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SGA to put larger smoking signs in designated areas



Nikki Hope | The Sentinel

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Student Government Association President Ronald Wilson said he wants to make everyone happy with his decision to place larger, more legible signs to designate smoking areas on campus rather than go for a full-on ban of smoking just yet.

“Some people said it has gotten better, some people have said it is still bad,” said Wilson, commenting on the current smoking campus debate. “We want to review everything to see if it gets better before we do anything.”

Wilson said he is currently working with President Daniel Papp to provide current smoking areas with better signage, as well as provide signing for non-smoking areas as well.

“We’re trying to do everything we can before we have to make a drastic decision,” said Wilson. “We

want to make everybody happy.”

Wilson said this would not prevent a smoking ban on campus, but that SGA is working to evaluate the proficiency of the current smoking policies on campus.

“It’s a definite possibility, but we have to review it,” said Wilson. “If things don’t improve that would be the next step.”

KSU’s current smoking policy dates back to 2006 and states that smoking is prohibited in all campus buildings. Smoking is permitted in outside designated areas only and these areas should be clearly marked.

Current designated areas for smoking include: Convocation & Kennesaw Hall, Burruss Building, Student Center, Willingham Hall, Legacy Gazebo, Wilson & Music, Athletic Fields, KSU Center, Campus Services, Chastain Pointe, Science & Clendenin and Houses on Frey Lake Road.



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Tim Lowe and Dr. Shirley Franklin speak at Constitution Week celebration

Ian Rooks
STAFF WRITER

Tim Lowe and Dr. Shirley Franklin discussed Georgia’s water wars and civic engagement during KSU’s annual Constitution Week celebration Sept. 20 and 22 in the Social Sciences Building.

The event was presented by coordinators Dr. Carlton Usher and Dr. Ralph Rascati, Dean of the University College.

“Each year we (The American

Democracy Project at KSU) celebrate Constitution Week with a set of programs connected to increasing civic engagement and student involvement in political life,” Usher said.

Constitution Week commemorates the adoption of the United States Constitution. It usually runs from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23. Observance was enacted officially by former President Eisenhower and Constitution Week was then declared by former president George W. Bush. The event was split into two days,



Tim Lowe and Shirley Franklin

with Tim Lowe speaking first on Sept. 20. He spoke on what he coined as the “water wars,” and discussed the strong need in Georgia for resource management and the dispute

between Alabama, Georgia and Florida over the rights of water from Lake Lanier.

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Alcohol paraphernalia found in The Commons and Bookstore



Tiffani Reardon
STAFF WRITER

There have been several sightings of alcohol paraphernalia in various places on campus after Domino's was recently confronted for passing out Ping-Pong balls, plastic cups and bottle openers on the Campus Green.

In The Commons, there is a display of Saki and shot glasses at "Wok Your Way," and the KSU Bookstore is selling plastic cups next to Ping-Pong balls – items some students identify as beer pong materials – and shot glasses.

Michael Sanseviro, dean of Student Success, said that

while he does not know the exact reason for the display in The Commons, he assumes that it is related to a cultural theme. He also said that the display does not appear to violate KSU's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

According to KSU's Drug and Alcohol Policy, "the leading causes of death among the 18-23 year-old population are alcohol-related accidents, alcohol-related homicides, and alcohol-related suicides. A high percentage of campus disorderly conduct, disruptive behavior and property destruction, and academic failures on a national level is alcohol-related."

Sanseviro said that while shot glasses are generally meant for alcohol, they can also be collector's items and have uses unrelated to alcohol.

"I do think it is important that we appropriately acknowledge that many common household items can cause concern depending on how they are used," Sanseviro said. "For example, we prohibit weapons on campus, but allow kitchen knives in campus housing. The use of an item often determines if the item causes concern more so than the item itself."

The KSU Residential Code of Conduct states,

"Alcohol paraphernalia is prohibited in substance free communities and residential units of underage residents. For health and safety reasons, empty alcohol containers are not permitted to be used for decorative purposes within the residential facilities."

Some students may find it unfair that while they can buy these things from the KSU Bookstore, they may not have them in their dorms.

"The residential code only applies to the residential areas of campus, but certainly the spirit of the policy captures the desire that the campus not inappropriately promote

illegal or irresponsible behavior," said Sanseviro, who helped write the KSU Residential Code of Conduct.

"Even if underage students would argue that there are items sold on campus that, for them, are not allowed in campus housing, the personal responsibility ultimately falls upon the individual student," said Sanseviro, regarding the fairness of the policy.

"There are many items sold on campus that may be prohibited within certain areas of campus for a variety of reasons. The burden always falls on the individual to be educated and make appropriate choices."

According to Sanseviro, the Residence Life staff and campus police would probably respond reasonably if they were to come across an item purchased in the KSU Bookstore, depending on how the student is actually using it.

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Tindel discusses upcoming parking zone survey with SGA

Tiffani Reardon
STAFF WRITER

Assistant Director of Parking Operations Beth Tindel spoke at the Sept. 22 Student Government Association meeting to discuss a survey that could mean more changes for parking on campus.

During the first week of October, Tindel and the rest of Parking Operations will be putting a survey out to evaluate the current parking situation and ask students where the school should put forth zoned parking areas on campus.

“What I really need is an overwhelming response to the survey so that we can formulate our zoned parking plan based on what the actual campus concern is, regarding zoned parking,” Tindel said.

In a packet handed out to SGA members, Tindel said that zoned parking is a method of parking control that can help improve on-campus congestion and increase the likelihood and ability to find parking more quickly.

Tindel said that there are many different ways to prioritize it, which is part of the reason they are

putting out the survey.

Tindel said one idea was to prioritize the same way they do for class registration, where the more hours you have taken, the earlier you get to choose your zone. The only problem with that is that freshman would get the “bottom of the barrel,” which will probably be off campus.

One SGA senator asked why KSU does not just cancel parking for residential freshman by not allowing them to have cars, as schools like Georgia Tech and Georgia State do.

Tindel said this would be nearly impossible since, “the way we’re different from Georgia Tech is that we aren’t in an urban center. So, right now if we did that, we don’t have a lot of the amenities on campus, so if you’re stuck on campus without a car, you might not be able to get to all the services you need on campus. You can’t walk to a grocery store.”

She also said that KSU needs to have reliable transportation for the residential freshman before they make the rule that they cannot have cars. KSU is working closely with the Cobb County



Beth Tindel

Transit to hopefully provide more student transportation within the community.

Tindel said that the cost would probably vary depending on where each zone is. Priority parking will be in the center of campus so those areas will most likely cost the most, with the cost declining the further away the zone is from the center of campus.

Tindel said that off-campus parking would also be added to zoned parking, and the shuttling services to Town Point and Town Center Mall implemented this fall would continue. Tindel also said Parking Services is looking to expand these services to nearby apartment complex and residential areas for neighboring students.

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Lowe also mentioned ways to offset increasing amounts of water that Georgian civilians use, including desalination.

Former Mayor of Atlanta Dr. Shirley Franklin spoke Sept. 22 on the importance of civic duty as it relates to the involvement of youths in political processes and politics in general. Franklin urged people of all ages, but especially young people, to make community engagement a priority.

Franklin said there is a common misconception that people who are under 35 are less likely to vote, but she said that belief had been shaken by recent elections in which young people were the swing vote.

“If you are not involved in the voting process, you are just playing around the fringes,” Franklin said.

She said that one should always “study their history whether they like it or not” or whether they consider it a “success or failure.”

When asked what KSU students in particular should do to bolster their civic engagement, Franklin said that they should get into the political process.

Dr. Franklin served as mayor of Atlanta from 2002 to 2010, making her the first African American woman to serve as mayor of a major Southern city. She has been very active in encouraging civic engagement and serves as the CEO of Purpose Built Communities.

Lowe and Franklin were both awarded with a commemorative plaque for their contributions to civic duty.

The American Democracy Project at KSU has partnered with Rita Impey-Imes University Archives, and Joe Head, Assistant VP for Enrollment Services.

“These events are to connect to the university mission to develop an engaged citizenry on campus and beyond,” said Usher.

“Constitution week has since flourished as a means to promote study and education about the constitution originally adopted on September 17, 1787,” said Usher. “Student participation remains high and we are pleased and encouraged by the level of involvement by KSU students.”



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KSU officer pulled over a 2010 Nissan Altima that disregarded a stop sign at North Service Street and Marietta Drive on Sept. 10 at 3:16 a.m. The officer noticed a moderate odor of alcohol coming from the passenger seats, which contained four people under the age of 21. The driver was asked if anyone in the car had been drinking. She

said no. She then gave consent to blow into the Alco-Sensor and it showed negative for the presence of alcohol. Two of the passengers said they had a shot of gin a couple of hours earlier and tested positive for alcohol. Another tested negative. The driver was given a verbal warning for disregarding a stop sign and two of the passengers received citations for underage possession of alcohol by consumption.

A Klutzy Bike?

A KSU officer was called to parking lot C at 12:00 p.m. on Sept. 12 in reference to damaged property. The complainant said that he parked his 2006 Honda CBR600 motorcycle in the lot and noticed damage to the left side of the motorcycle, a busted radiator hose and a loose kickstand when he returned. The complainant

said he found a note saying the bike fell over but was picked back up. The complainant took photos of the damage and e-mailed the pictures to the dispatched officer. The officer completed an incident report and told him how to obtain a copy for his records. There is no known video of the incident.

- Compiled by Brittany Toland

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.

Possession of Marijuana

On Sept. 5 at 8:22 p.m. an officer pulled over a silver 2003 Honda Civic because it had yellow headlights. The car was occupied by four males, and the officer asked the driver if he knew his yellow headlights were illegal. The driver said no and that he had spent two hours installing them himself. While the driver explained this, the officer smelled a marijuana-like odor coming from the car. He asked the driver if he had marijuana in the car and the driver said there was a joint in the middle console. One of the passengers also said that he had a joint. The officer had them step out of the vehicle and sit on the curb in front of the vehicle. The officer got permission to search the car and retrieved the joint from the middle console. He then asked the passenger for his joint, which the passenger handed over. The driver and the passenger were arrested.

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Social conservatives miss the point



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After watching the Fox News-Google Debate last week, I'm still amazed that people in the audience booed an openly gay soldier after he posed a question to the candidates regarding their opinion on the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." I'd normally follow this with something smarmy and sarcastic making fun of social conservatives, but I'm not even shocked anymore. This is the kind of behavior we have come to expect from people who overlook a person's vast accomplishments

and honor in order to scrutinize and mock a very small facet of his or her personal life.

Don't listen to the Rick Santorums of this world who want to tell you that being openly homosexual in the military provides for some sort of "special privilege" that others do not have. These soldiers, after years of living in fear, finally have the chance to speak about those they love, those they spend every night fighting for – without the risk of losing their career and reputation. Being openly homosexual is not the same as waving your sex life in the face of other people – and it is downright insulting for Rick Santorum, or anyone else, to insinuate that kind of comparison regarding our uniformed men and women. If anything, social conservatives had the "special privilege" of holding this freedom over the heads of homosexual service members for over a decade.

At some point, this endless dialogue has to stop. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" has been repealed. There is nothing left to argue. There is no fake "moral crusade" left to hide behind. The U.S. has now joined the ranks of many other first world countries that accept open homosexuals in their military. We will see no change in "unit cohesion." Our effectiveness in military preparedness will not change. We will see no decline in our capability to respond to threats. What will change, however – is how we view ourselves, and our fellow man. We must have respect for those who serve. If we can look past orientation – or any other quality that does not directly define who we are and how we operate in this life – we are one step closer to realizing that we are a lot more alike than we think.

It'd do all the Rick Santorums out there some good to realize this, too.

Contrary to popular belief, Facebook isn't reality

Recently, I "purged" my Facebook account of a number of friends. For my family and people I know that live out of state, or at least far enough away that I can't see them on a consistent basis, this form of social media is great. However, I started to notice a disturbing trend among those people who live just minutes away—Facebook has come to replace any "real world" interaction that we had prior to our friendship being "Facebook official."

To be frank, Facebook had become nothing more than a place to read streaming updates and see photos of people with whom I no longer had contact with in the world outside of the Internet, for one reason or another. If someone has a birthday, gets engaged, breaks up, gets a new job, or has any life event (no matter how trivial or significant), you can rest assured it will end up on Facebook. And it's there whether you want to see it or not.

At that point, are people really anything more than virtual characters in an online construct? You may as well be playing Second Life. To skip out on telephone conversations, tailgating, parties, coffee dates and trivia nights in exchange for a Facebook "poke" or the occasional wall post is to give up the actual experience of friendship. If you can't make time to create those memories, then can you really consider those people "friends?" How much effort is involved in messaging someone or sending a poke?

What I found interesting was the reaction that I got from some people for my decision to eliminate them as "friends" on my Facebook wall. While most people thought nothing of it, there were a couple of people who treated the virtual "defriending" as seriously as a real-life breakup. At first, I was annoyed—the people who I chose to cut ties with were people who I had not heard from or spoken with in a number of

weeks. At that point it begs the question: What makes a friendship? And, are we really friends anyway?

After further consideration however, I realized that they had probably fallen into the virtual trap that so many of us get ourselves into-- we allowed electronic communication to replace the richness of tangible social interaction outside of the computer.

Instead of picking up our cell phones and making dinner plans, or just taking five minutes to catch up on our lives, we resort to an occasional, mass-targeted status update or photo post to share what is going on. We have become lazy.

The bottom line is that there is a certain degree of time that must be invested to maintain a friendship in reality. Social media should not—cannot—replace the "real-world" social interaction that is a fundamental part of building and maintaining worthwhile relationships.

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Vanessa Jenkins
SENIOR COLUMNIST

Letters to the editor

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RE: Student death ranks below pigs and cannon balls?
By Nikki Hope

Bass says:

I have classmate who didn't even hear about it before it got into the news so I guess they did a pretty good hiding job. It's scary in a way.

Jon says:

I don't think the situation was overlooked or hidden, I think it came down to the fact that there was nothing to be learned from the incident. It was a tragic freak accident, and not something that anyone should worry about their own safety after. I assume that the family, understandably, didn't want to make a public spectacle out of it and felt that those who would know were people who were there or who knew Tyler personally. In my opinion that's respectable.

JMH says:

I believe the goal of the emergency alert system is to notify the campus community of things that would affect us as a whole. Since an allergic reaction is what was believed to

have caused the student's illness and ultimately his death, the only group that needed to be notified would have been those already in the Commons and those later that day which signs, as you have seen already put up around the different food stations address. I believe the reason the alert system was used for the pot bellied pig situation was because that would affect the very difficult traffic situation we have to maneuver on campus. It was a heads up to take a different route and avoid the area altogether. As for the cannon balls, would you rather KSU err on the side of caution or not be able to complain after the fact because you are hospitalized or worse?

RE: Welcome, freshmen: Don't screw this up, we're watching
By Matt Nix

Jarred Moore says:

I wish I lived in a world where a "Senior Columnist" could be expected to know the differences between semicolons, commas, and dashes; skillful writing seems to have taken a backseat to the chief purpose of this article, which--watch what I'm doing here--is this: the writer's eagerness to be a pompous douchebag. Since when is facial hair a requirement to join the elitist club of those who enjoy PBR? I'm 27. I'm also a freshman at KSU. I support what I like, and I also support freshmen--even the youngsters--in their support of whatever they like, up to and including goth accessories. Who gives a shit? And I love irony. I can think of no other cheerleader of PBR

better or more adamant about it than the psychopath Frank Booth, played by Dennis Hopper--God rest his evil soul--in the film Blue Velvet. Type "Dennis Hopper PBR" into Youtube; you'll love it. And he had no facial hair. Did he possess this mystical capability of growing some? Probably. But the point, freshmen, is this: some pretentious kid who doesn't write very well may think that seniority entitles him to a feeling of superiority. But I probably don't have to tell you that it doesn't. People will, and rightfully can, do what they want. No one cares; maybe no one even read the guy's article on the back page, and so no one is reading this either. I just didn't like his smug look of snobbery in his picture. But I'm drunk--yep, it's true--so what do I know? Well, I do know that saying "prospective high schools" would actually aim the article at 8th graders, so as it turns out, the dumb thing wasn't meant for freshmen after all. Lucky us; God forbid we offend anyone who was a college student before us. They all skipped over their freshman year.

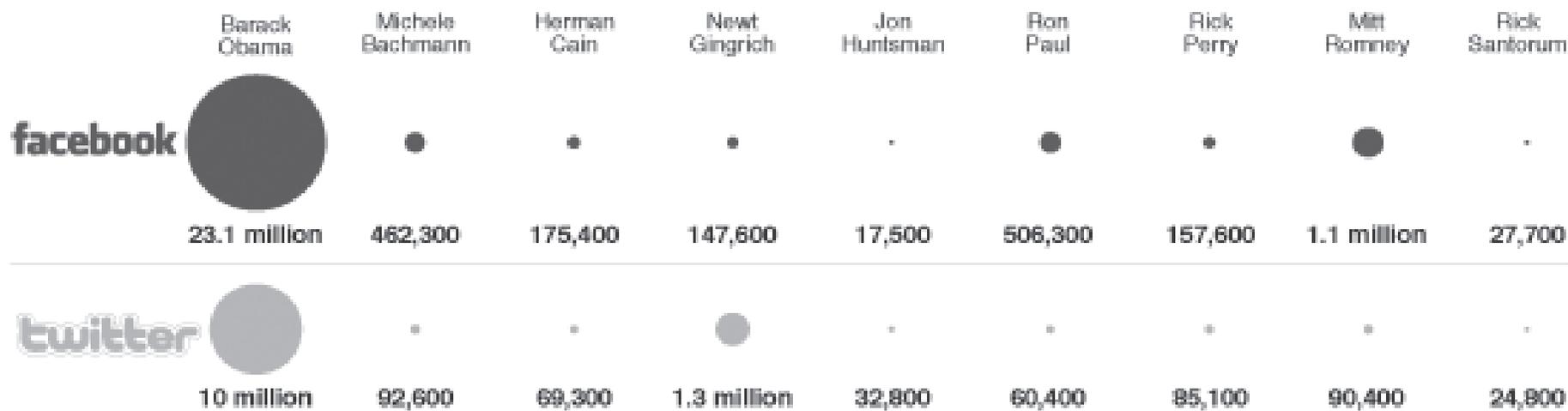
Ally Richie says:

I found this article incredibly offensive. To all freshmen, I hope you realize that this knucklehead does not speak for all of us. I am a Senior here at KSU and I say if you want to come to school in a Ninja Turtle Backpack you do whatever the shit you want to do. Not sure who made you feel like you're king of the campus- Matt- and what you say goes- but it sure as hell doesn't. You sounded like a judgmental p---k and a bully in this article. Good job buddy.

How the candidates stack up in social media



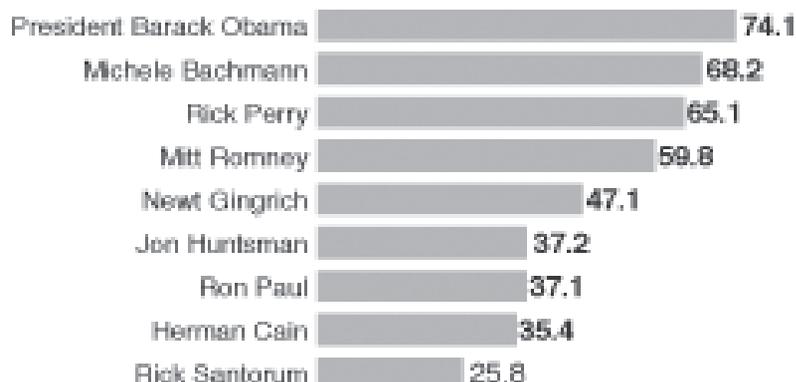
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NOTE: President Barack Obama is listed first; the other candidates are in alphabetical order; figures are as of Sept. 13

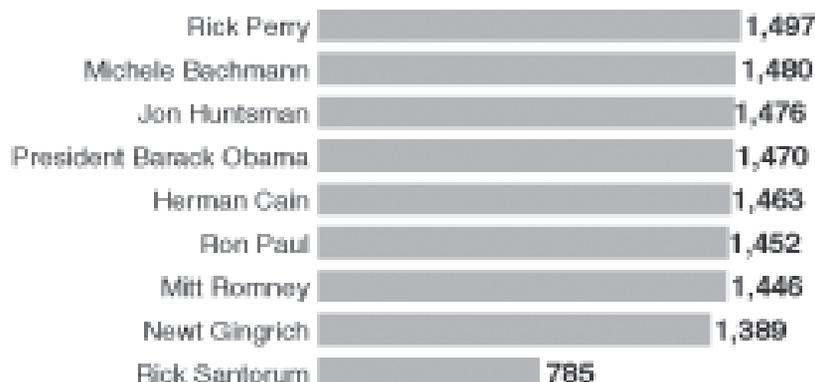
Twitter scores

Here are scores that attempt to estimate each major presidential candidate's impact or influence on Twitter. The scores, calculated by the website Twitalyzer, take into account several factors, such as audience size and how often a user's content is shared or mentioned. The score is on a scale between 1 and 100:



Reach on Twitter

One measure of a person's reach on Twitter is how many times his or her posts are sent out by his or her followers, known as "retweeting." Here's how many times the candidates were retweeted in a recent seven-day period (does not include surrogate accounts run by the campaigns):



One school a'schooling, 100 dancers dancing... Program grows to 100 dance majors

Abbey McDaniel
STAFF WRITER

This fall, the Dance Department, which began offering a major in 2009, will have over 100 students in the major. Housed within the Department of Theater, Performance Studies, and Dance, the program is also now a part of three major community partnerships.

The 2010-2011 year saw 91 students audition to become dance majors. Of these students, 26 were accepted.

Another audition will be held in October, which will propel the number of majors even further. It is clear that there is a rapidly growing body of students who have a strong interest in dance.

Professor Ivan Pulinkala began the dance program in 2005, first introducing the dance minor.

Pulinkala said he saw a "need in our community" for dance.

And the rapid growth of the program, he says, "reaffirms" the need for dance and the growth does not impact the quality of the education the students receive.

"We serve our students well," said Pulinkala.

The desire to provide a quality

education is the reason why the number of students allowed to enter into the program is limited, said Pulinkala.

Pulinkala said the department has been able to grow in part because the "administration has been supportive." This support includes the efforts of John Gentile, the chair of the Department and Dr. Papp, Pulinkala added.

Dance majors now have various avenues to further their education.

The dance program is a part of three community partnerships: Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, Atlanta Ballet, and, most recently, gloATL.

Lauri Stallings, the creator of gloATL, is an artist-in-residence at KSU, and provides students additional performance opportunities, like the recent performance alongside gloATL members and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

According to the dance program's website, a new full-time instructor, Reiko Kimura, has also been added to the staff.

The department also has a new place to reside at Chastain Pointe.

The Dance Company has received several awards including top honors at the American College Dance Festival in 2008 and 2010.



Photo courtesy of Ivan Pulinkala

Kansas to perform with KSU Symphony Orchestra



Kansas

Jessica Sides
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 30, KSU's Symphony Orchestra will perform with rock band Kansas at the Cobb Energy Centre. The show is part of the Kansas 2011 Collegiate Symphony Tour, a tour created to raise funds for college music programs nationwide. The tour follows the success of Kansas' 2010 tour.

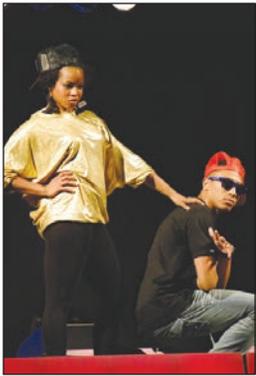
Michael Alexander, KSU's Director of Orchestras has this to say about the upcoming performance: "[We] are excited to collaborate with Kansas. It will bring great exposure to the School of Music and the College of the Arts, and we are excited that the whole campus seems to be getting behind the event."

Tickets are on sale now at TicketMaster.com, the Cobb Energy Centre's box office or at 1-800-745-3000. Enter code "KSU" online to get a discount on tickets; prices range from \$37-\$57.

The tour started September 24 and will carry-on until November 5. KSU is the tour's third stop after shows in New York. Kansas will then continue to schools like Columbus State University and the University of Central Florida.

KSU's Symphony Orchestra began in 2004 and is comprised of both Music and Non-Music majors. The Symphony has performed with other guest artists including members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

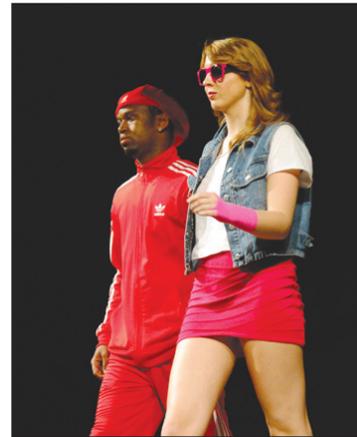
Kansas began in the early 1970s and is known for popular songs "Dust in the Wind" and "Carry On My Wayward Son." In addition to 2010's Collegiate Tour, they also completed a tour with fellow rock groups Styx and Foreigner.



Working the Catwalk

Photos by Eric Leal

Students got the chance to show off their fashion senses during KAB's Fashion Show on Sept. 25. The event, which began at 7 p.m. in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, drew a large crowd to view some of the latest in clothing styles. The show also starred guest comedian Asif Ali. The fashion show was part of Homecoming 2011 festivities.



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Abroadening your horizons

Food for thought: Trying new cuisines does not have to be a culture shock

Christy Rogers
ARTS AND LIVING COLUMIST

Before I begin this article, I would like to amend something I said a few articles ago. While there is a Foreign Language Department in the Pilcher building, there is also an Education Abroad Office in Willingham Hall that has plenty of resources for all your study abroad needs.



Christy Rogers

There were no English translations. Even buying milk was daunting because the way they do milk over there is totally different. I was really frustrated the first time I went shopping, but like everything else, I soon became accustomed to it. If you're faced with a shopping experience (regardless if it is food related or not) that is completely submerged in the native language, try not to stress out. It can be intimidating, but after a bit of trial and error, you will figure it out with relative ease. Oh, and I recommend buying or bringing a reusable shopping bag. In Paris you had to pay for plastic bags. I wouldn't be surprised if this was a commonality in many European countries.

Etiquette

Regardless of where you're from, it is important to respect dinner etiquette of whatever country you are visiting. It is a matter of respect, much like getting a rudimentary sense of the native language. Here are a few examples of meal-time differences between Americans and the rest of the world.

In France, it is considered good manners to keep your hands on the table.

Most food in India is eaten with the hands.

You will usually be expected to eat with chopsticks in most Asian countries.

Do not eat with your left hand in traditionally Muslim countries.

In France, you should tear bread into small pieces before eating it. It is rude to chow down on a whole slice of bread.

This is just a small sampling of international dining etiquette. To prevent an embarrassing faux-pas, make sure you do some research on your host country before dining out.

Restaurant Rules

Another interesting aspect of foreign dining culture is your interaction with the wait staff. French dining was a pretty big culture shock for me.

Firstly, ice does not come with your drink. The French are not big on ice (or air conditioning, for that matter) and even if you ask for it you won't be getting half a glass, as is typical in America. Also, when you ask for water, you have to specify that you want it *en carafe* or *une carafe d'eau*. They will bring you bottled water if you do not specify and you will pay for it.

Secondly, as an American, I'm used to fairly quick meals. Even at sit down restaurants, the waiter or waitress is always checking up on you. Not so in France. Dinner is an extremely long affair, usually up to three hours. The waiters and waitresses aren't rude or inconsiderate; it's just not customary for them to constantly check on you. They want you to relax, have a glass of wine, people watch and savor your food. I always had to ask for refills and the check at French restaurants. It can be difficult to get used to, but you just have to accept it as part of their culture.

Also, let me go ahead and tell you if you go to a big, famous, touristy city like Paris, everything is going to be more expensive. You can find deals, especially with street vendors, but generally speaking you're going to need to go ahead and accept the fact that you'll probably be paying a bit more for food than you're used to. Cocktails, for instance, were about 10 euros wherever you went. That's about \$14 USD. Yeah, it's expensive to drink in Paris.

Speaking of money, this was one of my favorite parts about dining in France: tax is included. What you see on the menu is what you pay. If it says nine euros, it is, in fact, nine euros. This makes splitting bills and tracking your spending much

easier. Additionally, tipping is not expected. It is considerate to leave a small tip if your service was terrific, but certainly not required. Find out what the expected behavior regarding tipping is in your host country before you leave.

It is also important to note that just because it sounds familiar does not make it so. Ordering coffee in Paris is a whole other playing field compared to America. French coffee is stronger than American coffee. Also, American coffee is filtered. If you order "café américain" in Paris, filtered coffee is what you will get. The cappuccinos, too, taste really different, but I can't quite put my finger on why, and Google isn't being especially productive with that topic.

Lastly, prepare yourself for smaller portion sizes. This was one of my favorite things about France. It left room for delicious desserts. I will never forget my first experience with real French *crème brûlée*. There are no words. Additionally, Europeans don't really do doggy bags or to go boxes, probably because their portion sizes are much smaller than ours. The smaller portion sizes are also because you are generally expected to order more courses in Europe. Formal French meals can have up to nine courses.

What I loved most about restaurant experiences in France was experiencing new things. I can talk at you all day long about what to expect, and how different everything will be, and how you should probably do a little research, but in the end you really need to step outside of your comfort zone. Never tried duck meat? Give it a shot. Don't actually know what's in that weird sounding dish? Order it anyway. It could be a disaster. It could be disgusting. But it could also be delicious, fantastic, and amazing. Experiment, be daring, but above all: enjoy yourself!

Now, one thing people have frequently asked me now that I have returned from France is, "What was the food like?" Could I please just go on and on about how wonderful French cuisine is? No, I won't do that, but I will tell you it was amazing— but often, shall we say, surprising. I advise you not to be afraid to try new things, but also to do some research into the dining practices and etiquette of your host country.

For instance, imagine my surprise the first time I got a ham, egg, and cheese crepe from a street vendor and bit into runny egg yolk. Apparently, when you order *les oeufs* on something in France, you will get a very much not scrambled egg. Additionally, envision my discomfort when I ate fries with my fingers and got disgusted looks from fellow non-American diners.

So here are a few tips and bits of advice concerning food and dining cultural whilst abroad:

Grocery Stores

You may not have much experience with foreign grocery stores, but I figured I'd throw it in for good measure. My program offered gift cards to a nearby grocery store instead of a meal plan, and I was unbelievably intimidated at first. I mean, this store was tee-totally French.

Steppin' up your fitness: Step aerobics is not just a thing of the past

Steven Watson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Do the words "step aerobics" make you think of overly perky women bouncing up and down to bad eighties music? Think again. This fun cardio workout is a great alternative to running. Step routines are easy to adapt for all fitness levels. Step class requires no special equipment except a rectangular plastic step, a good pair of sneakers, and the ability to stand up and jump at the same time.

Although you can elevate your heart rate- and burn fat- just by stepping up and back down again, most steppers are versatile and prefer a more challenging workout.

"If you're a runner, it would improve your strength-wise," says Debi Reichgelt, who teaches step at the KSU gym. "That burning sensation you feel in your legs, step overcomes it tremendously."

Reichgelt also says that step classes often incorporate cycling to build endurance. You can even do floor work, like pushups or mountain climbers, to build strength as part of an interval workout. "There's that cross training aspect, to build that stamina for when you do run. Then you jump back up and get back on the step."

One way to make step routines more challenging is by changing direction. "When you go up and down that's the average movement," Reichgelt says, "the day to day person going back and forth. When you approach the step from the short end to the short end, that puts you on a different plane. So that helps elevate your heart rate. It's a technique for shocking the body."

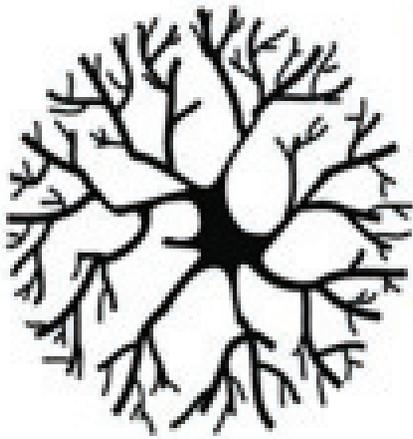
I also asked Reichgelt about the benefits of taking a class. "You can go on youtube and get a glimpse of what step is, or you can use the video you pick up at Best Buy. There is no problem with that. But in a class, you get the

energy of the person next to you. You get the eye contact and motivation from the instructor. There's the personal contact; I know my students' names, and they come back because they know I care. It's the little things, that make it worthwhile. Because it should be a daily or weekly routine."

According to Reichgelt, step is a great way for overwhelmed students to relax and get their minds off studying for a while. She keeps her classes basic, with an emphasis on beginners. "My goal," she says, "is to get them in an exercise routine for the rest of their lives."

I also asked Reichgelt if it was OK for guys to do step. "Oh gosh yes. Some of my most inspired step mentors are men. The biggest thing that men find is co-ordination."

After my talk with Reichgelt, I went home and broke out my step. Yes, I'm a step person. It fits my schedule and keeps me moving. Fitness is a must. Perkinness and bad eighties music, thankfully, are optional.



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DPhiE wins Yell Like Hell

Kathleen Austin
STAFF WRITER

Running out on the soccer field wearing purple shirts and enthusiastic smiles, Delta Phi Epsilon, winners of the Yell Like Hell competition on Sept. 23, performed their spirited cheer and dance routine during halftime at the Lady Owls vs. Belmont Bruins game.

Communication freshman Caroline Ariemma, who was in charge of the Delta Phi Epsilon team, said that the school-spirited evening was a blast.

"We had so much fun; a lot of hard work, but it was fun," said Ariemma. She also said the group would be performing at Saturday's festivities as well as other events during Homecoming 2011.

"They were really great," commented spectator John Durst, "and all of them put a lot of spirit into it, even the guys did a great job."

Though Nest Fest was created in 2008, Nu'Nicka Epps, assistant director for Student Involvement and creator of the

program, who also manages the competition, stated that this was the "first time winners benefitted by performing out on the field during half time."

"This is our first year being on any area outside of the gym," Epps said, "so we're really excited that the campus is doing great things; it feels like it's bigger."

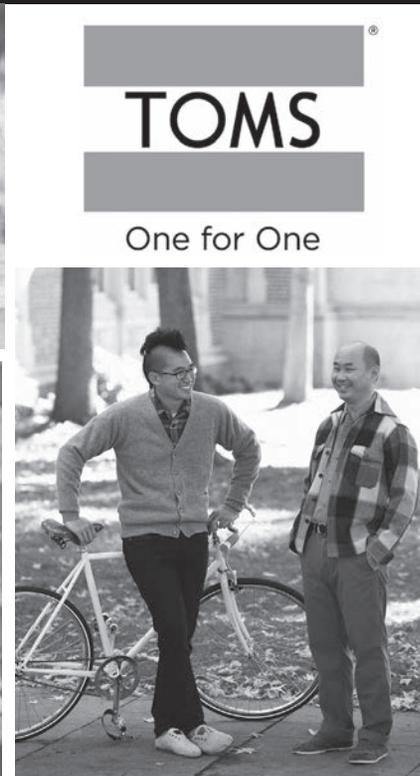
As Nest Fest has grown over the years, it has brought a strong attitude of support to the event and a new enthusiasm for the students.

"Watching all the competitors was very exciting!" spectator Rebecca Stiles said. Stiles and a few of her friends from Etowah High School said they wanted to "give support and experience college sport frenzy."

"...we're really excited that the campus is doing great things; it feels like it's bigger."

— Nu'Nicka Epps

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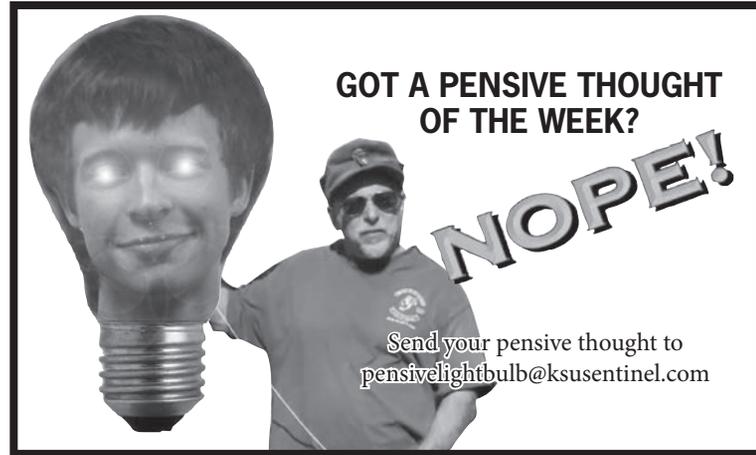
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Horoscopes

September 27, 2011

Aries: March 21-April 19

Talk it over with your team to work out strategy and schedule. Work in private, and delegate what you can. Do the research before making long-term decisions.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Communication outlets may not favor a revolution today. Postpone risk-taking (especially romantic and financial). A word from you helps a loved one. Move up a level.

Gemini: May 21-June 21

Love is smiling down upon you, sprouting new tendrils of creativity, sprinkling you with magical magnetic attraction. Unpredictable changes could disrupt, so play it cool.

Sudoku

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Cancer: June 22-July 22

If you feel chained or captive to an obligation, give up resistance. It only makes the imprisonment persist. Instead, relax into the confines and finish the job to be truly free.

Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

Put it in writing, even if you have to use a paper napkin. Take an inventory of your wealth, and you'll discover the answer you were looking for. No gambling allowed.

Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You could be tempted to take a big chance, but think it over well. One thing ends and another begins. Don't go against your core values, no matter what. Watch your feet.

Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 23

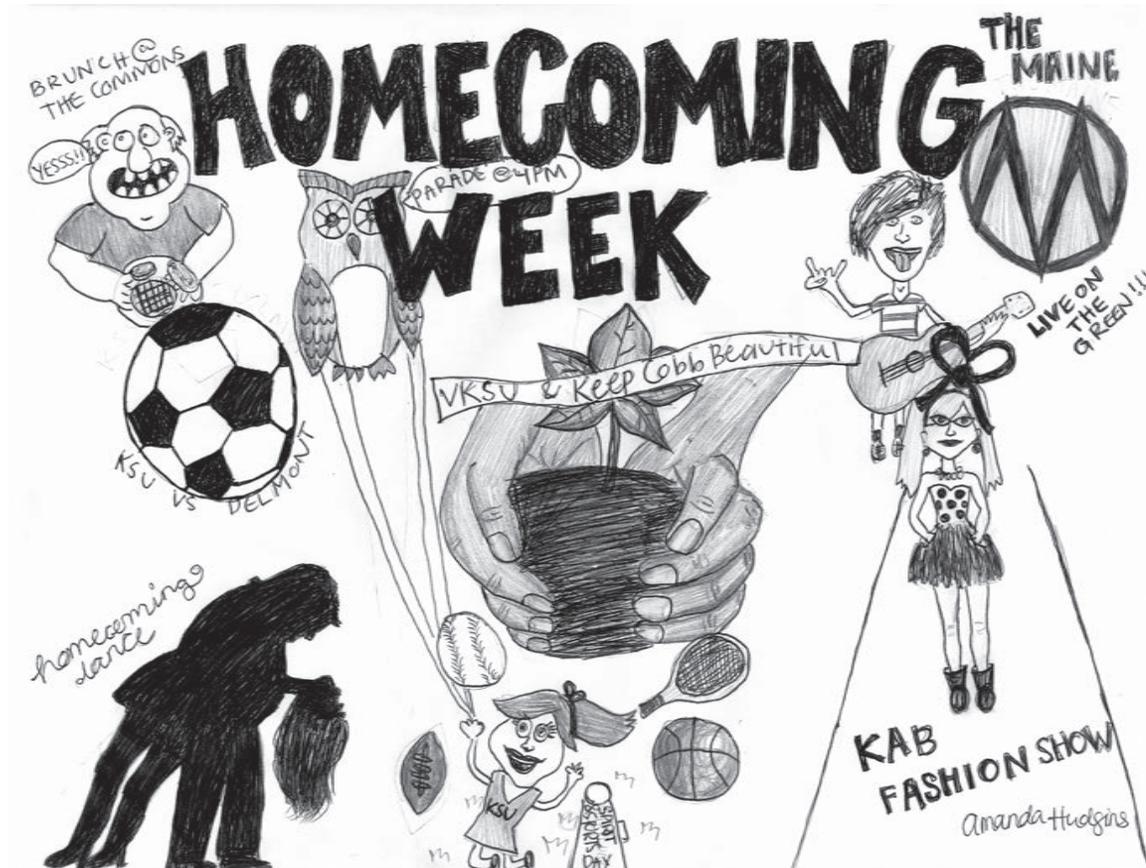
You're ready to inspire and teach by example for the next couple of days. You jump over the hurdles with grace, like an Olympic athlete. You've got confidence and power.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Friends could help you clean up a mess. Discover your boundaries, and let others support you in expanding them. Say "thank you," and offer to do the same.

Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19

There really is no way to prepare for the unexpected. Sometimes blind faith is necessary. Angels guide your actions. Take on a tough job. Get help, if you need it.



Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18

It's adventure time. Summon up your courage to battle a dragon and rescue a prince or princess. Challenges feed you and make you stronger. You have what it takes.

Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20

There's a decision to make, and you may find all kinds of distractions. It may even get uncomfortable. In the end, trust your instincts.

Scorpio: Oct. 24-Nov. 2

Procrastinate later. You're under some pressure, and it's best to be occupied, rather than preoccupied. Take short meditation breaks to stay focused.

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Ice Owls use third period surge to blow out UGA



Melissa Davis | The Sentinel

KSU scored nine goals in the third period to run away from UGA.

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

KSU's club hockey team faced off against their biggest rival, the University of Georgia Ice Dogs, in front of a capacity crowd at the Ice Forum at Town Center on Friday night.

With more than 2,000 dedicated fans crammed into the standing room and limited bleachers for a 10 p.m. start, an overwhelmingly dominant KSU team ignited an offensive explosion in the third period and defeated Georgia 10-1.

The Owls have won their first three contests this year, taking two straight games against East Carolina last week, and dominating Georgia this weekend.

The crowd at the game was composed almost entirely of KSU fans, with occasional barks from

Georgia fans disappearing as the night went on.

KSU's freshman forward, Roman Mangini, had the highlight of the night when he scored his first goal for the team.

"Mangini scored in the last minute to score his first goal, so that was exciting. As a team we are very excited about him getting his first goal, so now he can start focusing on contributing on a regular basis," said head coach Barry Dreger.

KSU scored a total of nine goals that were in the final period of play. The game went Georgia's way early, as the Ice Dogs were able to score first in the opening period.

KSU would answer and tie the game at 1-1, and it appeared they had taken a 2-1 lead in the second period, but officials overturned the goal.

With the victory, KSU has now outscored their opponents by a

staggering difference of 28-7.

While fans might have seen the game as a heated rivalry, Dreger insists it's a healthy one.

"What's great about that game is that it's a charity game. It's an exhibition. It builds our Georgia rivalry. I enjoy playing against them, and their coach, John Hoos, is a great guy, so it's a fun traditional game," said Dreger.

Dreger also commended the great fan support.

"We had great fan attendance, which is something we want to see continue. It was a close game until the third period, for the most part everyone stayed in the building and was part of an explosive third period where we scored eight goals," said Dreger.

KSU will be back in action against the Atlanta Junior Knights on Sept. 30, before hosting Alabama on Oct. 1.

Athlete of the Week:

Katrina Frost

A soccer player full of heart

Neha Ali
STAFF WRITER

"It was 106 degrees outside in the middle of summer," Katrina Frost stated as if reliving the moment. Her club team had made it to regionals in Texas and was facing the No. 1 ranked team in the country. They were down 3-0 but miraculously managed to come back and tie the game 3-3.

Time expired in double overtime with the score still tied. Finally, penalty kicks would decide the fate of the two teams battling for victory. "We ended up winning," Frost said, smiling from ear to ear.

"It was the most amazing game. It was fantastic; I just can't describe the feeling."

Frost remembered huddling with her teammates at the finale and then passing out on the field from exhaustion. She would never forget this day.

However, it wasn't the victory in the drastic heat that Frost gained from that experience. When asked what she got out of playing that day, she said, "I learned never to give up. It sounds cliché but you just don't give up. It doesn't matter how much you're down you can always come back if you have the heart."

Heart is what she brought to the

Owls. As a redshirt-freshman on Kennesaw State's women's soccer team, Frost feels at home. She transferred from the University of South Carolina after realizing the robotic, mechanic lifestyle of the Gamecocks wasn't what she was looking for.

"I love living and attending school here," commented Frost. "I see the luxury because my sister went to Berry College, and it literally looked like she lived in something out of Hogwarts."

Frost, 20, is a Georgia native straight out of Fayetteville, where she attended Starr's Mill High School. She was raised by her parents Gary and Martina Frost in a family-oriented household.

"I can count on one hand how many games my parents have missed for both me and my sister," said Frost proudly.

Her sister Viktoria, 23, has always been one of her heroes growing up. Viktoria Frost played soccer at Berry and was Katrina's inspiration to play the sport. Katrina says she was always enthusiastic about attending her games and watching her older sister play. Frost also has a magnificent amount of love for her grandmother who resides in Germany. She is always motivated to stay in touch with her family overseas.



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Double Major in Psychology and Criminal Justice
Favorite Soccer player: Lionel Messi

"I love everything about the whole teamwork environment," she said after being asked why she loved soccer so passionately. "It's a fun game. It's physical and highly intense."

Both her parents have supported their daughters to play the game. It's Frost's German heritage that really brings out the family love and the love for the sport. She applies this love towards her team. She says her teammates are like her second family. They even have formed their own rituals before each game. Her favorite is dancing to the song "Wop" with her fellow sophomore teammates and having everyone else join in.

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Owls soccer gets off to upsetting start in conference opener

Neha Ali
STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team fell one goal short against the Belmont University Bruins Friday night, leaving the score 2-1.

With a slow start to the first half for the Owls (4-4-1), the Bruins (4-4) had taken a 1-0 lead off a corner kick in the 13th minute of

obtain another goal, but the Owls defense was dominant.

"They beat us to the ball all over the place," said Owls' head coach Rob King.

Nevertheless, KSU lacked offense much of the first half and beginning of the second half.

"The first half started slow; it was just a very disappointing performance," said King. "We had a very good week in practice, but



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Seniors Alyssa Mahan (24) and Kaite Schwartz (12) helped lead KSU to a 4-0 win.

the game. Bruins midfielder Jamie Loftis managed to deflect the ball into the net after her teammate sent it towards the goal.

The Owls tried to answer when senior forward Alyssa Mahan jolted down the left side of the field, passing the ball to midfielder Katrina Frost. Frost went for a solid shot, only to land it straight in the arms of Bruins' goalkeeper Nicole Berner. Belmont responded with speed and had several more opportunities to

we didn't really show up tonight."

When asked what he told the girls during the break at halftime to boost their esteem, King said, "We couldn't play much worse."

The second half looked better for the Owls when a corner kick tied the game in the 59th minute. Sophomore midfielder Kelsey Barr, assisted by teammate Lexi Hastings, headed the ball directly into the right side of the goal for her second of the season.

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So does being around a group of young women get tiring for Katrina? Ironically, her favorite thing about this team is the fact that they are the epitome of the perfect team. According to Frost, they hardly ever have drama. To her everything is a team effort.

"Life is a team effort," she said. "I couldn't ask for a better set of girls to play with."

For this season, Katrina wants to help win their conference and make it past the first round in the NCAA tournament.

Like any student-athlete, Frost tries to maintain a good relationship with her team and her teachers. After being asked about her social or student life, she replied, "Student life? When do I have a life! It sounds sad but I spend a lot of time studying. I have a few friends outside of the team, but when I'm not on the field I'm in the books. Hopefully in the spring we will have more time for a social life."

With her double major in

Psychology and Criminal Justice, Frost is planning on working for the Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI. She eventually hopes to go work overseas in Germany or London and continue to travel around the world.

KSU has welcomed her with open arms. Her striking goal in last week's game against the University of West Florida showcased what she has to bring for the rest of the season.

Frost is aware of her strengths and weaknesses and will continue to work on those. She will continue to give 100 percent so she has no regrets. She says, "I can say that for a lot of the other girls so I do feel like it's a team effort."

"We love support," she said excitedly. "The more support we can get would be awesome."

The Owls face Belmont University to begin their conference games on Friday Sept. 23. After this weekend, they will face Stetson University at home on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

Volleyball's struggles continue as they drop fifth straight match

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

KSU's volleyball team has continued to break records this season, despite not being able to finish with victories.

On Saturday night, sophomore Sara Metroka broke the KSU record for career assists, registering the 1,597th of her career, but the milestone was one of many this season that have been overshadowed by the gloom of defeat.

The Owls dropped their first two conference matches of this season at home this weekend against the Belmont University Bruins and the University of Lipscomb Bisons, falling in a 0-2 hole in a very competitive Atlantic Sun Conference.

KSU entered the season with very high expectations, and faced tough adversity with a 5-10 start to the season in non-conference tournaments.

But the Owls are now showing that conference play could be just as difficult. The Owls were picked by A-Sun coaches to place second in the conference behind Lipscomb.

Belmont, which defeated KSU in four sets on Friday, has been a surprise in the conference with a 10-6 record.

Lipscomb is currently in second place, while the Owls are in seventh place out of ten teams. The conference season has just started and the Owls are in a hole.

"All losses are humbling," said head coach Karen Weatherington. "It's a good wake up call for us because we have the talent and we have the ability. We just have

to realize it's not going to just happen, and we still have a lot of new faces and inexperience. So we're going to continue to gel together, and we are just really fortunate it's a long season."

KSU looked sharp out of the starting gate, winning their first conference set of the season 25-19, but Belmont responded with adjustments that evidently paid huge dividends.

The Bruins won the next three sets 25-19, 25-17, and 25-11.

"We started out quite well and stuck to our gameplan and did a really good job with sticking with what we were hoping to do to affect Belmont," said Weatherington. "We did that well in the first set, but they came out and made some adjustments and we just didn't respond. That's a testament to a good Belmont team and a good Belmont coaching staff"

Just a day later, KSU suffered a 3-0 defeat from Lipscomb, which once again flexed its muscle in the conference.

However, the Owls were much more competitive, losing sets to the tune of 25-21, 25-22 and 25-21.

"Lipscomb has proven time after time that they know how to win those championship points," said Weatherington. "That's the level we are trying to get at as a team."

The loss to Lipscomb puts the Owls at 5-12 (0-2) with 11 conference games left on tap.

The Owls are in the midst of a five game losing streak, which they will try to snap on Sept. 30 when they face the University of North Florida Ospreys in Jacksonville.

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The Bruins answered with another goal minutes after the Owls scored, giving them a 2-1 lead. Gretchen Sutch snuck the ball past Owls' goalkeeper Melissa Hutto, leaving KSU shocked.

Kennesaw had several opportunities to tie the game, including a free kick from Frost, but the team wasn't able to capitalize. Frost ended the game with six missed shots.

During the last 10 minutes of the game the teams battled with fouls. Belmont had a total of 12 fouls compared to the Owls' six by the final of the homecoming match.

Shortly after the loss, Owls' fans enjoyed a fireworks show sponsored by the KSU Alumni Association.

For Sunday's game, which kicks off at 1 p.m. against Lipscomb University, coach King said his plans are "to play better."

Kennesaw has two home games remaining this season against Stetson University on Friday, Oct. 7 and Florida Gulf Coast University on Sunday, Oct. 9. They will finish their season at USC Upstate on Oct. 23.

Aussie rugby coach Conyers came for the sport, but stayed for the community

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David Conyers, a 53-year-old from New South Wales, Australia, and current KSU student, has a sole purpose for being in the country: rugby.

Conyers, who first visited the U.S. in 2007, says his life has changed completely since making his first trip to the states.

"In 2007 I came here," said Conyers. "The coach at KSU at the time, Randy Joseph, invited me to come back here and coach here. I was only coming for three months, but I fell in love with Georgia and the people. The only way I could stay long term was to come back as a student."

"After 30 years out of school I've come back to school as a sports management major, which I'm halfway through now. I met a girl and got married, so my life kind of turned 180 degrees."

Conyers is now the head coach of a young but very successful rugby team here at KSU. The rugby team, founded in 2005, is one of many club teams on campus that have excelled in the past 10 years. The hockey team and



David Conyers

cheerleading team, like the rugby team, have won championships in their respective leagues.

KSU won the state title in the Georgia Rugby Union Championships in 2008, defeating Georgia twice.

Since then, the team has won games in multiple tournaments and has been promoted to the top division of the league.

This year, the team will face some top tier competition.

"In our province we have Middle Tennessee State University, Georgia Southern, Emory, Life, and Arkansas B teams. In the South league there are five teams from the state of Florida," said Conyers.

Conyers says his team is about divided in terms of solid rugby experience.

"A lot of the guys we've got now played high school rugby. And they've got a couple years of high school rugby under their belt. A lot of the first years guys we've got now, it's probably about a 50-50 ratio, depending on where they came from," said Conyers.

The team has recently received a brand new rugby pitch, but Conyers still knows there is work to be done to keep bringing up the program.

"We've got a great facility and we're sort of in the process of trying to get the rugby name out into the school. A lot of kids at the school don't even realize we've got a rugby

team," said Conyers.

Conyers isn't just spearheading the rugby team here at KSU. He's also very active in promoting sports here on campus, as well as in the community.

He recently started a radio show with Owl Radio called Club Sports Up Front. Each week, a different club sports team at KSU is featured on the broadcast. Conyers says it's a good way to help get the rest of the students interested.

In the community, Conyers is promoting the sport to the younger generation. He thinks it's a vital process in expanding rugby here in the states.

"I think that's the problem with U.S. rugby. Kids aren't playing the game early enough, so there's no long term development to be competitive at a national level," said Conyers.

Conyers is now the youth director for the Georgia Rugby Union, and hopes to promote youth rugby by setting up camps.

"I'm in the process of setting up some rookie rugby camps around some of the schools, and getting rugby into elementary and middle schools so that we can have kids go into high school now with rugby experience," said Conyers.

KSU's team will face its first competition of the season on Nov. 6, when the Owls take on other Georgia Rugby Union teams.

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