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Papp gives State of the University Address

"We are doing an excellent job with limited resources," says president



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President Dan Papp delivers his State of the University Address on April 1. His speech focused mainly on the University's growth and economic status.

ANDY NELSON
STAFF WRITER

KSU president Dan Papp gave his third State of the University Address on April 1 as an effort to increase communication within the KSU community.

"Fiscal year 2009 has been a challenging year for KSU as well as for our sister institutions within the University System, but the good news is that KSU has met the challenges well," said Papp at the outset.

The first point of discussion was the student body and how it has changed.

"Students are the reason we are here, and the composition of our students has changed markedly over the past two decades. Our students are not only more numerous; they are also better prepared academically," he said as he explained how the average SAT scores for KSU freshmen increased from 1019 in

1997 to 1066 in 2007.

He also explained how more students were taking a full course load and how the student body is more diverse today.

"We are now a destination campus. Students want to come to KSU, stay at KSU and graduate from KSU. This is a place where students want to be," he said.

He then turned to the budget reductions and the impact they had on the Strategic Plan.

He stated that KSU's budget has been reduced by about \$10 million, or 10.5 percent. In response to this cut, KSU has taken steps such as hiring fewer faculty members, asking faculty to reduce travel, closing the university for four additional days during winter break and delaying the repairs of facilities, among others.

Papp also reported that next year the university is expected to undergo an additional one percent budget reduction, bringing the total reduction to 11.5 percent.

"The good news is there will be both a tuition increase and new workload moneys for enrollment growth that occurred two years ago. At the present time, we do not know how large the tuition increase will be, nor do we know how much KSU will receive in its allocation from the new money. As soon as we find out, probably in May, I will let you know."

"With these uncertainties in mind, and remembering that I am often accused of being an optimist, I believe that if the economic situation does not deteriorate further, KSU next fiscal year will be no worse off than we are this fiscal year" said Papp.

Due to the budget constraints, some goals in the original Strategic Plan are no longer achievable such as reducing the student/faculty ratio to 25 to one. Papp also stated that these plans are being put on hold, and in the meantime, these goals will be met to the best of their ability.

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KAB keeps KSU Day tradition



Courtesy of Christen Engels

Students try their luck during KAB's Casino Nite on April 1.

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The Kennesaw Activities Board (KAB) held its annual KSU Day on April 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

KSU Day is held every spring and offers carnival-style games and activities for students to enjoy in between classes. Unlike previous years, this year's event was held in the Student Center University Rooms due to inclement weather.

The happenings included a cotton candy stand, jumbo chair photos, personalized street signs and a performance by Nathan Angelo. Games were supplied by Interactive Attractions, Fun Affairs and several registered student organizations.

"Since the years I've been here, I've continued everything I've seen in the past," said Chris Perry, KAB's "KSU Hommie." "There are more novelties and giveaways, but everything is the same from what I've witnessed."

As KSU Hommie, he was responsible for coordinating KSU

Day as well as Homecoming last fall.

According to Kathy Alday, director of Student Life, the school has been hosting KSU Day since 1969.

"I think it's just a continuing tradition of activities for students to let off steam," said Alday.

Alday also reported that the event has seen a vast transformation throughout the years. In the past, when the school was on the quarter system, all classes were canceled after 10:45 a.m., and it was always held in the third week of May. Activities back then included a tug-of-war, volleyball, mud wrestling, a battle of the bands and a "Casino Nite," which is the only original activity still held today. Sometime in the late 90s, various companies were hired to bring carnival-style games, and KSU Day has been held in this fashion ever since.

"Nowadays, it's something you can bring your kids to," said Alday. "At the time, it was more of a day for students to come out

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Students to pay fewer fees by car pooling

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Students will receive a financial incentive for car pooling to campus with the start of a new policy in fall 2009.

The car pooling program at KSU currently allows students who have similar class schedules to sign up and receive premium parking spaces on campus without any additional cost. But in fall 2009, students will receive a financial incentive for riding to campus together with fellow students.

According to Beth Tindel, assistant director of parking operations, starting in Fall 2009, the mandatory parking fee will be split into a \$60 mandatory parking fee and a \$50 permit fee. Under this plan, known as the "student parking fee split," students will still have to pay the \$60 fee when they register for classes, but will be able to opt out of the permit fee if they do not drive to campus and plan to either car pool or use another form of transportation.

"Right now there is no financial incentive for students to not drive to campus," said Tindel. "Splitting the mandatory parking fee could provide that incentive."

The only incentive currently available to students who car pool is the fact that they will always have an open parking space available near the center of campus. Tindel said more car pooling spots might need to be added to Lots A and D in the future if the financial incentive causes an increase in demand from students.

"When we start the opt-out program in the fall, we are going to have to monitor the car pool slots," said Tindel. "Being able to opt out of the permit fee will increase the demand for car pool space and we may need to add more."

Additional room for car pooling parking may be added in the current lots along with spaces in the parking decks. While spaces in the parking decks may not be preferred parking locations for students, Tindel said students could still count on an available space to park which would reduce parking space search time.

"Our goal is to reduce land usage and not continue building parking decks where we could build more classroom spaces," said Tindel.

According to Joseph DiBattista, director of Card Services, the A and D parking lots contain 36 spaces reserved for car pooling students only. While the number may seem small for a student body of over 20,000, DiBattista said the parking spaces have never been full because they are not all being used at one time.

DiBattista said that in fall 2008, 186 students signed up to car pool and Card Services issued 88 permits as a result. In spring 2009, 98 students participated and the school issued 77 hangtags to students. The current limit is 100 car pool groups, after which no more passes will be issued to students. But the school has never hit that number.

"The student car pool program is a useful tool to help reduce the parking demand on campus," said DiBattista.

Students who participate in the car pooling program can still park in regular parking spaces if none of the other participants are with them when they park at school. They must have their regular hangtag parking pass with them to do so. DiBattista said students must be active in car pooling with more than one student present in the car when parking in a car pool space or a citation will be issued to the student.

The application process for car pooling only lasts through the first few weeks of each semester, after which it closes until the next semester. Students interested in applying should visit the Card Services Web site and fill out the car pooling application.

"Card Services has worked hard to make sure the administration of the Student Carpool Program runs smoothly, and that students find it convenient and easy to apply," said DiBattista.

More information on the student carpool program can be found at financialservices.kennesaw.edu/cardservices/.

Faculty, staff and employed students of KSU also have car pooling opportunities of their own. CobbRides, which connects people in the Kennesaw area with other people who are interested in finding car pool partners, provides employed members of the KSU community with car pool opportunities with a program called KSURide.

According to Alison Paul, outreach coordinator for CobbRides, participants of this program receive a financial incentive along with preferred parking spaces on campus. Those who have never participated in clean commuting with KSURide before can earn \$3 every time a group commutes together up to \$100.

Those who have car pooled with CobbRides before can earn a free gas card worth \$40 to \$60, depending on the size of the car pool. An additional incentive is provided to program participants through monthly drawings for free gas cards and promotions throughout the year where

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Thefts on campus increased

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Theft in the bookstore has increased since the beginning of the semester.

Jamie Burns, store manager, said there are two types of theft: in-store and online. On a recent Saturday, a female in the bookstore attempted to steal eight \$180 books. As she walked out of the doors, the alarm went off, but she did not stop. Employees called the police to track her down, but as far as Burns knows, she has not been caught.

This is just one incident of about five that have occurred during this semester alone. One thief was apprehended toward the beginning of the semester.

Aside from in-store theft, a great deal of online stealing occurs due to fraudulent credit cards. A person will place an order online with a stolen card number. In most cases, the address is outside of the Atlanta area. Because of this, the bookstore now runs a different type of authorization on cards. They call the credit card owner's bank and a three-way call takes place between the store, the bank and the customer. Burns said about \$10,000 in stolen merchandise has been prevented.

Theft also occurs in the dorms and parking decks, though less often than in the bookstore.

"In my experience, most thefts in housing are thefts of opportunity, and typically the thief is another residential student. Theft is more common right before breaks or at the end of the school year as people are moving out and almost always involve unlocked doors. Almost all thefts in campus housing are completely preventable if the students would simply lock their doors and be more careful about who they trust to leave alone in their rooms," said Michael Sanseviro, direc-

tor of Residence Life.

Only two other thefts were reported in February and March. Both occurred in the North Deck; one was a stolen parking decal and the other was a stolen GPS. Because there were no signs of forced entry, according to the reports, the cars were most likely left unlocked. According to Sanseviro, most of the thefts occur in the parking decks.

"We have RA staff who go on multiple rounds every night around every floor in every building 365 days a year," said Sanseviro. "Plus, we have 70 RAs living all around campus housing and easily accessible to the residents. Having a strong RA presence around the buildings helps prevent theft and other problems that could disrupt the community. There are also many cameras around housing, particularly in our new buildings like the University Village Suites. While these cameras are not actively being viewed, they digitally record everything at all times. We have been able to go back and watch the recordings after incidents occurred and catch the responsible parties."

Burns explained that a lot of the thefts that occur in the bookstore are felonies because of the amount of money that is stolen in merchandise. In addition to the felony charges, the thieves are almost always permanently expelled from KSU.

"Use common sense," said Sanseviro. "For example, if you live on the ground floor at KSU Place, don't leave a laptop on your desk with your window open. You are just begging somebody to steal it. Don't leave your iPod sitting in plain view in your car, especially if you leave your car unlocked. Don't leave your books sitting in a lounge while you run to grab something or talk with friends. It only takes a second to become a victim of crime."

• PAPP from front page

In respect to furloughs, he said, "I know that all of us are concerned about the possibility of furloughs. My understanding is that for the remaining three months of Fiscal Year 2009, unless the economy further deteriorates, no furloughs will occur."

Next, he mentioned the accomplishments the university has seen this year, including the addition of a Doctorate in Nursing Science as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary School Science, a Master of Arts in American Studies, a Master of Science in International Policy Management and a Bachelor of Arts in Dance. A Doctorate in International Policy is currently under review by the Board of Regents.

Another highlight was the new buildings.

"The new Dining Hall is steadily taking shape, and is ahead of schedule and on budget. Our new Dining Hall will have an immense social impact on campus, just as the residence halls have had, and it will become a major center for eating, greeting and meeting."

He stated that the Health Sciences Building is also ahead of budget and is expected to open in 2010, and the Joe Mack Wilson Annex is also underway. A new Laboratory Sciences Building is expected to be included in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget.

He also turned to the 88 acres of land owned by the KSU Foundation east of I-75. The land is to be called the Student Recreation and Sports Park, and when completed, will have nine athletic fields, jogging

trails, a small multi-use stadium, tennis courts and possibly a track. Costs for this park will be covered by student fees and a shared use agreement currently being negotiated with Cobb County. Two fields will be ready by August.

"Student Government often signs off on decisions from the Cabinet level, and we were pleased to see how far along the land development has gotten," said Daniel Street, Secretary for Student Services of SGA. "One of the prerequisites was that students would be able to use it as soon as they started paying for it. Our job is to advise, and what we recommend is taken into high consideration. I think SGA has had a very strong year of representing students' perspectives on initiatives presented to us. One thing I hope for is to continue to be at the forefront of issues that are happening on campus."

In regards to a football team, he said that KSU has four major hurdles to overcome. They are land, a place to play, annual funding for football operations and funding for Title IX women's sports. With the recent acquisition of the land east of I-75, the issue of land is believed to have been overcome. The rest, however, are still considered obstacles.

"If we are to have a football team, we still have a ways to go," said Papp.

Next, he turned to the state of internationalism and diversity at the University. KSU is now two years into its Quality Enhancement Plan, "Global Learning for an Engaged Citizenship," or "Get Global" for

short. According to Papp, "Get Global" has three learning outcomes at its core. They are knowledgeable global perspectives, effective intercultural engagement skills, and global citizenship attitudes such as concern for human rights and sustainability of natural systems. A sixth goal with an emphasis on diversity is also in the process of being added to the Strategic Plan.

"To be all that we can be as individuals and as a university, I strongly believe that this university must remain in the vanguard of respecting the rights of all people," he said. "Has KSU become an internationalized and globalized university? No, not yet, but we are on our way, due in part that our approach to internationalization and multiculturalism is campus-wide."

As part of the attempt to recognize the diversity present on campus, a forum on race and ethnic relations within the KSU community will be held on April 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1021 of the Social Sciences Building.

"What, then, is the state of the university? Even though we are stretched painfully thin in many areas, we are blessed with many students who want to learn. We have highly-qualified faculty who are dedicated to their students and to their professions. And we have staff members who are doing phenomenal jobs often under trying circumstances," he said as he ended his speech. "In short, we are doing an excellent job with limited resources."



Courtesy of Christen Engels

Students gather in the University Rooms for Casino Nite, sponsored by KAB, on April 1.

• KAB from front page

and enjoy some music, and it was more like a Spring Fling."

This year, after KSU Day, the tradition continued with Casino Nite. Once again, the Student Center University Rooms were transformed, this time with various casino games including craps, poker and blackjack. Students were given the opportunity to exchange their winnings for raffle tickets. The event lasted from 9 p.m. until midnight, with raffle drawings beginning at 11:30.

"It was a great atmosphere and there were plenty of fun people to hang

out with," said Will Cole, a sophomore majoring in biochemistry.

"We definitely had a lot more tables [than in the past], which means we had more students," said Keon Ghaffar-Jabbari, an active KAB member majoring in Marketing. "The more tables we have, the more people are going to want to play. More tables means more fun."

Ghaffar-Jabbari also pointed out that every KSU student is considered a KAB member, and all are invited to attend the weekly meetings held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. The last meeting of the semes-

ter will take place on April 16.

At the end of this month, Perry will be leaving his position as KSU Hommie in order to work on student teaching, but he will still be involved in the planning of next year's events.

"I plan on working closely with the KSU Hommie Elect to make sure that Homecoming 2009 and KSU Day 2010 are more successful than what we experienced under my leadership," said Perry.

For more information on KAB activities and meetings, students can visit ksukab.com.

responsible and safe for all and we just want to give everyone a chance to participate in some type of clean commuting."

Paul said the program does not cost KSU anything because it receives financial support through federal funding by the "Town Center Community

Improvement District," an organization formed for the betterment of the Town Center area funded through an additional sales tax.

More information on KSURide can be found at a kiosk in the first floor of the Wellness Center and at ksuride.com.



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KSU parking hangtags: Solving a problem that doesn't exist

Back when Kennesaw got the bright idea to force its students into a meal plan that charges nearly \$8 per meal, I really thought they'd hit the peak of their irrationality. I'd always been impressed that they actually believed that charging \$10 for a Chick-fil-a meal that could be purchased for half that price right off campus would work, but I really thought this new meal plan had taken the cake. Then KSU proved me wrong with this awesome parking hangtag idea. And by awesome, I mean terrible. And by terrible, I mean tragically depressing.

Where did the money for thousands of RFID chip carrying tags and the readers to accompany them come from? As a former member of the fine lacrosse team here, I seem to remember having to play games on a field that wasn't even regulation size and resembled a lunar surface more than anything, all the while being lectured about how tight on money KSU was. It takes them years and years to finally start planning out fields to support your athletic teams and intramural leagues, yet they found the time and money to implement this joke of a parking system that nobody asked for? Ridiculous, but I digress.

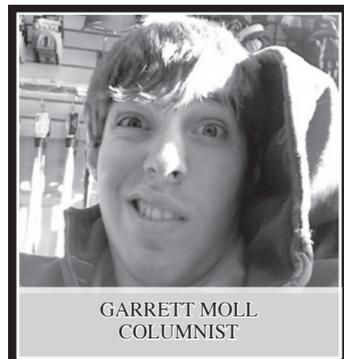
What I'm really struggling with is, what logic, if any, was behind this project? Who are we trying to keep out of the parking decks? Is it the trivial number of visitors or on-campus students who park in the wrong decks (which, by the way, rarely hit capacity)? The logic they are presenting is that the negligible amount of deck space we will free up will outweigh the inevitable congestion this will cause, and that simply doesn't make any sense. Besides, what happens when an RFID reader machine breaks? What about when someone forgets their tag and holds up the line? What happens if I don't have my tag on me? It strikes

me as hilariously ironic that the crown jewel of the system they implemented is that we will now have the ability to monitor gate flow statistics in an effort to "improve traffic flow." I've got a suggestion to improve traffic flow: KEEP THE GATES OPEN. That suggestion was for free, baby. The day that those gates somehow help traffic flow will be the day that Helen Keller wins American Idol and Stephen Hawking wins the Tour De France.

And honestly, why did they choose to give us a giant hangtag? Since they didn't ever seem to want to tell the student body why the tags say "Be sure to remove when you leave KSU," I will. It's actually illegal to drive with it on your rearview mirror, as is the case with any hangtag deemed to obstruct vision. Thanks for thinking that one out, guys. If you want to get technical, by administering tags that are legally deemed to impair drivers without giving any notice to the students that this is the case, (and with full knowledge that nobody will actually remove them) aren't you technically promoting criminality and unsafe driving?

Our campus just turned into 240 acres of pure irony. We teach our business students about sound judgment, logical decision-making and careful management of assets then we turn around and make a completely irrational and illogical decision like this. In short, we exist to teach students how poorly run our university is. Here is the bottom line: The main goal of all resources spent on parking should be to optimize the convenience and usability of our parking facilities. Implementing an expensive system that creates congestion and unnecessary complications for solving a non-existent problem not only doesn't work towards that goal at all, it works against it.

I'm done being mad that my money is being wasted on a program that will do nothing but hold me up. Instead, I'm submitting a simple request to the leadership at KSU: Instead of spending



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my money on things like this, waste it on strippers. Line the hallways and walkways with exotic dancers. From the Central Deck to the Social Science building, I want to see women getting their pole dance on. They don't even have to be expensive strippers, either.

“The day that those gates somehow help traffic flow will be the day that Helen Keller wins American Idol and Stephen Hawking wins the Tour De France.”

But if you are going to waste my money like this, spend it on something enjoyable and not on some illogical plan that does nothing but waste my time. I'd rather people perceive us as classless than stupid.

What are the hangtags really for?

Last week, Parking Operations put into effect the use of hangtags to enter gated parking decks. That Monday morning, the traffic getting into the Central Deck was bad even for that time period (around 9:00-9:25). I have heard similar experiences with the increased wait times and traffic around the gated decks from friends and faculty alike. So what are we using these hangtags for?

The most logical response would be to keep unauthorized people from parking in our precious parking spaces, but how big of a problem is this? I've never seen Central Deck or East Deck completely full. There must be a better reason.

According to Parking Operations, "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."

That seems like a more reasonable answer, but we don't know how much it will help. In the short term, it makes commutes to class longer and leaves traffic spilled onto Frey Road from people waiting to get into the Central Deck.

What students and faculty need is specifics. We need a better cost-benefit analysis. At this point, nobody except Parking Operations can clearly see how this new policy will help daily traffic flows. I have no doubt that they have a long-term plan



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to use the statistics, but I'd like to be informed about what it might entail.

Does it involve assigning students to specific decks with each deck being priced differently? Considering how this would be a major policy change, students need to know if it's being considered, and I don't mean after the fact.

The University has a bad habit of telling students of a plan they've decided upon after it's been decided upon (i.e. meal plan). Student opinion should be heard much like it was during the multiple meal plan forums. That said I don't believe the long term parking and traffic plan, whatever it might include, will be as controversial, but if it involves money, people will want to know.

The question remains: How do they plan on using the statistics to improve traffic? I'm all ears.

KAB speaker calls for population control

For those outraged readers who feel they are subsidizing right-wing propaganda in the op/ed section of the Sentinel (an opinion with which I disagree), it is necessary to shed equal criticism on other organizations of campus. On March 31, the Kennesaw Activities Board, as part of their Chautauqua Lecture Series, had environmentalist and founding member of Greenpeace, the Sea Shepard Society and the Sierra Club, Paul Watson, as a guest speaker for our fellow students and faculty.

KAB feels "this type of speaker will intrigue students and administrative personnel to come out and hear a wide variety of philosophies and perspectives, ultimately engaging our students in rich and meaningful dialogue." The problem arises when the perspective of this particular speaker involves controlling the population in the name of saving the planet.

Unfortunately, I was not able to hear the actual speech of Mr. Paul Watson, nor was I able to get access to the particular subject matter. Still, it wouldn't matter if Joseph Stalin gave a speech about the importance of human rights - it's still

Stalin. Based on the radical ranting of Mr. Watson, I am sure he would not mind a Great Purge or two.

In an editorial written by Mr. Watson on the Sea Shepard Society Web site, he compares humanity to an invasive virus. Watson believes that humans are so harmful to our "host" that he dehumanizes our very existence, equating it to an epidemic. He continues to say, "I was once severely criticized for describing human beings as being the 'AIDS of the Earth.' I make no apologies for that statement."

Watson goes on to propose other solutions to our environmental crisis: "No human community should be larger than 20,000 people and separated from other communities by wilderness areas. We need vast areas of the planet where humans do not live at all and where other species are free to evolve without human interference. We need to radically and intelligently reduce human populations to fewer than one billion."

These proposals sound pleasant and idealistic until he suggests population reduction. As I mentioned in an earlier column this semester, there are many mainstream

environmentalists who do not see saving the environment and population control as mutually exclusive. Of course, one could easily write off these claims until they take a look at the legislative measures that Watson's Sierra Club supports.

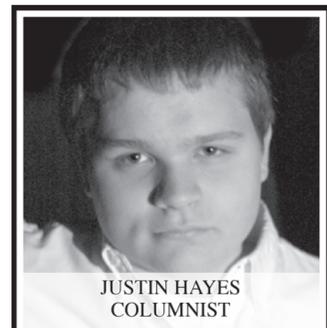
In a 2007 document, the San Francisco-based Sierra Club, a prominent environmental organization, describes specific federal legislation that it promotes. Surprisingly, none of the legislation deals with the environment. Instead, each bill has another common theme: population control issues. These include: the Global Democracy Promotion Act (HR 619), The Prevention First Act (S 21/HR 819), Focus On Family Health Worldwide Act (HR 1225) and the Global Poverty Act (HR 1302). Each bill outlines strategies to control populations by promoting increased contraceptive use domestically and abroad, which some environmentalists view as strategies to achieve "sustainable" populations.

Mr. Watson has even been called a terrorist for some previous convictions that, combined, might justify the claim. In 1992,

in Reine, Norway, the Sea Shepard Society attempted to sink the vessel *Nybranna*, used for fishing and whaling. This is a vital sector of that community's economy and the way many members make their living, yet Watson felt more concerned about the rights of whales. Although he was accused of two similar incidents of attempted boat ramming in Canada and Costa Rica, they were dismissed as "set-ups" crafted by fishing interests. Coincidence?

The actual terrorist claim came in 2008, when Canadian Premier Danny Williams called Watson "a vile, disgusting excuse for a human being" for insensitive remarks about the deaths of four Quebec sealers. Watson called the deaths a tragedy, but said, "The slaughter of hundreds of thousands of seal pups is an even greater tragedy." What does Mr. Watson have against humans?

I appreciate having different viewpoints heard, as long as those views are within a reasonable range of sanity. Paul Watson is clearly a radical with unreasonable ideas and impractical means of achieving his goals. We all pay for KAB and



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should demand some level of accountability in regards to events. I would advise the members of KAB to conduct more research when they select guest speakers who will "intrigue" students.

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North Korea no threat

Attention-getting tactics should be ignored by U.S.

If you've consumed any news media lately, you've probably heard that North Korea poses an imminent threat to civilization the world over. You may have heard talk of nuclear weapons (pronounced correctly!) and really big missiles. You may have even heard something about a satellite launch. I apologize for the image I am about to place in your head, but if you remember the 2002 State of the Union address, you will recall Dubya lumping North Korea in with Iran and Iraq in his classic "Axis of Evil" speech. Shortly afterwards we defeated the Iraqi army blindfolded with one hand tied behind our back. With a butter knife. Or something like that. We then proceeded to make them the 51st state. The fact of the matter is that North Korea poses no more threat to us than the pitiful Iraqi army did.

North Korea is nothing more than the neglected stepbrother of the imminently successful South Korea, desperate for attention. Since the Korean War, the United States has invested huge amounts of money in the capitalistic country of South Korea to keep it from being overrun by dirty God-hating communists. It has worked. South Korea today is one of the shining examples of successful development and enjoys a very high standard of living. They make better cars than we do. This makes North Korea very sad.

North Korea is run by the aforementioned dirty, God-hating communists. Allow me for a moment to paint you a picture. First, imagine Mississippi, if you have ever been there. North Korea is slightly smaller than Mississippi and at least ten million times worse to live in, and that is saying something because it is an arduous experience to drive through Mississippi, much less live there. North Korea suffers from extreme poverty due to the failed economic

polices of its leaders, and the people are literally starving. This isn't the, "I haven't eaten for four hours" starving that you hear fat Mississippians talk about, but the "I haven't eaten in four weeks" variety.

So it is understandable why the dirty, God-hating communists might be bitter. They are sitting on one side of the border, trying to decide what they should eat next: shoe leather or the communist propaganda booklets they are likely inundated with. Spitting distance away from them is a bustling South Korean city where the people have full bellies and uneaten shoes. What is this red-headed stepchild of a country to do?

The best thing to do would be to drop their failed economic policies, but that would be entirely too easy and would involve leaders who are not idiots. Since that option is off the table, the dirty God-hating communists validate themselves in the time-honored method of rednecks everywhere: by purchasing a really big gun. Except in this case, the gun is a nuke. They want this technology so that they can menace their neighbors into their humanitarian and strategic demands.

Does anyone remember what the seismologists said about the first nuke North Korea detonated? They said it was a complete dud. Even if they do build a better bomb, how many of these things do you think they can build while their people are considering leather as a culinary choice? The answer is not many. Even in the unlikely event that they do somehow MacGyver themselves together a couple bombs, what are they going to do with them? They can only make idle threats. Sure, they could probably set one off, but then the combined might of the United States and allies comes raining down on them like

the wrath of God. Then a couple weeks later our Marines skip happily as can be into Pyongyang. They know this as well as we do their military leaders aren't insipid morons: they are just beholden to a failed ideology and a dorky looking dictator and don't want to admit they are wrong.

To continue the analogy, this is the equivalent of the red-headed stepchild threatening to run away from home. The child has no intention of running away from home; he just thinks this is the only way he is able to get your attention. If you reward him with your attention, you only validate his strategy and allow him to manipulate you further in the future. The only solution is to let him know this isn't the way to get your attention and to ignore him as long as he misbehaves. So it should be with North Korea.



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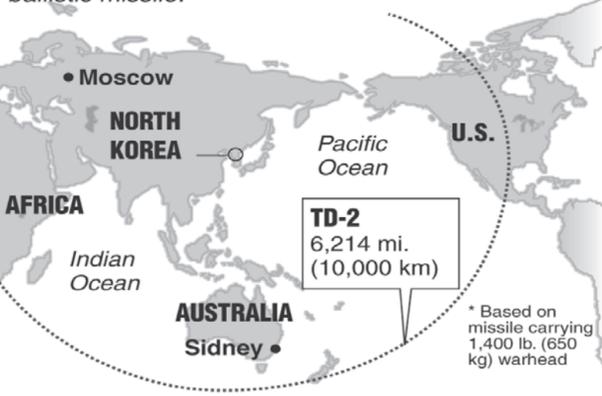


North Korea's Taepodong-2

There is mounting speculation that North Korea is preparing to test-fire a long-range missile, probably a Taepodong-2 (TD-2).

Missile range

Estimated* range of current TD-2 ballistic missile:



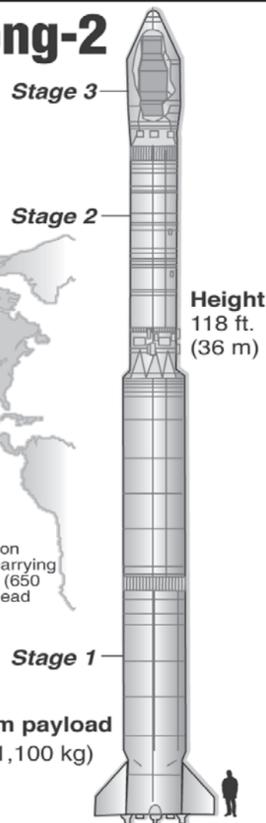
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Thought to be a two- or three-stage missile

- Range: 6,214-7,457 mi. (10,000-12,000 km)
- Diameter at widest point: 7.3 ft. (2.2 m)
- Maximum payload: 2,425 lb. (1,100 kg)

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No new NATO nations

World leaders are gathering for the 60th annual NATO summit. The highlight of the summit will be the decision of European leaders either to renew their support for the NATO-led operations in Afghanistan or to continue to back out in response to Obama's "new strategy" for Afghanistan. European leaders and their respective war-weary electorates will struggle in the months ahead with that issue.

The one thing all 26 NATO members have already agreed upon is to expand their alliance to 28 members by adding Albania and Croatia. This is the decision I take issue with. If his campaign promises are any indication, Obama is likely to push for Ukraine and Georgia's (the country) acceptance as NATO members. Of all the campaign promises Obama has made and broken, it would be unfortunate if he actually decides to take this one seriously. Accepting Albania and Croatia were mistakes, and accepting Ukraine and Georgia would be even bigger mistakes. Fortunately, France and Germany are likely to oppose Ukrainian and Georgian membership, as they did at last year's summit. It seems that NATO's "Open Door Policy," which welcomes other countries

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to join the NATO alliance within reason, does indeed have its boundaries when Europeans start thinking less like utility companies and more like insurance companies.

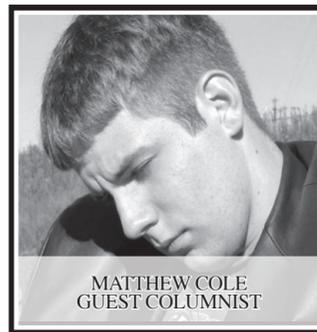
Allow me to explain this metaphor. A utility company prospers by investing in a large pool of resources, and then convincing as many people as they can to become customers. The more customers, the larger their revenue base expands. Those customers who use more resources pay more money, but regardless of the quantity of resources used, every customer further enriches the company when they pay the usage rates. The rates the company charges the customers is higher than the marginal cost of those resources. An insurance company functions quite differently. The cost of benefits paid out to customers can often be more than the premiums they charge the same

customers. This is why insurance companies are much more selective of their customers. They make assessments about how much a potential customer is likely to cost them. They try to get the customers whom they can get the most money out of, and they try to avoid the customers who are likely to cost them money. It's all about calculating risk versus revenue.

An alliance should function like an insurance company. Strong countries who are at peace with their neighbors are ideal candidates for membership. Weak countries with hostile relations with their neighbors are likely to be very problematic for an alliance. Albania and Croatia are two such problematic countries. Georgia wouldn't have been such a problem a year ago, but now Russia is establishing permanent military bases on breakaway regions that

Georgia still claims sovereignty over. Ukraine is a much bigger problem. Russians are willing to go to war over Ukraine, but most Americans aren't. That is a reality we must keep in mind when calculating these risks. There certainly isn't much reward in it. NATO "allies" like France and Germany have been pretty useless for NATO efforts in Afghanistan, and this "alliance" has become nothing more than an umbrella of American power.

NATO is supposed to be a defensive alliance (unless you count the unprovoked attack on Serbia), but that is not the image they have been portraying in the post-Cold War world. In exchange for Russian support for German reunification, America promised not to support further NATO expansion eastward. Since then, America has approved the expansion of NATO membership in 1999 to include the Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary. In 2004, NATO accepted Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. All of these countries are not only located east of Germany, but they are all former Soviet Union satellites or Warsaw Pact members. This obviously aggravates Russian paranoia and reignites Cold War suspicion.



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After 9/11, Russia realigned its national security objectives to overlap with that of the United States toward common goals, like eliminating the Taliban. Recent actions by Russia toward America indicate resentment toward U.S. foreign policy concerning NATO expansion. Rather than being a useful ally, U.S. foreign policy has caused Russia to become much more suspicious and hostile. Now is not the time for Obama to go picking a fight with Russia. Taking these factors into consideration should cause America to not only demand greater cooperation from certain NATO "allies," but to also reject irresponsible NATO expansion.

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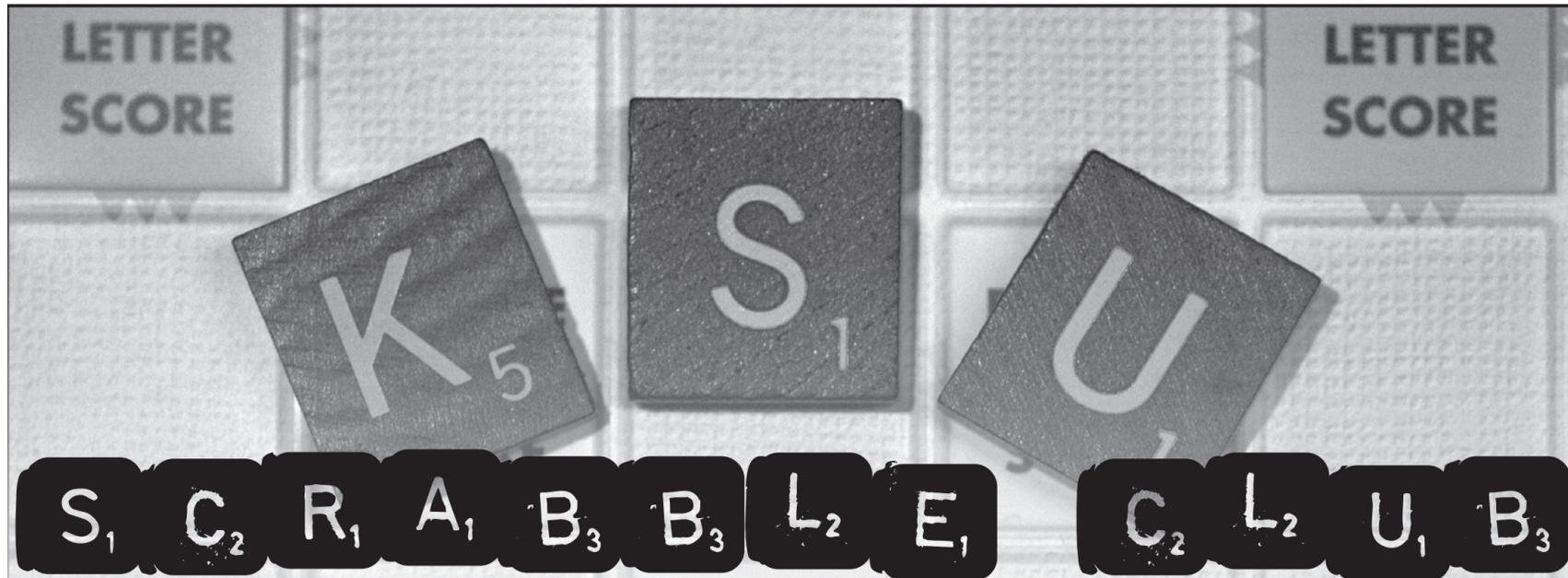
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Strengthens Vocabulary, Social Skills

B₃ Y₁₀ Heather Cook **P₂ H₂ O₂ T₂ O₂** **B₃ Y₁₀** Joseph Barbier



This game is sold in 121 different countries in 29 different languages. It is a board game that increases your vocabulary and ability to spell. It's great for a rainy day and for social groups. What is this game? SCRABBLE! And here at KSU, there is a group dedicated to the word game.

KSU's SCRABBLE Club was started when Darius Robinson, a junior sociology major, and a group of his friends realized that they played Scrabble basically every day. Robinson thought that it was a great idea to establish the SCRABBLE Club. His dream came alive when it became a registered student organization on March 19.

KSU's SCRABBLE Club not only works on developing the players' vocabulary skills, but also their social skills. "The reason people should want to join is that, unlike most other games, SCRABBLE is a social game," Robinson said. "Joining this club is a chance for students to meet other students whom they might have never met otherwise. The students currently involved have also made this a chance to get others involved with their organizations as well. The problem with KSU is that students go to class and then go home. It's small clubs like this that open the door for students to enjoy a good game of SCRABBLE and meet new people." Robinson's high score is 378.

SCRABBLE also develops a player's problem solving and communication skills. According to the Scrabble Club's official description, "By playing SCRABBLE® we learn good sportsmanship, a sense of community, and confidence, along with the development of strategic thinking abilities."

The club also gives students a chance to meet people from other schools and countries at competitions between colleges on the national and international levels.

"I love the fun environment the scrabble club brings," said senior psychology major Roderigus Ceasar. His high score is 500.

"It's a great place to meet new people and enjoy a non-

competitive game. The good thing about this club is that you don't have to know how to play SCRABBLE, you can learn it while you are there!" said Lauren Bearden, a freshman world history major. Bearden's high score is in the 230s, but she's "working on improving it!" Bearden said, "I like Scrabble Club because it is very welcoming and you can play whenever you'd like!"

It takes two to four players to play SCRABBLE. The point of the game is to score the most points by making the most words. The game contains 98 lettered tiles and 2 blank tiles that are used as wild card tiles. Each tile has its own point value ranging from 0-10 points. Blank tiles have no point value, but they can be used as any letter. Common letters such as A, T and E receive 1 point. The more rare a letter is, the more points they are worth. For example, Z and Q receive the most points, 10. In addition, there are cells on the actual SCRABBLE board that represent multipliers, which can increase your point value substantially. Official SCRABBLE dictionaries are available online.

The Club meets in the Cultural Awareness Resource Center (CARC) room on the second floor of the Student Center next to the Lifelong Learning Center. They meet daily from noon-2 p.m. The next main SCRABBLE Club event is on April 15. There will be free food and

prizes. If you don't know how to play, all are encouraged to come in order to learn. It will also be held in the CARC room. "Joining the SCRABBLE Club is a great way to meet people while playing or learning the game of SCRABBLE," said Ceasar.

Alfred Mosher Butts created SCRABBLE in 1938. The game was based on one of Butts' earlier word game designs called Lexiko. As an architect, he constructed the game in a very scrupulous way. When the game first came out, it was called Criss-Crosswords, which was a 15-by-15 game board.

Ten years later, James Brunot bought Criss-Crosswords' rights to manufacture, granted he give Butts a royalty from every game that was sold. Before Brunot decided to put it on the market as his own, he simplified the rules and changed the name to SCRABBLE, which means to "grab or collect something in a disorderly way." The game did not do well the when came out in 1949.

It wasn't until the president of Macy's department stores, Jack Strauss, played the game that it gained its popularity. After different transfers of manufacturing rights, the company wound up in the hands of Hasbro, where it remains today.

For more information on KSU's SCRABBLE Club, you can visit their Facebook page at "K.S.U. Scrabble Club" or contact them at kssc0319@yahoo.com.

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Students 'Learn over Lunch'

Feeling bad could be medical disorder

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The KSU Wellness Center hosted one of its Learn over Lunch seminars on March 24. The seminars give students an opportunity to attend a lecture and get a free lunch. Lecture topics change with each seminar. The March 24 lecture was about depression.

The speaker for the Dealing with Depression lecture was Andre Griggs, a licensed professional counselor who works in the Student Success Services Center, formerly known as the CAPS center. "Depression among college students is on the rise," said Griggs.

Griggs utilized a slideshow with information from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). NIMH defines depression as "a common but serious medical illness." There is no known cause of depression, but the following factors have been linked as possible causes: genetics, biochemi-

cal factors, environmental factors and psychological factors.

Depression, also known as depressive illness, can disrupt a person's normal functioning in daily life. It can be painful for the sufferer, as well as others involved.

The two most common forms of depressive disorder are major depressive disorder and dysthymic disorder. Major depressive disorder is characterized by numerous symptoms that interrupt an individual's ability to work, sleep, study, eat and enjoy life. Major depression may only occur once in a person's lifetime but usually it happens throughout a person's life.

Dysthymic disorder, also known as dsythymia, is characterized by longer (two years or more), less severe symptoms that might not hinder a person's activities but can keep them from functioning normally.

Symptoms of depression include but are not limited to: persistent sad or anxious feelings, feelings of hopelessness, guilt, helplessness and worthlessness, fatigue and decreased energy and overeating or appetite loss.

Statistics from NIMH show that depression is more

common among women than men. Women tend to be more vulnerable to depression after giving birth, which is known as postpartum depression (PPD). Women suffering from PPD need strong emotional support as well as active treatment.

For men, it can be harder to detect depression. According to NIMH, men are more likely to admit having fatigue, irritability or loss of interest in once pleasurable activities. Men are also more likely to use drugs or alcohol as a way to cope with their depression.

Depression is a treatable disorder. Early treatment is more effective and can increase prevention of a recurrence. For students the first step would be to visit a counselor in the Student Success Services Center. There, a counselor would conduct an evaluation to determine the seriousness of the problem. If a student suffers from a severe type of disorder, they would then be referred to an actual doctor.

Griggs said, "Sometimes college students become depressed because they get stressed out about school. These students tend to isolate their friends and then they become depressed.

Usually students in these circumstances just need to reconnect with their friends and build a support system. But for more serious cases counseling, medication and treatment are important."

Students who attended this Learn over Lunch seminar found the information to be helpful. Freshman Terrika Butler said, "The seminar was pretty good. There was a lot of good information that I didn't know about. I learned a lot and it was well organized."

The Learn over Lunch seminars are open for the first 30 students who sign up. Students can sign up by logging into the computer train system at computertrain.kennesaw.edu. Students use their NetID and password to sign in. From there, click on the tab labeled Wellness Center and choose the Learn over Lunch tab. Students can also contact the Wellness Center by phone at (770)-423-6394.

For more information about the counseling offered by the Student Success Services Center visit kennesaw.edu/studentsuccess/cslg.htm. For more information about depression visit the National Institute of Mental Health Web site: nimh.nih.org.



Siegel Institute hosts first 'Lunch and a Movie' event

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The Siegel Institute invited 10 faculty members and selected students to the first annual "Lunch and a Movie" event on March 31 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. The discussion was based on the 2003 film "Shattered Glass," which is based on the true story of The New Republic journalist, Stephen Glass. The group analyzed the ethical issues of the film.

Faculty members and students got a copy of the DVD to review two weeks before the event. At the event, Dr. Dorothy H. Graham, the University Ombuds and professor of English, facilitated the discussion. "I literally grew up in a movie theater," Graham said. Graham's love for movies led her to teach film studies here at KSU.

Graham first asked the group to voice their opinions on the structure of the film. The film has three main parts and the group mentioned that the title "Shattered Glass" is appropriate because the viewer cannot tell which subplot is true until the end of the film.

The film begins with Glass talking about his journalistic experience at Highland Park High School in Illinois. "It's a façade," said Dr. Chuck Aust, professor of Communication. "He's hypocritical and here [he] is talking to these young, impressionable kids."

At a political conven-

tion, Glass enters a front entrance that bears the banner "Buy, Sell, Trade." Glass has this flashback as he's talking to the impressionable students. "This scene means that Glass will do anything to get his 15 minutes of fame," said Graham.

Next, they discussed why Glass was able to fabricate his stories for as long as he did. The group agreed that his co-workers liked him for his entertainment value. Another group member stated that political factors enabled Glass. "I think it's very much political," said Dr. Ernesto Pierre Silva, assistant professor of Spanish. "If you think about it—his gender, coming from a higher class and from a skin color that has a history of advantages—it all plays a factor."

The group analyzed why Glass lied. Faculty and students agreed that Glass was always eager to please and wanted attention from others. As seen in the movie, Glass possesses charm in wooing his co-workers, including bribery and smooth talk. "He's always asking people for their opinions and wants to hear 'tell me how good I am,'" said Aust's invited student, Patrick Ellrich.

In addition, Glass wanted to please his parents. One scene in the film reveals that Glass's parents do not like him writing for a newspaper and hope that he will become a lawyer. Glass decides to impress his parents

and co-workers with highly entertaining stories, but in the process he makes the unethical decision to fabricate them.

Toward the end, the group agreed that Glass still believes he has not done anything wrong because he has not caused harm to anyone. Although he showed remorse in the "60 Minutes" segment on the DVD, everyone agreed "Once a liar, always a liar."

The discussion ended with the fact that college students need to practice sound ethical decisions today. "Whatever happened to 'honesty is the best policy'?" asked Robin Crawford, sociology instructor. The group said that American society is individualistic and everyone only cares about putting himself or herself first, which can lead to dishonesty.

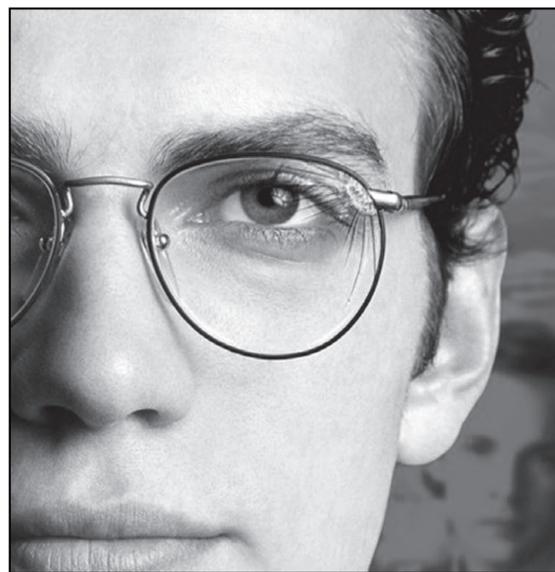
"I think that we need to place stricter consequences on students' cheating," said Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, interim executive director. Overall, the discussion concluded that Glass's story is one of the most notorious scandals in journalistic history.

The group said that having ethics in any situation is the best policy and everyone should work hard to keep their good name.

"This film gave us a powerful look at maintaining trust and credibility by doing the right thing in contrast to cutting corners and lying

and thereby losing all credibility and effectiveness," said Aust. "If news providers lose credibility they lose all effectiveness. Regaining that lost trust can be difficult if not impossible, as we vividly saw in this film."

"The movie is thought-provoking because it calls into question the accuracy of information available to us even from well-respected sources," said Dr. Julia Morrissey, assistant professor of English and Regents' remediation coordinator. "It also causes us to question the values in our society that work against ethical behavior. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to discuss the movie and these issues with faculty and students from multiple disciplines."



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Students choose alternate break

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Spring break is usually a much-needed hiatus from tests, projects and homework. Rarely is it a time to forego trips to local beaches and venture out West to conserve parks.

But during senior geography major Allyssa Gabriel's Alternative Spring Break (ASB), that was just the case. Though one of Gabriel's professors told her about the Student Conservation Association (SCA), she discovered it sponsored ASB on her own. She applied for the opportunity and was one of 60 chosen, and one of 30 for the break's second session.

"I've done volunteer service

before with Kennesaw Mountain and the Chattahoochee River. I just wanted a greater experience," said Gabriel.

It couldn't get much greater than a snowy week spent outdoors in Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park, conserving its natural beauty different ways each day. For the week of March 22, Gabriel and 29 others worked around the southern rim of the park: restoring trails, salvaging native plants, working in nurseries and eliminating invasive plant species. By the end of the second session, all 60 ASB volunteers had managed to remove more than 7,000 invasive plant species and salvaged an impressive 1,064 native plants, which they placed into a temporary

nursery.

An appealing aspect of SCA's ASB is that it's free. The association paid Gabriel and 59 others travel stipends that covered their airfare to Arizona and provided arrangements for their stay. All it asked for in exchange was for a week's worth of conservation work.

Gabriel explained that the Grand Canyon National Park had a vegetation team, people who worked to improve the park, but it was just six people. "Without volunteers, nothing would get done," said Gabriel. "They told us that [our work] would have taken four months to complete on their own," said Gabriel.

Besides sharing her story, Gabriel would like her fellow

students to seek out their own experiences. Anyone can participate regardless of major. SCA internships are great opportunities for summer or breaks in between undergraduate and graduate studies. "The SCA offers hundreds of amazing internships in beautiful regions all across the country," Gabriel said. "A lot of people just don't know about them."

To anyone considering an opportunity with the association, Gabriel said, "It teaches you. It's such a hands-on experience. You walk out at the end and it's a great feeling. I highly encourage SCA internships."

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Students complete conservation work at Grand Canyon National Park.

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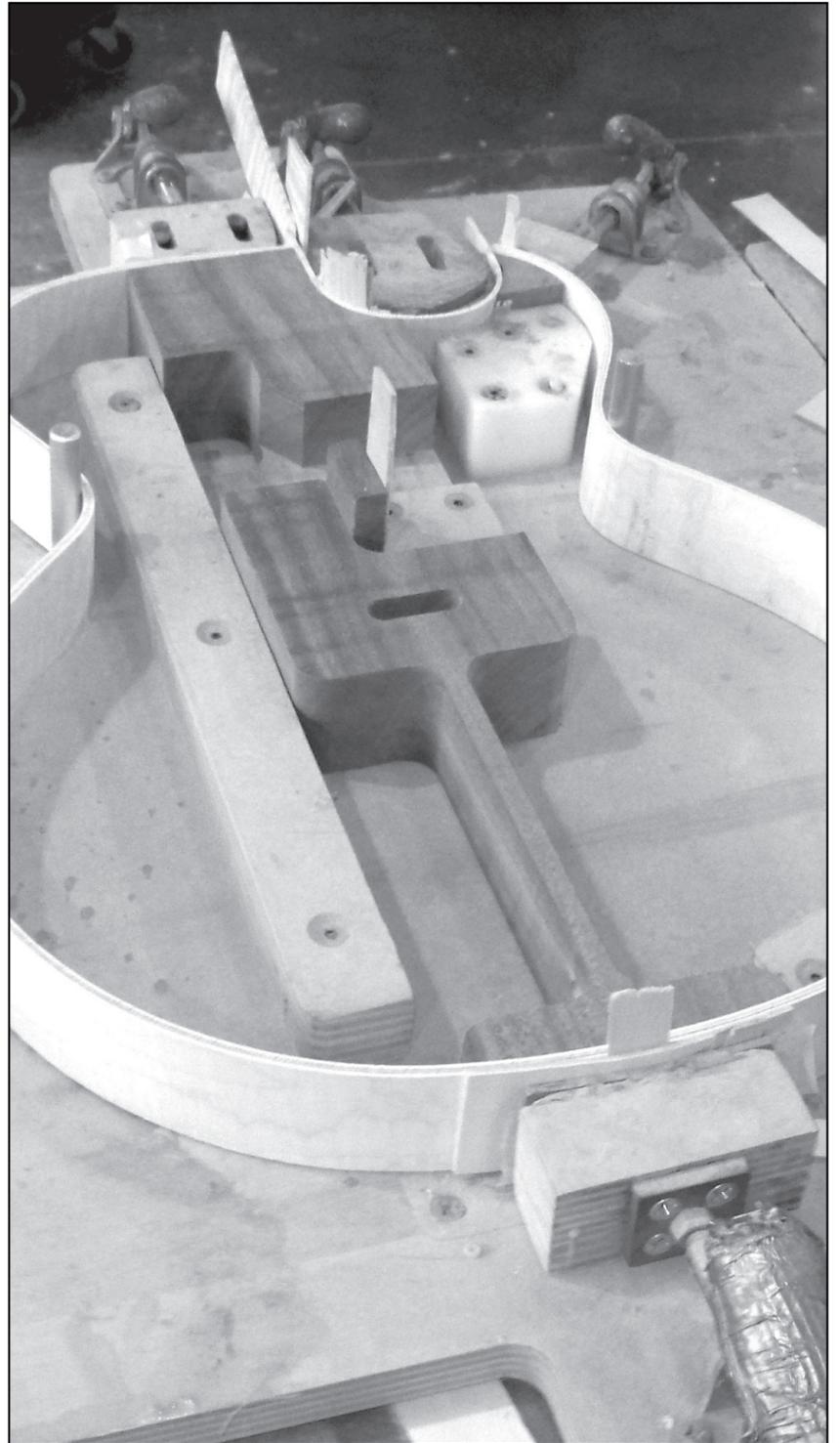
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Dear EarthTalk: I'm a musician and am curious about what the guitar industry is doing to ensure that the wood it uses is not destroying forests.

Though it has not received a lot of press to date, the industry is on the case—in part for the sake of its own survival, and thanks to the hard work of a handful of green groups, guitar makers and wood suppliers.

In 1996, Gibson, one of the world's premier guitar brands, became the first in the industry to make some of its instruments using wood certified as "sustainably harvested" by the non-profit Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). By 2006, some 42 percent of the wood purchased by the company for its Gibson USA electric guitars came from FSC-certified sources. By 2012, Gibson expects to increase that to 80 percent.

Gibson isn't the only instrument maker greening up its footprint: Taylor, Fender, Martin, Guild, Walden and Yamaha, along with Gibson, have signed on as partners with the Music Wood Coalition, a project of the leading environmental non-profit Greenpeace. The coalition, which is also made up of a half-dozen tonewood suppliers, hopes its efforts will protect threatened forest habitats and safeguard the future of trees critical in manufacturing instruments of all kinds. Eco-advocates and guitar makers alike fear that the spruce, maple, mahogany, ebony and rosewood trees that have been the foundation of the wooden instrument industry for years are being cut down faster than they can be replaced.

The coalition's initial focus is on halting the aggressive deforestation going on in Southeast Alaska. Greenpeace has been in talks with Sealaska Timber Corporation, one of the biggest logging operations in Alaska, to get 190,000 acres of the com-

pany's privately owned Southeast Alaska timberland—a prime source of Sitka spruce, a wood coveted by instrument makers for its use in guitar soundboards—certified by FSC. Greenpeace Forest Campaign Coordinator Scott Paul views getting these forestlands certified as an important win-win opportunity for Sealaska, which wants to maintain a viable income stream, and for instrument makers who need a dependable source of resonant, durable and beautiful woods.

"These [private] lands are going to be logged," says Paul. But with FSC oversight, he says, the forests can be managed sustainably. And the process is already underway, with the first part of the two-step certification process already completed. "Our goal is to create a demand...for FSC certified 'good wood' as the only acceptable music wood from the North American coastal temperate rainforest," adds Paul.

Guitar makers know that the woods they've used for years might not continue to be had at the quantities and low prices they're used to, but they are willing to adapt: "Alternative woods are the key to successful guitars," says Bob Taylor of Taylor Guitars, which has been a pioneer in the use of exotic and sustainably harvested tonewoods in their high quality acoustic guitars. "But the market needs to go there all together."

Tradition is a huge driving force, agrees Paul. "Players expect a spruce soundboard, a mahogany neck, an ebony or rosewood bridge." There needs to be a leap of faith in changing markets, he says, where people are becoming more environmentally conscious.

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Movie reviews

The International: Many cool touches



The heroine is window dressing and the movie ends when the bad guy dies

DANIEL SINGLETON
COPY EDITOR

You can tell that a German made this movie: there's only one word that describes it and that word is "minimal." Instead of cluttering a good ol' fashioned thriller with romance and politics, Tom Tykwer ("Run Lola Run") strips things down to the basics: good guys, bad guys, foot chases, assassinations and shootouts.

The plot doesn't matter, but then again, the plot never matters when the movie looks and sounds really cool. Why do you think exercises in style like "Touch of Evil," "Diva" and "Run Lola Run"

made so much money? But write this down: the bank is killing everybody who discovers its evil secret (do you really care what it is?), and one of those people was Clive Owen's best friend. So now Clive will do anything to kill them, even race through the Guggenheim dodging gunshots and falling glass.

And that's it for the plot. Oh, there was some dialogue about missile deals and offshore banking, but it was just window dressing and I ignored it. Does it really matter why the bankers killed Clive Owen's friends once he's chasing them through New York City or figuring out

how they assassinated an Italian politician? Of course not. Those scenes—hell, 99% of the movie—are self-contained exercises in style: they're exciting, they look cool, and they would make sense if taken out of context because the exposition boils down to bankers bad, Clive good.

I'm not complaining. Movies with substance are great, but Tykwer directs the set pieces so well that you stop caring about story after twenty minutes. My favorite shootout took place in the Guggenheim Museum. It starts the same way most movie shootouts start: with an off-screen gunshot. Quickly Clive ducks to

avoid the bullets. He pulls out his gun, fires a few shots, and—damn it!—he's out of ammo. That's cool touch number one: no magic clip. Clive starts moving down the ramp toward the exit (cool touch number two: we know what the hero is trying to do) when—bam!—a bullet grazes his ear. Cool touch number three: the bad guys don't always miss. Clive jumps behind a wall, checks his gun, and...I can't spoil the surprise.

Cool touch number four: you can follow the action. How many thrillers use too many close-ups that muddy the action and cut between them so quickly that your

eyes explode? I've seen dozens. Thankfully Tykwer knows what he's doing. He uses carefully-staged master shots that let us see where everybody is standing and holds them long enough for the information to sink in. He doesn't use extra shots either. Hell, he doesn't even use extra props: the set design is as barebones as the plot. The fact that Tykwer could direct this ten years after "Run Lola Run"—the ultra-hyper, three-versions-of-the-same-scene movie that made Ritalin famous—is a minor miracle. Marc Forster ("Quantum of Solace") and Michael Bay ("Transformers") should take notes.

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Two Lovers: A Love...Rectangle?

Sandra loves Leonard. Leonard loves Michelle. Michelle likes Leonard, but loves her boyfriend, who won't leave his wife and family, so...hey, stop groaning. The synopsis might sound like bad TV, but the actual movie plays like drama. No. "Drama" doesn't fit because it implies that the movie was written, and "Two Lovers" feels too believable and true to life for words like script, character and themes. We're spying on real lives here, not "watching a movie."

The movie develops Leonard so much that he feels like our brother—our love-sick, suicidal brother who locks himself in his room with a camera for more than four hours a day. See, Leonard took up photography after his girlfriend dumped him. He only uses black and white film, and he never takes pictures of people. ("Plenty of people look at them. They don't need to be in them too," he mutters.) They scare Leonard.

Throw him into conversation, and he'll fumble for words for about five minutes then say something weird like "We broke up because we both tested positive for Tay-Sachs." Yes, we really learn that much about Leonard. That and a whole lot more. The movie doesn't develop Sandra and Michelle as much because the story is told from Leonard's point of view, and Leonard is too messed up to break out of his shell and connect with them.

That's probably how the movie manages to avoid all of the romantic clichés: the scene where the long-lost lover reappears, the scene where the hero confronts the evil boyfriend, the tearful meeting on the rooftop, etc. Okay, the movie *does* have a tearful meeting on a rooftop, but because we know Leonard so well, and because the movie doesn't cue any violins, paint the

sky in sunset red, or give him a big speech where he explains the nature of love, the scene sidesteps cliché and becomes, plainly and simply, a moment in his life.

You're not surprised that "Two Lovers" never reaches any Big Conclusions about Life and Love, are you? I was. The synopsis sounded *exactly* like David Gordon Green's "Snow Angels." (Both movies are about depressed men who try to kill themselves after their girlfriends dump them, then fall in love with crazies that love two guys.) And that movie used its story to ask big questions about the difference between love, fantasies and reality; it seemed logical to assume that "Two Lovers" would do the same. But it stayed specific.

Sandra never waxes poetic about "the pangs of despised love." Michelle never becomes a metaphor for The Dangerous Fantasy (even though that's what she is to Leonard), and Leonard's dad never puts everything into perspective with one of those handy speeches about "finding somebody who will love you no matter what," because life ain't neat and clean like the movies.

"Two Lovers" puts all of its energy into telling Leonard's story. Instead of the conflict between Fantasy and Reality, we get to watch Leonard wrestle with his fantasy (Michelle) and his reality (Sandra). Instead of Big Truth, we get details. We learn what movies Leonard watches ("The Sound of Music"), what he eats for dinner (Chinese), and what he studied before dropping out of school (law). We learn so much about Leonard (and his women) that when it comes time for him to choose between Sandra and Michelle, we don't cheer because two people will find love. We cry because one will lose it.



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Haitian Student Alliance presents Fritaille Day



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STAFF WRITER

Fellowship. Friendliness. Food. These are some of the words used to describe the Haitian Student Alliance's (HSA) Fritaille Day. "Fritaille" actually means "food" in Creole. Creole is one of the languages Haitians speak. At the HSA food day there was plenty of yummy edibles to try. For anyone who has never tried Caribbean food, this was definitely an opportunity to get a taste. There was Haitian style macaroni, chicken wings, rice and plenty of other goodies.

HSA tries to do food days as often as they can. The purpose of these food days is to give KSU students a taste of Haiti. It is also a time for friends to gather together and enjoy themselves while sharing delicious cuisine. For three dollars, students were able to get a plate of food and some Haitian style fruit punch.

"I was in charge of it [Fritaille Day], three ladies of HSA did the cooking. We try to have at least two food days," said Senior and Vice President Ivena Edmond. These food days have proven to be a success. Many students came out to support HSA and try the food. "The people were nice and the food was good," said freshman Alisha Allan.

HSA also has events in conjunction with the Caribbean Student Association, also known as CARIBSA. On April 18, KSU CARIBSA will host its annual

Flag Day Party. This is a chance for Caribbean students to represent their countries. This event is free to students who bring flags from their countries and it costs a dollar for those without flags. Refreshments will be served and there will also be plenty of good music, such as Soca, Calypso, Reggae and Hip-Hop. Flag Day will take place in the Student Center University Room A.

For anyone who missed this event, there will be another food day. On April 21, the HSA will host its third annual Taste of Haiti. Another upcoming event is the HSA elections for the executive board, which takes place April 6-April 14. There will also be an end-of-the-semester party on April 28. The HSA has done numerous projects for the community. One such event that had lots of overall support from many other KSU student organizations was the Save Haiti project.

The Save Haiti Project was created by Robert Philizaire. Philizaire is a junior at KSU and member of the HSA. The purpose of the Save Haiti Project was to get as many student organizations and people involved in rebuilding Haiti after last year's hurricanes. HSA has been able to spread awareness of Haitian need.

For more about the Haitian Student Alliance, check out their page on Facebook or email them at hsaatksu@yahoo.com. Students can also check out their Web site: kennesaw.edu/clubs/hsa.

Film reveals Surrealist features

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Senior Spanish Education major and KSU Student Ambassador of Spain Kate Bundy organized a glimpse into Spanish culture with the help of Dr. Ernesto Silva, assistant professor of Spanish, and Dr. Tom Pynn, instructor of philosophy on March 31. Audience members filled all auditorium seats and even sat in the aisles to catch an eyeful of Luis Buñuel's 1962 surrealist film, "El ángel exterminador" (The Exterminating Angel), which was shot in Mexico City.

Before the film began, Pynn pinpointed six features of surrealism. The first is antinomies of subjective basic contrary forces in our human life, such as movie elements that represent opposing concepts like order versus chaos, paradise versus hell, or cultured versus barbaric. Second are the various attempts characters make to defend practices of the Western world, such as colonization.

Three and four both concern eruptions, but one is of desire into society, breaking through the bourgeois repression of desire, and the other eruption is of the rational into irrational order. Fifth is the presence of various sociopolitical tensions, like those of labor relations. The final feature of a surrealist film is the transgressions of civilized societies—to question society's rules is to question one's identity.

Surrealism began as a reaction against the Enlightenment, against Freud and his idea of an "underlying madness of the mind" and against our superficial understanding of what is real. Regarding the lifespan of the surrealist movement, Pynn told the audience, "When we're talking about surrealism, we're talking about a very brief period of time. Surrealism emerges with Dada in 1915. By 1920, it's about done as a movement." As for the surrealist objective, "art is used by the surrealist as a means to an end," Pynn said. "Art itself is not an

end." Buñuel declared himself as a surrealist in that he refused to accept rationality.

As for the film, "El ángel exterminador" is a satire that tells a story of guests attending a formal dinner party that later sours when they discover, for some inexplicable reason, they cannot leave the house, or even the room. Viewers are alerted that things will go awry when almost all the house servants leave for no apparent reason during dinner.

Trapped inside, these aristocrats are forced to do savage things to survive, like eating paper to fill their empty stomachs and bursting pipes to satiate their desperate thirst. Strangely enough, all it takes to escape is reenacting to the night of the party and everyone replaying as they had done before.

But instead of falling asleep around the parlor, guests thanked the hosts and said they had to get going. They were then freed, after weeks of self-imposed imprisonment. Afterward, the group reunites to attend services at a church where, ironically, the same inability to leave afflicts the priest once the service has ended and before all the worshippers have left.

Buñuel depicts bourgeois society perfectly as the guests whisper filthy slander around the dinner table and gossip later about who had too much to drink that evening. He also succeeds in splashing surrealist touches throughout the movie. For instance, one lady opens her handbag to find it filled with chicken feathers and a couple of rooster claws, and, of course, she thinks nothing of it.

Another odd juxtaposition was the hostess's arranging a bear and a pair of sheep for party entertainment, as if wild animals normally made appearances at fancy dinner parties. In addition to displaying his distaste for the upper crust of society, Buñuel reveals a bit of his contempt for Catholicism, as he incorporates priest into the storyline. Overall though, "El ángel exterminador" is clever and thought-provoking, not lewd or shallow.



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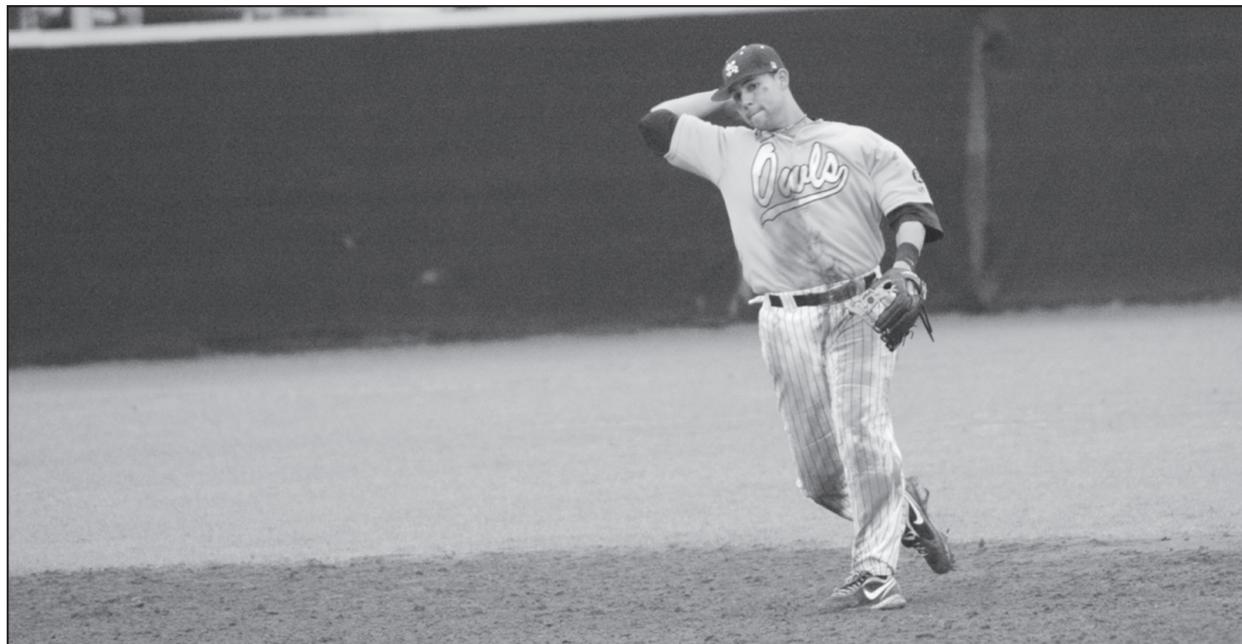
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Owls take lead - Story on p.12



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Curtis Van Wyck and the Owls moved to the top of the A-Sun standings after sweeping Lipscomb.

2-2 on the weekend



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Jenna Closner and the Owls pick up their first conference wins.

JEROME WOOLEY
STAFF WRITER

The KSU softball team went 2-2 on the weekend, sweeping Stetson, 2-1 and 3-1, on Friday, April 3 while getting swept by Florida Gulf Coast, 8-0 and 4-0, on Saturday, April 4.

Freshman April Harper only allowed three hits and one earned run in seven innings pitched against Stetson. Harper retired 11 consecutive batters to end the game.

The Owls offense was stagnant until the fourth inning when Klair Wells hit a monstrous homerun to tie the game at 1-1. The Black and Gold would hit another dry spell until the magical seventh inning arrived.

With the game tied 1-1, the Owls manufactured to load the bases. The intimidating Kelsey Kulk stepped to the plate and delivered. Kulk drew a bases-loaded walk which resulted in the game-winning run.

Harper pitched a complete one-run, four-hit performance in game two's victory against Stetson. The offense was driven by freshman Brittany Moore who went 1-for-3 with two RBIs. Harper finished the doubleheader allowing only seven hits and striking out six in 14 innings of work.

Saturday was not as productive for the Owls as they were shut out in both games against the Eagles. The Black and Gold struggled to produce a single run as Florida Gulf Coast overpowered them, 8-0 and 4-0. The Eagles outthit, outscored and outpitched the Owls on the day.

The losses give KSU an overall record of 15-16 and a 2-4 record in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

The Owls will be back in action on Tuesday, April 7 when they travel to North Carolina to take on the Campbell Camels.

Club sports welcome competitive fishing

LUCAS BIGHAM
STAFF WRITER

The KSU club sports programs recently added a fishing team to its growing list of teams.

"Fishing is so big, especially in the South," said club vice president Thomas Frink.

The fishing team will give students who are interested in predominately bass fishing a chance to represent KSU in various tournaments held in the southeastern United States. These events include the National Guard FLW College Fishing tournament and the Under Armour College Bass National Championship.

The FLW events offer over \$100,000 in prizes to winning clubs and universities. Winning the national championship will award a club and university \$50,000 dollars each.

KSU will join, among others, teams from UGA, Southern Poly Columbus State to compete against hundreds of other schools around the country.

Currently, the fishing club has between 13-15 members under the leadership of president Jake Akin and VP Frink. Both have an extensive background in competitive fishing.

"I fish usually one tournament every weekend," said Akin. "I started doing tournaments around age 14 or 15."

Frink brings with him almost two de-

cades of fishing experience.

"I've been fishing since third grade, everyday after school," he said.

The club is still in the building stages and is looking for students interested in joining. Students are not required to have a strong background in competitive fishing tournaments, but it's a plus.

KSU fishing club is supported by Yamaha, Jackall Lures, Roboworm and The Dugout (Kennesaw Bait Co).

Those interested in learning more about the fishing club should contact either Jake Akin at jakin5@students.kennesaw.edu or Thomas Frink at tommyfrink@yahoo.com. Students are also encouraged to attend at least one of their two meetings held each month.

Track and field to race in Seminole Twilight

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The track and field teams will be back on the track starting Friday, April 10 as the Owls participate in the Seminole Twilight hosted by Florida State.

Recent soggy weather has prevented the Owls from competing since the March

20 Georgia Relays, and their practice schedule has also been interrupted preventing the team from being as prepared as they would like.

"The [Seminole Twilight] is going to be very competitive," said throwing coach Jason Carruthers. "We're really interested to see where our kids are at especially since they have been sitting out for

the past couple of weeks."

Sprint coach Devin West believes that the sprinters will be affected the most by the recent lack of practice time.

"It's the worst for sprinters just because we need to be competing for timing and staying fresh," said West. "We may be a little off but we've been trying in practice to simulate what we're going

to see in the meet and how we're going to respond in the meet."

The Seminole Twilight proved to be a good meet for the Owls last season, and they're hoping for much of the same this weekend.

"The weather is supposed to be great on Saturday," said West. "I'm looking forward to our kids running well. Last

year we ran all of our best performances of the year at Florida State for the most part, and we're just ready to break through."

"We're expecting some big finishes and some really good competition seeing how the weather is going to be nice and there is just going to be no reason for our kids not to compete," added Carruthers.

Women finish sixth and men tie for seventh in Larry Nelson Invitational

LAUREN MILLER
STAFF WRITER

The second Larry Nelson Collegiate Invitational tournament in Braselton, Ga. on March 30-31 left both Owls teams with an individual finish in the top 10, but Gardner-Webb took the women's title and Stetson claimed the men's title.

Stetson finished with an 873 54-hole total, outscoring East Tennessee State University in the final round by one stroke. The Gardner-Webb women totaled 939 and beat out Samford after finishing 15th last year.

The KSU men finished tied for seventh, while the KSU women finished sixth in the tournament.

"Finishing tied seventh was a tough blow to our confidence," said men's head coach Blake Smart. "We did not manage the golf course as well as we should have. It was a very difficult course from the tee, requiring a lot of precision and shot selection, and

we did not execute well enough in those areas to place well."

Michael Tulacz finished tied for fifth for the KSU men, finishing with a two-over-par 73 on Tuesday. Ashley Aguilera led the women's team tying for seventh at 237. This was Aguilera's second individual top 10 placement of the season.

"Our expectations were to win, so we obviously didn't play as well as I would have like to have played," said women's coach Rhyl Brinsmede. "We put in a lot of hard work."

Despite disappointment in the team's performance, Brinsmede said they tried to focus on the bright side: The Owls played with only four golfers and had three individuals place in the top 20. Besides Aguilera, Patricia Arana tied for 18th at 241 and Laura Lindsey finished tied for 14th at 240.

"We are going to work on course management

and as always, our short game," said Smart of the team's upcoming events. "Changing how you think your way around the golf course is difficult, but it is a challenge we are going to have to accept if we are going to right the ship this season."

The tournament, played on two courses, was hosted by KSU in partnership with the Gwinett County Sports Commission and featured 23 total men's and women's teams.

The teams were treated to dinner Monday night where KSU alumni and World Golf Hall of Famer Larry Nelson, the tournament's namesake, made a special appearance.

The women set out on the road again the day after the conclusion of the Larry Nelson tournament to play in the Ole Miss Rebel Invitational in Oxford, Miss. on April 3-5. The men resume action on April 13 and 14 in Charlotte, N.C. for the Palisades Collegiate Golf Classic.



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The Owls finished with a 47 over par 899 for the tournament.

Owls on the ROAD

JEROME WOOLEY
STAFF WRITER

Bouttell saves the day

The KSU men's tennis team was piloted by freshman star Ryan Bouttell who won both of his singles matches as the Owls split a pair of A-Sun Conference matches in Nashville, Tenn. April 3-4.

KSU topped Lipscomb, 4-3, on Friday, but was downed, 6-1, by Belmont on Saturday. The weekend results gave the Owls an overall record of 6-11. Lipscomb's record dropped to 5-9 while Belmont gained an impressive record of 12-6.

"Belmont is by far the most improved team in our conference and ran out a solid lineup," said KSU assistant coach T.J. Greggs. "All the credit goes to them today for coming out and playing an excellent match."

Sweet Serving Swindall

Mackenzie Swindall led the women's tennis team to a pair of wins in Nashville, Tenn., as she went a combined 3-1 on the weekend against Belmont and Lipscomb.

"Dealing with the lack of practice, I cannot complain about the way we played," said head coach Brandon Padgett. "Each player made giant contributions during the weekend, and we accomplished what we wanted to do, which was sweep this weekend."

The Owls will be back on the court against Mercer on April 7 to close out the season.

Aguilera is ace

The women's golf team finished ninth at Ole Miss' Rebel Intercollegiate at the Country Club of Oxford on Sunday, April 5.

Ashley Aguilera was the soaring Owl as she finished seventh on the weekend, which was her second-straight top 10 finish. Aguilera shot an overall 224, her second-lowest total as an Owl, while her even par 72 was her lowest total in three events.

KSU finished with a 940, 54-hole total, shooting 314 in the first two rounds before closing with a 312 on Sunday. The team will return to action on April 12-14 when they compete in the A-Sun Championships in Deland, Fla.

Club Briefs

by Justin Hobday, Asst. Sports Editor

Roller Hockey team competes in nationals

Successful inaugural season comes to a close

The KSU roller hockey team completed a successful inaugural season after competing in a national tournament in Philadelphia over the weekend.

The Owls went 1-3 with a 12-6 win over the University of Texas-Dallas. Included in their three losses was a tightly fought contest against Westchester, who was last year's national runner-up. "Considering we were one of the few, if not the only, first year team at the event, we were very satisfied with the results," said team captain Ricky Schneider.

KSU goalie Cole Dye recorded 33 saves in the game against Westchester, and finished the year second in the Southeast in goals against average.

The Owls finished the regular season 11-3-2, and were one of 16 teams out of 66 total teams to be invited to the tournament.

Matthew Schmidt led the team with 43 points on the year with 23 goals and 20 assists.

"I think we definitely surpassed not only our own expectations but the expectations of the collegiate roller hockey community as a whole," said Schneider. "I believe the team has established an excellent base for the future and will improve by leaps and bounds next year."

The team will reconvene in August to prepare for their second season of competition. All information about the team can be found at www.ksurollerhockey.com.



The inaugural KSU roller hockey team. Photo courtesy of KSU club sports

LAX suffers first loss

The men's lacrosse team took their first loss of the year, 15-5, to Tennessee Wesleyan Saturday, April 4.

The Bulldogs scored early and often to take a 6-1 lead after one quarter of play, and they held a 9-2 advantage by halftime.

Charles Roland led the

way for the Owls with a goal and two assists.

KSU had trouble retaining possession of the ball as the Bulldogs dominated faceoffs and tracked down more of the loose balls.

The Owls need a victory against Emory to force a three-way tie for first place. The top two teams based on goals given up will earn the two playoff spots.

KSU will travel to take on Emory Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

The essential Braves get-up-to-speed recap

The Atlanta Braves will finally jump into the 2009 regular season on April 5 against the Phillies in Philadelphia, but in order for fans to prepare for the upcoming season, reading "The Essential Braves Get-Up-To-Speed Recap" is a must.

Despite the many setbacks last season and during the postseason, things are looking up for the Braves this year. There are things a potential-Braves-game attendee should know before heading to Turner Field this season, so here is a look at some of the changes and events-both good and bad-that could make things seem a bit different in 2009.

The Good:

Hot new pitching staff - What more can you ask for than ace Derek Lowe and Japanese star Kenshin Kawakami to join the pitching staff? The Braves have been in desperate need of a solid starting rotation for years, and these two guys may be the solution.

Promising spring training - "We've really improved our

team," said manager Bobby Cox toward the end of spring training. Although spring training is just exhibition, the Braves have fared well, and hope to continue with the same drive straight into the regular season.

Best buds work off those pounds - Jeff Francoeur and Brian McCann have cut back on the pre-game nachos and lost 20 pounds each since September. Right fielder Francoeur went from hero to zero last season, but he hopes that the changes in his weight and his swing will help drastically improve his game.

The Not-So-Good:

John Smoltz is in Boston - This one is pretty devastating to the morale. The guy who was essentially the face of the Atlanta Braves is now playing with the Red Sox. At least we've still got Chipper.

Welcome to Atlanta, Griffey! Oh wait, just kidding - What the heck was that all about? Ken Griffey Jr. just could not make up his mind when it came to choosing between Atlanta and Seattle. He had a sentimental spot for

Seattle, but Atlanta was only an hour by plane to his family in Orlando. The announcement was supposed to come two days before it finally did, and during the waiting game, the AJC actually reported that Griffey was coming to Atlanta. Unfortunately, that was not the case, and Griffey decided to stay true to his old stomping ground in Seattle. Better luck next time, Griffey's family.

Rafael Furcal is a jerk - We almost had him back. After the Braves were so good to this kid in 2004 when he was waiting to go to jail on DUI charges, he left. Now, the least he could do is not play the entire Braves organization like a shameless hussy and pretend he is coming back to Atlanta just so some other team would get jealous and snatch him up. Unfortunately, deceiving the team is exactly what he and his agent did, and now they are on the Braves' official poop list. Very near the top of it, mind you.

The Ugly:

The passing of Skip Caray - This deserves its own cat-



LAUREN MILLER
SPORTS COLUMNIST

egory. What is a Braves fan to do without Caray's voice guiding listeners through the play-by-play nearly every night during the season? He was just as much a part of the Braves as any player on the team, and the Atlanta airwaves just won't be the same. Now that you're up to speed, you can safely head downtown for the home opener on April 10 without making a complete fool out of yourself by wearing a Ken Griffey Jr. jersey, holding up a Diet Coke sign for Francoeur, or asking, "Hey, when did we get a Japanese kid?" I guarantee you, that person will be there. Don't let it be you.

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Owls sweep to first

KSU takes over conference lead after beating Lipscomb in three games over the weekend

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The Owls took the lead in the A-Sun Conference standings after sweeping the Lipscomb Bisons in a three-game series at Stillwell Stadium April 3-4.

Three masterful starting pitching performances led the Owls to victory, and Kenny Faulk proved big in relief to earn his first two saves of the season.

Kyle Heckathorn started the series for the Owls Friday, April 3. Heckathorn (3-1) went 8 2-3 innings giving up just one run on eight hits, while striking out nine batters in a 2-1 Owls victory.

"Lipscomb is a rival, and I knew I had to be at my best tonight," said Heckathorn. "[Brothers] is a really good pitcher and I knew I was going to have to be sharp."

KSU took a 2-0 lead before a solo homerun for the Bisons closed the score to 2-1 in the top of the eighth.

Faulk came on in the ninth inning with two runners on base but was able to strikeout the only batter he faced to earn his first save of the year.

"I thought it was a great game on both sides," said KSU head coach Mike Sansing. "Both pitchers had really great stuff. We were fortunate to get our runs, but I knew it was going to be the type of game where we would have to scratch runs out."

Chad Jenkins (3-1) gave up two hits and walked three batters in a 2-0 shutout of the Bisons to ensure the series win for the Owls. Jacob Robbins' lead-off homerun in the third inning proved to be all the offense the Owls needed.

"This was the first time all season where I really felt everything was working for me," said Jenkins. "Jace [Whitmer] called a heck of a game behind the plate and the defense behind me was amazing all day."

Faulk came on to record the final out in the eighth inning with the bases loaded, and went on to work a clean ninth inning to earn his second save in as many games.

"Kenny [Faulk] did a really great job for us in that spot," said Sansing.

Justin Edwards provided the Owls with a third spectacular starting pitching performance to close out the series. Edwards struck out a career-high 10 batters in seven innings of work in a 13-2 series sweeping victory.

"To get 10 strikeouts and just be mentioned in the same category as pitchers like Kyle [Heckathorn] and Chad [Jenkins] is a great feeling," said Edwards.

Jace Whitmer's two-RBI double in the first inning got things started for the Owls, who exploded for 13 runs following two games dominated by pitching.

Rex Brothers (4-2) and Josh Smith (3-2) both took losses in the first two games after pitching eight-inning complete-games.

The Owls will be back in action at home Tuesday, April 7 when they take on Western Carolina before welcoming USC Upstate to town over the weekend.

April 2009 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

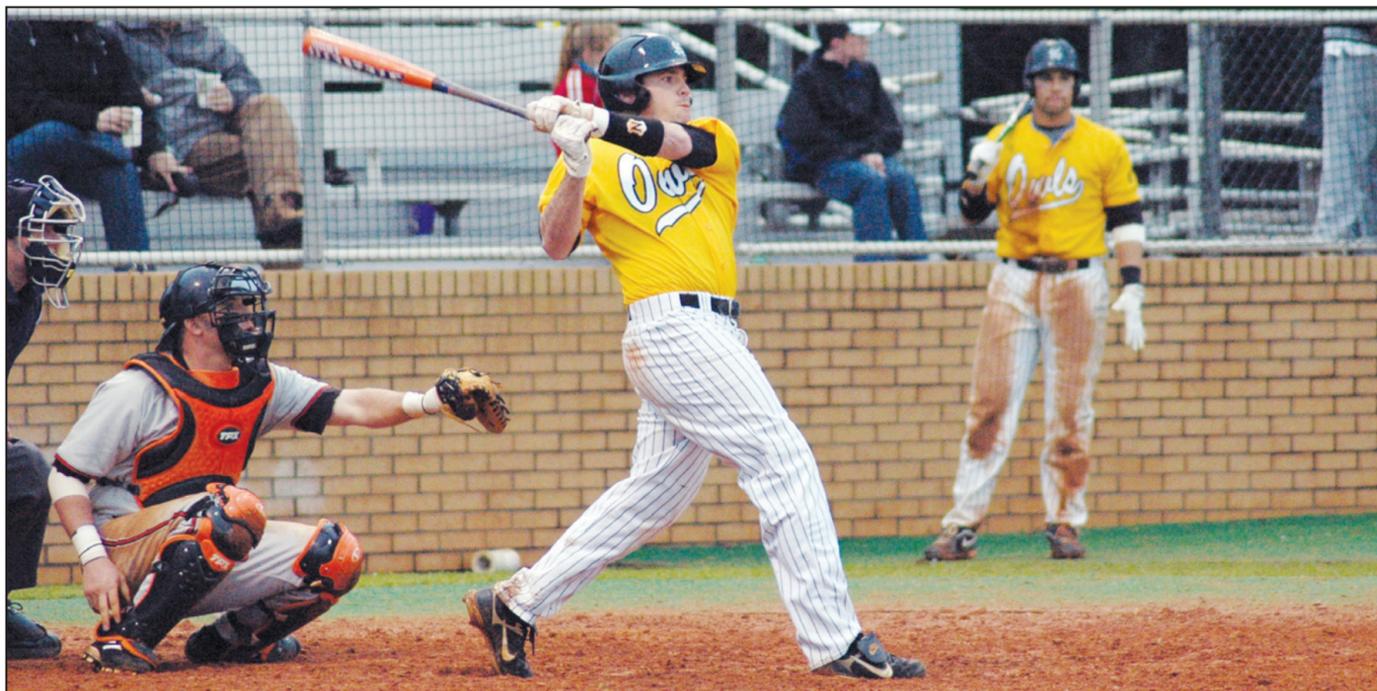
Date	Time	Team	Location
April 7	6:00 p.m.	W. Carolina	Stillwell
April 10	6:00 p.m.	USC Upstate	Stillwell
April 11 (DH)	1:00 p.m.	USC Upstate	Stillwell
April 14	6:30 p.m.	Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, Ala.
April 15	6:00 p.m.	Jacksonville State	Stillwell
April 17	6:00 p.m.	Mercer	Macon, Ga.
April 18 (DH)	12:00 p.m.	Mercer	Macon, Ga.
April 21	5:00 p.m.	UGA	Athens, Ga.
April 24 (DH)	3:00 p.m.	Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.
April 25	3:00 p.m.	Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.
April 28	5:00 p.m.	Alabama State	Stillwell
April 29	6:00 p.m.	Ga. Southern	Stillwell

Baseball Standings

Teams	Men's			A-Sun			Overall		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
KSU	8	3	.727	14	12	.538			
Lipscomb	8	4	.667	13	17	.433			
Belmont	10	5	.667	17	13	.567			
FGCU	10	5	.667	17	14	.548			
Jacksonville	9	6	.600	19	10	.655			
UNF	8	7	.533	14	18	.438			
Stetson	6	6	.500	13	17	.433			
Mercer	5	7	.417	10	14	.417			
ETSU	6	9	.400	14	14	.500			
Campbell	2	9	.182	14	13	.519			
USC Upstate	2	13	.133	7	22	.241			

Christine Morales | The Sentinel

Kenny Faulk (right) recorded his first two saves of the season, and Ric Bishop (below) and the KSU offense exploded for 13 runs in the third game of a series sweep.



Owls prepping for USC Upstate



Derek Wright | The Sentinel

Kyle Heckathorn was recognized as the A-Sun pitcher of the week following his performance against Lipscomb.

LUCAS BIGHAM
STAFF WRITER

KSU's baseball team (14-12) is preparing to take on USC Upstate (7-22) April 10-11.

The Owls moved their way up to the top of the A-Sun with an 8 - 3 record following a dominating sweep of Lipscomb this past weekend.

"We played a little bit better these past weekends," said head coach Mike Sansing. "Each weekend is a huge weekend."

KSU will seek to benefit from having home field advantage against a team who has lost 11 of 29 games on the road. USC Upstate's last win came against Mercer on March 20.

The Owls' offense is led by Josh Whitaker (.436 Batting avg), Curtis Van Wyck (32 hits) and Jace Whitmer (6 HRs).

KSU's powerful bullpen has

been a dominant reason for their success this season, led by the likes of Brad Long (1.88 ERA) and Kenny Faulk (2 saves).

USC Upstate has struggled throughout most of their season, especially in the A-Sun where they sit at the bottom of the standings at 2-13.

The Spartans are in the midst of an 11-game losing streak after being swept by Jacksonville and Stetson. Unless they are able to rebound against Wake Forest or Presbyterian they will arrive in Kennesaw having lost their last 13 games.

The key players for USC Upstate are catcher Jimmy Tanner and pitcher Matt Branham.

The series is set to kick off Friday, April 10 at 6 p.m. with a doubleheader Saturday at 1 p.m.