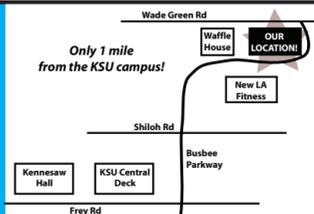


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Enrollment still growing

TAMORIE MAYWEATHER
STAFF WRITER

Georgia's third largest university has become increasingly attractive to academically competitive in-state, out-of-state and international students. This fall semester, Kennesaw State University's enrollment increased by 4.1 percent.

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents released the new numbers early in November. KSU's current enrollment stands at 21,449, with numbers expected to grow. "With the resources allowed to KSU, we can expect that numbers will reach around 30,000 students within the next decade or so," said Joe Head, Dean of

Admissions.

With the growth, KSU is starting to focus more on traditional students. The 913-bed residential facilities, which opened this summer, bumped KSU's bed count to just above 3,000. A two-story, 1,000-seat dining hall is expected to open next year, and a new Health Sciences Building will commence production in December to open during the 2009-2010 school year. The new building will accommodate 100 additional nursing students per year. An additional 250 students annually will be able to enroll in KSU's other programs.

KSU also recently ascended to a division one school. Division one will mean more athletic programs, just in time for the athlete field that is in the works.

The numbers show that around 800 new students will enroll at KSU each year over the next ten years. When asked what he thought the main reason for enrollment growth was, Head said, "The first thing is the economy. People are without jobs and being downsized. Students are wanting to stay closer to home, and when going down the list, KSU's location is excellent. We are not a school that is in the heart of Atlanta like Georgia State. We offer a calmer atmosphere, but if students wanted to travel to the city, it is just a few minutes away."

"I think that we have always attracted a large population of non-traditional students," said Lisa Sehannie, Assistant of Undergraduate Admissions. "Even though we are putting effort toward gaining more traditional

students, I don't think we will ever lose focus on our non-traditional students." Sehannie works closely with the Non-Traditional Admissions Counselor to help with non-traditional student programs on campus, like graduate programs.

KSU offers over 20 master's degrees. "Now we are offering doctoral degrees," Sehannie said. This summer the university presented its first degree beyond master's level. The Specialist in Education in Leadership for Learning is a momentous step for KSU and will undoubtedly bring in more students wanting to further their education.

The numbers for KSU current enrollment are on the school's "Enterprise Information Management," Web site underneath "latest enrollment."

Studying abroad made easier

ANDY NELSON
STAFF WRITER

KSU has seen a sharp increase in the number of students participating in study abroad programs. According to the Board of Regents, this number has grown 142 percent in just five years. Currently, KSU is ranked 4th in study abroad enrollment in the University System of Georgia, behind UGA, Georgia Tech and Georgia State.

Contributing to this increase is the new Global Learning Fee which was implemented this fall. This fee charges all students \$14 per semester, which goes toward KSU's Global Learning Education Abroad scholarship. This scholarship specifically caters to those who may not be able to afford the

expenses that come along with participating in a study abroad program. For the 2008-2009 academic year, it is estimated that KSU will be able to raise approximately \$700,000, which will then be distributed accordingly to all students who apply. The amount of money each student receives is determined by factors like financial need, GPA and number of course credits. "I believe the Global Learning Fee is invaluable to improving the educational experience at KSU. It helps make study abroad and internships abroad more affordable for KSU students," said Dr. Daniel J. Paracka, Director of International Services and Programs. "In my view, the Global Learning Fee is a steal," said

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Last Comic Standing Dat Phan performs at Unplugged



Adeolu Adebayo | The Sentinel

CAITLYN VAN ORDEN
ASST NEWS EDITOR

NBC's original Last Comic Standing winner Dat Phan performed in the Student Center on Nov. 18 as part of Unplugged, KAB's last event of the semester.

The program began with a performance by local band Vision City and was followed by three improvisational games performed by KISS (Kennesaw Improv

Society, Stupid) and the standup comedy of KSU junior Dylan Schettina.

Dat Phan then took the stage with his standup comedy routine, often making jokes about his Vietnamese upbringing and everyday life in America. Phan is currently touring the country, performing at several colleges and comedy clubs, according to his Web site, www.datphan.com.

KAB provided free pizza, drinks, cups, and Frisbees for audience members.

Following his performance, Phan signed autographs and took pictures with students.

"I thought it was a great treat to see such a fun show with a well-known comedian at school. One of the great things about being a student is all the opportunities we have through our school. I do think it could've been better advertised, though. I didn't know about it until a few hours before the show," said theatre major Cynthia Brower after the performance.

Omega Psi Phi Founder's Day Luncheon at KSU

REGINALD KING
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 17, the Alpha Delta Nu chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. held their first-ever Founder's Day Luncheon at KSU in the Leadership room.

Ninety-seven years ago, on November 17, 1911, the fraternity was founded on the campus of Howard University. The organization's mission was to develop men of honor, men of courage, and scholarly men who would lead and lift the masses as they climb. Vice Basileus Mikell Rozier was the facilitator of the luncheon inviting everyone in and making the guests feel just as welcome as the members. Invited to this prestigious event were: the Director of Student Life, Kathy Alday; Assistant Director of Student

Life, Brooklyn Parrot; Ben Williams, the Undergraduate State Advisor; Norman Johnson, the District State Representative; guest speaker, James Spencer; and a host of students, faculty and members of the Chi Gamma Gamma chapter of Omega Psi Phi Inc.

During the luncheon, Spencer talked about how the men in the fraternity on campus should keep making a strong presence in doing service in their campus life as well as their community outside of school. Spencer is well-noted, being the CEO and Chairman- Horizon Group, Custom Homes and the Vice President of Pentium Mortgage. He has been a part of Omega Psi Phi for 44 years, since 1964, when he crossed at South Carolina State. The Omegas also

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Middle Brooklyn Parrot, (Right Middle) Kathy Alday holding plaques of appreciation, Men of Alpha Delta Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Will the addition of plans for a new stadium give students a new Saturday tradition? page 13



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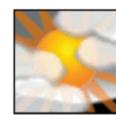
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Around campus

What: Men's Basketball: Owls vs. Maryland Eastern Shore
When: Sat. Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Where: KSU Convocation Center

What: KSU Choral Ensembles
When: Tues. Dec. 2, 8 p.m.
Where: Bailey Performance Hall
Details: \$5 cover

What: Dr. Siegel to Dance on stage in the Georgia Ballet's performance of the Nutcracker
When: Sat. Dec. 6, 7 p.m.
Where: Cobb County Civic Center
Details: \$18 for students and \$22 for faculty and staff

What: Fall senior exhibition II: Bachelor of fine arts in studio art
When: Through Mon. Dec. 8
Where: Art Gallery, Sturgis Library
Details: Free

What: Holiday explosion, sponsored by KSU housing and residence life
When: Wed. Dec. 3, 6 - 9 p.m.
Where: University Village Center
Details: Join them for a holiday feast, a live DJ, giveaways and karaoke

What: Toys for Tots drive
When: Through Fri. Dec. 19
Where: Drop spots include: student recreation and wellness center, KSU police building, Student Center and the Convocation Center

Hidden Treasure

SHEA MICHELLE ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

Faculty at KSU are taking steps to further grow and develop the state's only Organizational Communication degree program by expanding their efforts outside of the classroom.

Each of the five professors have their own unique and lustrous list of achievements. According to Philip Aust, a member of the Organizational Communication faculty, "We are not only using knowledge and transferring it to students, but building it as well."

To start, Dr. Audrey Allison completed her Master's thesis in retail development marketing and has published research in numerous areas including organizational diversity and collegiate institutional images. Next, Dr. Philip Aust's research has been published in prominent academic journals such as 'Communication Studies' and 'Communication Teacher.' Also, Dr. Aust has recently had the honor of publishing his first book, *The Essence of Who We Are*.

The concentration also has the honor of having Dr. Deanne Wornack teaching classes. Dr. Wornack has recently published a case study on the Sago Mine disaster and applied for a research grant with the Hartford Foundation regarding effective communication methods for older adults. Wornack has also worked in conjunction with fellow Organizational Communication professor, Dr. May Gao, to write and publish textbook material on how Americans can successfully approach Chinese culture. Gao's other notable accomplishments include directing the newly-founded Asian Studies program and contribut-

ing to a departmental effort to develop a Masters program in Integrated Global Communication.

Rounding up the impressive efforts of the Organizational Communication faculty is professor Emily Holler. According to Holler, she has evaluated over 10,000 speeches in her teaching career as well as written many supplemental materials for the Public Speaking courses. Holler's research contributions have been published in the 'Iowa Journal of Communication' and 'The Journal of Learning Communities Research.'

According to Aust, the ultimate benefactor of the faculty's numerous research efforts are the Organizational Communication students. Because the faculty possesses a real and working knowledge of curriculum materials, Aust says, "Students are on the cutting edge of industry trends and new developments."

Surprisingly, this concentration is an undiscovered treasure in the Communication department. Organizational Communication prepares students for similar avenues as many of the Business programs, including careers as a Chief Executive Officer, Human Resources Manager, Director of Personnel Training, and Executive Recruiter.

Organizational Communication differs from the business programs in a significant way. While business students are prepared to handle the technical side of organizations, including course work in accounting and calculus, students are better prepared to manage the more dynamic human element. The concentration's coursework is centered on topics such as interpersonal and intercultural communication techniques as well as leadership and training strategies.

way of letting them know we appreciate all of what they do," said D'Angelo Dougherty, Chaplain of the fraternity.

Omega Psi Phi was chartered on campus on June 12, 2008, and despite that they there were only eight members inducted, they have already made a profound impact on the student life here. For the presidential election this year they registered over 40 applicants in their Voter Registration Drive held on campus; they were also active with helping the new freshman move in during Freshman Move-In, and were prominent in the NASA Fellows Enrichment Program tutoring elementary students in science at KSU. "This was a great way for us to get our name out on campus, and give back to the community we serve" added Vice Basileus Mikell Rozier. Projects Omega will be participating in in the future will include the Feed the Hungry, located at Turner Chapel Church in Marietta, and the Charles Drew Blood Drive located on campus in the Spring.

such skills and, therefore, be better prepared to compete in the global job market, both locally and internationally."

This fall, 160 students participated in a study abroad program, and \$140,000 was given through the Global Learning Education Abroad scholarship. On average, each student who applied for a scholarship received \$875. "We have more programs and faculty to promote study abroad, and offer more help to students. There is also a growing awareness that we are a global nation, and that the world today is more sophisticated" said history professor Dr. Allan LeBaron, when asked why he believed more students made the choice to study abroad.

Currently, KSU offers more than 40 study abroad programs in all regions of the world. For more information, as well as information on how to apply for a Global Learning Education Abroad scholarship, students can visit kennesaw.edu/studyabroad.

CAITLIN DINGLE
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

On the afternoon of Tues., Nov. 14, officers were dispatched to University Village Apartments in reference to a possible VGCSA drug possession. The resident stated that his roommate was smoking marijuana in his room. The roommate was not present and the officer could not smell any odor of marijuana around the suspect's room. The Resident Assistant was notified and the resident said he would call the police if his roommate returned so they could speak to him.

Early in the morning on Nov. 16 a vehicle was pulled over for failure to maintain lanes. The vehicle crossed over the double yellow lines on Frey Road multiple times, driving recklessly. The driver smelled of alcohol. The driver complied with taking field examinations and failed both the nine step walk-and-turn and the one-foot stand. The driver also blew positive for the presence of alcohol in the alcensor. The driver was arrested for DUI/Alcohol and failure to maintain lanes.

On the morning of Nov. 16 a vehicle was pulled over for running a red light at Towne Park. The driver's license came back to have been suspended since October 31st. The driver was arrested for a suspended license.

The evening of November 16th a vehicle was pulled over in the North Parking Deck for an illegal right hand turn. The driver smelled strongly of the odor of an alcoholic beverage. When questioned about what she had done that night, she stated that she and her two passengers were at a party and she was the designated driver to bring them home. She said she had one beer very early in the night and was not drunk. The driver then complied with taking field examinations and failed both the nine-step walk-and-turn and the one-foot stand. She was arrested for DUI and underage possession of alcohol. The two passengers were both clearly intoxicated and admitted to drinking. Only one was of age, and when asked, she admitted to supplying the alcohol to her friends. She was arrested for furnishing liquor to a minor. The final passenger was arrested for underage drinking.

On Nov. 17 police were dispatched to the Student Center in the afternoon in regards to a student fighting with her boyfriend. Upon arrival, police were directed to a girl who was crying, and she informed them that her boyfriend showed up drunk between her classes and she was very upset. She tried to force him to get into her car so she could drive him home. He did not want to leave campus and so she started screaming at him and creating a scene so that he'd get embarrassed and want to leave. He didn't get embarrassed, but only walked away and sat down at a table with "people who aren't even his friends." The male subject smelled of alcohol when the police talked to him. His story was the same as his girlfriend's and he said that he just wanted to eat lunch with her. Police advised him that he had to leave campus due to his intoxication and that his girlfriend giving him a ride was a better option than them giving him a ride. He left with his disgruntled girlfriend immediately.

A hit-and-run occurred in the East Parking Deck on Nov. 19. The student stated that she parked her car in the deck at 3:30p.m. for her class in the Convocation Center and when she came out to her car around 5:15p.m. there was a large scratch down the side and a small dent in her bumper that was not there before. There was some red paint in the scratch on the side. Police filled out a report for the incident.

On the evening of Nov. 20, a student contacted dispatch in regard to a stalker. The student stated that a male living close to her residence at KSU Place had been coming in

POLICE BEAT

to her apartment to "hang out" on numerous occasions, particularly late at night. She stated that she had even seen him and heard about him being in her apartment at times when she was not there. He had recently become more possessive of her, asking her whereabouts and wanting to know where she was at all times. Dispatch asked if he was there now and she said that he had arrived at her apartment moments before. When the police arrived they talked to the subject, also a student at KSU, and told him that if the victim was uncomfortable with him being around her than he should comply with her wishes. The officer wrote an incident report with the Resident Assistant and he is under pending review of ResLife.

On Nov. 21 a suspicious car was reported in the East Parking lot. Police stated that the car was continuously circling the lot to the top and continuously going back down to the bottom. They stopped the car and asked the driver what they were doing. The driver was not a KSU student, but stated that they were waiting for their friend to come out of class and were told to get there to pick them up after class at 1:30. Their friend was not answering her phone and she was worried she went to the wrong place to get picked up. The officer advised the driver that classes do not end until 1:45 for that period that she should sit in a spot and wait for a phone call instead of driving up and down and wasting her gas.

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• **OMEGA** from front page named Junior Sports Management major, Cassandra Pell-Dow the 2008-2009 Miss Omega Psi Phi, and awarded her with a \$350 book scholarship. Pell-Dow will help represent the Omegas at upcoming charity events and campus functions. Her platform includes outstanding commitment to community service, academic excellence, and involvement in student life. She volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, Hands on Atlanta, as well as being a mentor and dancing for the Remix Dance Squad. At the same time, she was working two jobs to pay for college. Pell-Dow said, "I am proud of what the Omega's are doing here at Kennesaw, and I am honored that they have chosen me to represent them." Alday and Parrott were also awarded with great contributions in support for the Omegas here. "Without the help of Mrs. Parrot and Mrs. Alday we would not have had the positive impact on this campus we have had thus far. This is just our

• **ABROAD** from front page Dr. Barry J. Morris, Director of Cabinet Research Projects. "It is probably the most valuable and consequential \$14 a student will ever spend."

Starting in the Summer and Maymester of 2009, all students who wish to participate in a study abroad program will be required to apply for the scholarship. Dr. Paracka also stated that, so far, 120 students have signed up for a study abroad program during the summer, which is when most students choose to study abroad. In the 2007-2008 academic year, a record 454 students participated in a study abroad program, while only 188 participated during the 2003-2004 year. Even more are expected to travel abroad this year. "To be successful today, in one's professional and personal pursuits, requires the ability to interact and collaborate with people from different cultures," said Paracka. "Study abroad is one of the most effective ways to develop

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Women's sports

Kind of like real sports, only not really.

While many never thought they would ever see this day come, we could be watching the Big 3 as we know them fade away right before our eyes. There is really no classy way of saying this, but the once proud producers of American muscle cars are now going down faster than a cheap hooker with rent money due. We can all debate if the failure has been caused by unionized labor, misundereestimation of the economic effects of gas prices, or simply poor management, but one thing is quickly becoming apparent. The auto industry is most likely about to be restructured through either bankruptcy or conditional bailout. But all this talk of restructuring has really gotten me thinking about something. While we are on this whole restructuring binge, why don't we get our priorities straight and fix one of the problems actually facing the average American? I'm speaking, of course, about the mess that women's sports have become.

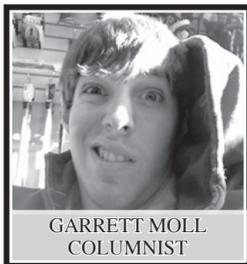
Ladies, allow me to be brutally honest. You are terrible at sports. No, really, I'm not kidding. Terrible. To avoid being misquoted about this, I'll say it in no unclear terms: women's sports are a complete waste of time and have no redeeming value whatsoever. If I had to rank watching women's sports on my all time list of painfully boring things to do, it would rank right above watching grass grow and right below watching C-Span. I actually think you guys might be worse at sports than you are at driving. Believe me when I speak for the entire male race here: we never thought we would ever live to see anything worse than your driving.

Let me get in some analogies here to further explain how bad

you guys are. Women's sports are to sports as Diet Coke is to Coke. As Taco Bell is to Mexican food. As Christian music is to music. As GoBots are to Transformers. As Paris Hilton is to human beings. Or to go up a separate road, women's sports are to boring as boring is to boring. And don't even bother accusing me of ignorance on this one. I've endured my fair share of games. Nobody comes to watch them besides family members, friends, and people that don't like real sports. That's no lie, and we all know it.

Honestly, can anyone even name any female athletes? I can name the really attractive ones like Maria Sharapova and Anna Kournikova, I can name Shawn Johnson because one of my roommates has an awkward crush on her (He has a thing for midgets, don't even ask), and I can name Serena and Venus Williams because I've always secretly suspected that they're both dudes. Past that I can't name any. It's pretty telling that as an avid sports fan I can name more offensive linemen for the Falcons than I can female athletes of any kind.

Come on, ladies. Can't you do something to make things more interesting? Right now, as a student of KSU, I'm paying for you to play these "sports." Sadly, I'm not getting anything for my money. I'm just one man with one opinion, but I really wish we could restructure these sports so the average person can at least get some redeeming value out of them. Maybe you guys could all wear really skimpy uniforms and have a group pole dancing performance after the game. Maybe you could fit some oiled wrestling in the mix at halftime. Maybe we could just record all the games in



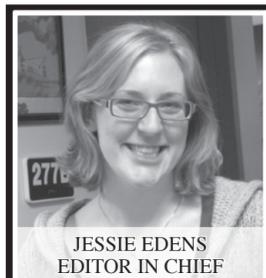
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advance and then play them for everyone in fast forward so that it looks like you guys are moving at normal speed (as an added bonus, we could mute it so nobody has to listen to your annoying high pitched yells). Maybe we could even replace conventional sports with competitive cooking, cleaning, and ironing. At least women are actually good at that. I really don't know. But what I do know is that women's sports, in their current state, aren't spectator sports. They are completely unwatchable and we just can't take it anymore. We can't take the painfully slow pace or the extreme lack of any girl on girl action whatsoever. Little kids come to these games, ladies. Innocent little kids. Can you at least do it for the children?

To all the angry feminists out there reading this, I look forward to receiving all of your hate mail. Oh, wait, I forgot. Feminists are too stupid to read, so I probably won't get any. So in the mean time, have fun playing your "sports" and enjoy making less money than your male counterparts in the workplace later in life. I think I've run out of sexist jokes now, so I guess I'll call this a wrap. Wait, no, hold on a second. Why couldn't Hellen Keller drive? Because she was a woman. Ok, now I've run out of sexist jokes. You stay classy, ladies.

Editor frees up her Mondays

Another EIC says goodbye



JESSIE EDENS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Staring down my very last day as editor in chief, I must say it is an odd feeling knowing I will not be returning here in January. I have been part of the editorial board for the past two years, meaning that my Mondays are long, my e-mail inbox is always overloaded and I am part of the crazy ritual that is a weekly college publication. But in a few weeks I will finish my second and maximum term here, clean out my office and turn in my key. While bigger things will come, it has no doubt shaped my journalism experience, and has defined my time at KSU thus far.

The weirdest thing is that I still have two more years until I graduate. I started here young, and so far as long as I have been around campus, I've been coming into the office; it is a part of my life here. It will be quite bizarre showing up in the spring and not having my second home on campus.

Even more astounding to consider, my life would be very different without the people on this staff, who manifest their talents and skills each week in the pages of The Sentinel. These people have not only been my coworkers, they have become my good friends. My time in this position could have been much more difficult, but I had the good fortune of an excellent staff.

When I was a brand-new arts and living editor, Adeolu was my production guy, and he and I are the only remaining staff members from that time

(well, except Zach and Amy). He has become a friend even to my roommates, even though we still haven't seen him show up with Rock Band 2 yet.

Maria has been an essential part of the production staff, and was my stellar spring A&L editor. While we swear that she is not human, we also see her human side in her talents and her ability to multi-task. Her leadership has brought Talon out of the trenches, and still she has worked with us.

And Ben, you came in and filled some production shoes last-minute, and have worked well with Kelly to make sports look better every week. I am also eternally grateful for the glow-in-the-dark stars you gave me to brighten my office—they add so much cheer.

Op/ed will be missing its Dave spark in the spring, without his witty commentaries to really poke readers in the ribs. He is facing the same things as me: the end of the road after several years on the job. His solid, steady work every week has been enormously valuable and very much appreciated. I wish him the best of luck in his career as an educator.

I was so glad when I heard Kelly was coming back for her Master's degree, because I knew she would be just what the sports desk needed. Her tenacity to get more and more sports content in every issue is clear—sports is four pages and loaded with photos this week. The section really never has looked better.

The arts and living section has seen a new editor and has grown with him. Jacob took on the largest section and has stuck through each week, bringing everything together. This dedication means a lot to me.

Tara really did make a fine recommendation with Clark, who has the hardest job on staff and has handled it with flying colors. A thousand questions later (but I didn't mind answering them, Clark), I see a journalist prepared for his career, with research and

people-managing skills that he'll take from here. He stepped up and took his role seriously, and has made this paper run smoothly.

Zach has been the invisible man, but one that we would not get by without. Just like Kevin doing the distribution and Tsen-Tsen managing the advertising—those are roles that are as forgotten as they are important. Each of these people has done their job very well.

This semester, we have been spoiled with amazing copy editors, who pull more than their weight each Monday in getting the paper done. Amy has stayed on and double-checked the news desk. Holly, Leah and Susan have helped me sleep better at night, with their hard work on the (sometimes ridiculous) copy we get. And Susan, I have complete confidence in your ability to take on this job in the spring. Of course I will be there anytime you have questions, or need to vent.

Caitlin, Caitlyn and Anna have all come in and begun to learn the craft, and no doubt they will continue to grow within The Sentinel, ensuring its quality and keeping it fresh.

And Ed, you have seen dozens of these letters, and they might all say the same thing; but what I really hope you'll take from this one is that your enthusiasm for the job you have and for journalism is an inspiration to me. I was so glad to see you honored with the adviser award this spring, because in my time here, you have been the advice and support I sometimes needed.

I have come now to the end of this era in my life. Possibly the strangest thing, for a writer, is to find no words to express how you feel. I feel a mixture of sadness and relief, put simply. But I do find solace in remembering the ups and downs of the past two years, and the friendships and experience I am walking away with. And it is a wonderful thought to know that some of these people will still be here, keeping the newspaper pumping every week. Don't worry, I'll still be reading.

The art of the swindle: KSU's gas stations

I'm really high right now. Seriously. I've got that buzzing, warm feeling all over my head and I can't stop smiling, man. I really wish I had someone here to laugh at this with me, but as I sit in front of this laptop, I'm thinking, "Dude. There's really nothing funny about what I just did." And what I just "did" should be pretty sobering, but the fact that I've inadvertently huffed a cumulus cloud of gas fumes in my little experiment is postponing the rage.

So, let me just come right out and say it: Fellow owls, all the gas stations within a mile of KSU (without exception) aren't giving us a full gallon of gas, even though we pay for it. You're thinking, "Whaaaaa? Now I know she's high!" But seriously, y'all! Some of these unchecked stores are even brassy enough to give you 25 to 50 cents LESS in gas than what you just paid for! It doesn't sound like a whole lot, but think about it: if you give the attendant \$20 for gas at a station that robs a quarter from each gallon, then go back outside and pump it, you're only gonna get 15 bucks' worth of gas before the meter shuts off. The injustice! Why we oughta...! Think of how much that was when gas was at \$4.19 a gallon and you completely filled your tank.

So what gave me the idea that there might be petrol-pushing pickpockets in our vicinity? I'm an absolute freak for this kind of thing, that's what. But you might benefit from it, so stay with me.

I started my search with the Shell station right off Frey. We all know it—it's the one with the Subway in it. I pumped the gas into my specified gallon-container that has increments

marked at a quarter-gallon, a half-gallon, three-quarters of a gallon, and a true gallon. With gas at an average of two dollars a gallon, I re-named these increments by their monetary worth. For example, the half-way mark shows where the gas should stop had I paid one dollar, the three-quarter mark is a dollar-fifty's worth, and so on. To test the pumps, I used the gallon-meter (just below the price-meter) on the pump. I gently squeezed what the machine measured as exactly one gallon into the container, put the cap on it, and let it sit for a moment to steady itself. To err in favor of the offender, in the case of slightly uneven land I conceded to measure the gas at its highest point. You know—to prove to myself that I wasn't after a lowly smear-job against our gas stations. I had full faith, however, that even with the added benefit, I would find something shady. Throughout my experiment though, the surface-line of the gasoline never looked uneven so I believe firmly that I measured the gas to the best of my ability. So there I was, at the Shell looking into the meter that told me I had taken a gallon. I looked back down at my container that cried up at me, "The pump stopped giving us gas at just above the three-quarters mark!" and I knew I had to say something.

The Cigo right down there on the corner of Busbee and Frey was next. As expected, my unfulfilled little gallon-container reported an almost identical measurement—just above the three-quarters mark. That's nearly fifty cents syphoned off each gallon! So what about the second Shell station on the corner of Shiloh and Frey? The one with an alterations place beside it and a Papa John's oven

in it? That was the worst, actually. Not only did I have to conduct my research before the unapologetic stare of a small Asian woman through a window by the register, I ended up with somewhere between \$1.35 and \$1.40 in gas at the \$1.96 price. Shame shame shame. A little better, but still under the mark was the Swifty Save out on Chastain, by the Wendy's. They still didn't hit the gallon mark, but they were at least better than the first three.

It's crazy. I'm not naming names or stores for this bit, but I went back inside one store when the few other customers had left. I didn't want to draw attention to myself or embarrass the clerk, but I wanted to know something. I approached the female attendant and smiled politely. "I've gotta really weird question for you." She waited. "Do you know the last time these pumps were inspected?" She looked out at the pumps (toward my car) and after a moment asked me if I was "from the government." I wasn't expecting that, truthfully, and quiet laugh tumbled outta me. That little Honda with muddied cat-prints on the hood—a government car? But I told her politely, "No, I'm actually just a student." Then she told me to leave. Yeah! Me! With absolutely NO humor in her tone, she hemmed me up that quick and told me to leave! Now, if that isn't suspicious then you're walking dead. The cheap gas-station called Murphy USA by the Wal-Mart? I'd be careful going there too much. They're marginally under the gallon, but after awhile, math catches up.

So you're thinking, "Okay, get to it then! Where do I go to NOT get ripped off?" Fine. Good question. I'm still a bit woozy from the fumes and meander-

ing, I admit, but you can thank me for my troubles later. Here are the top three that gave me a true gallon when I paid for it: The QT on the corner of Prado and Barrett Pkwy. It's the one by Cheeseburger Bobby's and YogoDay. This is the second QT I tested (the other in Marietta) and it's the second time they've done me right. They're cheaper, at that! The AM-PM by the Golden Corral on Barrett (I think it used to be a BP?) was right on the money, too. Another surprise is the gas station in the Kroger parking lot! You get a discount with your Kroger points (or something like that) and they actually give you a true gallon! I'm not too sure what gives with the gas stations around the university (mmm-hmm, sneaky selves!) but I'd avoid them as much as possible. Not only does it not make sense to get ripped off repeatedly, but it also contributes to companies that (I'm sure) are aware of what's going on.

Now, I'm no scientist. I don't have to tell you that. I am merely a consumer who took it upon herself to (for once) actually look at the gas she's buying on a weekly basis. My experiment isn't scientific and thus, is prone to inaccuracies. I'm not too proud to say I've made a mistake, so if you've got something to offer, please respond to me via the Sentinel Web site. I will tell you, though, that it doesn't take rocket science to see when a pitcher ends up full of beer, when your bag of Cheetos ends up mostly air, or when a gallon of gas isn't what you got at the pump. But to get close to science, I took into consideration a few things. Cold temperatures, for one, put liquids in a more dense state. With gasoline and its odd properties, the density fluctuations are



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truly tiny, and under normal circumstances won't be affected enough for the naked eye to become aware of. Aside from that, underground temperatures (that exist where the gas is stored) maintain a year-round average that makes no difference in the measurement be it winter or summer. So that was out. I thought about evaporation and again, the rate by which gasoline becomes gas (yes, they're different!) is nearly immeasurable in under a minute's time. The cap was to help prevent that, anyhow. That was out. Foaming is another issue that can cause a bad read. However, when you pump it slowly and thump the container to surface any bubbles that might have found their way in, you don't get foam. With that, I got the most unhindered liquid readouts that said to me, "Girl you betta tell somebody!"

And I choose you, my fellow owls, as my somebodies. How come? Because I'm an absolute freak for your rights, that's how come.

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Why I am voting for Jim Martin

On December 2, freshman Republican Senator Saxby Chambliss and Democrat challenger Jim Martin will vie for one of Georgia's two senate seats in a runoff election. This election is being held late because neither candidate received a majority of the vote during the general election.

If you have been paying attention during this senate race, you haven't heard a single positive thing yet. You've heard that Chambliss did this, that Martin did that, and that these actions indicate that they hate middle class families, want to raise your taxes several-fold, and want to drink the blood of your first-born child. If you haven't heard that last bit, don't worry. You soon will. This campaign has been ridiculously negative, and it is time for someone to say something positive about one of the candidates. Everything mentioned here was easily found, either on Martin's campaign website or OnTheIssues.org.

I'm voting for Jim Martin because he is a good man. He was born in Atlanta, and attended the University of Georgia. When the Vietnam War broke out he took two years off from college and served our country honor-

ably, unlike so many of our draft-dodging politicians. He's been married to the same woman for thirty-eight years – a milestone which many married couples fail to reach.

I'm voting for Jim Martin because he is intelligent and educated. He has an undergraduate and two law degrees from the University of Georgia. If that doesn't exemplify hard work and intelligence, I don't know what would.

I'm voting for Jim Martin because he's an elder in his church—a church that understands it is not his business to tell me what to believe. Blending church and politics wears on my nerves, and this man thoroughly understands the separation of church and state, not just as protection of the state from the church, but the church from the state as well.

I'm voting for Jim Martin because he is pro-choice. Nobody doubts that abortion is a terrible thing, but so many of our politicians are wealthy white men, the group least likely to have to grapple with this difficult issue. All too often people who will never deal with this issue want to deny disadvantaged women their choice in the matter, and that is not ac-

ceptable.

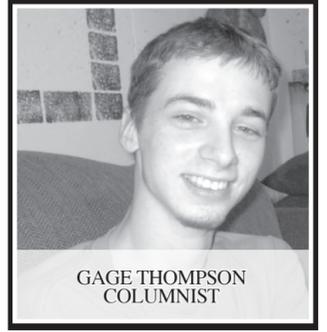
I'm voting for Jim Martin because he treats homosexuals as human beings. While he doesn't support marriage, he does support civil unions for homosexual couples, and while I might prefer the former I can certainly support the latter when the alternative is a man who believes homosexuals are sinful creatures that don't deserve the same rights as everyone else. Trying to deny minority groups equal rights in this country is absurd and should be discouraged.

I'm voting for Jim Martin because he understands the so-called "Fair Tax" isn't fair at all. The Fair Tax, a proposal for a ridiculously large national sales tax to replace the IRS and the income tax, is a regressive tax. It will shift the burden of taxes in this country even further towards the middle and lower classes, and will result in huge incentives to purchase big-ticket items illegally. If sales tax was at 23% and you wanted to purchase a television that costs \$1,500 and you could purchase it stolen with no tax or at the store, could you honestly say you would pay the extra \$345? If you answered yes, you are probably in the minority,

and businesses realizing this might begin to falsify records to sell more products illegally, creating the need for some kind of national regulatory agency that would have to look into tax evasion. Sounds like the IRS to me.

I'm voting for Jim Martin because he wants to lower my taxes and not the taxes of the wealthiest Americans and the biggest corporations. Progressive taxation is not communism. It is not socialism. Progressive taxation is asking those who get the most benefit out of government services to pay more. Wealthy people use far more government services than the poor do – they drive on roads, they take vacations to national parks, and they get disproportionate benefits from our courts and police system, which exist only to protect their wealth. Paying slightly more taxes is the least they can do.

The last eight years have been disastrous for us as a nation. The loss of national respect and recognition alone would have been enough for pause, but to add to that, we've also lost a lot economically. Whether you blame the Republicans and the president for this crisis or not, you must admit that it mani-



GAGE THOMPSON
COLUMNIST

festated on their watch. Either they were the root cause of the problem or they twiddled their thumbs and blamed someone else while Rome burned. In both cases they deserved to be punished, and George W. Bush has few supporters more loyal than Saxby Chambliss. A vote for Chambliss is as good as saying, "I'd like more of the last eight years, please. Thank you very much sir."
Just don't be surprised when you get it.

Obama the Magician Proposition 8 Much ado about nothing

Now that we have finally elected the messiah to come through with the list of solutions and giveaways he promised us, many in his inner circle are lowering expectations for what he will be able to do. The night he defeated Hilary Clinton he said, "I am absolutely certain that generations from now, we will be able to look back and tell our children that this was the moment when we began to provide care for the sick and good jobs to the jobless; this was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal; this was the moment when we ended a war and secured our nation and restored our image as the last, best hope on earth."

But now Obama economic adviser Robert Reich tempered expectations noting that, "We all have to be very careful about the expectations that we are putting on this man, our president-elect. If we all assume it's going to be the first 100 days, we're going to be disappointed."

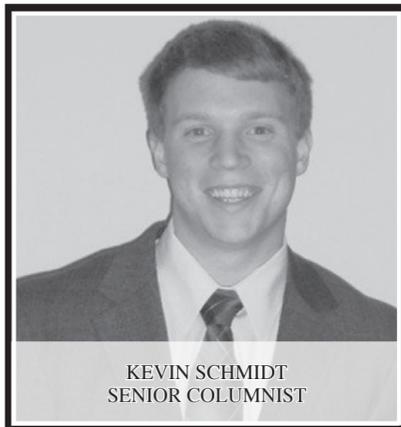
Obama's rhetoric lives in an idealist pseudo-reality in terms of what he can accomplish, meanwhile his advisers know the grim reality he faces when takes office Jan. 20, 2009.

Reich continued, "2009 is going to be a very hard year. Some economists say we won't be out of this for two years, others are saying it may be three, or four, maybe five years." The only thing we can tell Mr. Reich with any degree of certainty is that if we're still facing hard economic times by the next election, he won't have to worry about fixing the problem anymore.

This isn't stopping Obama from proposing supposedly bold and heroic action when he takes office. His economic plan aims to create 2.5 million jobs by 2011. The jobs would include putting "people back to work rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges, modernizing schools that are failing our children, and building wind farms and solar panels." A tall task for any common man, but a normal day in the life of The Chosen One.

One thing he won't have to worry about is schools that are failing Washington D.C., because his children are going to a private school with tuition of \$29,000 a year. All the while he opposes the D.C. voucher program for low-income children to go to private and parochial schools. School choice for me, but not for thee? Yes we can.

But the elephant in the room is how these 2.5 million jobs, created or incentivized by government's clearly visible hand, will be paid for. Although Obama makes it sound like magic, the answer is quite simple. First, he will borrow more money so he can spend it here. The deficit will expand further into the red, and



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perhaps into an unknown territory to the point where we don't know how the dollar will maintain its value.

This started with the Bush administration, and will likely be even more extravagant when Obama takes office. He will continue to try and solve the nation's credit problem by excessively borrowing money from around the world. The irony knows no bounds considering the fact the federal government has \$52.7 trillion in future liabilities according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the deficit expands by \$4 billion a day. That amounts to around \$455,000 per household.

In 2010, the Bush tax cuts will expire and tax rates will go up on all Americans who pay income taxes, capital gains, and dividends unless action is taken to protect the 95% of tax-paying Americans Obama promised a tax cut. As for the top two income brackets, 663,608 of them are small business owners according to the left-leaning Tax Policy Center.

Obama will start by asking for another stimulus package of at least \$300 billion, and even more to bail out the automakers. If there's one thing I've noticed around college students, it's that they are overwhelming against bailouts and mock the so called "stimulus package". This goes for students of all types of ideologies and parties. The question is whether left-leaning students and Democrats will vocally oppose Obama's plans they are against, instead of writing him a blank check. After all, the deficit and unsustainable entitlements will hurt the current young generation the most when we pick up the check. So hopefully they can muster up the courage to tell Obama, "No you can't."

In last week's edition, there was a column addressing the issue of Proposition 8, which I found to have many misrepresentations of the issue. To me, Proposition 8 is a very complicated issue and I don't really have a yea or nay stance on it. I do, however, have views about the specifics of the proposition as well as how it came to pass.

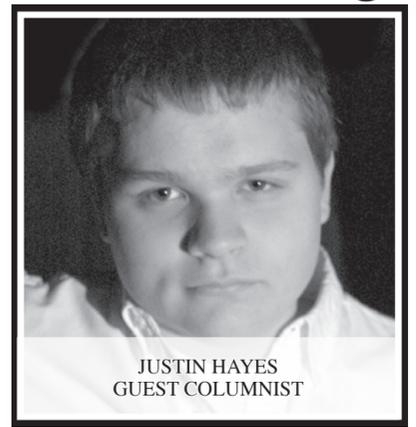
Personally, I do not believe the government has a role in the institution of marriage, and the decision should be left up to religious institutions. If a church, synagogue, or temple wants to recognize a marriage and hold a ceremony for a homosexual couple, then they should be allowed to, as well as refuse to hold a ceremony. I do believe Civil Unions should be legal for all sexual orientations, and that homosexuals should be given the same rights as married heterosexual couples. I also want to make it clear that I have no problem with homosexuality.

Unfortunately, I don't see the government getting out of the business of defining marriage anytime soon, so at least it's remaining a state issue for now. I do have some problems with the arguments coming from those opposed to Proposition 8. In their defense, they refer to marriage as a human right. Marriage is a religious right, not a human right endowed to us by God or protected by the Constitution. They cite the equal protection clause of the Constitution and the equal rights clause of the California Constitution as reasoning for allowing same-sex marriage. I disagree with this reasoning because in a civil union, homosexual couples are given equal protection under the law, and again, marriage is a religious institution not a legal right. The Constitution does not guarantee a right to marry.

I also have a problem with the court legislating from the bench when it overturned the first referendum, Proposition 22 (March 2000), defining marriage as between a man and a woman, in May of 2008. If California wanted to legalize same-sex marriage, it should have done so through the legislative body.

Proposition 8, itself, does bug me a little. I have a problem with direct democracy and prefer representatives to make laws rather than rely on the "will of the people." I disagree with holding referendums on ballots because the citizenry is not informed enough to make a choice which drastically alters society. In fact, it's very interesting that 70 percent of black voters, the majority of whom voted for Barack Obama, voted for Proposition 8. So the proposition definitely wasn't part of some Republican conspiracy to take away the rights of gays.

I titled this "much ado about nothing" because homosexual couples are still given the exact same rights that heterosexual couples are given, in a legal sense. The proposition did not ban civil unions or change the rights given to homosexuals after those are performed. If homosexuals want to hold a private marriage ceremony, exchange rings,



JUSTIN HAYES
GUEST COLUMNIST

or any other acts of marriage, the proposition makes no mention of that. The proposition only defines marriage as between a man and a woman and takes away the state's recognition of a same-sex marriage.

Sir Elton John actually supports Proposition 8, and in USA Today, had this to say:

"I don't want to be married. I'm very happy with a civil partnership. If gay people want to get married, or get together, they should have a civil partnership. The word 'marriage,' I think, puts a lot of people off."

He is right when referring to the semantics of the issue. There is a big difference between a marriage and a civil partnership in that one refers to a religious union and the other refers to a legal one, both with the same benefits. He continues, "You get the same equal rights that we do when we have a civil partnership. Heterosexual people get married. We can have civil partnerships."

Not that much has changed other than California's definition of marriage. Same-sex couples have not lost any legal rights and should try to adjust to the new law. If they feel strongly enough about the issue, they can try to change it. Instead of protesting, which they have every right to do, people who are for same-sex marriage should focus on campaigning for and electing candidates who share their views to the California legislator. Stop blaming the religious institutions and the "evil" Republicans and use democracy to your advantage.

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THE OWL FORUM

RE: Student Questions Rights

Dear Editor,
I was shock to hear that a KSU student was in trouble for putting a political poster. I do not understand why KSU housing would have an issue with this. Especially when I have seen groups protesting against homosexuals, tables with political signs and holiday decorations on campus. Election Day may not be an official holiday but this one is an historic one. There should be no exception to the rule of decorations especially if some students whose beliefs are against certain holidays. What makes those political bumper stickers on students' cars any different from posting a political poster?

Jania Green
Communication
Senior

nature trail alone will be a huge benefit for the students. Thanks for printing this. The fields will be a great benefit for campus life just like it was for The Sentinel when it printed its first paper.

Jonathan Parris
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RE: KSU to engage in global learning with Iranian students

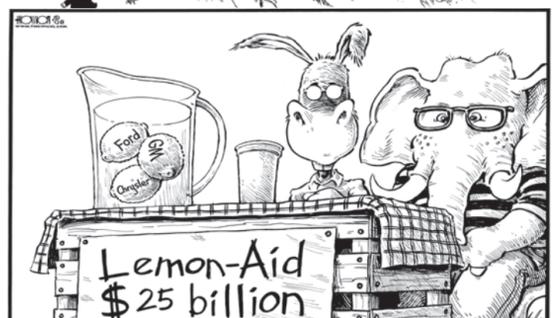
Dear Editor,
Thank you for including the article "KSU to engage in global learning with Iranian students" on your front page. I am both excited and relieved to learn that there are students on this campus who are actively participating in changing the stereotypes and perceptions of the people in the Middle East. This article hit home for me because my cousins are Middle Eastern and Muslim. So often, I take personal offense when I witness blatant disrespect for their religion that is not based in truth, but grounded in the empty emotions of prejudice. I think it is important for all of us to remember that it is not the citizens of a particular region or the followers of Islam that we are at war with. It is, in fact, the members of a radical terrorist organization that have twisted the messages of this peaceful religion to promote their own evil agenda. Let us always remember that you cannot combat terror with hate, but rather we should begin fighting fear with love.

Aimee Day
Communication
Senior

RE: Fee Hike for new Athletic fields

Dear Editor,
I am proud to see the University take a step like this. I have been here ever since 2002, planning to graduate in December, and I have always wondered why we never have improved the intramural fields. I only wish that they could have made this decision years ago so that I could benefit from them. It is changes like these that attract future students to colleges. Kennesaw is an amazing school and we need to make changes like this to make known. Another huge benefit and probably the most important is that the athletes that will use these fields will now have the space they need. The

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“Apple pie is good”

Atlanta Opera presents slightly different Cinderella Fairy tale is ‘laugh-out-loud-funny’

MICHELLE LANDREIN
STAFF WRITER

Behind the curtains at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre on the night of Nov. 15 hid a delightfully new experience for me: my first opera. As the curtains opened, so did an entire world; it was a truly unique, enlightening experience. Beautiful music and singing resonated throughout the auditorium. I have heard opera music on the radio, or on TV, but that pales in comparison to hearing it live. Before attending, I was told to expect such a dramatic difference. Earlier in the week, I'd had the tremendous opportunity to speak with Jennifer Larmore, a Marietta native who played the main character, Angelina, in the production.

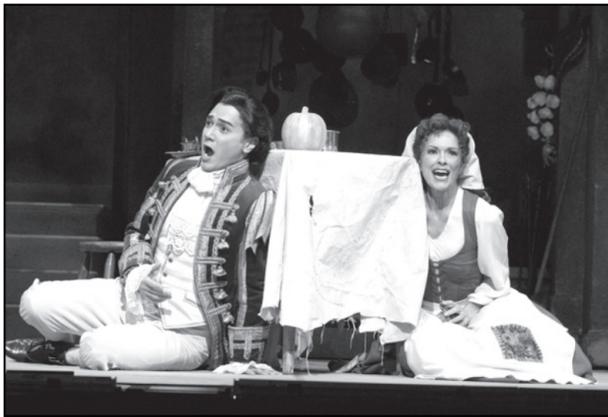
Larmore is a Grammy Award-winning mezzo-soprano who has recorded over 70 CDs in her career. I explained to her that I had never been to an opera before and didn't know what to expect. She laughed and did her best to put me at ease.

“I would say that there really is no reason to fear the opera in any way. Most people are afraid because it's a very different, elite art form, or have never been exposed to it.” When I asked what she would say to someone who, like me, was considering going to an opera in the near future, she responded, “Cinderella couldn't be a more perfect opera to see for the first time! It has incredible supertitles for the Italian that go along with the action on stage wonderfully.”

During the interview, I was curious about her use

of “supertitles” as opposed to “subtitles,” as I had never heard that term before. When I entered the auditorium, I noticed a large, narrow screen high above the stage flashing translations. That explained the prefix of the word! As far as the storyline goes, everyone knows the fairy tale of Cinderella; however, few know there are different versions.

“This particular



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Nicholas Phan as Prince Ramiro and Jennifer Larmore as Angelina (Cinderella)

version was written in 1817, at a time where it was not appropriate for a woman to show her ankles—so instead of a glass slipper, Cinderella left behind a bracelet. For the same reason, instead of having a fairy godmother, Cinderella has a fairy godfather. Also, accompanying her wicked stepsisters is a wicked stepfather,” said Larmore.

One of my questions for Larmore was how “Cinderella” differed from other operas that she had appeared in. “Cinderella was very different from other productions because it is laugh-out-loud-funny as opposed to other productions with small amounts of humor. Really it all depends on the director, as well as fellow cast members.” Next I asked Larmore when she first decided to go into performing. “You know, I always loved to sing—my mother told me that I sang before I talked. When I was 10 years old, I went to go see ‘La Traviata’ with my family, and I remember being overwhelmed by the beauty of the whole experience. I thought to myself, ‘That’s what I want to do! It’s my dream!’”

Larmore was very cheerful and accommodating during the interview, elaborating on each question and adding personal touches. When I asked if there were any challenges faced during the production, she responded, “Actually there weren’t any barriers this time. Everything ran smoothly—it was an incredible, very fun piece to do. Just give it a chance; I think you’ll be transported to another world with comedy and truly incredible singing!”

Indeed, the show was spectacular; I’m glad that I went, and I would definitely encourage others to see an opera sometime, no matter how opera-phobic they might be. Allow me to offer a word of advice before you go: Make sure that you arrive very early (and use the restroom beforehand) because the Cobb Centre’s employees are incredibly strict about entry time.

Keep an open mind about going to the opera for the first time and you won’t be disappointed.

Some international students struggle to finance education Out-of-state tuition high, jobs hard to find

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In many ways, life for KSU’s international students can be disorienting and difficult. Trying to adapt to a new culture while fulfilling one’s obligations in the classroom presents a unique set of problems. Sometimes the biggest problem—one that defies an easy solution—is not social or academic but financial: how to pay for tuition and other expenses. Depending on who you talk to, the proverbial glass is half full, half empty, or in some cases both.

Mukul Garg, who is pursuing a Master of Science in Applied Computer Science degree, believes he made the right decision in choosing to attend KSU.

“I am very happy to have come to Kennesaw State University,” said Garg, in his Indian dialect. “I am happy because I got a Graduate Research Assistantship after I enrolled at KSU. I was given two choices: either to accept an out-of-state tuition waiver or to accept a GRA. Finally, I accepted the GRA.”

For those who do not get a GRA, there are other options. For example, the Institute for Global Initiatives offers the Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Program.

“If the student is dedicated to her study and she maintains a good GPA, we provide her a tuition waiver,” said Carmen Diaz, Administrative Coordinator in the Office of International Services and Programs.

Not every international student who applies for a tuition waiver receives one, however; students in their first year are not eligible, and even if an applicant meets all of the criteria—in addition to maintaining a good GPA, the student must submit credentials and perform volunteer work—there are no guarantees. According to the Office of International Student Retention Services, the number of students who apply for the waiver far outnumbers the waivers available. If a student does not receive a tuition waiver, a need based waiver may be applied for, but as with tuition waivers, there is no such thing as a sure thing.

Garg was lucky to find himself in the position of choosing between two possibilities, both of which promised to be beneficial. “I was not given that kind of opportunity while I was enrolled at a university in Pennsylvania. Here there are

multiple opportunities for industrious students,” he said.

Patrik Konat, an undergraduate student from Sweden, has a decidedly different viewpoint. “I am dissatisfied that KSU does not grant the same opportunities to international students that it does to students who are residents,” said Konat. “International students [who do not receive a waiver] have to pay a tuition which is more than double what residents pay.”

Finances can be a stumbling block for international students because many of them come from developing countries where the economy is not on an equal footing with that of the U.S. To further complicate matters, the exchange rate either helps or hurts one’s ability to pay, depending on the strength of the currency in the student’s home country. According to one student, who spoke on condition of anonymity, “My father earns 50,000 rupees per month in my country. That is a very high salary that only a few people earn. However, that amount is like \$600 here. It is, therefore, very difficult to pay tuition and rent in the United States without working.”

Nearly every international student who comes to the U.S. wants to work as well as study. Whether a student finds work on campus or off campus depends on a number of factors. In order to work on campus, a student must be in good academic standing (an undergraduate must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and a graduate student a minimum of 3.0); it is not necessary to obtain a work permit from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. But on campus jobs can be scarce, and many of them require that a student be eligible for Federal Work-Study, which of course rules out international students.

To obtain a position off campus, an international student must have been a full-time student with F-1 immigration status for a full academic year, be in good academic standing and have a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services work permit.

The situation of Caroline Ofulah, an undergraduate student from Kenya majoring in Communication, is illustrative. While she is pleased with KSU overall, she feels the strain that paying tuition has placed on her and her family.

“I am very happy. I have met a lot of new people at KSU, so I have a lot of fun. The environment is very good. However, I am very sad because I cannot find a job even after applying in different offices on campus. Now my father cannot pay [tuition].”

Joint Enrollment Honors Program suits area high schoolers

Participants enjoy earning college credit

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Although the reasons behind area high school students’ participation in KSU’s Joint Enrollment Honors Program (JEHP) vary—they may not enjoy high school, they may not be academically challenged or they may be ready to move on—one thing is certain: the program provides them with a valuable opportunity to earn college credit and get a taste of college life.

“I felt like high school did more to hinder my education than help it,” said former JEHP student Jeremy Hale. Another former JEHP student, Lauren Tankesley, added, “I was so over high school, and I didn’t have any problems transitioning.”

Current JEHP student, Karalyn Prestwich, said, “I wasn’t really getting that [high school] experience that you see in all the movies. You know—parties, football games, sports, clubs. I did very little of any of that. I figured that high school wasn’t really worth it.” Victoria Pezzarossi, another current JEHP student, said, “High school was fun, don’t get me wrong, but I was just ready to move on.”

Hale, who participated during the 2006–2007 academic year, heard about the program through an older friend. “She had taken a couple of classes there and I decided I would like to do the same.” Hale was a student at East Paulding High School (EPHS) when he participated in JEHP. He was also a starting varsity soccer player at EPHS.

Despite the difficulties of balancing courses at KSU with soccer at EPHS, Hale does not regret his experience with JEHP. “You get basic classes out of the way and you can earn dual credit for them in your high school. I also feel like it prepared me for college,” he said.

Hale currently attends Berry College where he plans to graduate a year early with a major in physics and a double minor in chemistry and mathematics. After graduating from Berry, he wants to attend medical school.

Tankesley, a 2007–2008 JEHP student, also heard of the program through word of mouth. She was not being challenged enough in high school, so when she heard about an opportunity to go to college early, she took it. “All around, it was possibly the best decision I ever made,” she said.

Although JEHP students are not required to live on campus, Tankesley used the option to become even more involved in college life. “Living on campus was a great step for me, as I was mature enough to handle living away from home at 16,” she said. The credits she earned in JEHP will allow Tankesley to reach her academic goals sooner than her peers. “I plan to graduate [from Georgia Tech] and go to medical school two years earlier than those who are my age. It is a great feeling,” said Tankesley.

Karalyn Prestwich joined the program when she was a junior in high school. She is now a senior at Lassiter High School, but she takes all of her classes at KSU. Prestwich learned about joint enrollment programs through her mother and her sister, who participated in a joint enrollment program at Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU). Her sister’s success in the joint enrollment program at SPSU was not the only reason Prestwich decided to join JEHP; she also wanted to utilize her last years of high school as a learning experience instead of a last stand of adolescence. “A lot of people take a slack schedule their senior year, but for me it’s important to always be learning and improving,” she said.

Prestwich’s educational interests include engineering, psychology, business and dance. “The skills I learn while taking classes at KSU will help me in my further college education,” she said.

Victoria Pezzarossi is a senior at Cartersville High School. She heard of JEHP through her high school counselor. “I didn’t really have that hard of a decision to make because I was ready for college and bored with high school,” said Pezzarossi.

Although Pezzarossi was ready for college, she entered JEHP with some apprehension. “I was nervous at first because I was afraid that people would be able to tell that I was still in high school,” she said. Pezzarossi overcame her anxieties about college with effective time management and study skills. “I realized that the homework and tests weren’t any harder than those in high school as long as I studied properly,” she said.

After she finishes JEHP, Pezzarossi plans to continue her education at Emory University. “I plan to use my experience with the program to help me get in on a scholarship,” she said. “The college experience you get in this program is priceless.”

For more information on the Joint Enrollment Honors Program, visit www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/jehp and www.kennesaw.edu/university_studies/jehp.

Ryan Morton, Metro Atlanta YMCA volunteer of the year

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KSU student Ryan Morton received a Volunteer of the Year award from the Metro Atlanta YMCA at the Cobb Galleria Centre on Nov. 17. Morton contributes most of his volunteer time to the YMCA Leaders Club at the Fayette Family YMCA and is exceptional at what he does. Age isn't holding him back, as he is now the youngest volunteer of the year.

The YMCA Leaders Club is a club for high school students who participate in community service projects and volunteer opportunities. After graduating from high school in 2007, Morton became an advisor for the club and still holds that position today. "The Y is different because it gives everyone an opportunity," he said. "They never turn people away, regardless if they can afford it or not, and I've never heard of any other organization that does that."

The Leaders Club participates in events for the special needs population, such as the Special Olympics, Relay for Life, YMCA camp improvement projects and other community events. "I think that anyone can benefit from volunteering, and I would encourage anyone to volunteer in their community. They will find it to be very enjoyable and rewarding," said Morton.

Morton has been a member of the Y since he was in elementary school and has been an active volunteer at the Fayette Family YMCA for the past four years.

"The main reason I enjoy volunteering is because I am able to have fun with friends while also making a difference in people's lives," he said. "I couldn't imagine my life without volunteering."

Morton lives in Fayetteville with his proud parents, Joy and Scott, and his brother, Andrew.

Economy has students putting college plans on hold

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SUN SENTINEL

Joe Perri had big college dreams. He wanted to pursue a degree in photography from an arts school.

He and his family saved, hunted for scholarships and applied for financial aid, but they eventually realized they simply couldn't find enough help to offset the \$40,000-a-year cost for his first choice schools — the California Institute of the Arts and Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla.

"It was a big bummer, but I understand," said Perri, 18. "You get accepted to this big school, and you get so excited, but then your parents start throwing reality at you. We don't have that much money."

So Perri changed course. He's now a freshman at Broward College, formerly Broward Community College. He plans

last thing you want to do is sink yourself into debt," Mike Perri said. "I said 'Joseph, your dream is still there, but sometimes we have to take side roads. The point is, you're going forward.'"

That cherished family and financial goal of sending the kids to college is under serious pressure.

"You can hear about the economy a million times in school, but when it really hits home, the students realize what's needed," says Pam Kirtman, a college advisor at Nova High School in Davie, Fla. "A college education is very important to them, but they may be losing their jobs, their parents are losing their jobs, and even professionals aren't working."

A sign of the crush: A record number of applications were received by the University of Florida last year and a near-record number by Florida State University. Those records may

be gaining, too. At Palm Beach Community College, enrollment, 28,600 students currently, is eleven percent higher than last fall. At Broward College, current enrollment is up 6 percent over last year at 33,600. The number of applications from high school students jumped by 20 percent.

For some students, a community college is a good place to beef up skills to increase their marketability in a tough job market, said Grace Truman, director of college relations and marketing at Palm Beach Community College. For others, it's the cost savings that drives them to community colleges. "The real savings is being able to live at home for the first two years," she said.

One issue all schools have to face is private student loans, which have become both essential and very difficult to find because of the credit crisis. Two-thirds of all undergraduates borrow some amount.

"I don't want to do student loans," says Sarah Cochran, a senior at Pembroke Pines Charter High School, echoing the concerns of other students. "All those people are still paying them off while they're paying bills when they're older."

Cochran wanted to go to the University of Central Florida to study hospitality, with the goal of eventually working for Disney. Instead, she said she's going to go to Broward College and hunt for scholarships and financial aid.

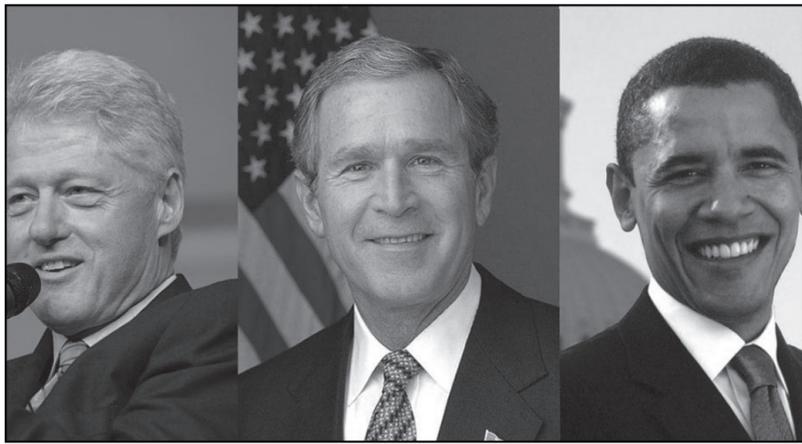
The loans that parents take out for students, called "Plus Loans," also are showing signs of distress. Plus Loan denial rates have jumped 26.5 percent over last year, through June.

"It's a contagion effect," Kantrowitz said.

It began with the surge in subprime mortgages going into default, he said. Mortgages are bundled into securities and sold to investors. So are student loans.

"The lack of oversight of these irresponsible people has left us with this situation," said Nova High Senior Lauren Barriere, who has decided to go to college in state if she doesn't make it into an Ivy League school. "If it's to pay a total over 120 grand for four years of college just to have a little bit better education, probably it isn't going to be worth it."

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Congress fixing Bush's eco problems

Dear EarthTalk: How can the new Obama administration and/or Congress undo the many anti-environmental actions the Bush administration undertook over the last eight years, including the obstruction of Bill Clinton's landmark "roadless rule" legislation?

The Bush administration has certainly been no friend to the environment. Besides working for eight years to overturn the Clinton administration's "Roadless Rule" that prevented road building (and the logging that usually follows) on 58.5 million acres of national forests, the Bush White House has opened up 45 million additional acres of public land across the American West to oil and gas drilling during its tenure.

Right now Bush is pushing to open up thousands more acres in sensitive areas around three national parks in Utah to more oil and gas extraction. According to *The New York Times*, these new oil and gas "leases" (the government leases drilling rights on public land to private companies) will be auctioned off on December 19, 2008, the last day the White House may carry out such transactions before leaving office.

Obama transition team insiders have already hinted that they will work to overturn the Utah oil and gas leases once they are in power. Obama's trump card might be the fact that Bush failed to give his own National Park Service (NPS) sufficient opportunity to comment on the proposed leases before forcing them through. Green leaders hope that Obama can at least re-set the decision-making process to give the NPS and other interested parties time to voice their concerns before the oil rigs and gas pipelines move in. Green leaders also hope that, beyond stopping the Utah leases, Obama will curtail the number of leases sold altogether, in part by forcing extraction firms to develop sites they already have rights to before leasing more acreage. Oil companies have already leased 68 million acres of lands they have yet to access.

On the Roadless Rule, itself an 11th-hour executive order by Bill Clinton that has been mired in the courts since Bush tried to overturn it in 2001, Obama promised during the campaign that he would work with Congress to codify it as the law of the land. Luckily for greens, the back-and-forth on the issue over the past eight years has meant that only seven miles of new roads—yielding access to just 500 acres of timber—have been cut on lands slated for protection under the Roadless Rule during Bush's tenure.

Obama also has his work cut out on a number of other environmental initiatives ignored or opposed by the Bush White House. Chief among them is taking action on global warming. If one can believe the campaign rhetoric, Obama will work to get the U.S. on track to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050 through a number of initiatives. Jason Grumet, the Obama campaign's lead energy and environment advisor, has indicated that the president-elect plans to move quickly on getting climate change legislation through in 2009 and working to make the U.S. a leader on mitigating global warming.

Another way Obama can win green friends is to undo a Bush proposal, slated to take effect in December, to cut wildlife experts out of decisions affecting plants and animals protected under the Endangered Species Act. Bush has faced sharp criticism for disregarding or ignoring the input of scientists on many issues. Obama seems likely to want to re-assert the importance of science in policy decision-making.

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Here's what they face

- The most difficult competition ever: A record number of high school seniors are applying to college now.
- Tough new economic hurdles: More restrictive lending requirements, driven by the national credit crunch, has led to a decline in the availability of private student loans. According to Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of FinAid.org, a Web site devoted to financial aid, 37 of 60 private lenders are not offering student loans this year. Federal student loans remain available.
- Savings have taken a hit: The sinking stock market that has slashed college savings accounts for many families and declining home values have also made it difficult for families to borrow against their houses to finance an education.
- Rising costs: Public college costs have doubled in the last decade.

to spend two years there, saving money that he earns through a photography business he started on the side.

Getting into college is tough enough, but students now have to face a tough economy. About one out of six students have put their search for a college on hold, according to a survey conducted in October by MeritAid, a scholarship Web site. Another 57 percent said they're looking for a less expensive, lesser-known school, just as Perri did.

With his own retirement nearing and college costs coming at the same time, Perri's dad says it'd be very difficult to pay big tuition bills without taking on student loans.

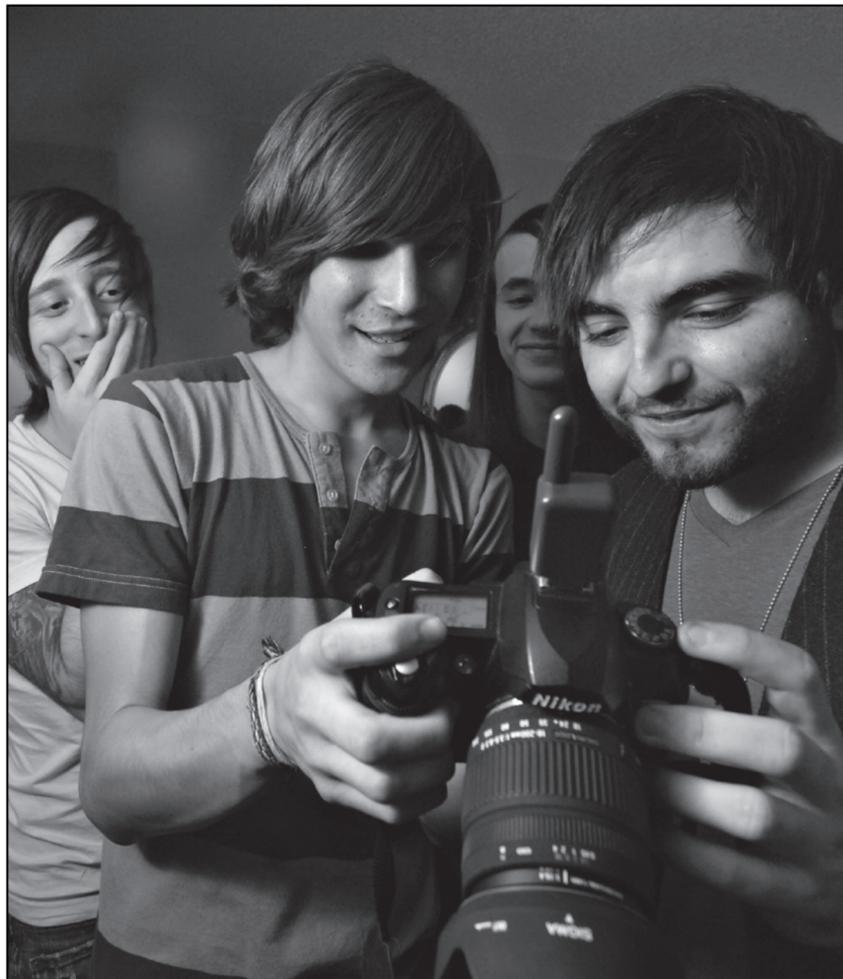
"For most parents, with the economy being the way it is, the

crumble when the current crop of applications is counted. At the University of Central Florida, 8,900 applications have been received from prospective freshman so far, up from 7,200 last year.

The reason? "We wonder if many more students will be staying closer to home," said FSU Director of Admissions Janice Finney, which had two years of near-record applications.

Another possibility is cost. Florida schools are regularly touted as "Best Buys" in education. Not only are in-state tuition levels comparatively low, but Florida's Bright Futures program makes it possible for students with high grade point averages to earn scholarships.

Community colleges are



Photographer Joe Perri, left, shows some of the pictures taken during a photo session at his parent's home to Nil Cardoso and the rest of the band, "Back To The Party". Perri, a freshman at Broward College, earns and saves money from a photography business he started on the side.

Attention Freshmen

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Start walking for a change

Yes we can, one step at a time

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Change may or may not be in the air, but it is certainly on the air: on the radio, on TV, on the Internet, on every conceivable medium in the world, change pops up again and again like a song getting a lot of play. With the decisive victory of Presidential-Elect Barack Obama comes the expectation that a profound transformation is just around the corner. Without a doubt, change is the hope of millions of people, both in America and abroad.

Whether the promise of change will blossom or wither depends to a large extent on each of us. Even if Obama lives up to the hype generated by his campaign—even if he proves to be among the most effective and forward-looking leaders our country has ever known—there is only so much one person can do. Obama wisely refuses to accept sole responsibility for effecting change in America; instead, he places that responsibility where it belongs: on individual Americans. In his acceptance speech, Obama told over one hundred thousand supporters, "This victory alone is not the change we seek. It is only the chance for us to make that change. And that can't happen if we go back to the way things were. It can't happen without you, without a new spirit of service, a new spirit of sacrifice."

In other words, we are not to expect Obama to release us, by some miracle, from all of our pain, all of the social and

economic woes that burden and bind us. We are to see him as a catalyst for a change that we bring about because, in the end, only we can.

But how does one make real, lasting change? I won't pretend to know, but I will offer a suggestion as to how it might be done. My suggestion is rather simple, really—so simple that a child can do it (many do, in fact, but not as many as should): Start walking.

I mean that literally.

Before you denounce me as a Liberal who bleeds green, and before you stop reading, please take a moment to consider a couple of statistics. Although 41 percent of all trips made in the U.S. are two miles or less, fewer than 10 percent are made by walking or biking, and only about 15 percent of children walk or bike to school today compared with 50 percent of children in 1969. (These and other "walking facts" can be found on the Web site of America Walks, a national coalition of local advocacy groups dedicated to promoting walkable communities.)

What does it mean that walking has become so unpopular, so underutilized as a mode of transportation? It means that we have elevated convenience and speed to such high places that they supersede nearly everything else, including public safety, air quality, the health of the environment and the health of our selves.

Just imagine how transformative a shift

from driving to walking or biking would be. Just imagine, if you can, less congestion on our roads, fewer accidents that kill or paralyze drivers and passengers, cleaner air in our cities and the ability to breathe easier and live better. Just imagine sidewalks that lead to the places where we work, learn and play.

Thankfully, Obama and Vice President-Elect Joe Biden seem to recognize the need to make our communities more livable by making them more walkable. Their plan for strengthening America's transportation infrastructure states, "Our communities will better serve all of their residents if we are able to leave our cars, to walk, bicycle and have access [to] other transportation alternatives. As president, Barack Obama will re-evaluate the transportation funding process to ensure that smart growth considerations are taken into account. Obama will build upon his efforts in the Senate to ensure that more Metropolitan Planning Organizations create policies to incentivize greater bicycle and pedestrian usage of roads and sidewalks. As president, Obama will work to provide states and local governments with the resources they need to address sprawl and create more livable communities."

Now that's a change we can believe in, but believing is not enough, as I'm sure Obama would agree. At a certain point, we have to act.

Want change? Start walking.

Unlikely in love: Why success-driven women fall for affable losers

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In Katherine Heigl's new film, "Knocked Up," the "Grey's Anatomy" star and Botticelli beauty plays a successful career girl who has a one-night stand with an unemployed, slobbish slacker. When she becomes pregnant, the two reunite and eventually fall in love.

In pop culture, this isn't the first time the loser gets the girl. Think of John Cusack in "Say Anything," Jason Schwartzman in "Shop Girl" and almost every Adam Sandler comedy. For Type-A women at the top of their game, what's the allure?

"They're safe and fun," says Dana Ovadia of Walnut Creek, Calif. "You feel like you're still living in your youth when you're with a guy like that."

Ovadia, who heads to nursing school in the fall, says she has friends who justify dating losers, even if they're "terrible" boyfriends.

"I have friends who say, 'I'm not going to marry him or anything, I'm just having fun,'" she says.

In "Knocked Up," Allison Scott (Heigl) is a newly promoted, on-air correspondent for E! Entertainment Television, and a fox. Ben Stone (Seth Rogen) is a slovenly pothead who stays home watching movies with his fellow slacker roommates. Their goal in life is to launch a Web site listing when and where actresses appear nude in movies.

Ben is the first to admit that Allison is too good for him ("You're prettier than I am"), but he is also sweet, funny and honest. While their yin and yang makes for great comedic entertainment, experts say there is something to the pairing of underachieving men and overachieving women.

Part of it, says Lynda Phelps, a college and career adviser, stems from the fact that women are more successful and empowered than ever. They outnumber men in college, a statistical flip of the past 20 years, and they're raising children alone, buying homes and running businesses.

"Things have changed a lot," says Phelps. "Women have become extreme overachievers, and with that stress and pressure comes the need to relax. It can be totally relaxing to be with someone who is carefree, adventurous and doesn't take themselves that seriously."

In some cases, Phelps says, that side of them has never been touched, and these men help them tap into that.

"Sometimes we're so programmed that we forget to have any fun," she says. "It makes me so sad for women today because you don't want to be so overachieving that you forget to smell the roses."

Lafayette, Calif., psychologist Suzanne Dudeck says there are endless reasons why high-achieving women choose laid-back men.

"These loser types make wonderful dates," she says. "They are charming. They will call. They'll say, 'I felt something.' They send the flowers. They ask your opinion. And the women love it."

Ditto from the guy's perspective. "Successful women are sexy," says college student Reed Sutter, of Pleasant Hill, Calif. "They're in control and know what they want."

Women like it, too, says Dudeck, but it's a fairly new phenomenon.

"We girls of the 1960s didn't have strong role models," she says. "So we needed to prove that we could do it all. Go to college, become something like boys, be it lawyers or doctors, and cook and sew and garden and entertain and still be caretakers."

In proving that they can do a million tasks at once, Dudeck says, women get approval. She calls this a sociological and cultural shift, and a role reversal between men and women.

"We need what the men needed back then, approval and recognition," she says. "Instead of bragging about what their hus-

bands do, which women still do, now they brag about us. They're impressed to be with us. The more there's acceptance for women in high-powered jobs, the more the men like to snag one of us."

Shannon Walpole doesn't feel right passing judgment on less-than-professional guys. After all, she says, you can't help who you fall in love with. Still, the Walnut Creek, Calif., lawyer does believe their unions with overachieving women are challenging.

"It's rare for those relationships to be successful, because your core values have to be the same," she says.

That was Leah Reeves' experience. Reeves, who works in medical sales, for five years dated a guy whom she defines as a loser.

"He was a bad boy, and all the girls wanted to date him," says Reeves, on business in Walnut Creek from Portland. "My family tried to be supportive, but they knew he was a loser."

Said bad boy dropped out of college, and, after a stint in the Army, settled into a graveyard shift job at an adult video store.

"It finally hit me then," Reeves says. "It wasn't going to work out for us."

LOVEABLE LOSERS

Pop culture is rife with losers we love. Here's a rundown from TV and film:

Sonny Koufax (Adam Sandler), "Big Daddy" (1999)
Why he's a loser: He's lazy, unemployed and eats pizza all day.

But then again ... He adopts a kid.
Jeffrey Lebowsky, the Dude (Jeff Bridges), "The Big Lebowski" (1998)

Why he's a loser: He's always stoned and slovenly.

But then again ... His mild manner is welcome in a cast of mobsters and druggies.

Homer Simpson, "The Simpsons" (1989-present)

Why he's a loser: He drinks too much, works too little and is always getting into mischief.

But then again ... He's devoted to Marge and the kids and holds down a steady job.

Randolph Dupree (Owen Wilson), "You, Me and Dupree" (2006)

Why he's a loser: Best man moves in with newlyweds, sleeps naked on their leather couch and almost burns the house down.

But then again ... He's a charmer with those baby blues. Plus, the kids seem to like him.

Jeremy Kraft (Jason Schwartzman), "Shopgirl" (2005)

Why he's a loser: He's jobless, clueless about women, and takes off on a road trip as a rock band's groupie.

But then again ... On the road trip, he listens to self-help tapes on relating to women.

Dewey Finn (Jack Black), "School of Rock" (2003)

Why he's a loser: He's a slob and assumes his roommate's identity to get a job.

But then again ... He's passionate about music and teaching it to kids.

George Costanza (Jason Alexander), "Seinfeld" (1990-1998)
Why he's a loser: He's cheap, selfish, a killjoy and lives with his parents.

But then again ... He's loyal to his friends (most of the time).
Andy Stitzer (Steve Carell), "40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005)

Why he's a loser: He's 40 and a virgin.
But then again ... He's sincere, good with kids and looking for a commitment.

Lloyd Dobler (John Cusack), "Say Anything" (1989)

Why he's a loser: All he thinks about is kickboxing.
But then again ... He holds a boombox blasting Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes" above his head to serenade a girl.

John Winger (Bill Murray), "Stripes" (1981)

Why he's a loser: After his girlfriend leaves him, he's unemployed and joins the Army because of an ad on TV.
But then again ... He defeats the communists.

In proving that they can do a million tasks at once, Dudeck says, women get approval. She calls this a sociological and cultural shift, and a role reversal between men and women.

Seeing Italy one weekend at a time



The Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore is the Duomo, or cathedral, in Florence. Construction began in 1296 and was completed circa 1436.

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A row of gondolas in Venice. Most Venetians now travel by motorized waterbus, but gondolas are still used for weddings, funerals or other ceremonies.

Jaunts to several cities reveal artistic treasures

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Weekends in Italy were a wonderful opportunity to take what our group learned in the classroom and experience it for ourselves. On Fri., Sept. 5, we spent the day in Florence. We started out at the Uffizi Gallery, the largest art gallery in the world. It has an incredible collection of artwork from artists like Leonardo DaVinci and Sandro Botticelli. After the Uffizi, our group went to L'accademia. This museum is famous for housing Michelangelo's sculpture, "David". It is easy to see the genius in Michelangelo when viewing this piece. Having studied the human body, he was capable of rendering it accurately in marble.

The second weekend we went to Rome. We saw so much in Rome in two days, but a couple of places in particular really fascinated me. The first was the Vatican museum. There one can find the famous Roman sculpture Laocoon. From floor mosaics to tapestries, there is so much artwork in the Vatican. The last stop in the museum is "La Capella Sistina" (the Sistine Chapel). What an experience! The other memorable place we visited was the Colosseum. It's incredible that such a monumental and ancient structure sits in the middle of a modern, functioning city.

A second trip to Florence was very fun. Our group started the day at the Bargello, where we saw the artwork of "Saint George and the Dragon." Above it was a sculpture of Saint George. I really liked the sculpture for its "contrapposto," which is a slight shift of weight and

turn of the body. This new style is very unlike that of the ancient uniform statues. Also at the Bargello, we saw Donatello's "David". Unlike Michelangelo's "David," which represents the Biblical figure as a strong, muscular man, this bronze statue depicts David as a vulnerable boy. Then our group headed over to the Church of Santa Maria Novella, where we saw Masaccio's "Trinity." This is a revolutionary artwork in terms of a technique called linear perspective.

The next weekend we traveled to Naples. We headed out for the city of Pompeii on Sat., Sept. 27. It was very eerie to be walking around the ruin of the once bustling port city. It was not difficult for me to imagine the city as it once was before the eruption of Vesuvius. On the outskirts of the ruins was a building known as the "Villa of Mysteries," which had beautiful frescoes from 60 B.C. depicting ancient rituals.

The next long weekend trip was to Venice. We left on Fri., Oct. 10, and we arrived in Padua where we stayed for the next two nights. On Friday, the history group went to the Basilica of Saint Anthony. The architecture of the church was incredible; before it stands a bronze statue, created by Donatello, of a mercenary nicknamed "Gattamelata," which means "Honey Cat". Later, we headed to L'arena Capella to view Giotto's Scrovegni Chapel.

The next morning, our group left early for Venice. The city that moves by water is unlike any other that I have seen in Italy. In Venice, our group caught a boat shuttle to San Marco Square. We began our day in Saint Mark's cathedral. The inside of the cathedral was decorated with spectacularly designed mosaics. From San Marco's our group went to the Doge's palace. The Doge was the chief ruler in the Republic of Venice from the 700's to

1797. The palace was great in size and had a number of rooms, including an armory and dungeons. The last place we went to in Venice was the Accademia. There I saw a famous work by the mysterious artist Giorgione, a painting called "La Tempesta".

Our group was scheduled to take a trip to Siena the third Friday in October; however, at the beginning of the week something unexpected happened. The Italian Labor Union announced a strike, planned for that Friday, on all transportation. When we finally got to visit Siena, we had an enjoyable trip. Siena is very beautiful. First, we walked to the Palazzo Pubblico and went into the Sala della Nove. There we saw "Allegory of Good Government" and "Allegory of Bad Government" by Lorenzetti. These frescoes are filled with political messages. We finished the day at Siena's Duomo where we went to view Donatello's bronze statue of John the Baptist. It was possible to draw similarities between both Donatello's David and John the Baptist. Both are smaller statues, and neither is represented as the strong, influential figures that they are usually portrayed to be.

We took another trip to Rome on the second to last weekend before leaving. We went to San Pietro in Vincoli and saw Michelangelo's "Moses." Then we went to the catacombs of San Lorenzo and saw original Roman aqueducts, which are still running. After a lunch break, we went to see the Arch of Constantine and Trajan's Column.

The last weekend trip was to Orvieto. Here we went to the local Duomo and then had a tour of "Underground Orvieto," which is a series of caves under the city. The weekend trips were the best part of study abroad by far. I really enjoyed seeing all of the natural and architectural beauty that we learned about during the semester.

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On Web, social sites can sometimes bite

LORENZO PEREZ
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It has never been easier to get in trouble while catching up with friends.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace are great ways to reconnect with old acquaintances and meet new ones. But posts can be problems; the work rant you didn't expect the boss to see or the photos your old roommate posted that document your familiarity with keg stands.

In the past week: -Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C., Schools suspended an elementary school teacher who wrote on her Facebook page that she was teaching "in the most ghetto school in Charlotte." Four others were disciplined for postings that included sexually provocative photos of female teachers and a black male teacher listing as an activity "Chillin with my n_as!!!"

In Durham, N.C., two police officers were the subject of an internal investigation after derogatory remarks about President-elect Barack Obama were posted on their MySpace pages.

A backup center on the University of Texas football team apologized for his "terrible decision" to post a racially offensive text message he received about Obama's victory as a status update on his Facebook page. The post by the player, Buck Burnette, suggested that hunters "gather up," because a black man would be occupying the White House. Burnette was dismissed from the team.

More than 70 million users have registered online for Facebook accounts this year alone. With recent college graduates, older professionals and other adults flocking to the site, some are learning the hard lessons endured by teens and college students when they overshare online.

North Carolina State associate professor Sarah Stein teaches courses on digital media and researches the cultural and social implications of new tech-

nologies such as social network sites.

When it first emerged in 2004, Stein noted, Facebook was open only to college students, faculty and staff at a handful of academic institutions. In those first years, there was a sense among Facebook users that this was a very contained community where outsiders without a university e-mail account could not snoop.

"We can say about a 19-year-old it's hard to project 20 years into the future ... when you'd have an employer looking at (photos of) your half-nude body," Stein said of the online postings of younger users. "But to say the same thing about teachers who presumably are in their upper 20s and police officers in a similar age range, you'd expect their experiences would have given them a sense of restraint."

Stein said people need to be educated on how public their information is on

be out there taking a look and trying to get a sense of what you're about."

Melynn Glusman, 36, offered similar advice to a young woman who recently came to her for advice on how to get a job at Duke, where Glusman works as a program coordinator for the Center for Documentary Studies.

"When I checked out her Facebook page, there were a lot of status updates about drinking and about how many beers she would drink," said Glusman, who cautioned the woman to tone down the party-girl tone of her page.

Glusman said she frequently checks the site for her friends' status updates and to send them instant-messages when she sees that they're online.

Although Glusman does not have a complete ban on party photos, she said none of the photos on her page would fall into the category of raising the eyebrows of a work colleague or other friend.

The 11 photos in her "girls night out" Facebook album chronicling her bachelorette party feature feather boas, tiaras and the occasional martini, but there's nothing that rises even to a PG-13 rating.

Clicking on a social networking site's

privacy setting to ensure that only specific people can view your page may increase peace of mind. But people such as Damon Circosta, 31, prefer to keep the privacy restrictions fairly low.

The director of policy for the N.C. Center for Voter Education, Circosta started using the site about a year ago to play "Scrabulous," an online version of Scrabble. Today, he uses his page to network and broaden his professional contacts, as well as to brag about the political future of his 8-month-old son.

The best defense against people finding dirt on you online, he said, is not to provide any. "It's always an exercise in keeping your life seamless, so that your online life will follow."

Or if you're Glenn Patton, the employment lawyer, you ignore the siren song of online friendship.

You will not find him on Facebook or MySpace, Patton said.

"People need to be particularly zealous, I think, to make sure that they're making an appropriate appearance on their social networking sites."

the Internet, regardless of any log-in requirements or privacy settings on a Web site.

Though many companies do not have the resources to monitor employees' Facebook and MySpace postings, they are checking these sites as they screen potential hires.

Glenn Patton is a Duke University graduate and Atlanta-based partner with the Alston and Bird law firm, which specializes in labor and employment practice. He said many of their clients monitor social networking sites as part of the application process.

"People need to be particularly zealous, I think, to make sure that they're making an appropriate appearance on their social networking sites," he said. "If they happen to find themselves between jobs or are out there actively looking, the chances are much greater that a prospective employer is going to

Survive the shopping season with your budget intact

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The Christmas Countdown has begun. Black Friday is just days away. For the next month you will be charmed, pitched and enticed. Your emotions will be tugged upon. Eyelashes may be batted. And that's just from retailers. There's no telling what your loved ones may try just to ensure that their wishlists are fulfilled.

We know about wishes. We also know that many budgets are tight _ and even if they're not, who doesn't love a bargain? So as an early holiday present, here are some tips that could make the next few weeks easier on your budgets.

Consider layaway.

Sears has brought it back. Kmart has never forgotten it. And smaller retailers think it's a fine thing, too.

Layaway, the original frugal way to buy, is being rediscovered by those who have been seduced away by credit cards.

There's a lot to like about it _ like no interest charges. A side benefit is you don't have to worry about snoopers finding their gifts early.

Most stores that offer layaway require a small down payment that's usually a percentage of the total and a fee upfront, usually around \$5. Some have a cancellation fee. There are restrictions, like no beer or wine, perishables or plants. Some stores won't let you put some things on layaway after a certain date: for example, pricey electronics or obvious Christmas items. Sears has a list of things you can't put on layaway and requires all items be picked up by Dec. 23. It won't accept any new layaways after Dec. 22.

You have to sign a contract and you have to pick the items up by a certain date.

Others offering the service include chains such as Marshalls and Burlington Coat Factory.

If you're not sure a store offers layaway, just ask.

"But this year, banks are clamping down. That means that if you have a blemish on your credit record, you may not qualify for such 'instant' deals."

If you do choose layaway, check for fees on returns or cancellations, make sure the item is set aside, and find out how refunds are handled as well as price adjustments _ can you get the better price if it goes on sale?

Always read the terms carefully and make your payments on time. Plan ahead.

If your gift doesn't fit, is the wrong size or doesn't work, the recipient will be ever so grateful if you've taken return policies into consideration.

Most stores have 30-day return policies, but find out if they're extending those terms for the holidays. Most policies are posted on the store receipt but if you've already bought it that's too late. If the return policy is not posted, go to customer service and ask.

Also request gift receipts, and remember to include them with the gift. If the item you're buying has a warranty, make sure it doesn't expire before the gift is unwrapped.

Try haggling.

Retailers want sales this year, so if you have a lower price in mind, see if they'll accept your offer. Ask for the manager as most clerks don't have the power to negotiate. Never haggle before? Just smile and ask if a lower price would be entertained. Be polite and don't make an offer that's insulting. If your offer is refused, ask if you can be contacted if the item goes on sale.

Be careful of gift cards.

You've heard it before: make sure there are no hidden fees and check expiration dates. This year, there's the added concern that the retailer may not be around long enough after the holidays for the cards to be redeemed. Others have closed stores and restaurants that are considered low-performers, so if you do buy a gift card, make sure the recipient will be able to use it.

Don't count on instant credit.

In years past, stores have offered instant credit with zero percent interest rates or 90-day-same-as-cash financing in hopes of getting you to buy everything from pricey cosmetics to big-screen TVs.

But this year, banks are clamping down. That means that if you have a blemish on your credit record, you may not qualify for such "instant" deals.

Target, for example, is cutting credit lines and granting fewer increases in available credit to shoppers who have Target credit cards.

One store that says it hasn't tightened lending standards is Best Buy. It's offering 18 months of zero-interest credit for purchases of more than \$499. The credit is offered through HSBC Holdings. But there are more strings attached. If you don't make the minimum monthly payment of \$10, the interest rates starts to add up.

If you want to avoid a little embarrassment at the checkout line, check your credit in advance with one of the credit rating bureaus: Experian, Equifax or TransUnion. To get the report instantly, you'll have to go online to www.annualcreditreport.com. By phone (877-322-8228) or mail (Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, Ga. 30348-5281) takes 15 days. If you haven't already checked on it this year, there's no charge.

If you find out you don't qualify for more, look on the bright side: It's one less bill that will come due. And with interest rates rising, it will take only one missed payment to put you in an interest rate that keeps spiraling up.

Go online.

That doesn't mean buy online _ though it can. Use the Web to research products and prices before you buy.

Turn to it to find sites that keep you informed of deals, coupons and promotions:

Dealnews.com publishes a round-up of price-checked deals and online specials. It recently showcased New Balance shoes for \$15 and up. However, if you're worried about sizes or styles, you might be better off sticking with area stores where the item can be easily returned.

If you do buy online, watch out for shipping and handling costs. Those charges can easily wipe out any savings. Look for free shipping and free gift wrap, too.

Lysistrata a pleasure to behold

Battle of the sexes delights sold-out audience

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KSU's production of Aristophanes' "Lysistrata" can be summed up in exactly five words: What an absolutely wonderful play.

I was lucky I had the opportunity to watch "Lysistrata" not only because it was excellent but because the Saturday night show was completely sold out. After literally running from the Central Parking Deck to the Howard Logan Stillwell Theater, I was able to get my hands on the last ticket.

The play began with three girls overenthusiastically dancing to the music one hears at the beginning of movies. The play continued with non-stop laughter, great music, and yes, even a little action. The actors and actresses obviously went to great lengths to make this production the best it could be. There wasn't a single mistake evident during the entire two hours, and there wasn't a single break.

The story goes like this: Lysistrata, the wife of an Athenian soldier, goes to the public funds building in Athens with the intention of putting an end to the Peloponnesian War in order to bring peace to the land. How will she accomplish such a feat? By refusing to have sex with her husband—and by convincing all of the other Athenian women to do the same. Call it a sex strike.

At first the other women are completely against the idea, but they come around even-

tually. The women drank wine to pledge their allegiance to the cause. Upset with having to go along with the men's poor decisions, and refusing to back down, they tell of their plans to take over the city's financial affairs. When the women become weak and try to sneak back to their husbands to have sex, Lysistrata rallies them and makes them stay in the public funds building.

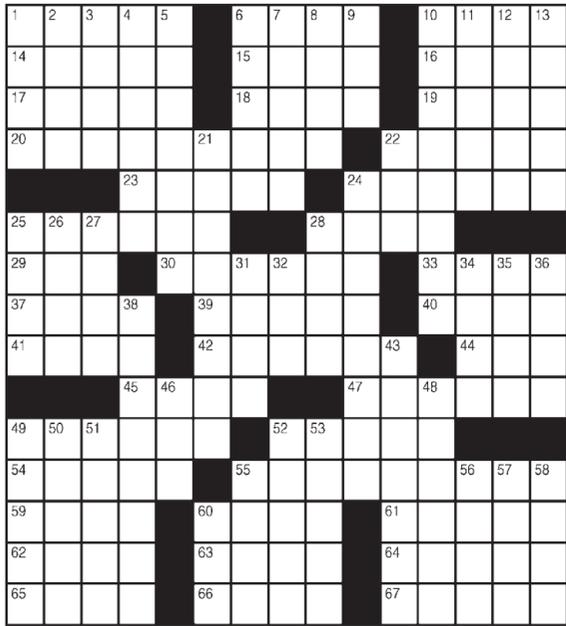
Finally, the men break down from lack of sex, and the Athenians and Spartans quickly make peace. Peace is represented in the play as a beautiful, naked Athenian woman. With an Athenian and a Spartan on either side of her, the deal is secured by a shaking of hands, which is made a bit complicated by the fact that both men are in an engorged state and must be careful not to rub against each other's most important members. The play continues with the singing of Aretha Franklin's "Respect."

The best part of the whole play was the archon and his goons. The archon was dropped hilarious and his body language as well as his voice were perfect for the part.

The relevance of this play to modern society cannot be overlooked. If there were more people like Lysistrata around, we as a people would not follow our leaders so blindly into blunder after blunder. The message of the play, it seems, is never to forget that you have a voice and can use it whenever you want.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Thorax
 6 Model Macpherson
 10 Kitchen boss
 14 River horse
 15 Tolstoy and Durocher
 16 ___ Grey tea
 17 Arrivederci, Andre
 18 Rear position
 19 Queue
 20 Misleading
 22 "Kate & ___"
 23 Stop
 24 Gets up
 25 Shrubs
 28 Raw minerals
 29 JFK data
 30 Isaac and Howard
 33 Mine vehicle
 37 Sprinkle after a shower
 39 Overjoy
 40 Farm structure
 41 Flushing stadium
 42 Conductor's sticks
 44 Retrieve
 45 Knock for a loop
 47 Stick on
 49 Disunited
 52 Brawl
 54 Body part
 55 Uses the wrong letters
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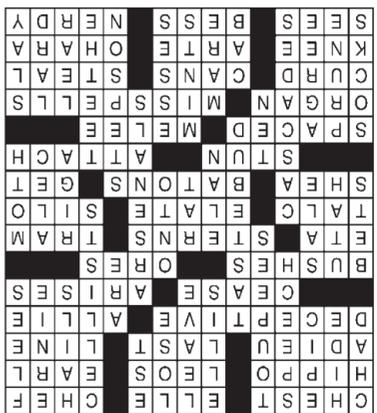


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 3 Heroic poem
 4 After-banquet event
 5 Pate covers
 6 Perry or Havelock
 7 AWOL part
 8 Come up short
 9 Superlative suffix
 10 Some string players
 11 Flags down
 12 Ford from Tennessee
 13 Takes flight
 14 Gustatory organ
 21 Metric measure
 24 Stocks of weapons
 25 Aqueduct action
 26 Bryce Canyon state
 27 Mall event
 28 Aware of
 31 Zest
 32 Snitch
 34 Latvia's capital
 35 Eldest Baldwin
 36 Nocturnal insect
 38 Small waterfalls

Solutions



- 43 Relative by marriage
 46 Decimal base
 48 Develop a bite?
 49 Soft footwear
 50 Dried fruit
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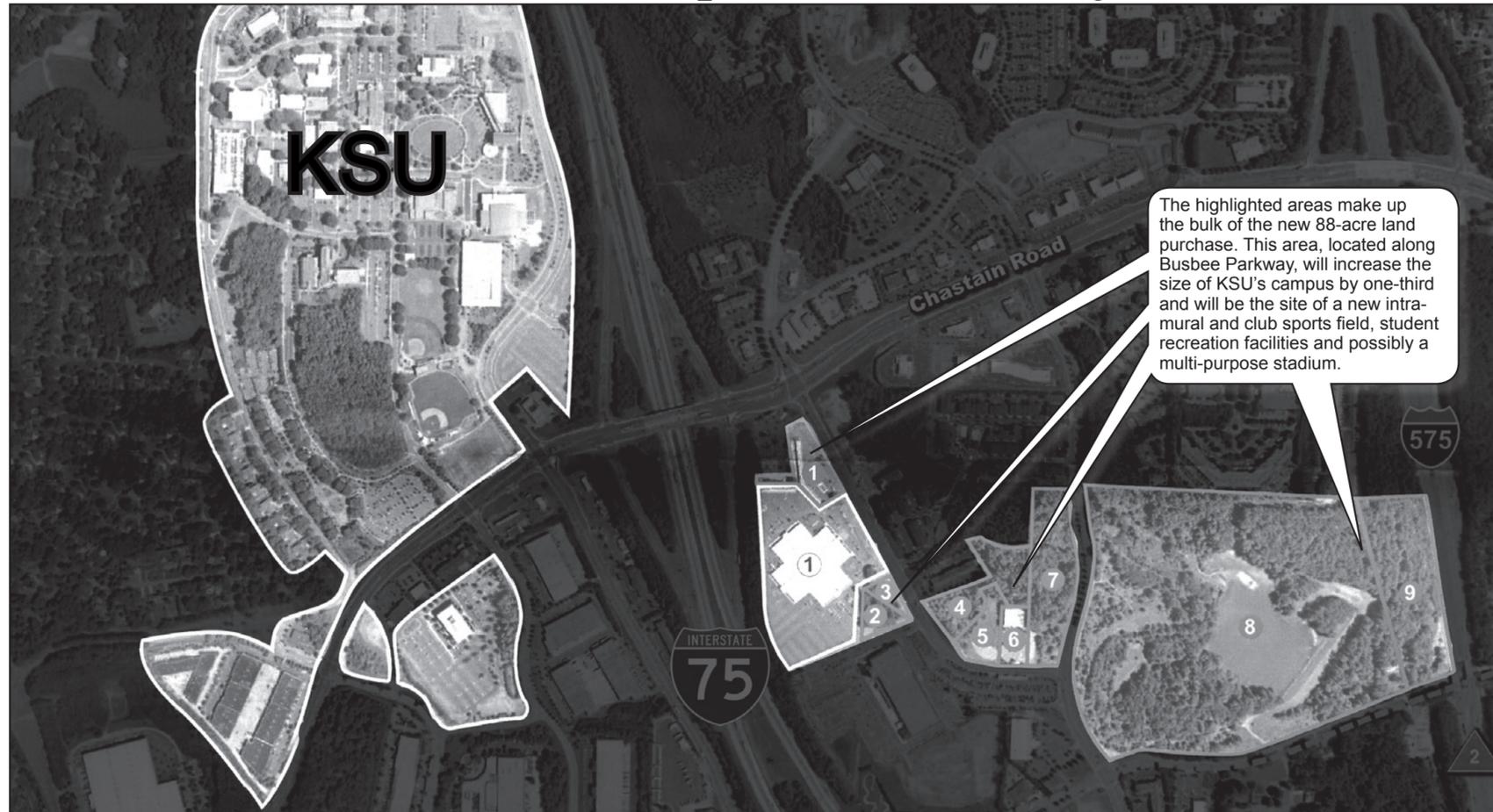
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KSU expanding athletic capabilities

Administration discusses possible uses of the new land



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Walking through the ever developing campus of KSU, students have seen the addition of a new parking structure, a new dining hall, and a new music building; but the most recent purchase by the KSU Foundation could probably be the most advantageous to the entire student body. The KSU Foundation recently purchased 88 acres of land near the KSU Continuing Education building and plans are in place to develop this land to increase the athletic capabilities of KSU.

Dr. Daniel Papp lined out what the administration is debating placing on this land, everything from "a combination of intramural/club fields" and "a track" to "possibly a [multi-purpose] stadium" and even "nature and picnic areas." This purchase is just the latest part of Papp's initiative to make the KSU campus more inclusive and similar to other universities of KSU's size.

Probably the most intriguing of the options presented by Papp is the stadium. "We're consciously trying to raise the money as a multi-purpose stadium...[varsity] women's soccer would be paramount, conceivably football, as well as a concert venue...something that could

be a source of revenue for the stadium," said Papp. The KSU administration is even looking into other, professional, options for the stadium, "We're investigating the possibility of a professional soccer team coming out as a joint or shared venue," said Dr. Wes Wicker, head of the KSU Foundation. This news comes hot off the heels of the announcement that the Major League Soccer and Arthur Blank were entered in discussions about a possible expansion team.

The new land can be used by non-NCAA athletes as well. "Our concept was to give students a place to play intramurals, club sports, or even pick-up games of various sports," said Wicker. "Most campuses our size have some type of intramural or athletic park, and we really don't," said Wicker. This expansive area has plenty of space to provide lighted fields for virtually all of the club and intramural field sports, including rugby, lacrosse, soccer, ultimate frisbee, and flag football, as well as an outdoor track that can be used by the NCAA

track and field squad.

The movement of intramurals and club sports over to this new land is vital for the development and expansion of both programs. "With the growth of the student body there has been a dramatic growth in both intramurals and club sports, so we saw this as a way we could acquire the land and provide an obvious need for the university," said Wicker. According to Intramural sports director Tara Parker, "We're looking for these fields to be our main location for these programs." "With more space we can offer more options," added Kevin Zuk, intramural coordinator.

The area would also provide enough land for the general student body to have options for passive activity. "[The new land] allows for passive recreation spaces," said Parker. "We're possibly looking at walking trails and biking trails." Nature and picnic areas could also be added into the new area, as well as concepts that could utilize the nine-acre lake

located on the property, such as an additional walking trail and park benches surrounding it. According to Wicker, the lake could additionally be used for kayaking, canoeing and/or possibly fishing.

In addition to creating new places for student recreation, this purchase could open up more land on the main campus to be used for academics. One possibility, brought up by Papp, is that "[the purchase] opens up [the current intramural field] for possible academic purposes."

With all that is up in the air as far as plans for the new 88-acre plot, there is still the limit of how much room the KSU administration has to work with. A committee consisting of representatives from all levels of KSU athletics and administration has begun meetings to determine and plan out the new fields and recreational areas. Their goal, according to Papp, is "by [Fall 2009] we should have two or three fields operational," which is key since Fall 2009 will be the first semester that the additional \$40 in student fees will be charged. Students will begin to see the fruits of their monetary labor as soon as they begin paying the additional charge.

These new plans will undoubtedly enhance the image of KSU and, as Papp puts it, "[The purchase] will really raise Kennesaw State to the next level."

Kelley scores 23 in home opener loss

JEROME WOOLEY
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team lost their home-opener to the College of Charleston, 86-79, on Sat. Nov. 22 at the KSU Convocation Center.

Junior guard Gretaya Kelley had a game-high 23 points for the Owls, but it was not enough to top the Cougar offense. Kelley, a native of Lawrenceville, Ga., shot 9-for-14 from the field and went 4-for-8 from the free-throw line in 27 minutes of play.

The first half was a back-and-forth lead between the two teams. The Owls scored a quick nine points in the first 10 minutes of play. Senior guard Jennifer Baker jumped out to a good start, scoring an early eight points in KSU's first few possessions. The Soperton, Ga. native went on to finish the game with 19 points; shooting 6-for-9 from the field, including 2-for-4 from behind the arch and connecting on 5-of-7 free throws.

"I thought we played hard and had many chances to win the game," said Baker. "We will improve on the game today by practicing harder and by coming together as a team."

With 9:30 left in the first half, the Cougars went on an 11-2 run, capturing the lead, 23-22. The Owls answered with two points of their own to regain the lead, 24-23. The

Cougars outscored the Owls, 19-11, going into halftime, with a 42-35 lead.

The second half belonged to Charleston. With seven minutes left in the contest, the Cougars outstretched the lead, 75-63. The Owls would cut the lead to five points, but failed to score on multiple opportunities. The Owls went on to lose the game, 86-79.

"There were some plays down the stretch that would have helped us out if we had converted them, but that

wasn't the reason we lost today," said KSU head coach Colby Tilley. "Charleston just outplayed us."

Cougars' guard Brooke Kotcella led her team with 22 points, shooting a perfect 5-for-5 at the free-throw line. Kotcella was assisted by teammates Tonia Gerty and Deidra Jones. Gerty scored 19 points while Jones added 17 points.

The Lady Owls will return to action on Wed., Dec. 3 as they take on Troy University in Troy, Al.



Photos by Christine Morales | The Sentinel
Brittney Henderson (above), Gretaya Kelley (right)



KSU nearing the red zone

New information shows KSU football coming closer to reality

BRIAN C. BELL
STAFF WRITER

For the past few months, Saturdays have been ruled by college football. The pigskin has taken over television, radio, conversation and the minds of countless fans across the country, and now it seems that KSU is moving closer to having this infectious wave of excitement sweep across the campus.

The KSU administration has been looking at adding a football program since Dr. Papp came to KSU, but not until the purchase of the new land and subsequent plans to build a multi-purpose stadium on it has the image ever materialized more.

The first hurdle to be jumped is the financial one. To fund the construction, the KSU Foundation would have to raise the necessary funds, and according to Dr. Wes Wicker, head of the KSU Foundation, "We have a private donor who is interested in making a substantial contribution." With a financial backer, the KSU administration began to research the design of a stadium.

“We settled on a horseshow type stadium ... between 7,000 and 20,000 occupancy”

"We've been looking at designs for stadiums for, really, a couple of years", said Wicker. "I believe we settled on a horseshoe type stadium...and are debating between a 7,000 and 20,000 occupancy level."

"We're consciously trying to raise the money as a multi-purpose stadium...[varsity] women's soccer would be paramount, conceivably football, as well as a concert venue...something that could be a source of revenue for the stadium," said Papp, giving the proposed stadium multiple options for use.

With plans for a stadium in place, the next step would be to handle any Title IX financial issue that would arise, which, according to Wicker, would not be much of a problem since KSU currently has more women's NCAA programs than men's.

The final hurdle lies with the students. The administration is taking a diplomatic approach to introducing a football program to the students. As Wicker put it, "The cabinet's position is this: Do the students want football? Are they willing to pay?" Last November, an online survey was conducted by the Student Government Association, and the results showed that 80 percent of the 5,600 students surveyed were in favor of a football program, and would be willing to pay between \$35 and \$105 to field an Owls football team. The current figures that Wicker projected the student would have to pay would be between \$35 and \$70 depending on whether students wanted a Division II program or a FCS (formerly Division I-AA) program. With the students seemingly behind the addition of football, how soon could we field a team? "If there was a referendum on football in hand, then conceivably we could field a team by 2011."

The one major fear that the KSU administration has is that they build a stadium and field a team, but no one shows up on Saturday. According to Wicker, "If the students want football, then we will give them football." The administration seems to be pushing towards the implementation of a football program sooner than later, it's just time for the KSU students to take the ox by the yoke if they want a program now.

‘They wore us down’

Lady Owls were dominated in ACC mismatch against UNC and Ga. Tech



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Brittney Henderson (left) led the scoring for KSU with 14 points followed by Greteya Kelley (not pictured) with 13, while Jennifer Baker (not pictured), Angie Smith (top) and Gia Lockett (bottom) each scored 12.

KELLY BLAINE
SPORTS EDITOR

Towering opponents and excessive turnovers plagued the women's basketball team in two lopsided contests on the road against Atlantic Coast Conference teams last week.

KSU was crushed by the No. 4 ranked North Carolina Tar Heels, 102-68, in Chapel Hill on Mon., Nov. 17, and Georgia Tech, 77-49, at Alexander Memorial Coliseum, two days later.

Although the Lady Owls are off to a difficult 0-3 start, KSU head coach, Colby Tilley, maintains that the team is not getting discouraged by their lack of success, and sticks by his decision to schedule them against three very tough opponents to start off the season. The Tar Heels are the highest ranked team that KSU has ever played. Monday's win was their 23rd consecutive home win overall and their 70th consecutive home win against nonconference competition.

"The scheduling probably wasn't fair to them," said Tilley, "but it will prepare them for tough A-Sun opponents down the road. We could have played three easy teams to start off the season but would have learned nothing that will help us later on."

At North Carolina, the Lady Owls finished with more turnovers (29) than field goals (25) and, although they forced 27 UNC turnovers and grabbed 17 steals, could not overcome the superior shooting of the Tar Heels, who shot 52 percent from the field while KSU shot 35 percent.

From the opening whistle, KSU was forced to play at North Carolina's frantic tempo, but couldn't keep pace. The Tar Heels pulled down 20 offensive boards and out-rebounded KSU, 53-38. Brittney Henderson led the scoring for KSU with 14 points followed by Greteya Kelley with 13, while Jennifer Baker, Angie Smith and Gia Lockett each scored 12.

"Running is part of our game, and we just did the best we could with it," said Tilley. "Our biggest problem is that we couldn't match up with their height. Of course, they were quicker too."

Turnovers again burdened the Lady Owls in Wednesday night's game against Tech when they gave up the ball 39 times and made just 18 baskets out of 47 attempts. KSU was able to keep it close through much of the first half, though, and ten minutes into the game, were only four points behind.

After a 10:29 period without a Tech field goal, the Yellow Jackets took advantage of

a series of KSU turnovers, and increased their lead to 29-20 with 1:38 left in the half. Tech threatened to break it open, but the Lady Owls would not go quietly. Lockett drained a 3-pointer with the clock at 0:33 and Smith sank one at the buzzer from near half-court to finish the first half down, 31-26.

"[Our opponents] were bigger, quicker and pressed hard," said Tilley. "We handled them but they just wore us down."

The Lady Owls made the first two baskets of the second half, bringing the score to within one at 31-30 and giving Owl fans a glimmer of hope. It was short-lived, though, as Tech rattled off the next 12 straight points in 1:09 and had KSU showing signs of fatigue. The Lady Owls never recovered and the Jackets stretched their lead to 28 with a final score of 77-49.

"I'm okay with where we're at. Today we depended on Brittney Henderson and the rest of the team played to their abilities," said Tilley. "We got tired and wore down and turned the ball over 39 times. Without [the turnovers], it would have been a close game."

The Lady Owls are 0-3 on the season and looking forward to their home opener on Saturday against the College of Charleston.

Owls hold off pesky Panthers for win



Kelvin McConnell scores a career-high 31 points against Clark Atlanta

JUSTIN HOBDAY
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team staved off a second half charge by Clark Atlanta to win, 70-60, at the KSU Convocation Center on Tuesday night.

Kelvin McConnell scored a career-high 31 points, and Jon-Michael Nickerson scored 15 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to finish with a double-double.

Poor shooting on offense and a poor defensive presence by the Owls helped the Panthers build a 19-10 lead with 10:18 left in the half. The Owls shot 4-for-12 to start the game, and the defensive miscues were highlighted by an alley-oop out of an inbounds play by the Panthers which was thrown down by Garry Beverly. However, McConnell was about to find his rhythm.

"We started with turnovers; weren't rebounding. They got the lead but we didn't lose our composure," said head coach Tony Ingle. "We were trying to find the right combo and the right situation, and we found it in Kelvin McConnell."

The Owls returned to the floor with 10:18 left following a timeout and scored the next 12 points in the game. The Owls would

finish the half on a 25-9 run, fueled by 18 of McConnell's 20 first-half points, and a clutch 3-pointer from Kurtis Woods that gave the Owls a 25-24 lead with 2:36 left in the half. The Owls stretched the lead to 35-28, scoring 10 of the last 14 points of the half.

"I just wanted to make some plays," said McConnell. "Whether it was driving and finding teammates or making shots, I just wanted to make plays."

The second half started with a J.D. Pollack steal which led to a 3-pointer by Woods, giving the Owls a ten point lead. Moments later, the Owls converted back-to-back 3-pointers from Pollack and McConnell extending their lead to 46-33 with 17:00 left on the clock, but the Panthers didn't fade any further.

KSU would maintain a double-digit lead until the 11:49 mark when the Panthers made their run. CAU went on a 11-2 run behind six points by Najee Lane, and four by Kevin Johnson to pull within three points at 58-55 with 6:30 left in the game.

The Owls would extend the lead to seven with 3:21 left after back-to-back field goals from Johnathan Whipple and Woods, but the Panthers weren't done yet. CAU pulled to within three points

once more following a Julius Sudds field goal, and two free throws from Beverly.

"I thought (CAU) did a good job on defense, and then when they would drive it to the basket they did a good job getting to the free-throw line to break our momentum," said Ingle.

However, the Owls capitalized on Panther miscues down the stretch to hold on for the win. McConnell earned a trip to the foul line after he stole the ball back from the Panthers, immediately after throwing the ball away. During their next offensive possession, the Panthers lost control of the ball, which allowed Spencer Dixon to dive on the loose ball and call time out. McConnell scored KSU's final eight points from the foul line to give the Owls the 10 point win.

Johnson led the way for the Panthers scoring 18 points while shooting 8-of-15 from the field, and Beverly and Lane finished with 17 and 16 points.

The Owls go on the road to take on the Colgate on Nov.26. KSU will be back home to take on Maryland Eastern Shore on Nov. 29, and on Dec. 1 the Owls will begin conference play against USC Upstate at home.

Upcoming events

Wed. Nov. 26	Sat. Nov. 29	Mon. Dec. 1	Wed. Dec. 3
Men's Basketball vs Colgate 7:30 p.m. Hamilton, Ny	Men's Basketball vs Maryland Eastern Shore 7:30 p.m. Kennesaw, Ga	Men's Basketball vs USC Upstate 7:30 p.m. Kennesaw, Ga	Women's Basketball vs. Troy 7:00 p.m. Troy, Al

CLUB SPORTS REPORT

Rugby victory 54-7

JAMES RICHMOND
STAFF WRITER

When the dust cleared Saturday afternoon on Field 13 at Noonday Park, there was no denying which rugby team prevailed. In the exciting match-up between North Georgia and KSU, the Owls racked up an impres-

sive 54 points to the Saints' 7. Despite the difference in points, both teams put on an excellent performance and gave the fans what they really wanted: an awesome rugby game.

"We had a lot of good runs individually, but as a team we could have done a lot better with putting plays to-

gether," said fly half, Preston Thomson. "But we won so, you know."

From missed passes to an occasional lackadaisical attempt at tackling, there is no question that the Owls could have played with fewer mistakes. Looking past this, many players did show enormous effort and skill, and while work-

ing as a team, were able to produce the victory that was earned on Nov. 22. "No. 6: Chris Albridge, no. 7: Hero Kota and Preston Thompson: no. 10 played really well," said Head Coach Randy Joseph. "As well as no. 12: Austin Collins and no. 13: Quincey Nuckolls."

With a 12-3 record and winning first in two tournaments, this match against

North Georgia was truly a fantastic end to an amazing season for the Owls. Even though their next match will not be until Spring, the next season is sure to be a great compliment to this one. For all those interested in adding to an already great sports club, new players to the KSU Rugby team are always welcome. That is, if you're man enough to handle it.



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First home loss for the Owls

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LUCAS BIGHAM
STAFF WRITER

The Owls suffered their first defeat at home this season on Saturday against the Atlanta Junior Knights with a score of 8-5.

For the second time this hockey season, KSU has been unable to overcome the Knights. On Sept. 17 they lost to them by just one goal in their first game of the season in Marietta.

"We didn't play with much emotion in the first two periods and they took it to us," KSU head coach Ken Honeyman said. "We had our chances...we just couldn't capitalize."

From the time that the first puck hit the ice, emotions began to flare, which kept the penalty box for both teams full throughout the entire game.

The Knights opened with a goal that managed to sneak by KSU goalie Ryan Repasi. The Owls answered with a goal from forward Jimmy Barry who has been no stranger to finding the back of net early for the Owls this season.

Knights forward Nick Leigh put in their second goal shortly after, which was followed by another KSU goal on the power play by Chris Koutnik to tie the game.

With less than a second on the clock in the first period, the Knights found the net yet again, giving them a 3-2 lead going into the second period.

At the beginning of the second period, Leigh put in his second goal of the night. Brett Lester for KSU would follow with a goal of his own. With less than ten seconds left in the second period, the Knights would squeak in their sixth goal of the game, beating KSU goalie Michael Porter.

The Owls kicked off the third with a goal from Jerry Holden, hoping to build momentum for a possible comeback. However, the Knights would not falter so easily thanks in large part to their goalie Vince Dicarlo.

The Owls would score again with less than a minute left in the game from forward Ricky Lirette, but it would not be enough. This was only one of a very small handful of losses the team has suffered at home in their entire team history.

The Owls will be looking to rebound after their loss as they head to Florida on Dec. 4-6 to face Central Florida and rival Florida Gulf Coast.

"We should do really good," Porter said. "They've been a tough team in the past, but we should have [FGCU] easily this year."

Wrestling

The KSU wrestling team traveled to East Ga. last weekend where they competed in the East Ga. Open. The Owls took second place overall against teams like Lee University, North Ga., East Ga., Auburn and Central Fla.

"I'm happy with the outcome," said Head Coach and team captain Ross Cravens. "We're getting

in better shape, wrestling harder and more guys are showing up to practice."

The team was led by its star athlete, Ross Cravens, who won the 174-pound weight division.

Also with outstanding performances was James Knight, who placed second in the 133-pound division and Seth Spice with second at 157-division.



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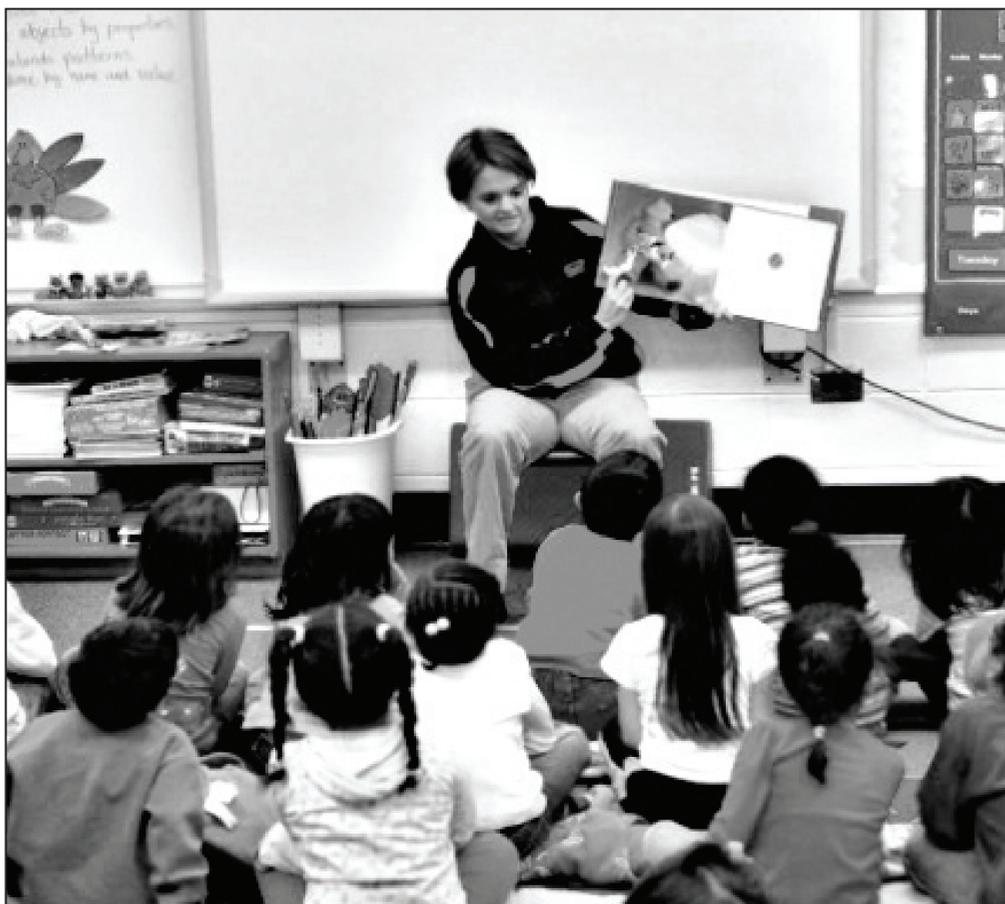
CATHY DEKMAR
STAFF WRITER

The cold weather couldn't keep members of KSU's Sport Management Major's Club from coming out Saturday morning to host the first Jerry Worthan Memorial Christmas Fund Softball Tournament. The tournament was organized by the SMMC and KSU's Facilities and Event Management class to raise money for the club and for the JWMCF. The selected charity gives children who would not ordinarily have a Christmas a chance to experience the holiday.

State Farm Agent David Grant was the title sponsor for the event. Local businesses also contributed by donating various items for the raffle. The club was able to raise \$1,017, and half of those proceeds will go to the JWMCF Charity.

SMMC President Tony Segraves commented on the event saying, "It was a culmination of hard work, thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, and teams that participated. It went well beyond raising money—it raised money for a great cause in our community."

Three teams participated in the tournament: Premier, Combat and Calloway's Runaways. Team Premier was named the overall champions, with a 17-2 victory over Team Combat.



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Ashley Aguilera (below) and head coach Rhyll Brinsmead (above) of the KSU women's golf team read to kindergartners at Bells Ferry Elementary on Monday as part of the Reach for the Stars mentoring program.

Women's golf gives back

KSU SPORTS INFORMATION
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Taking the opportunity to give back to the community that supports them, the KSU women's golf team took time out of their practice and class schedule to read to the kindergarten classes at nearby Bells Ferry Elementary School, as part of the Reach for the Stars mentoring program on Monday.

"It was nice to get the chance to give back to the community," said junior Lindsay Hagerman about the experience. "The kids were great. They were well-behaved and eager to listen."

All five members of the Owls traveling team, and Head Coach Rhyll Brinsmead, picked a pair of books to read to the classes of kindergartners in what proved to be an uplifting experience for both the student-athletes and the children.

After reading books such as the "Edwina the Emu" and "Some Smug Slug" to the classes of kindergartners, the Owls took time to answer questions posed by the excited children. The Owls two international players, Hagerman and Malin Becker, pulled out a map to show the children their respective home countries of Canada and Sweden.

"It was an honor to get the chance to read to these kids and we really appreciate Bells Ferry Elementary for taking the time out of their day to give us this opportunity," added Laura Lindsey. "Hopefully we can build a partnership for the future because I think both sides really benefited from the experience."

It was the second time in the past year that the women's golf team has taken the opportunity to work with the community. They also helped teach underprivileged children at a golf clinic in Baja, Mexico in February while participating at the Baja Classic.

The team's Spring season will get underway in February when they travel to Kiawah, S.C. for the Kiawah Island Intercollegiate on the 22nd through the 24th.



Dukes topple the Owls

RYAN TRIBBLE
STAFF WRITER

The KSU men's basketball team started off their two-game road trip this season with a loss to the James Madison Dukes, 82-69, on Friday night. The Owls started off slow and were outscored by the Dukes in the first half, 44-30. The second half went in slight favor to the Owls, 39-38; however, the second effort by the Owls was to no avail.

Jon-Michael "J-Mac" Nickerson showed up big for the Owls, scoring 19 points and picking up 10 rebounds, his second double-double of the season. John Allison and Spencer Dixon came off the bench to help the Owls stay in the game combining for 29 points. The Owls shot a total of 39.7 percent from the field and 43.4 percent from behind the three-point line.

The Dukes had five players score in the double digits on the evening. Abdulai Jalloh led the team with 16 points followed closely by Devon Moore with 15 points. The Dukes shot 45.8 percent from the field and 34.6 percent from three-point land.

This game drops the Owls to 2-2 on the season and lifts the Dukes to 2-1.

The Owls will be on the road again for their next game traveling to Madison County, N.Y., to face the Colgate Raiders on Wed., Nov. 26. The Raiders are 2-0 on the year.

KSU v James Madison Box Score

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KENNESAW STATE (2-2)
NICKERSON, John-Mich 7-11 3-4 19; Allison, John 5-10 5-7 15;
Dixon, Spencer 5-9 1-14; Woods, Kurtis 3-11 0-0 8; McConnell, Kelvin 3-12 0-0 8;
POLLOCK, J.D. 2-6 0-0 5; Marine, Artie 0-2 0-0 0; Croft, Jeff 0-1 0-0 0;
GIBSON, Zadrion 0-0 0-0 0; WHIPPLE, Johnathan 0-1 0-0 0; Chambers, Brandon 0-0 0-0 0
Totals 25-63 9-12 69
JAMES MADISON (2-1)
Jalloh, Abdulai 5-15 4-4 16; Moore, Devon 4-4 6-6 15; Wells, Julius 3-5 4-6 13; Curtis, Pierre 2-4 7-12 12; Semenov, Andrey 3-4 6-6 12; Swannston, Kyle 2-9 2-2 8; Thornton, Dazzmond 3-7 0-0 6; Louis, Ben 0-0 0-0 0.
Totals 22-48 29-36 82
Kennesaw State..... 30 39 - 69
James Madison..... 44 38 - 82
3-point goals--Kennesaw State 10-23 (Dixon, Spencer 3-5; NICKERSON, John-Mich 2-2; Woods, Kurtis 2-6; McConnell, Kelvin 2-6; Pollock, J.D. 1-2; Croft, Jeff 0-1; Marine, Artie 0-1), James Madison 9-26 (Wells, Julius 3-5; Swannston, Kyle 2-7; Jalloh, Abdulai 2-9; Curtis, Pierre 1-3; Moore, Devon 1-1; Semenov, Andrey 0-1). Fouled out--Kennesaw State-McCONNELL, Kelvin, James Madison-None. Rebounds--Kennesaw State 27 (NICKERSON, John-Mich 10), James Madison 40 (Semenov, Andrey 7). Assists--Kennesaw State 16 (WOODS, Kurtis 5; McConnell, Kelvin 5), James Madison 13 (Curtis, Pierre 7). Total fouls--Kennesaw State 27, James Madison 14. Technical fouls--Kennesaw State-None, James Madison-None. A-3066
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