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Skateboarding banned in certain areas



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A policy restricting skateboarding in all parking decks and other areas is expected to take effect within the next few weeks.

The restricted areas include the East, West, North and Central Parking Decks (CPD), the main entrance area of the CPD, Lot E and Lot D, The Jolly Lodge, Wilson Annex, Stillwell Theater, the Bailey Performance Center and the new Health Sciences Building. The majority of campus, however, will remain unrestricted.

Randy Hinds of University Operations approved the policy recommendation last week.

The policy is a result of several skateboarding incidents around campus.

"Close calls in the decks were observed by our Security Officers on bicycles... they saw several skateboarders at the top level of the CPD, as they began going down the parking deck picking up speed they nearly missed a parked vehicle. On another occasion, we were called out to take an accident report; a skateboarder in the deck had hit a moving vehicle," said KSU police sergeant Bernadette Haynes.

Officials are also concerned about the safety of pedestrians on campus.

"No pedestrians have been harmed, but I have seen quite a few that have had to stop walking or move out of the way because a skateboarder was traveling at a high rate of speed as they walked," said Haynes.

The skateboarding policy also states that persons shall not skate on railings or benches, damage landscaping, obstruct pedestrian or driving traffic or skate inside buildings. The policy also requires that skateboarders maintain a 20 feet

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Student, faculty member diagnosed with swine flu

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A student was diagnosed with H1N1 flu, or "swine flu," after visiting the Health Clinic on Aug. 20.

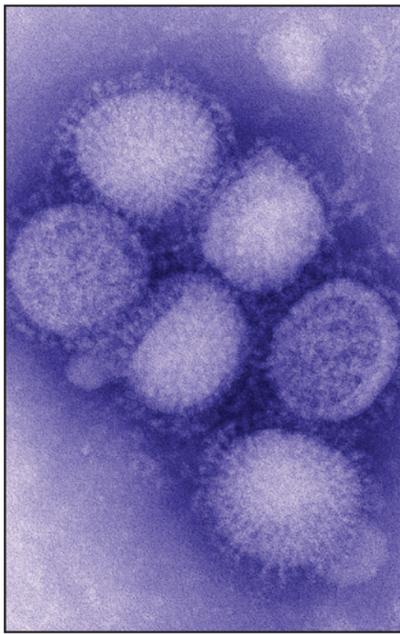
As of Aug. 26, the student had recovered and was back on campus, ordered to self-isolate. A faculty member was also reported to have been infected.

Though the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has estimated that 40 percent of the nation's population will become infected with H1N1 flu this flu season, Anne Nichols, director of the Health Clinic, has assured the KSU community that there is no need to panic.

"If someone comes in with an influenza-like illness and they have a cough or sore throat with no other identifiable causes, we will offer them Tamiflu [an antiviral that stops the flu virus from spreading between the cells in the body], then we encourage the student not to return to class until they have not had a fever for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications," said Nichols.

According to the CDC, flu-like symptoms are similar to those of the common cold, and can include a fever, headaches, extreme fatigue, body aches, a runny or stuffy nose, a cough or a sore throat. Certain tests can determine whether or not someone is infected with the flu, but it is important to receive the exams within two to three days of seeing the symptoms.

While H1N1 vaccines are not yet available, the Health Clinic does have



Courtesy of CDC
The H1N1 influenza virus, commonly known as "swine flu," has infected one student and one faculty member at KSU.

regular flu vaccines, which can be obtained for \$20 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Nichols also reported that out of everyone who visited the Health Clinic last week, only 0.03 percent showed flu-like symptoms.

"We're not seeing numbers so staggering that we have to worry about the

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All students pay at least \$573 in fees this semester

Most existing fees increase, new fees tacked on

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Each student will pay at least \$573 in fees for the fall semester.

Students currently pay nine fees. Two additional fees may be added, depending upon a student's coursework—for example, students who take art courses are charged an art studio fee, and students taking business core courses are charged a business core fee.

Two new fees were enacted in 2009: the land acquisition fee and the institutional fee. The \$40 land acquisition fee, added in fall 2009, is a fee that covers the cost of the 88 acres of land purchased by KSU along Busbee Drive, Busbee Parkway and Big Shanty Road. The \$100 institutional fee, added in spring 2009, is a fee that supplements a raise in tuition.

"We promised families we would not raise tuition on them, and so if we needed the extra \$100, the only opportunity available to us is the institutional fee or we would have to charge quite a tuition hike," said SGA President Daniel Street.

Students also experienced an increase in existing fees this semester. Four fees were raised for fall 2009, costing each student an extra \$9. The health fee, which will provide students with a second health clinic, was raised from \$47 to \$50. The recreation center fee, providing students with a two-story gym, was raised an additional \$2 to total \$42. The stu-

dent activity fee that supports student organizations and campus events was raised by \$1, topping off at \$72 for the semester. The athletic fee, which sustains club and higher-level sports, was increased by \$2, charging students a \$144 fee.

"Without financial aid, there's no way I could pay all the tuition and fees on my own. I know KSU is trying to improve the athletic program, but the athletic fee is a little expensive, especially when I don't play sports," said junior Lauren Davis.

Students also experienced a change in the transportation fee. Previously \$110 in spring 2009, the transportation fee was broken into two separate fees: a smaller transportation fee (\$60) and a parking permit fee (\$50). Commuter students are still charged \$110; however, students who do not drive, carpool or do not require a parking permit can opt out of paying the extra \$50.

Remaining student fees include the global learning fee and the technology fee. The \$14 global learning fee provides students with scholarships and financial aid for study abroad. The \$50 technology fee provides students with access to computers and compensates for instructional technology costs.

"I have a job, I'm receiving income—paying student fees does not bother me. It's helping other people and helping the university maintain itself," said freshman Kimberly MacDonald.

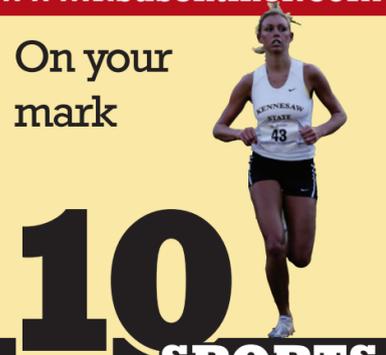
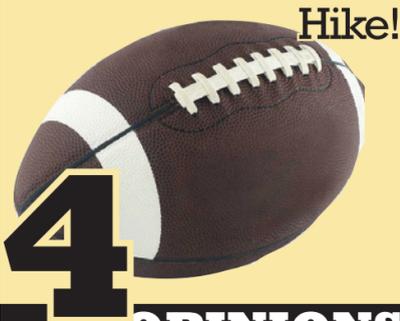
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When: Tues. Sept. 1, 12:30 p.m.
Where: Univ. Rooms CDE, Student Center
Details: www.roywoodjr.com

What: Cinema Series: "The Breakfast Club"
When: Wed. Sept. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Campus Green

What: Remix Dance Squad tryouts
When: Interviews Tues. Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m., tryouts Wed. Sept. 9, 8 p.m.
Where: Interviews - Student Center Room 301, Tryouts - KSU Center
Details: Contact remix@kennesaw.edu

What: Guest speaker Tim Wise, author of "White Like Me, Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son"
When: Wed. Sept. 9, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
Where: University Rooms A-E, Student Center

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Parking hangtag stats say Central Deck spaces usually available

ALAN MOORE
 STAFF WRITER

Statistics available from Auxiliary Services and Programs (ASaP), the department in charge of parking, show that the campus parking situation may not be as bad as initially believed.

Parking operations staff members conduct hourly counts to determine the number of spaces available in all decks and lots. Some consistently have spaces available, while others are consistently at capacity.

On Aug. 17, the first Monday of fall classes, hourly count data shows that 808 spaces were available in the Central Deck at noon, generally the peak time for traffic on campus. The Central Deck has a total of 2,694 spaces. At the same time, 74 spaces were available in the much smaller East Deck, near the intersection of Frey Road and Hopkins Drive.

One area consistently at capacity is the West Deck, an area of particular concern to university officials. Drivers are allowed to line up along Campus Loop Road starting fifteen minutes before each round of classes begins throughout the day to obtain any available spaces in the deck. Even with the turnover from students leaving the facility throughout the day, a space is hard to come by.

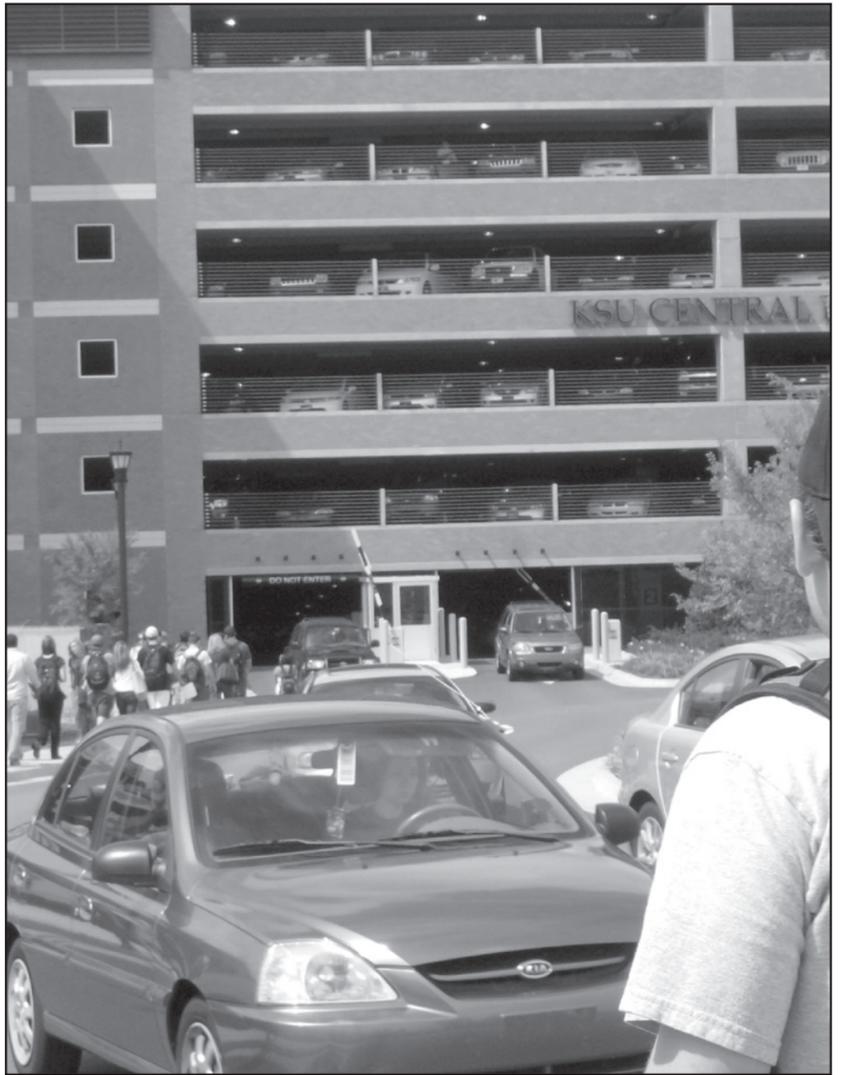
According to the Aug. 17 hourly count data, no spaces were available in West Deck until the 4 p.m. count, at which time only thirteen out of the capacity of 662 were open.

But issues with the West Deck do not end with limited space availability.

"Drivers passing by the deck instead of getting in line for a spot will cross the double yellow line to pass the line and move on through. The large hill at the Campus Loop entrance makes it nearly impossible to see oncoming traffic, so our concern is that we will soon have a head-on collision happen. Everyone wants to park there during the day, causing these bad traffic situations, while there are always significantly more spaces available in the East and Central Decks, where we're able to handle the traffic volume much more easily," Tindel said.

That assurance gets a mixed reaction from students such as sophomore English education major Katy Pitchford, who says that "if you don't arrive by 7:45 a.m. or so, it's next to impossible to find a space most anywhere."

Pitchford, who typically uses the 1,472 space East Deck, has also noticed a significant change from previous times: "Even though I was a campus resident last year and did not



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Vehicles exit the Central Parking Deck (CPD) on Monday afternoon. Statistics indicate that parking is usually available in the CPD, while the West Deck is almost always full.

commute, it seems as though there are many more issues with traffic and getting on and off campus than ever before," said Pitchford.

Those parking on campus will progressively notice a few changes in the parking system as the semester continues, according to Beth Tindel, assistant director of parking operations. "For the first three to four weeks of the semester, we have parking attendants stationed at entrances to assist anyone who has issues with accessing parking using hangtags. Obviously, we can't continue that forever," said Tindel.

Tindel also reported that full enforcement of hangtag use began yesterday, meaning that students, faculty and staff must display them in vehicles at all times or risk receiving a fine.

Residential students assigned to the North Deck will continue using vehicle decals at this time. Most fines for violations are \$25, though charges can run much higher. According to statistics available from ASaP, an average of approximately 1,150 citations were issued monthly from March to June of this year.

In the fall of 2008, university officials made the decision to install proximity gates in most

campus parking decks and lots. That action lead to adhesive parking decals being replaced by electronic hangtags to be swiped at special readers to enter and exit the decks, much to the initial frustration of many on campus.

"The new gates allow us to more centrally control who has access to parking and ensure that only those who need to park in a certain area have access to it. It removes the need to constantly have staff checking parking areas to enforce the policies, which means they can focus on more pressing issues. Additionally, if we, for some reason, need to remove someone's parking access, it's much easier to do," said Tindel.

Members of the KSU community have often called on the campus police force to assist with directing traffic and alleviating some of the congestion that causes headaches in the area.

"We have to allow our police officers to handle situations that are more critical than directing traffic. If they're available, they do assist, but their primary concern has to be the safety and security of our faculty, staff, students and facilities," said Tindel.

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Best Colleges rankings recognize First-Year Program for seventh consecutive year

KSU also among top 10 "Up-and-Coming" universities in south

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For the second year in a row, KSU is among the top ten "Up-and-Coming" universities in the south, according to the U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2010 rankings.

The rankings also recognized KSU for the seventh year in a row as being among the top "Academic Programs to Look For" for its First-Year Program. The only school in Georgia to receive this ranking, KSU was listed in the top ten with schools such as Stanford, Duke and Notre Dame.

"[The ranking] is a great testament to faculty and the work they do inside and outside the classroom," said Keisha L. Hoerner, chair of the Department of First-Year Programs.

Being recognized by U.S. News and World Report "...validates Kennesaw State University's growing academic reputation," said KSU President Daniel Papp in an Aug. 21 press release.

The First-Year Program is a combination of learning communities, KSU 1101 and KSU 2290 and aims to instill the idea that learning does not just take place in the classroom.

Learning communities are one way the university encourages students to make lifelong friends while focusing on a certain concept or major. Each learning community is composed of about 25 students who take two to four classes together. This year, KSU has 160 students enrolled in these learning programs, not including those communities with KSU 1101.

Within each section of KSU 1101 and 2290, students are made aware of how they can contribute to their community by engaging in community service projects and reading the common reader, "Soul of a Citizen" by Paul Loeb, who visits KSU each year.

Last year, 1,500 students did almost 270,000 hours of community service collectively through the Volunteer Kennesaw State program, and KSU 1101 played a role in those numbers.

For fall 2009, 2,387 students are taking KSU 1101, while 197 students are registered for KSU 2290. The university hopes these programs and the whole first-year experience will better prepare students for life both in

college and after in the work force.

Improvements such as new graduate programs lend to KSU's recognition. Students are now able to attain a Master's degree in American studies, international policy or receive a dual Master's degree in business administration and public administration.

Two new doctorate programs have also been added: the Ph.D. of business administration and the Ph.D. of nursing science, with a Ph.D. in international policy expected to be added this semester. Besides these new additions, the university is continuously striving to improve the existing programs, which include more than 52 undergraduate and 17 graduate programs.

"We are strongly focused on enhancing our academic programs, expanding our campus resources and engaging with the global community. KSU is definitely on an upward trajectory, and we are pleased to earn this national recognition for our accomplishments," said Papp in the same press release.

KSU has seen many changes since last fall. In an effort to accommodate its rapid growth to 22,500 students, besides the addition of The Commons, KSU has started construction on an 88-acre Student Recreation and Sports Park and finished two new sports fields over the summer.

Many other additions are scheduled for the park, including seven more athletic fields, jogging trails, tennis courts, a track and a stadium, along with a 12-acre lake. KSU also started construction on a new Health Sciences Building, which is scheduled to open in 2010.

Also, KSU plans on breaking ground on a new lab building for the College of Science and Math next year. With more than 3,000 students living on campus, KSU is becoming more traditional, with the number of evening students and average student age declining each year.

As Papp said in his State of the University Address on April 1, KSU aims to "graduate alumni who both understand and appreciate all of the various dimensions of diversity, multiculturalism and internationalism. [The university] must implement programs, policies, practices and procedures that recognize the unique contributions that all types of people who are different in many ways can make."

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distance from all buildings when skateboarding. Students who violate the skateboarding policy will be given a warning and potentially brought in front of the Department of Student Conduct and

Academic Integrity. Non-students who violate skateboarding policy will be charged by the university with criminal trespassing.

In order to maximize safety and protection for

pedestrians, drivers and parked cars, KSU expects to install mirrors in the corners of all parking decks so that drivers and pedestrians will be able to see each other.

"It takes the driver and the skateboarder to be both aware," said skateboarder Crawford Webb, a sophomore.

One skateboarder, junior Devin Effinger, is displeased with the new restrictions because it interferes with his transportation to class.

"I'm very cautious when I skate in the parking deck. I'm constantly looking ahead for cars and I use my feet to stop if necessary. This is the only way I get to class on time," said Effinger.

KSU will still allow students to use skateboards for transportation and has planned to install skateboard racks at The Commons.

"I want to emphasize we do encourage students to use skateboards as transportation, but that we encourage safety for all traffic. This semester, share the road has new meaning at KSU as pedestrians, skateboarders, bicycles and vehicles all merge together to get around on campus. We want everyone to stay safe and keep in mind a little patience goes a long way in sharing the road with everyone," said Haynes.



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Senior Brett Frank practices his handplant outside The Commons on Monday. Policy will soon prohibit skateboarding in certain areas of campus, including most parking decks.

• **H1N1** from front page

whole community," said Nichols.

Dr. Michael Sanseviro, director of Residence Life, also stated in an email to KSU officials that there was no need to worry.

"Luckily all residential students at KSU have private bedrooms," said Sanseviro in the email. "Through Residence Life, we will educate our staff and residential students, but we'll all need to collaborate to help keep students, parents, faculty and staff calm and proactive."

Because KSU is a member of the U.S. Influenza Sentinel Provider Surveillance Network, the Health Clinic is allowed to send three cultures a week to the CDC for further testing. For this reason, not everyone who pres-

ents themselves with flu-like symptoms will be tested for the H1N1 strain of the virus, though the treatment methods are the same.

The CDC recommends that students who become infected with H1N1 flu self-isolate until they stop showing signs of a fever without the aid of fever-reducing medications. Residential students are encouraged to return home if possible.

Nichols also stated that the best preventative measure students and faculty can take against the flu is to wash their hands often. For more information, students can visit the CDC's Web site, cdc.gov.

"There is one and only one good source of information, and that's the CDC," said Nichols.



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We also have several Group Sessions available, Women Helping Women, Coping Skills, and Life after Trauma as well as General Group Counseling. Please Call 770-423-6600 for specific dates and times.

Advising will also be holding a variety of workshops dealing with questions and problems ranging from Study Skills to General Education Requirements. All Advising workshops are held either on a Monday or Thursday. Call 678-797-2860 for specific dates and times.

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OPINIONS

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Why you should pay for football program

In last week's issue we found out that we will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not KSU will have a football team and in turn, we'll be asked how much we are willing to pay for such an endeavor. Immediately, the more vocal naysayers descended upon the comment section of the online article with arguments ranging from nonsensical to absurd.

A familiar argument from last year's debate on the dining hall is that if football will be profitable, so why do we need to pay for it with student fees? To make a profit there first has to be a stadium, football team, and yes, games with ticket sales. From the point of approval, and it will be approved (more on that later), it will take many years before a game will be played on our home field. Initial capital will be needed before a profit can be gleaned from football.

Acquiring a football team will also force the University to add women's sports to comply with Title IX.

According to KSU Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples, here are the cost estimates (i.e. student fees) of the three options for having a football team and paying for the two women's sports teams necessary to comply with Title IX.

Division I-A

Includes the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech. You must play a minimum of two-years of I-AA football prior to any move to I-A.

Estimated at minimum of \$120 per student.

Division I-AA

Includes Georgia Southern University and Appalachian State University.

Estimated at \$75 per student.

Division I-Non-scholarship

Includes Jacksonville University, University of Dayton and Campbell University.

This level would not allow KSU to play scholarship teams, except on an irregular basis.

Estimated at \$35 per student.

The cost is malleable of course. If there is sufficient community involvement and support in terms of ticket sales and sponsorships, the cost could be lower to the student.

For football fans like me, this decision seems like a no-brainer, but if you're not a football fan what's in it for you? Some say KSU's only job should be to educate. After all, those who want a football team should have to pay for it themselves right? Wrong. If we applied this logic to the rest of KSU there would be no university.

I've never taken a class in psychology at KSU, and based on that prior logic, I shouldn't have to pay for the



KEVIN SCHMIDT
SENIOR COLUMNIST

psychology department. If all students did what I just did, we wouldn't have any academic departments because nobody would want to pay for the departments outside of their interests. Universities have to appeal to a broad range of interests and constituencies.

It's also laughable for spending hawks to selectively care about when they believe their money is getting wasted. It is incredible how much money students groups spend on T-shirts, catering and other worthless paraphernalia. That's just the tip of the iceberg at how recklessly money is spent at KSU. If you really care about how your money is being spent, there are plenty of places that deserve scrutiny.

Football will undoubtedly help KSU become more recognizable in the South and the nation. More recently, KSU baseball alums, Chad Jenkins and Kyle Heckathorn, were drafted in the first round of the MLB draft and have signed with the Toronto Blue Jays and Milwaukee Brewers respectively (not too mention \$1.3 million and \$776,000 signing bonuses. Has someone at the KSU Foundation called them since they left?)

Surely this will help elevate our university, which in turn will enhance your degree and attract students and distinguished faculty. If it wasn't for sports (especially football), would anyone outside of the South know UGA (OK, maybe for Agricultural Economics)?

To stick with the spirit of the season, here's my fantasy pick for October:

KSU votes for Division I-A football with at least 65% voting in favor.

Student fees to pay for the program: \$140.
Women's sports added: gymnastics and swimming (although, I would prefer equestrian).

No football team needed, vote 'no' in October

KSU is a curious college. It was a junior college for a commuter population and now is trying so gosh darned hard to grow up big and strong like the other schools on the playground.

It might be like a flagship university one day, but right now it's in that awkward teenage phase: covered with zits and desperately wanting to fit in. First it was the dining hall. All the other kids had a dining hall, so KSU had to go buy one. Fine. Everyone wants to fit in sometimes. Now KSU wants a football team. This is where the line should be drawn.

KSU doesn't need a football team. KSU is a fine school right now, and a football team isn't going to add anything to the quality of education. In fact, it will probably subtract from it considering the increase in drinking and all around stupidity that follows football wherever it goes.

Every dollar that is spent on football is a dollar KSU could have spent on frivol-



GAGE THOMPSON
COLUMNIST

ties like professors and chairs. Who needs that stuff? And it will cost millions of dollars. Georgia Tech's 2010 athletic budget is close to \$4 million in total. Keep in mind they already have their stadium.

KSU is that awkward teenage phase: covered with zits and desperately wanting to fit in with the other schools on the playground.

KSU has about 20,000 students; to equal Georgia Tech's budget we would need to shell out \$200 per student, and I can guarantee you it'll cost more than that to build a decent stadium.

The most compelling argument for football is that it will bring greater attention to KSU. I have to concede that it probably will, but is it the right kind of attention? Do we really want KSU to try to emulate

these schools? Part of our allure is as a no-nonsense budget school where you can get an education without smelling the fragrant odor of stale beer and old hot dogs. A football program jeopardizes that olfactory well-being.

Has anyone ever considered that our hypothetical football team might stink? I hate to be the one to say it, but the only thing the "The Fighting Owls" have fought lately is traffic.

Would a bad football team enhance our image? No. A bad football team would make us the laughingstock of the region, and a decent football team would destroy our niche as an oasis of sobriety

and relative maturity in the University System of Georgia. KSU loses either way.

This issue is a lost cause though. Everyone knows the outcome of this vote. I can only take solace in the fact that I will probably have graduated when the massive tuition hike kicks in.

In the meantime, if I want to pay for the privilege of going to a football game only to see my team lose it isn't that much of a trip downtown to catch a Falcon's game. Maybe they'll finally get the consecutive winning seasons they've been chasing for 43 years. I for one won't be holding my breath for either team.

Afganistan and health care: Obama's quagmire

NOAH SOLOMON
COLUMNIST

The health care debate continues to rage on, fueled by angry protestors at town hall meetings around the country and annoyed liberals insisting these protestors are misinformed.

Even President Barack Obama took to a campaign trail of sorts a few weeks ago to try to encourage support for the impending legislation. The standstill the debate seems to have reached is not unusual, and it was anticipated as people saw the opposition picking up.

Were it the only issue to be solved, the length of the health care debate wouldn't be a significant problem. However, President Obama has another looming problem that will surely need attention soon: Afghanistan.

Since the beginning of his presidency, President Obama has repeatedly stressed the importance of the war in Afghanistan, shifting the focus to it, instead of the war on terror in Iraq, where it had been during the Bush years.

The troop surge to Afghanistan in February proved President Obama's commitment to the war there, and he continues to uphold the significance of winning. In recent months, though, polls have shown the public's support of the war, however bolstered it was by the president's opinion, has dropped, with the most recent results showing that fifty-one percent of adults believe the war in Afghanistan is no longer worth fighting.

Left to itself, public opinion on the war will continue to fall until it reaches Iraq-worthy levels. This puts President Obama in a di-

lemma. He wants the health care legislation to pass, and if he had his way, there would be a government option. But with public opposition to the public option mounting, it looks like those in favor of it are in for a long and arduous debate.

With public support for the war in Afghanistan falling and the impracticality of the administration attempting to tackle both issues at once, President Obama will surely have to hurry along the health care bill if he wants to get to Afghanistan as an issue while he still has the chance to turn the tide of public opinion in its favor.

Of course, the main issue with the health care bill is the idea of a public option. As the recent town hall debates have shown, more people are becoming frustrated with the idea of a government-run health care initiative. The con-

gressional Republicans almost universally oppose this idea, and many moderate Democrats have expressed apprehension at the notion, especially those who come from districts that voted for John McCain in the 2008 election.

The future of a health care bill including a public option is uncertain, and with the need to move Afghanistan to the forefront, President Obama is going to have to accept cutting the public option out of the bill. President Obama and his allies in Congress want the public option to remain in, as they believe it is a necessity for all Americans to be insured by any means possible, but voices of dissent are starting to be heard across the nation.

President Obama will have a long and tough road ahead of him if he continues to push the public

option, as nearly all GOP and even some Democratic congressmen and senators are, at the very least, extremely wary of how their constituents might respond to their vote on a health care bill containing the proposal.

If President Obama did not have Afghanistan to deal with, he could take more time on the health care issue and thus have a better chance of convincing enough people to quell the dissent and get a public option passed.

Unfortunately for him, Afghanistan is a very real problem he has to deal with. With the public in a furor over any government-run health care initiative, any health care reform bill that has any chance of passing, before the public opinion on Afghanistan becomes unsalvageable, will have to drop any idea of a public option.

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Ben Bernanke has not brought us 'back from the brink'

All worry and panic has subsided as President Barack Obama has reappointed the savior of the economic recession. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his "bold, persistent experimentation has brought our economy back from the brink," the president says.

But has our economy really faced a life-altering turn around that promises sustainability? The U.S. unemployment rate is almost 10 percent, while the Office of Management and Budget expects the 10-year deficit will reach approximately \$9 trillion. It should also be noted that about 1,000 banks are expected to fail within the next two years. These numbers are not what one would describe as a stable economic system.

Some will argue that if we had done nothing, these numbers would have been worse, and the American people would be suffering. It is hard to say what *would* have happened, but Bernanke and Obama's policies have only stifled our problem.

By resorting to massive Keynesian spending and printing money out of thin air to pay for it, the government is essentially promising colossal tax increases for our future generations.

The Obama Administration's tax plan will not pay for all of these projects, no matter how much it taxes the rich. It is going to have to resort to taxing some of those 95 percent of Americans that the president promised he would not touch. But there is another tax coming that we will not see directly in our paychecks as a result of this growth in government.

Inflation, or in the increase in overall prices of goods and services, will occur as a side effect of the Fed's printing habits. Inflation does occur at a steady rate in most economies, but the devaluation of the dollar created by Bernanke's policies might lead to runaway inflation. The inflation rate could rise between 10 and 20 percent, if not more, a phenomenon we have not experienced since the 1970s.

The Fed, whether it admits it or not, has begun to monetize our debt to inject money into the economy. In other words, the Fed buys up treasury bonds and the bondholders receive an influx of newly printed cash to spend or invest in the economy. In March of this year, the Federal Reserve printed \$1 trillion to buy up bonds and mortgage se-

curities. No other country has ever managed to print this much money without serious devaluation of their currency.

The Fed reported that it would stop this policy, but recent events show that it is taking a back-door approach. A few weeks ago, according to financial observer Dr. Chris Martenson, the Federal Reserve auctioned off billions of dollars in treasury bonds and then purchased about 47 percent of them about a week later. That still sounds like debt monetization to me.

According to Martenson, the "immediate repurchase of newly auction bonds by the Fed tells us that demand for these bonds is not nearly as high as advertised, and that things are not quite as strong as represented." If the economy was stronger and foreign countries had confidence in our system, there would be no need to inflate the demand for our bonds.

In the economic boom of the mid-1990s, former Fed chairman Alan Greenspan kept interest rates lower than what the market demanded, eventually leading to over-investment and two collapsing market bubbles. Instead of

raising interest rates during economic expansion when he came to power in 2006, Bernanke kept them at their artificially low rates. This encouraged a continuance of mal-investment in the market.

Throwing a pile of dry leaves on a burning stick does not make the fire go away. The fire might not be visible at first, but in a few minutes, it will begin to burn through the pile of leaves, creating a bigger fire. The government and the Federal Reserve have been throwing dry leaves on the fire for quite some time now. Instead of letting the mal-investments exit our system, we have propped up our fiat economy with bailouts and terrible policies by the Fed.

The reappointed chairman has only been continuing the legacy of bad monetary policy since the Federal Reserve's creation. It was a major factor in creating the Great Depression and shares in the responsibility of our current Great

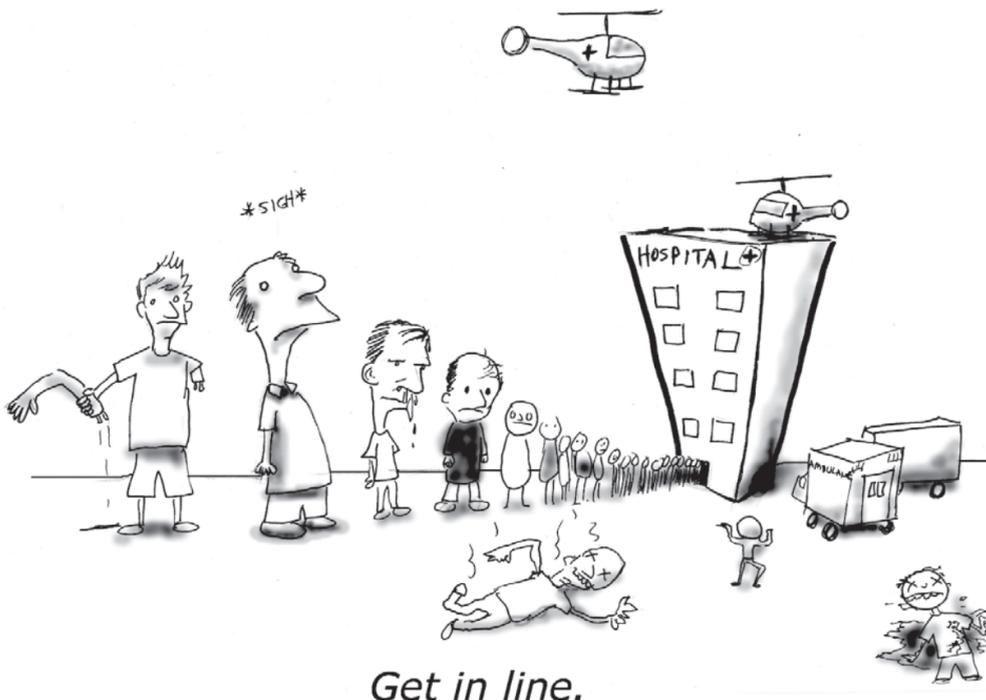


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SENIOR COLUMNIST

Recession. Ben Bernanke has not brought the American economy back from the brink; he is taking us there faster.

Agree? Disagree? Call into The Gerb Report, Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m. on ksuradio.com at 678-797-2665.

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Edward Kennedy (1932-2009): The end of an era

In the evening on Aug. 25, Senator Edward Moore Kennedy of Massachusetts passed away after a year-long struggle with brain cancer.

Kennedy died with his family, as the rest of the United States debates Kennedy's life work: health care reform. A man whose life was his work was honored recently not only with a Presidential Medal of Freedom, but an honorary knighthood from British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Many are quick to criticize Kennedy for his personal struggles with alcoholism and the 1969 car crash on Chappaquiddick that killed Kennedy aide Mary Jo Kopechne. It may have derailed his expected rise to the presidency, but Kennedy turned tragedy into a life of public service, helping to bring the dream he shared with his brothers, John and Robert, to create a better America for all to share.

Having lost all three of his older brothers by the time he was 36, Kennedy would turn his own misfortunes into a Senate career that most can only aspire to achieve.

For a man whose family handed him success on a silver platter, Kennedy represented those who could not speak for themselves and helped enact landmark legislation that realized the American Dream for millions.

A failed challenge to Jimmy Carter in 1980 for the Democratic presidential nomination inspired Kennedy to pour his life into the Senate. A selfless fighter from then on, the tragedies that beset him earlier in his life no longer prevented him from achieving major legislative victories.

Kennedy's earliest victory, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which he co-sponsored, helped ensure the right to vote for millions of previously disenfranchised Americans. Through the years, Kennedy would become a champion for liberal causes and helped bring about the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, the Family and Medical Leave Act in 1993, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, more commonly known as S-CHIP, and more recently helped bring about education reform with No Child Left Behind.

Kennedy's death represents the end of an era and a conclusion to a generation of men bred for a life in public service. The myth and power of the Kennedy name, the history behind them, and the love affair so many had with the men from Hyannis Port: Jack, Bobby and Ted,



JOEL MENDELSON
GUEST COLUMNIST

who all served time in the U.S. Senate, ran for President, and dedicated their lives to public service.

Kennedy's 47 year career in the Senate was the third longest in U.S. history and arguably the most controversial and effective tenure during that time.

Always reaching across the aisle, Kennedy would rather revise legislation to ensure its passage than ignore the Senate Republicans. He knew what it would take and never kept the American people far from his mind.

The Kennedys remain one of the most divisive political families in American history. At once admired and despised, they wanted to bring to reality something the United States preached, but hardly practiced: equality.

Race, gender, or handicaps were no object to the Kennedys, and our country is a better place because of their work and accomplishments. African-Americans can go to the polls in November knowing they won't be turned away and we can gaze at the moon on a clear night knowing that we landed there because of their work.

The Kennedys helped show the world that the United States was truly the land of the free and home of the brave. To them it was a land of opportunity, a place where even the least likely person can succeed and call this country their home.

Jack, Bobby and Teddy are more than men of myth, they are icons, and they show just what can be accomplished when one dedicates himself to a life of public service.

As the final of four brothers from Hyannis Port is laid to rest, let us reflect on how these men had a vision, an idea of what the United States was and went to work to change it. Whether you agree or disagree with who they were or what they stood for, the Kennedys represented something that we all can strive to be: American. Thank you, Senator Kennedy, for your life's work; it will not be forgotten.

THE OWL FORUM

More Food Allergies

I read with interest the article in issue 1 of Stacy Marlow's battle for an exemption from the meal plan. I too, have food allergies; I too requested an exemption from the meal plan that was denied. Unlike Stacy I could not find contact information for President Papp so I dropped below the 12 hour requirement to avoid paying for something I will not use. As someone who is fatally allergic to milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, strawberries, apples, bananas, celery, and green beans it is highly unlikely that they would be able to accommodate my needs. I am not comfortable taking that risk either.

KSU is supposed to support a diverse student body and yet they would force food allergic students to risk their lives to participate in a mandatory meal plan.

Toni Munro
Sophomore

Question on Bike Racks

We're a green campus—why aren't more bike racks around? It seems like we're planning for cars (parking decks) and not bikes—a greener solution.

What's the plan at KSU to encourage and plan for more students, staff and faculty to bike to work?

Cherie Miller
Alumni

No More Bananas

I recently read a disturbing article: the banana as we know it will be extinct within the next 30 years. Some fear this delicious and provocatively shaped fruit could be gone in the next 5 years because a fungus, commonly called "Panama Disease," is spreading throughout the world's banana crops. Africa's banana yield already down 60 percent. Like cancer, this disease spreads from dying leaves to younger leaves, rendering a productive tree useless. However, this is not the first time the world has had a banana crisis.

Ever wonder why in old movies (or Mario Kart) banana peels make you slip? I experimented with this phenomenon as a child and never slipped. The reason: several generations ago, the world ate a different type of banana: the Gros Michel variety. Panama Disease wiped out this sweeter and more delicious species of banana.

In response to the extinction of this fruit, which we will never have the opportunity to taste, the banana corporations scrambled to find a new banana species that was resistant to the disease and could be mass-produced in poor South American countries. They found the Cavendish variety. Problem solved. Although not as tasty of a product, it was very profitable. Once again, however, the evil fruit corporations used short-term profitability as their business practice and made the same fatal mistake.

Basic genetics teaches us if you continue to breed the exact strain of something, it cannot adapt to change. In the 1980s, the Panama Disease found its way through the Cavendish's immunity and is currently spreading through the world's banana crop.

Experts unanimously agree there is (currently) nothing we can do to stop this process. There are other banana species that could be "banana 3.0," as Johann Hari so cleverly calls it, but they aren't similar tasting nor are they yellow.

My friends, eat your bananas. Enjoy them now. Our generation could be the last to eat a yellow banana.

Shane Barkley
Communication
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College: The New High School

I don't know if it is because this is my last semester at KSU or because I have switched from being a resident student to a commuter student, but something about this semester feels different to me. I have been a student at KSU for a little over three years now, and yet, everything feels so new to me. I feel as though I am experiencing campus life for the first time with brand new eyes.

It could also be because of the new dining hall and freshmen who are now a part of the campus, but for whatever reason, the atmosphere on campus feels more lively than it has ever felt in the past. In some ways, it feels like high school to me all over again. I see a ton of students walking to and from classes. The parking lots and the dining halls are packed. In addition, I hear drama in the air.

As a senior at Kennesaw State University, I feel like I am at "the top of the food chain" in my life right now. I am on my way out as freshmen make their way in. My college career is coming to a close as their college careers are just beginning. After this semester, I will be graduated and making my way in the real world as they endure college and what it brings for the next four years of their life.

Ashley Wood

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FEATURES

Barf, I'm Mallory, Barf

Murder, lies, deception make the 'Charade'



Noel Madali | The Sentinel

NADIA ABDULAH
STAFF WRITER

The Department of Theatre & Performance Studies faculty members presented a staged reading to benefit Alpha Psi Omega, the National Honorary Theatre Society Aug. 28.

"Charade" (1963) is a classic film script written by Peter Stone and Marc Behm. Faculty members Margaret Baldwin and Dean Adams adapted the screenplay for the stage.

The plot is full of murder and lies surrounding the pursuit of \$250,000 in Paris, France. Regina "Reggie" Lampert's (Hannah Harvey) husband is killed after being thrown off a train. She meets CIA agent Hamilton Bartholomew (John Gentile) at the U.S. Embassy. Bartholomew informs her that her husband owes the government the money and questions Lampert as to where the money is located. Lampert responds that she has no clue, but will try to find the money.

According to Bartholomew, Herman Scobie (Kenyon Shiver), Tex Penthollow (Jim Davis), Leopold Gideon (Jamie Bullins) and Carson Dyle (Harrison Long) were double-crossed by her husband. Bartholomew warns Lampert to be careful of these men.

A charming man named Peter Joshua offers to help Lampert. It is apparent that Lampert and Joshua

are physically attracted to each other. In one scene, Joshua asks Lampert, "How about making me vice president in charge of cheering you up?" This line (among many others) drew laughs from the audience who enjoyed the flirtation between Lampert and Joshua.

Meanwhile, Gideon, Scobie and Penthollow are threatening Lampert for the money. Lampert finally figures out that a collection of rare stamps found in her husband's baggage is worth the \$250,000 that the men are after. During this time, Peter Joshua goes by the name of Alexander Dyle, who is Carson Dyle's brother. However, Dyle reiterates that he is on Lampert's side and she believes him.

The next day, Lampert enters Dyle's hotel room to find Tex Penthollow killed. "Dyle" is written on Penthollow's neck and Lampert panics. She is now convinced that Joshua/Dyle is the killer. Dyle sees Lampert leaving the hotel and chases her trying to explain. Lampert runs to meet Bartholomew in the center of the Palace Royale.

At the center, the two men confront Lampert. Dyle warns Lampert that "Bartholomew" is really Carson Dyle and to give him the stamps. Bartholomew defends himself claiming that he is the one to be trusted.

Suddenly, Scobie jumps from his seat and tells the audience, "Okay, let's cut to the chase." He proceeds to tell the audience that they run into a comedy club, Dyle pulls open a trapdoor, and Bartholomew falls to his death. During Scobie's narration, the rest of the cast members

flipped through the pages of the script and looked confusingly at Scobie.

Lampert tells Alexander Dyle (who is now known as Adam Canfield) that she feels it the right thing to turn in the stolen money to the proper authorities. Canfield refuses to go with her to the embassy. At the embassy, the receptionist gives her the room number for Brian Cruikshank, who is the government official responsible for recovered property. Lampert enters the office to find Joshua/Dyle/Canfield sitting behind the desk.

A shocked Lampert questions "Brian" on how Dyle/Bartholomew was able to impersonate a CIA agent. Cruikshank responds that it was during lunch hour and someone left the office unlocked. At first, Lampert remains skeptical, but relents to Cruikshank's charms when he mentions marriage to Lampert. The play ends with Lampert wanting to name their boys all of Cruikshank's pseudonyms and hands him the stamps.

"I thought it was hilarious," said Michael Williams, a senior theatre major and business manager for Alpha Psi Omega. "We learn theatre all-year round and this is the one chance we get to see [the faculty members] act."

"I loved it-especially when Herman took over the rest of the show," said Lynn Kunkel, a KSU Music alumna.

The show ended with a standing ovation as the faculty members participated in a Conga line and exited victoriously from the stage.

Volunteering benefits career

JENNY HARRISON
STAFF WRITER

Class credit, excellent work experience, professional networking and development, close friendships, personal satisfaction, a contribution to an endlessly growing community: these are just a few of the perks associated with becoming active with Volunteer Kennesaw (VKSU), a campus-based volunteer service.

VKSU, which hosted volunteer programs for more than 1,400 KSU students during the 2008-09 school year according to its annual report, has assisted in developing partnerships between KSU and members of the local community for more than 20 years since being founded in 1985.

The campus organization has consistently helped meet the needs of the community by matching Kennesaw members with agencies in the metro area to promote communication and assistance between the college community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Assistant Director of VKSU Sylvia Inman believes the experiences gained through volunteering as a KSU student are able to assist with personal development and provide career-related experience that is essential in the continuously evolving job market.

"How do you compete with other individuals in the work force once you complete your degree at KSU?" said Inman. "Volunteer Kennesaw can help you to gain skills now for professional development that will allow you to better network in the career field of your choice upon graduation from Kennesaw State University."

Although VKSU exists to meet the needs of people in the Kennesaw community and surrounding areas, the organization does, as Inman said, provide KSU students with endless opportunities to network amongst expanding organizations in the metro area and learn about new opportunities related to their degrees.

VKSU provides students with an inside look at the agencies that interest them and gives insight on how students can better market themselves for future positions within the organizations.

VKSU also collaborates with the Financial Aid Office to implement the Federal Work-Study Program to provide relevant volunteer experience for students who demonstrate financial need. About 250 KSU students took advantage of this opportunity during last school year according to VKSU's annual report.

Degree programs within the university work with VKSU to provide students with opportunities to gain course credit by volunteering in positions that are directly related to their career interests. Students with majors in anything from psychology to education can volunteer through the program and receive course credit, as approved by their adviser.

While the networking and career benefits to this program are numerous, some students volunteer simply for the personal satisfaction they feel from contributing to the needs of the community.

Junior Caroline Ofulah has given much of her time to the Kennesaw and local communities through her work at VKSU and Friends of Internationals. International students like Ofulah are required to dedicate 20 hours per se-

mester to the program. Ofulah said she enjoys the experiences she has gained through this requirement.

"I have gotten to share my culture and learn about other countries and cultures," said Ofulah. "The most rewarding experience for me has been meeting a lot of new people and making invaluable friendships while volunteering at KSU."

According to Ofulah and Inman, the benefits of participating with the program are priceless and well worth the effort involved in contributing.

The organization is hosting its annual Volunteer Fair in the University Rooms of the Carmichael Student Center on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Drop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to network with 50-60 local non-profit agencies.

Through this fair, students will be able to learn about special programs and services provided by the organizations as well as gain knowledge about upcoming volunteer, intern and employment opportunities.

The Volunteer Fair is an excellent way to break into the volunteer program; however, there are a multitude of other volunteer opportunities available aside from this event.

With a wide variety of organizations from the Good Mews Animal Foundation to The Salvation Army and the YMCA, there is an organization that will meet the personal and/or career-related interests of each individual who participates in the program.

Visit their Web site at kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/vksu to register with the program and learn more about the many opportunities available with the hundreds of agencies that are currently working with VKSU.

It's a 'small' world after all

SYDNEY SEWELL
STAFF WRITER

Each June, 15 to 20 students travel to Japan for three weeks with the KSU Study Abroad Program. This past summer, senior Information Systems major Andrew Small, realized once again just how small the world really is on his second trip with the KSU-sponsored program.

"These trips are definitely unique. How often will you have the chance to travel like this after school? Not even considering the money saved by university booking discounts, taking a trip internationally and having the opportunity to meet and connect with people way outside your normal social scene is absolutely incredible," Small said.

Small said he kept in touch with friends from the year before and met up with them during this past June. The most interesting part of his trip was comparing the different cultures between himself in America and his friends in Japan.

"I enjoy seeing their mindset in contrast to our own," Small said. "One of my friends from Chukyo University, Yui Iwatsu, is walking around with some CDs of local, Atlanta-based music."

Culture is exactly what the university hoped the students would absorb. "We want [the students] to have a very rich experience in the culture. We wanted them to know that Japan is a very welcoming country. They wanted to be with students to hear their English and communicate with them," said Chair of the Computer Science & Information Systems Department Dr. Donald Amoroso, who accompanied students on the trip.

Small's return to Japan wasn't the same-old, same-old—he met new people and experienced new places. He remembers visiting one of the atomic

bomb sites, Hiroshima.

"Every American should visit Hiroshima—there are a lot of things we don't hear about in textbooks. It was really moving—it is something that we, as Americans, should experience—we have both a moral and social obligation," Small said.

Aside from observing the historical significance of the city, KSU students also met the youngest survivor of the atomic bomb while in Hiroshima.

On another note, the technological contrasts between America and Japan struck Small while there: "Everything is so simple and compact in design, but very practical, useful and technologically advanced."

Amoroso agrees that the Japanese really are a step ahead: "They do everything with their mobile phones—e-mail, Facebook, shopping, even paying for their subway tickets! They just scan their cell phones and get right on."

This sort of mobility in Japan makes sense, considering the country is home to numerous technological companies such as Mitsubishi, Toyota, Sony, Honda and Fujifilm and serves as a role model for the American technology industry.

Amoroso encourages students to go abroad just because actual immersion is the best experience possible: "No matter how good your professor is, nothing is like being in the country for real—nothing replaces the feeling you get when you first get there."

Small's study abroad adventures have certainly shaped his future. "I have serious plans to move to Japan shortly after graduation; being able to visit, explore and make friends ahead of time gives me that much more of a head start when I make the final move," Small said.

To find your own adventure abroad, visit kennesaw.edu/studyabroad.



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Andrew Small and a new friend in front of a Japanese pagoda.

'Moby Dick' adaptation racks up awards in Morocco

HEATHER COOK
STAFF WRITER

Herman Melville's "Moby Dick," rewritten into an adaptation by KSU students John Gentile, Hylan Scott and Karen Robinson, won the award for "Best Performance" this summer at the 21st Annual Festival International de Theatre Universitaire de Casablanca in Morocco.

John Gentile began editing and altering the original script of "Moby Dick" during the 2009 spring semester. Robinson and Scott began to find Arabic and French translations starting in May of 2009. A total of three weeks of rehearsals for the "Moby Dick" cast began at the end of May in preparation for the festival that occurred in July 2009.

Karen Robinson, associate professor and coordinator of General Education for Theatre and Performance Studies, said, "Dr. John Gentile reduced his script from two full acts to one act while maintaining the spirit of the story, specifically Ishmael's presence as lead narrator telling us the story of Captain Ahab's obsession with destroying the white whale and his heated conflict with his first mate Starbuck."

"Since the production would play to international audiences, Gentile and the director Hylan Scott focused on the physical action and visual impact of the play. Scott completely re-conceptualized the production's movement and action, using the actors to create not only vivid characters, but also scenery with their bodies," Robinson said. "As one actor phrased it, the revised production had more raw and primal energy with its ritualized and muscular movement."

Robinson, along with Gentile, Scott, and students knowledgeable of Arabic, helped incorporate French and Arabic translations into the script. Robinson was the voice of the French translations in the actual productions.

"I performed them as echoes of sorts, and strived to make my emotions match those of the actors who spoke the English text," Robinson said.

Because the production of the play took place overseas, the crew had some brainstorming to do for props, costumes and special effects.

"We were able to pack all of our costumes and properties into four suitcases and two ski-bags," said Robinson. "Our entire set consisted of eight six-foot staffs, two pieces of fabric, three lengths of rope and two wooden planks."

"The visual effects that we created with these elements and the actors' bodies were stunning; the staffs functioned as transformative objects that were variously oars, bulwarks, masts, harpoons, gates, walls, percussive objects, and so forth," Robinson said. "The planks functioned as platforms for lifting actors into the air; while the fabrics represented sails, the vastness of the ocean, waves and whale spermacti that the mariners pressed into oil. The live percussion contributed a dynamic soundscape that emphasized the dramatic tension."

While the students were in Morocco, they attended culture immersion classes and fostered friendships and connections with the Moroccan students.

Sean Haley, a senior Theatre and Performance Studies major, said, "The classes were rough—I won't lie. But that was only because they were taught very early in the morning and (I don't want to speak for everyone) I was very jet-lagged. However, that being said the classes were very insightful—I enjoyed the ethnographic workshops with the Moroccan students studying American culture. It was our dialogues with these individuals that really opened my eyes to not only the culture of Morocco, but to how these kids view American culture—that was really cool."

Haley, along with the other students who were a part of the production, also experienced the chance of a lifetime to be immersed in a foreign culture.

"I consistently tell all my friends who ask about

the trip that our journey was the perfect blend of insanity and discovery," Haley said. "Insane only because everything that is familiar to me was stripped from me. The world is completely different over there, and it would have been a much more difficult process without the help of our newly found friends."

"The discovery, then, came out of the lack of familiarity. Because I was stripped of being so self-reliant, my own identity began changing, and in this transformation I discovered a lot about myself and how I react with others," Haley said.

On his role in the adaptation, Haley said, "Ishmael was a very difficult role for me. First of all, I was a member of the 2008 'Moby Dick' cast and I was able to witness Dru Jamieson as he realized the character into a physical human being on stage. One of the biggest challenges then was doing the same justice to the character that Dru did while maintaining my own unique and artistic interpretation of Ishmael. There was also the challenge that is naturally embedded into a narrator character in any chamber theatre performance piece. This was a role that required a lot of focus and energy, but all in all it was an absolute blast to do."

In addition to the "Best Performance" award that KSU received, student Philip Justman won the award for "Best Actor" for his role as Captain Ahab. The group also won the judge's prize for "Best Production."

Robinson said, "I would say that the Moroccan performance of 'Moby Dick' was probably one of the strongest performances of the production that the cast delivered throughout the entire rehearsal and performance process."



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About 300 students, gathered on
Aug. 25 inside the student center for the
grand re-opening of CineKAB, a free
service created by the Student Activities
Board that offers free movie rentals with
a KSU ID.

To celebrate the re-opening,
CineKAB gave out 40 free pizzas,
drinks, T-shirts and raffle tickets to win
a DVD player or free movie tickets to
all the attendees. Though the re-open-
ing began at 12:30 p.m., students had
already formed a line by noon, most of
them wearing the red lanyards that in-
dicate a KSU activities board event.

"By the time I got here, the line
was already 111 deep" said CineKAB
Coordinator Keon Ghaffar-Jabbari.

Most of the students present heard
about the event through social net-
working Web sites like Facebook and

showed up for the free loot.

"We're here for the t-shirts!" said Alex
Surin, a junior biochemistry major.

Along with the freebies,
CineKAB's volunteers distributed
a registration form for rentals and
a general information sheet about
CineKAB. Many students did not re-
alize the organization existed before
the grand re-opening event.

Others, such as junior marketing and in-
ternational business major Gary Prusky,
look forward to renting movies starting
Aug. 31.

"I don't even live on campus, but I
rent from CineKAB" Prusky said as he
waited eagerly for CineKAB to open its
doors.

According to Ghaffar-Jabbari,
Wednesdays and Thursdays are the
best days to rent because students
can keep the movies for two days
without penalty.

At 12:30 p.m. students rushed into

CineKAB for the celebration, and the
line outside the doors persisted until 2:30
p.m.

"In the space of just two hours we
gave away over 100 'Transformers' T-
shirts designed by students, but over 300
students walked through our doors," said
Ghaffar-Jabbari. "We ran out of pizza.
400 slices of pizza!"

As for the organization's new location
Ghaffar-Jabbari said, "The new space has
better shelving and technology. We'll be
able to offer students even more movies
than before."

Jessica Davis, CineKAB's officer of
theme weeks, revealed the organization
offers more than free rentals: "Beginning
Sept. 1 is our week of disorientation.
We're bringing comedian Roy Woods
to KSU live, screening 'The Breakfast
Club' on the green and featuring musical
artist Dana Alexandra. We have theme
weeks and movies on the green through-
out the year."

Upcoming theme weeks include fright
fest in October and week of lovin' in
February.

The general reaction to CineKAB's re-
opening was best expressed by a group
of students standing toward the back of
the line when they shouted, "We love
you guys" as a CineKAB officer handed
out raffle tickets.

Nestled in its new location between
Chick-Fil-A and the KSU Bookstore,
CineKAB's collection boasts more than
600 movies and box sets including ev-
erything from classics and cult favorites,
such as "Casablanca" and "The Rocky
Horror Picture Show" to new releases
such as the complete first season of
"Gossip Girl."

The organization also updates their
stock monthly, buying movies based on
student suggestions submitted to their
online suggestion box. A complete list of
CineKAB's collection is posted on their
Web site.

CineKAB added 50 new movies for the
semester, which will soon be integrated
into the master list.

CineKAB is open Monday-Thursday
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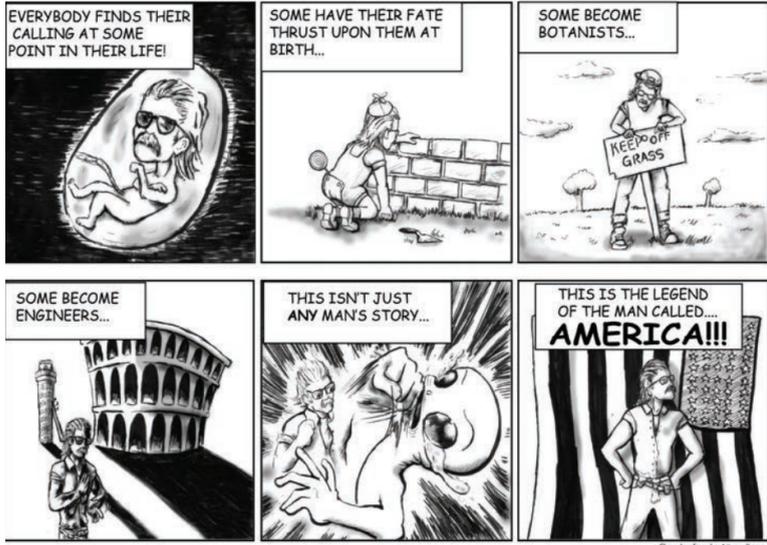
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EarthTalk

Dear EarthTalk: I haven't heard much of late about big oil spills like the infamous Exxon Valdez. Has the industry cleaned up its act, or do the media just not report them? — Olivia G., via e-mail

In the wake of 1989's massive Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound, when 11 million gallons of oil befouled some 1,300 miles of formerly pristine and wildlife-rich coastline, much has been done to prevent future spills of such magnitude.

For starters, Congress quickly passed the 1990 Oil Pollution Act, which overhauled shipping regulations, imposed new liability on the industry, required detailed response plans and added extra safeguards for shipping in Prince William Sound itself. Under the terms of the law, companies cannot ship oil in any U.S. waters unless they prove they have response and clean-up plans in place and have the manpower and equipment on hand to respond quickly and effectively in the case of another disaster.

Also, the law mandates that, by 2015, all tankers in U.S. waters must be equipped with double hulls. The Exxon Valdez had only one hull when it ran aground on Bligh Reef and poured its oil into Prince William Sound, the southern end of the oil pipeline that originates 800 miles to the north at Prudhoe Bay. By comparison, a 900-foot double-hulled tanker carrying nearly 40 million gallons of crude oil did not leak when it crashed into submerged debris near Galveston, Texas, in March 2009.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, average annual oil spill totals have dropped dramatically since new regulations took effect in 1990. Between 1973 and 1990, an average of 11.8 million gallons of

oil spilled each year in American waters. Since then, the average has dropped to just 1.5 million gallons, with the biggest spill (not including those resulting from Hurricane Katrina in 2005) less than 600,000 gallons.

Despite these improvements, critics say the industry still has more work to do. While protections have been beefed up in Prince William Sound, other major American ports still lack extra precautions such as escort tugboats and double engines and rudders on big ships to help steer them to safety when in trouble.

Another area that the 1990 law doesn't cover is container ships that don't transport oil as their cargo but which carry a large amount, anyway, for their own fuel for the considerable distances they travel. Such ships also could cause a major spill (anything more than 100,000 gallons, by Coast Guard standards). Yet another concern is the great number of smaller oil spills that occur every day at industrial locations (including but not limited to oil refining and storage facilities) and even in our own driveways. These will continue to add up to a heavy toll on our environment, even if another oil tanker never spills at sea again.

And while the total number and volume of oil spills is down dramatically from bygone days, the trend of late warrants concern. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Office of Response and Restoration reports that oil spills in U.S. waters have risen again over the past decade, with 134 incidents in 2008 alone. Green leaders worry that if Bush administration plans to expand offshore oil drilling are not overturned by President Obama, oil spills in U.S. waters could remain a sad fact of life.



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Big year in store for cross country teams



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Scott Burley returns for his senior season to help lead the Owls.

JUSTIN HOBDAY
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's cross country teams return deep rosters that set high expectations for both teams.

"We have a number of seniors coming back," said head coach Stan Smith. "I feel like we have an opportunity to win the conference in both the men's and women's cross country."

Seniors on the men's team include Scott Burley, Nathan Haskins, Matthew Auers and Michael Johnson. Burley led the men in the 2008 Atlantic Sun Championship where he finished eighth in the 8K race and earned All-Conference Honors. Haskins returns after red-shirting last season.

"Haskins is going to be a big factor this season," Sims said. "He's been doing 100-mile weeks, and he does a lot of it at the mountains."

The teams do a lot of their training at Kennesaw and Red Top mountains, and at Noonday Park where the flatter terrain helps the runners recover.

"We're very fortunate to have all of these places to practice," Sims said.

All-Freshmen Team member Jaakko Nieminen returns for his sophomore campaign, and newcomers Ryan Burrus and Nabil Hamid join the team as promising freshmen runners.

"[Hamid] is one of our top freshmen. We feel like if we can keep him healthy he's going to have an impact

on our team," Sims said.

The women's team also returns a loaded senior-laden group that is led by junior Mackenzie Howe.

"We arguably have the best female runner in the Atlantic Sun Conference in Mackenzie Howe," Sims said.

Howe finished second at the 2008 A-Sun Championships leading the team to a third place finish.

"I think we have a strong team this year," Howe said. "We didn't lose anybody so we have a good chance."

Soibhan Wolcott and Kristen Gibson returned for the 2009 season and joined Howe on the All-Conference team. Wolcott finished fifth at the conference meet, and Gibson followed closely in seventh.

The returns of Britany Reilly and Erin Sutton also strengthen the women's team after both red-shirted last season.

"We're all starting out in good shape, and we've only started our workouts," Reilly said.

Both teams head to Jacksonville, Ala. Sept. 5 to run in the Jacksonville State Strut's Cross Country Opener.

"Everything is a training run up until [the A-Sun Championship] Oct. 31," Sims said. "We're really going to start focusing and bearing down at the Disney Classic, which is Oct. 10. It's run in Orlando, Fla., which is in the vicinity of the conference course. We will preview the conference course that weekend as well."



Mackenzie Howe looks to improve on a second-place finish from the 2008 conference championships.

Owls notch first win, split weekend matches

JOHN MORBITZER
STAFF WRITER

The KSU women's soccer team played host to former conference foe Francis Marion University (0-3-0), and No. 17-ranked Minnesota, winning the first match in come-from-behind fashion, but losing a defensive battle against the Golden Gophers.

The Owls (1-2-0) played stellar defense and stopped 12 first-half shots from Minnesota, but an 84th minute shot from the Gopher's Katie Bethke trickled into the goal past KSU keeper Staci Pugh, who tied a career high with 10 saves.

"I think anytime you're playing a top 20 nationally ranked side, and you hang around until the 85th minute, you've got to feel good about it," said head coach Rob King.

The Owls could not create much offensively, recording only

three total shots for the game, but the defense was up to par.

"We worked hard today," King said. "We looked more organized, we didn't create much offensively, but we know that was going to be a challenge with this team."

With the Owls taking the opening kick off, they had an early chance, but Minnesota changed the pace with two chances in the fifth minute. The visitors continued to pressure throughout the half, though KSU's Alyssa Mahan had a shot on goal in the 43rd minute.

The second half remained a stalemate until Minnesota took the lead late. Senior Maylee Attin-Johnson recorded the Owl's last shot in the 90th minute, but it was deflected wide as time expired.

The game was delayed nearly an hour as rain and lighting threatened the start time. The conditions left the field soggy and underwater in some spots, which ultimately played a role in the action.

"The weather played a huge role, because it was difficult to anticipate. I can tell you it was more a mind game," Bridget Gaughan said.

Friday provided a better outcome for KSU, as the Owls used a second half rally by Alyssa Mahan to beat the Patriots, 2-1.

Francis Marion took the lead in the 10th minute on a shot by Angela Salem that was partially blocked by keeper Staci Pugh.

In the 21st minute, KSU took three shots off a corner opportunity, but could not score as all three shots were blocked. It was not until the 60th minute that Mahan scored the first goal of the season for the Owls, followed by her second goal of the evening six minutes later. The strike was high bending ball that dropped into the upper left corner and gave the Owls the lead.

"It was amazing, I was kind of in shock at first," Mahan said. She mentioned that her preferred foot was her left, while both scores came off her right.

"[The game] was good. Obviously we went a goal down tonight so we had to claw our way back into the game, so I was very pleased to see that," King said.

KSU will travel to Auburn University Friday, Sept. 4, where the team will look to carry the momentum from the strong performance over the weekend.

"They're going to be a very good team as well, but we know we can defend against high level teams, now we just need to get the ball and keep it," King said.



Derek Wright | The Sentinel

Brittany Vining and the Owls won their first victory of the season against Francis Marion University.

Men's soccer preps for another season

LUCAS BIGHAM
CLUB SPORTS REPORTER

The men's soccer club is preparing for their season opener Sept. 4 against Dalton State University at 7 p.m.

"The home opener is going to be a good one against Dalton State since it will set the tone for our season," said Samer Kaddah, men's soccer club officer.

The Owls are looking forward to the beginning of the season when they can showcase their roster of returning players and new talent. The decisions on who would join the 25-30 person roster were made during an intensive tryout period Aug. 24-27.

"When there is a successful team that is playing against big name competition like UGA, Clemson, GT, Ole Miss, etc., people notice and they want to be a part of it," Kaddah said.

The team received a lot of student interest at their booth during club sports day during which nearly 50 people expressed interest in trying out. Most had played in high school while others had collegiate level experience. There were also students who had played semi-professionally over-

seas. Having so many talented players trying out makes cutting players a more difficult task.

"There were many who played in college before and even some that played semi-pro in other countries," Kaddah said. "We are expecting to have to make some tough cuts this year with all the talent that is coming out."

The club is very excited to have so many great teams on their schedule this season such as the University of Georgia and Emory University, two teams they lost to last season.

"The biggest game we have is UGA in Athens on a Friday night in order for revenge from last year," Kaddah said. "This year we plan to practice even harder and turn those losses into wins."

The club travels throughout the Southeast all season to places like Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. If the team qualifies at the regional tournament, they travel to Phoenix for the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association National Championship Nov. 20-22.

The team will be playing their games this year at the new KSU Sports and Recreation

Park (formerly Gold's Gym). The club is positive that this new facility will help them train for their rigorous schedule lasting until the end of fall semester.

"I think it will help us a lot because it is a state-of-the-art facility with many different training options," Kaddah said. "It will also be a great draw for fans to come check out the team in one of the best club facili-

ties in the nation."

The club is encouraging students to come out and watch the men's soccer club in action.

"We are looking forward to a successful season against some big name schools as we go on to regionals," said Kaddah. "Everyone needs to come out and support the team at home."

Volleyball starts on promising note

BEN HAMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The KSU women's volleyball team competed in the Staybridge Suites Rocket Classic hosted by the University of Toledo Aug. 28-29.

First-year head coach Karen Weatherington led the Owls to a 2-0 start for the first time in the program's four year history along with a trip to the championship match.

In their opening match, KSU defeated Marist 3-2 (25-16, 25-18, 22-25, 22-25, 15-10) with a strong performance from senior Chelsey Denesha. During the five-set victory, Chelsey had a career high 21 digs along with 13 kills to complete her double-double.

After the Owls won the first two sets of the match, Marist came back to win two of their own. In the fifth and final set of the night, Callie Churchwell and Sabrita Gulley came up big to propel KSU to the victory.

"This team left it all on the court in the fifth set," Weatherington said. "I challenged Sabrita and Callie to play with aggression but intelligence. Those two along with Chelsey and Ginny really showed a lot of grit in the final set."

On Saturday afternoon KSU took on the Bryant Bulldogs. In their second match of the tournament, the ladies defeated the Bulldogs 3-1 (25-22, 25-18, 21-25, 25-22) on a MVP performance from senior Asjia Stokes. She led all players with 14 kills, five digs and five blocks.

"Asjia was phenomenal in the clutch,"

Weatherington said. "She stepped up right when we needed and just gave a tremendous performance."

"We needed to be tested. Bryant is a scrappy, tough team that gave us a great fight," Weatherington said. "We're looking forward to playing the championship match tonight against a very solid Toledo squad."

During the championship match of the tournament the Owls fell to a very tough Toledo team 3-1 (23-25, 25-12, 25-20, 25-23). After playing a tightly contested opening set, Toledo came back and won three straight.

Although the team did not take home the championship, all was not lost as the Owls showed a lot of promise for the upcoming season. Sabrita Gulley and Asjia Stokes played well for KSU and were named to the All-Tournament Team. Selina O'Leary also played well and contributed a career-high 22 digs, while Eman Burns had another 17 digs for KSU.

"Selina was huge defensively," Weatherington said. "She's made a commitment to really directing our defense this year and we saw that come to life in the first two matches, but especially against Toledo. Eman also played very well for us on the back row. She made a lot of impressive plays for us."

The women's volleyball team will play their next match Friday, Sept. 4 when they host the Great 8 Volleyball Challenge presented by Residence Inn - Kennesaw. The ladies will take on Alabama A&M at 7:30 p.m. at the KSU Convocation Center.

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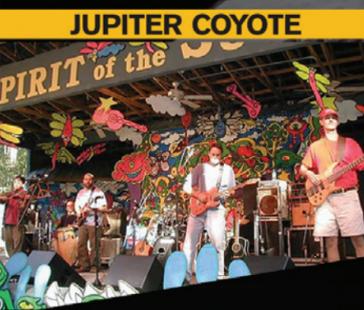
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