team to victory in the Horse Shoe.

**The Pick:** Ohio State

## NFL:

Atlanta  
at  
New Orleans



This will be a highly emotional football game for several reasons. These two teams have been rivals since their days in the NFC West, mainly due to the fact that both teams have a history of not being good. This is a battle of two undefeated NFC South foes. This game is being showcased nationally on ESPN Monday Night Football. Lastly, it is the first pro football game in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina. Falcons running back Warrick Dunn, who is originally from the Big Easy, will definitely have mixed emotions. With a rowdy New Orleans crowd, and a nation behind the Saints, the Falcons will be hard press to go 3-0. New Saint first round pick, running back Reggie Bush, should get a nice reception in the midst of the current USC investigation. However, the Falcons defense has proven to be enough against more talented South teams. Expect an emotional effort from Warrick Dunn, and a bittersweet victory for Atlanta.

**The Pick:** Atlanta

Cincinnati  
at  
Pittsburgh



### - Game of the Week -

The terrible towels will be out, and Heinz field will be seeing orange. These two teams don't like each other. Up until Marvin Lewis took over as head coach of Cincinnati a few years ago, Pittsburgh bullied the hapless Bengals. Last year, the tides changed. The Bengals beat the Steelers on their home turf and went on to win the AFC North division, lead by the arm of Bengal QB Carson Palmer and his break out season. Of course, Steeler defensive tackle Kimo von Oelhoffen saw an end to that in the Wild Card round, after he tackled Palmer on the first pass play of the game. Palmer's knee was completely destroyed, and the Steelers went on to win the Super Bowl. Talk about a chip on your shoulder. In a division that could be the toughest in the NFL, neither can afford to lose ground. It will be interesting to see how Palmer performs in this game. If the two prior victories are any indication, I would say he performs well. I see this one becoming a shoot out if Steeler running back Willie Parker doesn't have an effective day. If the game becomes an air affair, the Bengals have too many weapons to come up short.

**The Pick:** Cincinnati



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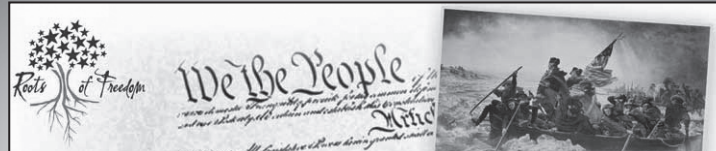
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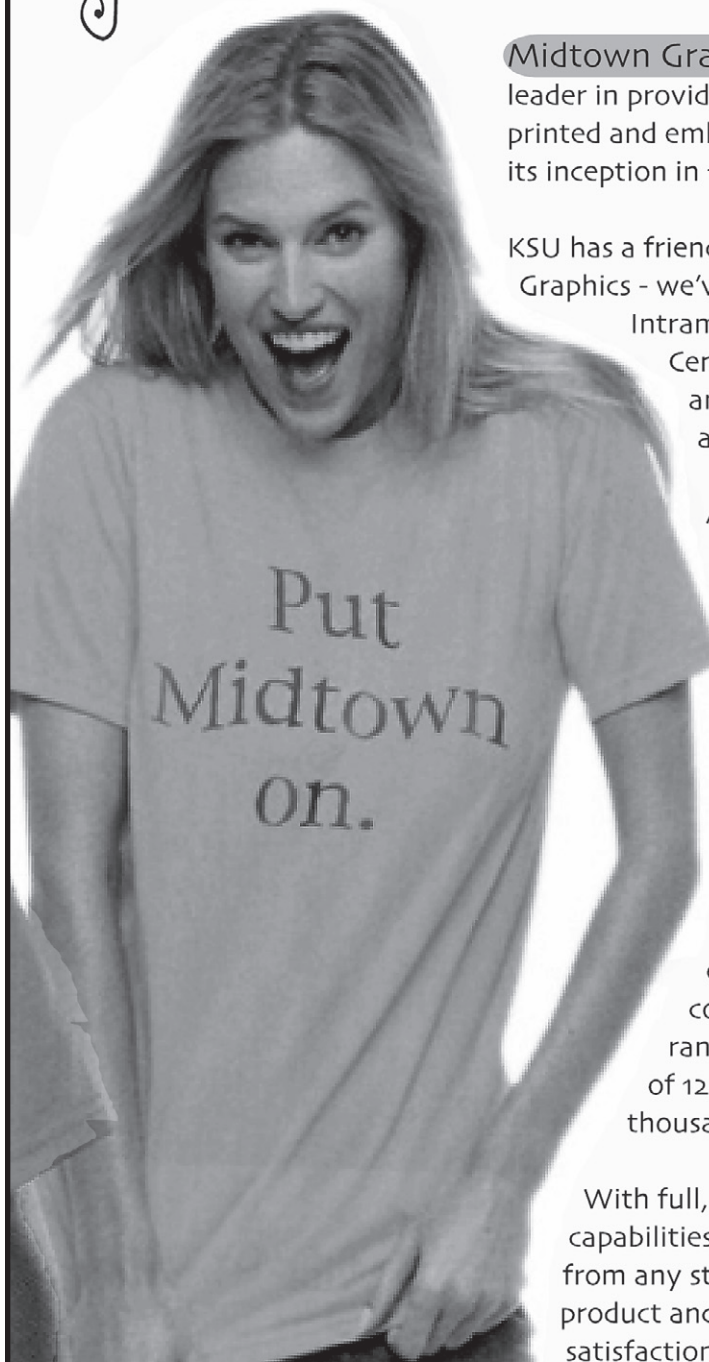
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