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Dr. Papp encourages "discussions, debates and dissections of ideas" while speaking to faculty, staff and students during his annual State of the University Address.

State of the University Address confronts controversies, celebrates achievements

Alisen Redmond
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Papp gave an update on KSU's status, achievements and goals on March 30 and again on March 31, while responding to recent controversies in his annual State of the University Address.

In response to the controversies that erupted over several Marietta Daily Journal articles criticizing KSU, Papp said he believes that anyone who takes the time to look at KSU in its entirety cannot help but be impressed by the university's quality, breath and balance.

"I do not agree entirely with everything that has been said, nor do I disagree entirely with everything that has been said," Papp said. "But this illustrates what should take place at universities: discussions, debates and dissections of ideas."

Papp also said that universities should be places of academic freedom and freedom of speech, where new evidence, new arguments and perspectives are free to be explored and debated. He warned against becoming locked into a single way of thinking, while adamantly defending the First Amendment rights of KSU's critics.

While academia use to be thought of as worthy of respect, the public now tends to think of it as irrelevant, said Papp, and he suggested that this was largely due to the academic community spending too much time talking with each other instead of the broader community.

"We need to begin changing that now," Papp said.

Papp proposed that the 2012-2017 strategic plan "strengthen our commitment to public dialog and community education."

"We want to become nationally recognized for our engagement with the local community, our state, our nation and the world," said Papp. "We must redouble our efforts to help the community understand us as academics and servants of the public good."

Papp also celebrated KSU's commitment to diversity, noting that KSU serves on the Board of Regents Diversity Committee and has seen a 56 percent increase in black male enrollment.

"We want to make KSU a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all who wish to join us," Papp said.

Papp applauded the Financial Aid Department for its efficiency, noting that after being six weeks behind

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Proposed fee increase to add psychiatrist

Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER

Students may see a small raise in to the mandatory semesterly health fee as the school's need for more health care professionals becomes even more dire.



Anne Nichols

Anne Nichols, director of KSU Student Health Services, believes student's needs aren't being met, especially since the present wait for an appointment with one of the psychiatrists is four to five weeks.

"That is unacceptable," said Nichols.

Currently, KSU employs one full-time psychiatrist, one part-time psychiatrist and one psychiatric clinical nurse to assist students needing psychiatric counseling.

The fee increase would not be implemented until fall 2012, said Nichols, and since each fiscal year begins on July 1, any planned fee increase must be proposed in October, where it must then go in front of the student fee committee to be approved.

If this health fee increase is approved, it will increase to \$54.42 from the present \$51.

With their current added funds, KSU would be able to make the part-time psychiatrist full-time and hire another physician—another sorely needed healthcare professional, said Nichols.

"No one wants to raise fees," says Nichols. "But there are things you want to do and things you need to do."

Without the increase, KSU will not be able to fill these full-time positions and decrease the waiting time for an appointment with a psychiatrist. This undertaking will cost between \$380,000-\$430,000, said Nichols.

Besides providing healthcare professionals, the health fee also pays for such services as lab equipment, tests and supplies, rent for the three healthcare buildings, and 24-hour, on-

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Parking lottery: More reason for 2011 freshmen to avoid black cats

Michael Thomas
STAFF WRITER

A Q&A about the Parking and Transportation's lottery-based Shuttle Parking took up the most time at the SGA meeting on March 31, as Parking and Transportation Committee representatives, Faye Silverman, director of Auxiliary Services and Programs, and Beth Tindel, director of Parking Services, spoke to SGA about the committee's new plan that will help alleviate KSU's limited-parking dilemma.

The Parking and Transportation Committee passed a motion on Feb. 17 of this year that instates a lottery for those new commuter students at the Fall 2011 orientation. Incoming freshman will be chosen randomly for off-campus parking at either Town Point, which is located across Chastain Road, or at Town Center Mall.

With the exception of the disabled and residential students, 15 percent of new commuters who lose the lottery will have to park among the 700 new spots reserved for KSU's shuttle at Town Center, said Silverman.

The lottery was decided on because KSU was at 98 percent utilization of commuter parking

lots last Fall, and student interest for the \$70-parking-fee reduction that was meant to encourage students to park off campus has been "just moderate," said Silverman.

"We will be focusing the lottery on new students," said Silverman. "The lottery is not for existing students. We just wanted to give existing students the chance to save \$70 a semester. If we want to reserve this campus to be a pedestrian campus and not just be paved over everywhere, we have to have the off-campus option."

Anyone with a KSU ID can take advantage of the new shuttling services for free, and by fall semester, the shuttle will be extended to Town Center Mall.

Silverman also said, over time, Parking and Transportation Operations hopes to possibly extend the shuttle service to the Super Wal-Mart, which she said would be a benefit to residential students who do not have a car on campus.

Currently, Silverman and Tindel said the possibility of a shuttle picking up students from close to campus apartment complexes was still undecided, such a move would add more time to the ten-minute head ways that the buses already had, and would require monetary

collaboration between KSU and the complexes.

The SGA made a statement urging the Department of Parking and Transportation Operations to avoid a parking lottery by increasing parking incentives and increasing advertising, and instituting zone parking to make off campus parking "completely voluntary."

If the incentives continue their insufficiency, a move to zone parking would at least increase parking revenue. The committee decided that adding any extra incentive to drive over to Town Center (beyond the \$70 savings they are already advertising) would be too costly to uphold on a yearly basis, said Tindel.

Assistant Director of Student Life and SGA Adviser Nu'Nicka Epps offered several points against the Committee's plans, stating that the lottery would be a form of zone parking because people parking at Town Center would have a different sticker than those parking on campus.

Epps, who thinks that increased incentive plan is not a futile, said that people would voluntarily opt in to park at Town Center to escape the "churn" of on campus parking.

"I'm not saying that it's not possible, but I know better than to say 'can't,'" said Epps.

Professor awarded \$2.38 million grant to study brain injuries

From Staff Reports

Professor of Health and Human Services Svetlana Dambinova has been awarded a \$2.38 million Department of Defense Grant to validate a blood test designed to more quickly diagnose concussions or mild traumatic brain injuries (mTBI).

Dambinova said the test is able to assess a brain injury without using CT scans or MRIs by detecting a peptide that is released into the bloodstream after the brain sustains an injury that can cause a concussion or mTBI.

"This is especially helpful in a combat situation when those devices are not available because the quicker a brain injury is diagnosed, the better the chances for successful treatment," Dambinova said.

About 1.7 million cases of traumatic brain injury occur annually; about 52,000 of these will die from their injuries, while an estimated 5.3 million people live with traumatic brain injury related disabilities. People with untreated concussions incur a higher risk of stroke and epilepsy.

Often, concussions remain untreated because victims do not always immediately demonstrate outward symptoms.

Dambinova hopes this test can diagnose mTBI

immediately or shortly after the injury and determine the severity of the injury to help facilitate early intervention.

Dambinova also said the blood test could be used by coaches, trainers and team doctors at athletic events, since sports and recreational activities account for about one-fifth of the 1.4 million concussions that occur each year.

Charles Amlaner, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College, said this is an important addition to the university's growing research portfolio.

"This grant from the Department of Defense underscores the importance of Dr. Dambinova's research, which we believe will have far-reaching and real-world applications," Amlaner said. "As Kennesaw State's reputation and stature grows, the role of research and grants such as this one will continue to play a vital role in helping us to extend the university's reach into the national arena."

Dambinova will work alongside researchers from KSU, Penn State Hershey Medical Center, and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center to draw blood to test for peptide levels in 21- to 30-year-olds who have incurred a sports-related mTBI in the previous 24 hours.

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call service.

Regardless of whether or not the health fee is increased, other options for increasing revenue are being explored.

Nichols said that one option to increase revenue for the Health Clinics is to bill student's insurance providers. While there would be no co-pay, keeping both House #52 health clinic and UVS health clinic free, Nichols is concerned about encroaching on student's privacy.

Many students are on their parent's insurance, so an explanation of benefits would be sent to their parents stating what they had been seen for.

Nichols said she has real issues with this.

Nichols invites anyone with ideas or opinions on increasing revenue in a student-friendly way to contact her. Students can reach Nichols by phone at 770-423-6642 or email at anichol1@kennesaw.edu

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in HOPE disbursements last year, it has remained on schedule despite an 11 percent increase in students receiving HOPE.

Papp also commended the culinary staff at the Commons for their food safety achievements.

"There have been 1.5 million meals served at the Commons since it opened, and there have been no cases of food-borne illnesses."

Papp applauded the Commons staff for keeping the Commons open for students living on campus during the snow storm at the beginning of the Spring semester.

"They stayed in a hotel near campus, came to work and made food while also giving rides to students and making sure walkways were safe," Papp said.

In sports, KSU intercollegiate teams moved up from the NCAAII division to the NCAAI division, Papp said. The new athletics director should be announced in the next few weeks, Papp said.

KSU has reached its five year fundraising goal ahead of schedule, with \$70 million in grants and private contributions, Papp said. KSU's overall financial state for the upcoming fiscal year will be known sometime over the next month after the state budget is finalized by the legislature, but Dr. Papp said he is "cautiously optimistic."



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POLICE BEAT

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Without a Trace

An officer was dispatched to the lobby of the Public Safety building on March 19 at 10:44 a.m. to meet with a female student in reference to a hit and run. The female stated she parked her Honda CRV in the West Deck earlier that morning and found damage to the front and rear passenger side doors when she returned. Police believe a vehicle of unknown description struck the Honda and fled the scene. There were no witnesses. An accident report was completed.

Finders Keepers

Officers were dispatched to the second level of the North Parking Deck on March 20 at 9:25 p.m. in reference to a possible theft. A male student stated his parking hangtag was missing from his vehicle, an open-top Jeep. The last time he saw the hangtag was when he parked his vehicle in the Jolley Lodge overflow parking lot the previous day. The hangtag, valued at \$25, was the only item missing.

Truly Desperate for Parking

An officer was dispatched to the first level

of the North Parking Deck on March 22 at 11:52 am in reference to the wooden entrance gate being broken. The officer met with a Lanier Parking employee who stated he was testing gate clickers for the police and noticed the arm was broken. The arm, valued at \$175,

was working properly the previous day. A report was filed.

Playing Bumper Cars

An officer was dispatched to the sixth level of the Central Parking Deck in reference to a hit and run on March 22 at 1:52 p.m. A female student was traveling southbound on Frey Road near Campus Loop Road when her rear bumper was struck by another vehicle. The student stated the driver of the other vehicle left the scene of the accident without stopping. The student's car had a large dent on the driver's side of the rear bumper. No injuries were reported. Pictures were taken and an accident report was filed.

Did you smell something, man?

A female student alerted police on March 24 at 11:15 pm that there was a suspicion of marijuana in her University Village dorm room. Three officers and the RA reported to the suite, where the student told them she thought she smelled burnt marijuana in her room. The officer reported he couldn't smell any burnt marijuana. A report was filed.

Academy of Marketing Science honors 'Professor of the Year'

From Staff Reports

The Academy of Marketing Science has named Joseph F. Hair Jr., executive director of the business doctoral program, educator of the year.

"Joe richly deserves this award," said interim dean for the Coles College of Business Kathy S. Schwaig. "He's recognized around the world as an expert in the field of marketing and quantitative methods. Kennesaw State's reputation and reach extends any time he delivers a lecture, whether he does so here on campus or in Europe or Australia."

Hair, who also teaches marketing, has written 9 books with 50 updated editions. He believes the recently released 7th edition

of "Multivariate Data Analysis" was a major reason he received the honor.

"It's a book that teaches individual statistical methods that are the foundation for what is called data mining," Hair said. "I provide an overview and how-to for all the techniques that you don't hear about but are used to identify important relationships and find the pearls of wisdom."

Hair will be presented the award May 25 at the AMS annual conference in Coral Gables, Fla.

Hair was previously the director of Louisiana State University's Entrepreneurship Institute at the Ourso College of Business Administration. He was named the Coles College Foundation Distinguished Professor for 2009 and is also a past president of AMS.

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Students take a chance at KAB's casino night

Neha Ali
STAFF WRITER

The Kennesaw Activities Board held their annual Casino Night on Thursday to give KSU students a chance to enjoy playing games and earn free prizes.

While the weather postponed KSU Day to next week, the rain did not stop Casino Night from taking place.

The three-hour event that began at 8 p.m. included Blackjack, Russian Roulette, Craps, Poker, and slot machines in the University Rooms. Students were given 500 chips to start out with and use however they wanted.

Senior Shontel Westbrook enjoyed her night at the Blackjack table. This was Westbrook's second Casino Night. "It's fun and I like that we have this event at school," commented Westbrook.

At the end of the night, every 500 chips earned the students one raffle ticket to place in the bucket for the prize give away. The more raffle tickets a student earned, the more of a chance they had to win a prize.

KAB gave away duffle bags, a 32-inch television, an Apple iPad, iPod Touch, Acer Netbook, Nintendo Wii gaming system, 19-inch television, Blu-ray disc player, two digital cameras, two \$50 gas cards, and a few \$25

gift cards to places such as Dave and Busters, Starbucks, AMC, Bahama Breeze and Joes Crab Shack.

Tedria Kennedy, a member of KAB who has been assigned the title "KSU Hommie," was one of the members to make sure the occasion was successful. Kennedy stated that, "KAB planned on giving away all the prizes."

Senior Timnessia Benton won the 32-inch television. She was overjoyed and could hardly speak from excitement; however, she did manage to mention, "last year I won the surround sound system and it's still in the box, but now I can finally take it out of the box because I have a TV to hook it up to."

No one left empty-handed since KAB gave out free t-shirts, mugs, and bags to all the attendees.

Freshman J.J. Ifeadike made his way from table to table socializing and watching his peers reluctantly try to win more chips. He said, "This is a fun experience." Ifeadike was hoping to win a prize by the end of the night and even though he didn't, he said will definitely come back next year.

KSU Day will be on Wednesday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students should look forward to more prizes, games, activities, and of course, free stuff!

Marquette University to offer domestic partner benefits

(MCT)

Marquette University plans to start offering domestic partner benefits to its employees in 2012, a move that comes about a year after the university's decision to rescind a job offer to a lesbian candidate caused the campus to erupt in debate.

In a statement sent to the campus Thursday afternoon, Marquette President Robert A. Wild said he's been wrestling with an idea of offering the benefits that would provide services for gay and lesbian employees for years.

University officials said the timing of the announcement was influenced by votes in recent weeks by the University Academic Senate and the Marquette University Student Government that have urged the university to offer benefits for domestic partners.

"If we are truly pastoral in our application of the Jesuit principle of cura personalis, I asked myself if I could reconcile that with denying health benefits to a couple who have legally registered their commitment to each other," Wild said.

In Latin, cura personalis means "care for the entire person." Wild noted that the State of Wisconsin gives legal recognition both to marriage for heterosexual couples and to a registered domestic partnership for same-sex couples. Officials said they're still working out details, but medical, dental and vision benefits currently offered to married couples and their dependents will be extended to registered domestic partners.

The couples receiving the benefits must share a residence, and must be of the same sex. The declaration of domestic partnership may be initiated by an application filed with the clerk of the county in which an individual resides.

The decision by Marquette comes nearly after a year after the school announced that it was rescinding a job offer to Jodi O'Brien, a lesbian and scholar at Seattle University, involving concerns relating to Marquette's "Catholic mission and identity" and their incompatibility with some of O'Brien's scholarly writings. The university said at the time that the decision to rescind

the job offer did not have anything to do with O'Brien's sexual orientation.

The university has a Statement on Human Dignity and Diversity. It reads, in part, that Marquette "recognizes and cherishes the dignity of each individual regardless of age, culture, faith, ethnicity, race, gender, sexual orientation, language, disability or social class." The statement adds that the Jesuit-run school seeks to become a more diverse and inclusive academic community dedicated to the promotion of justice.

After Marquette and Wild announced the decision, dozens of faculty members at both Marquette and Seattle condemned Marquette for rescinding the offer to O'Brien to take over as dean of the school's College of Arts and Sciences. In June of last year, the school announced that it had reached a "mutually acceptable resolution" with O'Brien. Marquette said it had apologized to O'Brien, and sources said the school took a "financial hit."

School officials said at the time that the university would consider research projects, conferences, courses and service learning projects exploring the topics of Catholic identity and gender and sexuality issues. It could not be immediately determined if the decision to offer domestic benefits was related to the settlement of the O'Brien matter.

In December, Marquette released a report to the university community that officials commissioned after the O'Brien incident. The report by Ronni Sanlo, a retired senior associate dean of students at the University of California, Los Angeles, indicates many lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students she studied felt harassed at Marquette and that some gay and lesbian faculty wished top university officials were more supportive.

Last March, before the incident involving O'Brien, Wild announced he would step down in June 2011 after about 15 years at the helm of Marquette. He said he had discussed his decision with trustees, including the Rev. Scott Pilarz, Marquette's incoming president.

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RE: Giving Back, or Giving Up?

In the March 29th edition of the Sentinel, Eric Celler argues against altruism. In positing his counter-thesis, Celler states, "selfishness is what serves man," and then defines selfishness as acting through reason with "long term self-interest." In his words, Celler's "core definition" of altruism is "self-sacrifice," which is the commonly understood definition, but he enters specious grounds by adding more elements beyond the core definition within his message.

This message is that altruism means the sacrifice of self in the abandonment of reason and self-reflection through their replacement with an unquestioning belief in some higher ideal.

It is this belief in the higher ideal that Celler set his argument against. If this were actually a requirement of altruism, then I'd join alongside Celler in rejecting altruism, but it is not part of altruism. Instead, Celler is describing the system of blind faith, which asks not for self-sacrifice, but self-rejection. Self acceptance requires an acceptance of responsibility for one's actions, and while blind faith is touted by plenty of religious leaders and politicians as a moral good, the blind faith posited by these «leaders» is nothing but a farce designed to provide comfort to those unwilling to face the world alone or take responsibility for their own action(s).

Similarly, a belief in an ideal does not require the abnegation of the mind; rather, a true belief gives value to what is believed. Such belief requires constant assessment of the ideal. Even if I believe in some supernatural god-figure that commands some particular ethical action, I am still the one that assesses the given ethic and determines if I will act accordingly or not. It is my very mind that makes meaningful the decision to accept or reject an ideal. If I give up my mind at the very moment of accepting an ideal, then I betray that ideal as not actually worthy of myself, I have deemed the ideal as valueless.

So when I argue in defense of the altruism as an ideal, I do so with an independent rational mind because I find value within this ideal. It may seem strange then, but when he states, "selfishness is what serves man," I fully agree with Celler.

In Plato's "Republic," we are shown how the rational self-interest of the citizen requires constant consideration of others, and that it is in the self-interest of the stronger to concern themselves with the well-being of the weaker. So, when Celler states that "it is entirely irrational to require that man live to serve others," he is right insofar as the rational man should already act in concern for others.

Thus, in absolute terms, Celler is correct in questioning the possibility of living altruistically. As long as the individual exists within community, there can be no absolutely altruistic action since the individual ultimately benefits by acting in concern for the whole. Neither, then, can there be absolutely selfish action, as acting without concern for others is ultimately acting without concern for the self.

Matthew Scott
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2012

Dear Eric Celler,

I think you are confused about altruism and its place in human existence. You state that "the self is that which sustains life: the rationally thinking, acting being;" although this assertion is true, it leaves much to be desired

by way of defining what it means to be human.

Humans are born into a world in which human interaction is necessary to their survival and well-being. Had you not been cared for as a child, you would not have survived. Someone put time and energy into your upbringing, and doing so required sacrifice on their part. Had your caregivers' sole intention been to secure their own future stability, they would have instilled in you only base ideas about your function as a human being. That you are a senior in college pursuing a degree that may label you as an intellectual implies that you were instilled with much more than a mere sense of obligation to care for your parents as they age. So, it begs the question, "What is the motivation for such sacrifice?"

The truth is; people do benefit from giving of themselves to others. They benefit psychologically and oftentimes physiologically. It brings a person joy to put a smile on someone's face; it warms a person's heart to know that he or she can and does make a positive difference in someone else's life. In this way, altruism – in the strictest sense of the word – does not really exist at all; helping others is inherently selfish, so you should not have a problem with it.

People selfishly help others every day; they selfishly claim responsibility for the effects their actions have on humanity – and the world is a better place for it. I implore you to selfishly volunteer to help others in need – in any capacity for which you might summon the energy. Perhaps then you might comprehend the value of "sacrifice."

"If you will think about what you ought to do for other people, your character will take care of itself. Character is a by-product, and any man who devotes himself to its cultivation in his own case will become a selfish prig." — Woodrow Wilson, 28th American president (1856-1924)

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PeaceCon

PeaceCon 2011 was fantastic. Great speakers, great sessions, and lots to think about. For example, one speaker said that the last time he spoke at a conflict resolution conference, he wondered, "Why aren't there any conferences on peace?" More peace, less conflict? He was clearly delighted to learn that KSU has had peace conferences for many years.

We are fortunate to have the Peace Studies Program at KSU. Led by Tom Pynn, professor of philosophy, the program has faculty members from six different departments.

This is the third peace conference I have attended at Kennesaw State and each one has been excellent. This year, two students, Jessie Blowers (Art History) and Keegan Treadaway (Political Science and International Affairs), Co-Chaired the conference, with professor Pynn. All three, and the other members of the organizing committee and volunteers earned an A+ and my sincere thanks.

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Dr. Fein misguided

The Marietta Daily Journal has recently criticized Kennesaw State University as being a bastion for Marxism, communism and/or socialism. Last Tuesday, they quoted a tenured sociology professor, Dr. Melvyn Fein, railing against the proposed formation of a Department of Cultural and Regional Studies. The new department would include the already existing programs of African and African Diaspora Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Environmental Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Peace Studies and American Studies.

Dr. Fein called his colleagues, "a bunch of activists," then accused them of being "neo-Marxist" and said they would rather "indoctrinate instead of teach." These accusations are patently ridiculous. In five years as a student at KSU, I have been exposed to a great many professors with various political and ideological viewpoints. I always felt that I could respectfully disagree with any of them on academic matters if I based my opinions on reason, citing research to back my claims. KSU is a major university and its policies and faculty should endeavor to make it a hub of intellectual freedom and reasoned disagreement.

Perhaps Dr. Fein should reconsider his choice of profession since his actions so clearly deviate from what is expected of a tenured professor at an institution of higher learning. Dr. Fein essentially accused his fellow educators of thought crime, which is antithetical to the democratic process. Dr. Fein would do well to learn that in a reasonable society simply holding contrary opinions is not objectionable. Even assuming that these professors are communists—a laughable suggestion—they have committed no crime except challenging their students to think differently.

It is clear that Dr. Fein is the KSU professor who most deserves to have his ideology questioned. In calling his colleagues Marxists does he imagine himself as a crusader for capitalism and the free market? One of the central tenets of general economics and capitalism, specifically, is the idea of supply and demand. These classes and professors he is attacking are clearly in demand as there are sufficient students in the class for the program to justify itself in the school budget. The professors are providing a supply for this demand. If the students found these classes unpalatable, they could choose a different course of study



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Columnist

and the programs would wither and die. Ironically, Dr. Fein is making a stand for the free market while refusing to trust the market forces to handle the situation.

Dr. Fein would do well to remember this quote from a legitimate crusader for liberty and individual rights, John Stuart Mill: "If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."

Even a blind squirrel

...MDJ finds a nut with Cultural and Regional Studies department

The McCarthyites at the Marietta Daily Journal are at it again. KSU came under fire by the sensationalist paper because of a proposed new Department of Cultural and Regional Studies which would include the following pre-existing programs: African & African Diaspora Studies, Gender & Women's Studies, Environmental Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, American Studies and Peace Studies. I don't agree with the MDJ's argument that this new department would be the academic equivalent of the Bolshevik Revolution for KSU, but I do doubt the value of this department for a very different reason. Such a department simply makes very little sense from an academic perspective.

While many writers at the MDJ have proven themselves to be paranoid demagogues, they aren't completely wrong in everything they state about KSU. Three out of these seven programs deal directly with particular ethnic groups and cultures. This is a trend at KSU and many other universities with similar ethnic studies programs. It is no secret that many of the students who major in these fields do so because of a personal affinity toward the particular demographic. It is also no secret that professors have a tendency to cater to such ethnocentric demands.

I bring this up because I noticed that Peace Studies is also included among these other programs. I was fortunate enough to take Philosophy of Peace with KSU Professor Thomas Pynn last semester. Contrary to MDJ innuendo, the class was certainly not a Marxist indoctrination camp. Vigorous debate and differing opinions were not only allowed but encouraged. I noticed one very interesting trend though: rarely do peace and ethnic nationalism go together well. When ethnocentrism enters the political sphere, the result is usually not peaceful at all. One just has to look back to the days of racial segregation in the American South or the ongoing racial tensions in the Balkans for further confirmation of this.

Of course, there are exceptions, but Israeli-style state racism is more likely to result from ethnocentrism than people holding hands around a campfire singing Kumbaya. A broad overview of peace movements throughout history shows that the successful ones emphasize our commonalities, not our differences. Unfortunately, ethnic studies classes tend to emphasize the latter.

Am I suggesting that ethnic studies classes are bad things? Certainly not. I think these classes are very important for understanding how much of society functions (or doesn't) today. The powerful usually write mainstream history, so it is important to take the time to learn about all sides of an issue, especially the histories of peoples who have been historically marginalized. My issue is not with the classes themselves; I just don't think linking these subjects so closely with concepts of peace and environmentalism in the classroom makes much academic sense, especially when these concepts don't go together well in the real world.



Matthew Cole
Senior Columnist

New department opponents shortsighted

The transformation of Kennesaw State University into a major university has been nothing short of awe-inspiring. A rapid increase in student population, new degree programs and a commitment among the faculty and staff to provide a great educational experience is leading KSU into areas of growth never previously considered.

There are those who feel this growth isn't just unwarranted but dangerous to the precious culture of Cobb County. Upon the announcement that KSU is considering adding a new department, Cultural and Regional Studies, some locals balked at the idea. Their disapproval will prove to be a highly miscalculated judgment.

Many argue that a department that focuses on areas such as gender or race studies doesn't provide students with a career path upon graduation. However, no one said the degree you earn as an undergraduate is where you must find your chosen career. It's an opportunity to study, learn and gain a greater understanding of the world around you.

Students who receive a bachelors degree in Cultural and Regional Studies may go on to law school and subsequently fight for equal pay for women. A Latin American Studies major might go on to assist the United States gain a better understanding of its growing Latin American population

and immigration problem. The point being, a person's degree doesn't dictate their career path.

KSU should not base a decision to create a department on the jobs available for its graduates. Going to college is a not a ticket to get a job after receiving a degree, and anyone who is in college exclusively to get a decent job following graduation should be prepared for a serious disappointment.

The Department of Cultural and Regional studies is all about growth, expansion and new horizons. Creating a department to house degree programs ranging from Gender and Women's Studies to Peace Studies allows for a more developed curriculum, the ability to track students' progress and to understand how to better the program. With the programs currently spread throughout the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, this new department will provide students with the consolidation they deserve.

Another factor to consider is that a Cultural Studies department is not a shocking addition to a growing and large university. For example, UGA offers many of the same programs KSU is proposing. The university's adding this department shows a commitment to continue to diversify its undergraduate and graduate programs and further illustrates KSU's drastic growth over the last decade.

The decision to add new degrees and



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Alum Columnist

departments is a wise choice as KSU aspires to be a great university. Diversity, in both its student body and areas of study, provides prospective KSU a greater incentive to attend KSU for undergraduate or graduate studies.

The sooner we all embrace its willingness to grow and prosper, the sooner KSU becomes a destination university for students in Georgia, the Southeast and beyond.

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Dining on a budget: Students dish on cheap eats



yogo ono



Brittany Kell
STAFF WRITER

Do you often find yourself stressing over where you and your friends should go to dinner or where you can party and order cheap food at the same time? Whether you hunger for something fabulous or if you're on a budget, Kennesaw has many affordable and delicious restaurants to choose from.

If you are trying to find a cheap *and* delicious meal, you could stop by Steak n' Shake. Open 24 hours, Steak n' Shake will fulfill your diner desires at all hours. With most meals under \$8, this is a fantastic destination for a well-priced meal with a fun atmosphere.

For a little spice in your life, visit Papi's Grill. This restaurant boasts fabulous Cuban-style entrees and sandwiches with most meals around \$5-9. Not only do you get some inexpensive exotic food, but the restaurant is clean and suitable for a fun escape from your studies.

"Papi's is my favorite restaurant in Kennesaw. They have amazing Cuban sandwiches and great service," said sophomore Tony Thomas.

Located next door to Papi's, Yogo Ono is a favorite dessert spot for many students. Freshman Lindsay Maynard frequents Yogo Ono with her Phi Mu sisters.

"We've all gone there so much they've said they're going to make a Phi Mu flavor," Maynard said.

For anyone who hasn't discovered Yogo Ono, it's like a Coldstone, but with frozen yogurt. You get to choose a flavor and add as many toppings as your heart desires. The price is measured by the weight, at \$0.39 per ounce, so you choose your own price, which is usually pretty reasonable. Besides being such an entertaining treat, the interior is so clean and fresh, leaving the patrons feeling welcomed and satisfied.

For some fantastic Mexican food and an interesting environment, try Los Reyes. Depending on what you get, the prices are equal to the quality here, so you won't be disappointed. The atmosphere is slightly gaudy yet enticing simultaneously. You almost feel as if you are in the streets of Mexico, enjoying a meal under the stars. Of course, it's just a little artificial lights, but let's just pretend. They have great dinner and lunch specials as well as deals on margaritas toward the end of the week. Los Reyes is a fabulous choice for a date or an enjoyable night out with friends.

Looking for a restaurant suitable for date night? Go to California Dreaming. It is a little pricy but it's definitely worth it. The food is similar to that of Longhorn or Outback. You have your choice of seafood, steak, burgers, ribs, and chicken tenders. California Dreaming has its own unique spin on their menu items that makes it more enticing than regular steak houses. The setting is slightly formal yet comfortable, boasting beautiful aesthetics.

Kennesaw has many affordable restaurant options for the college budget: the cheapest is Steak n' Shake and the most expensive is California Dreaming. As far as price compared to quality, Papi's would be the winner. Regardless of your taste or the size of your wallet, Kennesaw definitely has variety for every budget and every taste.

Papi's
Cuban & Caribbean Grill



Los Reyes
Mexican Restaurant



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Owls dance their way to another Nationals

Megan Emory
STAFF WRITER

The Kennesaw State Dance Team is vital to the spirit and tradition throughout the university. The girls compete in numerous events that show off their skills and prove their athletic abilities. Every season, they dance at all basketball home games for both the men and women's team, as well as attending an assortment of community and KSU events throughout the school year.

"This has been an amazing season and I would have to say my favorite, from a coaching standpoint. I am so proud of my team. They are fantastic individuals and dancers. They truly encompass what it means to be a student athlete, succeeding on the court and in the classroom," said head coach Vera Lukens.

Nationally competitive, the team members compete at the Collegiate Dance Team Championship for National Dance Alliance in Daytona Beach, Florida, but the list does not end there. They hold an annual Middle School and High School Dance Team Invitational Competition for the community that started five years ago by their head coach, Vera Lukens.

Vera Lukens has organized and run every aspect of this event that brings together more than 20 teams from everywhere within the state of Georgia. Another dance team-sponsored event, is the annual Jr. Owls Dance Team clinic geared toward kindergarten through high school students. The attendees spend time with the team members during the afternoon and learn a choreographed dance, get a T-shirt and perform at halftime during a basketball game that is played later that day.

"After being on the team for two seasons, I favored this season the most due to the amazing quality of the members. Aside from our hardworking coach, these 12 strong, amazing and beautiful ladies remind me every day why I love to dance," said Melissa Zdanko.

The alumni performance that started this year featured 19 KSU Dance Team alumni that performed at halftime during the alumni basketball game. Those who participated were members from 2001 until 2009. This was a chance for the team to show their appreciation for the past dancers. Two of the current KSU dancers will graduate this year, one of them being Natalie Thomas.

"I have been on the dance team for four years and it has been such an amazing journey for me as a dancer and person. This dance team has had such a huge impact on who I am today and I would not want it any other way," Natalie Thomas said.

These seniors were recognized during halftime of the senior basketball game.

The dancers end their season as nationals, but their coach, Vera Lukens, encourages the girls to enjoy the ride. "Nationals is the icing on the cake and the culmination of where their hard work has taken them," Lukens said.

Monday, April 4 at 5p.m., the KSU Dance Team will be displaying their hard work by performing their national's routine in the Convocation Center just two days before they head to Florida to compete.

"Many teams say they are like a family, but this team is truly a family. I know I can count on anyone from this team for anything, not only are the girls amazing but we also have an extraordinary coach! I could not imagine going to nationals with any other group of girls," said Danielle Bonin

To find out more about the dance team, visit ksuowls.com/dance.



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KSU Alumni team poses for a picture after their alumni performance.

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Jack Morbitzer
SPORTS EDITOR

Three years ago, KSU's softball program began passing a helmet around the stands asking for donations during a game, a simple request to raise funds for a child battling cerebral palsy.

Last year, the team presented Alexis Kaiser with a custom made bicycle and raised nearly \$3,000.

This year, it was time to pay it forward. After presenting Lexi with a bike last year, a new specially designed bike was presented to Damien, another child living with a similar condition.

"It was neat for us getting the bike, but it's even better to give one away and getting to see how happy Damien was and his parents as well," said Lexi's father, Chip Kaiser.

Interim athletic director and softball head coach Scott Whitlock addressed the fans pregame.

"I'm a hard-nosed person," said Whitlock, a

statement current and former players would mostly agree with. "But today is about giving. There is something American about a child riding a bike with their friends and family. It won't solve all their problems, but it makes their life better."

The pregame festivities featured Lexi and Damien standing just off home plate surrounded by family, friends and the teams for the presentation.

Scrappy and KSU softball players rolled the bike from the dugout and Damien's face began to beam in the early spring sun as his smile was ear-to-ear.

He also enjoyed meeting the female softball players, Whitlock said.

Though Lexi's Day started a few years ago, the Alexis Kaiser Foundation has only formed recently. Lexi's parents, Chip and Christy Kaiser, started the foundation about a year and a half ago. The foundation raises funds for special needs children and focuses on cerebral palsy. The Kaisers said they've received tremendous support from family, friends and area businesses since the beginning.

For the past six years, the family has sponsored a golf tournament, the proceeds of which formerly benefitted Jacob's Ladder, the school Lexi attended. More recently the money has funneled into the foundation. This year the tournament will be held April 25, at the Brookfield Country Club in Roswell. 100 percent of the Lexi's Day fundraising went to the foundation.

"It's exciting and it's an honor," said Christy Kaiser about being part of the Lexi's Day event. "Each year, the girls have just been so sweet and special to Lexi. They come over and say 'hello' and help out when they can when it comes to holding her and taking her picture. It means a lot to us as a family just to be a part of this."

Stetson head coach Frank Griffin was happy to be part of the event as well, and his Hatters sported purple tops with pink numerals, while the Owls donned pink tops with purple numbering in honor of Lexi's favorite colors, an added touch.

Marietta Fish Market sponsored a pregame meal with a spread that featured fried catfish,



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grilled tilapia, fish sticks, potatoes, rice, french fries and salad. A \$10 donation provided a ticket to the game and food.

Hand-crafted mini porch swings themed on KSU, the Atlanta Braves, Georgia Tech and UGA were offered in a silent auction that went throughout the day. Pink T-shirts were sold for \$5 and custom made garden stones were also sold.

A small wooden bench, signed by the 2011 Owls softball team and coaching staff was painted black and gold with the lettering "Lexi's Bench" across the back support.

In the double header, the Owls had fortune on their side in the first game, winning 4-3, but lost the second game 4-0 to split the series with Stetson. However, the day was one that transcended sport, and wins and losses were nominal.

"Athletes are supposed to be role models," Whitlock said. "This is just my effort in helping my young people learn about giving back. I've been blessed with a healthy life and healthy children and when I watch people like Lexi and Damien fight every day, not just every game day, every day, how can I just stand off to the side and not help? I see it as part of my obligation."



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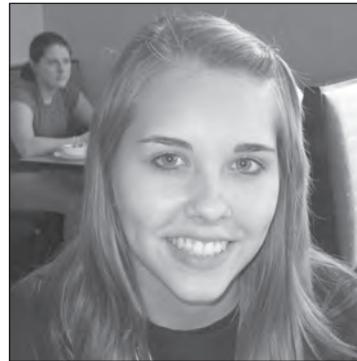
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Theatre

"At least it's something, better than nothing. They don't have to offer anything."



Chris Falconbury
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Sports Management

"I feel it sucks and it's hard to find optimism in any of it. Now I have no chance of getting it, I'm not even going to try to get it anymore."



Lindsey Cannon
Freshman
Early Childhood Education

"If they don't have enough money at least they still offer it to the people who try really hard."



Alysia McFadden
Freshman
English Education

"I think it is harder to attain and maintain while you are in college."



Nishmin Porbandarwala
Senior
History Education

"Indifferent because I'm graduating. I ran out of HOPE hours so I have to pay anyways. I knew it would happen eventually."



Lauren Armstrong
Freshman
Undecided

"I think it really sucks. I'm really focusing on school; I don't have a job and rely on HOPE to pay for school."



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Sophomores Ami Ford and Kristen Massey look on at the intramural soccer games at the Owl's Nest on March 31.

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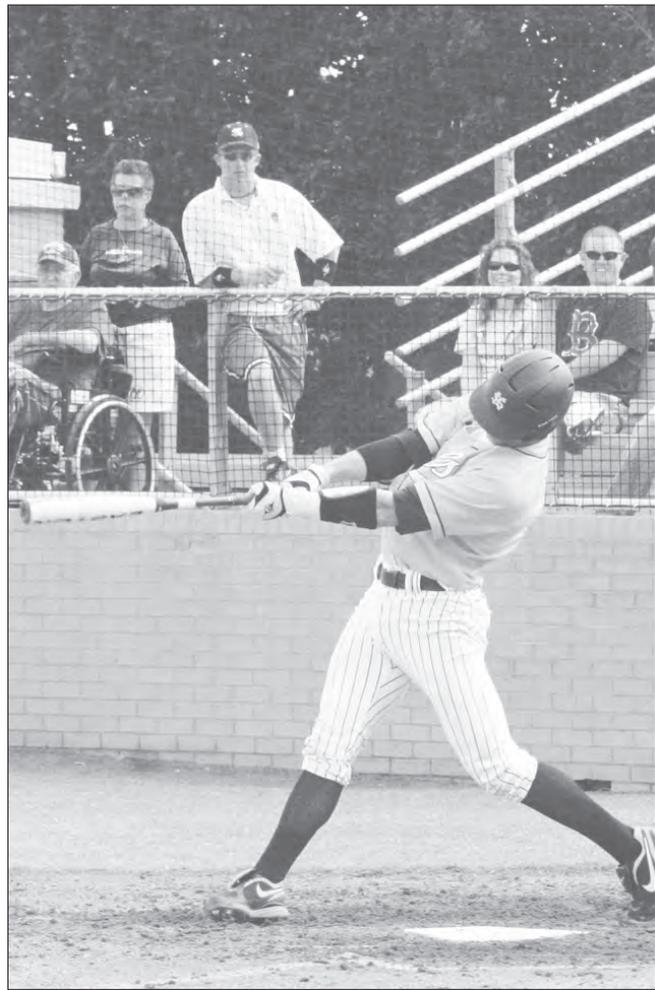
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Owls win two, take series from Salukis



Patricia Chourio | The Sentinel

An Owl swings away in a game earlier this season. KSU hit back-to-back-to-back home runs against SIU, the first time ever.

Daniela Duron and Michael Foster
STAFF WRITERS

KSU baseball defeated Southern Illinois in Sunday's final game of the series, winning 10-6. The Owls (18-12) flourished offensively throughout the game, starting the first inning with three consecutive home runs, the first time in the school's history.

"It was pretty impressive," said head coach Mike Sansing. "They came out with back-to-back-to-back home runs and you don't see that very often."

Sophomore catcher Ronnie Freeman, who served as the designated hitter, hit the first of the three home runs. Junior first baseman Andy Chriscaden and sophomore shortstop Peyton

Hart connected for the next two. Freeman went 4-for-4 and batted two runs in, while Chriscaden extended his hitting streak to 12 games.

"Our offense just seems to be clicking," Freeman said. "All of our guys were just having fun, we were just relaxed today. It's a nice day, so we were just having a good time."

After the four runs scored in the first inning, KSU scored two more runs in the second inning. Sophomore center fielder Ray Anderson, who went 3-for-4, was hit by a pitch to start the inning and advanced to second base after junior left fielder Aaron Dobbs walked. Both runners then advanced on a passed ball, and Anderson ended up scoring on a wild pitch.

Freeman and Chriscaden scored two more runs in the fourth inning with the help of their teammates. Anderson batted in a run in the fifth inning, and Freeman scored another in the eighth inning to finish off the offense for his team.

Although the offense was KSU's strong point, they still had chances to extend their lead even bigger, leaving ten total runners on base throughout the game.

"I thought we started out well offensively, scoring the six runs in the first two innings and scoring again in the fourth inning," Sansing said. "I thought we had a really good lead and we had some opportunities to extend that even bigger, but just weren't able to push a couple of runs across when I thought we could have really expanded the game and the score."

KSU's starting pitcher Zac Griffith went five and one third innings, giving up eight hits to the opposing team. Griffith started the game strong, giving up just one run in the first five innings. In the sixth inning, reliever Jeff Brown gave up a pinch-hit grand slam to sophomore pinch hitter Nick Johnson, who robbed Chriscaden of a grand slam Friday. Though three runs from the slam counted toward Griffith, he still got the win, extending his record to 6-1.

Game 2

KSU baseball used some late inning magic Saturday, coming back from a 5-1 deficit to game two of the series with Southern Illinois.

Senior starting pitcher Bryan Blough allowed three runs in the first two innings, but settled in to finish six innings of work with no other runs scored.

KSU's first run came in the third inning when a double from senior Sean McClurken scored junior Jordan Craft from first.

An error by KSU allowed another SIU run during the first six innings, making the score 4-1, but with a little help from

the Salukis' infielders, three straight two-out rallies saved the Owls from defeat.

The heroics began in the seventh inning, when the Owls trailed 5-1 with two outs, and sophomore catcher Ronnie Freeman's double scored junior Aaron Dobbs.

In the eighth inning, KSU struck with two outs yet again, as a triple by Craft scored two more runs to make the score 5-4.

Thanks to two straight shutout innings by freshman Caden Ferguson and senior J.B. Johnson, the Owls headed to the ninth inning within striking distance and capitalized.

Freeman hit an infield out with Dobbs at first, but an error by the Salukis—trying to turn two—allowed Dobbs to reach second with one out.

Junior Andy Chriscaden, who went 0-for-3 until his final at bat, extended his hitting streak to 11 games and bat home Dobbs for the game-tying run.

Runners would get to the corners for the Owls with Ethan Herron coming to the plate. Herron grounded to third, and the game looked to be heading to extra innings as the double play was set up for Southern Illinois.

But, SIU's Blake Pinnon elected to go for the tag of Chriscaden at third instead and missed, keeping the game alive.

Senior catcher Drew Fowlkes capped off the magical comeback with a game winning walk-off single, the second such win by the Owls this season.

Game 1

Threatening in the bottom of the seventh, KSU scored on an RBI single by Sean McClurken to put the score at 6-2. After another single and walk the bases were loaded for Andy Chriscaden. Facing a new relief pitcher, Chriscaden hit a bomb to right-center field that was caught at the wall and robbed the junior of a game-tying grand slam.

In the eighth inning, Southern Illinois scored two more and plated a run in the ninth to push the score to 9-3. Chriscaden finally touched them all after a three-run home run (7) in the bottom of the ninth that cut the lead in half. The Owls couldn't mount a comeback though and the final score read 9-6.

Junior starting pitcher Josh Carr (3-2) allowed five runs on eight hits in just four innings pitched. Sean Fream made a relief appearance in the fifth inning and gave up one run on five hits in four innings pitched.

Ronnie Freeman hit a solo home run in the bottom of the first inning, but the Salukis responded by scoring in the second.

KSU takes the field 6 p.m. tonight against Georgia Tech at Stillwell Stadium. The team will wear baby blue uniforms to raise awareness for prostate cancer and the jerseys will be auctioned.

Softball splits weekend conference doubleheaders

Jack Morbitzer
SPORTS EDITOR

Softball split Saturday's doubleheader with Stetson, winning 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh, but 4-0 in game two on Lexi's Day at Bailey Park.

The Owls (20-14, 4-4) hosted the Hatters for their third conference doubleheader and witnessed a strong pitching performance from sophomore Abbey Meixel, who threw a complete game with 13 strikeouts, giving up just three runs, but KSU was still down by two heading into its final chance.

"We didn't hit the ball with any consistency all day," head coach Scott Whitlock said. "They made a few mistakes in the first game and we strung four or five good at bats together and stole that game."

With one out and nobody on the bases, sophomore shortstop Jensen Hackett singled, followed by a single from sophomore center fielder Sara Sikes. Freshman right fielder Bianca Durant then ripped an RBI double to center field, scoring Hackett and bringing the deficit to one. With runners on second and third, sophomore third baseman Ashlee Burkett hit a hard ground ball to Stetson's shortstop who couldn't complete the throw home

and allowed Sikes to score unearned and tie the game. Sophomore clean-up hitter Sharon Swanson was intentionally walked to load the bases and junior Jessica Cross stepped to the plate, driving a single through the middle of the infield to bring home the winning run in walk-off fashion.

Meixel (5-2) was credited with the win allowing three runs on just five hits, three walks and a hit batsman over seven innings.

"I just throw the ball, pitch-by-pitch. I didn't think about the possible loss. It was exciting being in the dugout when we won. Number one

cheerleader," Meixel said.

"If you think about it, Abbey only made about six bad pitches," Whitlock said. "It just seemed like they scored every time on them. So it was nice that we were able to get one back for her."

Stetson's Meredith Owen (5-7) allowed eight hits and four total runs with three walks and five strikeouts through six and a third innings.

Swanson scored in the bottom of the sixth to plate KSU's first run. With two outs, she doubled to left field and scored on a fielding error.

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Tiger Track Classic Results

Friday and Saturday track and field competed in the Tiger Track Classic in Auburn, Ala. Two new school records were set by Piotr Witzczak and Jaako Nieminen in the 1500M and 3000M runs respectively.

This meet was the last competition before the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships, which will go down in two weeks in Jacksonville, Fla.

Class Athlete Pos. Event Time/Dist.

WOMEN

JR	Naomi Mack	23rd	100 M Hurdle	15.11s
SO	Cynthia Davis	11th	4x100M Relay	47.23s
		22nd	100M Dash	12.30s
		22nd	200M Dash	25.21s
SO	Naquia Williams	11th	4x100M Relay	47.23s
		14th	100M Dash	12.20s
		20th	200M Dash	25.17s
		22nd	100M Hurdle	15.06s
JR	Victoria Jackson	11th	4x100M Relay	47.23s
		27th	100M Dash	12.10s
JR	Brittany Robinson	11th	800M Run	2:18.43
SO	Morgan Williams	16th	800M Run	2:19.49
FR	Tai Dorsett	11th	4x100M Relay	47.23s
		14th	400M Hurdle	1:04.23
SR	Jakia Ragland	9th	High Jump	1.65M
SO	Michelle Quimby	11th	High Jump	1.60M
		8th	Pole Vault	3.55M
SO	Lashanna Baruche	12th	Long Jump	5.39M
SR	Jill Arthur	11th	Triple Jump	11.61M
SO	Suzee Mills	14th	Javelin	37.22M
		14th	Hammer	46.28M
SR	Chiquita Hawthorne	10th	Shot Put	12.42M
		18th	Javelin	33.69M
		23rd	Hammer	43.28M
SO	Patricia Damron	17th	Javelin	34.25M
SR	Jessica Lumpkin	9th	Shot Put	12.46M
		16th	Hammer	45.26M

MEN

SR	Gianni Catalano	1st	800M Run	1:52.24s
JR	Jaako Nieminen	6th*	3000M Run	8:23.96
			*New school record	
SO	Nabil Hamid	12th	3000M	8:36.12
SO	Ryan Burrus	16th	3000M	8:44.41
JR	Brian Graham	12th	110M Hurdle	15.15s
JR	Joshua McNair	6th	Hammer	53.80M
		6th	Shot Put	16.01M
SR	Antonio Logan	25th	100M Dash	10.99s
		8th	200M Dash	21.85s
		7th	Long Jump	5.73M
		4th	4x100M Relay	41.14s
JR	Jemir Martinez	20th	100M Dash	10.94s
		7th	200M Dash	21.85s
		4th	4x100M Relay	41.14s
JR	David Tansey	24th	400M Dash	49.37s
SR	Piotr Witzczak	14th	800M Run	1:54.53
			*New school record for 1500M	
		5th*	1500M Run	3:50.61
FR	Cole Jacob	16th	800M Run	1:55.42
SO	Kyle Pearson	18th	800M Run	1:56.02
JR	Kendall Parks	17th	100M Dash	10.90s
		2nd	110M Hurdle	14.10s
		4th	4x100M Relay	41.14s
SR	Joshua James	6th	400M Hurdles	54.31s
JR	Anjoun Armaly	16th	Long Jump	6.54M
		4th	4x100M Relay	41.14s
SR	Jerome McKenzie	6th	High Jump	2.07M
SO	Aaron Chamblee	10th	Pole Vault	4.30M
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Ashlee Burkett came through to salvage softball's weekend conference slate, recording a two RBI double for a dramatic walk-off victory Sunday against FGCU.

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The Hatters chipped away scoring in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, their final run coming by virtue of a solo home run by Jill Semento to center field.

They couldn't hold on, however, and KSU notched another victory.

Game 2

The second game saw KSU return the favor to the Hatters, as two straight errors and four total allowed all of Stetson's run to score unearned.

Cross (8-5) was given the loss tossing five innings of four hit ball, two walks and four strikeouts.

"Jessica pitched OK," Whitlock said. "We took her out in the fifth inning because she threw a lot of pitches."

The fifth inning began with a pop out for Stetson. Burkett made an agile play backhanding a sharply hit grounder to third base, but couldn't complete the out as her throw to first was errant, allowing the runner to advance to second. The next batter reached on another muffed throw to first, this time from Hackett. The next batter singled to right field, but Durant's wild throw to home allowed a run to score and all runners to advance a base. The next batter singled to left field, bringing home the final two runs of the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Stetson added an insurance run after a walk and stolen base put Chelsea Whalley on second base. A dropped pop-fly in foul territory was ruled an error after it extended the at bat for Stetson, which led to a walk. After a pop out, Stetson's batter hit an RBI single

that bounced off first base and the damage was done.

KSU threatened in the bottom half as Swanson led off with a single, and sophomore first baseman Brittany Moore reached on a fielding error, but the Owls had no more magic and the only recorded four total hits in the game.

"We are what we are right now," Whitlock said Saturday. "We're even in conference play and we're playing like that. We've got to get better, and that's what we'll try to do in the next few days."

FGCU doubleheader

Game 2

Softball split the second conference doubleheader of the weekend, this time against the Eagles of FGCU.

Though KSU started strong opening with two runs in the first inning thanks to a Swanson home run, the Owls were down 5-4 entering the bottom of the seventh.

Lyndsey McCurry started a rally by reaching safely on a bunt with one out. Hackett followed up with a single before Sikes popped out for the second of the inning. In the next at bat, the pitch hit Durant, loading the bases. With the pressure on, Burkett ripped a double to left field scoring McCurry and Hackett to give KSU its second walk-off victory of the weekend.

Burkett went 2-for-4 in the game with three RBIs. Swanson was next in the lineup and the result may not have been much different as she went 2-for-3 with two home runs and three RBIs. Together the 1-2 punch combined to drive

in all of the runs scored for the Owls and half the hits.

The teams traded runs in the third inning, as FGCU's lead-off batter hit a triple and was driven in by a single. KSU responded with Swanson's second home run, a solo shot to center, and the score was 4-1.

The Eagles took the lead after scoring two runs each in the fourth and fifth innings. In the top of the fourth, the lead-off batter was hit by the pitch and the next batter reached safely on a fielding error by Hackett. The next batter laid a sacrifice bunt advancing the runners before a throwing error by Hackett allowed two runs to score unearned.

In the fifth inning a lead-off single turned into a run, and a throwing error led to another run before a scoreless sixth inning.

Starting pitcher Cross went four innings giving up four total runs with four hits and four strikeouts. Freshman Amanda Henderson was given the victory after throwing a two scoreless innings before the Owls got the victory to stay even on the weekend.

Game 1

In a true pitchers duel, both starting hurlers went at least nine and two-thirds innings, but only one could get credit for the win and that went to FGCU's Catherine McDaniel.

The Eagle's senior pitcher threw all ten innings against the Owls, conceding only three total hits with just one walk and eight strikeouts. KSU's Meixel just couldn't get the final out in the top of the tenth and was relieved by Catherine

Tarvin to finish the inning. Meixel threw 163 total pitches in the game allowing just two unearned runs on four hits with six walks and twelve strikeouts.

On the weekend Meixel threw 16 and two-thirds total innings, recording 25 total strikeouts. She allowed five runs (two unearned) on seven hits, nine walks and two hit batsmen on 285 pitches in two days.

After nine straight scoreless innings, conference rules placed a runner on second base to start the top of the tenth for each team. The runner advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and after a strikeout, Meixel had a chance to close out the inning. But a walk extended the inning and the next Eagle batter singled, bringing in the lead runner and the first run of the game crossed the plate. At that point, Tarvin relieved Meixel and the first batter she faced reached safely from a fielding error, which also allowed the second unearned run of the inning. The next batter struck out, but the Owls couldn't mount a comeback and lost a tough game 2-0.

Both teams left the bases loaded in the first inning, but only four total runners were left on base at the end of the next eight innings.

FGCU's two errors opened the door for the Owls in the bottom of the first, but a fielder's choice got Durant out at home before she could score and the threat was over.

The stalemate continued until the tenth inning.

Softball takes the field again at 3 p.m. today in Stateboro for a non-conference doubleheader against in-state opponent Georgia Southern.



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Abbey Meixel threw 16 and two-thirds total innings, recording 25 total strikeouts over the weekend. She allowed five runs (two unearned) on seven hits, nine walks and two hit batsmen on 285 pitches in two days.



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T2 (5) Purdue +4	284	297	287	868
21 KSU +42	295	313	298	906

Volleyball springs into action with scrimmages

Saturday, KSU faced region foes College of Charleston, Georgia Tech and Georgia Southern in the 2011 Georgia Tech Spring Invitational. The matches were played in a best of three format.

"I was more than happy about the weekend," head coach Karen Weatherington said in a statement. "It was great to see such a high level of competition. These are programs that are NCAA qualifiers who represent our region very well. These are programs we want to emulate, so for us to play so competitively against those schools is a big positive for us."

The Owls dropped all three matches, but competed well, forcing three sets against Georgia Tech and the College of Charleston. KSU held brief leads in the third set of both matches but couldn't hold on. GSU defeated the Owls in two sets.

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