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Budgetary uncertainty constricts mental health services

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Students who find their personal issues are beyond them and seek help on campus have two options: the Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) and the House 52 clinic. Both services cater to students who need help with coping skills, struggles of everyday living and more serious issues.

But the two services share a problem: long wait times. Both offices have an overflow of patients and not enough staff.

"[Patient flow] is becoming less seasonal and more consistent," said Bob Mattox, assistant dean and director of Student Success Services, which oversees CPS. He acknowledged that there are peak times at which students seek counseling such as the beginning, middle and end of semesters.

CPS's limitations are a product of growth and financial constraints, factors that also limit many other campus resources. But with just nine licensed psychologists, there's usually a wait.

"For new patients, for individual appointments, we're looking at the middle of May," Mattox said.

To offset the long wait time, CPS has limited the number of student appointments to 16 per year, whereas it was previously unlimited. According to Mattox, the new maximum has helped reduce the wait time for an appointment with a CPS psychologist.

Students are not screened until a psychologist performs an intake. If counselors deem that their services cannot meet a student's needs, then they will make a referral. However, if students need immediate counseling, CPS has established an emergency system available 24/7, and two counselors are ready immediately to visit with students who cannot wait for an appointment.

Students' second option for treatment is the psychiatric services offered by the House 52 clinic.

According to Director of the Health Clinic Anne Nichols, deciding whether to use CPS or the

House 52 services can be resolved by asking one question: "Is this a problem that is amenable by medication or by talking with someone on a regular basis?"

If medication is the better choice, students should make an appointment at the House 52 clinic to see the licensed, on-staff psychiatrist. Also on the psychiatric staff are two clinical social workers and two psychiatric clinical specialists.

Just as wait times are an issue for CPS, they are also a concern for the House 52 clinic. But the wait time also depends on the urgency of the issue at hand.

"If somebody calls and says, 'I've been seeing someone else on the outside but I've lost my insurance,' unfortunately, the wait is about one month to six weeks," Nichols said.

When new patients come into the House 52 clinic, they complete a packet of paperwork, which, according to Nichols, is reviewed as soon as possible.

"It's not like it's done and then sits there for a couple weeks," she said. "We do all kinds of screening—for depression, for bipolar disorder. We will screen with a whole array of laboratory tests to make sure it's not a medical problem that's not amenable to medications of the psychiatric realm. We will also get an EKG and an echocardiogram if that patient has a preexisting heart condition."

The laboratory work performed by the House 52 clinic includes a complete blood count, a complete metabolic panel, a thyroid-stimulating hormone test and a lipid profile, all of which are conducted by using blood samples from the patient. From there, students must wait until their paperwork has been reviewed and their laboratory results have returned so that the psychiatrist can start prescribing and managing their medication.

At this point, there is no budget to address the problem. But Nichols said emergency cases will get a high priority.

"If someone has a crisis, they will be seen today," she said. "They may have to wait a while, but they will be seen."

Fiscal concerns predominate

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Before full house crowds in the Bailey Performance Center and Stillwell Theater, President Daniel Papp delivered the 2010 State of the University Address Thursday.

Inaugurated in 2006, Dr. Papp is KSU's third president and leads the university at a time of severe economic woes for both Georgia and the U.S. In light of recent proposed cuts to the University System of Georgia, much of Papp's address focused on budget concerns raised by students, faculty and staff since February's town hall meetings on campus.

"This year has been a challenging year, and next year will be difficult as well," said Papp. "However, we continue to make great progress at Kennesaw State."

Federal stimulus funds, made available last year as part of efforts to revive the economy, softened the blow of roughly \$17.1 million in state-level budget cuts in recent years. According to Papp, however, these funds will no longer be available when Fiscal Year 2012 begins in the summer.

"This is the monster we knew would be lurking under the bed in 15 months," he said. "As a result, we have to remain fiscally conservative and efficient. While there has been some success in doing so, it has not been nearly enough."

Though the budget situation remains a major concern, Papp highlighted some good news that arrived in recent weeks. Governor Sonny Perdue proposed significant reductions in the cuts to higher education, and KSU will receive no additional budget cutbacks through the end of June, when the current fiscal year ends.

Papp also reported that the hiring freeze put in place in response to proposed budget cuts was lifted early last week. He added, "We are now confident

that the draconian cuts proposed over the last few weeks will not occur."

Though the budget situation is a top priority now, Papp is optimistic that it won't remain that way.

"I honestly believe that, in two to three years, it won't even be a problem," he said.

Student Government Association President Daniel Street echoed the chief concern. "Our most prominent challenge right now is obviously the fiscal situation, as it affects all others. Without funding, we can't do things like recruit the best professors and address facility and physical space needs."

University officials are looking closely at the use of physical space and how to more effectively use existing facilities. One idea Papp presented is to

expand the number of classes held on Fridays. Statistics show that the number of course sections offered that day is approximately 10 percent of the number offered Mondays through Thursdays.

Papp also presented several other important points. As the university prepares to close its first half-century, a major initiative is to develop KSU's identity and brand as it seeks to become a national university.

In recent months, KSU has received several national accolades that officials feel contribute to such an effort. Among those are the designation of being an "Up and Coming University" by *U.S. News and World Report*. Papp also reported that all KSU academic areas up for accreditation in recent months passed, including the Association to Advance

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Joseph Pigage | The Sentinel
President Papp delivered his State of the University Address last Thursday.

Early Childhood Education degree offered at Paulding site

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Beginning this fall, students can complete a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at KSU's Paulding County site.

The Paulding location is a joint effort between Georgia Highlands College, KSU and Paulding County and offers convenient higher education to anyone living west of Cobb County.

Students may take two years of general education classes as a GHC student, then transfer to KSU's program and complete an early childhood education degree without leaving Paulding County.

"The demand for the degree is high in Paulding," said Anita VanBrackle, interim assistant chair of Elementary and Early Child Education. "Paulding is one of the fastest growing counties. I see nowhere but up for this program."

KSU conducted a survey last fall that indicated many students are interested in taking early childhood education courses in Paulding. Students also indicated an interest in expanding course offerings in other subjects for future semesters.

Fifteen classes will be offered for Fall 2010 at the Paulding campus; six of these classes are early childhood education courses. The remaining courses include upper-level classes in criminal justice, history, leadership and management. KSU is also offering eight courses for summer 2010 there.

"We're still exploring opportunities to create partnerships with the various colleges of KSU," said Ken Hill, faculty in residence at the Paulding site, who said he hopes KSU will eventually offer more bachelor's degrees there.

The Paulding instructional facility is in a renovated building in downtown Dallas, the Paulding County seat. The site features several classrooms, a technology lab equipped with Apple computers and one science lab.

"The site is continuing to work toward expanding classroom and office space targeted for completion in the Fall 2010," said Hill.

Students may begin registering for courses at the Paulding site April 15.

Information sessions are held at the Paulding site at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday in room 112. For more information, visit kennesaw.edu/dallas.

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'Blanketeers' provide warmth for children in need



Photo courtesy of Monique Lumsden

The Kennesaw Communication Association and Lambda Pi Eta show off their finished blankets.

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STAFF WRITER

Members of the Kennesaw Communication Association and Lambda Pi Eta, the communication honor society, teamed up Thursday to craft handmade blankets for Project Linus, a nonprofit organization that

provides warm covers for children in need.

The two communication organizations met in the Social Science Building lobby and produced 12 fleece blankets for the charity in the one hour and 15 minutes. The blankets are "no-sew" and are crafted by cutting and tying two large pieces of

fleece together.

"For someone who doesn't have warmth, a blanket is everything in the world," said Johnathan Maloney, a senior who was inducted into Lambda Pi Eta just last week and was eager to participate in the project.

Since Project Linus started in Illinois in 1995, it has since provided more than 3 million blankets to seriously ill or distressed children up to age 18.

The organization also recently started sending blankets overseas to children in war-stricken countries. There are Project Linus chapters all across the United States, with 14 chapters in Georgia alone.

Project Linus volunteers are dubbed "blanketeers." Donated blankets are handmade, washable and come in all sizes.

Senior Monique Lumsden, social chair of KCA and the scholarship officer for Lambda Pi Eta, coordinated the event. She initially became interested in Project Linus through Disney's "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" volunteer program, which rewarded volunteers with a free ticket to a Disney theme park for one day of service. The program ended before KCA could sign up, but the members decided to volunteer anyway.

Lumsden, KCA president Desirae

Johnson, Lumsden and many other KCA members are also in Lambda Pi Eta.

"We like the idea of trying to get the clubs to do stuff together at any time," said Lumsden. "It helps with cross knowledge, so everyone's aware of the cool things you can do with the communication groups."

Lambda Pi Eta holds a service event every fall semester. Susanna Crafton, president of Lambda Pi Eta, said they had never worked with KCA before.

"It's kind of a bonding thing, you know, but at the same time we're doing something good for the community," Crafton said.

KCA holds at least one community service event each semester. The organization frequently recruits guest speakers to inspire or help communication majors with their future careers.

Currently, KCA does not have a Web site. To join, e-mail Dr. Charles Aust at caust@kennesaw.edu for an application. The organization is open to all majors.

The Lambda Pi Eta honor society is open only to communication majors. The organization accepts applications at the beginning of every fall and spring semester. Visit kennesaw.edu/clubs/lpe for more details.

To volunteer or receive more information about Project Linus, visit projectlinus.org.

POLICE BEAT

KEVIN HAGLER
STAFF WRITER

"Psycho" Ex

On March 14, an officer arrived at University Place apartments after a call concerning damaged property. After returning from spring break, a tenant was with her ex-boyfriend. Upon receiving a call from her current boyfriend, her ex became "psycho" and proceeded to scream and name-call. The tenant kicked her ex out only to have the perpetrator kick the door down, shattering the glass and frame which were valued at nearly \$500. The subject was arrested for 1st degree criminal damage, assault and criminal trespassing.

Drug Bust at KSU Place

An officer was dispatched to KSU Place apartments on March 16 after a call was made in reference to the odor of marijuana emitting from the door of an apartment. The officer knocked on the door, and a female tenant opened it with glassy eyes. A strong fume of marijuana came from the

room. After obtaining a warrant, two officers searched the apartment and confiscated brass knuckles, two glass pipes, multiple bottles of alcohol and one clear plastic bag with 2.2 grams of suspected marijuana. The tenant and her friend were arrested for possession.

Roommate Ruckus

On March 17, an officer was dispatched to KSU University Village apartments where an RA accompanied a tenant to inform the officer of threats made by the tenant's roommate. The tenant said her fellow roommates have not gotten along with one particular roommate who has been leaving notes with death threats. The officer contacted the threatening roommate who said that she had no intention of hurting anyone but just wanted attention to express living issues. The officer advised the roommates separate through housing if they saw fit.

Commons Commotion

Six officers executed a confirmed arrest warrant on March 18 for aggravated battery disfigurement and simple battery harm for a KSU Sodexo vendor working in The Commons. The vendor was known to be armed and had previous assault charges on his record. The warrant was executed without incident and the perpetrator was turned over to the Cobb County Sheriff's Office.

'This is great news.'

Papp updates students on budget cuts

KEVIN HAGLER
STAFF WRITER

"This is great news," said KSU President Daniel Papp in a memo sent to all students on Friday. "I am confident that the cuts of \$300 million for the University System and the \$14.1 million for KSU will not occur, and I am equally confident that the extreme increase in tuition that was being discussed a month ago will not occur."

This statement came after Governor Sonny Perdue recommended a \$117 million reduction in next year's USG budget—that number is significantly lower than the initial \$300 million proposed cut. Perdue also called for an increase in formula funding of \$113 million and recommended that federal stimulus money be pushed up from Fiscal Year 2011 to Fiscal Year 2010. This recommendation met Papp's approval.

"For the rest of the Fiscal Year 2010, that is from now through the end of June, the budget situation is clear...we will make it to the end [of the fiscal year] without any additional budget reduction or need for additional austerity measures," Papp's memo said.

The statement came after what Papp referred to as "strong" support from the governor, select state legislators and thousands of people who contacted their state representatives. But Papp also stressed the uncertainty of the situation.

"Much is not yet certain," he wrote. "The legislature still must act on the Governor's recommendations, and we do not know what the Board of Regents will do regarding tuition."

Due to the uncertainty of the 2011 budget, early registration for fall 2010 has been pushed back from April 5 to April 15.

"Postponement of early registration will provide academic department chairs additional time to plan," said Registrar Kim West. "The academic department chairs are taking this time to review class offerings in light of possible budget cuts."

Even with the recommendations from the governor, no one knows what programs, jobs and course sections may be cut this fall semester. West also said no decisions have been made regarding furlough days or class cuts.

"We do not anticipate large reductions in the number of classes," said West. "However, class consolidations may be a consideration to recover the ability to accommodate enrollment."

West offers his advice to students who may be apprehensive about fall registration.

"Although early registration has been postponed for 10 days, students will have five weeks to register in April and May," he said. "Students should view the fall schedule of classes online and make plans."

The schedule will be finalized by April 15.

OWL BRIEFS

Health Fair

The health fair will take place today from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Center. The fair will feature 20 stations directed by KSU nursing students, who will be earning hands-on experience. The stations will include blood pressure reading, glucose measurement, hemoglobin, cardio flexibility reading, HIV screening and more. T-shirts and prizes will be available.

David Anthony Durham

Award-winning novelist David Anthony Durham will speak at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Center. Durham will discuss his work and speak about writing science fiction fantasy. Durham's visit is sponsored by KSU's College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the English Department. The event is free. For more information, visit hss.kennesaw.edu/about/news-events/n-eng-2010-03-15-durham-visit/.

LGBTQ Collegiate Summit

The 8th annual LGBTQ Collegiate Summit will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 10 in the Social Sciences Building. Hosted by Kennesaw Pride Alliance, the summit will include speakers from HBO's Sex Inspectors, RuPaul's Drag Race and Georgia Equality. To register online, go to kennesawpridealliance.com.

Sincerely Yours: A Case of Ethics Cooperation

Dr. Brandon D. Lundy will host a discussion on cultural differences shared in the economy as well as cultural identity, global pressures and the household management of diverse populations. The lecture is scheduled for 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. April 12 in the Social Sciences Building, Room 3031.

Suburban Conference

The Eighth Annual Suburban Conference: The Changing Face of and Challenges Confronting Suburbia, will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 23 in the Social Sciences Atrium. The keynote speaker is Tad Leithhead, chairman of the Atlanta Regional Commission. The conference panels and presentations will discuss the devaluation of suburbia. To register go to epay.kennesaw.edu/C20923_ustores/web/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=789. Registration is \$16 but is free for the first 85 students who sign up.

March of Dimes

The March of Dimes Annual March for Babies will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 24 at Marietta Middle School. The race will begin at 10 a.m. To register, visit Volunteer Kennesaw State University in Student Center Room 264.

CORRECTIONS

In last week's issue, the story, "What's got Obama so pissed?" the title should have read "What's got Osama so pissed?" Also in last week's issue, the photo of the Health Sciences Building on page 3 was incorrectly attributed; it was taken by Joseph Pigage. It is the policy of The Sentinel to correct all errors of fact.



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THAT'S WHAT [S]HE SAID

Story and photos by Hannah Imler

Summer is right around the corner, but some students won't really call it a vacation. Instead of Fourth of July picnics, family trips to the beach or a summer job, some students will continue to hit the books. KSU offers summer classes in almost every department, and registration is underway. Check out what KSU students think about summer classes.



Diana Dixon, sophomore, psychology

"I'm going to try to get 'abnormal psych,' but probably just that one. I took a Maymaster class last summer and I loved it, even though there was a lot of reading. It was world history with Dr. Esplin. He timed everything perfectly and took lots of breaks. You really got to know your class because you were with them for so long each day. It was actually fun!"



Lloyd Varnado, junior, human services

"I'm taking four classes, and I took four last semester. I'm laid off right now and to get unemployment, you have to be fulltime, which according to the Registrar is 12 hours during the summer. It's crazy. Twelve hours during the summer is like 24 hours in a regular semester. But, I'll take a Maymaster and see how that works out."



Chris Bunyan, junior, elementary education

"I absolutely hate summer classes. It's so little time to cover so much material, and it's awful. I'm taking 'Teaching Reading' and 'Grades Three through Five,' because I need them to graduate."



David Kercher, freshman, biochemistry

"I may take a summer class. If I do, it will be calculus. I'm only going to take one so I can focus on just that. I haven't heard anything about summer classes, whether or not they are easy or hard."



Harold Violet, sophomore, human services

"I have no clue which classes I'm going to take; I just know I'm taking them. They will probably be human service classes because I want to get done. I want to graduate before I'm 60. I hear summer classes are tough because they're so short but I've never taken any before."



Mable Lai, sophomore, biology

"I'm planning to take summer classes, but I'm not sure. I heard there were different sessions in May, June and July, and the ones in May are much longer. I'd probably try to take physics because I need it to graduate. I thought about taking organic chemistry, but I think I'll save that for a regular semester."

International Student Association

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International Bazaar
Monday, April 5
University rooms ABCDE
12:30pm



Fashion Show
Friday, April 16
University rooms ABCDE
7pm



Courtney Parkins Memorial Soccer Tournament
Saturday, April 3
Owls Nest
11am

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Collegiate Schools of Business' endorsement of the Coles College of Business.

To aid the branding effort, KSU officials created a Strategic Thinking and Planning Committee, chaired by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Lendley Black. The committee has been charged with determining what needs to happen for KSU to become a national university in the next several years and creating the university's 2012-2017 strategic plan.

The address also covered several areas of growth for student life and athletic activities on campus.

Approximately 800 students per year are now participating in study abroad programs, and membership in registered student organizations is up considerably. Students applying to KSU in coming years will notice changes in the admissions process, which were last raised in 2004.

"We are also exploring the option of raising admissions standards," said

Papp. "Discussions continue with the Board of Regents on doing so, and no decisions have been made yet."

In the athletics arena, KSU's new stadium is set to open on May 2, and the Atlanta Beat professional women's soccer team has its opening day game scheduled there on May 9.

Plans are in progress to expand KSU's residence life capacity. At present, approximately 3,600 beds are available to students who wish to live on campus. Papp's presentation revealed plans to raise that capacity to roughly 5,000.

"We know the demand is there," he said. "One hundred percent of our beds are filled every semester, and the waiting lists so far have been several hundred, and those continue to grow."

Papp's message seemed well received by the campus community.

"Dr. Papp's message was one of challenge and hope, and I feel we are absolutely equipped to address the challenges and opportunities before us," said Street.

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Health reform passes; world doesn't end Successful bill is not a government takeover of health care

According to conservatives, if health care reform were signed into law, Armageddon would occur. Yes, the simple signing of a bill into law would end the world. After nearly a year of debating, revising, arguing and protesting, Congress, minus any Republican support, passed comprehensive health care reform. For decades, presidents tried and failed where President Obama succeeded.

The dark day that conservatives feared came and went, and despite all of their fears, Americans are no less free than they were prior to the passage of health care reform. The Republican threat of a government takeover of health care did not and will not occur. The signing of health care reform into law was not a government takeover, and you are just as free as you were before.

For most of us at KSU, the most frightening, communistic, socialistic, evil aspect of this law that affects us is: You can now stay on your parents' insurance until you're 26. No matter what the White House or members of Congress do to calm the souls of frightened and angry Americans, there will be little the government can do to convince them that freedom did not die last week.

RUN FOR THE HILLS! IT'S THE
END OF THE WORLD!

The new law is not a government takeover of health care. Despite firm

beliefs to the contrary, it may give us more freedom over our health care providers.

No longer will Americans live in fear that insurance companies will boot them from their rolls due to preexisting conditions. There is no longer a cap on how much health care coverage someone can receive. Those are just two of the many provisions that give Americans less to worry about.

Though it would be worthwhile to actually sit here and write out all of the major provisions of this landmark law, Americans who are against this bill simply need to do their research. However, no matter what the White House or members of Congress do to calm the souls of frightened and angry Americans, there will be little the government can do to convince them that freedom did not die last week.

The insanity that has ensued over this legislation is mindboggling. After the House passed the bill on March 21, many members of Congress were threatened via e-mails and telephone messages. In some cases, bricks thrown through office windows. Rep. Tom Perriello's (D-Va.) brother had his gas line cut.

The most ironic threat was directed toward Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Mich.), who voted "yes" on health care reform only after President Obama pledged to sign an executive order ensuring that no federal funds would be available for

abortions. Stupak received many death threats from the "pro-life" crowd (note the irony) claiming he was a "baby killer."

Offering little in the way of alternatives to the Democrats' proposals, Republicans said "no" to health care reform and stoked the flames of an enraged segment of the population rallying against the perceived march toward socialism. While it would be worthwhile to list all of the major provisions of this landmark law, Americans who are against this bill need to do their research. Visiting the extensive Web site the White House has launched (whitehouse.gov/healthreform) to layout exactly what's in the law is quite helpful.

The protestors' initial anger took a markedly different tone last weekend as they spewed racial epithets at Reps. John Lewis (D-Ga.) and Emanuel Cleaver (D-Mo.) a protestor spit on Cleaver and shouted anti-gay slurs at openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.).

These actions are not just appalling; they diminish efforts Tea Party groups and others have made over these past several months. Calling a civil rights hero such as John Lewis the "n" word and threatening to kill congressmen does not help their cause. If you want to repeal health care reform, use the midterm elections to get someone into office who supports your beliefs.



JOEL MENDELSON
COLUMNIST

Violence is never the answer—not for health care reform or any other issue one might be against. Presidents and congress will always get legislation passed and signed into law that you don't want, but in the United States, sometimes the opposition is elected.

Nearly 150 years ago, the United States went through something similar, and it started the Civil War. Let's not go down that path again. Stand up for what you believe in, but don't think you're above the law. Health care reform is the law now, and the country is still here. Unless those creating violence want to change that fact, the United States of America isn't going anywhere. Get used to it.

Don't let your voice be drowned out

The health care reform bill that has been so hotly debated in Congress for the past few months passed in the House and was signed into law by President Barack Obama on Tuesday.

While I do have serious reservations about the contents of the bill, that isn't the most pressing point right now. What matters most, in light of the upcoming congressional elections in November, is how Democrats in Congress ignored public opinion and decided to push the bill through, in spite of most Americans disapproval. Faced with this public opinion,

what did Congress do? They passed it anyway, of course.

Why? Two reasons: first, Democrats tend to believe that they know best, that their ideas are better than ours for this country. Obviously, not all of them think this way, but when Democrats get together in control of any branch of government, they begin to try to pass things they think will benefit the country, regardless of what people believe. Secondly, the Democrats needed a legislative victory.

After 2009 ended with the stimulus package being the only major legislation passed (which was nothing but a massive failure), the Democrats needed to pass something they could declare as a legislative victory.

So now that we know why Democrats ignored public opinion in passing the health care bill, we have to wonder: Is this an isolated incident or the start of a new trend?

That depends on how the American people respond. How can they respond? One word: voting.

In November, citizens get to cast their ballots for the midterm congressional elections. So far, predictions are that the Republicans are going to

gain seats (if only because of the cyclical nature of American politics), but the Democrats are quite intent on using the passing of health care legislation to shore up these projected losses.

However, health care reform is only marginally popular, even after its passage. A Gallup poll published Tuesday showed that 49 percent of Americans call the passage of health care reform a "good thing," while 40 percent say it's a "bad thing" and 11 percent have no opinion.

While this indicates health care is still far from universally accepted, it's a troubling statistic, because it shows that people who opposed the health care bill's passage have now decided its passing was a benefit. There's a word for what's happening here: complacency.

The American public is beginning to become complacent in their approach to government. They oppose government actions until the government actually takes the actions, and then the public simply allows it to happen. This is not what needs to happen here.

Ladies and gentlemen, the Democratic members of the House of Representatives ignored what the American people wanted on this bill.

Perhaps it would have been acceptable for them to ignore us on a smaller, less sweeping bill (I don't think it would be acceptable for our representatives to ignore us on any



NOAH SOLOMON
COLUMNIST

bill, but maybe that's just me), but not on a bill with as many long-term repercussions as the health care bill.

The Democrats ignored us when they decided to vote on this bill, and we shouldn't let them off easily. We must vote them out of office. I'll be non-partisan here: Party lines don't matter. We must have representatives who will listen, whether they be Democrat or Republican.

I believe Republicans listen to the people better. Are they perfect? Of course not. They have their flaws as well. But I think we need to let them have a chance after seeing how poorly the Democrats run things.

So this November, don't let your voice be drowned out by the Democrats and their self-praise. Make your voice heard in the most important way: your vote.

The Democrats ignored us when they decided to vote on this bill, and we shouldn't let them off easily.

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The case against minimum wage legislation

Here is a bit of advice for any aspiring politicians out there: If you want to stir up populist outrage to build political capital, you can always demagogue the “obscene” profits of large corporations.

Alternatively, you can elicit populist support from voting blocs less cynical of government by promising to enact minimum wage legislation. This seems to be the angle Georgia State Representative Tyrone Brooks is going for by sponsoring House Bill 1308, which would increase the state minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$15.00 an hour and tipped wages to \$7.50 an hour. (Most employees in Georgia are covered under the federal minimum wage of \$7.50)

It’s hard to imagine a worse time for a bill like this, except for the Great Depression. According to the Georgia Department of Labor, the state’s unemployment rate is 10.5 percent, which is higher than the national unemployment rate of 9.7 percent. The numbers are higher for black Georgians: 16.5 percent. It’s ironic that Brooks, a member of the Georgia Legislative

Black Caucus, is sponsoring a bill that will hurt this demographic the most.

With the recent passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, many business owners are anticipating new costs in the form of heavy fines and mandates to provide health insurance. Small businesses with fewer than 50 employees are going to be more hesitant to create jobs. They might also be reluctant to hire workers from low-income families due to the new obligation to pay an additional \$3,000 in subsidies.

In short, this health care reform legislation is going to be a huge job killer. Increasing the state minimum wage to such a high amount will make this bad situation for Georgia job seekers even worse.

The decision to increase the minimum wage is a trade-off. Those lucky enough to find work may earn more money, but job seekers will have a much harder time finding an employer willing to hire them at such an increased cost.

This trade-off is especially problematic for less expe-

rienced job seekers, such as college students. An employer may be willing to take a chance on a prospective employee with no experience at \$7.25 an hour, but might not be as willing at \$15.00 an hour. It is no coincidence that states with higher minimum wages also tend to have higher unemployment rates.

Since labor costs are the single biggest line item on an employer’s profit-and-loss statement, employers are certainly going to take minimum wage legislation very seriously when considering whether or not to hire new employees. Increasing the wages of the lowest paid workers also tends to inflate wages up the employment ladder.

If a business has a lot of employees, these increased labor costs really add up. Many businesses will choose to relay part of that cost to consumers, which means workers making minimum wage and those who are unemployed will have a much harder time buying the items they need.

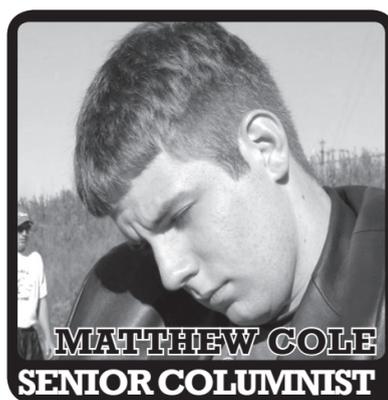
Who earns minimum wage anyway (besides me)? According to a Congressional

Joint Economic Committee report, only 1.2 percent of all full-time, minimum wage workers are adult heads of households, while “Fifty-seven percent of minimum wage workers are single individuals, many of them living with their parents.” In other words, they are the people least likely to need a job to support a family.

Furthermore, “Only 9.2 percent of poor people of working age have full-time jobs.” Given these statistics, perhaps the best way to combat poverty would be to prioritize job creation—something this minimum wage legislation actually hinders.

This whole minimum wage gimmick is meant to score political points for Georgia Democrats who want to take advantage of widespread economic illiteracy to score easy gains in the next election.

If you are working a minimum wage job, you are probably single and only working part time, perhaps while at-



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tending school. That’s perfectly normal. When it’s time to get a full-time job, those starting out at minimum wage don’t stay there for very long, and they probably don’t really need the money that badly anyway.

Earning a low wage is better than earning no wages at all. Unfortunately, the latter scenario is already the case for many Georgians, and this bill will only exacerbate this problem. Let’s not get distracted by this minimum wage gimmick when we should be trying to create more jobs for Georgia.

This violence must cease

Freedom-loving individuals can never condone the use of force or violence, unless it is in the defense of one’s self or country. Champions of freedom believe that our right to punch someone in the nose ends where their nose begins. We also believe that you have the right to engage in any action that does not violate the rights of others.

This is why I am deeply disturbed by the recent news that members of Congress, especially those who have supported the health care reform legislation, have been receiving threats of violence from those upset by the recent passage of the bill. Some protests have even gone beyond threats.

The AP noted Thursday that at least 10 Democrats now have reported being harassed. In New York, Arizona and Kansas, windows were shattered at four Democratic offices. In Virginia, the home gas line of Democratic Congressman Tom Perriello’s brother’s was cut.

Representative Betsy Markey (D – Colo.) asked for increased police protection at her home after receiving violent threats. According to Channel 7 News in Denver, a man called Markey’s office saying, “[you] better hope I don’t run into you in a dark alley with a knife, a club or a gun.”

A fax was sent to Rep. Bart Stupack (D – Mich.) with a picture of Bart Stupack hanging from the gallows and a caption reading, “All baby killers come to unseemly ends either by the hand of man or by the hand of God.”

The Democrats are blaming the Republicans for inciting this hatred, which I think is an unfair accusation. Some Democrats have blamed Sarah Palin and her message to her supporters, which read, “Common sense conservatives & lovers of America: Don’t retreat, instead - RELOAD!”

But, many Republicans are receiving violent threats themselves. The Richmond office of House Minority Whip, Eric Cantor (R – Va.) was shot at last Thursday after he had received e-mail threats. Rep. Jean Schmidt (R – Ohio) has also received crude and hateful voicemails.

The blame game needs to stop on both sides. No Republican leader has condoned these acts of violence, nor have they coordinated them. It is just political maneuvering for either party to say that the other is coordinating these attacks, which has been the response of some Democrats.

The vote on this bill has fired up a lot of political activists, whether they supported or opposed it. Many Americans are outraged; they feel frustrated that their voice has not been heard and their interests unrepresented



JUSTIN HAYES
SENIOR COLUMNIST

by their representatives. On the other hand, supporters of the bill seem to be targeting Republicans for their opposition to it, calling them racists and obstructionists.

Of course, the motivations for these acts of violence are all speculations on my part. Even though the bill has passed, there is still a lot of tension from both sides about the coming rules and effects. Whatever the anger, however, it is no excuse to commit violent acts in either support or opposition.

I am especially surprised at those attacking the Democrats. They have opposed this bill on the basis of its assault on the Constitution and liberty. Yet, nowhere in the Constitution does it give you the right to commit violent acts, even against members of the government who violate your rights. Liberty comes with responsibility and a respect for the liberty of others, even if they do not respect your liberty.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time; the need for mankind to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method, which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation.”

Injustices cannot solve injustices. The only mechanisms against this abuse of power is our freedom to assemble peacefully and protest, as well as our ability to vote members of Congress out of office every two years.

Conservative activists already have a bad stigma surrounding their cause. They have been called racists, hate-mongers and extremists. Terrorists should not have to be added to that list. If these violent actions or threats persist, then the cause against totalitarian government will surely be lost.

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The true face of war

Demystifying the illusion of patriotism

A few weeks ago, I was standing in line at the bank when I caught something very peculiar out of the corner of my eye. I turned around, and my pupils were not deceiving me. Behind me was a young boy, perhaps no older than 17, draped in full Army regalia.

It was authentic military garb, to be certain. The little soldier was barely 5-feet tall and couldn’t have weighed more than 100 pounds. His face was smooth and devoid of wrinkles, obviously never having seen a barber’s blade. With him was his girlfriend. I assume that was her mother filling out paperwork to the beside them.

All of the employees congratulated the boy on his decision to join the military. They all saluted him and told him that he was doing the Lord’s work as a man in uniform.

I walked out of the bank that morning, and I thought about the environment. I noticed all of the American flags that ubiquitously dotted the landscape. I noted the raggedy yellow ribbons tied to the antennas of the automobiles in the parking lot, and I observed the sundry bumper stickers that stated unwavering support for the troops. But most of all, I thought about that little kid.

I suppose his story is not unlike the ones carted about by a majority of the modern United States military. A number of them come from lower class backgrounds. I wonder if he joined the Army because that was, essentially, the only way for him to attend college. Maybe some silver-tongued recruiter ambled into his high school and promised him the world on a platter, with secured finances, guaranteed tuition and safety for his wife and kids.

Maybe he was wooed by some high school lecture, and the complimentary T-shirts and water bottles effectively won him over. Maybe he saw one of the commercials on TV, with the hard-rocking soundtracks and grandiose promises, and he was sold on the prospect.

More than likely, however, he joined the military because he had no other choice.

Currently, the U.S. military is the only employer that actively hires people like him. Maybe he joined because, fundamentally, that was his only option. God knows, the local proprietors who salute him now sure as hell never helped with his unemployment as a civilian.

I’m not sure what he was exposed to before he made the decision to join the military, but I am certain of the following: He never read “Johnny Got His Gun” or “All Quiet on the Western Front.” He never saw “Grand Illusion” or “Paths of Glory,” nor has he ever



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heard the names “Ron Kovic” or “Smedley Butler.” Of course, the people who claim to support the military haven’t either; then again, by doing so, they would have to view war as it is in reality, as opposed to how it is romantically envisioned.

I’m sure the young boy saw a variety of patriotic visions, wholesome slices of white bread America that he was told are worth fighting for. Maybe he saw parade footage, images of little league baseball and black-and-white facsimiles of Iwo Jima.

That’s what we believe: Our “patriotism” is rooted in an idealistic portrait of warfare, a notion that has not, nor ever shall, exist. We base our allegiance on a mendacious belief that somehow, the wars we wage are moralistic ones.

Assuredly, he never walked down the hallways of a veterans’ hospital and saw a 20-year-old soldier with a catheter wedged permanently into his penis. He never attended the funeral of a dead 19-year-old soldier, and he never witnessed his mother throwing herself upon her son’s coffin. He never saw the soldiers who returned home not as heroes, but as mentally fragmented shells of human beings.

Of course, we never see that. We don’t envision legless and armless veterans during Memorial Day parades. The maimed and mutilated are kept under lock and key because, heaven forbid, the illusion of warfare is ever presented as a falsehood.

There is nothing romantic about warfare. It is the wholesale slaughter of millions, the greatest sin of humanity and the most hideous blemish on the face of purported civilization. It is but undiluted depravity, a sick game orchestrated by the powers that be, but fought with the people carrying the least of it.

That day at the bank, I envisioned the true face of war. How deeply it saddens me that so few other people have likewise realized it.

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FEATURES

"Make me read."

Professor writes next great love story

HANNAH IMLER
STAFF WRITER

Imagine a quaint, southern town, narrow streets bustling with activity, patriotic decorations waving in the wind. Lively music and hearty hellos waft through the humid summer air.

The town is Toccoa, Ga., and the year is 1945. A storm is brewing. Lily Davis—the vibrant, defiant, daughter of a wealthy socialite family—is about to come face-to-face with an indescribable love that few ever experience. Her husband was dispatched only days after their marriage, but soon he will return from war.

Curiosity drives Lily to seek out the creator of a brilliant firework she witnessed just a few days before the homecoming celebration. Fate leads her to Jake Russo, a young and passionate Italian immigrant, hired by the town to put on the fireworks display.

After an unforgettable evening, Lily must choose a comfortable marriage or an extraordinary love that would satisfy her spirited soul.

New York Times bestselling author, Emily Griffin, calls the book "a luminous love story that readers won't soon forget." Not only is it a 2010 Indie Next List Notable, and a 2010 SIBA Okra Pick, but it's already being marketed to Hollywood as a major motion picture.

The poignant novel is called "Fireworks over Toccoa." The city of Toccoa may not be close to KSU, but the author of "Fireworks" is as close as it gets—he's on the faculty.

"I wrote a lot of the book right here in [my] office," said Jeffrey Stepakoff, who teaches dramatic writing classes. Smiling, he added, "Sometimes students may see me walking through campus shaking my head and muttering to myself—I'm writing. I

shared my work with my students as I was writing it. I think of them as my colleagues-in-training."

Before teaching at KSU, Stepakoff spent almost 15 years in Hollywood writing for television shows such as "The Wonder Years," "Sisters" and "Dawson's Creek," for which he was co-executive producer. He also wrote for major motion pictures such as Disney's "Brother Bear" and "Tarzan."

After spending a year dreaming up and outlining the story, Stepakoff finished the first draft within two months. "While I was writing it, my wife was very pregnant with our third child," he said. "I would sit at the kitchen table writing while she sat in the living room knitting and we would joke about how we were both pregnant with our babies."

Another element that makes the novel more than just another Hollywood love story is the unique cultural influence of an Italian-American family and their fireworks. In 2004, Stepakoff visited George Zambelli, president and owner of Zambelli Fireworks Internationale.

"He inspired me," Stepakoff recalled, reaching for a heartfelt letter from Zambelli wishing him success with his endeavors. "He made me wonder what a young Italian man living in this country would've been like." Zambelli passed away only months after their meeting, but his influence on the novel will last forever.

"Making fireworks was a family trade for Zambelli, passed down through the generations. He saw it as art, not just a way of life."

Dr. Federica Santini, Italian program co-

ordinator and a fellow professor at KSU, helped Stepakoff with his debut novel.

"Since what he was writing had so much Italian content in it, he asked me to help with the translation," Santini said.

"One thing I really like about Jeff is that he wanted everything to be precise, how it should be as if it really happened."

"The hardest part about writing the novel has been trying to disengage my brain from the characters. I love this world!" Stepakoff said. "My wife grew up

in Toccoa and when we were courting we spent a lot of time there. I fell in love with the town, so it's very personal for me."

"Fireworks over Toccoa" arrives in bookstores nationwide today, with a midnight release party in Toccoa. The Borders at East Cobb will be hosting a book signing at tomorrow at 7 p.m., and the Barnes & Noble at Buckhead will be hosting a signing April 6 at 7 p.m.

For more information, visit his Web site at jefreystepakoff.com.



GET TO KNOW THE AUTHOR:

Favorite food:

"I love to eat! Actually, the second novel I'm writing has a lot to do with food. It's really important to me to eat wholesome, organic food, so I'd say a perfect apple that just came off the tree in fall, or a perfect peach from an organic orchard."

Favorite movie:

"There are at least 20 movies that I love. Maybe 'The Graduate.' I like love stories."

Favorite place to vacation:

"I've travelled the world, been to Europe many times, Asia, there's a special place in my heart for Paris, but my favorite place to vacation is my home."

Favorite place on campus:

"My office. I spend hours in here. I like to walk around campus too. It's a great environment to write in."

Best thing about working in Hollywood:

"Writing television shows. It's great because sometimes hours later you go make it, then only days later you see it."

Dream job as a kid:

"Being a writer."

Best thing about being a writer:

"Getting things perfect. Rendering a world perfectly. People do exactly what you want them to do. They sit on what you want them to sit on, and eat the sandwich that you made up."



Kristina Ramos | The Sentinel

Professor Jeffrey Stepakoff spent almost 15 years writing professionally in Hollywood before starting his teaching career at KSU. "Fireworks over Toccoa," his first novel, is gaining notoriety from other authors, critics and filmmakers.

Conference promotes green living, peace

TORI WESTER
STAFF WRITER

The fluorescent lights created a glow on the short silver hair, turquoise earrings and rimless glasses of Dr. George Ann Huck as she spoke of her home and the people she loved there.

"I'm one of those interdisciplinary souls who never find a home and just keep wandering," said Huck, describing her lifestyle in the Mexican state of Yucatan.

Huck was the keynote speaker of the Sixth Annual KSU Peace Conference that centered on peace and the economy. The event was a series of workshops attended by people interested in promoting peace in their personal circles, as well as the world.

Huck's speech, "The Economy and Women's Leaders in Mexico: How Poverty Impacts Women's Leadership in the Yucatan," centered around her experiences helping poor women overcome their financial situations.

While spending time in the region, Huck encouraged the Mayan women to become their own individuals. The address showcased Huck's talent as a master storyteller.

"Walk with me where life is scraped away in the cornfield," she began, recounting the story of a woman who dedicated her life to becoming more than just the wife of a poor man.

Audrey Garcia, an associate professor of Spanish and interim director for the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, attended the lecture.

"What attracted me to this conference was [Huck] presenting women's issues," said Garcia, who was born and raised in Mexico City and has witnessed gender inequality among Mexican and Mayan women in her homeland as well as in Georgia.

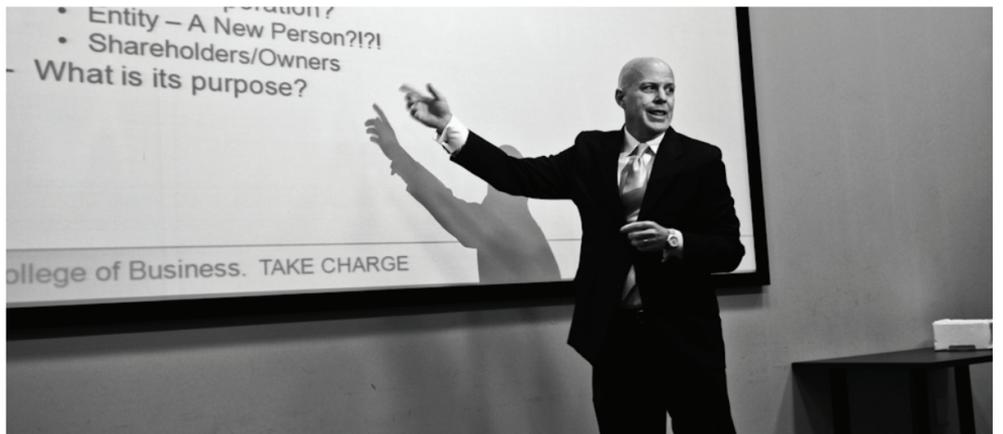
After Huck's lecture, attendees headed outside for coffee and muffins before disappearing into workshops. One of the sessions, "Building Awareness of Important Economic Relationships between Host Communities and Students on Study Abroad," showed students how to react to cultural differences, mannerisms and monetary situations in other countries.

Other topics included environmental friendliness, marketing green products and the problem of mislabeling goods as "green" when they're not.

Dr. Ken Harmon, dean of the Coles College of Business, presented "The Role of Business in a Meaningful Life."

"The more we live life at peace with the world around us, the more peace evolves and flourishes," Harmon said of the relationship between employee and manager. Harmon gave examples of companies such as Google, Timberland and Semco to demonstrate how happy employees make businesses more peaceful entities.

For more information on the Peace Studies program or on how to be involved with next year's peace conference, contact Tom Pynn at tpynn@kennesaw.edu.



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Ken Harmon explains how business relates to peace (above); Conference attendees get involved in a role play during a workshop (below).



RESTAURANT REVIEW

Cafe has surprising mix of fare and themes

NIGEL BRETT
STAFF WRITER

Entering the Atlanta Cheesecake Cafe is an unforgettable experience: the foyer is two stories high and covered in the most eclectic mix of colors and themes. Guests are surrounded by a mixture of swanky crystal and polished brass chandeliers, leopard print and bright purple shades, dark wooden cabinets, neon green railings and a claw-foot tub wrapped in zebra print.

While simultaneously evoking images of a New York-style bakery and an African safari, the eccentric decor still feels inviting. The ambiance is heightened by the jazz and swing music that's piped into the dining area, with the gritty, hollow tone of an antique gramophone.

The dining area is nothing short of swanky and the high-resolution pictures of desserts played on the walls remind customers of the cafe's namesake. You may have never noticed this small eatery, which is set back from the road and hidden inside an inconspicuous brick building.

The food is a surprising blend of gourmet flavors and familiar treats, perfect for an out of the ordinary lunch at a reasonable cost, the sandwiches range in price from \$3.75 to \$5.25.

The classic club sandwich is a behemoth—a "man's sandwich," as cafe manager Pieter Birch, says—something to order when you're really hungry. The club's 15-grain bread is piled with turkey, black forest ham, cheddar and Swiss cheeses, bacon, lettuce and tomato—served with sweet honey mustard on the side.

The Hawaiian ham sandwich is one item in particular that demonstrates the cafe's quirky fare. Pineapple cheddar spread accents black forest ham. The balance of creamy cheddar and citrusy pineapple is harmonious.

Other original sandwiches include a

deviled egg sandwich and a BLT. The cafe's turkey berry sandwich, a house specialty, combines the savory roast turkey, the buttery sharpness of Havarti cheese and the sweetness of raspberry preserves.

To complement the gourmet sandwiches, the cafe has various hearty soups and fresh salads. The corn and turkey chowder is thick and loaded with chunks of tender turkey, potatoes, corn and herbs. Other soup offerings include New England clam chowder, beef barley and chicken tortilla soup.

The salads range in price from \$5 to \$7 and offer a variety of flavors to suit every palate. The Cobb salad is its own meal with roast turkey, a hardboiled egg, cherry tomatoes, carrots, bacon, cucumber, bleu cheese and green onion. Any of the salads can be customized with a scoop of chicken or tuna salad for \$2 more.

Despite the appeal of the cafe's entrees, the divine dessert menu really takes the cake. All the cheesecakes are handmade with more than 20 different flavors to choose from, each as unique as your tastes.

The Vanderblon family owns the cafe and has produced cheesecake for more than 20 years, starting on a farm in Alabama. Their Texas turtle, amaretto, orange cream and New York-style cheesecakes are all original family recipes. To sample, try a single slice for \$2.55, or take home a whole cake from \$11 to \$25, but don't stop at cheesecake. The cafe bakes different treats each week such as triple chocolate mousse and the strawberry amaretto cake.

Atlanta Cheesecake Cafe offers a 10 percent discount to KSU students and caters any party or event. They deliver to customers who call ahead.

The ambience of the cafe combines with the delectable tastes of the gourmet entrees and cheesecake to create a dining experience that will leave diners coming back for more.



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BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA ATLANTA

Fraternity to host bone marrow drive

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STAFF WRITER

Kappa Sigma has hosted three successful bone marrow drives on KSU's campus. By accumulating hundreds of members for the donor registry, six successful matches have been made from their drives.

Kappa Sigma fraternity will host a bone marrow drive. Kappa Sigma will be on the first floor on the Social Science building on Wednesday encouraging students to add their names to the bone marrow registry.

The National Marrow Donor Program will sponsor the drive. Bone marrow transplants, a treatment for life-threatening such as leukemia and aplastic anemia.

Students who complete a simple four-step mouth swab are added to the registry. Students' marrow type will then be determined and their names will remain on the registry until they are 60 years old.

One of those matches was Matt Priegel, a junior criminal justice major. He was contacted by the NMDP, three months after Kappa Sigma hosted its first marrow drive.

"I remember standing in line at the drive thinking, watch me be the only match out of all these people," Priegel said. Although Priegel passed all preliminary tests, he

was contacted a few months later and told his assistance was no longer needed.

A KSU alumnus, Trey Palmer, whom was a founding member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, has recently been diagnosed with aplastic anemia. Without a marrow donor, Palmer could lose his life.

"Although our overall goal is to find a match for Trey, anyone who matches up is a success for us," said Sammy Vaseekaran, a senior computer science major and a good friend of Palmer's.

Many fraternities are stepping up to show their influence stretches beyond a good keg party. "We want to show people fraternities do more than just party. We want to do good, while giving our chapter a positive name through the community," Vaseekaran said.

Finding matches for people with debilitating diseases is important to members of the fraternity all over the nation.

Unlike blood drives, students cannot "donate" every time a drive is hosted. Since many Greek sisters and brothers were added to the registry during previous drives, it is crucial for more students to come out and support the cause.

In many cases, students will never be contacted by the NMDP. However, it only takes one person to save another life. Could you be a match?

Hip-hop duo inspires new knowledge

JOSH PATE
STAFF WRITER

Rahsaan Rashied-Walker a.k.a. Lazymane and William Roth a.k.a. Kosherteets have been compiling mix-tapes and full-length albums since their days at North Springs Charter High School in Sandy Springs, Ga.

The variety in Atlanta's underground hip-hop scene can ignite artists' careers, which is why many underground artists are doing well for themselves. This is because mainstream artists, who have signed onto major record labels, get copious amounts of radio play whereas many noteworthy but independent groups are hidden from the limelight.

One group in particular has matured in the shadows, taking advantage of the slower pace the alternative scene affords. With the release of a self-titled album, Supreme I.N.K. is ready for its turn in the spotlight.

Ten years after graduation, the duo performs in Atlanta, Athens, Ga. and at local college parties under the name of Supreme I.N.K.

"We can't be concerned with making a whole movement," Kosherteets said.

Kosherteets, who is an alumnus of KSU's English program, is more focused on elevating Supreme I.N.K.'s status within the movement.

Their boldness is inherent even before the listeners get a chance to hear the music. In fact, Kosherteets and Lazymane aim to make verses that don't just sound good over a beat, but inspire new ways of life. After all, the "I.N.K." of Supreme I.N.K. stands for "inspire new knowledge."

Supreme I.N.K.'s lyrics and beats clearly reflect the artists' intentions. By avoiding the self-centered route by which most of today's rap artists travel, Supreme I.N.K. has garnered respect in the metro Atlanta area.

"This year is going to be a breakout year," Lazymane said. "Every year has to be a breakout year."

The duo has a distinct personality and its lyrics are relevant to everyday life. For

example, "The Humble," on their self-titled album, is a track that extols modesty's virtues, a concept that foils the typical hip-hop artist's bravado. Rather, Supreme I.N.K.'s carefully chosen lyrics demonstrate the knowledge which Lazymane and Kosherteets wish to spread to listeners.

This ideology was evident as Supreme I.N.K. took the time to give credit to all the people who helped make their albums including sound engineers, guitarists and DJs.

When it comes to the commercial aspects of modern rap music, Supreme I.N.K. prefers a different path. Jazz and R&B elements are combined with laidback beats that echo the West Coast sound of the early '90s. In addition, their flow's abruptness is tinged with the southern drawl made famous by groups such as Goodie Mob and Outkast.

Lazymane, hailing from East Point, Ga., inspired Kosherteets to sing on individual tracks instead of just making beats. Ironically, now Lazymane is the one creating music for both artists to rap over.

Since its earlier days, the group has been known as "Lazymane and Kosherteets." An original album, "Rap for Your Life," evidences much of Roth's knowledge of the English language and other subjects.

For another example, on the track "Language that is Dealt," Roth refers to the Sapir-Whorf hypothesis of linguistic relativity in saying: "This language can be used for evil, so be leery of the hearsay and reputation smearing. Choose your words wisely..."

Currently, Lazymane and Kosherteets are expanding their musical horizons and experimenting with new styles. Their most recent album, "Supreme I.N.K.," delves into hard-hitting 808 synthesizer sound and outer-space themes characterize most tracks.

In the near future, Lazymane and Kosherteets plan to shoot for a video for "DeepSeaGumpTypeShrimpin'" and to release an album on iTunes sometime this summer.

Congratulations to the newest members to be inducted into **Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for First-Year Students**

Dr. Albert Slomovitz was inducted as Honorary Faculty Member, 2010.

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Kosherteets (right), a KSU alumnus, with Lazymane (left) forms part of the hip-hop duo Supreme I.N.K.



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Graduate student association provides leadership experience

NADIA ABDULAH
STAFF WRITER

The Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character and the Graduate Student Association partnered last October to create a new leadership program for graduate students, the Graduate Student Leadership Experience.

GSLE is a 7-month program in which participants meet once a month and study in-depth a variety of topics, such as values, character, leadership pathways and collaboration. In total, there were 18 graduate students in the inaugural year. The program counts as an elective credit for most graduate programs at KSU (ILEC 8900 - Special Topics) and toward the Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics.

"It's a program that helps develop leadership skills by gaining a profound understanding of ourselves, as well as our communication styles and relationships with others. This is accomplished by combining introspective and meaningful activities with top-notch, dynamic speakers and company meetings," coordinator Kim Morris said. "It has been a phenomenal experience—it really takes you away from your daily distractions and allows you to focus completely on personal growth and development."

"Conversations are richer because of the different students in the program," said Interim Executive Director of the Siegel Institute Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister. "I think that one of the unique things

about this course is that it is very different from other graduate courses. We focus on character leadership, managing change and character building. We also give students assignments to reflect on what they learn."

In addition, Zinsmeister mentioned the program as a great networking opportunity for graduate students. "As students get to know each other—it builds trust and they share their hopes and dreams with one another," she said.

"The Graduate Student Leadership Experience has had a profound impact on my education, and has helped me develop as a leader in both professional and personal circles," said Master of Business Administration student Adam Crutchfield. "The 'experience' is more than a class in that it challenges one to take risks that would not normally be presented within the classroom."

At the first meeting for the program at Camp Glisson, Crutchfield mentioned that the experience taught him team-building, leadership and service to one another.

"We have studied different facets of leadership, including political, business, and servant, and have engaged in meaningful and thought provoking discussions with great leaders such as Eric Saperston, Tony Charaf, Renay Blumenthal and Sam Zamarripa. The GSLE is unique in the diversity of students that comprise the roll. Students all are studying together to fully appreciate and model the characteristics of honest and ethical leadership. I would highly recommend this excellent class to

future students and faculty alike."

"My experience with the GSLE program has been a very positive impact in not only in an educational approach, but also my interpersonal, vocational and professional day to day activities," said Master of Social Work student Miriam Little. "I've been able to obtain a clear picture of who I am and why I do the things that I do through the personality profile testings. I now strive to continue to discover new areas in my life where I can be a leader, take chances, and ultimately make changes that positively affect me and those around me."

"The Graduate Student Leadership Program has been an amazing opportunity for me," Master of Public Administration student Ellen Jones said. "We have taken personality tests and personal leadership assessments, which have helped me explore my professional strengths. The speakers in our sessions have represented a tremendously diverse employment sector, which has helped me decide how I want to utilize the skills gained from my Masters in Public Administration. I would highly recommend this class to all KSU graduate students."

The application for 2010-2011 session will be open to graduate students beginning July 1. Zinsmeister and Morris hope that the program will attract at least 25 students for the upcoming year.

For more information about the program, visit kennesaw.edu/siegelinstitute/gradstudents.htm or e-mail questions to Kim Morris at gsl2011@yahoo.com

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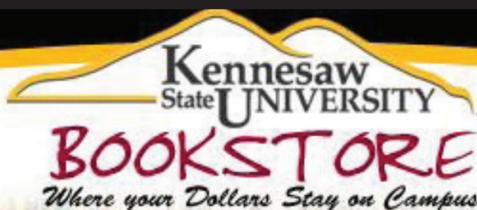
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SPORTS

Spring brings women's soccer

DEREK WRIGHT
SPORTS EDITOR

The birds are singing, the days are warmer and the KSU women's soccer team is back on the pitch doing what they do best: winning. With spring officially here, it is time for an in-depth look at the upcoming season and this year's team.

The team finished its 11-7 season with a 2-0 loss against the Wake Forest Demon Deacons in the women's NCAA Championship soccer tournament.

The Owls are putting the game behind them and looking forward to another exciting year out on the pitch in the new \$16.5 million soccer stadium that will seat 8,300 fans.

KSU, Atlanta's professional women's soccer team Atlanta Beat and fans will have a state-of-the-art stadium like no other place in the country for women's soccer.

"The stadium should improve the fan base dramatically," Athletic Director Dr. Dave Waples said. "It is a gorgeous, confined area, which will be fantastic for the Kennesaw, metro Atlanta and north Georgia area. We hope that the new stadium will combine family and student experience."

The stadium will host nine home games, including one against KSU rival the Mercer Bears whom they defeated 1-0 in 2009. The Owls lost only three conference games last year and won the A-Sun Conference Championship tournament with a young team.

The Owls graduated three seniors, one being their lead scorer. This season, the Owls

are bringing back their number two, sophomore Jade Dempster; number three, junior Kirsten Marietta; and number four, junior Kristin Kranick, scorers from last season.

These three Owls totaled 13 goals last season. Although the offense was an enormous part of the winning season, the defense was the major key to winning the games.

Senior keeper Staci Pugh is back between the posts again for the Owls this season. Last year, the Atlantic Sun Tournament's most valuable player played 1565:16 minutes, averaged only 1.23 goals scored on per game and had a .786 save percentage. Pugh looks to be on track to continue her success in the net.

The first spring training game of the season split two games, one beating the Georgia State Panthers 1-0 and one losing to the Lee Flames 2-1 on Saturday in Panthersville, Ga.

Sophomore Brittany Vining had the assist to Dempster to score the winning goal against the Panthers. Kranick had the lone score against the Flames.

"Brittany and I knew we had to get a short touch and quick shot off," said Dempster in an article on ksuowls.com. "Brit took the pass and I found a gap somewhere between the defenders and it went in."

The Owls are shaking off the cobwebs as spring training continues, and hoping to fly high again during the opening game Aug. 20 at the College of Charleston. The home opener will be Aug. 22 against Alabama A&M.



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Junior Kristen Marietta was number three in scoring last year with four goals scored.

Baseball losing streak continues

BEN POPLIN
BEAT WRITER

On a brisk and cool evening March 23, attendance for the game between the KSU Owls (9-16) and the UAB Blazers (12-7) was down. The events that transpired throughout the game did not prove to be any better, with KSU falling to the Blazers 4-1.

As KSU prepared to take its round of infield practice, players warmed up on the sidelines, sharing a laugh. The coaches watched intently as the University of Alabama at Birmingham took batting practice. KSU junior first baseman Ross Tendler and freshman catchers Ronnie Freeman and Brandon Brown tended to their areas, molding the dirt and patting down the lumps in the clay on the field of Stillwell Stadium.

After taking rounds of infield, KSU rushed down a line of players waiting to give them high fives, building the hype of this game. As the crowd stood to honor America, both teams reflected in silence, bowing their heads and closing their eyes.

The umpire gave the signal for the start of the game, and KSU freshman pitcher Catlan Kendrick began his

warm up tosses, as did Tendler, throwing ground balls to the other infielders.

Hits did not come frequently for the Owls in this game. KSU batters were sent back to the dugout without making contact nine times. Four strikeouts came without the bat even leaving their shoulders.

"Offensively, we did not have much of a feel of what was going on," head coach Mike Sansing said.

The Blazers pitcher, redshirt junior Shay Crawford, threw well against the Owls, surrendering just one run on one hit, with three strikeouts. He was forced to leave after three innings of work when he stumbled during his pre-inning warm-up tosses. UAB followed with four other relievers that kept the Owls missing at the plate.

The only offensive bright spot for KSU came in the first inning, off the bat of senior shortstop Tyler Stubblefield.

"My approach was to be aggressive," Stubblefield said, "because I did not want to see breaking balls. I told myself [after he fouled off a pitch] if he threw me that again, I would try to put it between first and second."

Stubblefield successfully drove the ball to right field, but it was not between first and second base. The ball

sailed, curving to the right and banging off the foul pole for a home run.

Kendrick threw five innings, allowing three runs on five hits. A fourth inning battle between him and Blazer freshman John Frost forced Kendrick to leave after the fifth.

"That is the longest Catlan has been [in]," Sansing said. "He has thrown well, but we just have to get his pitch count down so he can last through the seventh."

Juniors Jeff Brown and J.B. Johnson came on to work the rest of the game. UAB senior Luke Stewart, the biggest threat for the owls, finished with two homers over the right field wall.

KSU also played against cross-town rival Georgia State University (13-9) on Wednesday when the team lost 9-19. The Owls traveled to Florida to play a 2-game series last Friday and Saturday against conference foe, the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles (14-7). They were swept by the Eagles, losing by scores of 11-1 and 6-5 in extra innings.

KSU will return home on Wednesday to battle the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets (19-2). First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Stillwell Stadium.



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Freshman pitcher Catlan Kendrick threw five innings against the UAB Blazers on March 23.

“He has thrown well, but we just have to get his pitch count down so he can last through the seventh.”

Men's golf places in top 10



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Ben Greene finished tied at 38, the first round with two-over-par.

JOHN MORBITZER
BEAT WRITER

Against a field featuring eight top-50 teams, KSU shot a final round 296 to finish ninth while co-hosting the Linger Longer Invitational at the Landing at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga.

"It was exciting to play by far the best event, against the best teams we've faced all year. Any time you see six teams in the top 25, three in the top 10, that's a quality field," head coach Jay Moseley said. "I was pleased with the guys all week, they played well. Putting was basically what kept us from finish-

ing with some of the top teams."

A first round 15-over-par 303 placed KSU in sixth place. The same score was recorded in the second round before the Owls cut seven strokes for the final round to finish in the top ten. In-state rival and tournament co-host Mercer was disqualified and did not finish.

"The guys had a lot of fun this week. They enjoyed this tournament, it was a great golf course," Moseley said.

Sophomore Jeff Karlsson lead the Owls recording an individual tie for seventh, shooting an opening round even par 72, and a final round one-under-par 71.

"This week I felt like I hit the ball well and had a chance to play well," Karlsson said. "I'm pleased with how I played all three rounds, but I did leave some shots out there with my short game. I could have done better, but I am still pleased with the finish. I feel like I've proved to myself I can play with the best players in the nation."

Karlsson's first round grouping had him paired with No. 28 ranked and tournament champion Bud Cauley from Alabama and No. 16 ranked Morgan Hoffman from Oklahoma State, both 2009 Men's Golf First Team All-Americans and All-freshman team members. Cauley shot a first round 8-under-par 64; Morgan opened with an 8-over-par 80.

"It was great to see Jeff back on form, he played this week like he was capable of playing," Moseley said. "It was really nice to see him play well and have a great finish, playing beside some of the best players in the country, because we all know he has that type of talent."

Ben Greene finished tied at 38, opening the first round with a two-over-par 74. Alex Jones shot 13-over-par, with a final round 73, placing him at 48. Chad Wilson participated as an individual, finishing tied for 57 at 16-over-par. A second-round 75 helped J.P. Putnam to tie at 62, and Sam Curtis finished at 84 shooting 27-over-par.

KSU takes to the course again starting Saturday for the Irish Creek Collegiate, at the Club at Irish Creek in Kannapolis, N.C.

Owl tennis bounces back

MATT BRADSHAW
BEAT WRITER

The Owls eased past Bethune-Cookman last Friday in Dayton Fla., at the City Island Tennis Center. The lady Owls won in a blow out 7-0, while the men won 7-2.

The women's tennis team (9-10, 1-7) hopes to carry its momentum into the final matches of the season as they compete to qualify for their first trip to the Atlantic Sun Conference playoffs.

"This is a great step for us as we head into next weekend with a chance to make the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament," said women's Head Coach Brandon Padgett in an article on ksuoowls.com. "If we can continue to play like this, we expect to get into the tournament and make some noise."

The men's team (6-12, 0-7) will need to win all three of

their remaining conference matches, or win two and have Lipscomb lose two in order to qualify for the A-Sun tournament. This is the first year the team has been eligible to compete in the tournament.

The top three Owl men snapped long losing streaks with a win at Bethune-Cookman Friday. The Owls need their top three to continue winning for a chance at making the playoffs.

"I am so proud of the top of the lineup today," said men's Head Coach T.J. Greggs in an article on ksuoowls.com. "We have struggled at the top of the lineup this season, but we proved today that we can get it done when we come out with the right attitude and mindset."

If the men find a way to get the final playoff berth, they will be matched up against the tournament's No.2 seed, which will likely be East Tennessee State University. ETSU beat the Owl men 7-0 in their only meeting this year.

Softball splits games



Greg Ranallo | The Sentinel

After relieving freshman starter Abbey Meixel, sophomore Amanda Burns (29) retired 13 consecutive batters during the nightcap game that was part of the A-Sun doubleheader against the Campbell Camels on March 26. The Owls won the first game 8-0, but Campbell prevailed in the second game 1-5.

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