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KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

SGA holds election debates

Voting open on Owl Express until April 20

Caitlyn Van Orden
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Candidates vying for the positions of Student Government Association president and vice president for 2011-2012 were grilled during the SGA election debates April 14.

The debates, moderated by political science professor Dr. Kerwin Swint, lasted about an hour and took place in the University Rooms of the Student Center.

Candidates for vice president Rosalyn Hedgepeth and Steven Cole debated first.

Hedgepeth said that if elected, she aimed to “increase productivity as well as awareness of SGA on campus, on a state level and eventually on a national level.” Hedgepeth noted that she had five semesters with SGA under her belt, two of which were served on the executive board. She said she aimed to create opportunities for students to address issues such as social media outlets and programming.

Cole noted that he helped form the campus shuttle system. He said some of his goals were to have the shuttle system go to the apartment complexes off George Busbee Parkway in fall 2012, as well as take on-campus students to grocery stores beginning the

same semester. He also mentioned adding crosswalks on campus.

Both candidates were asked what was the most difficult ethical dilemma they’d seen during their time in SGA. Cole talked about illegal immigration, while Hedgepeth discussed keeping the line drawn between committee members and friends when it came to deadline accountability.

Both touched on keeping ethical the distribution of stipends, which SGA members receive as compensation.

The SGA president is paid 100 percent of his or her tuition, capped at \$2,500. The vice president is paid 60 percent, capped at \$1,400.

“I want every student to know that we’re here for them, and to know that they have rights, to know that whether it’s parking or food, we’re looking out for their best interests,” Cole said. “I want students to know that before we make big decisions, that we’re going to go out and we’re gonna ask you guys first.”

Hedgepeth discussed her dedication to helping the KSU community.

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PRESIDENT



Michael Macomber
- Biology '13
- 1 year in SGA
- Senator for Undergraduate Students
- Director of Operations (current)



David Eberhart
- History Education '12
- 2 semesters in SGA
- Senator for Disabled Students (current)



Ronald “Steven” Wilson
- Management '12
- 6 semesters in SGA
- Senator of Coles College of Business
- Director of Technology Vice President (current)

VICE PRESIDENT



Rosalyn Hedgepeth
- Accounting '13
- 5 semesters in SGA
- Freshman Senator
- Senator of College of the Arts
- Director of External Affairs (current)



Steven Cole
- International Affairs '13
- 3 semesters in SGA
- Senator of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Director of Student Services (current)

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Vaughn Williams, President Papp and Scott Whitlock smile at the press conference on April 12.

Man of opportunity KSU welcomes new athletic director

Jack Morbitzer
SPORTS EDITOR

KSU introduced the new Director of Athletics, Vaughn A. Williams, to a full room in the Bailey Center on April 12.

Williams, sporting a solid black suit and crisp gold tie, was joined by KSU President Dr. Daniel Papp, Interim Athletic Director and head softball coach Scott Whitlock and Professor Thomas Keene, chair of the KSU athletic director search committee to address the community and media.

“We were looking for an outstanding individual, one who knew how to run a Division I athletic program—one who could help us build and shape a football

program from the ground up,” Keene said. “We also wanted an individual who could help us build up the infrastructure, personnel and facilities at KSU, so that teams in every sport can compete for championships on a consistent basis.”

Having been the Associate Athletic Director at the University of Connecticut, Williams has experience winning championships at the highest level. KSU announced his hiring the Tuesday after the Huskies men’s basketball team won the 2011 National Championship, which was impeccable timing according to Papp.

Arriving with 17 years of Division I athletic administrative experience, Williams sees nothing but opportunity.

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"In my short time here at KSU, I have been able to gain the support of many of the faculty, staff, administration and most importantly, students," said Hedgepeth. "They have seen my dedication and work ethic... I wholeheartedly commit to anything that I take on or do. I do not care so much for the personal success, but I care about the betterment of my community."

If elected, Hedgepeth would be the first African American female to hold the position, according to Cory Mullis, secretary of press and public relations.

After a short break, candidates for president were asked to deliver their opening statements.

David Eberhart began by speaking of his time in the military.

"I started my quest here at Kennesaw in 2004, and I had to place my life on hold when I was activated for the Iraq War," Eberhart said. "That being said, I'm a combat vet who's had over 13 years experience in the military, and during that time in the military I've understood sacrifice. I've understood what it means to serve a higher purpose and to put others ahead of yourself. I've deployed on two combat tours, recently come back from Afghanistan, and I've worked on

two non-combat tours."

Eberhart said his experience would help him serve the diverse KSU community.

"I've worked with people of all ways of means at the international society and I recognize that in the global community that Kennesaw represents, that we're here to bring everybody to the table," he said. "Everyone has something valuable to contribute. As president, I want to make sure that everyone's voice is heard."

Eberhart said that as an SGA senator, he had put forward more resolutions than any other senator. He discussed the growing necessity to attend college, and emphasized the importance of keeping KSU organizations fiscally accountable.

"We can't make Kennesaw unaffordable for the average student who's coming here to better their life," Eberhart said. "As state and federal funds dry up, you're gonna have to pay the price, and we have to make sure that Kennesaw is there and that you can get a college education."

Ronald "Steven" Wilson said he had accomplished much during his time in SGA, including voicing concerns about the HOPE resolution, negotiating with the American Student Government Association to save SGA

thousands of dollars on its yearly conference and implementing a policy requiring officers to send summaries of each meeting to all SGA members.

Michael Macomber opened by expressing his desire to get parts of the core curriculum reduced.

"It's just an advice, a recommendation, but if we can get three to six hours removed from the core curriculum we could wind up saving students money, and that is something very necessary in these trying economic times," Macomber said.

Swint then asked the candidates how they would address the issues of smoking on campus, the HOPE Scholarship and reducing SGA stipends.

Wilson said he was indifferent on the smoking issue as long as students remained in the designated smoking areas. He said he would like HOPE to remain merit-based and that he disagreed with changes implemented this semester.

"I feel that SGA stipends are necessary," said Wilson. "To get and keep the best, some monetary incentive is necessary. SGA is time-consuming, and it would be insensitive to lose students who could not stay in SGA just to gain another job to pay for school."

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'More Birthdays' to raise funds for cancer

Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER

Otaku, KSU Japanese culture club, will be hosting a "Celebrating More Birthdays" fundraiser April 27 for a fledgling group named KSU Against Cancer.

"Celebrating More Birthdays" will include many birthday party-like activities to celebrate saving more lives, creating more birthdays. The fundraiser will feature a bounce-house obstacle course, musical chairs, sack races, three-legged races, face painting, balloon animals, live music, dance contests and giveaways.

To participate, students must buy a \$5 wristband that will provide access to free cake, ice cream and unlimited activities. 100 percent of funds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

The birthday bash will start at noon on the campus green.

KSU student Laura Stewart started creating the organization when she and some friends wanted to join a Relay for Life team but couldn't find an appropriate student organization. KSU Against Cancer will be part of a nationwide

movement called Colleges Against Cancer, in association with the American Cancer Society. The society aims to fundraise for curing cancer with Relay for Life as its primary effort.

"Our goal as a student organization is to host KSU's own Relay for Life in April 2012, and then annually," Stewart said. "This year, since it is our first year, we are participating in the Cobb County Relay for Life."

This fundraiser is deeply meaningful for Stewart as she is a cancer survivor.

"I was diagnosed at 15 and have been cancer free finally since November 2010," Stewart said. "It has been a very hard road, and I would not have made it as far as I have without the support from others."

Stewart also said that she is passionate about the Relay for Life because it helped her throughout her battle with cancer, and she wants to help fight cancer by giving back to the cause.

For more details on the group and the fundraiser, visit the Facebook fan page, "Relay for Life at KSU."

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Author and Los Angeles Times journalist visits KSU

Alisen Redmond
STAFF WRITER

A Los Angeles Times journalist and author of two creative non-fiction books about immigration spoke to around 150 students and faculty members Tuesday night.

Sam Quinones spent nine years as a journalist in Mexico and his books tell the stories of people he met there. A faculty member said in the introduction that Quinones' writing proves stories do not stop at the border, and quoted a Los Angeles Times review praising his books for not replaying stereotypes.

Quinones' talk focused on stories of Mexican immigrants and why they come here. One story was of a teenage boy who migrated from rural Mexico to Mexico City to work in construction and learned how to dance from a drag queen. Another was about a man who created a popsicle that contained pieces of fruit, providing jobs and affordable treats for the Mexican working class.

These stories led to Quinones discussing the core issues of internal and external Mexican migration. It is more than economics, Quinones said. It is a push for the opportunity of self-determination and to prove what one is capable of achieving.

This quest to prove oneself in the

face of economic disparity and limited opportunities and to rise beyond the boundaries in which the Mexican working class has been confined, is crucial to understanding current migration, Quinones said.

"In many of these rural towns if you are not the son of the major or the Coke distributor, your life is limited," Quinones said. "These are outcasts looking for a way to avoid the limitations they were born with."

To understand Mexican immigration, you have to look at how it affects both sides of the border, Quinones said.

"Mexico does not understand what it is losing at the border. The best of Mexico is leaving. They are not the most polished or the most educated, but their desire to walk through walls to get ahead is bleeding out through the border," Quinones said. "The elites don't get it. To them they are just poor people and so they say 'let them all leave'—and Mexican immigrants to the United States send \$22 billion to Mexico every year."

Meanwhile, Quinones said, immigrants became our working class in a lot of ways.

"We could all afford to have gardens, redo our floors, build pools and have maids," Quinones said. "It has been a boost to our egos and made us feel wealthier than we are."



KSU awaits approval for additional student housing

Alisen Redmond
STAFF WRITER

KSU is awaiting approval from the Board of Regents to begin construction on southbound housing. The request will go before the board in May at the earliest, and if approved construction will begin within a few weeks of the decision, said Director of Residence Life Jeff Cooper.

The new student housing would be located across the street from University Place on Marietta Drive as an extension of University Place, Cooper said. It would accommodate 450 students of upper class standing with apartment-style units almost identical to the apartments at University Place.

Housing costs would be similar to the cost of

other on-campus housing, but could be slightly more because of additional amenities like elevators. The project would cost \$25 million and would be funded by private bonds sold by the KSU Foundation, to be paid back by rent revenues, Cooper said.

This project has been proposed in response to high student demand for on-campus housing. Last summer the waiting list for housing had nearly 800 students, Cooper said.

KSU is slowly transitioning to a more traditional campus, Cooper said. This change can be seen in a lot of ways, not the least of which is its housing program.

Cooper said a market research survey conducted last year to gauge student interest in housing types, amenities and price points is being factored into Residence Life's plans.

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POLICE BEAT

—Compiled by Christy Rogers

Failure to Make Responsible Decisions

Just after midnight April 1, a 2003 Honda Civic was pulled over for failing to stay in its lane on Chastain Road. The car had been jerking between lanes without using a turn signal. Once stopped, the officer noticed the male driver smelled like alcohol with bloodshot and glassy eyes. The driver had trouble finding the automatic window button and handed the officer a credit card instead of his license. He answered that he'd drank a pitcher of beer, a couple of margaritas and two additional beers that night. The officer conducted field evaluations that the driver failed; he also couldn't recall the name of the road he was on and the date. The male was arrested and his vehicle and the passengers in the car were released to a second driver.

Violence Solves Everything

An officer was dispatched to

the University Suites on April 3 at 1:37 a.m. about a domestic dispute. The female complainant and the RA met the officer when she told the officer that she and her boyfriend had been talking in front of the building when he grabbed

her keys and locked her out of her room. When he did let her in, he swung at her, but she ducked and he missed. She asked him to leave, which he did. The boyfriend met with police later to discuss the incident, and he confessed kicking the door when his boyfriend tried to close it, causing about \$200 worth of damage. He received a criminal trespass warning and a report was filed.

Oh, I forgot about that...

An officer was dispatched to the public safety lobby April 4 at 3:52 p.m. regarding a theft. The male complainant said on March 31 he left the campus green to use the restroom, leaving behind his Nike Air Jordan shoes, car key, keyless entry remote, and 3-ring binder containing an Adderall prescription. When he returned, the items were gone. The police ran his license and arrested him after discovering an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

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Wilson also said SGA implemented a new stipend criteria policy this semester that he would like to see implemented in other KSU organizations.

Macomber said he recognized the needs of both smokers and nonsmokers.

"My preferred solution would be to perhaps even increase the number of smoking areas on campus, but just make sure they're in an area that can be easily avoided by nonsmokers," said Macomber.

Macomber said he thinks HOPE should remain merit-based, but that while some of the HOPE changes "have some room for debate" and he would be open to looking into the issue, it would be difficult to change them.

"Unfortunately, I think that students got a bad deal on that one," he said.

Macomber said he believes SGA stipends are necessary, saying the campus would lose out on some student leaders without them. He said that rather than cutting stipends down, SGA needs to reevaluate how they are awarded. He said he had been working this semester to form a new stipend policy for all KSU organizations.

Eberhart said smoking is a personal choice and that he saw no need to change current policy. He noted that smoking areas would shrink according to KSU's plans for construction over time anyway.

"Everyone knows my position on HOPE," said Eberhart. "I feel that if you don't graduate college, you should have to be fined and you should have to pay some of the funds back. HOPE is a merit-based thing, and it's a great opportunity for people, but it needs to have some type of bite to it."

For stipends, Eberhart emphasized the importance of SGA being fiscally responsible as the cost of college rises.

For video of the debates, including the presidential candidates' comments on budget cuts, ethics, the role of SGA and their goals for the next school year, visit ksusentinel.com.

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Forget scalpels and chainsaws, we need grenades

It appears that the debate over the federal budget has been framed as a battle between President Obama and Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI), the chair of the House Budget Committee. Each of the contenders has come out with plans to fix the deficit, so they say.

Ryan's plan focuses on cutting spending by reforming the entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security whereas the president's plan appears to be focusing on raising revenues, which usually means tax increases or fewer loopholes. Also, unlike Ryan's plan, the president's plan makes cuts to defense spending.

So how much will Ryan's plan help with the deficit problem? Although it plans to cut \$6.2 trillion, conservatives estimate that Ryan's plan would balance the budget by 2050, if not later. According to Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), Ryan's plan would also add \$8 trillion to the national debt over the next 10 years.

In reality, neither the president's plan nor Ryan's plan are what we need right now. Rather than playing an arbitrary numbers game, we need to seriously consider government's proper function.

Should we be sacrificing personal liberty for the false security of the welfare state and the burdensome regulation of the nanny state? Should our government dictate what we can ingest, the light bulbs we can buy and whether we have to purchase health insurance?

Should our government be involved in three wars with countries that pose no threat to our national security? Should we have military bases all over the globe in places such as Japan or Germany?

If we want to get serious about the budget, we need to reevaluate the nature and the role of government. A few spending cuts or tax increases here or there are not going to do anything in the long run, if we keep expanding the size and scope of government at home and abroad.

Medicare and Social Security should be put on a path to elimination, not undergoing minuscule reforms. They are Ponzi schemes that will never be solvent. We should look at eliminating the Department of Energy, the Department of Education, the Department of



Justin Hayes
Senior Columnist

Housing and Urban Development and other useless bureaucracies that do nothing but find ways to control our lives.

We should end these useless wars and shut down unnecessary military bases. We should end our attempts to build democratic governments in nations where leaders are religious fanatics.

I do not propose that these things be cut willy-nilly. These cuts are vital for the continuation of our nation's defense, our economy, and most importantly, our liberty. However, if we continue on this path of debt, welfare and warfare statism, we will surely land in a crisis far exceeding the 2008 recession or the Great Depression.

Our government will default and all of these "necessary social services" will be deemed moot. We can scream and shout about "vital services for those in need," but the truth is we cannot have our cake and eat it too.

America can be a free nation based on the principles of liberty and capitalism, thriving and prospering as the world destroys itself. Or it can be a corporatist welfare state that taxes and spends itself into oblivion with the rest of them. It is your choice.

Letter to the editor Remember your roots

Great choice... We're a full-steam-ahead Division I school. But, with the new A.D. getting started in May, we shouldn't forget the great job that recently retired A.D. Dr. Dave Waples did in searing KSU Athletics to several NAIA conference championships, as well as a NAIA Baseball championship. He then oversaw the school's change from the NAIA to NCAA Div. II.

While at the D2 level, Dr. Waples shepherd in women's soccer as a new sport at KSU, which was successful from the start, as well as another baseball championship, this time in the much more competitive NCAA Div. II... and one can not forget to mention the phenomenal

success the women's fast-pitch softball team achieved when it swirched from slow-pitch early in the D2 era. To the best of my memory, the Lady Owls claimed back-to-back D2 championships... and throughout the 90's the campus was much like Canada-South, as one after another great collegiate softball player came to Kennesaw State.

Finally, KSU would not be on the position it is today, an up & coming Division I competitor, had Dr. Waples not guided the Owls through the perilous waters known as converting to NCAA Division I status. More than one school has made that transition only to quickly realize they made mistakes

along the way. KSU's transition was seamless... and now puts the Owl athletics program in great shape to be competitive successfully with the likes of Georgia's other two Division I icons... Georgia & Georgia Tech.

So, while we wish Vaughn Williams well as he takes over the helm of Kennesaw State Athletics, we can't forget the the many successes this school achieved under the tutelage of Dr. Dave Waples.

John R. Moriarity Sr.
1994 Editor-in-Chief of The Sentinel

Happy Easter! Watch out for ZOMBIES!

That's right—zombies! Easter is a Christian holiday based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Think of the movie "28 Days Later," except this zombie story could more accurately be called "Three Days Later." Cute little bunny rabbits are so terrified of zombies that they cease to be mammals around this time every year, opting instead to lay eggs.

Actually, the first zombies popped up sooner than three days. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' death immediately triggered a bunch of freaky stuff, including the fact that the dead people in Jerusalem came back to life and showed themselves to people in the city. Strangely enough, zombie hordes being unleashed upon the helpless denizens of Jerusalem failed to gain the attention of history books. Obviously, zombie rampages must have been so common in Roman-occupied Palestine that the writers of the time saw no reason to make note of it. Either that or zombie Jesus was really busy with the Wite-Out.

"This Easter, let's try to search out genuine enlightenment instead of superstitious dogma."

Zombie Jesus also has magical powers. The four Gospels in the canonical Bible all give very different accounts of what Jesus did from the time of his resurrection until he ascended into heaven. The only logical explanation for this seeming contradiction is that zombie Jesus has the power to be in many places at once, so watch your back.



Matthew Cole
Senior Columnist

Keep your children well hidden from the cult of zombie Jesus since they are known to devour brains. The only known protection against zombie Jesus is a strong dose of sanity and common sense, both of which are anathema to zombie Jesus cults.

As creepy as zombie Jesus is, the real horror is yet to come. According to the Book of Revelation, zombie Jesus will rain down devastating plagues upon the Earth, culminating in such carnage that would appall even Quentin Tarantino.

All around the world, parents are indoctrinating their children into worshipping a zombie, despite this unsavory character being such a bad influence. Some public schools in America are even canceling classes for Easter Monday. Isn't it just fantastic that children are missing a day of education to celebrate delusional idiocy? This Easter, let's try to search out genuine enlightenment instead of superstitious dogma. Happy egg hunting!

Atlas Shrugged = Tea Party (?)

Before I knew who Ayn Rand was, I believed that selflessness was impossible to achieve, as even an act of altruism gained the executor a "warm and fuzzy" feeling, so the act was not genuinely "selfless." It was for this and other beliefs that I held that, when a good friend introduced me to the novels of Ayn Rand, I felt like I had finally found my niche. When I learned that a movie was in production based on Rand's Atlas Shrugged, I was ecstatic.

Atlas Shrugged is showing at—count it—one theater in Atlanta: John's Creek, and the theater was full. My excitement was mounting as I thought that I had finally found people who were like me--objectivist-leaning individuals who understood selfishness as a virtue, the importance of producing, and the disgust felt for the moochers of the world. We got to the theater 10 minutes before showtime, and it was absolutely packed full of white, upper-middle-class, middle-aged people who looked very enthusiastic about the film.

Imagine the sickening feeling in my stomach when, as I watched the movie, I heard behind me what could best be described as an overdubbed laugh track the likes of which could be attributed to Fox News. Apparently, I was sitting in a lion's den of Tea Party supporters. They snickered when Rearden balked at throwing his money at the

"underprivileged" and laughed about the "anti dog-eat-dog" policy. It became overwhelmingly clear to me that these people didn't have a clue about what Ayn Rand was trying to accomplish in writing Atlas Shrugged. They took the ideology of a philosophy that I love and mutilated it to fit their political agenda. It is almost comical to think that the novel's ideals are so far above their silly rallies and protests. They are the Fortune 500 CEOs that walk with sandwich boards in the movie, scrawled with verbiage like "where's my job" and "will work for food."

Objectivism isn't about smaller government or lowering taxes for the rich. It is a philosophy for how to live your life to fullest in a pursuit of self-fulfillment.

While it's nice to see Atlas Shrugged on the silver



Vanessa Jenkins
Columnist

Remove the blinders

Alcohol sales have been banned on Sundays in Georgia since the time of prohibition. 29 years ago, Chicago banned handguns. 10 years ago, Pfizer and the state of Connecticut eminent-domained Susan Kelo's home. Six years ago, a school in west Chicago banned home lunches. Shock and outrage followed. One year ago, you lost the rights to your own medical choices. Also a year ago, the Senate devised a plan to single-handedly put local farmers out of business with its laughable S510. Six months ago, the cleansing part of your dishwashing detergent became illegal.

My point? Where were you 6 years ago? 29 years ago? 80 years ago? Where are the pundits, talking heads and columnists when these things are happening? Where is the public outrage when little Suzie first brought home the note banning bringing home lunches? Why is it that when people point out the seeds of government intrusion they are labeled conspiracy theorists by the same people who six years later notice something may be amiss while walking through the now-forest of government intrusion?

Do I think it is wildly inappropriate that there is a Chicago school that has banned home lunches? Yes. Am I surprised? No. Do I think it is embarrassing that six years later people are making an issue out of it? Yes. Am I surprised? No. We in America go about our lives with blinders on. We watch our reality television, eat our junk food (when allowed), pass off most of our paychecks



Alessandra Turner
Senior Columnist

"... whatever causes Americans to ignore the "small" daily government intrusions will surely be our downfall."

to "the man," and go about our lives without taking notice of the everyday government encroachments. Perhaps it's because a reality TV-watching, junk food-eating, paycheck-passing life isn't much of a thing to be protected anyway; but whatever it is that causes Americans to ignore the "small" daily government intrusions will surely be our downfall.

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screen (finally), it's depressing that it had to happen in the age of liberalism versus Republicans who are pissed about the latest Robin Hood tax. The definitive crackpot scourge of political parties, the Tea Party has most certainly taken two of my personal heroes, Dagny Taggart and Hank Rearden, and turned them into mouthpieces for an agenda I despise.

Permanent collection exhibit open temporarily

Carl Krendel
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Art Collection Coordinator Matthew Harper describes the collection of sculpture, glass, and mixed media two-dimensional collection as only a few of the university's "nearly a thousand pieces."

For every 20 students at the university, there is a piece of art resting in the storage of the University. A costly collection, comprising works by Michael Goldberg and Joe Zucker, its grandeur will pour over unsuspecting students as they examine the simple yet robust works.

Harper, a professional of the museum who protects and explains the vast library and collection available to KSU students, describes his relationship between art and coordinator as "this object he must care for." His process of caring for the pieces is so meticulously determined and precisely undertaken that an entire day was dedicated to supervising a team of sometimes more than five trained, skilled, and, by necessity capable, men who were able to disassemble the hulking and Leaning Man III who looked down on Kennesaw Hall for about a semester.

His metaphorically applied grand visage was removed from the hall just before the sewage leak which contaminated the area below and whose pollution employed a team of plumbers who might be better described as some kind of biological hazard

response team.

The menacing coloration of the leaning man, dark blue of policemen's uniforms and the burning orange of a warning color rarely seen in the most desperately poisonous animals of The Discovery Channel is imprinted with Viola Frey's "handprint... visible on the back, indicating the lingering presence of female power in society."

Emily Elkins, a KSU student, further describes the artist, Viola Frey, as an "internationally known Bay Area artist." Donated by Richard and Judy Marks, a student, male or female, might notice that the leaning man is therefore being pushed over, and that his features are reminiscent of work by Chagall. Thus, while it is the man who seems to be an imposing figure, he is pushed by a tiny hand behind him, imprinted in the sculpture of a texture not unlike that of glue and paper, but a fame bringing teams of mustached strongmen to spend days over his rough surface and childishly imprecise features.

The museum coordinator describes most of the work as coming from "members of the community." Thus, this vast collection famous art, which includes Zucker's painted aluminum foil tricolor depiction of Ponce de Leon spearing a Seminole chief on a tin sabre, is available at the museum for the perusal of any students who are interested.

Both characters are life size stick figures. Harper explained that part of the effort of the

collection was to demonstrate the movement away from abstract art, which McClintock writes is part of a movement to "recognize... something... in the work."

The collection can be viewed at the Don Russell Clayton Gallery, under a marquee reading "Woodruff" and in the Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center. No appointment or fee is necessary to view the work. The exhibit is open until April 28.



The Leaning Man III, now a member of the Permanent Collection, dwarfs the average KSU student.

Photos courtesy of Carl Krendel

Breaking a sweat: Start now to stop finals week stress

Nikki Hope
ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

Finals week: the one week of the semester when students' sleeping patterns become unhealthily irregular, food and caffeine consumption increases significantly, and stress levels reach their maximum. The library is often packed with students who are poring over books and notes to retain as much information as possible before the exam.

For some, finals week is just another week in the semester. For others, the week is a definite test of their patience, endurance, and sometimes even their sanity.

In a perfect world, students would have developed strong study habits and avoided procrastination therefore making finals week less of a burden to them. However, students are oftentimes juggling part-time jobs, clubs, sports, relationships that also require much of their time.

The things that hinders most students, however, is procrastination.

Sophomore Corey Hall said he has a method for handling finals week.

"I procrastinate as much as possible, cram as much information as I can at the last possible second, and then lose a lot of sleep," Hall said.

When asked if this method makes him stressed out, he joked, "Well, of course! Me and stress are best friends, but she always overstays her welcome."

Fortunately, not all students suffer from the stress-inducing disease known as procrastination. Freshman Kaitlin Heatherly admitted that finals week is a little stressful but she tries to "avoid procrastination as much as possible so I don't become overwhelmed." She has even tried to develop a study pattern by prioritizing her tests and studying for them in the order in which she will take them.

There are resources on campus that are readily avail-

able for students during finals week to help reduce the stress. For example, the Writing Center, located in room 242 in the English building, will help you with that lengthy research paper you've been dreading. Also, students have access to the library and computer labs all over campus. Students living in on-campus housing have the privilege of being able to attend many study session programs that Resident Assistants provide each semester.

The more important thing to remember during finals week is to not allow yourself to become overwhelmed. Take breaks between studying, go outside and get some fresh air, watch some funny YouTube videos to help free your mind. Lay out a schedule and stick to it, and allot yourself time to sleep as well. Contrary to popular belief, pulling an all-nighter will not help you more than a good night's rest.

Don't let finals week get the best of you. Take the notion now to prepare yourself, and you'll find that finals week isn't so hard after all.

Laedan Program lends a hand in Costa Rica

Adam Strotman
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's Note: Adam Strotman is a member of the Laedan Program who traveled to Costa Rica.

The Laedan Program, a yearlong curricular leadership program sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership and Department of University Studies, recently completed a service-learning project that was planned and developed beginning in fall 2010. Ten students spent their spring break in Costa Rica working on a project they had planned and fundraised for.

As part of the program, "it is up to the students to determine a project that they want to spend their spring break on," said Wes Riddle, co-founder and instructor of one of the classes taught in the program. "We give them a very broad idea, 'service learning,' and tell them at the start of the fall semester that they have to come up with a project that exemplifies

that concept."

Students also got to spend part of the trip traveling around Costa Rica, participating in cultural immersion activities in San Jose and other parts of the country. Students spent the weekend prior to their volunteer week at notable attractions in the country, such as Arenal and Poas volcanoes. The students also got to visit Manuel Antonio, a national park along the Pacific coast.

During their weeklong stay in San Jose, students lived in a home stay arranged by Maximo Nivel an international volunteer and language learning institute. The home stay was located a short walk from the University of Costa Rica, the largest university in Costa Rica with more than 39,000 students, where students spent much of their free time.

The students volunteered for six days in Carpio, San Jose, Costa Rica to work with children at a community center and at Costa Rica's National School for Special Education. Working through Maximo

Nivel, students were able to assist in teaching English to children as well as assisting Costa Rican students with special needs.

Students also helped prepare and serve one of the meals at

the community center's soup kitchen. Carpio is one of the poorest areas in all of Costa Rica, home to approximately 40,000 Nicaraguan immigrants, all living at or below the poverty line.

"It was a real eye opening experience," noted one student in the program. "It's one thing to see this kind of poverty on TV, but it is quite another to be actually here."

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Members of the Laedan Program pose with children in Costa Rica.



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Living Options

KSU Housing: The best and worst

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series about housing options for students.

In next week's issue: The best and worst of off-campus living.

—Compiled by Nikki Hope

**University Place
The Worst**

Meghan Keaton, Junior

"The worst part about living there for me was the lack of security. I would not consider campus here at Kennesaw to be 'unsafe,' but this housing environment was open and allowable for anyone to enter. It was not inviting if you were coming home late at night alone. The other complexes are entrance only by key, whereas in University Place you could walk straight to someone's front door."

**University Place
The Best**

Perry Gahan, Junior

"The best thing would have to be that the location is far enough from campus to 'get away' slightly from it all and its close enough to have a nice walk to my classes and enjoy the campus booty...I mean beauty..."

**University Suites
The Worst**

Jett Hattaway, Freshman

"There is no way to clean your dishes, no kitchen sink or dishwasher, and health and safety checks are a little ridiculous. There's no privacy."

**University Suites
The Best**

Laura Caudle, Freshman

"The best part is definitely no community bathrooms!"

**University Village
The Best**

Jonathan Murphy, Sophomore
"One of the best things would be meeting new people. They are also the nicest places to live on the campus, compared to UVS, KP and UP."

**University Village
The Worst**

Stacey Marie, Junior

"The worst part of living in UV is being 21 and not being able to drink in my own dorm room."

**Kennesaw Place
The Best**

Kyle Pearson, Sophomore

The best thing about living in KP is having my own kitchen.

**Kennesaw Place
The Worst**

Emily Roth, Sophomore

The worst things about living in KP is not having wireless Internet, for the lettered buildings at least. Also if people are listening to music really loud in their cars outside you can hear it.

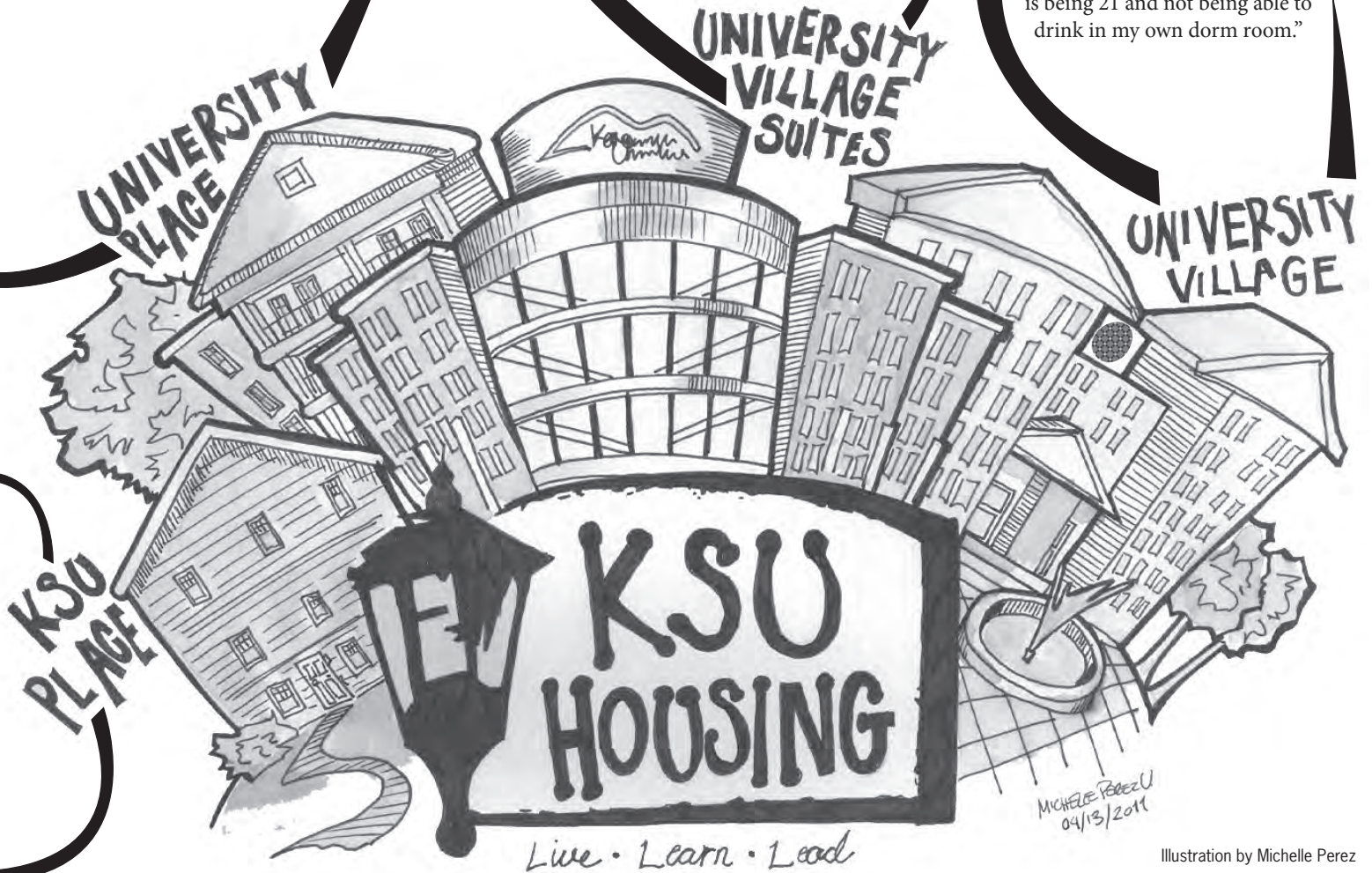


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Kelly Clayton poses with Scrapy in Stillwell Stadium.

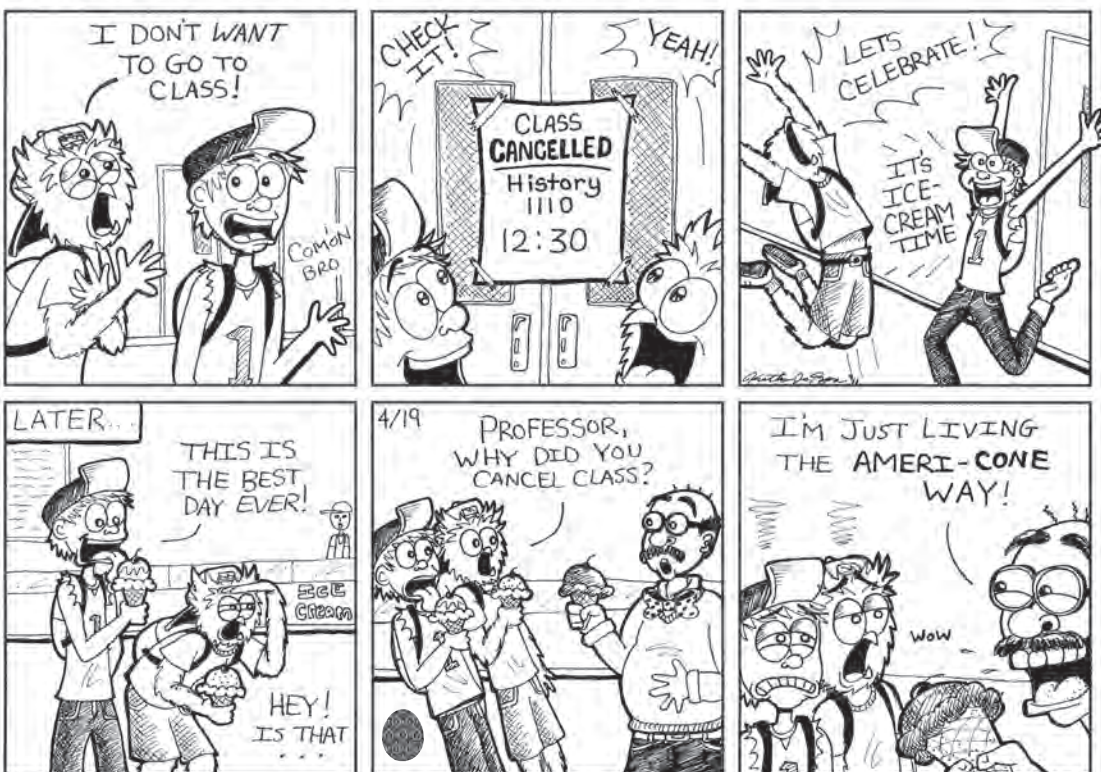
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Too fast, too furious, two straight titles



Photo Courtesy of KSU Athletics

Men's track and field poses with the new hardware after successfully defending their Outdoor Conference Track and Field title Saturday. The women finished in a solid third.

Ashley Thompson
STAFF WRITER

In a competitive weekend of action at the Atlantic Sun Outdoor Track Conference Championships in Jacksonville, Fla., KSU men's squad took top honors in their second consecutive year, with the women's team finishing strong in third place.

"I am extremely proud of the job that all the kids did," Eggerth said in a statement. "The men get so much recognition for winning the championship. Our team had a great weekend and is reflected in all the records that were broken whether it was personal, school or conference."

Keeping their top spot going into Sunday's events, KSU's men's team easily took the championship beating out second place East Tennessee State University by 66 points. Several school records were also broken over the weekend with Anjoun

Armaly, Brian Graham and Jemir Martinez all putting their names in the top spot of KSU's record book. Men's head coach Andy Eggerth was also honored at this weekend's events, receiving the A-Sun Men's Outdoor Coach of the Year award for his stellar and dominating performance with the men's squad during the championship meet.

Junior Brian Graham broke the school decathlon record and finished third overall with 6,471 in total points. Jamir Martinez also etched his way into the school record books by finishing the 200-meter with a time of 21.38 and beating the previous record by a mere eight hundredths of a second. Finishing with two gold medals over the weekend, Junior Anjoun Armaly also broke a record by beating Tyler Riberdy's formerly held record in the triple jump with a jump of 14.90 meters.

"I just had to give it all I had, with a heel injury I haven't jumped since Feb, 19," said Armaly. "So, I just had to do what

was best for my team."

On the women's side of the competition, stellar performances by Naomi Mack and Mackenzie Howe, helped lead the KSU women's squad to a solid third place finish. Mack proved that she was the top athlete to beat on day one of the weekend's event in combined events with her second consecutive first place finish. Mack ended the meet with a first place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, 800 meter and shot put. Senior Mackenzie Howe set an A-Sun record in Saturday's 10,000 and finished first in Sunday's match beating her competition by 16 seconds and with a time of 16:55.64. Sophomore Suzee Mills also lent her touch to the weekend, earning an All-Conference award in the shot put and by a throw reaching 38.42 meters.

Both teams will compete again April 28, when both men's and women's squads will take the field in the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Penn., and the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

Cross throws no-hitter, earns Atlantic Sun honors

Jack Morbitzer
SPORTS EDITOR

Playing seven games this week, softball swept its first conference doubleheader Saturday defeating East Tennessee State University and split Friday's delayed matchup against USC Upstate.

"Real tale of two cities today. The first game was absolute dominance by Jessica Cross. We win if we score half a run," head coach Scott Whitlock said Saturday. "The second game, I am very, very proud of the way they kept fighting. They could have quit about three different times in that game, but they didn't do that."

The first game of Saturday's twin bill against the Buccaneers featured a six inning no-hitter by Cross as she threw six complete innings with three strikeouts. A lone walk to start the third inning kept Cross from a perfect game. Monday, Cross was named Atlantic Sun Confere Pitcher of the Week, the second time the junior has received the award.

I didn't realize it because I was just trying to hit my locations, because yesterday I was a little wild," Cross said. "I was just focusing on making it spin."

The Owls (26-20) took advantage in the bottom of the third inning, putting a five spot on the scoreboard. After a lead-off

walk and RBI double, Cross recorded her first walk of the game and sophomore left fielder Sharon Swanson sent a towering shot over the left field wall for a three-run home run to push the lead to four. Two batters later, sophomore first baseman Brittany Moore punched a solo home run deep over the left field fence to finish the scoring.

Two innings later, a lead-off walk was cashed in with an RBI single by sophomore center fielder Sara Sikes. The next batter, sophomore third baseman Ashlee Burkett, cracked a two-run home run to end the game by run rule in the bottom of the sixth.

The second game was a much different

storyline as no team dominated from the pitcher's circle.

Starting pitcher Abbey Meixel didn't have her usual form and the lead-off batter for ETSU scored in the first inning to give the Bucs a 1-0 lead.

Both teams were stymied until KSU pushed Burkett across in the bottom of the third. From there, the offense opened up with runs scored in every inning left.

In the top of the seventh, Cross came back in to pitch and got one out before giving up a walk. With two outs, a pinch runner for ETSU scored from second on an RBI single and again the lead changed with the Bucs up 6-5.

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"It is with great pleasure that I accept the position of Director of Athletics," Williams said. "I know that comprehensive excellence may not happen overnight, but I know we have the opportunity to be excellent in the next class we take, the next community we serve and the next shot or goal we take. We can advance excellence in all of these ways."

A father of three, Williams has worked for the University of Utah, Toledo University, Boston College and UConn. He played football at the University of Massachusetts and stresses student athlete success.

"We have the opportunity to engage our student-athletes, and I do mean *student-athletes*," said Williams during the press conference.

One of the first items on Williams' to-do list will be hiring a new men's basketball coach after the program was revamped due to academic performance.

"I'm not looking back—I'm looking forward," Williams said after the press conference. "I met with the student-athletes yesterday and we're looking forward. We have to put the right leader in place that will give them the direction and trust we need."

Another item on the docket is the future football program, and Williams discussed how his experience building relationships at UConn can be applied at KSU.

"UConn was about being built on relationships," Williams said. "It was built on the ability to cultivate that energy. It was realized as those who invested, saw it could happen. Those things will have to happen here. We'll have to invest in the people, the student-athletes, the community, the state and once people get an understanding of what we're truly about, that's how UConn got things going and I think that will happen here."

If there is any doubt the football program isn't in its infant stages, Papp reassured the process is moving on the

projected timeline. However, everything must go flawlessly to field a team by 2014.

"We are now at the stage of beginning a campaign to raise somewhere in the vicinity of seven to 12 million dollars to provide the infrastructure for most football programs and the requisite Title IX programs as we expand women's sports," Papp said. "Vaughn will start officially in early May and we'll go full speed ahead on the campaign."

Papp added that if fundraising is slow, the program may wait a year.

Though Williams doesn't officially start until May, he took in his first taste of campus life attending the baseball game and fourth annual crawfish boil Wednesday. The jovial athletic director threw out the first pitch and met with students and fans. Though the brunt of summer is quickly setting in, Williams isn't worried about the weather.

"I'll take hundred degree heat over 85 inches of snow any day," Williams said with a laugh.



Vaughn Williams

Patricia Chourio | The Sentinel

Women's golf third



Jack Morbitzer
SPORTS EDITOR

Although leading the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships after day one, women's golf finished tied for third when the tournament finished Wednesday, shooting a 53-over par 917 at the Victoria Hills Golf Club in DeLand, Fla.

"It is always disappointing to come up short of your goal, especially when we had an opportunity to win like we did," head coach Rhyll Brinsmead said in a statement. "I am proud of this team and the effort that they have given to overcome all the obstacles they have faced this season. We will learn from our mistakes and be back next season."

The Owls first round 294 put them ahead by three strokes after the conclusion of the first round. Sophomore Ket Preamuchen's first round 1-under par 71 placed her at the top of the individual leader board. However, the team struggled to find its groove in round two and three to finish tied with East Tennessee State and Florida Gulf Coast.

Preamuchen finished the tournament tied for 11 with an 11-over par 227. Freshman Haley Clinning led the Owls and tied for 7 with a 10-over par 226. Freshman Lindsay Adams and Senior Abbey Fitzgerald tied at 21 with sophomore Molly Winnett tying for 28.

Four starters will return next season as Fitzgerald ends her career with the Black and Gold.

"Abby has been the foundation of the program," Brinsmead said in a statement. "She has been our captain all season and the glue that bonded the team together. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors."

The young team returns with promise for next season and is currently ranked No. 76 in the nation. Three signings for next season include top-10 French junior national Lea Charpier, Kaew Preamuchen, Thailand native and sister of current member Ket, and nationally-ranked South Carolina native Minami Levonowich.

Stetson won the conference crown for the third straight year, shooting a 30-over par 894.

Tennis out in round one of A-Sun tournament

Jack Morbitzer
SPORTS EDITOR

After a strong regular season campaign, women's tennis bowed out of the Atlantic Sun Conference Championships with a first round 4-0 loss to Stetson, Thursday in DeLand, Fla. It was the second consecutive year in which the team made the postseason and was eliminated in the first round.

"I am obviously disappointed with the result today, but I was happy with the girls' effort and the way they competed in the match," said head coach Jeffery Kutac in a statement. "I think we did very good job progressing and getting better throughout the season, but now we need to focus on bringing in some talented players for next season to try to replace our departing seniors in Agatha and Ayano."

The Owls (18-6), seeded No. 5 in the tournament, faced No. 4 Stetson in a challenging first round matchup.

KSU's No. 1 doubles team was blanked 8-0, but Morgan Carney

and Alexandra Apostu claimed a victory in the No. 2 spot, giving a glimmer of hope for the doubles point. An 8-4 victory by Stetson in the third doubles match awarded the point to the Hatters and singles play followed suit.

Three of the six matches were unfinished after Stetson won in the No. 3, 4 and 5 spots and mathematically eliminated the Owls from winning and conference rules stopped the completion of the match.

Vera Shkundina led 6-4, 3-2 in the No. 1 spot when play was stopped. Mackenzie Swindall lost in straight sets at the No. 6 singles, while Therese Lagerkvist lost both sets 6-3, and Agatha Palider fell 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 3 spot.

The loss extends KSU's all-time losing streak against Stetson to six as the Owls dropped the regular season match to the Hatters as well.

However, seniors Palider and Ayano Tanaka leave the program after a season in which the team set program records in overall wins (18) and conference victories (7).

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Cross then led off the bottom half of the frame with a double, and ETSU made a pitching change. Durant singled to right-center, bringing home Cross and the game was tied at six. Moore then walked, but the next batter grounded to short stop who threw to third base to get the lead runner for the second out. With Moore on second base, Chapman ripped a ground ball up the middle that was stopped by a totally sprawled ETSU short stop who tried to flip the ball to second base for the force out, but Phillips was safe and Moore motored home for the winning run before ETSU could react to throw her out.

"I knew I was going the whole way," Moore said.

With one out in the top of the sixth, short stop Jensen Hackett lined to right field, but the defender misplayed the bounce and the ball rolled all the way to the wall, allowing Hackett to score on the error and tie the game.

The top of the fourth started with a lead-off single by ETSU's pitcher Katie Wolff. A pitching change by Whitlock brought sophomore Catherine Tarvin in for relief of Meixel and she got the next batter to dink a ground ball to second baseman Stephanie Phillips. The double play was set up, but Phillips fumbled the ball and all runners reached safely. Tarvin walked the next batter to load the bases. In the next at-bat, Nicole Fox dribbled a weak ground ball in front of home plate, a charging Tarvin didn't have time to pick up the ball to throw home and swatted it toward catcher Morgan Chapman whose foot was not on home plate when she grabbed the ball, nullifying the force out and ETSU took the lead. After another walk from Tarvin brought home the last run of the inning, freshman Amanda Henderson came in for relief and retired the next three batters to get out of the jam.

The bottom half showed no response from KSU and they trailed 3-1.

In the bottom of the fifth, Sikes was hit by the pitch to lead off the inning. A single by Burkett and a walk by Swanson loaded the bases. Freshman right-fielder Bianca Durant then ripped a double to right-center field scoring Sikes and Burkett, but Swanson was thrown out at home trying to score the run. Moore knocked an RBI single scoring Durant before the inning ended.

For a brief moment, KSU had the lead, but a two-out single was followed by a two-run home run for the Bucs and ETSU was back on top 5-4.

Cross recorded wins in both games Saturday improving her record to 12-6.

Friday, KSU and USC Upstate couldn't decide either game in regulation and needed extra innings, as well as an extra day, to finish game two of the doubleheader.

Tied at two in the bottom of the ninth in the first game Friday, Burkett reached third safely after a throwing error by the Spartans. Cross then stepped to the plate and singled to right center allowing Burkett to score unearned and give KSU the victory.

Both USC Upstate and KSU score in the first inning, but both pitchers settled in, giving up just a few runs a piece after that.

In the third inning, USC scored after a passed ball advanced the runner and she was singled in. A home run by Moore evened the score in the fourth.

Both pitchers threw complete games with Cross earning her first of three victories on the weekend. She gave up two runs on five hits with five walks and seven strikeouts, throwing 153 pitches in nine inning of work. USC's Childers was tagged with the loss giving up ten hits and three runs with two walks and eight strikeouts, throwing 145 pitches in eight and a third innings pitched.

The second game Friday started at 4:25 as inclement weather was moving into the Kennesaw area.

USC Upstate scored in the top of the first and third innings before Burkett homered to left field to cut the deficit to 2-1.

It wasn't until the bottom of the fifth inning when KSU began a rally as Durant cranked a three RBI double to put KSU ahead 4-2. The Spartans tied the game, however, on a two RBI single.

The game continued as a stalemate until the eighth inning when USC reached second safely with a one out double. At that point, bad weather moved into the area with lightning and postponed the game. With no tiebreakers for A-Sun decided to continue the game at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The first batter Sunday knocked an RBI double and a pinch runner reached third safely from a wild pitch. After a strikeout, the next batter reached safely on an error by Phillips and the runner scored for the second and final run of the inning.

KSU couldn't start a comeback and the side was quickly retired to end the game and weekend for the Owls.



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Junior starting pitcher Jessica Cross put Easter eggs in the hits and runs column against East Tennessee State Saturday. Cross was a walk away from a perfect game and was named Atlantic Sun Pitcher of the Week Monday.

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Owls drop series to FGCU

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KSU took the second game of the series against Florida Gulf Coast Eagles Saturday, winning 4-0. The win was highlighted by senior starting pitcher Bryan Blough, who threw an impressive complete game shutout. It was a turn-around from the first game of the series, where the Eagles scored 20 runs and had 26 hits against the Owls.

"They put up 20 runs yesterday, and to come out here and pitch and give up no runs, it feels great," said Blough. "It's awesome; I don't even remember my last complete game."

Blough allowed six hits, walked just one and struck out eight. The win extended his record to 2-3.

He didn't allow more than one hit in any inning until the ninth, where it looked like FGCU could have rallied. After retiring the first two batters he faced, Blough allowed two singles. The final out was then made at second to finish the game.

"I had all three pitches working for me today, said Blough. "I felt like I kept them off balance, so I just stuck it out the whole game."

FGCU starting pitcher Jacob Barnes held the Owls' offense to just one hit in the first four innings, until the offense surged in the fifth inning with one hit. Barnes walked three straight batters and allowed senior center fielder Bucky Smith to score on a wild pitch. Left fielder Aaron Dobbs then tripled to bat in the other two runs.

Dobbs had just one hit, but he batted in the fourth run in the seventh, the only other inning the Owls scored. After walking with two out in the fifth, Smith stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball, and scored on a wild pitch.

KSU dropped the last game of the series in a close game against FGCU, losing 7-6. The Owls were leading by one run in the ninth inning when relief pitcher J.B. Johnson gave up a home run to start the inning, leading to an Eagles rally.

After the home run tied the game, the winning run came after a fielder's choice and an RBI single.

"I was pitching him away the whole time, and the last pitch just got the outside corner and he got all of it," said Johnson. "It's definitely motivation to get better. Everybody's taking it pretty hard, so hopefully something positive will come out of it."

The Owls had a chance to come back in the ninth inning when sophomore catcher Ronnie Freeman and pinch hitter Drew Fowlkes singled. However, the game ended on a fly out to right field.

McClurken and Freeman were two of three players in KSU's offense to have multiple hits during the day with two hits each. Sophomore designated hitter Ray Anderson added three hits.

KSU's offense was at its strongest during the second inning, the only inning where they scored multiple runs. They added individual runs in the first, fourth and sixth innings.

KSU starting pitcher Zac Griffith gave up four hits and three runs and lasted just two and two-thirds innings. Relief pitcher Sean Fream took over the game from there and lasted four innings, giving up just four runs.

The Owls face Georgia State on Tuesday and then start a three game series against East Tennessee State on Thursday for an Atlantic Sun Conference match up.

"They're a good offensive team, so we just have to pitch well," said KSU head coach Mike Sansing. "It's going to be just like every weekend, it's a battle and you just have to come up on the top end."



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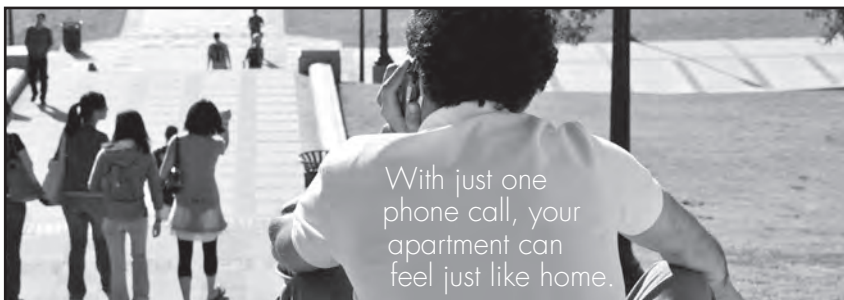
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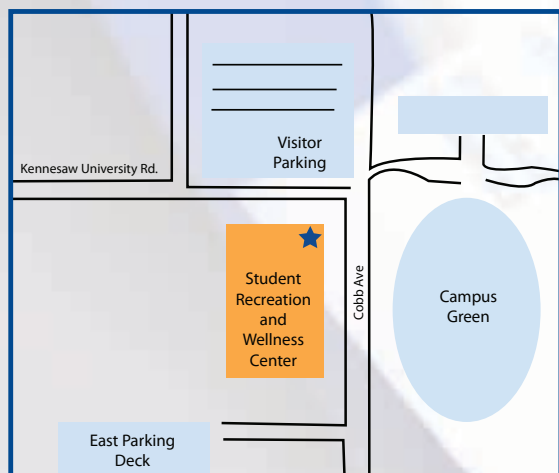


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