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Town Point shuttle launches

Carolyn Grindrod
NEWS EDITOR

As last week marked the premiere of the KSU Town Point Spring Shuttle, students have reacted very positively to its sudden appearance.

"Today's the second day of the shuttle, and it's been great," said freshman nursing major Connie Gelin on Thursday. "I haven't had to wait long for it, maybe five minutes tops, but there haven't been many other students."

Gelin is one of 101 students who have opted to park at Town Point to ride the shuttle onto campus. Commuter students, like Gelin, who park in the designated area at Town Point are offered a \$30 decrease in the \$50 parking fee just for taking the shuttle.

"I used to ride a shuttle in the corporate world when I worked down in Atlanta, and I don't think students have quite caught on to this yet," Gelin said. "But when they do, I think it's going to be a huge hit. I had heard quite a few horror stories about the parking on campus, so I decided the shuttle sounded like a great option, especially with the price cut, and it really has been."

Director of Parking and Transportation Beth Tindel said a shuttle with off-campus parking, not a new parking deck, is the most economical and flexible way to ameliorate the problems with parking.

"We avoid adding long-term debt that comes



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The shuttle, pictured above, transports students from designated parking at Town Point onto campus.

with the construction of a new parking deck and, if something were to happen to the growth, a shuttle service can be downsized or discontinued, easily," Tindel said. "Once a new deck is constructed, we are on the hook for 30 years of debt service, no matter what happens with enrollment. As KSU grows beyond its current footprint as with the new stadium and the Owl's Nest, I feel it's our responsibility to provide transportation to these locations, especially considering the limited parking at these new venues."

The two new shuttles currently take 20-minute loops—making for a 10-minute wait from shuttle to shuttle—around the campus, starting at Town

Point and stopping at the Student Center, The Commons and Chastain Point, location for a new dance studio, and back to the parking area off campus. The shuttles also stop occasionally at the KSU Center.

The shuttle runs Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and students with Town Point decals can park on campus on the weekends, when parking congestion is minimal.

Tindel added that commuter students interested in parking off-campus can still sign up this semester to get their specialized parking decal.

"We have 360 spaces available, so there's still

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SGA creates committee to focus on smoking debate

Group looks to gather student feedback

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After a unanimous vote Jan. 20, the Student Government Association agreed to start a committee focusing on the debate of smoking on campus.

"There have been several complaints by students that the current smoking policies are not effective," said SGA President Ali Kamran. "The rules are constantly being broken."

During Thursday's weekly meeting, the SGA decided to create an exploratory health

and information management committee to gather student feedback on the current debate on KSU smoking policies. Pre-Dental Association treasurer and sophomore biology major Jacob Sluder has been appointed as head of the committee.

Kamran said the committee will focus on finding the best solution for KSU by looking at all of the school's options.

"These [options] include, but are not limited to: the request for more smoking areas, the request to move smoking areas and the request to ban smoking from KSU

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Smokers gather in a designated smoking section.

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Student found dead during snow days

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A KSU student's death remained under investigation on Friday, after police found him dead in his dorm room on Jan. 11.

Sophomore Johnathan Abell, 19, of Peachtree City, Ga. was found unresponsive by police who were responding to a call at his University Place address.

According to KSU police and University Relations: at approximately 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 11, police received a complaint from Abell's roommate that Abell would not respond or unlock the door to their apartment. After entering to the apartment and his room, police found Abell deceased.

There was no evidence of foul play, and an autopsy is being conducted to identify the official cause of the student's death.

Abell, an undeclared major, was a on-campus resident but was not currently enrolled in courses for the spring semester.

Memorial services for Abell were held on Monday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. at St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church in Peachtree City.

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POLICE BEAT

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Window Pains

An officer responded to a call at University Place on Friday, Jan. 14, about damaged university property. Upon arrival, the officer met with a female RA and her roommate about a window broken in their apartment. The RA told the officer that the window was in the bedroom of their third roommate, who was currently out of town. The window was valued at \$200 and would be replaced by maintenance. The officer informed the two females that the other roommate would have to contact dispatch later if she noticed anything missing. A report was filed.

Mary Jane, down the drain
On Tuesday, Jan. 11, an officer

was dispatched to University Village for a call about a suspicious odor. Upon arrival, the officer met with two RAs and one male CRL, who said the carpet outside of an apartment was soaked with water and when they asked the residents about the spill, they had smelled suspected marijuana coming from the residence. The officer then knocked on the door and met with two females. Upon entering, he met with another female resident, and asked all three if there was anything in the apartment. One female responded and went to her bath from which she emerged with a small green carrying case which held a small silver tin and three separate bags that contained suspected marijuana, totally 4.5 grams. The female was then arrested and transported to Cobb Adult Detention Center for violation of Georgia's Controlled Substance Act.

Pyrotech-no show

Officers were dispatched on Thursday, Jan. 13, at approximately

3:45 a.m. at University Place apartments after receiving a call related to fireworks. Officers met with a female RA who told police that someone had thrown firecrackers at her apartment door and that she saw five people discharging fireworks in front of Town Hall just ten minutes before.

A report was filed; no one was charged.

Dude, where's my wallet?

An officer met with a student in the Public Safety Lobby on Friday, Jan. 14, in reference to a stolen wallet. The male said he had been playing basketball at the Recreation Center between 5:30 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. and had placed his cell phone and wallet on the court floor and would check on periodically. At around 6:30 p.m., the male said he noticed his wallet was missing, but his cell phone was still there. The wallet was a Ralph Lauren Polo valued at \$150, and contained two debit cards, his student ID valued at \$25 and his University Village Suites key, also valued at \$25.

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plenty of room for more sign-ups," she said. "Sign-up to park at Town Point will remain open for about 2 more weeks."

Shuttling privileges are not limited to those parking at Town Point, but available for anyone with a KSU ID.

For students such as sophomore dance major Katie Veldhuis taking dance classes at Chastain Pointe, the shuttle is really their only option.

"The shuttle wash really created with us in mind and we're so thankful," said Veldhuis, an on-campus resident who rides the shuttle to get to her Thursday dance classes. "The only downfall we have to it is that sometimes it's hard to catch the shuttle in between classes, but it would have taken us longer to walk here anyway."

Tindel said without the shuttle, dance students would have to walk or bike because Chastain Pointe provides no student parking.

"This would have involved crossing Big Shanty and there are no sidewalks on Campus Loop on Big Shanty as well," Tindel added. "With the stop at KSU Center, we are also providing a way for students and staff to travel to the sports and rec. park without driving and potentially losing their parking space on campus."

Shuttle driver Wes Clay said the shuttle offers plenty of other perks for staff and faculty, and he hopes to see many use the service.

"It's very efficient," Clay said while making his routine around campus. "I think when the word gets out about it—it's going to be huge. And I don't think it's just the students who need to know about this. People who work off-site [for KSU] have said how great it is to have a shuttle because they can come up to the main campus for meetings and vice versa. It's really just a 4-minute ride and you're on campus, which is great. Plus, if you park here [at Town Point], you are guaranteed a spot. I can't say that much about the rest of campus."

Tindel said the small number of students currently using the shuttle for the spring semester is understandable. However by fall 2011, KSU will see an increase in students using the shuttle services.

"Spring parking isn't as congested as fall parking, so the incentive isn't as great to secure a place to park, where you know you will always have a space," Tindel said. "The more congested parking on campus becomes, the more folks we'll have interested in off-campus parking. We will have the same routes in the fall, with

another off-campus parking option in the Town Center Mall area. This option will be offered at a more reduced permit fee price," she added. "Basically, the farther away from campus you park, the lower the cost."

There are currently no plans for a shuttle service in the summer, said Tindel.

"There is currently no need to supplement available parking in the summer," she added. "Summer enrollment is typically 53 percent of the previous fall's."

For more information on the Town Point Spring Shuttle, visit financialservices.kennesaw.edu/parking.



Wes Clay, from Dallas, Ga.

How do you like KSU so far?

It's very nice. I haven't had any unruly passengers yet.

What other jobs have you worked?

I have been in transportation for 11 years. I drove a school bus, para transit and a city bus.

Do you think the shuttle system will alleviate the parking issue?

There will be a significant improvement for sure.

What is your biggest pet peeve in other drivers on the road?

Get to know your shuttle driver

By Anastasia Henke

When people cut me off. My bus is bigger than your car.

What did you do during the blizzard?

I spent a lot of time playing computer games.

What is your favorite book?

The Hobbit. I could read it over and over again.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

Fiji. Are there buses in Fiji?

What would you like to say to the students of KSU?

Slow down. Life is short.

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completely," he said.

In recent years, several universities and colleges, such as the University of Georgia, have attempted to ban smoking on their campuses. Karman said these bans usually encounter little success.

According to the Nonsmoker's Right Foundations, nearly 450 colleges and universities, including more than a dozen in Georgia, have banned smoking altogether.

Collectively, SGA agreed that to take a side in the debate and will remain unbiased. Sluder said the decision will come from student body opinions.

"I do not want to speculate on the outcome of the committee's findings," Sluder added. "I guarantee that [we] are committed to finding a solution that everyone can live with."

Sluder said that one thing is certain – the outcome will not affect the smoking policies for student housing.

Currently, there is no tentative date for the meetings on this issue, said Karman.

"The committee will be engaging in research for the next month and will release the dates for the debate to be open for discussion," he added.

SGA serves to promote student advocacy and participation in campus events, address the issues facing students, and represent the interests of the entire student body. SGA acts as the voice for students to influence campus, local, state and federal policy.

SGA meets at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Student Center.

To learn more, visit www.ksusga.com.

Campus Calender

Here's the shakedown for this week. Wanna be in the calendar? E-mail the news editor at newseditor@KSUsentinel.com to become part of our weekly when and where.

Jan. 25

Financial Aid refunds hit Higher One accounts today.

KSU hosts some of its own talent at 8 p.m. with the KSU Faculty Recital featuring Charae Krueger on cello and Robert Henry on piano. This is the first part of a two-part event that will showcase Beethoven's works for cello and piano, which consists of all five sonatas and three sets of variations. Part Two follows on Jan. 27. The recital is in the Bailey Performance Center and admission is free.

Students are invited to be part of the selection of the next Vice-President of Academic Affairs. The provost search committee holds the second round of potential provost probing today. Students are invited to the Q & A session with Dr. Joe King, one of the two most qualified applicants for the position of Provost and VP for Academic Affairs. The interview will take place in University Room B from 11 a.m. to noon. The other candidate, Dr. Timothy Chandler, was interviewed last Thursday. More information on the candidates, search committee and job description can be found at kennesaw.edu/provost.shtml.

Tuition and Fee Emergency Loans offered by KSU to those who are unable to

pay Final Registration and Fees start at 7 a.m. today and last until the school's loan fund runs out. For more information on eligibility and the loan itself, visit kennesaw.edu/financial_aid/loans/emergency_loans.html.

KSU Owls Men's Basketball plays Mercer at 7:30 p.m. in the Convocation Center. Attendees are encouraged to wear blue in recognition of prostate cancer survivors. The first 500 attendees to arrive get a free blue T-shirt.

Jan. 26

The African American Student Alliance will hold a MUST Ministries canned food drive from today until Feb. 2. Canned good deposits are accepting canned meat products and jelly products, and are located in Student Center Rooms 262 and 371.

KSU Owls Women's Basketball team plays Mercer at 7 p.m. in the Convocation Center.

Jan. 27

Late Payment Fee begin. Refunds are disbursed to Higher One accounts.

Finding oneself is just one of the numerous themes explored in the Romanian Art Exhibition, "Invisible Body, Conspicuous Mind." Lara Taubman is guest curator of the event held on the lowest level of the Sturgis Library in the Art Gallery. The opening reception takes place 5 p.m.-8 p.m. today, and the gallery opens every day after

that Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday 1-4 p.m. Admission is free.

KAB kicks off spring semester activities with "Students Fight Back," a personal safety class teaching students self-defense and danger awareness techniques... because criminal violence awareness is the first step to criminal violence prevention. Classes are free and start tonight in the University Rooms B, C, D and E of the Student Center at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info visit ksukab.com.

Jan. 29

Volunteer KSU will take student volunteers to an local assisted living community 1-5 p.m., where they will be spending time with elderly persons and participating in a handful of activities including crafts and board games. For more information on future group projects, visit kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/vksu/group_project_info.html.

Jan. 30

- Owl Radio's Kevin Hagler will interview Noam Chomsky at 4 p.m. on his program, "The Great American Culture Clash." Tune in at ksuradio.com
- Owl Radio broadcasts the premiere of science fiction radio drama "Harry Strange" at 10 p.m. For more information on this broadcast or any of OWL Radio's programming, visit ksuradio.com.



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Five reasons why general education classes are useless

1. Our high school diplomas and SAT scores already indicate our ability to add, subtract and multiply.

If you cannot write an argumentative essay, successfully cite sources, perform basic algebraic or statistical equations, and do not know the chemical composition of water then you should not be in college. The university is a place for higher learning and allows students the opportunity to specialize in specific fields, which will guide their career choices. Upon entering the university, it should not only be required, but assumed that the basic skills to approach this form of learning be acquired in elementary and secondary schooling. Yet, for some reason, we have to rehash these skills ad nauseum in approximately 50 hours of course work.

2. Some professors make it blatantly obvious they don't want to be there either.

We have all, at some point, had the professor who puts on the movie every other class in the auditorium of 100 people. On other days, they teach us material regurgitated from somewhere between your high school textbooks and a show about wildlife mating rituals on the Discovery Channel. Most of the time, the material has nothing or little to do with their specialization in the field, and they are forced to give broad explanations of complex subjects. They know the students do not want to be in the class, giving them little motivation to make the class engaging on any level other than elementary facts.

3. Why do we have to take two years of classes that have nothing to do with our major?

What does theatre appreciation have to do with political science? Although we are currently political science majors, we both entered KSU as theatre majors and take an interest in it outside of our academic schedules. That does not mean that all political science, biology and accounting majors take the same interest in the subject. Accounting majors already have enough theatrics in class to worry about. It is also a complete waste of money and time on subjects in which we have little interest. Most of us, hopefully, are adults. If we want to work out and learn about nutrition, we can do this on our own time for much less expense and shouldn't be required to take HPS 1000.

4. They make you a jack-of-all-trades but a master of nothing.

Some may argue that the general education cur-

riculum makes one a well-rounded individual by giving them experiences in areas outside of their interest or field. This is complete hogwash. In these classes, we come away with very little understanding of the material, as most of the classes require less critical thinking and more memorization for multiple-choice tests.

Of course there are classes required outside of your field to better understand your major. For instance, an English major would be wise to take communications classes, but there are few instances where extensive math would be required.

5. What is the point?

We know many students come into college undecided about their major or career path. However, it should only take a semester or two of introductory courses in various areas of interest to help them find their way. It does not require two years of meandering through useless knowledge. You would be hard-pressed to find any well-rounded students who can give me an in-depth explanation of chemistry, psychology and economics. Instead, students scratch the surface of each topic and end up actually learning little to nothing more than what they already know. It would not be undesirable to spend four years as an undergraduate if we could spend at least three of those years learning what we came here to learn.

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RESTAURANTREVIEW

Der Biergarten a cultural rush for college students

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Located in the Marietta Luckie District of downtown Atlanta, Der Biergarten is a cultural hotspot sure to rouse the 'afregung' of yuppie urbanites and riotous Falcons fans alike. Modeled after the famed drinking halls (think Oktoberfest) in Munich, Germany, the restaurant boasts a large social area complete with ten to twelve foot-long wooden tables. Around the tables, strangers become friends while downing two, three or seven Pilsners and watching German athletes battle it out on the flat screen televisions.

Der Biergarten ("The Beergarten" as it is frequently called) features an extensive beer menu that has been carefully crafted by world-renowned beer expert, Matt Youhess. The list includes German beers such as Weihenstephaner, Hacker-Pschorr, St. Pauli Girl and others. The menu also includes beers native of Belgium, Spain, Ireland, England, Canada and the U.S. For those who choose to skip the intoxicating element of beer but still crave the taste, Der Biergarten offers a German non-alcoholic beer called Warsteiner, as well as the more commonly known beer, Becks. Two German white wines, Devil's Rock Riesling and Saint M, are also served. Plus, the bartenders are well versed on all your favorite German specialty drinks, such as Radler, a daytime favorite consisting of lemon lime soda and Pilsner.

Suppose you're hoping to limit yourself to only one stein. Perhaps the idea of a majestically seasoned Wiener Schnitzel entices you more than German rugby. As you would have it, the owners of Der Biergarten have made concessions for bratwurst lovers like you. Partitioned

from the drinking hall is the more reserved dining area complete with white tablecloths and a separate full bar. Although food is also served in the drinking hall, those seeking solace during dinner would much prefer the dining area.

Der Biergarten may not be the perfect spot for vegetarians and vegans since seven of the eight items on the entrée menu are meat-based, offering items such as bratwurst, knackwurst (pork and veal), sauerbraten (braised beef), schweinsaxe (roast pork shank), gegrillte forelle mit senfsauce (grilled trout) and geschmorte huhn mit wurzelgemuse (herb-braised chicken). Oddly enough, I ordered the one non-meat entrée item, kasespatzle, which is a dish consisting of homemade noodles mixed in a caramelized onion sauce with Emmentaler cheese mixed throughout. Vegan diners would perhaps enjoy the side items which include cured white cabbage, braised red cabbage and cucumber salads.

As a college student myself, I have to admit that Der Biergarten's food menu may not be realistic for an average weeknight dinner as the average price of entrees is \$15. However, when combined with good service and always friendly hosts (they even offered to take multiple pictures of my date and me until we got the perfect shot), it certainly tops my list of weekend eateries in the city. When it comes to the drinking hall, you're going to spend just as much money as you would at any bar around the metro, may it be Justabar or East Andrews. This difference is the cultural rush you get from drinking at the wooden tables and the friends you make who are more concerned with rooting for their favorite rugby players than attempting to inappropriately rub against you, which is

undoubtedly worth the drive from Kennesaw to Atlanta.

Perhaps we were lucky to get the most senior and friendly server in the establishment, but probably not because even the hostesses and bartenders were polite and eager to help whenever we seemed to need it. To our chagrin, mine and my date's steins were never empty for more than ten seconds, but the knowledgeable waitress never bugged us if we seemed to be content. It is also very comforting to know that I can visit Der Biergarten and butcher every word on the menu without feeling that my server looks down upon me. Even though my German sounds significantly more like Mandarin Chinese, our waitress never once corrected me or made a snide remark. Overall, Der Biergarten should be given a perfect five star rating. From the variance of food to the extensive list of spirits to the amiable staff, Der Biergarten is horizon-broadening experience every college student should experience. Then again, I may just be biased because the cute hostesses complimented me on my bright purple tights.

Price point: \$\$\$

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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STUDENTPOLL

What was your New Year's resolution?



Branden Allen
Freshman
Biology

"I didn't have one. I make it a point not to make promises to myself that I might not keep."



Bailey Hill
Freshman
Undeclared

"Drink milk every day and take vitamins."



Kirsten Andrews
Senior
Criminal Justice

"Get as much traveling experience as possible."



Lauren Lancaster
Junior
Early Childhood Education

"Work out every day."



Lebria Fields
Freshman
Biology

"Be a better me"

Serving skills:

Waiting tables preps students for careers

Ryan Meder
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Words like “garçon” and “maitre d” might make you think of a tuxedo-wearing Frenchman serving at a high-end establishment before they remind of you college students such as yourself. However, the business of serving food has been practiced since 11th century China—all types of people from every background have waited tables. These days, working as a server while going to school has become the norm.

A major advantage to working as a server and going to school nearby is the schedule flexibility. Naturally, class times fluctuate between semesters and a serving job can easily accommodate your schedule. The second benefit is the real-world job experience and the skills learned hence.

The experience gained while serving can't be obtained in a classroom setting. The learned skills include time management, money management, food safety, diplomacy, networking and multitasking. You can't work three tables simultaneously Friday nights without using an arsenal of skills.

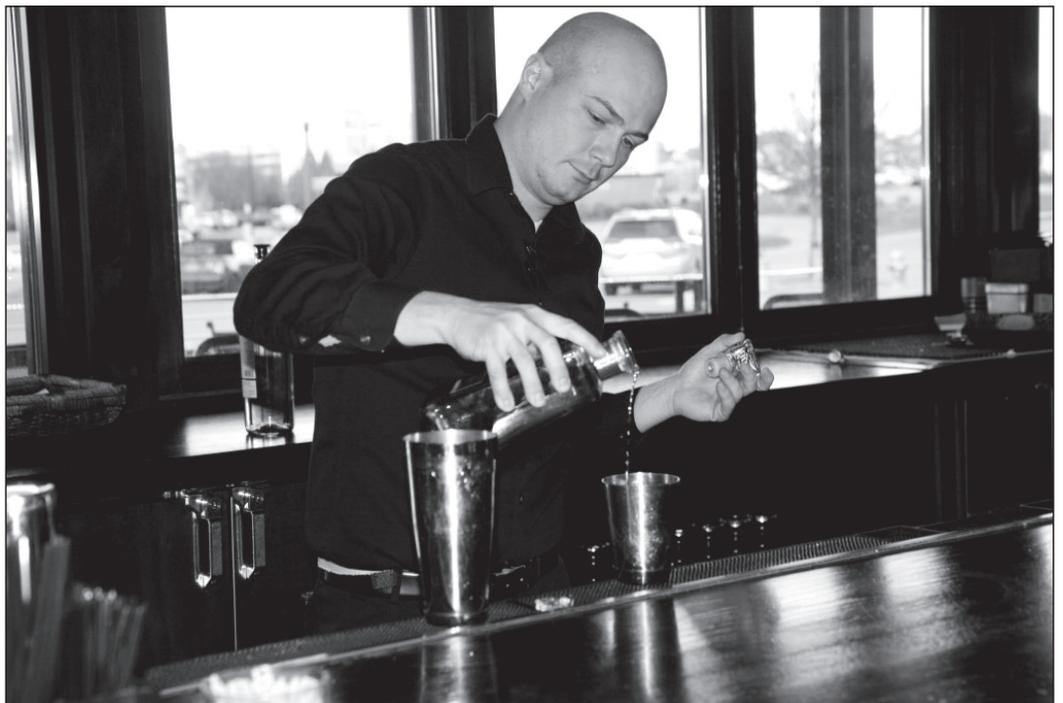
Take California Dreaming on Chastain Road for

example. This full-service restaurant employs around 15 servers who are also local college students, attending either KSU or another nearby school.

Jessica Berne, California Dreaming server and a KSU graduate student working on a master's in criminal justice, believes her daily interaction with people, especially from other cultures, will help prepare her for a future career.

“Being able to read someone's body language, especially if they are angry, and assess the situation while talking to them is something that can definitely transfer to my field,” Berne said.

It's often impossible to know who you'll serve next, and



KSU student Jamie Rouse is a bartender at California Dreaming.

Patricia Chourio | The Sentinel

that sort of unpredictability lends itself well to networking.

“A server's ability to network is something that you can't teach in a class, and can often leave a lasting impression on a guest,” said Carley Pierce, a senior restaurant support manager. “In fact, there have been many instances where a server will get a job offer from a guest who slides them a business card that says, ‘Give me a call when you graduate.’”

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Study finds many undergrads not learning critical thinking, complex reasoning skills

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NEW YORK—An unprecedented study that followed several thousand undergraduates through four years of college found that large numbers didn't learn the critical thinking, complex reasoning and written communication skills that are widely assumed to be at the core of a college education.

Many of the students graduated without knowing how to sift fact from opinion, make a clear written argument or objectively review conflicting reports of a situation or event, according to New York University sociologist Richard Arum, lead author of the study. The students, for example, couldn't determine the cause of an increase in neighborhood crime or how best to respond without being swayed by emotional testimony and political spin.

Arum, whose book “Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses” (University of Chicago Press) comes out this month, followed 2,322 traditional-age students from the fall of 2005 to the spring of 2009 and examined testing data and student surveys at a broad range of 24 U.S. colleges and universities, from the highly selective to the less selective.

Forty-five percent of students made no significant improvement in their critical thinking, reasoning or writing skills during the first two years of college, according to the study. After four years, 36 percent showed no significant gains in these so-called “higher order” thinking skills.

Combining the hours spent studying and in class, students devoted less than a fifth of their time each week to academic pursuits. By contrast, students spent 51 percent of their time—or 85 hours a week—socializing or in extracurricular activities.

The study also showed that students who studied alone made more significant gains in learning than those who studied in groups.

“I'm not surprised at the results,” said Stephen G. Emerson, the president of Haverford College in Pennsylvania. “Our very best students don't study in groups. They might work in groups in lab projects. But when they study, they study by themselves.”

The study marks one of the first times a cohort of undergraduates has been followed over four years to examine whether they're learning specific skills. It provides a portrait of the complex set of factors, from the quality of secondary school preparation to the academic demands on campus, which determine learning. It comes amid President Barack Obama's call for more college graduates by 2020 and is likely to shine a spotlight on the quality of the education they receive.

“These findings are extremely valuable for those of us deeply concerned about the state of undergraduate learning and student intellectual engagement,” said Brian D. Casey, the president of DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. “They will surely shape discussions about curriculum and campus life for years to come.”

Some educators note that a weakened economy and a need to work while in school may be partly responsible for the reduced focus on academics, while others caution against using the study to blame students for not applying themselves.

Howard Gardner, a professor at Harvard's Graduate School of Education known for his theory of multiple intelligences, said the study underscores the need for higher education to push students harder.

“No one concerned with education can be pleased with the findings of this study,” Gardner said. “I think that higher education in general is not demanding enough of students—academics are simply of less importance than they were a generation ago.”

But the solution, in Gardner's view, shouldn't be to introduce high-stakes tests to measure learning in college, because “the cure is likely to be worse than the disease.”

Arum concluded that while students at highly selective schools made more gains than those at less selective schools, there are even greater disparities within institutions.

“In all these 24 colleges and universities, you have pockets of kids that are working hard and learning at very high rates,” Arum said. “There is this variation across colleges, but even greater variation within colleges in how much kids are applying themselves and learning.”

For that reason, Arum added, he hopes his data will encourage colleges and universities to look within for ways to improve teaching and learning.

Arum co-authored the book with Josipa Roksa, an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Virginia. The study, conducted with Esther Cho, a researcher with the Social Science Research Council, showed that students learned more when asked to do more.

Students who majored in the traditional liberal arts—including the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences and mathematics—showed significantly greater gains over time than other students in critical thinking, complex reasoning and writing skills.

Students majoring in business, education, social work and communications showed the least gains in learning. However, the authors note that their findings don't preclude the possibility that such students “are developing subject-specific or occupationally relevant skills.”

Greater gains in liberal arts subjects are at least partly the result of faculty requiring higher levels of reading and writing, as well as students spending more time studying, the study's authors found. Students who took courses heavy on both reading (more than 40 pages a week) and writing (more than 20 pages in a semester) showed higher rates of learning.

That's welcome news to liberal arts advocates.

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Emily Ray and Leah Krogh collaborate on seating and table arrangements. Patricia Chourio | The Sentinel



Leah Krogh brings food to her table. Patricia Chourio | The Sentinel

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A quick review of websites listing job opportunities will show a recurring theme in what companies look for in employees. Aside from a degree, most of them seek skill sets only attainable through real-world job experience. With that in mind, there are few jobs as flexible and fun as waiting tables, especially as a college student with a full course load.

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“We do teach analytical reading and writing,” said Ellen Fitzpatrick, a history professor at the University of New Hampshire.

The study used data from the Collegiate Learning Assessment, a 90-minute essay-type test that attempts to measure what liberal arts colleges teach and that more than 400 colleges and universities have used since 2002. The test is voluntary and includes real world problem-solving tasks, such as determining the cause of an airplane crash, that require reading and analyzing documents from newspaper articles to government reports.

The study’s authors also found that large numbers of students didn’t enroll in courses requiring substantial work. In a typical semester, a third of students took no courses with more than 40 pages of reading per week. Half didn’t take a single course in which they wrote more than 20 pages over the semester.

The findings show that colleges need to be acutely aware of how instruction relates to the learning of critical-thinking and related skills, said Daniel J. Bradley, the president of Indiana State University and one of 71 college presidents who recently signed a pledge to improve student learning.

“We haven’t spent enough time making sure we are indeed teaching—and students are learning— these skills,” Bradley said.

Christine Walker, a senior at DePauw who’s also student body president, said the study doesn’t reflect her own experience: She studies upwards of 30 hours a week and is confident she’s learning plenty. Walker said she and her classmates are juggling multiple non-academic demands, including jobs, to help pay for their education and that in today’s economy, top grades aren’t enough.

“If you don’t have a good resume,” Walker said, “the fact that you can say, ‘I wrote this really good paper that helped my critical thinking’ is going to be irrelevant.”

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The GLBTIQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Questioning) Student Retention Services office was created here at KSU in order to have an administrative unit that focuses on supporting students that belong to this minority population while aiding in creating equitable opportunities across the campus sector. The office will not only serve as a means of support and advocacy for GLBTIQ students, but will also strive to educate the entire campus community on different aspects related to this population. The staff member chosen to lead the initial developing phase of this office is Mr. Antony Ware who was hired as its first Programming Coordinator. This new office will initially only have part time hours being that Mr. Ware also works as the Programming Coordinator for the KSU Department of Residence Life as well. The office is located in the English Building, Room 201 (Office of Diversity and Ombuds Suite). The new office can be reached by phone at (770) 794 – 7557 and by email at either glbtq@kennesaw.edu or aware2@kennesaw.edu. Being that this new office is also underneath the umbrella of the KSU Student Development department; information can also be found on the Student Development website at www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/glbtq.

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Oowl Snap!



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Submitted by Heather N. Croas, KSU alumna

"People chilling in the hammock outside the Green, Kennesaw Hall in the background. Taken a few days before the snow hit."

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Owls lose first two at home

Rivalry game against Mercer tonight

Neha Ali
STAFF WRITER

Men's basketball dropped the first two games of a three game home stand against North Florida and Jacksonville. The Owls (5-14, 3-6) have a chance to win the final game tonight in the Battle of I-75 against Mercer.

As soon as the second half began Thursday night, the Owls couldn't stop the Ospreys from securing six straight shots. Sophomore forward for the Ospreys, Andres Diaz kept them in the lead at 40-35. With 15:19 remaining in the second half, the Owls were behind by 10.

Sophomore forward Markeith Cummings brought the score to 65-56 after being intentionally fouled going up for a dunk. KSU was scoreless the last few minutes, allowing the Ospreys to reach 71-56 at the finale.

In the first half, both the Owls and the Ospreys were head-to-head in executing points and the Ospreys led 34-33 at halftime. The Owls' offensive struggles in the last five minutes allowed the Ospreys to use the Owls' turnovers and seize the game.

Cummings scored 20 points in the game while junior guard Spencer Dixon trailed behind with 14 points.

"We were playing with no energy tonight," Cummings asserted.

Owls head coach Tony Ingle agreed. "I thought we missed the spark, but our lack of sharpness and crispness ended up costing us in the end," Ingle said.

Owls' sophomore forward Aaron Anderson had the first few points in the game. With only two minutes shed from the clock, Anderson made his first 2-point shot. Only a few seconds later, the Ospreys turned the ball over allowing Anderson to go for a crowd-pleasing dunk.

On the fast break, Cummings assisted an alley-oop from the 3-point line and Anderson finished with a one-handed slam to tie the game at eight with 15:14

remaining in the half.

Throughout the first half, the Ospreys kept the Owls on their feet. With less than 12 minutes left, they were leading the Owls 20-12. Their consistent 3-point shots gave them an advantage in the game. However, the Owls snared many turnovers from the Ospreys and turned them into points. With a layup, Cummings brought the score back to 20-18. Sophomore LaDaris Green followed behind him, tying the game at 20-20 with 7:09 to play in the first half.

The Owls were 1-for-15 from the 3-point line and only made 23-of-57 shots against the Ospreys.

"Our interior defense was bad tonight," Ingle said. "We weren't converting in a timely manner."

This is the third straight loss by the KSU against UNF. The Ospreys have won four out of five games against the Owls.

Loss to Dolphins second straight

The Kennesaw State Men's Basketball team gave up another loss Saturday night to the Jacksonville University Dolphins 87-59.

KSU was unable to bring it against the Dolphins though Ingle commented after Thursday's loss that they needed to be ready to play.

"We just weren't ready to come out in the first half. I don't know why but we were just out of sync," said Ingle.

The Dolphins outscored the Owls 44-17 in the first half and led 30-5 with 6:34 remaining before senior guard Kelvin McConnell made his only 3-pointer of the night followed by 3-pointers from Dixon and Green. "We came out sluggish again and let them jump on us first instead of us jumping on them," Cummings said. "The team needs to work on this issue or else we will lose every time."

Cummings scored 20 points for a second straight game and Green had 13 points and eight rebounds.

At 16:08 in the first half, Jacksonville

guard Travis Cohn had an over-the-top 360-degree dunk while he was left wide open down the court putting the Dolphins up 12-0. With 15:24 remaining in the first half, Cummings missed a 2-point shot but was rebounded by Green who made the layup finally putting some points on the board for the Owls.

Within the first seven minutes of the game, the Dolphins had outscored the Owls 20-3.

The team had let the game get away from them at the beginning of the first half. With the early lead, Dolphins players kept their stamina and didn't allow the Owls to turn the game around.

Returning from the brutal beating in the first half, where the Owls were only 5-for-25 from the field, KSU was outscored by only one point 43-42, but the damage had been done.

Down by 30 with less than 12 minutes left, McConnell had the opportunity for alley-oop to Anderson who couldn't catch the ball in time. Fortunately, Dixon made a play-saving pass when he was able to catch the ball before it went out of bounds and passed to Cummings who made a traditional three point play.

While the Dolphins were up 65-35, Cummings managed to score with another layup. Owls defense obtained possession of the ball directly after and Cummings scored another two-pointer with an assist from McConnell putting score at 65-39.

The team stepped up their defense the final few minutes of the game but it was a little too late to come back. Owls were left in awe with a 28-point loss.

"We got in too big of a hole to come out, but in the end we were still hustling, still pushing, and we didn't quit," Ingle said. "That's the positive thing."

The Black and Gold will face rival Mercer tonight at 7:30. The athletic department is promoting Code Blue Night for prostate cancer awareness and asking all in attendance to wear baby blue.



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Sophomore guard Markeith Cummings recorded back-to-back 20-point games.

Papp announces AD search committee

In early January, KSU President Daniel S. Papp appointed the KSU Athletic Director Search Committee, chaired by professor Thomas H. Keene, to conduct a national search for the hiring of the future director of athletics.

"Having made the transition to fielding a full-fledged NCAA Division I athletic program, KSU is now engaging in a national search to find our new athletic director," Papp said in a statement. "We have top-notch athletic facilities – including a new, state-of-the-art soccer stadium – and we

are looking for a strong leader to take the helm of our burgeoning men's and women's athletic programs to further guide our efforts. I am confident the search panel of students, administrators and faculty will identify the best candidates from which to make our ultimate selection."

Former athletic director Dave Waples, who served for more than 23 years at KSU, announced his retirement in August of last year. Softball head coach and senior associate athletic director Scott Whitlock has filled the position in the interim.

Keene, a history professor and chair of the KSU Athletics Board, will serve as committee chair for the search. Last year, Keene served as co-chair of the Positive Alternatives Sub-Committee of the Football Exploratory Committee and currently sits as interim chair for the Department of History and Philosophy.

Other members of the committee consist of professor John C. Bradbury, chair of the health, physical education and sport science department; statistics professor Richard Franza, chair of the management

and entrepreneurship department; and psychology professor Valerie Whittlesey, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, among others. Student-athletes serving on the committee are junior Matthew Nagy, men's golf, and sophomore Catherine Tarvin, softball.

In late February and early March select candidates be interviewed by the panel and invited to campus to meet students, faculty and staff.

Plans are to announce the next KSU athletic director no later than early April.

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Junior guard Angie Smith's last second jump shot led the Lady Owls (3-12, 1-7) basketball team to a 71-69 victory Saturday night over Jacksonville in an exciting and hard-fought game.

After going into the half down 42-33, the Lady Owls rallied back to a 9-point lead in the second half. JU answered by tying the game at 67 with 1:42 left on the game clock. Sophomore guard Ashley Holliday regained the lead, 69-67, with two free throws. Jacksonville tied the game with 25 seconds left on the clock and Smith regained control of the ball with 20 seconds left. Smith coolly crossed midcourt as the clock ticked down and faced her defender one-on-one. The jumper from behind the free throw line found nothing but net with 0.5 seconds remaining.

"I didn't want to shoot it and leave eight seconds on the clock and then they could come back with a quick shot and maybe score, so I held it as long as possible," Smith said. "We wanted to make sure, at worst, we had overtime. All of my teammates did a great job of keeping their player on them, and I just went to the step-back jumper."

Up eight with just over three minutes to play, KSU allowed JU to tie the game at 65 with an 8-0 run in 67 seconds; in the remaining 2:22 the teams traded the next five baskets before Smith' game-winner.

Head coach Colby Tilley said there was no doubt as to who was taking the late shot.

Three Owls scored in the double digits with Smith leading all scorers with 21. Sophomore forward Sametria Gideon scored 12 and Holliday had 13. Freshman center Christine Wylie also added her touch to the win with five blocks, three rebounds and six points.

"You could see our team really got fired up with those blocked shots and baskets," Tilley said about Wylie's performance.

In a tightly battled game, there were only five lead changes and ten ties total. In the second half, the Lady Owls only allowed one lead change.

Coach Tilley also stated that this game really proved how his players are growing with each game and he was proud of the fact that they never folded. He said after this win that they just need to keep winning, focus and continue doing what they are doing.

The Lady Owls improved on their turnovers only giving up 15 total for the game, down from a season average of 23 a game. The win was the Lady Owls first Atlantic-Sun victory and snapped a six game losing streak.



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Sophomore guard Angie Smith scored a game-high 21 points and hit the game-winning jump shot just before the buzzer sounded.