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Details: Free

Weather



WEDNESDAY
HIGH 69°
LOW 47°



THURSDAY
HIGH 68°
LOW 49°



FRIDAY
HIGH 65°
LOW 44°



SATURDAY
HIGH 75°
LOW 51°



SUNDAY
HIGH 67°
LOW 47°



MONDAY
HIGH 67°
LOW 41°

Gates activated; hangtags enforced

Commuters required to use new parking passes or face fines

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As of Monday, the gates have been activated in the gated parking decks, and students are required to use their new parking hangtags.

Enforcement of the new hangtags began on Tuesday, March 24, according to Joe DiBattista, director of Card Services. For the rest of this week, students will still be allowed to park in the gated lots without their hangtags. These students are, however, being strongly encouraged to go to Card Services, located on the second floor of the Student Center, to pick them up.

"It's been pretty good," said Dan Parkinson of Parking Operations, who was checking hangtags in the Central Deck on Monday afternoon.

An open letter to students on the Parking Operations Web site explains that ScanNet, the system that monitors hangtag usage, will allow parking officials to collect statistical data about usage in the gated areas. That data will then be used to improve daily traffic flow.

"Once the gates go into operation, only people who are authorized to park in a certain area will be allowed access to that area, via their proximity hangtag. This will be useful in helping to eliminate unauthorized vehicles from taking up valuable student spaces," states the letter.

Sophomore Caleb Austin said he picked up his hangtag on Monday evening - after he was issued a \$25 ticket.

"I didn't have enough time to get my tag, with classes and everything," said Austin.

Another student who picked up her hangtag on Monday said that she did not receive a ticket when she parked that morning.



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Dan Parkinson of Parking Operations scans a student's hangtag in the Central Deck on Monday, March 30.

Parkinson said that students have had ample time and warning to pick up the hangtags.

"We've been handing out warnings for three weeks. We've been putting them on all the cars. The University sent out all kinds of emails. You guys should know to get this thing," said Parkinson. "You guys have paid for it. You don't owe any money. Go get it."

To pick up hangtags, students must be able to provide their vehicle's year, make, model and color, a license plate number and the state of issuance.

At this time, only commuter

students are to pick up a hangtag. Distribution of parking passes for residential students will begin at a later time.

DiBattista said that commuters will still be able to park in the surface lots - Lots A, D and J, East Deck, West Deck and the Church Lot - without having to scan a hangtag.

According to the Parking Operations Web site, parking rules are enforced from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. The campus operates in "open parking" mode all other

times, including weekends, semester breaks and school closings.

According to the Web site, there are approximately 8,500 student parking spaces on campus. About 5,400 of these spaces are designated for commuter students.

For more information about parking, visit the Parking Operations Web site, financialservices.kennesaw.edu/parking/. Questions about hangtag distribution should be directed to Parking Operations by emailing parking@kennesaw.edu or calling 770-423-6506.

\$4.5 million granted for new Health Sciences Building

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The Board of Regents has granted \$4.5 million in order to pay for the construction of a Health Sciences Building and new equipment for the Wellstar College of Health and Human Services.

Construction of the Health Sciences Building was approved by the BOR back in 2007, and the groundbreaking will start in April. The building is scheduled to be completed by December 2010.

"It will be a great advantage to have most of the faculty, students and staff of the Wellstar College of Health and Human Services, for the first time in recent years, housed in one central location," said Laurie Tis, associate dean of the WellStar College of Health and Human Services. "Any time you can have students and faculty from all of the programs interacting together, it's a great educational opportunity, especially for the students."

The new building will contain the necessary lab equipment to further nursing students' education.

"The students will benefit with the new labs, larger classrooms, new larger and more numerous computer labs. We will finally be able to accommodate all of our students. For some programs, it will be the first time they will actually have classes, labs and computer labs in their own building," said Tis.

"We will have a tremendous amount of space devoted to nursing labs with human patient simulators to provide experiences in caring for critical 'patients' before they go to the hospital to work with really sick people," said David Bennett, associate dean of

the WellStar College of Health and Human Services. "For the Health, Physical Education and Sport Science Department, the new biomechanics labs and exercise science labs provide a great deal of space for research and student involvement in understanding human physical performance. For the Social Work and Human Services Department, there is an innovative room that allows students to observe and learn interviewing and counseling skills through one-way glass."

The building will house two 150-seat classrooms, two 120-seat classrooms, four computer labs and a 300-seat auditorium, among other classrooms and offices. The building will also contain student-friendly areas.

"We have placed spacious and well-furnished student lounges/study areas in the front of the building overlooking the plaza between the HSB and the Dining Hall," said Bennett. "Extra electrical outlets for laptops have been placed in areas where students will congregate and the building will be fully blanketed for wireless access. Nursing and social work graduate students will have their own lounge area and mailroom. At faculty request and in consideration of students, a small, private room has been devoted to breastfeeding moms who need to pump their breasts and store milk. There will be a large, well-appointed auditorium for classes, seminars or professional presentations."

"It has been very exciting for me to be involved in the planning of the building from the very beginning, so I cannot wait to see what has only been a two-dimensional design to become real," said Bennett.

Softball to host Jacob's Ladder fundraiser April 4

ANDY NELSON
STAFF WRITER

The women's softball team will host its second annual Lexi's Day and Jacob's Ladder Fundraiser at Bailey Park on Saturday, April 4.

All proceeds from the event will go to the Jacob's Ladder Neurological Learning Center in Roswell, a non-profit organization that provides a safe learning environment for children with neurological disorders such as autism, cerebral palsy and Down Syndrome. Since its founding in 1999, Jacob's Ladder has evaluated over 600 children.

The fundraiser is especially geared toward Lexi Kiser, six-year-old daughter of Chip Kiser, who suffers from cerebral palsy. She has been going to Jacob's Ladder since she was three years old. According to Scott Whitlock, head coach of the women's softball team, the team hosts Lexi's Day "to raise public awareness of kids that face the challenges of living with cerebral palsy and to help fund Lexi's experience at Jacob's Ladder." Lexi now spends four hours a day at the learning center participating in kindergarten academia as well as activities meant to enhance her muscle movement.

"Whereas I knew of Lexi's challenges, I never really thought about the tremendous financial challenges that families and organizations have in providing care and education to beautiful, special kids like Lexi," said Whitlock, who has known the Kiser family for many years. "Sometime last year, it dawned on me - 'Scott,

here you are blessed with healthy kids. You have made a career coaching tremendous female athletes. Why can't you and your players do something to make people aware that Lexi, and others like her, need a little help?'"

After sharing Lexi's story with the softball team, they decided to make Lexi's Day an annual event. Last year, they were able to raise over \$1,000.

"It was great," said Kiser when describing last year's Lexi's Day. "The softball team enjoyed it, and it really meant something to them. For not knowing me or her, they really helped out a lot."

This year, the team plans to go a step further by serving food from the Marietta Fish Market and offering inflatables outside the Bailey Complex. In addition, the players will be going in to the stands to collect donations. T-shirts and other giveaways will also be available. Lunch will be served from 12-2 p.m. at the Bailey Complex.

At 2 p.m., the ladies will play their Atlantic Sun rival, Florida Gulf Coast. Tickets for the event are \$10, which includes the game ticket as well as lunch. To purchase tickets, visit ksuowls.ticketsxchange.com or call 678-797-2800.

"I genuinely feel that when we as athletes, coaches and the KSU community do things to help enrich the life of a kid such as Lexi, we are truly playing at the highest of levels," said Whitlock. "I hope that all who come will be well-fed, entertained and leave knowing that their participation will make an impact on a special young lady, and others like her."

Free Forecast:
March-April

3/31: **Green Peace: founder Paul Watson**

(7pm, Social Science Building, Room 1021)

4/1: **KSU Day Carnival and Festival** (noon-3pm, Campus Green)

4/1: **Casino Nite** (9pm-midnight, Student Center University Rooms)



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HEALTH BEAT

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, and although there are some health benefits to sun exposure, it is necessary to exercise caution when spending prolonged periods of time in the sun.

Two types of skin cancer, basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, are highly curable. But the third type, melanoma, is more dangerous, especially among college-aged students.

Melanoma is treatable when detected early. The first sign of melanoma is often a change in the size, shape, color or feel of a mole on the skin.

According to Melanoma.com, "In men, melanomas are often found between the shoulders and hips, or the head and neck area. In women, melanoma often develops on the lower legs as well as between the shoulders and hips." The Web site also suggests getting to know the pattern of moles, spots, freckles and other skin markings so changes can be noticed.

People who have red or blond hair, blue or green eyes, freckles or fair skin, or a family history of skin cancer are at a higher risk of developing the disease. To find melanoma as early as possible, the American Cancer Society encourages all adults age 20 and older to have a routine cancer-related skin checkup at least once a year, regardless of skin type, family history or other factors that might increase the risk of skin cancer.

But skin cancer is not the only risk associated with overexposure to UV rays: sun-related skin damage can also cause early wrinkling, age spots and cellular damage. While a suntan may look and feel good, the darkened surface color is the result of injury to the top layer of skin, the epidermis.

"The sun's rays make skin look old and wrinkled years before it should," states WebMD's Cancer Health Center Web site. "[The] sun's ultraviolet light damages the fibers in the skin called elastin. When these fibers break down, the skin begins to sag, stretch and lose its ability to go back into place after stretching."



As summer approaches, it is important to remember a few practices for sun protection. The CDC recommends five easy options:

- Seek shade. The sun is most intense between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and UV rays do the most damage during midday.
- Cover up. Use clothing to protect exposed skin.
- Get a hat. Wide-brimmed hats shade the face, head, ears and neck.
- Protect your eyes. Sunglasses that cover the whole eye and block as close to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays as possible.
- Use sunscreen. Lotions with SPF 15 or higher and those that block both UVA and UVB rays work best.

For more information, visit cdc.gov and melanoma.com.

E-cigarette sparks attention as FDA crackdown looms

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The young man in the tall swivel chair at the mall seems lost in nicotine nirvana as he takes a deep drag on a cigarette and blows smoke rings to the surprise of passing shoppers.

Sarah Kruberg, a 21-year-old college student from Portola Valley, Calif., does a double take but keeps walking.

"I knew it couldn't be someone smoking a cigarette," she said with a laugh. "But I didn't know what it was."

What Kruberg saw at Westfield Valley Fair mall in Santa Clara, Calif., was a kiosk salesman puffing away on an electronic cigarette, a new product that Jose Canseco, the steroid-tainted baseball slugger turned e-cigarette pitchman, predicts will "revolutionize the industry of smoking."

Health officials worldwide, however, are casting a wary eye.

Last summer a Florida company began aggressively marketing e-cigarettes — which emit a nicotine vapor with the help of a computer chip — but the U.S. Food and Drug Administration now seems poised to pull e-cigs from the market because the agency considers them "new drugs." That means they need approval from the FDA, which requires companies to back up their claims with scientific data.

"It is illegal to sell or market them, and the FDA is looking into this," said Rita Chappelle, an agency spokeswoman.

Asked if that meant the FDA would crack down on the dozens of mall kiosks nationwide where the product is being sold like perfume and cellphone covers, Chappelle said: "This is an open case. Beyond that I cannot comment."

Informed of the FDA's position, David Burke, general manager at Westfield Valley Fair, said Monday that the shopping center is looking into the legality of the product. "All our retailers are required to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations," he said.

Invented in China several years ago, the e-cig not only "smokes" like a cigarette. It also looks like a cigarette, feels like a cigarette, glows like a cigarette and contains nicotine like a cigarette.

But it's not a cigarette. It's a slender stainless-steel tube.

When someone puffs on an e-cigarette, a computer-aided sensor activates a heating element that vaporizes a solution — usually containing nicotine — in the mouthpiece. The resulting mist — which comes in flavors such as chocolate and cherry — can be inhaled. A light-emitting diode on the tip of the e-cigarette simulates the glow of burning tobacco. The device is powered by a rechargeable lithium battery.

Its boosters say it's the perfect way to quit smoking because the nicotine mist contains no tar or any of the host of cancer-causing agents of tobacco smoke — yet has the touch and feel of smoking. That, they say, makes the e-cigarette superior to other nicotine-delivery systems such as patches, chewing gum, aerosol sprays and inhalers.

The levels of nicotine can be adjusted, from "high" to no nicotine at all. That, e-cig supporters say, allows smokers to wean them-

selves from nicotine, which most doctors say is highly addictive but not, as far as they know, a carcinogen.

The product's aficionados say that because it contains no tobacco, it can be used in bars, nightclubs, restaurants and other public places where states and localities have banned tobacco use.

But anti-smoking groups say that's exactly the problem. They fear that it will reintroduce a "smoking culture" into places where people no longer are used to seeing wisps of smoke and cigarettes hanging from people's mouths.

"I understand why people use the nicotine replacement aids," said Serena Chen, regional tobacco policy director of the American Lung Association in California. "But I don't understand why people want to pretend that they're smoking."

Chen believes that many e-smokers will conclude that the e-cigarette is harmless and be lured back into the smoking trap.

"If you had a serial killer who liked to stab people, would you give him a rubber knife?" asked Chen. "This just boggles the mind."

Executives at Smoking Everywhere, the Sunrise, Fla., firm that is marketing the product on the Internet and in mall kiosks, say criticism of the e-cigarette is irrational.

"The mist is mostly water. It has to be better for you than smoking," said Eitan Peer, vice president of the company. "It's been approved by doctors. We've been on Fox News. We've been on the 'Howard Stern Show.' Our spokesmen are Jose Canseco and Danny Bonaduce."

Company officials say the other main ingredient in the e-cig is propylene glycol, which is used in everything from Hollywood smoke machines to food colorings to hydraulic fluids.

Peer said the suggested retail price of the Chinese-made e-cig is \$149, but because the kiosk operators are independent vendors, the price varies.

The other day, Dan Conroy picked up his e-cigarette "starter kit" from one of the two Smoking Everywhere kiosks at Valley Fair for \$140, plus tax.

"It's the first time I've seen the product," said Conroy, 37, a Sacramento, Calif., contractor. "But I'm interested in quitting, and this has to be healthier than tobacco."

He and several other smokers interviewed at the mall agreed that e-smoke isn't as satisfying or rich as tobacco smoke. But they all said they thought they could get used to it.

"It tastes pretty good," said Oliver De La Cruz, 29, of Daly City, Calif., whose wife, Kristine, was about to give birth to their first child. She encouraged him to try the e-cig, saying it would be a wonderful present to their newborn if Daddy would quit smoking.

But both De La Cruz and one nicotine-addicted friend, 23-year-old Marco Maneru of Daly City, said they wanted to do some research on the e-cigarette before they buy one.

"Who knows?" Maneru said. "There could be some chemicals in there that are really bad for you."

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Current volunteer opportunities in your community:

Campus Blood Drive:
Date: April 7th and 8th (Tuesday and Wednesday)
Time: 9:00-5:00
Place: University Rooms A and E.

- Applicants can come by room 264 in the Student Center or contact (770) 423-6700 to set up an appointment. All participants will receive a free t-shirt and help save a life.

March of Dimes Walk for America Event:
Date: April 25, 2009 (Saturday)
From: 8:00-12:00
Place: Marietta Middle School

- Volunteers are needed to walk in VKSU annual Walk for America Event that is held every year. All participants will receive a free t-shirt. All student organizations are encouraged to attend. Students need to come by room 264 in the Student Center to sign-up for this event.

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Can we save newspapers?

As you read this, newspapers across the country are writing their own obituaries or shutting their doors. The AJC recently reported that it is cutting 30 percent of its news staff and will stop distributing to seven outlying counties in an attempt to become profitable again. Over a 6-month period ending last September, the AJC's circulation fell by 13.6 percent. But even more importantly, where has the free AJC on campus gone? Drop the New York Times and give me the AJC any day of the week.

But I digress. During 2008, among the nation's biggest newspapers, only USA Today and The Wall Street Journal circulations remained relatively steady at 2.3 million and 2 million respectively. The New York Times, writing about the decline of newspapers, had to report that its circulation had dropped by 3.6%.

Some publications are resorting to new and creative ways to remain out of the red. MediaNews Group is going to attempt to make an individualized print-at-home version for L.A. and Denver. Other local papers are attempting customized PDF layouts. But still others are closing, on the verge of closing or are moving to online only. The Rocky Mountain News closed in February, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer is hanging by a thread and the Christian Science Monitor has gone to a weekly print edition with a focus on its online edition.

The problems with newspapers are numerous. People are increasingly getting their news online (37 percent three or more days a week), and online ad revenue remained flat in 2008. Print classifieds sections are decimated by online versions, and the down housing and auto market hurt this section further.

To compound the doom and gloom, a recent Pew study found that "fewer than half of Americans (43%) say that losing their local newspaper would hurt civic life in their community 'a lot.' Even fewer (33%) say they would personally miss reading the local newspaper a lot if it were no longer available." In other words, a majority of Americans don't see the extinction of



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newspapers as a problem.

But without newspapers, and the generally solid and useful reporting they provide, we would be stuck with infotainment, shouting pundits and unreliable, opinion driven blogs. None of these will be able to provide the good local reporting or foreign news bureaus to which we have become accustomed. They will only provide echo chambers and ten-second sound bites.

But if newspapers are worth saving, the question remains: how do we do it? Time magazine recently had an article entitled "How

to Save Your Newspaper" in which Walter Isaacson proposed that newspapers create a micropayment system where "a newspaper might decide to charge a nickel for an article or a dime for that day's full edition or \$2 for a month's worth of Web access. Some surfers would balk, but I suspect most would merrily click through if it were cheap and easy enough."

I suspect it is far too late for a payment model for online content, despite the fact that paid subscriptions to the online version of The Wall Street Journal went up 7% during 2008. The Journal is most likely the exception to the rule. As Pew's Project for Excellence in Journalism's State of the News Media notes, it was a mistake to think ad revenue could prop up free newspaper content, but now "the free content genie cannot be put back in the bottle."

A recent proposal by Sen. Benjamin Cardin, D-Md would allow newspapers to operate as non-

profits that could be advertisement and subscription revenue tax exempt and contributions tax deductible. The papers would be barred from making political endorsements, but do we really need a written editorial to guess who the New York Times is going to endorse anyway? They would still be able to report on everything related to political campaigns.

Would any of these ideas put the newspaper on a long-term path to sustainability? Not for long. Print, like it or not, is on the way out. As much as I like holding the paper or the actual book, it is becoming a thing of the past, another victim of the digital age. In the end, investors will say "nostalgia is great, until it means bankruptcy," and our nation will bid adieu to the newspaper once and for all.



Press vs Peace, Round Two: Iran

Believing everyone in Iran harbors the same ultra-conservative ideals as its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is like believing all Americans are lockstep with Joe Biden. Not only are the two men not the official shot-callers for their respective nations, but their political and religious ideologies can be vastly different from the people they very loosely represent. While unfortunate, it's understandable that we in America seem to have given Iran's sole voice to Ahmadinejad. He will, after all, sometimes address The United States in the hopes of delivering often bewildering messages that appear to be the opinion of everyone living in the Islamic Republic of Iran. This is not the case and, frankly, is misleading the American people into a slowly simmering hatred of Iran. With the selective imagery we're given, many Americans bristle at the idea of extending a diplomatic hand to the leaders of Iran. In fact, a startling number of people find it "naive" or "weak" for our President to do just that. That opinion folks, is lunacy.

We cannot call ourselves the greatest nation on earth and continue to accept only demonized portraits shown to us by outlets whose priorities are sensationalism and outrage.

traits shown to us by outlets whose priorities are sensationalism and outrage. We must be smarter than that. Iran is a place of deep roots, an ancient and culturally rich nation with as much desire for peace and for fairness as most civilized nations possess. To base our assessment on the snap judgments of the snap-

“We cannot call ourselves the greatest nation on earth and continue to accept only demonized portraits shown to us by outlets whose priorities are sensationalism and outrage.”

shots our doomsday-loving media give us is to rob ourselves of what could be a powerful ally instead of a sworn enemy. Take a trip through a newspaper and see for yourself--we are, in general, being taught how to display an ostentatious contempt for this corner of the world. We are being conditioned to want war with Iran.

Think about it: to mention Iran is to open a folder in most news-watching Americans' minds that contains, among others, these files: cocky Ahmadinejad, budding

nuclear program, "wipe Israel off the map," harboring of terrorists, funding of Hezbollah, denial of the Holocaust, "there are no gay people in Iran," public stonings, the hostage crisis, Ayatollah Khomeini--you get the picture. Our downloaded ideas of Iran are startlingly negative and the onslaught of bad press about the people and traditions of Iran is a disheartening trend that the media should get under control. While these images and events might well be somewhat honest, what we have presented to us by the voice of our media's one-sided love affair with fearmongering. Just google "Iran" or "Ahmedinejad"

is a story told by the voice of our media's one-sided love affair with fearmongering. Just google "Iran" or "Ahmedinejad"

This is not to say that Iran is a perfect nation with perfect leaders leading a perfect people. As in America, there are questionable practices that darken even the finest achievements. Though it's easy to

conclude that, with what we are fed, Iran is a threat to our country, we don't know for sure that this is the case. Let her actions speak for her not the sensationalistic nature of fear-based reporting.

It may come as a total shock to some, but not every country sees America as a shining example of perfection. American culture/politics isn't difficult (at all) for foreign presses to ridicule and demonize. Off the top of my head: Columbine. Octo-Mom. Timothy McVeigh. Rampant obesity. Halliburton. Virginia Tech. Britney Spears. "I did not have sex with that woman." The Bachelor. Clogged prisons. Giant vehicles. "Bling." Hyper-sexualized advertising. Hyper-sexualized everything. O.J. Simpson. Unilinguality. Tom Cruise. Oh God, Tom Cruise. Jeffrey Dahmer. The Washington Snipers. AIG. Athletes on steroids. Maury. Rush Limbaugh. Supporting the Iraq War. Not knowing where to find Iraq on a map.

Some Iranians see these things as definitively "American," and fear that the short-sighted, materialistic Western influence will carry over, just as some Americans believe that the bad press on Iran only illuminates what the country is all about. I urge anyone reading this column to practice a healthy desire for the other side of the story. I beg of everyone: Do not be swayed by



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COLUMNIST

Berlin is the girl on the motorcycle who terrorizes the campus police with her rebellious and illegal left turns. Currently undeclared, our print-ninja is simply waiting for the right fit. Her down-tempo radio show can be heard on OWL Radio on Thursdays from 6-8p.m.

the power of our media's manufactured prejudice--it lead us to war with Iraq and is (without doubt) the most effective tool a government has to fulfill unethical missions that, given the full truth, most Americans would not see fit to die over. We cannot call ourselves the most civilized nation on the planet when diplomacy (pure and simple) is "weak," "naive" and a relic from our past.

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Roe v. Wade is wrong

But not for the reasons you may think

I'm sure some of you have heard about the post-birth "abortion" (ironic use of the term), which cost a doctor his license last month in Florida. A teenager planning to have an abortion suddenly gave birth to a baby girl in the clinic while waiting for the doctor. Clinic staffers responded by cutting the umbilical cord, stuffing the living baby into a plastic bag, and throwing her in the trash. This incident should cause people on both sides of the abortion issue to reconsider the extremes of this very controversial wedge issue.

Roe v. Wade allows women to have an abortion up to the point of "viability" for the fetus. "Viability" is usually considered around 7 months into the pregnancy, although this can vary, and women can even get an abortion shortly before they are expected to give birth. This Supreme Court decision goes too far. If a baby not yet born is hidden from public view, it is not seen as being a human being. Even during the later stages of pregnancy, current abortion law turns a blind eye to a baby with a functioning heartbeat and brain activity, and dismisses its right to life because it is inconvenient for the mother.

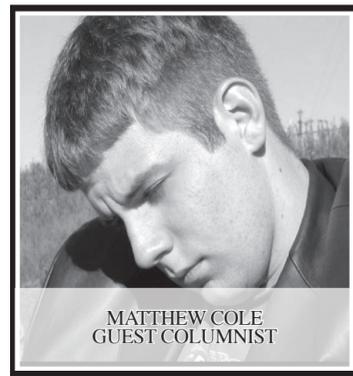
The extreme pro-life position is also irrational. This may be because the secular viewpoint based on secular arguments has been hijacked and turned into a religious issue. Through their misunderstanding of obscure Bible verses, pro-lifers have come up with this idea that a single-cell embryo is a human being, and thus entitled to the same rights as fully developed humans. If a stem cell research lab were to catch on fire, I wonder how many pro-life firefighters would rush to grab trays of frozen embryos instead of trapped lab technicians. The hypocrisy of this position should become apparent when doing something as mundane as a haircut, which involves killing millions of cells. Did

you know that you are killing skin cells every time you rub up against something? If a single cell is a human being, then everyone on the planet is a mass murderer.

Both extremes would agree that the real issue of the abortion debate is centered around the question of when a fetus becomes a human being. I think the truth lies somewhere in the middle. Abortion should be legal when there is clearly no human present, and illegal when there clearly is. It is somewhere in the middle that the truth becomes ambiguous. In such cases, I think it is better to go pro-life by default, since the consequences of being wrong with that position are less serious than the consequences of the pro-choice position being wrong. Perhaps the dividing line can be set at the first sign of brain activity or a heartbeat. This sounds like a reasonable position, but unfortunately Roe v. Wade doesn't allow for such practical middle-ground decisions. This 1973 case usurped the sovereign power of state governments to determine state abortion policy, thus preventing further debate.

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I think that Roe v. Wade was wrongly decided and should be overturned. If Republicans were serious about this, they would have already amended the judicial code to remove this issue from Supreme Court jurisdiction, effectively overturning Roe v. Wade. Overturning this decision would spark the most heated political struggle across the country since the de-



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bates on slavery. Many states already have "trigger laws" in effect that either legalize or ban abortion, just in case this decision were overturned. Other states have not repealed pre-1973 abortion laws, which would go into effect again. Georgia would probably adopt an extreme pro-life law, and California would go to the other extreme. Of course, many states will have to moderate their position towards a more sensible policy. This would also focus attention more towards local politics and less towards the federal government. The fundamentalist Armageddon-lovers and Israel-firsters would lose much of their influence in national politics and might be kept away from our nuclear arsenal. Republicans in D.C. might actually have to earn votes rather than continuing to con votes out of gullible pro-life voters who think the GOP actually takes their cause seriously. In the end, D.C. politics would lose a major wedge issue, state politics would take some of the spotlight from D.C., and we can start coming to more rational positions about crucial issues facing the country at the national level.

Populist tactics keep Americans distracted from bigger picture

Tea party protests have been popping up all across the country demonstrating just how fed up people are with what the government is doing. We are taking on unreasonable debt, all in hopes of saving an economic crisis that was caused by a government living beyond its means and going beyond its duties. We are adding more fuel to the fire, but no one seems to care or notice.

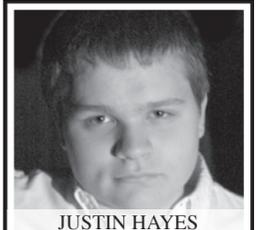
The AIG bonuses have made many people angry and Washington has decided to avert attention from its own actions by using the situation as a scapegoat for our country's economic woes. Whereas it is inherently wrong for these companies to use taxpayer money for bonuses, the government is committing an even worse offense by attacking contractual obligations. One of the primary functions of government in a free-market system is to uphold and enforce contracts. When the government decides that contracts no longer matter, it opens the door for rampant corruption and a breakdown of economic sanity.

What's more disturbing is the fact that the government created the bonuses in the first place, specifically Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), who put the provision in the stimulus package. But now that the executives of AIG have followed through with their contractual responsibility, our "representatives" in Washington have completely demonized these people for their own benefit.

This situation goes way beyond party lines. Frankly, the actions proposed by the federal government (and supported by a majority of Americans) are unconstitutional. If the government were to tax these bonuses by any sort of percentage, it would completely violate Article 1, Section 9, Clause 5 of the United States Constitution which states, "no bill of Attainder or ex post facto law shall be passed."

A bill of attainder is a legislative act that singles out an individual or group for penalizing without due process of law. An ex post facto law is one written to apply to an action in the past, which was legal at the time. The bonuses were 100% legal when they were given to the executive—even originally endorsed by our Congress—but since the public got wind of the situation, our representatives have turned on the executives to try to gain support from the populist sentiments. This has got to be one of the most callous and repugnant moves by our government in recent history.

While Congress is busy creating populist outrage over the AIG bonuses, the Federal Reserve made a historic move during the same week. The Fed announced that it was preparing to pump \$1 trillion into the economy by buying treasury



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bonds so that the Treasury Department could buy up mortgage-backed securities. This move is the Federal Reserve's last roll of the dice by to try and save the system. Once you start to monetize our debt, which is exactly what the Fed is doing, there is no turning back.

With this new program the \$700 billion bailout, \$800 billion stimulus package, a proposed \$3.6 trillion budget, \$1.5 trillion in anticipated healthcare spending, and who knows what else our government has committed itself to providing mass sums of money, which it cannot do without printing it out of thin

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air. Adding trillions upon trillions of dollars into the money supply has serious consequences. Money, like all commodities, is a scarce resource. When the scarcity of that resource goes down, it becomes devalued. Let's hope the Fed can soak up some of this money by increasing interest rates when the economy shows signs of recovery before it is too late.

The only other source of government revenue, besides taxes, comes from China. The Chinese have been borrowing our treasury bonds, but are beginning to lose confidence in the dollar, which could be disastrous to our economy. The People's Bank of China Gov. Zhou Xiaochuan has called for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to create a global currency to replace the dollar as the reserve currency. Although this plea seems outlandish now, it could very well be the case in the next decade. Unfortunately, the American people and the media are too preoccupied with the AIG situation to pay attention to what could fundamentally alter our entire economic system.

Next week: I will be writing a 2 part series on the history and problems with the Federal Reserve System.

THE OWL FORUM

Cheap Shots Don't Help Your Argument

Like many American Catholics, I was a bit flummoxed by Pope Benedict XVI's recent comments regarding the use of condoms as a means of preventing the horrific AIDS crisis in Africa. The Church's teachings on matters of human sexuality continue to be a source of difficulty for Catholics, and when the Vatican speaks publicly on these matters, many Catholics often cringe with embarrassment. A Catholic is free to examine his own conscience on many matters regarding both dogma and doctrine, and most American Catholics have adopted the stance of quietly ignoring the occasional controversies that arise when matters of contraception and sexuality are discussed. Indeed, it is difficult for many non-Catholics, as well as Catholics, to find relevance in teachings that seem irrelevant, antiquated, and—in the case of the Pope's recent comments regarding condoms—even a bit absurd.

Yet all Catholics are obligated to speak in defense of their faith when it is attacked, particularly when the attack is presented in a fallacious, demeaning, and ignorant manner. Mr. Gage Thompson's editorial of March 24th regarding the Pope's comments actually makes several valid points, arguments which are almost impossible to argue against in the context of the AIDS epidemic in Africa. But to describe one of the Western World's oldest institutions as "close minded . . . idiotic . . . audacious . . ." with nothing to contribute to scientific debate and discourse but "falseness and hearsay" seems to violate the very tenets of legitimate inquiry and argument that Mr. Thompson values.

Mr. Thompson is free, as are Catholics, to follow his own conscience regarding matters of faith, but I wish that before issuing a blanket condemnation against the Church, he might also consider the enormous contributions the Roman Catholic Church has made to further the causes of justice and human dignity throughout the world, especially in matters relating to education, human rights, and medical and scientific discovery.

Faith, like science, doesn't come easy; indeed, each has throughout history been forced to issue similar apologetics and explanations for those who don't understand. As Mr. Thompson furthers his own understanding, I hope he learns the danger of depending upon facile degradations when he wishes to make a point.

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These Religious Nuts

In response to the recent article "Sex, Lies and the Vatican," there are several errors in the article. The statement that some people believe the earth is 6,000 years old is true, but the Catholic Church and many other faiths not only fully support evolution, they also teach it. In fact it was an Austrian monk named Joseph Mendel who first discovered and pioneered the science of genetics, and there are many such examples of religious people advancing the sciences throughout history. Also, at the time of Galileo, EVERYBODY believed the earth to be the center of the universe because they believed they stood on a stationary platform and the universe revolved around them. Contrary to popular thought, Galileo was never excommunicated for his beliefs, and when his theory was finally proven, it was accepted by all faiths and he was exonerated.

The article's last sentence is quite interesting – "Leave the realm of reality to people grounded in reality; the religious can have their own

fantasy world." Every Sunday in this country thousand of houses of worship preach the unreality that, if we could somehow treat each other as we would want to be treated, the world would be a much better place. What kind of degenerates would continually push this unrealistic nonsense upon us? The silly notion of brotherhood will never work. Such an original and civilized concept should indeed be rejected.

Each day thousands of religious fools living their "fantasy" faith volunteer in hospitals and hospice centers. These people, grounded in the realm of the non-real, hold bedpans beneath mouths spitting out their death blood. These fools also visit drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers to hold in their arms the hopeless addicts as they shake uncontrollably in their real world. These believers of falsehoods sometimes even climb into old vans and search for some of the thousands of runaway children to help them build something akin to a reality. These tellers of fairy tales walk into domestic disputes, attempted suicides, car wreck and assault victims – where no lie is admitted without an escort. These religious nuts even pervert our troops. In every war this country has ever fought, military chaplains have "left the realm of reality" to pray over men whose jaws are blown off or whose guts are hanging from a nearby tree. And across the face of the globe thousands of these religious fools leave the comfort of their homes for foreign lands, bringing food, medicine, education, and hope to the impoverished and destitute. Oh, these silly religious nuts. Perhaps all they need is a dose of reality.

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Parking Tags

I don't know which genius came up with the idea to change the parking decals mid-semester, but I'm sure he or she is being considered for a promotion by the Bursar's office. I'm certain it has turned into a profitable, though certainly underhanded, method of fund-raising.

I have paid in the neighborhood of \$13,000.00 to this decent-quality, no-name university, and overall the experience has been worth every penny. (I've subtracted out the countless overpriced so-called meals I've purchased from the student center.) I've taken great classes from excellent professors. I've even befriended a few of them over the course of my nearly two years at KSU. Some have written recommendations for me, and to them I am truly grateful.

It is truly a shame, then, that the act of being punished for accidentally forgetting to display my parking hangtag can erase ALL of the goodwill built by this university over nearly 2 years, but that is EXACTLY what has happened. For the university to charge me \$25 for my one and only parking violation in two years after the sum of money I've spent is beyond petty. Until today, I would have been HAPPY to donate money and otherwise support the university as an alumnus. Now, however, I can assure you that Kennesaw State University will not see another cent from me...EVER...which brings me to the point of this rant: Can a fledgling university, so desperate to improve its image really afford to treat its paying customers with such petty indifference? Sadly, it seems the answer is yes.

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JEHP Student Stands Out in the Crowd

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oint Enrollment Honors Program (JEHP) student Zoya Kovalenko will receive the Outstanding Student Award at the University Scholars Awards Ceremony on April 3 in the Bailey Center. "The Outstanding Seniors from every major on campus, plus Zoya as the Outstanding JEHP student, will be honored there," said Director of Pre-College Programs Dr. Katherine Kinnick. "It is a great honor for this student to be recognized along with the top seniors in each major."

"In Zoya's case, her GPA and number of credit hours and honors courses were high enough to set her apart from the other students. Because she started here as a junior, she had many more credit hours than most JEHP students," Kinnick said. As for Zoya's feelings on the matter, she said, "I felt really happy. It's nice to be recognized for being a nerd."

I met Zoya in the English building. At 17, Zoya looks as young as she is, with a beamy smile and a messy bun of hair falling off the top of her head. I asked Zoya if she knew of someplace quiet where we could have our interview. She told me of the Honors Lounge in the library. On the elevator, I complimented her on the auburn streaks I saw running up to her bun. "Oh, thanks," she said. "They used to be pink."

The Honors Lounge is a room with a few tables and chairs, a couch or two, and some fake-looking plants. Only two other students were there, one, a male, was sitting at a table with his laptop, and the other, a female, was reclining on a couch with a magazine. The room was silent. I had wanted a quiet place, but I didn't want to disturb anyone with our chatter. Zoya marched into this familiar territory and took a seat at the first table next to the guy with the laptop. I followed, opened my notepad and began my questions.

"Excuse me," said a female voice. "Are you both Honors students?" Zoya said she was. I shook my head. "Well, it can get a little crowded in here if we have too many visitors..." I didn't want to argue with the woman (although the room was nowhere near capacity), but I also did not want her to ask me to leave. "I'm actually writing an article about JEHP," I said. "And I'm interviewing her." The woman's expression changed. "Oh, please disregard everything I just said," she said as she left the room. I continued to ask Zoya about her family.

Before her second birthday, Zoya had been to three countries. Her parents are Russian, but she and her older brother were born in Singapore. "My dad was a journalist. We were in Singapore because of his job," Zoya said. Not long after Zoya was born, the Kovalenkos returned to Russia. "My parents went back to Russia for three months during the fall of communism," Zoya said. She has never been to Russia since then, but she has revisited Singapore several times.

The Kovalenkos came to the United States with the help of some friends they had made in Singapore. "My parents didn't want us to grow up in Russia because we would have better life opportunities, more money and better education here," Zoya said. Zoya, as the daughter of highly educated, multilingual parents,

knows the value of education. Her favorite subject is math. "My parents went to the best college in Russia. It was really an accomplishment for my mom because it's difficult for women to get in," Zoya said.

Her mother speaks Russian, English and French; her father speaks Russian, English and Chinese. For her part, Zoya is trying to regain her fluency in Russian. "I used to be fluent, but not anymore. My parents are upset about it. It's frustrating when I would get stuck, especially when I was trying to say something important," Zoya said. She plans to take courses in Russian language during her college career.

Zoya's college career has already begun, although she is a senior at Kennesaw Mountain High School (KMHS). During her first semester at KSU, she was able to enroll in pre-calculus and an intermediate Spanish class because she had the necessary

prerequisites from high school.

utilized, and they require quite a bit of study time to supplement the lectures." Zoya said that some of her favorite things about college are being in control of her schedule and being able to choose her professors. "I also try to pick the most challenging professors, because I want to be challenged," she said. "I don't waste a lifetime in my high school classes doing nothing but busywork and daydreaming." She also enjoys the social atmosphere college provides: "The people in college are so much cooler. First of all, they actually want to learn, and second of all, they are much more friendly and receptive. And my nerdy-ness is embraced, rather than being frowned upon as it was in high school."

The tapping stopped when the conversation moved to the future. Instead, she used her hands to display enthusiastic gestures as she spoke of her future college

career. Zoya will graduate from KMHS in May. After that, she has plans to transfer to another university. She has applied to a few in-state schools, such as the University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and Emory, and she has applied to many out-of-state schools: Furman, Brown, Yale, Duke, Harvard, Princeton, Johns Hopkins and Georgetown.

"My college credits may or may not transfer to the schools I am applying to. I know they will to Tech and UGA, but the other [Ivy League] schools I am applying to most likely will not take the credit. Some schools simply say they will not, and others give the reasoning that they will not because it was used towards my high school graduation credits," Zoya said.

Zoya is not discouraged by the possibility of losing credit, nor does it make her want to stay in-state just to keep her JEHP credits. "Even if I attend a school which will not accept my credits, I have no regrets whatsoever about doing JEHP," Zoya said. "I am so happy I was able to make this transition gradually, because I think it made me appreciate college more and it will help to make my transition to another school next year rather smooth."

Whichever university Zoya attends, she plans to major in mathematics. "I can't decide between law school and med school," she said. "I think math would help me go either way." Although she is still awaiting decisions from other schools, she said, "I will most likely go to Georgia Tech because I got accepted into the honors program there."

For Zoya, the experience of joint enrollment was a positive one, even if the credits she has earned at KSU don't ultimately count toward her bachelor's degree: "If I can, I will graduate earlier, but even if I cannot, at least I have had the opportunity to transition into college life, and I have already learned how to balance studies with work and a social life. I've also learned the great skill of prioritizing," she said. Zoya said she would recommend participation in a joint enrollment program to others because "even if it does not advance you academically by arming you with extra credits (although it will for most people), it is a terrific social experience."

Zoya and I left the Honors Lounge at the completion of our interview. I could not tell whether or not the typing boy and the reading girl were glad about our departure. They barely looked up from their respective media throughout our time there. We made our way to the elevator, this time to go down and leave each other's company. On the ground floor of the library we exchanged good-byes, and I left the future doctor or lawyer with the bright smile and the pink-turned-auburn streaks.

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She acquired these prerequisites in the Magnet program, a rigorous course of study in math and science, at KMHS. In the Magnet program, she took three units of math and four units of science during freshman and sophomore years. Because of her advanced standing in math, Zoya has been able to enroll in calculus II before graduating from high school.

When she spoke of her high school, Zoya's bright face clouded, her eyes became downcast and she began to tap her fingers on the table. Although the Magnet program at Zoya's high school provided her with a solid foundation in math and science, she became disenchanted with the program her sophomore year. She inquired about joint enrollment programs and was told she would have to drop out of the Magnet program if she chose to participate in joint enrollment.

"I had to decide if dropping out [of the Magnet program] was worth it since I was already about halfway done," Zoya said. She and her parents were familiar with the joint enrollment experience since her brother was a joint enrollment student at the University of West Georgia in 2005 and 2006. "All of his credits transferred to Georgia Tech," Zoya said, "and he will now graduate earlier." She made the decision to enroll at KSU in fall 2007.

The decision to participate in JEHP has paid off for Zoya: "It was infinitely better than my high school, and I was glad to cut down my time at my high school in any way possible. I was able to take advantage of having wonderful professors and learning so much more in shorter class periods," she said. Her transition into college life was not without apprehension. "I was a little bit nervous that I wouldn't make any friends because I wasn't living on campus. The schoolwork scared me until I took my first test," Zoya said.

She took the necessary steps to become comfortable with her new environment and coursework: "I got a job on campus and started meeting people," Zoya said. "I've been learning how much study time each class requires and I have been reacting accordingly. The reason classes are so short is because they are actually

ROTC prepares cadets for life, military service

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The ROTC program is constantly growing. It provides students with the leadership and experience needed to not only be a part of the United States Army, but also for life. The ultimate goal of ROTC is to create students who will eventually become second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. On May 12, the program will commission six cadets to the second lieutenant rank.

Ryne Asher, a Gold Bar Recruiter and the Lieutenant to KSU's Cadets, said, "ROTC teaches you all the basic leadership skills that you will need in order to make the transition from college student to a second lieutenant in the Army. You will take academic classes to learn the basic principles and participate in leadership labs here on campus to put those principles into practice. Also, one weekend a semester the cadets go on a Field Training Exercise to further hone the skills they have learned."

"[ROTC] helps prepare students for their lives as members of the U.S. Armed Forces and possibly in all aspects of life," said Keaton Loper, a sophomore majoring in physical therapy.

ROTC also can help students pay for part or all of their college tuition. "ROTC offers full ride scholarships that work in conjunction with the HOPE scholarship," Asher said. "It pays either your full tuition and fees or pays \$5000 a semester for room and board. After you graduate, the Army offers seventeen different job fields to go into, ranging from Aviation, to the Nurse Corps to the Signal Corps. The starting salary for a brand new second lieutenant is \$47,000. Also you earn a monthly stipend ranging from \$300-\$500 a month."

Students who do not have any military experience, have not taken any ROTC courses, and are not juniors, can attend a four-week camp located in Fort Knox, Ky. This Leadership Training Camp allows students to be ready to take the advanced course their junior year. The advanced course prepares cadets for the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (LDAC).

During the advanced course (which occurs during the last two years of a cadet's university time), cadets learn about different components of the army, such as knowledge of weapons, human behavior and chemical, nuclear, and biochemical warfare. The LDAC teaches cadets leadership skills, as the name suggests. A cadet should be able to lead a group across treacherous terrain or through situations that call for decisive measures.

ROTC not only teaches cadets army and leadership skills, but it also flourishes friendships that can last for life. "The best thing about KSU's ROTC Program is the friendships and camaraderie that the program builds," Asher said. "In many ways it is like being in a fraternity. The cadets often do fundraising events to raise money for events like our annual Military Ball which was held in the Piedmont Room of Park Tavern in downtown Atlanta this year."

Naomi Wolf lecture reveals 'The Beauty Myth'



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New York Times best-selling author, Naomi Wolf, visited campus on March 4. Wolf has written seven books including "The Beauty Myth," which was the main focus of her lecture.

Before the lecture, honored guests came to a reception in the Student Center Leadership Room. Wolf stated that she decided to come back to KSU after 10 years because she enjoyed the hospitality. "This is a campus where professors want to help students and not just academically, but also in a holistic way," said Wolf. "The students here have great potential and are excited about the future. They also possess leadership skills and charm."

After the reception, students headed over to the Social Sciences auditorium for Wolf's lecture. The lecture began with a survey from the audience about how the "ideal woman" is portrayed by the media. The audience agreed that the terms "tall, blonde, and thin" described the conventional idea of beauty.

Wolf began the history of beauty in America with 1920s, which was the time of flappers. Women during this time were supposed to be skinny with the body of a teenage boy. Then, in the 1940s to 1950s, voluptuous bodies began to gain popularity with actresses such as Marilyn Monroe. Then, in 1965 model Twiggy brought back the "waif" look. Wolf explained that beauty is always changing drastically and the dangers of how it can influence women.

Wolf gave her own anecdote of her struggles with weight. When she was 12, a male classmate came up to her at a water fountain and poked her in the stomach saying, "Watch it, Wolf." This experience led Wolf to suffer from anorexia at the age of 13. After her battle with the eating disorder, Wolf decided that she would not conform to the standards of beauty

ever again.

Wolf believes that the standard of beauty is the means of a patriarchal society controlling women. She mentioned three industries that control women: media, plastic surgery and the cosmetic industry. With the media industry, magazines and TV influence women's body images on a daily basis. The plastic surgery business is increasing; breast implants are becoming more of the norm. Wolf mentioned that males own all three industries.

Toward the end of the presentation, Wolf suggested two things we can do to avoid conforming to the standards of beauty. "Try not to constantly step on a scale, and take a break from shows and magazines," said Wolf. "Even at least for a week, you will probably notice a difference." She also stated that women are not the only ones being manipulated, and offers advice to the men in the audience as well.

Wolf told the audience to consider themselves as goddesses. "You need to tell yourself each day what you love about you," Wolf said. "Find something each day as you look in the mirror and practice saying 'I'm gorgeous.'" With these exercises, Wolf states that women will be taking more control of their lives versus letting major industries speak for them.

After the presentation, Wolf held a question-and-answer part of the program. Many audience members spoke on how they related to Wolf's struggles with beauty. "Naomi Wolf's message is one that young women (and young men) need to hear," said Julia Morrissey, assistant professor of English and Regents' remediation coordinator. "I particularly like her point about great things we could accomplish if we redirected all the energy that goes into trying to meet an unrealistic beauty standard."

Overall, the audience agreed that Wolf's message is of importance and that everyone should try not to conform to the "The Beauty Myth."

'Who are the Mormons?' Panel Discusses Religion

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Members of the Mormon Church, also known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS), provided insight about their religion on March 25. The panel discussion event was held in the Student Center Leadership Room & Fireside Lounge.

The program began with an introduction from Richard Eaker, a senior at Georgia State University majoring in psychology. Joseph Smith founded the Mormon religion in 1830. Originally, the religion had six members, but has since grown to 13 million members worldwide. Since 1985, the church has raised \$750 million in humanitarian aid.

The first question presented to the panelist was about the religion's beliefs. "We believe in keeping the body and spirit clean," said Dwayne Weber, member of the LDS church. "There are harmful things like alcohol, tobacco and hot drinks. Our body is a temple and it needs to be kept clean."

However, Eaker did make a point in clarifying about hot drinks. He said Mormons are able to drink herbal teas. Not all hot drinks are off limits. In addition, Eaker mentioned that Mormons live three to five years longer than the average American.

"If you see those people lining up for coffee everyday—they are addicted to that. So, you're spirit will be addicted to coffee. That's why it's important that your spirit

is addicted to Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ than to coffee," said Elder Oke, a convert to the religion from Nigeria.

Another topic the audience brought up was the role of women in the Mormon Church. "We have a relief society of the Big Shanty branch," said Leah Martinez. "Emma Smith [Joseph's wife] helped with the relief society, which is the largest women's organization in the world."

They also discussed the role of polygamy in the religion. Elder Bateman said polygamy was outlawed 120 years ago. "We think that the practice was when the pioneers were going West, but again this is speculation. Our church does not support polygamy, and the Book of Mormon states that marriage

should be between one man and one woman," Bateman said.

Toward the end of the presentation, the panelists wanted to reiterate the beliefs of the church. "We believe God gives us what we're prepared for," said Elder Oke. "Everything happens for a reason."

"In the end, we believe that we all share a desire to be good people," Eaker said. Katrina Scoggins led the group in prayer to conclude the event. After the discussion, guests were invited to a reception in the lounge. Members also provided guests with pamphlets and DVDs about the Mormon religion. Overall, the lecture provided students with insight into the religion and helped clarify some preconceived perceptions that the audience may have held.



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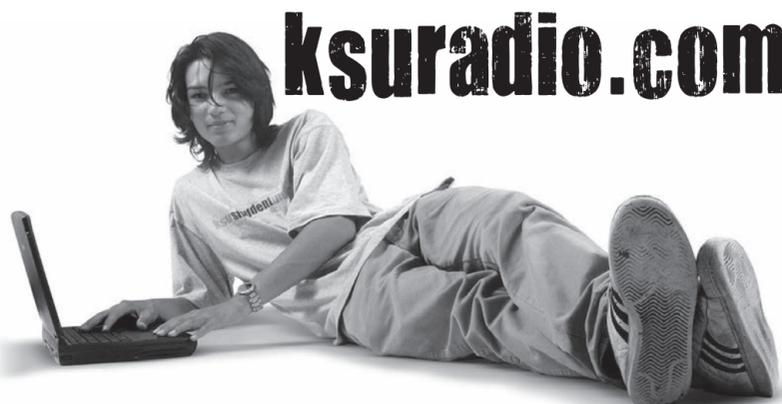
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HEATHER COOK
STAFF WRITER

The Sturgis Art Gallery hosted the reception for the first set of three spring senior art exhibitions on March 26. The reception was full of excited friends and family there to support their artists. People enjoyed refreshments as they chatted and admired the artwork.

The first exhibition contains seniors' works from graphic communications, photography and printmaking. The featured artists for the first exhibition are Marca Adair, Bonnie Bergkessel, Brandi Brock, Anthony D'Amico, Melissa Leonard, Emily Lester, Jenny Park, Michelle Patterson, Melissa E. Ray and Amy Step.

Anthony D'Amico showed his line of "Atomic Candy." Emily Lester created art entitled "My Little Fortunes" with fortune cookies, one of which said, "the only rose without a thorn is friendship." Melissa Leonard had children's book covers with one called "The Jewel Beetle's Treasure."

Will Hipps, director of KSU's art galleries, said, "Senior exhibitions give each art major, perhaps for the first time, the opportunity to express and share with us his or her personal vision. They may be inspired by the external world or by the artist's inner self."

The Senior Exhibition is a part of the art students' graduation requirements. For the whole semester, students create and put together their work to showcase at the Senior Exhibitions.

Valerie Dibble, an associate professor of printmaking and photography, said, "The graduating seniors who participate in this exciting exhibit

spend the whole semester working on their art-work and its presentation (matting and framing). They also work on their resumes, biographies, Web sites and other things they will need to effectively promote themselves out in the real world. This exhibit is the culmination of all that work and is the final showcase of their professionalism."

This year, there are three different senior exhibitions to accommodate all the graduating seniors. "Each senior must have sufficient space to exhibit a strong body of work," Hipps said. "This gives the viewer a greater sense of each artist's authentic voice, technical skills and concentration. This cannot be achieved by displaying only one or two artworks by each artist. Over the past three years, we have modified and improved our gallery spaces in order to display artwork in a professional manner and environment."

Each exhibition hosts a reception on the opening night. Each reception is from 5-8 p.m. and it gives the artists' families and friends time to come view their hard work. The receptions are at the Sturgis Art Gallery, which is located at the bottom of the Sturgis Library.

"The opening reception is a true celebration and a highlight of every senior exhibition," Hipps said. "Food and refreshments are abundant and many students and parents bring their own special dishes and desserts to share. The reception buzzes with excitement, laughter rises above exclamations of delight and admiration, cameras flash and artists share in the relief and the thrill of accomplishment. During this celebration we see bonds that have been created between students who have shared the trials and

tribulations of becoming professional artists."

The exhibition that started on March 26 is open until April 6. The second exhibition features art majors in art education, and it will open on April 16 and run until April 27, with the opening reception on April 16. The third exhibition will show art from art majors in painting and drawing, and sculpture and ceramics. This exhibition will be held from May 7 until May 14. The opening reception for the third exhibit will be on May 7.

This art exhibit differs from previous art exhibits because the artists feature more work. Dibble said, "This exhibit is different from both the Juried Student exhibit and the Faculty Exhibit in that each student has a large comprehensive body of work on display. In the other exhibits you get a brief over view of the person's work—one or two pieces usually but in this exhibit you will see up to 20 plus pieces from each student plus other materials they will be using to promote themselves."

The senior exhibitions are also good to show non-art majors the kinds of students that KSU's art program produces. With each showcase, prospective art majors can view what they could potentially learn while studying in KSU's program.

"We have an incredibly passionate, talented and diverse group of artists graduating from Kennesaw State University and I would strongly encourage the community to come out and enjoy the exhibit and see what we are doing here," Dibble said.

For information on the three different Senior Art Exhibitions, visit KSU's art gallery site at kennesaw.edu/visual_arts/KSUGalleries/.

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Sprechen Sie new major?

KATHERINE TIPPINS
ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

The Department of Foreign Languages now offers a major in German Studies. Students who earn the Bachelor of Arts in Modern Language & Culture (MLC-B.A.) can now major in French, Spanish or German. The MLC-B.A. is an umbrella major that encompasses the three foreign language majors as well as the four concentrations within them.

Once a student chooses a foreign language major, he or she then picks a concentration: Second Language and Culture; Teacher Certification in Foreign Languages; Applied Business; or Cross-disciplinary Perspectives. This semester, more than 200 students enrolled in German Studies courses. A team of five faculty members teaches these courses.

"The benefit of the umbrella major is that students in German Studies have very similar course options compared to students of Spanish or French. The course sequences are pretty much congruent," said Associate Professor of German Dr. Sabine Smith. "This major is unique because we have such strong collaboration with faculty teaching other languages in our department."

German Studies has been a minor at KSU since 1999. Since then, the program has grown and the German major was officially approved this semester. Smith said that obtaining approval for the major was less complicated because it was integrated into the preexisting MLC-B.A. degree program. Assistant Professor of German Dr. Susanne Kelley said the approval process was made easier through teamwork. "We received a lot of support from our department. Our colleagues in the other languages were excited," she said.

"Our goal is to grow the program, sustain it and to graduate students in a timely fashion who have language proficiency and cultural knowledge that fosters the competence to deal with local and global issues as global citizens," Smith said.

Now that students can major in German, Kelley said, "The primary goal of the program is to attract more students." Smith cited a pronounced need for teacher candidates in Georgia and stressed the opportunities available to graduates with German language and culture knowledge in Cobb County and beyond. "We are living in an area with a lot of German companies. Approximately 40 German companies in Cobb, almost 200 in Metro Atlanta, and about 400 in the Southeast, and many of these are national headquarters. Employers tell us foreign language and business skills make for an excellent combination," Smith said.

Smith said KSU is becoming an

attractive option for high school and transfer students looking to study German language and culture. The addition of the German major in the Foreign Languages department should help students realize that German is an important language worldwide. "There's not a ready perception that German is as useful in this culture as Spanish is," Smith said.

The program has a strong focus on career development and preparing students for the working world after graduation. All students in the MLC-B.A. program must take Foreign Language 2209-World Languages and Cultures. In this course students learn about important connections among the world's languages and cultures over time and space. They examine the diversity of linguistic and cultural practices in the world and develop their own intercultural competence beyond knowledge of the primary language that they study. Students also explore how academic and career options are enhanced by foreign language and cultural studies.

Those who choose the teacher certification concentration must budget more time. The curriculum has two additional classes, and includes field experiences and student teaching. Teacher candidates also take an oral proficiency interview before graduating and must pass a standardized test to obtain certification. With a MLC-B.A. in German Studies and the teacher certification, these graduates can teach in grades K-12.

Other requirements for graduating with the MLC-B.A. include completing a study abroad or internship experience. The Department of Foreign Languages recommends that students complete this experience during the second semester of their junior year or the first semester of their senior year, but the department makes exceptions based on the level of language proficiency.

The German Studies faculty advise each student to determine the study abroad program that best fits their need. Students choose from a range of options: the shortest trip is a twelve-day Maymester program; the longest is a year-long stay that includes a semester at a German university and a paid internship with a German company. Smith co-teaches the Maymester program called "Contextualizing the Holocaust: Remembrance, Resistance, and Resilience." Students visit memorial sites and concentration camps as they travel to Munich, Nuremberg, Bergen-Belsen, Berlin and Krakow. During the trip, Smith teaches German 4490: Re-viewing the Holocaust: A German Studies Perspective.

Students who cannot travel have the option of completing

an internship in lieu of studying abroad. MLC-B.A. students have interned at such organizations as CNN, Delta Airlines and Coca Cola. German Studies students have been placed in German businesses, non-profit organizations, cultural agencies and schools. Students earn academic credit hours during the internship. The number of credit hours earned depends on how much time the student spends at the internship site. Both the internship and study abroad opportunities for MLC-B.A. students give them the chance to explore the practical application of their foreign language skills. "Our students look to go beyond the classroom," said Kelley.

From the first semester on, German Studies students "can take their learning to the street," said Smith. "We offer a service-learning option to all students enrolled in German Studies courses." At a local elementary school, KSU students facilitate German language and culture instruction in an after-school program (MLC-ASP). In a ten-week program, children in grades 3-5 learn about sports, pets, German music and what it would be like to live in a German household.

"As a KSU student, I believe that it is not just how I perform in class that makes a difference, but also how I can help to benefit the school and other students. The MLC-ASP has given me a great opportunity to do both. The MLC-ASP has given me the opportunity to share with the young children an opportunity that I never had in early grade education, the ability to learn a second language," said student James Frederick.

Students interested in German studies can go beyond the classroom without leaving campus for an internship or study abroad. On-campus German studies activities include the KSU German Club whose faculty advisor is Kelley. Club activities include weekly, monthly and seasonal events, such as the weekly conversation table "Kaffeeklatsch" on Thursdays 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m. on the student center patio, or the monthly film screenings in collaboration with the German Cultural Center of Atlanta (every third Thursday). Every year, German Studies students invite the community to a holiday workshop in December and Foreign Language Day in March. Arts and crafts, songs and food introduce learners of all ages to the products and practices of German-speaking countries.

For information on the newly approved German Studies Major at KSU, please contact either Smith (Coordinator) ssmith2@kennesaw.edu or Kelley (Academic Advisor) skelle16@kennesaw.edu at the Department of Foreign Languages 770-423-6366.



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Students seek internships, jobs at Career Fair

NADIA ABDULAH
STAFF WRITER

With the economy on shaky grounds, students attended the non-profit and government career fair on March 26. There were representatives from 22 employers, including the Internal Revenue Service and the United States Army in the University Rooms from noon to 3 p.m.

The preparation for the career fair takes place nine months in advance. "We reserve the room and put together a list of employers," said Assistant Director of the Career Services Center Karen Marks. "Then, we contact the employers and follow-up with them two to three months in advance. This is followed by promoting the event to students."

"We're very pleased with the employers as far as the economy goes," said Marks. "We have local and national employers, so any student should be able to

identify with one of the employers."

Students got free tote bags and a handout with the list of employers when they arrived at the fair. Employers were looking for students interested in internships, co-ops and part and full-time opportunities.

"We're here to find interns," said Holly Bennett, program assistant for the Carter Center. "We've had KSU students intern with us in the past. We've been to fairs here for at least three years, and the attitude that KSU students have is great. So, it's worth it to us to come up here."

"There were many opportunities for students looking for internships and job opportunities," said Brianne Comstock, a senior majoring in Communication.

Overall, 243 students attended the non-profit and government career fair.

Greeks enter dance showdown in Gamma Phi Beta's Crescent Classic to benefit youth



Courtesy of Morgan Shapiro

Pictured above and left, the Kappa Sigma pledges “Do Da Stanky Leg” as part of Gamma Phi Beta’s first annual Crescent Classic on Saturday, March 28. For the philanthropy event, Greek organizations entered a dance showdown in the Social Science Building. Tickets were \$5 and benefitted Gamma Phi Beta’s national philanthropy, Camp Fire USA, a nonprofit youth development organization. Delta Chi won the competition and was awarded a \$150 giftcard to Taco Mac.

Movie review

I Love You, Man is funny, outlandish, sensitive

MICHELLE LANDREIN
STAFF WRITER

If you have seen the trailers for “I Love You, Man,” you probably could imagine that it would be a hysterical movie. The trailers did not disappoint; this was a hilarious movie filled with talented actors and laughter could be heard as people exited the theater telling jokes from the movie.

In the film, Paul Rudd plays Peter Klaven, a successful real estate agent who, upon getting engaged, discovers he doesn’t have a male best friend to serve as his Best Man. His brother Robbie (Andy Samberg) suggests that he should rectify the situation by meeting random people. So Peter goes on a series of weird and awkward man-dates before meeting Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), who he bonds with instantly. Unfortunately, the closer the two men get, the more Peter’s relationship with Zooey (Rashida Jones) suffers. This ultimately forces Peter to choose between his fiancée and his new best friend in this story that comically depicts what it truly means to be friends.

Before even seeing the film, you can be sure that it will be funny, simply because Paul and Jason are teamed up. When Segel was asked to join the crew, he appreciated the script’s naturalistic-comedy tone, and being able to work with Rudd sealed the deal.

“I love acting opposite Paul. We were in ‘Knocked Up’ and ‘Forgetting Sarah Marshall’ together. There’s nothing better than having somebody you can play verbal ping-pong with on a comedic level and Paul is the quickest guy around. I know that anytime there’s the slightest lapse, Paul will swoop in with a great joke,” said Segel. Jason and Paul are friends, (both on and off set) and already share the kind of chemistry that is needed to create a convincing on-screen bond. They play opposite characters in the movie, which makes things even more interesting.

Sydney is fun-loving, opinionated and charismatic. Peter is hilarious, because he has a sweet yet bumbling personality that creates awkwardness as he struggles to fit in. For example, he has an aptitude for coming up with nicknames that he thinks are cool, but really they leave everyone scratching their head. “His phraseology is also a little behind the times—he comes up with strange things that sound like they came out of the mouth of a 14-year-old,” said Rudd. “I mean, you don’t meet a lot of guys in their 30s who say things like ‘Totes Magotes,’ but there’s something very funny about being earnest and saying those things. It’s so wonderfully dumb.”

“I Love You, Man” treats the real-life situation—the challenge for men to make new friends as adults—with a combination of outlandish humor and sensitivity. “This movie will appeal to everybody,” said Segel. “It’s got some of the raunchiness you look for in a dude movie, but also has the sensitivity you look for in a romantic comedy. If you take a girl, she might just say, ‘You know what, you picked a very sensitive film. That says a lot about you.’ It’s a win-win for everyone.”

“[Director John Hamburg] is so insightful and talented and I felt like we really clicked. I think his ability to capture comedy is really strong, and I know it’ll be funny. It has the potential to be a really engaging story with characters that both men and women will like and relate to,” said Rudd.

This statement was true of my experience because the whole audience seemed to have a great time. This movie is sure to be successful, and I bet many of your friends will be talking about their favorite parts. Go grab some popcorn and see “I Love You, Man” so that you’re not excluded from the fun!



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Women mirror men and split the week

MATT BRADSHAW
STAFF WRITER

Like their male counterparts, the women's tennis team started last week with a 1-6 loss on Tuesday, and ended with a 6-1 victory on Sunday.

On Tuesday, Senior Mercedes Cobos was the only player to win a match against USC Upstate, taking out No. 3 singles competitor Emilia Milovanovic in straight sets. Cobos is the last remnant of KSU's tennis team prior to head coach Brandon Padgett's taking over the program in March 2007. Cobos is the only player out of both the men's and women's teams that is older than a sophomore as well as being the only player with a one-handed backhand.

The rest of the singles matches were decided in straight sets, except for No. 1 Vera Shkundina's three set loss. Shkundina had her work cut out for her, facing the A-Sun's reigning player of the year, Senior Anna Novo. Novo was unable to find a rhythm early on in the match and the Shkundina took a steady advantage with consistent baseline play to win the first set 7-5. In the second set Novo fought harder, but Shkundina was able to consistently paint lines with masterful lobs that landed on the baseline, steady backhand drives and drop shots off her two-handed backhand slice.

Shkundina got into trouble with her serve, as her opponent took bigger and bigger cuts later in the match. Despite Novo's aggressive return of serve and her ability to crush overheads from anywhere on the court, Shkundina's defense and her shot artistry pushed Novo to over hit her ground strokes for a 7-5, 5-3 lead. But Novo came roaring back, pumping her fist after every point she won.

Shkundina served to stay in the set and looked tired as Novo continued to pick up momentum and broke serve to win the second set 7-5. Frustrated, Shkundina smacked a ball over the fence and into the parking lot. She would have to start the third set serving at 0-1 after the official penalized her for the act of anger. Unfortunately Shkundina would never recover from the second set loss and dropped the third set 6-0.

Five days later Shkundina earned her eleventh win in straight sets, as most of the team also won in straight sets over Florida Gulf Coast. Ayano Tanaka was the only losing Owl as she fell 6-1, 6-3 in No. 2 singles.

FGCU won one doubles match, dropping the No. 2 team of Agatha Palider and Mercedes Cobos 8-5. KSU easily swept FGCU under the rug, 6-1. The win put the Lady Owls at 7-7 on the season and 3-2 in conference play.



Agatha Palider

Owls bounce back and pick up first conference win



James Richmond | The Sentinel

Simon Janik helped the Owls win their first conference win.

MATT BRADSHAW
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team suffered a demoralizing 1-6 loss to undefeated USC Upstate (5-0) on Tuesday, March 24.

The loss gave the Owls a three match losing streak and a fourth consecutive loss in conference play.

The lone point earned by KSU was Dennis Sergeychik's second collegiate win, an uphill battle that Sergeychik won after dropping the first set. The young Russian recently broke into the singles lineup at No. 6, with a winning debut on March 11 at Bethune Cookman. Sergeychik showed promise as he hit difficult half-volleys and displayed an impressive all-court game to win his USC Upstate match 10-3 in a tie-breaking third set.

No. 5 singles player Andrew Suesserman came out of the gate swinging, overpowering his oppo-

nent Leandro Osorio with aggressive shots and consistent play. After being dismantled in the first set 6-2 and surrendering an early service break in the second, Osorio appeared to be completely out of the match. However, serving at 3-2, Suesserman hit several unforced errors and was broken in the remainder of his service games, but managed to break back each time and forced a second set tiebreak.

In the first point of the tiebreak Suesserman smacked a crosscourt forehand return past his opponent and quickly powered his way to a 5-1 lead, two points away from the win. Osorio immediately benefited from three unforced errors by Suesserman. But at 5-4 the match appeared to be finished after the Owl hit an almost perfect lob over his opponent's head that landed near the baseline. Osorio chased the lob down and, with his back to the net, hit a shocking forehand winner. Suesserman never recovered from

the shock and was only able to win one more point in the match, losing 10-1 in a third set tiebreaker.

"I think we're a young team and we've got a lot of wins to look forward to," said Suesserman.

The Owls earned their first conference victory when they returned to the courts Sunday afternoon and crushed Florida Gulf Coast 6-1. The win took the Owls to 5-9 on the season and 1-4 in A-Sun play.

No. 6 Andrew Suesserman, No. 3 Michael Langel and No. 2 Tyler Mills were all straight set winners. Langel and Mills also won in doubles, teaming up to win the No. 1 doubles match 8-6.

Lawrence Washington's struggles at No. 1 singles continued as he lost in straight sets. He helped earn a point winning with the No. 2 doubles pairing. Washington's partner Ryan Bouttell won the last match of the day as he denied Florida Gulf Coast a second point, winning in three sets.

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Owls on the ROAD

BASEBALL

Eagles top Owls 4-2

The Fighting Owls baseball team traveled to Statesboro, Ga. on Tuesday, March 24 for an in-state rivalry game against Ga. Southern, whom was the victor over the Owls, 4-2, at J.I. Clements Stadium.

Senior Ric Bishop led KSU's offense by going 1-for-4 at the plate with a two-run homerun in his first at-bat of the game, scoring Curtis Van Wyck. The Owls would not score another run in the game.

Southern's Philip Porter hit a solo blast in the eighth inning off of KSU senior Wes Tignor to give the Eagles the lead and game.

The Owls finished the game with five hits, two of which came from senior first baseman Andrew Martin.

Owls win the weekend

After losing the first game to Stetson on Friday, March 27, the KSU baseball team rebounded to win two games against the Hatters on Saturday, March 28.

Stetson proved to be too much for the Owls as they defeated KSU, 7-2, in the series opener at Melching Field. The Owls were limited to only six hits in the game.

The loss would give the Owls a 9-11 overall record, with a 3-3 mark in the Atlantic Sun.

Saturday was a much better day for KSU as they beat Stetson 13-6 in the first game and 13-9 in the second. Every hitter in the Owls' lineup recorded at least one hit in the two games in DeLand, Fla.

Sophomore Bucky Smith was the soaring Owl as he went 4-for-10 with three homeruns on the day. Smith would finish the day with six runs batted in and three runs scored.

Juniors Chad Jenkins (2-1) and Brad Long (3-0) earned the wins for KSU (11-11, 5-3 A-Sun).

The Owls will return to action as they host Ga. State at Stillwell Stadium on Monday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

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Thunderstorms cancel Yellow Jacket Invitational

BRIAN C. BELL
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's track and field teams travelled to the campus of Georgia Tech to compete in the Yellow Jacket Invitational on March 27-28.

This was to be the third meet of the outdoor track and field season for the Owls, but after the hammer throw, the meet was called due to severe

weather that passed through Georgia.

The thunderstorms brought an end to the only meet of the season where the track teams would have a chance to run close to home, since KSU does not have a facility of its own. The Yellow Jacket Invitational was the best chance for the Owls to compete in front of KSU fans.

The event's cancellation put a hold on the Owls' recent momentum and kept conference-leading ath-

letes Gianni Catalano, Daniel Grass, Antonio Logan and James Verdi off the track. Catalano went into the meet after winning the first Atlantic-Sun Athlete of the Week award for the outdoor season.

Mackenzie Howe, who leads the women in long distance events, was prevented from improving on her second place finish in the 5000m at the Georgia Relays in Athens earlier this month. Jumpers Jakia Ragland

and Jill Arthur were also grounded by the weather.

The one event that did take place on the Atlanta campus was the hammer throw. KSU's Jessica Lumpkin and Aymerick Kolokolagi took their reputations as top conference performers in both the hammer throw and shot put.

The Owls will travel to Tallahassee, Fla. on April 10-11 to compete in the Seminole Twilight hosted by Florida State.

Club sports breed success on and off the field

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In past few years, the creation of club sports programs has become a growing trend, spreading across the campuses of universities and colleges like a nationwide patch of kudzu.

Different factors have led to the birth of such programs: factors such as the NCAA's implementation of Title IX, an influx in the number of high school athletes who want to compete at the college level, and an increased interest in other sports not normally offered at certain institutions at the NCAA level.

Each development in the college athletic landscape has pushed these sports programs from being simply a want to a need on campuses to satisfy the student-athletes cry for competition. KSU has not only heard that cry, it has

interpreted it into a vast range of club sports programs that have become well known and successful among the ranks of this new athletic phenomenon.

While most KSU club sports programs are still growing legs, they have been seeing a quick ascension to the upper levels of club sport competition in the nation.

The wrestling, ice hockey, and rugby teams competed in national tournaments this March, with the wrestling club bringing home a national championship. KSU's ultimate Frisbee club competed in the College Terminus Tournament in March, and the triathlon, roller hockey, and competitive cheer clubs will be travelling to compete in national championship competitions in April.

KSU men's lacrosse is having their best season, getting off to an 11-0 start and making an early reservation for their first ap-

pearance in the SELC Regional Championship Tournament.

The increased success of club sports at KSU can be attributed to three key events: the increase in student leadership among club teams; the initiative of KSU President Daniel Papp to increase and promote club sports; and the hiring of KSU Club Sports Coordinator Laura St. Onge.

The combination of St. Onge's work with student-athletes and Papp's commitment to club sports' expansion has directly affected the ability of student-athletes to develop into leaders of these student organizations, a sentiment that KSU Men's Lacrosse Club President Zach Statham affirms.

"The hiring of a Club Sports Coordinator, Laura St. Onge, and the financial help the school has given to the clubs has made the teams more successful," said Statham.

With support from the KSU Foundation, Papp has begun the process of expanding these programs' abilities to operate through financial support and the production of new facilities. In the past year, the foundation approved the purchase of land close to campus where new intramural and club sports fields are to be built, the first of them coming as soon as Fall 2009.

"[KSU's financial support] has allowed [club teams] to keep dues lower and give more students the opportunity to play...and let [club teams] focus more on playing than finding money," said Statham.

Through Papp's renewed commitment to elevate club sports, the programs have received not only the support of St. Onge but also that of organizations across the KSU community. St. Onge has established working relationships with the Student Life Center to

increase both media coverage and student body awareness of the club sports programs.

"We go over many different topics such as budgets and promoting the program. These events have helped develop the leaders on the team to think in different ways and allow them to help run the programs better," said Statham.

The active growth of leadership among the student athletes who operate these clubs has led to success on the field and in the classroom. KSU also has the honor of boasting the fact that fifty percent of club student-athletes maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher. This academic achievement is one that almost eclipses those made on the field, and gives credence to the ideals of leadership and personal development that St. Onge and club sports have tried to instill in KSU's athletes.



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The Owls look to complete an undefeated regular season.

Men's lacrosse continues to soar

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The lacrosse team's breakout season continued with two wins on the road against Eckerd University and the University of North Florida on March 28-29.

"This weekend was a terrific success," said head coach Ken Byers. "Not many times do we ever go on the road and come back 2-0."

The wins improve KSU's record to 11-0 with two more games remaining. Their final two opponents may be the toughest yet for the Owls, who will try to lock up a postseason berth.

Due to their excellent performances, the Owls currently hold a No. 5 national ranking on the laxpower.com poll, and they were recently featured as the team of the week by collegelax.us after defeating the then ranked No. 14 SCAD Bees.

"It's a big deal," said team captain Zach Statham. "The last two years we have been really working on the program, and now to be finally recognized and to have a good team that wants to win, it means a lot."

The Owls' defense has been a strength for KSU all season long. Only two teams have been able to score more than six goals on the defense, and the Owls held opponents to five goals or less in seven straight games.

Justin McKay and Tim Minick have been the leaders on offense for the Owls all season long. Both McKay and Minick have 19 points on the season, followed closely by Charles Roland and Scott Schulze. Schulze leads the team with

a six points per game average.

"Our defense has been really solid this year and then we have also had a lot of goals scored with Schulze as our leading scorer," said Statham. "[Schulze] was out for a couple games, but now he is back and he put up like 16 points over the weekend."

The season now comes down to the Owls' final two matches. A win at Tennessee Wesleyan on April 4 will guarantee the Owls a postseason spot. Otherwise, a win over Emory would likely force a three-way tie that would be decided on goal differential.

"In our division we have three very strong teams with Emory, Tennessee Wesleyan and us," said Byers. "This is the first year that I think we are really going to break through."

Regardless of how the season ends, coach Byers is already extremely proud of his team's work ethic.

"The culture of our team has really changed a lot. In the early part of the year we wrote down a lot of goals and expectations that I require the players to go by," said Byers.

Byers went on to say that the goals and expectations for the team were not just on the field, but also off the field.

"This team over my past four years is the most disciplined and most committed team, and I think that is attributed to the commitment of the players," added Byers.

Following the April 4 meeting with Tennessee Wesleyan, KSU will travel to take on Emory in the regular season finale for the Owls.

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SHOWDOWN

The Owls trail Lipscomb by two and half games for the conference lead in the early standings with Bison



Jacob Robbins and the Owls will take on conference leading Lipscomb.

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This weekend, starting Friday, April 4, the Owls will play host to Lipscomb in a series pitting the pre-season conference-favorite Owls against the currently league-leading Bison.

Home field advantage could play a role, as Lipscomb is only 3-9 away from home, but only has one in-conference loss. KSU sits at fifth in the standings, with a 5-3 record in conference and 11-11 overall through Sunday. Lipscomb is at the top of the Atlantic Sun with a conference record of 8-1, going 13-13 on the season as of Sunday.

"It'll be a good pitching match-up all the way around with their three guys," said head coach Mike Sansing. "They've been pitching pretty well the whole year."

The Owls are likely to face Lipscomb's Rex Brothers on Friday. Brothers has six appearances on the year, throwing 40.2 innings and averaging just over 13 strikeouts, with a 4-1 record and 3.10 ERA.

"We're going to have to play small ball, bunt the ball a little bit more. Try to get the extra base on the offensive end of it, the runs are going to be hard enough to get," said Sansing.

The home stand for the Owls will play a big role in the final conference standings.

"We'll try to get them to focus, and take it one series at a time," said Sansing.

Lipscomb has played more consistent than KSU as of late, as the Bison dropped eight of their first thirteen games including a 22-4 drumming by Vanderbilt. Since that loss, Lipscomb has won eight of their last fourteen games including a win over defending NCAA College World Series Champion Fresno State. The Bison are on a road trip to California, coming back to play games in Tennessee and Kentucky before the weekend series with the Owls.

KSU has traded games all season, as they went 7-6 through their first thirteen games, including two wins over the then No. 21 ranked Golden Flashes of Kent State. Since that series, the Owls have triumphed in four of their last seven games, rebounding in conference against Stetson on the road, and hoping to get other wins at home against Georgia State and at Presbyterian in South Carolina before returning home to face Lipscomb.

Chance for first conference SWING

Lady Owls prepare for Stetson and Florida Gulf Coast

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KSU's softball team is preparing to take on Stetson and Florida Gulf Coast (FGCU) in two doubleheaders at home on April 3-4, both starting at 2:00 p.m.

The Owls are currently sitting with a record of 13-14, which is uncommon for a team that finished their 2008 season at 36-17.

"We haven't played particularly well," said head coach Scott Whitlock. "I blame Scott Whitlock, it's my job."

The major problems for KSU have come at home (1-5) and against A-Sun teams (0-2). They have shown improvement on the road (4-6), but still not quite at the level the Owls are accustomed to. However, their strengths have shined on neutral ground (8-3).

The Owls are lead offensively by Jenna Closner (21 RBIs), Jessica Cross (4 HRs), Catherine Tarvin (.324 Batting Avg.) and Klair Wells (29 Hits). Their pitching department is lead by Jessica Cross (2.28 ERA) and April Harper (2.48 ERA).

The team suffered a major blow after losing Cross to an injury earlier in the season.

"When you lose your number one pitcher, you're extremely handicapped," said Whitlock.

KSU vs Stetson

Stetson is currently 20-16 with a 3-3 record in the A-Sun. They finished their 2008 season strongly with a 43-24 record

with most of their wins coming at home.

"They've got good players and are well-coached," said Whitlock.

The Hatters have had an up-and-down season. In mid February, they experienced a nine-game losing streak after starting off the season strong. However, they rebounded in March with a six-game winning streak.

The team is lead offensively by the hard-hitting senior Andrea Migliori (23 RBIs, 9 HRs) and Amy Joyce (35 hits).

The Hatter's will arrive at Kennesaw after suffering losses in their last two games to USC Upstate.

KSU vs FGCU

FGCU is sitting at the very top of the A-Sun with a 7-1 record in the conference. The Eagles current overall record is 37-5 and are one of the toughest opponents on the Owls schedule.

"We have to be nearly perfect," said Whitlock. "We've got to score runs every single time."

FGCU has been successful at home with a 15-1 record. However, they're 3-3 on the road, which could benefit the Owls.

Throughout the season, most of their runs have been scored in the first two innings, so if the Owls are able to stay competitive early on, they have a good chance to do well.

The Eagles are stacked with powerful sluggers including Cheyenne Jenks (61 RBIs, 19 HRs, 56 hits) who has been an incredible asset on offense.

Their top pitcher is Catherine McDaniel who has collected 84 strikeouts in her 16 wins.



The Owls hope to move out of last place in the conference.

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