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Virtual library celebrates 15 years

by **Kevin Crawford**
Staff Writer

On Sept. 21, the online library database GALILEO celebrated 15 years of making a wide array of educational content readily available on a statewide level.

Operated by the University System of Georgia, GALILEO, which stands for "Georgia Library Learning Online," has been one of the leading resources in fields of digital research and is often used in many curriculum assignments. With all this online system has to offer, including interfaces that are designed for specific communities of interest, it has achieved a great degree of success during its tenure.

Serving as a World Wide Web-based virtual library, GALILEO provides Georgians with access to multiple informational resources, including licensed products. Participating institutions may access more than 100 databases indexing thousands of periodicals and scholarly journals.

Sophomore Kristin Taylor remarked, "GALILEO has enhanced the learning experience of college students not just here, but all across the state. I think it's awesome that it's getting the recognition it deserves."

The community of more than 2,000 GALILEO institutions includes the University System of Georgia, K-12 schools, public libraries, technical institutes and colleges and a group of private academic colleges and universities. At this time, only educational institutions are eligible to participate in GALILEO.

"Without GALILEO, we wouldn't have access to a plethora of sources that we can use for our World History and English courses," said senior Richard Irwin. "In a sea of vast, oftentimes unreliable information such as the Internet,

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Papp's golf cart damaged, dumped on lawn

by **Anastasia Henke**
Staff Writer

A golf cart reserved for use by President Daniel Papp and his office staff was vandalized and dumped on the lawn of a KSU fraternity on Sept. 14. Damages to the vehicle are estimated at \$1,000.

"It is a serious incident," said Sgt. Jennifer Elliott of the KSU police. "The value of the golf cart and damages inflicted rise to the level that multiple felony charges are applicable, not to mention, the Student Code of Conduct

violations and applicable sanctions against the associated fraternity by Greek Life."

According to police reports, Sgt. John Joseph Levandoski arrived at Aeyers Drive at about 9 a.m. on Sept. 14 in response to a complaint of a golf cart parked in the Kappa Sigma fraternity's driveway. Student Thomas Edgemon discovered the vehicle about an hour earlier. His roommate, Nathan Attalla, arrived home at 2:30 a.m. and said the golf cart was not there at that time.

The cart was allegedly stolen from a location outside Kennesaw Hall, where it is normally parked.

"Kappa Sigma" was written in permanent

marker on the windshield and canvas cover.

Kathy Alday, director of Student Life, said the event reflects poorly on all Greek Life organizations: "Whoever stole the golf cart and vandalized it certainly used poor judgment, and he or she may not know just how serious the incident is. Even if the perpetrator is not affiliated with one of KSU's fraternities or sororities, it reflects poorly on the fraternity/sorority community as a whole and tarnishes the negative image they are trying to overcome."

Staff members of the president's office used the

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OWLS PUMMEL DAWGS

Men's hockey drops the puck for the first time this season



The hockey team stands at attention before Friday's game against UGA.

by **Jack Morbitzer**
Sports Editor

Club sports have started and the popular men's ice hockey team opened its season with a home stand against the University of Georgia Friday and University of Alabama Saturday. A split from the weekend gives the Owls a 1-1 season record.

Friday's pummeling against UGA came in front of a reported crowd of over 2,000 students in the Ice Forum. The "black out" resulted in a 13-1

victory over the Dawgs, and new head coach Barry Dreger's first win at the helm.

Saturday's contest was much more competitive against the Frozen Tide of Alabama. KSU notched three first period goals and one in the second period, but UA held steady and scored two goals each period to defeat the Owls 6-4.

KSU continues its SEC streak and host the University of Kentucky Cool Cats at 10 p.m. Friday and 10 p.m. Saturday at the Town Center Ice Forum.

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Police|BEAT



by Caitlyn Newmeyer
Staff Writer

Good morning, with a gun

Officers were dispatched on Sept. 18 to the Best Western hotel on Busbee Drive in reference to a suspicious male. Upon arrival, officers met with a woman who said a white male attempted to enter her hotel room. The woman said she had left her room door open about four inches while she was packing her bags. She stated that when the white male attempted to enter her room, she pointed a pistol at him and said, "Good morning." The white male ran away immediately, but waited for her around the corner of the building. A white male matching the description was located at the nearby Cracker Barrel. He denied the woman's allegations.

Vehicle break-in

On Sept. 15, an officer met with a female in the East Parking Deck in regard to a vehicle break-in. The female said she parked her Cadillac in the deck and went to class. When she returned, she noticed the driver's side rear window was damaged. The female said the only item missing from her car was her Oakley sunglasses, valued at \$200. The officer was not able to obtain fingerprints because the female had placed her hands all over the damaged window.

The two-drink minimum

On Sept. 18, an officer pulled over a white vehicle on I-575 after noticing the vehicle fail to maintain its lane. The officer detected a strong smell of alcohol on the female driver's person. The driver stated she had two drinks an hour before. After failing several sobriety evaluations and testing positive for the presence of alcohol, she was arrested and was issued citations for failure to maintain lane, operation of an unregistered vehicle, failure to change address on license within 60 days and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Child neglect

Officers were called to Parking Lot A on Sept. 15 in reference to unattended children in a car with its motor running. Upon arrival, officers met with a male and three children. The male stated he took his nephew inside the Clendenin building to use the bathroom, leaving the two other children alone in the car. The male said his sister, the mother of the children, was on campus. She was taking a test while the male watched her children. Officers released the children to their mother.

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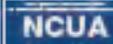


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Attendees enjoyed cake Sept. 21 at the 15th anniversary celebration of Georgia's online resource database, GALILEO.

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GALILEO is a resource that is 100 percent credible.” To celebrate the system's birthday, the Friends of the Library—Georgia residents who are not associated with the school—hosted a bash in the lobby at the Horace W. Sturgis Library. The library staff put up a birthday banner and cake was served to more than 200 people, said Librarian Rita Spisak.

KSU student Jessica Benton said she attended to show her support and feast on the goodies: “I got here at around 12:30 p.m., and there were only a few pieces of cake left standing. You could really tell that a lot of people wanted to be a part of the festivities. I totally support GALILEO; it's always been a great asset for research papers.”

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golf cart to give campus tours and make deliveries. It's also an extra set of wheels for special events when needed.

“I don't recall that the president ever used it himself,” said Lynda K. Johnson, President Papp's assistant.

Anyone having any further knowledge of this incident is urged

to contact campus police.

Elliott said the culprits should take responsibility for their actions and turn themselves in. “That would speak to their character and that of their fraternity as well as demonstrate some level of remorse for their mistakes,” she added.

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Why we need to support Israel

In recent years, a debate has raged about whether or not the United States should withdraw (or at the very least reduce) its seemingly unwavering support of Israel. There is absolutely no reason why we should discontinue this attitude. Our support of Israel is vital to the United States' national interest. Israel is an extremely important strategic ally and a key component (and perhaps soon the only component) of the U.S.'s ability to protect its power and security within the Middle East.

While many of the problems in the Middle East are not significant issues to the United States and thus do not necessitate its attention, radical Islamic terrorism and the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran are both serious problems that threaten our national security. The U.S. currently has its military deployed in both Iraq and Afghanistan to at least combat the former threat, but that will end within the next few years. It is unlikely that the efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq will completely eliminate the threat of terror attacks on the U.S., and support of Israel will allow the U.S. to retain something of a representative within the Middle East who will help to check that threat.

Withdrawing our troops and supporting Israel has two distinct advantages as a strategy. First, the withdrawal of American troops will reduce the immediate threat Iran feels from the U.S., and could potentially reduce the speed at which Iran might attempt to gain nuclear weapons. At the same time, the U.S. will still be able to exert pressure on Iran not to pursue nuclear weapons through Israel. The second advantage is that it eliminates the need for us to use our own military to perform a strike on Iran in the scenario that it becomes necessary (a possibility that continues to climb up the list of options for stopping any Iranian nuclear weapons program). By supporting Israel but not being directly in the region, the U.S. is able to project its influence without seeming overly aggressive.

The benefits of supporting Israel do not end with checking Iran.

Should we support Israel or withdraw aid?



We should withdraw aid to Israel

America is extremely generous with foreign aid to other countries, but we are especially generous with Israel, both quantitatively and qualitatively. I disagree with most foreign aid in principle, but especially aid to Israel.

One of the core values on which America was founded is equality for all. Israel is founded on the idea of Jewish supremacy. These two value systems are incompatible. Countries that derive a sense of nationalism from an ethnic and/or religious identity tend to have poor human rights records. Just ask Germany,

Sudan, Iran, Serbia, etc.

America has also been a historically anti-colonial nation, our failed attempt to colonize the Philippines notwithstanding. Now, we find ourselves backing Israeli colonization of the West Bank.

Israel of the Old Testament has become notorious for committing acts of genocide against peoples unlucky enough to find themselves in Israel's "promised land." Now the modern state of Israel is building on this historic legacy of genocide by attempting to remove all traces of "Arabness" from their so-called "promised land."

While the modern Israeli state isn't quite as bloodthirsty as the Israel of the Old Testament, its human rights record has been poor enough to mortify just about every country except Protestant America. This acceptance has had negative consequences for America, as our unconditional support for Israel has stirred up anger in the Muslim world. This anger manifested itself nine years ago with the 9/11 attacks.

Israel's supposed utility as a Cold War ally has been greatly overstated. In any case, that excuse has now been rendered irrelevant. Israel is a liability, and our continued support for Israel will only cause anti-American sentiment in the Muslim world to continue, since many Muslims feel sympathetic to the plight of the Palestinian people.

If we are to continue to support Israel despite these liabilities, we had better have something to gain from this alliance. Unfortunately, this "alliance" seems to only work one way. America has been very generous to Israel, but Israel has been a backstabber to America. The Israeli government became the first Middle Eastern government to directly attack America when they covertly bombed U.S. Information Agency libraries in Egypt in 1954 in order to provoke hostilities with Egypt. Israel later attacked the USS Liberty under similar circumstances in 1967.

The main reason I think that lobbyists for Israel have been so effective at getting our government to support Israel is America's strong evangelical Protestant influence, since Israel plays a significant role in Bible eschatology. Call me crazy, but I don't think our government should base its foreign policy on a desire to see the world be annihilated. We already have enough of that sort of delusion in the Middle East as it is.



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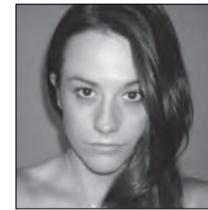
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The Tea Party is the entire punch line

The Tea Party movement began as a grassroots effort that was organic in nature, with no agenda but rather a grievance. As the economy worsened, the federal government became aware of a stirring in the nation that brought complete strangers together to rail against government-imposed economic changes. The stirring continued to grow until these restless people took to the streets in protest—protests large enough to be called rallies. Rallies and protests in times of changes and shifts in political power are not new in this country—they're old and time-tested. They are indeed what literally made this country when, once upon America's colonial times, the people stirred in organic protest to the tyranny of a far-off crown.

Unlike our fight against the crown of tyranny, the tea partier's fight against the tyranny of an overweening federal government has become anything but organic. What started as a true movement of citizens with no agenda, the Tea Party has become nothing more than a pawn for the agenda of a the tyrannical ideals the original Tea Partiers fought. The "new" Tea Partiers are being played for fools.

Originally, the movement gathered steam under the tyranny of the federal government and once held in its ranks members of every party, even



by **Alessandra Largent**
Staff Writer

members of no party. Now, Democrats are dubbed the bad guys and by looking at "tea party-approved" candidates, Republicans have been dubbed the good guys. The Tea Partiers have lost their power by lending their

strength to the Republicans. They are political pawns, supporting the Republican party as opposed to supporting their original ideals and thus, Tea Partiers have become the used.

The movement, once a promising uprising with valid ideas and righteous fear of the federal government, is now nothing more than the latest group to get sucked in by one of only two American juggernaut parties and will, no doubt, be spit out. If the Tea Partiers wish to survive, they must stop playing partisan politics, stop lending their name to any candidates and stop allowing a party to infiltrate and make a mockery of their movement. As it stands, the Tea Party is nothing more than another victim of party politics.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell Me: We're Still Bigots, Aren't We?

Lets be honest with ourselves for just a moment, shall we?

No one—not Harry Reid, not the president, the Republicans OR the Democrats—was ever serious about repealing Don't Ask Don't Tell. While John McCain hid behind his thinly-veiled justifications, waiting for a military survey to be concluded (something the bill would've allowed for in the first place), Harry Reid added the bill-killing DREAM Act and refused debate on the amendments, an act that he knew would ruin any chance of passage in the Senate. In the wake of all this, the response from the White House was lukewarm. The president remained chillingly silent, despite his previous impassioned pledges for appeal. Apparently, some prejudices are too large to overcome when they are faced by the tide of politics, even when the battle is led by Lady Gaga.

It's not that I'm angry, or even frustrated; I find myself more perplexed and confused than anything else. For almost



by **Matt Nix**
Staff Writer

a decade now, we have been fighting a war against a twisted ideology that fixates on oppression and intolerance through the justification of what they believe is morally and spiritually correct. Make no mistake—I believe our fight is justified. I believe that our military is justified. I believe our cause is noble. I believe we must win this fight, because America is the truly exceptional. Nevertheless, are we not capable of looking back at ourselves and questioning why we—in the wake of this great evil we are facing—are ignoring the basic free speech and civil liberties of gay service

men and women? We differ from most first world countries, and most of our allies, in refusing them the ability to serve openly.

I keep hearing concerns about the "cohesion" and "integration" of homosexual members, but I find these concerns to be immature and ignorant at best. We do not talk about "cohesion" in other workplaces because we, as adults, are normally capable of not letting someone's personal life interfere with how capable we are of performing our day to day tasks. I think it would be an insult to most of our qualified, brave service members to believe they would be incapable of doing the same—or that they would be unwilling to look past someone's sexual preference in carrying out their duties.

Nevertheless, the government has spoken.

Members of the military will continue to be discharged and we will continue to wait.

And hope.

LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Equestrian team saddles up for fall competitions

Story by **Caitlyn Van Orden**
Photography by *Amy Puckett*



Taking the reins: Opposite page, Mali Shadmehry, team vice president. On this page, Sara Colley, team secretary.

As the KSU equestrian team prepares for its first full school year as an official club sport, its riders are hardly horsing around.

The team was established in spring 2010 and has since been working to lay a solid foundation.

“We tried to hit the ground running this season so we can reach our full potential,” said President Mali Shadmehry, a senior majoring in political science.

The team will participate in two competition weekends this semester. The first will be held Oct. 23-24 at Berry College in Rome, Ga., and the second will be held Oct. 30-31 at Lander University in Greenwood, SC.

“We’re trying to get a full team so we can fill every division because we get points by each division,” said Vice President Sarah Sauls, a senior majoring in business management who has been riding since seventh grade. “Last year we didn’t have people in the lower divisions and the highest divisions so we’re hoping to fill those.”

This year’s team greatly varies in skill levels, which may help the team fill the divisions at competitions. The team currently has 22 riders on the roster, but Shadmehry estimated about 15 of those at the most will actually compete.

“There’s a lot of talent on this team and we’ve got a lot of riders that are already accomplished riders, and we’ve got brand new riders too that have never been on a horse in their life,” said Shadmehry, who has been riding for 16 years. “Right now our plan is to keep everyone riding.”

While students of any skill level may join the team, in order to compete they must take one riding lesson per week and work out with the team at the Owl’s Nest once a week. The team rides English style, and team members take lessons based on their skill levels, from basic “flat” classes to more advanced jumping classes.

The team takes lessons at Five Star Hunters, a barn in Woodstock, Ga., run by coaches Lucy Molinari and Jennifer Johnson.

“Our coaches try to push us in our lessons to ride different types of horses ... it poses a different challenge,” said Secretary Sara Colley, a sophomore majoring in communication who has been riding for 14 years.

This practice better prepares the riders for competition, as they have to ride the host school’s horses, rather than a horse they are used to.

Team workouts have become an important part of competition preparation. Each team member is required to work out once a week, but the more serious riders tend to go at least twice. A typical workout consists of strength training for legs, core and backs, as well as some cardio.

“We do a lot of leg work, which hurts, but it does improve our positions,” said Shadmehry. “We are judged on how good we look on the horse and holding perfect form over fences and on the flat.”

The team also plans to work with a trainer to further their fitness.

“We expect our horses to be in good shape, so we expect ourselves to be in good shape,” said Shadmehry.

Freshman Taylor Lawrence said her favorite part of being on the team so far has been working out as a team. She said she looks forward to forming closer bonds with her teammates.

“It seems like it’s going to be so much fun,” said Lawrence, who has 14 years of riding experience and grew up around horses.

“We get closer through all of our competitions,” said Shadmehry. “We’re more like a little family and we do hang out outside of riding and working out.”

The team’s president said she’s optimistic about this year’s team and looks forward to watching the team’s presence grow both at the university and in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association through which they compete.

“I want to see everyone’s riding improve and I want to see everyone out there having a good time and remembering why we’re riding in the first place – it’s because it’s the sport that we love,” said Shadmehry.

For more information about the equestrian team, visit ksueqteam.com.



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Pro-life student activists developing out-reach plans for fall 2010 and beyond

by **Abbey McDaniel**
Staff Writer

The backdrop of the KSU Pro-Life Ambassadors' first meeting of the fall 2010 semester is nothing out of the ordinary; students gather around the brightly-lit student center room eating Chik-Fil-A sandwiches, listening to music and horsing around as one would expect easygoing college students to behave.

A passionate, although somewhat less publicized organization, the KSU Pro-Life Ambassadors kicked off their organization's fall plans on Sept. 21. A small group of students, most of whom are close friends in and out of the group, gather to socialize and to promote a common cause: spreading an anti-abortion message to campus and community members.

Last spring, the organization held a demonstration on campus that drew criticism from many members of the university faculty and student body. The controversial campaign, orchestrated with the help of the prominent pro-life organization Justice For All, involved the placement of several large displays on the campus green, many of which featured graphic images of abortion procedures. "Pro-Life means respecting and defending life in all stages from the moment of conception to natural death," the group's Facebook page reads. "We must not be silent about the injustice of abortion."

The club's president, Kelly Toulcher, a junior education major, spelled out the organization's ambitions during the group's information social: "[The organization's goal] is to educate [students and community members on] what it means to be pro-life [and] to promote awareness of abor-

tion [issues]," Toulcher said. Toulcher is cofounder of the student organization, alongside fellow juniors Shannon Roche and Darcy Parker.

The organization convenes regularly to discuss issues related to abortion procedures and legislation. Typically, the Pro-Life Ambassadors hold meetings every third Tuesday in room 372 of the Student Center.

"[The intent of the meetings] is to educate ourselves so we can educate others," Toulcher said. The KSU Pro-Life Ambassadors explicitly state their on-campus goals on the group's Facebook page, defining abortions as "murders," as well as expressing a desire "to make abortion unthinkable at KSU, in Georgia, throughout the U.S. and the rest of the world."

The group states that it is seeking members "who are willing to actively pray and actively look for opportunities on campus to make an impact" as well as those who "desire to actively reach KSU students with the truth about abortion in a loving way."

A majority of the group members identify themselves as hailing from families with strong anti-abortion sentiments. Several students mention their backgrounds as followers of the Christian faith as a key factor in the development of their pro-life stances.

"As a Christian, it is hypocritical not to try and save lives wherever possible," said attendee Spencer Williams, a sophomore computer science major.

The organization has several events planned for the remainder of the fall semester, including a "Life Chain" demonstration in October, a bake sale in November and a tentative "Hugs for Huggies" campaign scheduled for spring 2011.

Flash mob fandango foiled by Facebook

by **Josh Pate**
Staff Writer

When Justin Remington Hyde, organizer of the KSU FREEZE FLASH MOB, made plans for an early October performance at Town Center Mall, he expected around 30 people to volunteer for the three-minute-long pose.

After receiving more than 600 requests from members of the KSU community to take part of the event, Hyde knew that it was only a matter of time until mall officials caught wind of the impromptu performance. Hyde said the event aroused international interest. "[A former Marietta resident] showed me his ticket," Hyde said. "He was flying from South America just to do this."

Hyde was sent an e-mail by mall security regarding his plans for the performance, and he subsequently received a telephone call from Town Center officials barring him from appearing at the venue. Mall representatives said that if Hyde appeared at the location, Cobb

County Police would issue a criminal trespass warning to him, with the possibility of arrest.

Sergeant Dana Pierce, Public Information Officer for Cobb County Police, said, "Even though [Town Center Mall] is open to the public, it is private property. It is open to the public as long as there is lawful activity."

"I didn't know, legally, anything was wrong," Hyde replied.

"Honestly, there is no state law that says you can't stand in a fixed position for three minutes," commented Pierce. However, Pierce also stated that events being held on private property could lead to serious ramifications for potential performance artists, regardless of the "harmlessness" of the activity.

Flash mobs are forms of performance art that recently came into popularity in the last decade. Typically, flash mobs are coordinated events in which "performers" gather in massive numbers at public venues to partake of an unusual, and often very brief, activity before dispersing from the location. In

regard to Hyde's original plans, a number of people would have "frozen" their bodies for three minutes while shopping at Town Center Mall, and then carried on as if nothing happened afterward.

Hyde quickly scrapped plans for the Town Center performance, and has begun plans for performances at other venues. Hyde says interest in the event hasn't died down, and the group may coordinate a performance benefiting the Children's Foundation later this year. He also says he has been contacted by a representative of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta about holding a potential flash mob performance for the charitable organization. "I just want this to be fun, but I like the idea of [the Children's Foundation getting involved]," said Hyde. "It gives it a good cause."

"People are telling me to take legal action. I've been offered legal contacts, and I have been quoted the First Amendment," Hyde said about the ordeal. "If I could do it again, I wouldn't put it on Facebook."



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Recent art endowment exemplifies growth of KSU's dance program

by Abbey McDaniel
Staff Writer

The dance program at KSU is still fairly young, founded just five years ago by current Program Director Ivan Pulinkala. In those five years, there has been a tremendous amount of growth for the department, as the rapidly expanding program recently became the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant for a production of the Bill T. Jones choreographed "D-Man in the Waters."

With 86 dance majors enrolled as of January 2009, in addition to more than a hundred minors, the program is attracting prospective students and drawing the attention of established artists. Formerly the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies, the department is now officially known as the Department of Theatre, Performance Studies, and Dance. Pulinkala stated that the expansion of the dance program is indicative of growth for the entire performance arts program of KSU.

Dr. John Gentile, head of the

According to Gentile, the reception of the NEA grant 'augurs well for a bright future and brings positive regional and national attention to the College of the Arts and the university as a whole.'

Performance Studies Department, said he has "no doubt that given the proper resources, our program in dance will be one of the leading programs in the Southeastern region within a few years."

According to Gentile, the reception of the NEA grant "augurs well for a bright future and brings positive regional and national attention to the College of the Arts and the university as a whole." The Jones company will be at KSU for three weeks teaching choreography to students. The grant will fund 75 percent of production costs. An anonymous donor will provide the other 25 percent. Throughout the semester there will also be lectures and performances for the public as well as outreach programs and per-

formances for local at-risk youth, a public service that the dance department strives to accomplish each year. The production of "D-Man in the Waters" provides an opportunity for the department to continue to reach out to high school students through art.

The decision to choose Jones' piece was made during the writing of the grant proposal. Pulinkala said that Jones "represents many facets of diversity" as an openly gay choreographer and that the Jones' varied cast of dancers demonstrates the inclusiveness of his production company. Pulinkala described "D-Man in the Waters" as a statement about "humanity being a combination of different elements" and "a celebration of life."



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Junior midfielder **Brittany Vining** battles with North Florida's freshman midfielder **Keara Murphy** in Sunday's victory.

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Conference play comes to campus

KSU women's soccer hosts weekend conference matchups between the Ospreys and Dolphins

by **Neha Ali and Evan Katz**
Staff Writers

A weekend conference home stand resulted in a split with a soggy victory Sunday against the University of North Florida and the first conference loss of the season Friday to Jacksonville University.

The Owls improved to 3-1 in conference play and 6-4-1 on the season.

Junior forward Alyssa Mahan recorded her third goal of the season and the only goal during the first 15 minutes of Sunday's game. Freshman midfielder Alma Gardarsdottir and junior midfielder Brittany Vining assisted the ball from midfield. Mahan dribbled before crossing it into the right side of the net past Osprey junior goalkeeper Brittany Hahn's arms.

"As long as we score one more than the other team,

we're in good shape," Head Coach Rob King said. "The formation was changed [from Friday] and defensively we were much stronger."

Mahan was also named player of the game.

"It was good to get the first goal early," Mahan said.

Another scoring chance was a missed header by freshman midfielder Ashley Gray during the last 15 minutes of the game. Gray almost hit the goal post trying to head the ball into the net but caught herself just in time. KSU attempted five shots to the Ospreys' seven.

Senior goalkeeper Staci Pugh recorded her third conference shutout of the season. Pugh finished with a total of three saves in Sunday's game.

"Sunday games are always harder because the team is tired from playing the Friday before," Mahan said.

The score line was flipped in Friday's game as the lone goal in the 24th minute put KSU behind 1-0.

Jacksonville sophomore forward Lisa Hensley scored, assisted from a cross by sophomore midfielder Becca Massip.

The Owls struggled to capitalize offensively and

had few late chances to score. In her first appearance since an ankle injury on Aug. 22, Kristin Kranick had a scoring chance in the 76th minute. Junior forward Kristin Marietta sent a pass to Kranick who shot from inside the box, but it was saved by the Jacksonville goalkeeper. Offensively, the Owls took 13 shots, eight on goal, by nine different players. The linesman raised the offside flag only once.

"It was a really nice ball," Kranick said. "I turned and shot, but barely missed it. I think we need to work on our mental focus. We work hard. We have the talent in every position and an extremely deep bench."

The defense allowed five shots on target in the first half and 19 total shots as Pugh recorded a season high eight saves.

"Staci had another solid game in there," King said. "That is what we expect from our senior captain."

Continuing the conference slate KSU travels for a 7 p.m. Friday kick-off against Stetson University and a noon fixture Sunday against Florida Gulf Coast University.

KSU Soccer Stadium hosts on international stage

by **Jack Morbitzer**
Sports Editor

In preparation for the 2011 Women's World Cup the U.S. national team faces the Chinese national team at 6 p.m. Saturday in the KSU Soccer Stadium.

The international friendly is the first of two in the week for the U.S. team. They travel to Chester, Pa. for a match Oct. 6.

"We're thrilled to be hosting the U.S. Women's National Team for their upcoming match against China," KSU Women's Soccer Head Coach Rob King said in a

statement. "We knew when designing and building the facility that we'd get the opportunity to showcase great matches in the stadium. This match begins the build up to next summer's World Cup for the US team and should be terrific."

Preceding the match is a weeklong training camp. It will be the first time a national team plays in the area since 1999.

This is not the first major event for the KSU Soccer Stadium this year. In June, the Women's Professional Soccer league held its first All-Star game.

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Volleyball rallies to win

Women use grit in final out-of-conference matchup and prepare for Atlantic-Sun

by Jack Morbitzer
Sports Editor

Facing an 8-0 deficit in the third set, the women's volleyball team regrouped and fought back to defeat Alabama A&M 3 sets to 0 Friday night in the Convocation Center.

Senior outside hitter Sabrita Gulley set a KSU record being the first player to score 21 kills in a three set match. Ten kills came in the final set alone and in one stretch she scored six of the seven points played.

"Sabrita has a lot of responsibility to finish the ball for us," head coach Karen Weatherington said. "We made some adjustments to our lineup. When Sabrita got a little shaky the team reaffirmed what she's able to do. She's got it in her. Mentally she's very strong, she works hard and she's committed."

Coming out of the break the Owls (7-8) quickly fell behind the Bulldogs losing eight straight points before Weatherington called a time out. Returning to the court, Gulley scored the first point of the set and senior defensive specialist Katie Winschel joined the attack scoring two of her 11 total kills. Two points later KSU was down 10-3 and scrapped to bring the deficit to 16-9 when Gulley found her zone.

"During the timeout I gave coach a look, and said, 'I'm ready to go in,'" Gulley said. "I was hun-

gry. I was focused. My teammates were giving me the passes and I had to come through for them. We were down big and we weren't going to let it go to four sets."

After the 6-1 run by KSU cut the lead to 17-15 the Owls would tie the set at 18 and did not lose the lead finishing the set with a 5-point, 25-20 victory.

"They have been working hard to overcome things that happen behind the scenes," Weatherington said. "Chemistry, details and being accountable for each other showed on the court tonight."

Neither team grabbed a commanding lead in the first set until KSU notched a 3-point run after a 19-all tie and won 25-21. The second set had five early ties, but the Owls worked steadfast and won 25-16.

Freshman setter Sara Metroka recorded 41 assists. Winschel posted a .476 attack percentage and three assists.

Starting in-conference play this weekend, KSU travels to face Belmont at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Lipscomb at 2 p.m. Saturday, in Nashville, Tenn.

"We're excited to start conference play," Weatherington said. "Every match is critical. We are where we need to be. We have things we can still get better at and we will keep working on those, but we're ready to see the Atlantic Sun and make a run."

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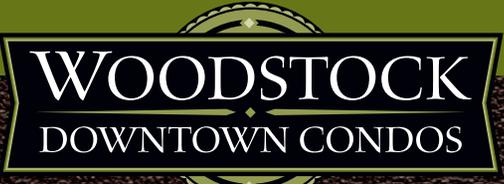
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