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Students protest preachers' presence

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NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Southeast Open Air Preachers Association speaking in the First Amendment Area were met by an organized student protest Sept. 13.

The preachers who were shouting angrily were confronted by over 100 students who crowded around the First Amendment area with signs that read, "Free speech is not hate speech," "Tolerance is a human right," and "Keep Kennesaw hate free."

KSU Police circled the First Amendment Area with tape that read, "Do not cross," at 12:30 p.m. as students loudly chanted "Get off our campus," and "Go home bigots."

KSU student and Iraq veteran Joseph Jarquin, 26, was pulled out of the crowd by KSU Police.

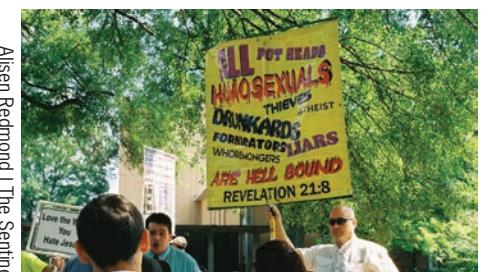
"[KSU Police] pulled me out because they said I was violating [the preachers'] freedom of speech by speaking louder than them," Jarquin said. "They said I cannot project over them – on my campus – because there may be someone here who wants to hear them. I doubt that. I wish we could petition the university so they cannot come here anymore. It is taking way from the student experience. I could be studying right



Audrey Gray, 28, chants while holding a sign at the Sept. 13 student protest against the content of SOAPA's message.



Over 100 students gather around the First Amendment Area to protest hate speech.



A SOAPA preacher holds a sign telling students they are hell bound while another shouts at students.



A KSU police officer escorts a student away from the First Amendment Area.

SGA BEAT Papp addresses budget, facilities and parking

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President Daniel S. Papp spoke to a crowded room during the Student Government Association's Sept. 15 weekly meeting where he updated the organization on the budget, facilities and parking.

BUDGET

"We are in relatively good shape for fiscal year 2012," said Papp, commenting on this year's budget. "The reason I say we're in relatively good shape is because we have hired faculty that we have tried to hire. We have also slightly expanded the number of staff we have on board in student services and in other areas as well."

The student-faculty ratio, 29 to 1, has remained the same over the

past few years even with the rough economy, Papp said.

Gov. Nathan Deal asked KSU and 34 other institutions in the University System of Georgia to develop a budget reduction plan to cut 2 percent from the budget for this fiscal year.

This year's KSU budget was built on a three percent reserve, which puts it 5.2 percent ahead of what is needed for the first two months of this fiscal year.

"Even if the 2 percent budget cut

really happens, we are still going to be okay," Papp said.

FACILITIES

Papp said KSU facilities are "slammed."

Campus facilities are at about 100 percent capacity from Monday to Thursday, but only about 16 to 18 percent on Friday, Papp said.

Papp said he would like to see the facilities used more on Fridays. He discussed offering more

hybrid courses on Fridays and changing class schedules to offer one-third of classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, one-third on Mondays and Fridays and one-third on Wednesdays and Fridays. This would allow more classes to be offered and could help with traffic and parking problems, Papp said.

KSU has seven building projects in the works, with three in the construction phase.

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POLICE BEAT

— Compiled by Christy Rogers

Not So Sunny Outlook

An officer was dispatched to the lobby of the police department on Sept. 1 at 7:34 p.m. about a theft. The female who met the officer told him that she was taking a class in the Burruss Building around 4:55 p.m. when she left to use the bathroom. When she returned, she discovered that her black and pink Oakley Frogskin sunglasses were missing. She said that her classmates did not see who took them. The student said the sunglasses were a gift from a friend who passed away and were important to her. The sunglasses are valued at \$120.

Desperate Times

On Sept. 2 at 12:29 p.m. an officer was dispatched to the Central Parking Deck in reference to a theft. He met with a man from Lanier Parking who told him that sometime between 6:30 p.m. Sept. 1 and 10:30 a.m. Sept. 2, someone removed

gasoline from one of the golf carts Lanier uses to patrol the campus. The man said he suspected someone had been taking gas at night for a few weeks, but had been unable to confirm it. He also said that the previous night the golf cart had exactly half of a tank of gas, but had less than one-fourth when he picked it up in the morning. The camera monitoring the golf carts appeared to have been redirected away from the carts. The amount of gas stolen is worth about \$20.

Gone in a Puff

An officer was dispatched to the KSU Place apartments on Sept. 3 at 2:58 a.m. When he arrived he made contact with the building's RA who told him that she had smelled marijuana coming from one of the rooms. They knocked on the door and a male student answered. The officer smelled marijuana and asked the student if he could enter the apartment. The student agreed, and the officer asked him if he and two other students who were present had been smoking marijuana. He said that a friend had been over and might have been smoking. After searching the apartment, the officer found no evidence of marijuana.

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When one of the SOAPA preachers shouted that lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender students are working their way straight to hell, students responded by chanting "Gay, straight, black, white, same struggle, same fight," and "We love gays."

"We do not really care about results because that is between the people and God," said one of the SOAPA preachers when asked if he thought his preaching style was effective. "Do you think Jonah was nicer than us?"

The SOAPA preachers ignored further questions in order to preach.

"I think everyone should have the equal right to love on this earth

and not be judged or have to deal with hatred," said student Tamisha Askw, 19. "We are here. We are queer. Get used to it."

"I helped organize this because from what I know, this is not an issue of free speech but of hate speech," said student Joshua Katz, 27. "They are infringing on the civil rights of our own students. It's patently offensive. They're advocating a return to life when women could not vote and queer people were back in the closet. There is a unity among students – even students who affiliate with Christian churches. They do not feel like they are truly Christians. This behavior and methodology is unchristian."

Correction

In the story "Go home bigots" in the Sept. 13 issue, Rev. Zachary Baxter of the Southeast Open Air Preachers Association was incorrectly identified as Rev. Zachary Brown. It is the policy of The Sentinel to correct all errors of fact.

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The current construction sites are the Laboratory Sciences Building, student housing and the Sports and Recreation Park.

The Laboratory Sciences Building will be finished next summer and is currently under budget, Papp said.

New student housing is under construction adjacent to University Place and will add 451 residence halls, Papp said. This will expand resident capacity to 3,650 beds and Papp said he hopes for the bed count to rise to 5,000.

Papp said he is hoping the next housing project will be a Greek village, but KSU does not currently have the funding. However, the new set of dorms that is being built may have themed floors for Greeks and other groups on campus.

The Sports and Recreation Park addition will be finished by this spring, Papp said.

Papp said KSU plans for more growth within the next couple of years.

A construction project for a \$20 million expansion on the Bagwell College of Education will be breaking ground in January or February of next year, Papp said.

Papp said that the university will also be seeing an addition of a new art museum on campus.

"As part of our comprehensive campaign, a donor, Mr. Bernard Tuckerman, gave the university

\$2 million if we could raise an additional \$1 million for phase two of the art museum," Papp said.

KSU raised that extra \$1 million, so at the end of January or February, ground will be broken

for a \$3 million, 100 percent externally funded art museum, Papp said.

An addition to the Student Recreation and Activity Center, an approximately \$48 million facility, is also planned. Papp said that the current gyms would still be available to students as they plan to annex onto the building.

"It will have more basketball courts, more racquetball courts, a climbing wall, indoor track, indoor and outdoor pools, all sorts of great stuff," Papp said.

A second culinary center construction project will begin May or June of 2012. "Our first one is already overcrowded," Papp said.

Before any new buildings are approved, the Board of Regents will conduct a detailed study of how much the facilities are being used, Papp said.

PARKING

On the issue of parking, Papp said the Central Deck was built three years ago in hopes that it would take care of the parking problems for five years, but it did not.

A shuttle system to transport students from off-campus parking sites at Town Center Mall and Town Point began last spring and was expanded this fall to help address campus parking woes. Papp said the shuttle service appears to be working very efficiently.

A shuttle system expansion that will include nearby apartment complexes could go in effect as early as October, Papp said.

To improve access to campus, Papp said KSU is hoping to add another access point to reduce campus traffic. It would run from the east parking deck over I-75 to Busbee Parkway.



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Who's holding the gun?

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"The money you have earned is a product of your life and your effort and you have sole ownership of it."

Many progressives are upset that social services are on the chopping block while we are "giving" billions in tax breaks to the wealthy. At a Twitter town hall event, President Barack Obama said, "The debt ceiling should not be something that is used as a gun against the heads of the American people to extract tax breaks for corporate jet owners or oil and gas companies that are making billions of dollars because the price of gasoline has gone up so high."

How is the debt ceiling being used as a gun? At whom is this gun pointed? It appears that the President is trying to say that the Republicans are using the debt ceiling as a tactical weapon for cutting the federal budget without raising taxes on the wealthy.

But why didn't the President say something similar to the statement above? Why did the President use language like "extract tax breaks" for the wealthy?

Because he is trying to direct your attention away from what is really being extracted in all of this: you. The money you have earned is a product of your life and your effort and you have sole ownership of it.

Of course, this money has to be earned by your own effort or by voluntary exchange. It cannot be stolen or accumulated from the initiation of physical force.

As entitlement programs go broke, those who are beginning to receive benefits are having to take from the revenue stream of those currently paying taxes and future generations of taxpayers as the government borrows more and more money. This system cannot continue on a moral or financial basis, but blame should not be placed on those receiving the handouts.

What is of most concern, however, is the initial act of physical force against you and your property. All taxation is theft. When one forces a man to involuntarily give up his life, liberty or property, he is initiating an act of aggression.

No one can argue that taxation is voluntary because the consequences for not paying your taxes include burdensome fines or even jail. When a mob boss says, "Do this, or else," one does not call the task voluntary.

To say that Republicans are pointing a gun at the heads of the American people to extract tax breaks from the wealthy is completely absurd. The government

is the one pointing a gun at the heads of the American people; it forces them to contribute more and more to the state as it grows. The government is not "giving" the wealthy more breaks because the government does not own their money. The government is the one doing the extracting.

A man works for no one but himself. To imply that the wealthy owe the American people more of their money implies that members of this group are nothing but slaves. Neither they nor anyone should be forced to pay for insolvent entitlement programs, a failing public education system or unnecessary wars.

For stats, the government does not operate at the expense of the people. Instead, the people operate at the expense of the government. Yet, this argument is self-defeating because government must initiate force against the people to exist.

Do not let the Orwellian doublespeak of our politicians confuse you into believing that the American people are somehow "giving" tax breaks to the wealthy. The wealthy, the middle-class and the poor are all being crushed while the state grows.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

"Get off our campus!"
"I used to be a Baptist! Now I'm an atheist!"
"Jesus taught love, not hate!"

These are some comments I heard and recorded when members of the Southeast Open Air Preachers Association gathered in the free speech area near the Social Sciences building. My quotes are from students, enraged at SOAPA'S mouth-frothing, fanatical, American Taliban style of religious theatre.

Anger is the defining emotion of both the preachers and those of us on the other side of the barricade. It makes me proud that we know a pack of charlatans when we see one. It also makes me wonder: Where is that pissed-off energy during the other 364 days of the year? Why are we not more articulate? And why do wingnuts like the SOAPA folks get all the airtime?

I have seen protest here. Timothy Chandler, prospective provost, passed on the job after ridiculous accusations that he was a Communist bent on poisoning our minds. There was an outcry against the Chandler-haters, most of it centered around the Marietta Daily Journal's ill-informed editorials. But that outcry came largely from the faculty.

There are professors here who I love and respect. But they are not the whole community. They can't, and shouldn't, shoulder the whole burden of dissent. In the case of Chandler, the implied message was this: If you're a KSU student, you're too weak and stupid to practice critical thinking. Like a 19th century housewife, you

Anger: Use it or lose it

must be protected against the forces of evil as defined by the older generation.

Doesn't that piss you off enough to say something about it?

Look around. There are plenty of things that need changing, and plenty of ways to take direct action. I know at least one person reading this editorial is in a band. Why not stage a "rock against righteousness" concert? Raise money and send a group of students to SOAPA'S annual convention. The man closest to me kept accusing "secular environmentalists" of being intolerant and against free speech. Let's see how tolerant these people are when we harangue them on their home turf.

Why not have a mock gay wedding in honor of all the gay people here?

Why not dress up in dollar bill suits to draw attention to the student-loan debacle?

I am older than most students, and I am responsible for a family, not just for myself. So I observe things and write editorials. I try to get people to ask questions. I bring up social justice issues in the classroom whenever it's appropriate. If I am approaching 40 and still pissed off, I know some of you are too. Don't wait for professional instigators to provoke you before you speak out. If you don't use your voice, you don't have one.

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The Art of Couponing

Clipping coupons can save you thousands per year

But what's the best way to use a coupon?

How can you make one coupon cut the most off your grocery bill?

Many coupons will "double" or "stack," meaning they can be used twice. Many stores, such as Publix, have a limit on this, though, only allowing coupons 50 cents and under to double.

Keep in mind, though, that some coupons will have printed on them "Do Not Double" and are thus void from doing so.

To save more money, use a coupon on an item that is marked down or on sale. A quick look at any grocery store's sales advertisement (most are available online) will tell you what's discounted for the week, which will help you make a plan of attack.

For instance: At your local grocery store, a package of cookies is \$2.99 and is marked, "Buy One, Get One Free." Depending on the chain, you may or not have to purchase two boxes of the cookies to get the deal, meaning you could buy one box for half off, \$1.50.

Let's say you then have a coupon for 50 cents and it doubles, making the box of cookies cost 50 cents. Voila! You just saved a dollar off a box of cookies that was already on sale, saving you well over 75 percent.

Another great way to save with coupons is learning when and where you can combine coupons. Earlier this year, Publix Supermarkets placed a company-wide policy in all of its stores to accept competitors' coupons and allow customers to use up to two coupons on an item at a time.

The competitors' coupons are store-specific (some stores may only accept Kroger or Target coupons, while others may accept Food Lion or Whole Foods) but you can combine competitors' coupons with either a Publix coupon or manufacturer's coupon, helping you save even more money.

Kroger's Kroger Plus Card now allows you to save money at gas stations and load coupons online, saving you time clipping paper.

Just 'cause you have one, doesn't mean you have to use it.

Don't fall for coupon tricks, though.

Companies know someone is more likely to buy a new product if the customer has a coupon for it.

Coupons are only worth clipping if they're worth the cash you spend out of pocket for the item you buy.

Don't buy something you do not need by justifying your purchase with, "I have a coupon!" Chances are you will be able to get a similar if not identical item by purchasing the store's brand.

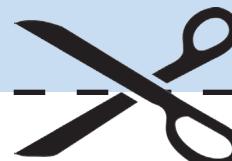
It does not matter if your coupon doubles if Target's sunscreen is \$2 or \$3 less than the name brand item. A coupon is a great tool to help you save, but doing some simple math is really your best bet.

Be wary of coupon restrictions, too. Most coupons have limitations on them, such as size or flavor of a product, and they are listed in small print. Many coupons also require you to buy two of a product before the coupon is valid, and that may or may not mean a good deal for you.

The same goes for coupons outside of the grocery store. Coupons for popular restaurants are tempting to use when they say, "Save \$4 off two entrees," but they are more often than not specific to dinner-time meals, which are more expensive.

A better way to save money when out to eat? Split an entree with a friend and use the extra money to get an appetizer and dessert. Chances are you'll still have spent less than you would have on two entrees.

If clipping coupons sounds time consuming, do not worry. You do not have to spend hours scouring ads and cutting out coupons like they do on TV, but setting aside a little time can help you save some serious dollars.



Car show raises more than \$1,000 for St. Jude

Michael Thomas
STAFF WRITER

Rides vroom-ed and speakers boomed on Sept. 19, as Kappa Alpha Psi's Omicron Iota chapter held its first benefit car show.

All makes and models were welcome at the weekend meeting, which featured 25 vehicles ranging from the old and restored to the new and "souped-up."

The Bank of America-sponsored event lasted from noon until almost 7 p.m. and saw about 100 guests including enthusiasts and passers-by alike. Event proceeds were donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The attendees' favorites were almost as scattered as the models.

"I would probably say that Chrysler 300 [is my favorite]," said show competitor Sam Awad, a junior majoring in international business. "I wouldn't drive a 300 myself, but I like what [Chad Farr, the owner of the car] has done with it. Like the Lamborghini doors on the back - that's very hard to do."

"The double doors on the back... aren't

something you see every day," agreed Robert James, a freshman majoring in business and finance.

Many students, including sophomore geographical information systems major Colin Leung, found surprises among the vehicles.

"Honestly, I didn't expect to see a [Nissan] GTR or a [Honda] NSX here at Kennesaw; those are pretty exotic," said Leung. "I've never looked at the engine of an NSX or a GTR, so that was a real treat!"

First-time show competitor Jacob Newman, a sophomore majoring in business management, said his favorite vehicle at the show - besides his own, of course - was the '68 Buick GS.

"It's a survivor," he said, referring to the car's sustained factory paint job and multiple vintage parts.



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Fraternity President Chavis Clark, a senior enrolled in the Joel A. Katz music and entertainment business program, explained that the fundraiser was student run, and therefore was judged by the Omicron Iota students along with a mechanic.

Show winners included: Old School, Willie Nelson's '46 Ford 2-Door Coupe; New School, Sam Awad's 08' Lexus IS 250; Beastiest Engine, Alex Farrington's Honda

NSX; Fan Favorite, Chad Farr's Chrysler 300; KSU Staff Ride, James Hunter's Yamaha R1; and Overall, Tony Nguyn's Lexus GS 300. Nguyn won by a slim margin of two points.

As the event came to a close, the chapter hosted a two-song rap performance along with a raffle that sent attendees home with a car book, unlimited chicken wings for 10 at Hooters and a car CD player along with a slew of other prizes.

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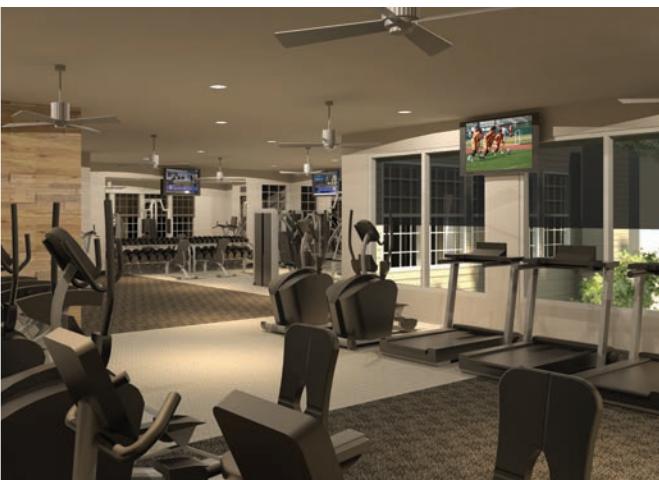
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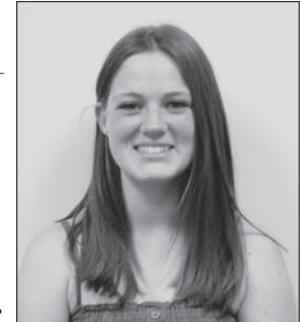
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Abroadening your horizons

Money should not be a woe when studying abroad

Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER



While money is one of the more pressing concerns about studying abroad, many people don't really think about the fact that they're going to be using an entirely different currency while abroad. The change can seem intimidating. I knew absolutely nothing about euros before I went to France, and I was terrified I would end up blowing lots of money without even realizing I had done so. Most people work really hard for the money they save to spend while abroad, so this is not a mistake they want to make. Here are some tips about dealing with money in a foreign country.

Affiliate Banks

One thing you can look forward to in a foreign country is the ATM charge for withdrawing money internationally. For most banks, this charge is about \$5 per withdrawal. It doesn't sound like much but that \$5 will add up quite quickly. Imagine my relief when I learned that there is a bank in Europe affiliated with Bank of America that does not charge its customers when they use international ATMs! This is the key to your financial success. Find out if your host country has an affiliate bank in America. I opened an account with Bank of America just for my study abroad spending money and was extremely grateful I did. You have better things to spend \$5 on than ATM withdrawals (like croissants and wine).

Exchange Rate

Look up the exchange rate and familiarize yourself with it. Keep in mind, however, that exchange rates are finicky and change every day. For example, as I am typing this article, 1 euro is equivalent to approximately 1.4 U.S. dollars. This is very important for you to know because when you see a price tag that says 50 euro, you're actually paying about \$69. While you're shopping abroad, you can take the amount of euro/yen/etc. you're about to spend (in our example, 50) and multiply it by the exchange rate (1.4) to figure out roughly how many U.S. dollars you'll be spending. There are also several websites out there that will do the conversion for you. Oh, PS: Don't buy currency at the airport. After all the fees and whatnot, you won't be getting as much back.

Learn About the Money

Euros were a big change for me. They looked strange—kind of like Monopoly money, except in varying sizes. Also, their 1 and 2 euro are coins. This is a problem when your wallet has a finger sized hole in the change purse. As a result of my ignorance, I often felt awkward when dealing with cash money and ended up with a lot of coins because I was worried I wouldn't count out the Euros correctly so I just have them a 20 or a 10. I would also suggest that you learn the words for numbers up to 100 in whatever language dominates your host country. That's the other half of the reason I usually opted for change—I was never good at the numbers above 50 in French, so if I didn't understand I just handed over a bigger bill. I ended up with an absolute truckload of change, which is fine because now I have Euro coins to show off to people and add to my scrapbook, but it was a hassle to sort through while abroad.

Always Get a Receipt/Don't Take an Expired Card

Several people I know have had issues with ATMs abroad, but usually it was a preventable problem. Just so you're aware, if your card expires while you're abroad, the ATM will take your card and will not give it back. I don't know if this is just in France or if ATMs in other countries do it, but it's worth being wary of. Also, always, always, always get a receipt! One of my friends used an ATM in Ireland and it gave her less money than she requested, but it deducted the full amount from her account. Since she didn't request a receipt, the bank refused to refund her the missing amount. Not a fun situation to be in.

If you plan ahead and do your research, you shouldn't have any problems using money abroad. While it can be kind of intimidating and confusing, I assure you that by the end of your first week, it will come as naturally to you as using American money! (Almost.)

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Sudoku

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Horoscopes

Week of September 18-24, 2011

Aries: March 21-April 19

Home celebrations and family gatherings require detailed planning. Early this week loved ones may relinquish control of group events or scheduled activities. In the coming weeks complex social decisions will be draining. Friends and relatives will soon demand your complete dedication: offer added time and, if possible, share extra duties.

Cancer: June 22-July 22

This week colleagues are unwilling to accept new business ideas or workplace policies. If possible, remain patient and avoid acting as group mediator. Before next week practical decisions will be difficult, delayed or unreliable.

Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Ongoing social or romantic concerns may soon be publicly resolved. Early this week listen closely to the long-term wishes and private fears of loved ones. Someone close may wish to explore recent events, ask controversial questions or clarify past promises.

Taurus: April 20-May 20

Over the next eight days public events prove rewarding. Use this time to search out new friendships and foster understanding between loved ones. For many Taureans recently strained relationships will soon simplify. Respond honestly to all subtle invitations and gentle apologies.

Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Loved ones will expect concrete decisions and new announcements over the next few days. Areas of concern are short-term property matters, romantic commitments and social planning. Offer consistent dedication and watch for a positive reply.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

For many Sagittarians business routines may intensify over the next few days. Pay special attention to time limits or unexpected policy changes. Key officials will avoid direct questions. Pace yourself and wait for reliable public statements from bosses or managers.

Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Quick flirtations, romance and new sensuality will offer compelling moments this week. Respond warmly to all subtle overtures of affection. Over the next five weeks social routines may also change. Expect friends and relatives to vie for your attention with new plans.

Scorpio: Oct. 24-Nov. 2

Long-term relationships move to a new level of trust. Over the next two days watch for loved ones to leave indecision in the past. Self-reflection is a strong theme. Allow romantic partners extra time to resolve old memories and emotional patterns. Later in the week a minor workplace dispute may easily become unmanageable.

Gemini: May 21-June 21

Unique social wisdom is now available. Thoroughly study all sudden impressions or unusual dream experiences. Areas strongly affected are repeated patterns, family history and learned emotional reactions. Be expressive. Loved ones will value your insights.

Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Friends, lovers and close relatives may this week express a strong desire for social change. Fresh activities and new forms of entertainment will provide positive moments. Provide creative ideas and let others set the pace. At present, social decisions are best made by group consensus.

Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Home adjustments or revised family schedules may soon be necessary. Early this week watch for loved ones to push for improved communications, fast financial discussions and added emotional security. Remain cautious and expect minor moments of social tension.

Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

Unproductive business habits and outdated work procedures need to fade. Over the next few days trust your own business instincts. New career contacts and employment options will soon be unavoidable. After Wednesday a past friend or distant relative may ask for detailed advice.

Solution

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Owls lose two of three at North Texas Invitational

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

Early season tournament play has continued to be a broken record for the Owls volleyball team, which has struggled to find consistency while competing in numerous non-conference tournaments in the first half of the regular season.

KSU, now with a 5-9 overall record, dropped two of three matches at the North Texas Volleyball Classic in Denton, Texas, last weekend.

The continuing trend for the Owls has been their ability to set team records, despite struggling on the scoreboard against their competition.

KSU got off to a good start to the tournament on Friday night, as sophomore Emily Bean broke a team record with a hitting percentage of .769, defeating Jackson State 3-0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-17).

Senior Justine Young continued to be efficient as well, registering eight kills on nine attempts.

The team also tied a team record with 13 aces in the match.

Things turned sour on Saturday, however, as the team dropped both matches to the tune of 3-0.

"We can't afford to continue to get off to the starts that we have been having as of late," said head coach Karen Weatherington.

Texas State was the first team to

claim the Owls victim, dominating the opening set with a 25-13 tally. The Owls were competitive, despite falling short, in the third set as they battled to a 29-27 score.

In the second match of the day, the Owls fell to the host team, North Texas, with set losses of 25-14 and 25-13.

"This isn't the way we wanted our last road test before conference play to go," said Weatherington. "We will need a better, more consistent effort for us to be successful against Georgia State Tuesday night and against our conference foes next weekend."

KSU did not find the road to be a comfortable place during tournament play. The Owls currently have a 1-6 road record and have dropped seven matches without a single set victory.

Conference play is just around the corner, and the Owls are still expected to be a force within their own territory. KSU, who was picked to place second in the Atlantic Sun Conference behind last year's champion, Lipscomb, open conference play against Belmont this Friday at KSU.

No team has played a conference match yet, but currently Belmont, Jacksonville, East Tennessee State and Lipscomb are ahead of KSU in the overall standings.

KSU's last non-conference match is slated for Tuesday, as the Georgia State Panthers visit the Convocation Center.



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Owls finish non-conference slate with tie against West Florida

Senior midfielder Katie Scott attacks the ball in a game against West Florida on Sunday.

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

The KSU Owls soccer team finished their non-conference season schedule on Sunday afternoon in a 1-1 tie against West Florida.

On a day dubbed as "Sundae Funday," with a free ice cream social after the conclusion of the game, redshirt sophomore and conference stand out Katrina Frost, called "Frosty" by her head coach, knocked in the team's lone goal.

Fans had to wait a little longer for their cold treats than anticipated, as the Owls went to overtime with West Florida and failed to score in the first ten minute overtime period.

The result was the same in the second overtime period, as the teams eventually conceded to a draw.

KSU was slow and sloppy out of the starting

gates, surrendering a goal to West Florida's Cori McCullough scored in the 21st minute.

Goalkeeper Melissa Hutto was able to stop the initial shot, but the ball rebounded into the back of the net.

After an underwhelming first half performance by both teams, things got tighter, crisper and more intense in the second half.

Frost put the Owls on the board in the 59th minute with another impressive long goal, which was her eighth in just eight games—leading the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Frost was an inch or two away on multiple occasions from dominating the game in the second half. She and her teammates became very aggressive and successful with moving the ball into attacking territory, but multiple late opportunities were left up in the air.

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With Thrashers gone, club hockey takes center stage on ice

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

The team formerly known as the Atlanta Thrashers is now the Winnipeg Jets, and hockey fans are scrambling for a taste of action in the Atlanta area. Club hockey should receive more interest than ever.

That's good news for an already popular KSU club hockey team, coached by former Thrasher Barry Dreger, which enters each year with very high expectations. The team has been a perennial power in club hockey for the past decade, and won the D3 ACHA national championship in 2007.

The Owls, who compete in the ACHA—a league that hosts club hockey programs, including Georgia Tech and Georgia—began their season this weekend with wins on Friday and Saturday against East Carolina.

"We had a lot of energy in the building on Friday," said Dreger. "I think the overall consensus on our team is that we have some very good depth. We have the potential of doing a lot of really good things."

The Owls won 7-2 and 11-4 in their respective games, and now are heading into one of the most anticipated sporting

events at KSU each year, when scheduled, against the Georgia Bulldogs this Friday.

"We have Georgia coming in on Friday," said Dreger. "That's always an exciting game just from an atmosphere standpoint. We've created a friendly rivalry with them. We enjoy playing Georgia."

The game will be played at the Ice Forum at Town Center in Kennesaw at 10 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students with their IDs, and \$5 for others.

Dreger, who actually scored the first goal in Atlanta Thrashers history, knows all too well about how much KSU hockey means to the students, players and local sports scene.

"Absolutely, we're excited about being one of the two leaders in hockey here," said Dreger. "Obviously we're not going to compete at the level of the Gwinnett Gladiators, but we kind of have our own niche."

"We're excited about the growth and development," said Dreger. "It's interesting to look down the pipeline and see what the future may hold for Kennesaw State University hockey. We're very excited about the players and personnel that we've brought in, and KSU is a phenomenal place to get an education and play some hockey on the side."

Aside from the game against the Bulldogs, KSU also will play big games against Florida Gulf Coast (a fellow Atlantic Sun Conference member in NCAA sports), Georgia Tech, and are set to nail down a meeting with Miami (OH) for October.

Dreger said the games against teams like Florida Gulf Coast and Miami (OH) will be a good gauge for where KSU's team stands.

The Owls will be led by Jerry Holden, a grad student who has already become the team's all-time top scorer. Other key players include Senior Dylan Morrison and Junior Kevin Body.

"We're very excited about having Holden's leadership back, as well as his tenacity and his work ethic. He has a desire to win. Last night he had a hat trick and was a major part of our victory," said Dreger.

If you're a student looking for an exciting sporting event to attend on weekends, going to a KSU hockey game is a viable option. The crowds are always loud and big rivalry games, like the one coming against Georgia, create an electric environment.

There are 13 scheduled home games to be played between now and February, with playoffs slated to start Feb. 17.

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"On another day it could have been four or five to one," said King about the Owls scoring opportunities. "We hit the cross bar a couple of times. We hit the post once. But, we've got to start strongly."

The Owls came out flat against West Florida, who got their first victory against a Division I opponent this season. West Florida comes from the Division II level, but has a history of very competitive soccer teams.

Despite the slow start and hairline misses, the Owls appeared to have a golden opportunity to take a 2-1 lead when Frost was rewarded a free kick just 10 seconds into the first overtime period.

To everyone's surprise, Frost missed the shot.

"I'm definitely kicking myself," said Frost. "We work all of the time in practice on free kicks. It was very close, but it's something I'm going to need to keep working on. The other situations were just unlucky. But, everyone else put in a great effort and we almost connected."

Frost has seemingly taken the spotlight with her fantastic start to the season, but seniors Alyssa Mahan and Brittany Vining, who were both All-Conference selections this preseason, continue to show more flash than the stat

sheet indicates.

The dynamic duo nearly had one of the more impressive goals this season, as Vining and Mahan worked two beautiful long passes in a run out to set up an assist opportunity near the West Florida goal.

But, just as the day's theme would indicate, they couldn't finish. Vining and Mahan each have two goals scored so far this year. Despite seeming a little bit off, King expects both of them to really excel in conference play.

"They are senior players," said King. "Right now we've got a freshman scoring the goals up top for us. Hopefully when we get to conference play they'll begin to light it up. They're not a million miles away and we're expecting goals from them."

The tie ending puts the Owls at 4-3-1 on the season, with their conference opening game coming this Friday, at home, against Belmont.

The Owls began their season banged up, but a positive for King and company is the fact the team is nearly entirely healthy now.

"We came out of this with everyone still healthy, which is good," said King. "We started the season off with a lot of injuries, so we're looking forward to conference play beginning."

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'Huck Finn' retale 'Splittin' the Raft' opens Sept. 20

Play offers commentary on social economics and racial prejudices

Jessica Sides
STAFF WRITER

The Department of Theatre, Art and Dance's presentation of Scott Kaiser's "Splittin' the Raft," opens this week, offering a witty retelling of a dramatized rendition of Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

But instead of just recounting the story, "Splittin' the Raft" takes on a fresh point of view of the classic tale – from the eyes of Frederick Douglass, the celebrated abolitionist, reformer and author.

In this version, Huck and Jim, a young boy and an escaped slave, take on relationship roles like that of a student and teacher.

"Of course, like any good teacher, Jim learns a lot from his student," said Harrison Long, play director and associate professor of theatre. "It's moving as well as fascinating to watch these two come together over the course of their journey down the Mississippi."

The play features over 30 characters portrayed by just four cast members: Annie Power, John Stewart, Robert Hadaway and Shannon Sparks. Creative team members Cameron Dix, Steven Love, Jeanette Matte and Lauren Rondone bring the show to life.

Controversy surrounding Mark Twain's classic novel brings up questions about how



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"Splittin' the Raft" cast Annie Power, Shannon Sparks, Robert Hadaway and John Stewart.

"Splittin' the Raft" will address certain topics, especially when considering the narrator is an ex-slave. The frequent use of racial slurs in "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" has led to the novel's removal from many primary and secondary school libraries. Other schools have adapted an edited version of the novel published by Alabama-based NewSouth Books.

When "Splittin' the Raft" debuted in 2005, it received flak for remaining true to Twain's use of racial slurs, particularly the

contentious "N" word.

"Yes. The word is included," said Long. "The play includes the word because without it...the past cannot be fully understood....I can assure you that there will be no confusion about the nature of our intent when folks see the staged production."

To put on the play otherwise, Long said, would deflect from the true purpose of the play.

"We don't want to hide from the atrocities of the past or pretend they didn't

happen," Long added. "Instead, we intend to examine these events critically and, in the process, learn something valuable about the current age."

Racism is not the only major theme explored in "Splittin' the Raft." Long said the play delves into issues still relevant today, such as socio-economic oppression, sexism and discrimination against aboriginal Americans.

Twain's original work, satirical of post-Civil War American civilization, serves today not as the burdensome history recent controversy would make it to be, but as a reminder of the past.

We don't necessarily learn something new from "Splittin' the Raft," but it is important to be vividly reminded of our past so we can better understand the present, said Long.

Long said the production is in part supported by a National Endowments for the Arts grant.

"Splittin' the Raft" opens Sept. 20 and runs through Sept. 24 in the Stillwell Theater. Admission is \$12 for general seating and \$10 for KSU students; performance times are 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

After its six-day stretch on campus, the play will tour the nearby community at local high schools, theaters and civic centers.

At the end of each performance, audience members are encouraged to attend a post-show discussion.



HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

For the full Homecoming schedule, visit our website at
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Thursday, September 22

Hoot-a-Palooza: KSU Night at Town Center at Cobb (4-9 p.m.)

Friday-Sunday, September 23-25

Parent & Family Alumni Weekend

Friday, September 23

**Game Day featuring Nestfest Pep Rally (5 p.m., Sports & Recreation Park)
Homecoming Soccer Match vs. Belmont (7 p.m., Stadium) with post-game fireworks**

Saturday, September 24

**VKSU Campus Sustainable Beautification Project (9 a.m., Student Center)
Homecoming Volleyball Match vs. Lipscomb (3 p.m., Convocation Center)**

Sunday, September 25

**Parent & Family Association (PFA) Brunch (11 a.m., Commons)
KAB Fashion Show featuring Asif Ali (7 p.m., Student Recreation & Wellness Center)**

Thursday, September 29

KAB Annual Homecoming Dance (8 p.m. - 12 a.m., Embassy Suites)

Friday, September 30

**"OWL PROWL" (4 p.m.) featuring Parade, Festival, Nestfest Awards,
and Concert on the Green featuring The Maine**

