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## “Putting their lives on the line”

Campus honors, remembers with Veterans Day ceremony

Caitlyn Van Orden  
MANAGING EDITOR

Veterans, members of the KSU community and some who fit both categories gathered on the Campus Green Thursday, Nov. 11, to commemorate Veterans Day.

The sun bore down, making it a particularly hot afternoon for November, as the KSU Army ROTC Color Guard presented the colors for the National Anthem.

Frank Wills, president of the Student Veterans Club, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the posting of the colors, Chaplain Rabbi Albert Slomovitz, retired USNR captain and professor of history at KSU, gave the invocation. Slomovitz spoke of another important date around Veterans Day: the anniversary of Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass, a night of attacks against Jews in Germany and Austria Nov. 9-10, 1938. The event marked the beginning of the Holocaust.

“We already are aware of what happens if we



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President Papp greets Chaplain Robert Certain and Major General James W. Nuttall.



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ROTC cadets stand at attention during the ceremony

lose those freedoms, if we live in a world of prejudice and hatred and racism and intolerance,” said Slomovitz. “Society would not function. It would no longer be America. We’re able to sleep in our beds at night because we know there are people on duty. First responders, the fire people, the police and ultimately men and women in uniform are around the world, to this moment, putting their lives on the line so that we can live in peace and dignity and respect.”

President Dan Papp – whose father was a World War II veteran and whose son is serving in the Air Force – reminded the crowd that of KSU’s 23,400 students, 700 are veterans.

Keynote speaker Major General James W. Nuttall spoke on the history of Veterans Day and why Americans should remember the importance of the day.

“Hundreds of millions of people in the United States and around the world sleep because more than a million Americans rest in peace in graves marked and unmarked all across the world,” said Nuttall. “And today we come again to say we owe them a debt we can never repay.”

Nuttall also said that almost one in three Americans is a veteran or is a member of a veteran’s family.

Following Nuttall’s speech, Cadet Captain Gerry Hutchings, Owl Company Commander, read the poem, “The Final Inspection.”

During the Roll Call of Veterans, more than 20 veterans approached the mic to share their names, branches and years of service. Most also took a moment to recognize family members who had served.

Among those who participated in the Roll Call were some of KSU’s own, including: Dr. Feland Meadows, Endowed Chair of Early Childhood Education (U.S. Army Air Force 1946-1948); Debra Day, director of development for Bagwell College of Education (retired U.S. Army major, Operation Just Cause Panama); Kemper Anderson, assistant director of Public Safety (U.S. Coastguard Reserve, 1989-present) and Bob Wise, director of development, College of Science and Mathematics (U.S. Navy, 30 years including a tour of duty in Vietnam).

International  
AIDS Memorial  
Quilt project to  
be displayed in  
student centerChristy Rogers  
STAFF WRITER

One of the largest community art projects in the world will bring its message of hope, remembrance and support to KSU’s campus on Nov. 29.

The small portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt project will be displayed in the student center, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., until Dec 3. The quilt consists of more than 44,000 individual 3-by-6-foot panels, but is displayed in 5,789 12-foot square blocks. The entire quilt is more than one million square feet, with more than 91,000 names stitched into its folds, and according to aidsquilt.org, would take over 33 days to view each panel for only one minute.

The exhibition will be hosted by the Center for Health Promotion & Wellness as two of the large panels will be shown.

The quilt was created in 1987 by a group of strangers with only one thing in common: their lives had been impacted by AIDS. It was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, and a documentary about it, entitled “Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt,” won an Academy Award in 1989. Countries from all over the world, including Norway, Ireland, Romania, and Zambia, to name a few, have contributed to it.

# Ahem! Public Speaking Showcase winner Bolduc encourages foreign languages with “Lost in Translation”

## CNN sponsors third annual communication event

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Annie Bolduc beat out 15 other students on Nov. 5 during KSU's third annual Public Speaking Showcase sponsored by CNN and the Communications Department with her speech “Lost in Translation”

In her speech, senior Bolduc stressed the importance of learning a foreign language.

“Learning another language can seem hard and unnecessary, but the job market is so competitive, and we need every edge we can,” said Bolduc. “So many employers now want candidates who are bilingual, and I wanted to tell people about all the advantages. I wanted to have a topic that was not necessarily a controversial topic. Part of me wanted to prove to students that you can give a good persuasive speech without falling into the ‘classics.’”

Bolduc won a trophy and a \$600 award for her speech.

The public event consisted of five semi-final rooms of speeches. The contestants were either current students in the Public Speaking course or had previous credit for the course. Each

student delivered a persuasive speech that was eight to 10 minutes.

Judges were current and former KSU Communication Department faculty members, experts in the field or members of the Georgia Communication Association.

Caitlyn Van Orden won second place with her speech “Jittery Owls: Why You Should Avoid Energy Drinks.” Van Orden received a trophy and \$400.

Third place was awarded to Sean Collins who presented “Why Americans Should Pressure Legislators to Pass the Dream Act.” Collins received a trophy and \$300.

Other finalists included Chelsea Korzenko and Vanessa Lupo, winning \$100 each.

### Public Speaking Showcase Winners

First place: Annie Bolduc

Second place: Caitlyn Van Orden

Third place: Sean Collins

Finalists: Chelsea Korzenko

Vanessa Lupo

# KSU Foundation reduces debt with scholarships

Michael Thomas  
STAFF WRITER

It's easy, it's free and it might mean you get more money in your pocket. By taking just a few minutes to fill out an application to the KSU Foundation Scholarships program, you might put a dent in all that college debt.

“It's free money; it takes 30 minutes,” said Joni Malson, University Development's Scholarships program coordinator. “With the cost of school the way it is, why wouldn't you want to [apply]?”

The Foundation awards 400 to 450 scholarships a year to graduate students and undergraduate students based on merit and financial need, Malson stated. Most of the scholarships have some sort of minimum requirements, including a 3.0 GPA, enough credit hours to qualify as part-time or fulltime and a declared major.

The application requires a KSU Net ID and student ID number. Based on the student's information, the application system narrows the list of more than 300 available scholarships to those appropriate for the applicant.

Students must write at least one essay from three or four prompts and provide any other additional information such as community service logs, employment history or additional essays. If the scholarship includes financial need as a qualifier, the applicant must have FAFSA filed with KSU Financial Aid.

A review of scholarship applications begins as soon as the decision committee has met and verified FAFSA submission status with Financial Aid. Students are notified of the committee's decisions in spring 2010 via e-mails, said Malson.

For more information on the KSU Foundation Scholarships, visit the Development office scholarship website, [www.kennesaw.edu/scholarhips](http://www.kennesaw.edu/scholarhips), or e-mail [scholarshipapps@kennesaw.edu](mailto:scholarshipapps@kennesaw.edu).

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The ceremony was sponsored by the KSU ROTC Club, the KSU Students in Free Enterprise Team, Semper Fi and the KSU Veterans Club.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Taps was played in honor of First Lieutenant Tyler Hall Brown, United States Army, a former member of the Yellow Jacket Battalion and Georgia Tech Army ROTC, who was killed in Iraq on Sept. 14, 2004.

KSU senior Cadet Captain Jellyca James served as master of ceremony.



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The quilt has raised more than \$4 million to support AIDS service organizations and continues to draw support for family members, friends, and companions of AIDS victims, and gives those left behind a creative outlet to remember their loved ones by.

"I hope that KSU students walk away with the knowledge that HIV/AIDS does not discriminate whether you are young, old, gay, straight, male, female," said Sherry Grable, director of the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness. "Half of all new HIV infections occur in people under the age of 25."

A key part of preventing AIDS and many other STDs is protection. Grable said that 41.9 percent of students who are sexually active reported they mostly or always used a condom or protective barrier within the last 30 days when engaging in vaginal intercourse. As for anal intercourse and oral sex, sexually active students reported 25.6

percent and 5.2 percent, respectively. This data comes from KSU's National College Health Assessment data, collected last spring.

"These numbers are frightening," Grable said.

Grable believes students need to be aware of the possible consequences of unprotected sex and guard themselves accordingly. Sexually active students are encouraged to get tested for HIV, which can be done for free during AIDS Awareness Week. The screening will be held Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center.

Also, Student Health Services and the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness always have free condoms available to anyone who walks in. For more information on these services or the AIDS Memorial Quilt visit, call 770-423-6394.

Anyone who would like to create a panel for the quilt in remembrance or honor of someone affected by AIDS is invited to visit [aidsquilt.org](http://aidsquilt.org).

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 STAFF WRITER

#### Free check, baby

A female student arrived at KSU Police North Precinct on Nov. 2, and stated that she had received a check at her on-campus residence as payment for a babysitting job that she had not started. After communicating with a mother on a babysitter-hiring website, the mother agreed to pay the student \$400 per week to sit for her child. The check was made for \$3,800. The check came via FedEx from Eureka Springs, Cali. The female student did not cash the check. Police advised the student that no other similar cases had been reported and a report was filed.

#### Off with her head

Officers were dispatched to University Place on Nov. 2 in reference to a person making threatening phone calls. Officers met with two female roommates who both stated that one of the roommates had been receiving threatening phone calls all day. As stated in the report, an unknown male caller had threatened to "cut off her head." The females stated that they tried to trace the phone number, but were unable find a source. The student was advised to call back if the harassment reoccurred.

# POLICE BEAT

A report was filed.

#### Fired Up

Police were dispatched to Plant Operations on campus on Nov. 4 in regards to a public peace offense. The officer met with a plant manager who stated that she had just terminated a male employee, who became disruptive. The manager warned the former employee that he could either come into her office to further discuss the matter or she would call the police. The former employee then left and the manager called the police. The manager also stated that the ex-employee's mother worked in another university department. The officer then went to the mother's department and asked her questions to determine whether a threat assessment was necessary. The mother stated that her son had no history of violence and did not own any weapons. She stated that he was under a lot of stress due to his termination. A threat assessment was not filed; a report was filed.

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# DeMint represents everything wrong with Republicans

This week on a Fox News special report highlighting possible candidates for the 2012 Presidential Election, Senator Jim DeMint (R – S. Carolina) uttered a phrase that is encompassing of all that is wrong with the Republican Party. When asked whether or not, as Governor Mitch Daniels (R – Indiana) has suggested, Republicans should call a truce on social issues during this financial crisis, DeMint responded by saying, “you can’t be a fiscal conservative and not a social conservative.”

A speech he gave at this year’s Values Voters Summit is probably more revealing of what he intended to say. Without a reliance upon strong Judeo-Christian values, DeMint argues, society will “have fewer values and morals, and you’re going to have a culture that has to be controlled by the government.”

In other words, man needs an authority of some kind. If it’s not God, then it has to be government. These statements imply that DeMint does not believe that we should shrink government for the sake of freedom or the protection of man’s natural rights but for the sake of religious order.

This statement implies a belief that man cannot be moral without God. It suggests that a state of freedom is unnatural for man, and that some sort of authoritarian command is required to maintain order. Without God, they argue, men would become hedonists.

I am an atheist and I deplore the acts of

“Unlike Christians, my morality is not based on fear of punishment. Instead, my morality holds man’s life as the highest standard of value. Anything that leads to the destruction of man’s life is immoral.”

**Justin Hayes**

Senior Columnist



theft and murder. What keeps me from committing these acts? I have no fear of punishment in the after-life to keep me from being immoral. Unlike Christians, my morality is not based on fear of punishment. Instead, my morality holds man’s life as the highest standard of value. Anything that leads to the destruction of man’s life is immoral.

Murder is immoral, not because I fear the consequences of hell, but because it is the complete negation of another man’s life. If I steal, I am demanding that the owner of the item I have stolen work for my sake. Property is the means by which man sustains his life. Stealing another man’s property is the theft of man’s life.

The initiation of physical force and the violation of man’s rights are the source of im-

morality, not disobedience to God’s word. The prohibition of physical force in the economic realm is the source of capitalism, an economic system that Republicans claim to support.

Philosophic consistency would require the prohibition of physical force to be applied to the social realm. To remain consistent on issues such as gay marriage and drug use, Republicans should support voluntary agreement. Those who believe in limited government should support any action that does not lead to the harm of anyone else.

Let me propose an alternative to Senator DeMint’s statement: “You can’t believe in limited government in the economic realm and not believe in limited government in the social realm.”

I doubt most Republicans would agree.

# Donate for the cure

**Matthew Cole**

Senior Columnist



“If I were to take a poll on this issue, I would be hard-pressed to find a single adult who isn’t ‘aware’ of breast cancer.”

As winter is setting in, the air is starting to get nipple-y ... wait. No, I meant nippy! (Sorry, Freudian slip — all these pink ribbons I keep seeing tend to make the mind wander.)

But seriously, They’re everywhere: Even M&Ms are being sold in pink bags of the delicious candy emblazoned with the pink ribbon. Same goes for everyday consumer products. More and more consumers are beginning to rack up pink ribbon merchandise.

Ostensibly, these ribbons are supposed to spread awareness about breast cancer and to express solidarity with breast cancer victims. I bet if I were to take a poll on this issue, I would be hard-pressed to find a single adult who isn’t “aware” of breast cancer. I have yet to hear anyone utter, “Breast cancer? What’s that?”

Considering the fact that it is such a wide-

spread disease, and one of the most feared by women, I would say we are all pretty well “aware” of breast cancer.

Same goes for this whole solidarity thing. If you’re a woman, it’s pretty hard to not be in solidarity with breast cancer victims. If you are a man, chances are you are close to at least one woman in your life; I don’t think we have to worry about a lack of solidarity.

Of course, buying pink ribbon products and going on three-day walks probably aren’t the most economically efficient ways to demonstrate solidarity. Anyone remember those red ribbons that were popular a few years ago — you know, those things that were supposed to spread awareness and solidarity? Whatever happened to those? Did we cure AIDS already? Nope. AIDS just went out of style.

“Pinkwashing” is the new fad. Companies know that if they slap a pink ribbon on their products and pledge a minuscule token donation to breast cancer research, they can exploit the fears and loyalties of shoppers, who are mostly women.

This tactic also works because sex sells. Think about it: What do AIDS and breast cancer have in common? They are both related to sex or sexuality in some way. I doubt we will ever see any black ribbons to spread awareness of lung cancer. Coughing up discolored saliva is just not sexy enough for us to care about.

So instead of buying every pink product on the shelf or posting Facebook statuses telling everyone where you “like it,” consider making an actual donation to a cancer research fund instead.

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# eva berlin sylvestre bids adieu

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Editor-in-Chief



So I'm peacin' out. Thanks for everything, readers and staffers and admin and all you other hobos who kept us alive. I'll leave you with a few gems that you might wanna clip and put on your fridge. These don't usually come free, so... you're welcome, my darlings. Enjoy the rest of your lives and don't be afraid to call me when I'm a bigshot media mogul in NYC. Or Athens, Ga. Same damn thing, right?

- **If you know what you want to do** with your life and a degree is the way to go, you're one of the lucky ones. If you're here because your parents taught you to fear your dreams (music, art, etc.) and you want to "ensure" at least a normal job, you've got it all wrong. Every field is risky. If you're confident that your passion will propel you more than a degree in accounting (or whatever they wanted you to get into), then take the fucking plunge. You can always go back to school, pal. The fire inside of you is fragile; fan it.

- **Soft, expensive toilet paper gives you dingleberries**, which is precisely why the Charmin bears are having those problems.

- **If you hate your name, change it. Don't settle for a boring** or unpronounceable name that isn't really "you." (What were your parents thinking?!) Changing that stupid mess is easy and cheap; just do it. A great name automatically "ups" your cool — trust me on this one.

- **Women who wear maxi-pads are not to be trusted — end of discussion.**

- **Here's a nugget when you're working your way to the** top of your field: As you climb the ladder, people around you will marvel at your passion and go: "Look at all that **ambition!**" But when you get to the top, they'll sneer at your

passion and go: "Look at all that **ego!**" Nevermind them, friends; barrel forward in your quest to progress — but don't you *ever* forget where you came from.

- **The cheap deli meat at your local grocer (the kind they** can shave for you at 3.99/lb?) ... avoid it. Spring for Boar's Head.

- **And finally: Recognize "unprofessional" as an insult used** by people who (in a word) would like to sum up the following sentiment: "I did something incredibly stupid, but I'm going to ignore that part and project my failures onto you by employing over-used corporate jargon." If you *were* being unprofessional, "man up," apologize and c'mon ... be sincere. If you were merely putting product before friendship, good job. *Now make them walk the plank, matey.*

\*tips her hat\*

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# THE OWL FORUM

## In response to "Culturally reductive images at KSU" Published on Nov. 2, 2010 by Erin Thomas Echolos

Upon reading this column, I was moved to see that its author was up-to-speed on history of foreign cultures and stereotypes. I was disappointed, however, to see that this person neglected to mention what the acronym "TRAC" actually stands for. According to their website, the "Teacher Resource & Activity Center" is in place to help teachers "enhance their classroom learning experience."

Sigh.

It is discouraging to learn that this stereotype branding is going on at an institute of higher education to begin with, but to also be happening within the confines of a center that is supposed to provide resources to further our children's education in the classroom setting is downright offensive. If we don't act to dissolve racial stereotyping in the classroom at a young age, our children will grow up to face the same racial boundaries that we are working so hard to eliminate today.

Vanessa Jenkins  
Communication—Media Studies

## Re: A mother's right?

I applaud Jessica Ridley for continuing her education as a new mother, but it seems to me like she's complaining to get attention. The school has clearly offered her several options trying to accommodate her need to pump her breast milk. The fact that she uses time as an excuse comes off as laziness. Perhaps she should have taken her needs into consideration when scheduling her classes.

Amy Gary  
2011, Communication—Media Studies

# The men behind the display

## A look at the organization responsible for last week's graphic demonstrations



Students and faculty pass by the graphic "ProLife on Campus" display.

Noel Madali | The Sentinel

**James Swift and Abbey McDaniel**  
CULTURE EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

For students and faculty members who approached the student center last week, the explicit displays were all but unavoidable. Orange and black poster boards warned travelers nearing the campus green of "graphic imagery" ahead, a reference to the towering anti-abortion display.

The four-sided display featured a number of graphic images, comparing abortion procedures to atrocities committed during the reign of the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia and the Nazi Party in Germany.

A number of volunteers stood inside the enclosed guardrail surrounding the display, while other representatives approached students to hand out pro-life literature. Several representatives talked to students and debated the issue of abortion to travelers who took offense to the display's central message: "abortion is genocide."

The group responsible for the demonstration is an organization known as ProLife on Campus. It is funded by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc., which was founded in California by former Reagan Administration member Gregg Cunningham in 1990.

"The Genocide Awareness Project" has been funded by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc. since 1998, and has made appearances at hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada.

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc. has been involved in a number of lawsuits in the last decade, including ongoing litigation against Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Attorney General of the United States Eric Holder, Jr.

The organization has also taken legal action against a number of police departments, universities, middle schools and pro-choice organizations throughout the nation, citing violations of the organization's First Amendment rights.

"We've been invited here by [the KSU] Pro-Life Am-

bassadors," said C. Fletcher Armstrong, southeast region director for the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc.

"What we're trying to do, at the most basic level, [is] show two basic facts about the unborn child," Armstrong said. "It is a baby, even in the first trimester of pregnancy, and abortion is an act of violence."

"We're not here to make a religious argument," Armstrong said. "We believe in equality, because we're created human beings. We should value each other equally." Fletcher said that the "ProLife on Campus" group is a non-profit cause, and that expenditures for the traveling demonstration are funded solely by supporter contributions.

"Who is more of an orphan than the child that is delivered up by his own parents to be killed?" Armstrong said. "Who is more of a widow than a woman who's being threatened by abandonment if she won't have an abortion? That happens so often. . . it's an outgrowth of the commandment to care about the wellbeing of others."

When asked if he was willing to pay higher taxes for welfare programs and improved public education, Armstrong stated "I'm not going to accept the premise that compassion [and] improving quality [of life] always means spending more money."

Armstrong said that he firmly believes in the sanctity of human life and claims that the "rights of the child" should be recognized from the moment of conception.

When asked whether or not the group's strong Christian leanings influenced the organization's policies, Armstrong declared that religious affiliation is not a factor in the group's message. "The Bible, primarily, is not a book of science," Armstrong said. "[The Pro Life stance] is an argument of science and social justice."

As of November 2010, The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc. has not responded to Better Business Bureau requests for release of information pertaining to Standards for Charity Accountability certification.

## A hidden agenda?

While a number of representatives of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc. state that the "ProLife on Campus" mission isn't an issue regarding politics or religion, several statements made by the organization's founder (and former Republican Pennsylvania House of Representatives member) Gregg Cunningham seem to state otherwise:

**"Democrats take money from law-abiding taxpayers and use it to buy votes from illegal aliens, lying about it all the while. And the state-owned media covers-up the whole charade."**

- From Cunningham's September 2009 blog post entitled "THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS A DESPICABLE LIAR"

**"Why do so many Muslims declare jihad when someone burns a Koran but equally devout Christians yawn when someone burns a Bible? Could it be because Christians realize that Jesus, the Living Word, remains unfazed by the destruction of the printed word? Why do Christians generally support the First Amendment rights of all adherents to all faiths to proselytize their hearts out but many Muslims issue fatal fatwas against anyone criticizing Islam, or Mohammad, or suggesting the divinity of Christ? Could it be that Radical Islam is an insecure faith which doubts its ability to survive in the marketplace of ideas? Why is it that this religion must so often be spread and enforced by force of arms? Heretical Christians got over that sort of stupidity a very long time ago."**

- From Cunningham's May 2009 blog post entitled "Radical Islam and Pro-Aborts Insecure In Their Faiths"

**"Pro-life physicians who refuse to abort or refer for abortion could soon be denied board certification and its attendant professional and economic benefits. This proposed requirement by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is pure politics. It has nothing to do with medicine. It is a crude, vindictive attempt to punish dissenting colleagues. Any woman who is capable of getting herself to a doctor who won't refer for abortion is capable of getting herself to a doctor who will. If Satan is the animating force behind abortion, is board certification about to become a precursor to the literal 'mark of the beast' for Christian obstetricians and gynecologists?"**

- From Cunningham's March 2008 blog post entitled "American Colleges of Obstetricians & Gynecologists Attempt To Force 'The Mark of The Beast'"

# A matter of faith

## A look at the role of religion in the lives of KSU student

**James Swift & Meg Hand**

CULTURE EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

Four differing viewpoints, sharing one common conviction: those of different beliefs can peaceably coexist in American society.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, The KSU Student Media office became the most religiously diverse location on campus, as more than a dozen student representatives from the Muslim Student Association, Hillel, House Church and the Student Coalition for Inquiry came together to discuss several contemporary issues regarding the role of religion in university life.

As college students, many members of the KSU community believe the idea of religious tolerance is a given, considering the daily interaction amongst peers sharing an array of faiths and beliefs.

That said, how often do KSU students actually sit down and take the time to listen and openly discuss their religious beliefs, especially with those sharing different views? Would most KSU students feel comfortable discussing their faith with other students, especially if it meant having their guiding principles critiqued and analyzed?

How do Christian students feel about their Muslim peers? How do Jewish students feel about agnostic or atheist classmates?

"I brought my [ammunition] to the discussion" one attendee joked before the discussion began.

Behind the humorous icebreaker, there is an indisputable truth: no matter what KSU students believe (or in some cases, don't believe), the topic of religion is one that most members of the campus community approach with great caution.

By the end of the evening, it was apparent that each participant had gained some insight that they hadn't experienced before. Ultimately, the greatest point made during the night wasn't a single utterance or a quote from a religious text, but the simple reality that, be it in a university setting or elsewhere, the most vital tools for personal enlightenment are open ears, and more importantly, an open mind.

### On the influence of religion at KSU...

"The only time it really comes up is when you're rolling your eyes as you walk by the guys near the Social Science Building or by the abortion guys, these crazies that aren't representative of any religion." -- Craig Smith, (SCI)

"It's made me feel like I'm more part of a community... you have people to talk to that share some of the same interests, and you feel like you're actually in a family... it's made me feel a deeper



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connection." -- Perry Bilbroger, (Hillel)

"It seems like religion was more of a focus when I was in middle and high school... if the issue comes up, I will discuss it with people... but religion [has taken] a backseat since I've gotten to college. It's a component, but it's not a guiding force." -- Walker Evans, (SCI)

### On prejudice in the academic environment...

"My first semester at Kennesaw State, I [took a freshman Geography class]. A girl right after me made a [misinformed] presentation about the rights of women in Middle Eastern countries, and on top of that, there was a gentleman in my class that vehemently hated Islam, pulling and warping verses from the Koran, [acting] as if Islam was the absolute worst thing that's ever happened to humanity. I had to engage in dialogue with them... it's something that I constantly have to struggle with, dealing with people that just do not want to understand Islam." -- Ali Abedi, (MSA)

"I did feel discrimination in one of my philosophy classes. One of my professors just harped on Christianity, [saying] 'Christians are stupid'... it was very difficult for me, but it was definitely eye opening. A lot of Christians tend to not open their eyes [and] be open-minded to [other ways of thinking]." -- Josh Perkinson (House Church)

"I was taking a class on politics in the Middle East, and I was presenting on Israel. The professor decided to take a very [subjective] view of it, and totally spun the presentation into something that it wasn't." -- Perry Bilbroger, (Hillel)

"I was [discussing details of my personal life] with a navy recruiter, and when he asked my religious preference... and I admitted that I was an atheist, he [seemed] to get irritated and said that I would have a hard time [in the navy] due to my lack of religiosity." -- Matthew Cole (Atheist)

"I was doing a group project, [and a student] asked me [several questions about my religion and ethnicity]. She asked me if I 'was supposed to kill the Christians around me'... she said that 'I was supposed to kill anybody that wasn't a Muslim because my religion said so'." -- Fatih Daig, (MSA)

### On religious influences in the Southeastern region...

"[Occasionally], someone will come up to me and ask me what I'm doing... and it turns into a bible session because they know I'm Jewish. They bring me to [these events], and I know the intent isn't what they originally [told me]... the look on their faces when I tell them I'm Jewish [is like] they hit a brick wall." -- Perry Bilbroger, (Hillel)

"I'm not exaggerating here... I've literally heard pastors rail against the dangers of 'too much education.' When you debase reason and promote faith according to [theocracy]... you really shouldn't be surprised when you find out about how Southerners do in math and science compared to the rest of the country." -- Matthew Cole, (Atheist)

"Sometimes, it gets discredited because we are the bible belt... it's like, 'well, you were just raised in the bible belt, [so you believe that]... it becomes something that people think you are just supposed to do instead of looking at [Christianity] as a choice.' -- Kelly Everett, (House Church)

### On the influence of religion on social interaction...

"I remember in high school, going to church... I just wanted to be with my friends. I received some good teachings... but there was also a lot of social interaction. When I came to college, it's not spoon fed to you... you go to college, and your eyes are opened to so many different views and ideas... we want to create an environment that we get together [and] share our hearts with each other... if you have a deeper [individual spirituality, you're going to want] more of it [in] social



interaction." -- Jarred Bailey, (House Church)

"It depends on the individual... you have people that come and do their five daily prayers individually, and you'll have people that will do those things [as a congregation]." -- Ali Abedi, (MSA)

"We are starting to see that we are different, but we can live together. Individually, I am a Muslim, but I can [still] be [a secular member of] society." -- Fatih Daig, (MSA)

"As an atheist, not believing in religion, irreligious... I have no problem [at all speaking to others]... it's like there's no barriers." -- Ryan McGee, (SCI)

"If you let your religion define you, [I take into consideration]... [personally] it's [just] one characteristic of me, of a multitude." -- Walker Evans, (SCI)

"[As residential students], you tend to seek out more people like you... I think it solidifies the faith-based communities." -- Matthew Cole, (Atheist)

### On the Christian demonstrators that regularly appear at KSU...

"Technically, out of context... sometimes [the quotes they use] are what the verses say. But there's more verses than the ones they pick

out... there is that condemnation side to Christianity. I'm not saying there isn't [but] there's also that side of love [that the demonstrators do not exhibit]... I'm not asking everybody to [become] Christian, but I think people look at it, and throw the final straw in there and say 'I'm done with it' because of what these guys did... they're missing another section of the book [and] I don't agree with a lot of their interpretations. They claim to 'know' God, and I claim to be a Christian as well, so can I say they're totally wrong? To some degree, I can [agree and disagree] with what they're saying [but] I don't agree with the way [their message] comes across." -- Jarred Bailey, (House Church)

"There's nowhere in the bible that says 'God hates fags.' God hates sin, but God loves all." -- Josh Perkinson, (House Church)

"When I see these guys, the first thing I think of is, 'why are they here?' The entire reason I believe that they're here is just to make noise and to draw a crowd." -- Ali Abedi, (MSA)



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"They represent themselves... every organization has its crazies. Christianity has those guys and the abortion clinic bombers, Judaism has the hyper Zionists, Islam has suicide bombers, the secularists and atheists... Pol Pot was one of them. Everybody has their [extremists]." -- Craig Smith, (SCI)

#### On religious fundamentalism...

"I have often been told by other people 'Oh, you're not one of those crazies, you're a moderate Muslim.'... I ask the question, to be a moderate Muslim, or to be a moderate Christian, or to be a moderate atheist, to be a moderate anything... I would say we are all technically fundamentalists, because we are all trying to hold ourselves to some specific set of beliefs." -- Ali Abedi, (MSA)

"There are all of these religious organizations, all of these different faiths... I think the real question it comes back to is our religion a title, or is it something that truly [alters] our lives? Is just being a good person enough... [by titling] ourselves as Christians or atheists or fundamentalists, is that actually enough to alter our life and change it?" -- Josh Perkinson, (House Church)

"People, generally want two things: they want to enjoy life, and make it a better place [than it was] when they found it. What [that] means varies from religion to religion, or even person to person, [but] we all

agree that life can become better for those who come after, then there's a common, middle ground we can all work from." -- Craig Smith, (SCI)

"I had a professor that once said that the opposite of love wasn't hate, but indifference. Think about when you're mad at an ex-girlfriend or ex-boyfriend: you're mad because you care, and you [want to] get them to understand you. That hatred is in the opposite spectrum of love, but if you hate someone, it's because you care." -- Walker Evans, (SCI)

#### On the separation of church and state...

"It's for the protection of both the church and the state. Secular power corrupts religious leaders, and religious authority will corrupt secular leaders... we're all coming from different angles, so there has to be secular reasons we discuss publicly to decide how we're going to treat each other." -- Terry Jorgensen, (SCI)

"The government gets no say in how you worship and what religion you choose to be in... it was mostly to protect the churches." -- Ryan McGee, (SCI)

"If you look at all the governments that have existed that are based on [theocracy] or some sort of divine mandate, more often than not, those governments are more oppressive against human rights than governments that are more open and secular." -- Matthew Cole, (Atheist)

"I feel like the efforts to remove all religion from society are misguided, because that was never the original intent... we should have the freedom to practice [our] religions, [but] your religion shouldn't get any preference over another one." -- Walker Evans, (SCI)

#### On religion and the rights of women and employees...

"Within the [KSU] community, men respect me and other women... in ways that a lot of other men won't. In that aspect... I've never really felt [mistreated] or disrespected [but] I definitely feel that there could be some discrimination against women [based on their religious beliefs]." -- Kelly Everett, (House Church)

"There was a Muslim girl that wanted to work at American Eagle, and they told her if [she] wanted to work there, she would have to remove [her] headscarf. I felt like it wasn't discrimination, as much as it was a rights thing... France has banned the use of birkas and headscarves, because they don't want to create that disparity where you have an easily identified, separate part of the population... [The French Government] doesn't feel as if it's a violation of their rights." -- Walker Evans, (SCI)

"A woman that's Christian, or Jewish, doesn't have a sign on her that flashes 'hey, this is my religion,' [that's not the case] unless you're Hindu or a Muslim. With a practicing Muslim woman, she will typically wear a headscarf, so people [can identify] her religion easier... people can point it out. In a lot of ways, they are marginalized... but [employers asking employees to] remove the headscarves is taking away their individuality." -- Ali Abedi, (MSA)

"The First Amendment protects you from the government, but it does not protect you from private business. If you're representing a business, [you are subjected to different standards]... furthermore, I believe all religions have a streak where they degrade women. You can walk into any Catholic Church, [and ask] to speak to a member of the clergy that's a woman, and see what they say." -- Gage Thompson, (Atheist)

"I think in the case of the store, they have every right to not hire



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somebody, [but] I believe the government banning [employees from religious dressings] is [somewhat] crossing the line." -- Scott Weiss, (Hillel)

"It's distasteful for them to not hire someone just because of a headscarf, but if it's a private company, it's up to all of us to petition the company, and not the government [that needs] to step in." -- Ryan McGee, (SCI)

#### On commonalities shared by different religions...

"My grandmother knew about five or six languages, and one time, I asked [her about] religion, because I saw the Bible, the Torah and The Koran at her house. She put all of them in front of me, and she said 'I memorized all three of these religious books'... she devoted her life to [reading these books], until she was about 85... and she said they told the same thing. Basically, they're telling the same thing. [While] looking through the bible, I'm like 'hey, this is in the Koran, too'... there's nothing, so far I haven't seen anything, any change, any different thing... we need to come together, and see our similarities, and realize that we're not that different." -- Fatih Daig, (MSA)

"We see the similarities between the bible and the Koran, and we talk about these things... people can actually come together [and be a community] where these things that we believe are lived out [in how] we act, and how we treat people. We would see the similarities [the religions share]." -- Kelly Everett, (House Church)

## Participant roll call:

**Ali Abedi- Sophomore, International Affairs**

**Jarred Bailey - Senior, Finance**

**Perry Bilbroger: Senior, Psychology**

**Matthew Cole: Senior, International Affairs**

**Fatih Daig- Junior, Political Science**

**Walker Evans- Sophomore, Economics**

**Kelly Everett - Sophomore, Psychology**

**Terry Jorgensen- KSU graduate (BS in Psychology and MS in Statistics)**

**Ryan McGee - KSU graduate (BS in Management)**

**Josh Perkinson - Junior, Communication**

**Craig Smith- Senior, Political Science**

**Gage Thompson - Senior, Political Science**

**Scott Weiss - Junior, Finance**

# Atlanta talent competes at '2nd Annual Showtime: Amateur Night'

**John DeFoor**  
STAFF WRITER

Some of Atlanta's most talented singers, dancers and speakers gathered in the KSU University Rooms on Oct. 5 to compete at Kappa Alpha Psi's "2nd Annual Showtime: Amateur Night."

The event was hosted by Mike Alcott, a Savannah comedian who has toured with Steve Harvey and starred in the Rob Zombie film "The

Devil's Rejects."

Beginning a little after 8:30 p.m., the event featured 13 diverse groups. Among the performances were a rendition of the song "Pretty Wings," and the poem "Phenomenal Woman" by Maya Angelou. Other performances brought to light modern sexism, and discussed upholding Christian standards. Alcott even performed, singing the song "Nobody" by Keith Sweat.

Two performers, Felander Stevenson and 10-year-old singer Kanaysia, shared the night's



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Co-winners Felander Stevenson (top) and Kanaysia impressed the audience with their powerful performances.

top honors. "You could have just dropped the mic and walked away," said Alcott after Stevenson's performance.

"Hey Kennesaw State, how you doing?" Kanaysia called out during her act. Despite her age, she exhibited a strong stage presence, at one point leaving the stage to sing among the crowd. Her song featured her own nickname "Nay-Nay," and soon inspired her hundred-plus crowd to join in the singing of the chorus.

"It's really cool when you see a parent behind their child," Alcott said after her performance.

Singers Stevenson and Kanaysia went on to tie as the winners of the Kappa Alpha Psi-sponsored event.

"You got to start somewhere," Alcott said after the show, leaving the audience with some encouraging words about success in the entertainment industry: "It can happen, if you believe it can happen."

## WOMEN'S RUGBY

KSU Club Sports now has a WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM! It has been a great pre-season and we are looking forward to a strong start on November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information about becoming part of the team, dates and times of upcoming games, or making donations; visit KSU Club Sports online, stop by the Owl's Nest on 3220 Busbee Dr. by the new stadium, or visit <http://www.ourfund.us/index.php> to make donations. Thank you for your support.™



KSU Women's Rugby 2010

# Campus to be a 'safe space' for LGBTIQ community

**Katherine Tippins**  
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Another KSU web page has undergone a year or so's worth of obsolescence. No big surprise, right? The Safe Space Initiative's site was last updated in January 2009, but the campus-wide initiative itself is going through a major upload of new information.

In the past, SSI held training sessions open to the KSU community. Those who completed the training earned a sticker displaying the SSI logo.

According to SSI's site ([kennesaw.edu/safespace](http://kennesaw.edu/safespace)), "Persons displaying the Safe Space logo are committed to combating hatred and discrimination through assistance and support. Posting this logo does not indicate anything about a student, staff, or faculty member's own sexual orientation. Rather, the KSU Safe Space logo sends a message to students, faculty, and staff that the person posting this logo supports the equal treatment of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons."

Dean of Student Success and current chair of the President's Commission on LGBTIQ Initiatives Dr. Michael Sanseviro acknowledged the need update SSI's look: "Because some people who originally completed safe space training have relocated or left KSU, some stickers may not accurately reflect that a trained individual is still located in that office. We are working to rectify this [problem]. The sticker represents more than just a mild statement of safety, but is a more active symbol of support. This is part of why we want to ensure that those who display the sticker are adequately trained to provide an appropriate level of support to those in need. Every space on campus should be safe for every

member of our community — regardless of what diverse traits make those individuals unique."

To make the SSI stickers' message more current and prevalent on campus, the President's Commission on LGBTIQ Initiatives asked Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Museum of History and Holocaust Education Dr. Anne Sinkey to lead an SSI-modernization effort. Sinkey was hired in September 2009, and she completed an SSI training session that semester.

According to Sanseviro, "KSU has been actively involved in engaging faculty, staff and students in dialogue about the comfort and climate on campus for all persons, including those who represent various forms of diversity." KSU was one of the first institutions in the University System of Georgia that revised its nondiscrimination statement to include sexual orientation in 1996.

"While it's true that the university doesn't allow overt discrimination or harassment based on sexual or gender identity, a safe space requires more than the absence of overt discrimination. The University System of Georgia still has a long way to go with creating a campus environment that accepts and affirms LGBTIQ members," Sinkey said. "By not regulating hate speech and not offering partner benefits, for example, the university system shows that it does not see

LGBTIQ members as equal, and this message is reflected in the campus climate."

The revamped SSI curriculum will debut in fall 2011; in the meantime, no new SSI stickers will be distributed until training sessions resume. "Members of the President's Commission are actively working to update the curriculum to include the most recent language, statistics and KSU resource information," said Sinkey. "We're also working with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to create another level of diversity trainings open to the KSU community, and these trainings would cover issues of privilege and oppression beyond gender and sexuality categories. This is important since so many oppressions are intersectional — they include race, class, disability, religion, and not just

one identity category."

Sinkey said she thinks the success of SSI relies on the action and participation of allies: "I don't need to be a racial minority to be actively anti-racist. You don't have to be LGBTIQ to be an ally. If you think that all members of the KSU community deserve to be treated equally, then you should get involved in safe space and take a public stand as a supporter of the community. I would love to see so many safe space stickers that the absence of a sticker became an unusual sight. It would be great if members of the campus chose to become educated advocates for the LGBTIQ community at KSU — as well as other marginalized communities in Georgia as a way of strengthening KSU and making us a better, stronger school."

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Junior guard Spencer Dixon beats his man with a lane to the hoop. Dixon posted 27 points, six assists and four steals running all over Georgia Tech Monday night.



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Sophomore forward LaDaris Green puts up a jump shot Monday against Georgia Tech. Green had 19 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks in the win.

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## Owls dominate Yellow Jackets

**Jack Morbitzer**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's basketball defeated Georgia Tech 80-63 Monday night in a regionally televised broadcast and in front of a record Convocation Center crowd.

The Owls (2-0) never trailed and controlled play from the opening whistle in a statement victory for KSU.

"We knew we had to come out ready to play," Head Coach Tony Ingle said. "Our defense was phenomenal, our rebounding was great, and the atmosphere was good. If you're going to upset a team, you have to take it to them."

Junior guard Spencer Dixon led the game with 27 points, six assists and four steals turning in what Ingle called a "Heisman trophy performance."

Dixon shot 50 percent from

3-point range connecting on a critical triple after Tech cut the lead to five with less than 10 minutes remaining in the game.

"I feel confident taking those shots," Dixon said.

That was as close as the Yellow Jackets came to tying as the lead grew to 17 late. Paul Hewitt's team only watched as Dixon dribbled the final seconds off the clock.

"This is the biggest game on campus in the history of this school," Ingle said. "I told the guys your not just playing for your teammates, but for anyone that's ever worn this jersey."

The team responded to that challenge with a 17-point drumming of an in-state rival.

Sophomore forward LaDaris Green recorded 19 points, 12 rebounds and even denied a Tech shot with just 37 seconds remain-

ing for his fourth and final block. Green found his way to the free throw line as well, shooting 5-6, helped from behind the arc shooting 50 percent and fell just behind Dixon with five assists.

"I'm alright with it," Green said laughing when asked about his performance. "I just play the game, I just love basketball so much. I do what I have to do for my team, my school and everybody."

KSU jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, kept a 15-5 run in the first six minutes and did not look back as the lead mushroomed to as much as 20 in the first half. Tech chipped away at the lead in the second half and cut it to single digits multiple times.

"We just couldn't get over that hill," Hewitt said.

Sophomore forward Markeith Cummings played all 40 minutes

and while only scoring 13 points, played a role in drawing double teams. Georgia Tech junior guard Iman Shumpert led the Yellow Jackets with 20 points, shooting 13-14 from the charity stripe.

The record crowd of 4,784 more than doubled the previous record set against Mercer earlier this year.

"The crowd was enthusiastic," Dixon said. "I like to get hyped-up before the game and during the game so the crowd helped me and the team tonight. The more people we have here, I feel like the better we're going to play."

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday the Owls host the Chattanooga Mocs in the Convocation Center before taking part in the Global Sports Hy-Vee Challenge starting Saturday, but don't just come to be seen.

"I want swagger," Ingle said.



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Freshman Sara Metroka scored a double-double with 51 assists and a career-high 15 digs Saturday.

#### Jack Morbitzer SPORTS EDITOR

Volleyball closed out Mercer on the road in dramatic fashion, improving to 3-0 in five set matches this season. It was senior night in Macon, but the Owls (17-10, 9-1) spoiled the celebration winning 3-2 (21-25, 25-21, 24-26, 25-13, 15-10).

"We had contributions from everywhere," Head Coach Karen Weatherington said. "That's a team that wants to win. They're playing championship volleyball and I'm excited to see it."

# Volleyball finishes 9-1 in conference

## Next challenge A-Sun tourney

Quarterfinals Thursday	Semifinals Friday	Final Saturday
	#1 Lipscomb	
#4 Belmont	5 p.m.	
#5 Mercer	5 p.m.	
#3 ETSU	7:30 p.m.	3 p.m. A-Sun Champion
#6 UNF	7:30 p.m.	
	#2 KSU	

A possible foreshadowing statement made by Weatherington as next week the Owls travel to south Florida for the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship. In the meantime, KSU will reflect on the road win and observe it was a team effort.

In the fifth and final set, KSU scored the first point, but found themselves behind 3-2 after a Mercer attack and an error. The Owls tied it at three and from there Weatherington's squad dominated and did not let the Bears come any closer than two points from tying. Grace Hoyt recorded two kills in the last four points as

Mercer's final attempt fell helplessly out of bounds and the final set ended 15-10.

The fourth set was critical for the Owls and a turning point in the match. Mercer led 2-1, but couldn't shut out KSU for the victory. The teams traded points until play tied at 11. After the tie, KSU blasted a 14-2 run to win, 25-13, and force a decisive fifth set.

KSU dropped the first set, but won the second before the mid-match break. Tied at a set a piece, the women battled for the lynchpin third set which saw 12 ties and five lead changes. KSU led by four

but Mercer tied at 15 after rallying four points following a timeout. Neither team notched a fateful run as the score tied at 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 points. A kill and point by the Bears finished the third set at 26-24.

"We can step up and play hard," Weatherington said about how her team fought through five sets. "We knew there was a lot of pressure coming here on senior night, and Mercer is a great team. I think as we go along we continue to get stronger and stronger."

In the match, freshman setter Sara Metroka tallied 51 assists and a career-high 15 digs for a double-double.

"All season long she's been the unsung hero," Weatherington said.

Senior outside hitter Sabrita Gulley scored 21 kills, making her the single-season kill leader in KSU's history.

"She has been carrying the load for this team," Weatherington said. "She knows how to play against Mercer. Those 21 kills are just what she needed to do."

Freshman defensive specialist Camille Pedraza led the Owls with 16 digs and Emily

Bean had 14 of her own to trump the Bears' attack.

Though KSU had already clinched the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament, this rivalry match wasn't some sort of exhibition. With the victory the Owls have only lost to A-Sun No. 1 seed Lipscomb, who hasn't lost to anybody in conference.

"We set our sights high this year," Weatherington said holding back post-match tears. "We knew that we had the opportunity go out sometimes and play really hard, and that's what they did. We stepped up big, said we had a ten game season and came out 9-1 [in conference] and obtained another goal."

With the regular season over Weatherington and the Owls look to refresh their bodies and minds before heading to Fort Myers, Fla. for the conference tournament. KSU flies out early next week and carry momentum and confidence.

"We are at an all-time high," she said.

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Junior Alyssa Lang sends an attack hit for the Owls against Mercer in a 5-set victory Saturday. KSU travels to Fort Myers, Fla. Wednesday for the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship.

# SPORTSBEAT

## Cross Country

...sends **senior Mackenzie Howe** to nationals after she placed **eight in the NCAA South Regional Saturday**. She is the **first Owl runner to make national** at the **Division I level**. Howe was also recognized as All-Region for the second straight year. The national event will take place **Nov. 22, in Terre Haute, Ind.** The **men's team finished ninth** at the NCAA South Regional bringing an end to their season. **Sophomore Nabil Hamid finished 14th individually** and was recognized as **All-Region**.

## Women's Basketball

...defeated Florida Atlantic University **65-64** to notch their first win of the season Sunday. **Sophomore forward Sametria Gideon** had a **game-high 19 points and 15 rebounds** and **junior Angie Smith shot 66 percent from the field and tallied 17 points** in the victory. Friday the Miami Hurricanes blew the Owls away 93-39 in their season opener. KSU faces the **Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17** in Atlanta.

# Owls play well in season opener

## Win first meeting with Georgia Southwestern

**Neha Ali**  
STAFF WRITER

Friday night, men's basketball defeated Georgia Southwestern 82-62 in the Owls' first meeting with the Hurricanes.

Junior Spencer Dixon, sophomore LaDaris Green, sophomore Markeith Cummings, sophomore Aaron Anderson, and Freshman Andrew Osemhen began the season opener as the starting line-up for the Owls at the Veteran's day tribute game.

With what looked like a bad start as the Hurricanes led 7-0, KSU found their offense with free throws to make it 7-4. With 14:22 left in the first half, the Owls defense kept the Hurricanes from getting another lead leaving the score at 10-10.

Osemhen, who made his collegiate debut, put the owls in the lead 13-10 after tipping the ball into the hoop with 13:41 left in the first half. A

minute later, Cummings came back with another game highlight. Sprinting down from Hurricane territory, he was able to make a quick dribble at the 3-point line before going for an effortless right-handed layup.

"It was good to see Drew out here, a freshman, starting with Aaron and Markeith who are sophomores. We're relatively a young team but we're trying to give them experience as much as we can," Head Coach Tony Ingle said.

Throughout the game, the Hurricanes' defenders could not keep Cummings away from the net. At 6:02 in the first half, Cummings lifted the crowds' spirit with a two-handed alley-oop assisted by Dixon from half court. Dixon was a huge aid in the game recording a career-high nine assists.

Georgia Southwestern remained scoreless for almost six minutes

straight. By the end of the first half, the Hurricanes seemed to be missing crucial points and trailed 40-26 after sophomore LaDaris Green's shot score with 2:01 left before the halftime buzzer.

Returning with the same defensive and offensive momentum in the first half, the Owls never relinquished the lead. Cummings started the half with a 3-point shot within the first 30 seconds making the score 43-28.

Five minutes into the second half, Dixon replied to the Hurricanes' 3-point shot with his only basket of the night, a 3-pointer, giving him 500 career points. Senior Kevin McConnell gave the Owls their biggest lead

at 25 points with two free throws and 7:40 left in regulation.

Ingle changed up the line-up the last 10 minutes placing freshman Brandon Dawson, sophomore transfer RJ Hall, junior Romain Henry, junior Artie Marine and senior Mirza Medicin in the game while switching Aaron Anderson in and out of the court.

Anderson made his two game highlights in the last seven minutes. With 6:33 left, he finished strong with a dunk. At 5:20, Anderson came back for layup assisted by McConnell and an alley-oop assisted by junior Artie Marine right after. With Cummings out, Anderson controlled the

second half.

Cummings led the team with 24 points, while Anderson followed him with 19.

"Usually, I'm guarding a bigger guy," Anderson said. "But I am still quicker beating them down the court, if I see an opportunity to go out and make a play than I will."

Freshman Brandon Dawson also made his first collegiate career points in the last three minutes with two swift 2-point shots. Marine finished the game with the last points concluding it at 82-62.

The 20-point thrashing is the Owls largest takeover since their 85-63 win against Western Carolina in 2008.

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