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Record-breaking unemployment rates spur silent demonstration



Greg Bieger
STAFF WRITER

One hundred and fifty students filed out of the Social Science Building Oct. 19 at 4:40 p.m. as part of a silent demonstration they organized to raise awareness about unemployment rates among college graduates.

The students, dressed in business attire, made two concentric circles around the globe statue and held signs that read, "I am your future nurse," "I am your future attorney," and "I am your future journalist."

On the other side of their signs, students wrote state and national statistics about graduation and unemployment rates. These signs said that the current unemployment rate

in Georgia is 10.2 percent, but is 22.4 percent for college graduates. The students' signs also said that 22 percent of college graduates are working jobs that do not require a college degree, and the average salary is \$27,000 for a \$56,000 education.

KSU student Alexandria Walton is worried about the amount of money she is spending and borrowing for a college degree, which may or may not benefit her in the future.

"I really wanted to put a face to the statistic," Walton said. "I have looked at college as a free pass to a job, and I have recently learned that there is a strong possibility that I will not have a job after graduation."

KSU student Tyler Couch said the unemployment rate for college graduates is the highest on record as he held a sign that asked,

"What is my engineering degree going to be worth?"

KSU Sociology Professor Raeda Anderson, the facilitator for the demonstration, said the demonstration was the students' idea.

When asked why the demonstration was silent, Anderson said, "I learned that there are two ways to get people's attention; either be very quiet or be very loud."

Anderson said the most incredible change she has seen in her students after participating in organizing the demonstration is when underclassmen look at her and ask, "Well, what else do I not know about?"

Anderson said she was excited to see students get out of their bubbles and become aware of social issues facing themselves, their families and their friends.

Photos by Amy Goode and Dayna-K Keane-Dawes

Left, Erica Sato, Rachel Veldman, Eric Henderson, Mohammad Ullah, Shiori Hamasako, Kelsey Hoydar.

Right, Andrea Emmett and Brittany Young representing their future professions.

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—Alexandria Walton

Media Law in the Digital Age addresses new challenges

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The Center for Sustainable Journalism sponsored a conference on campus Oct. 22 that covered topics ranging from the impact of the Wikileaks controversies to the legal rights of reporters when filming and photographing police activity.

Guest speakers included New York Times Vice President and Assistant General Counsel David McCraw, Executive Director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press Lucy Dalglish, and Carlos Miller, author of the blog Photography is Not a Crime.

In the opening plenary, McCraw and

Dalglish discussed the U.S. government's response to Wikileaks and what it means for journalists.

The U.S. government has been using the Espionage Act to prosecute leakers, whether they be government employees or the average citizen, Dalglish said.

There are provisions that apply to people who have access to and leak information, as well as criminalizing both the possession and publication of the leaked information, McCraw said. There has not been a successful prosecution against a publisher in the 90 years that the law has been in effect, McCraw added. This is what makes the possibility of the U.S. using the Espionage Act to prosecute Julian Assange so unusual.

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New York Times Vice President and Assistant General Counsel David McCraw and Executive Director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press Lucy Dalglish.

Photo courtesy of Noah Echols



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Dr. Papp and Chancellor Huckaby at the beginning of the conference.

USG chancellor visits KSU

Alisen Redmond
NEWS EDITOR

University System of Georgia Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby met with President Papp, members of his cabinet, the media and student leaders Oct. 20.

The new chancellor said a committee is currently working on the criteria for future college mergers within the USG, and the first merger candidates will be announced by December 2011.

Huckaby said he believes merging will help the USG system save money in administrative

costs and allow universities to hire more full-time faculty instead of relying heavily on adjunct and part-time faculty.

Huckaby said he has not seen any issues arising from being one of only two members on the Board of Regents with a background in education.

Huckaby also said he sees no conflict of interest with one of the members of the BoR, the administrative body that approves increases in fees and tuition rates, also serving on the board of United Bank, a financial institution that offers loans to

subsidize the rising costs of education.

Huckaby said he does not intend to reverse the BoR ruling that bans students without immigration papers from five Georgia universities.

Members of the BoR are appointed by the governor, and the USG chancellor is elected by the BoR.

According to the USG website, Gov. Nathan Deal's most recent appointee to the BoR served as the statewide chairman of the Deal for Governor Campaign.

SGA BEAT

USG mergers and funding changes on the horizon

Tiffany Reardon
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association met Oct. 20 to discuss changes in the University System of Georgia and events and issues pertaining to KSU.

The funding formula for schools in the USG is being changed. Currently it is based on enrollment, but there is a new committee for funding that will base funding on graduation rates, retention rates and other things of that nature.

There was another committee formed that will merge universities and colleges throughout the state of Georgia.

SGA President Ronald Wilson said the new signs for smoking areas have not been ordered yet because they have to be redesigned. Wilson also said that the SGA is talking about how to punish students who do not obey the rules after larger and more appropriate signs are in place.

Wilson met with Director of Sports and Recreation Tara Parker about how they plan to maintain facilities

when they begin construction on the new gym. "I was assured that we do not have to worry about that because they are actually going to build a new phase, which is going to be from what is currently where the tennis courts are, all the way back until you get to the softball complex," Wilson said. Students will be able to use the old gym while the new one is being constructed.

The Parking Committee said they would like everyone to respond to the zoned parking survey that is currently in student email inboxes, and feel free to leave comments because they are reading all of them. So far, there have been about 3,800 responses to the survey and about 700,000 words of comments.

On Feed the Future, Wilson said that the SGA will be partnering with Greek Life to gather non-perishable foods for the pantries in the health clinics on Nov. 3. There will also be a Thanksgiving lunch in the Student Center's Leadership Room on Nov. 8 from 12-2 p.m. Admission will be three non-perishable food items or \$3 for students and \$5 for faculty and staff.

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Highlights from Media Law in the Digital Age

Access to Government Information in the Digital Age

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The agency has three days to respond to an open records request.

There are exceptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Law and over 100 exemptions to the Georgia Open Records Act scattered throughout other pieces of legislation.

The Freedom of Information Act covers the federal executive branch. It covers independent regulatory agencies, not congress or federal courts. FOIA exemption categories include national security, internal rules and procedures, disclosures forbidden by other statutes, trade secrets, working pages of a report, personal privacy, law enforcement records, financial records and geological information.

-Carolyn Carson, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Citizen Media

-Using the Open Records Act to access audit reports is a good way to investigate a story, as is the IG Semi-Annual Report.

- John Jupin, Retired Federal Special Agent, FBI

Federal FOIA is broken.

When covering a trial, never talk to a juror while the trial is underway.

-Lucy Dalglish

Is Recording in Public a Crime?

Mobile Devices and Newsgathering

The media are permitted to remain outside police lines, as long as they remain lawful and do not interfere.

Wiretap laws have been used to prosecute journalists for recording in public, which was not their original intent.

In Massachusetts, the wiretap law says recording audio cannot be done surreptitiously or aid in the escape of a suspect.

The Illinois wiretap law allows audio recording only with the consent of all parties.

There is a First Amendment right to photograph in public that includes photographing police activity. This includes video.

Unless they have a warrant, police can only view the photographs on your camera if they have your consent.

Police can only seize your camera when there is reason to believe the photographs contain evidence that will be destroyed. This generally does not apply to the media because there is an assumption the content will be preserved.

If a camera is seized by police, they are required to provide a receipt and cannot search it without a warrant.

In cases where those photographing police activity have been charged with obstruction of justice or resisting arrest, the courts have ruled that the obstruction or resisting had to be physical.

Be respectful, be professional, and keep rolling.

-Mickey H. Osterreicher, General Counsel, National Press Photographers Association

The TSA and Homeland Security's suspicious activity reporting program includes photography as suspicious activity.

- Jeff Hermes, Assistant Director of the Citizen Media Law Project, Berkman Center, Harvard University

The TSA has been trained how to pat down photographers.

There has been no terrorist activity in the U.S. where there is evidence of buildings being photographed before they were destroyed.

Photographers are allowed to take photographs at TSA checkpoints, but asked not to photograph screens.

There is a war between police officers with photographers and citizens with cameras. It is worth the risk of arrest because if people do not take a stand, it will not stop.

-Carlos Miller

Police who violate the First Amendment rights of journalists, photographers and citizens with cameras either do not know the law or fear being caught overstepping their bounds.

- Valerie Cummings, Assistant Professor of Journalism, Howard University

Extra Advice

There are always digital fingerprints

- David McCraw, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, The New York Times Company

If it runs on batteries or electricity, they know what you are doing.

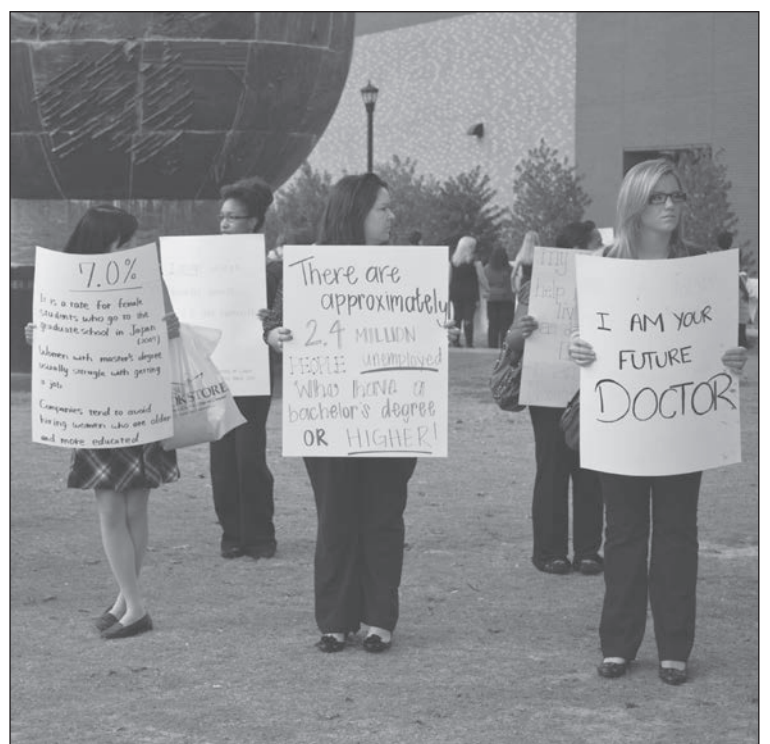
- Lucy Dalglish, Executive Director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Know your rights. Know how to have the confidence to exercise those rights respectfully and professionally.

Know everything. If you want to be involved in any form of journalism, learn how to write, take photographs, edit photographs, record video and edit video.

-Carlos Miller, Multimedia Journalist, Photography is Not a Crime

Silent demonstration raises awareness on college grad unemployment



Photos by Amy Goode and Dayna-K Keane-Dawes

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Dalglish said that in the past more senior intelligence officials would say they do not like leaks, but would also agree that in the past some leaks have been good for the public interest.

She says that atmosphere has changed.

Dalglish gave an example from a conference she attended with senior intelligence officials and journalists who work with intelligence.

"The senior manager said 'the first thing we did after Wikileaks is we got together; we had a meeting and decided there was going to be essentially a zero tolerance for leaks, period,'" Dalglish said. "Another thing that one of the other representatives said was 'you know, you folks

are so concerned about the federal shield law. Well guess what — we do not need you anymore because we already know who you are talking to, where you are going, who you are visiting, where you are staying, where your plane tickets are and everything else.' It was just about the most chilling thing I have heard in several years, actually, when it came to journalism."

Despite the aggressive prosecutions of leakers, there has not been less information coming out, McCraw said.

"The government takeaway here, to me, was exactly the reverse of what it should be," McCraw said. "In the wake of Wikileaks, the government focus was how can we keep secrets better, not how can we get more information to the

public so they do not have to rely on leaks."

McCraw also expressed his concerns about the lack of protection for those who see wrongdoing in the government or are concerned about over-classification.

"They do not really have protection," McCraw said about leakers.

A separate session led by KSU Associate Professor of Communication Joshua Azriel and Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Journalism Leonard Witt was also offered for students to clarify the issues facing publication of anonymous content like the leaked information found on Wikileaks. Students were given a brief history of the issue and then asked for their own feedback and opinions.

POLICE BEAT

--Compiled by Brittany Toland

Please see the no harassment policy in the syllabus

A KSU officer was dispatched to the Social Science building on a harassment call Oct. 3 at 10:16 a.m. An instructor in the building said she received several threatening telephone calls and emails from one of her students. The student had been disruptive during her summer sessions and she had called the police in July 2011 when the suspect struck another student with his walking cane. The complainant then produced the emails to the officer. The emails appeared to be apologetic in nature. The complainant said the student has emotional issues and physical and mental problems. The number one concern was that the student had just missed a quiz and harassed the complainant to make it up, saying that he had a right to it and would be seeing her. The instructor was advised to contact public safety if she had any contact with the suspect prior to normal class hours. She was also told a public safety officer would walk by her class during that time to make sure everything was okay.

She's just not that into you

An officer was called to the KSU Police Lobby Oct. 3 at 4:30p.m. in reference to a harassing communications report. The officer spoke with a female student who said a male

student in her English class had been harassing her over the phone via text message. The male student had received her phone number for a group project on which they were working. On Sept. 26, the female student decided to drop the class and informed each of her group members via text and told them she also wanted to give them her information in reference to the class project. The female student said the male texted her later that night and told her what she had missed in class that day. She responded by telling him she had dropped the class. On Sept. 28, the suspect texted her and asked if she wanted to go rock climbing. She responded by telling him that she had a friend that rock climbs. At this time the female student did not see anything out of the ordinary. The following day the suspect texted her and said he was going rock climbing either Friday or Saturday and asked her again if she wanted to go. She did not respond. On Oct. 1, she received another message calling her vulgar names and said she was "acting like the other ones." The female student had broken her phone earlier in the day and she responded by asking, "who is this?" due to the number not being in her new phone. The suspect responded by calling her a "whore." She then responded to tell the suspect that he had gotten her number for the class and now that she was not in the class he needed to delete her number. The suspect responded with further obscene language. The officer informed the complainant if the suspect continues to contact her, to call the police department. The officer also contacted the suspect and left a message warning him to stop making contact with the female.

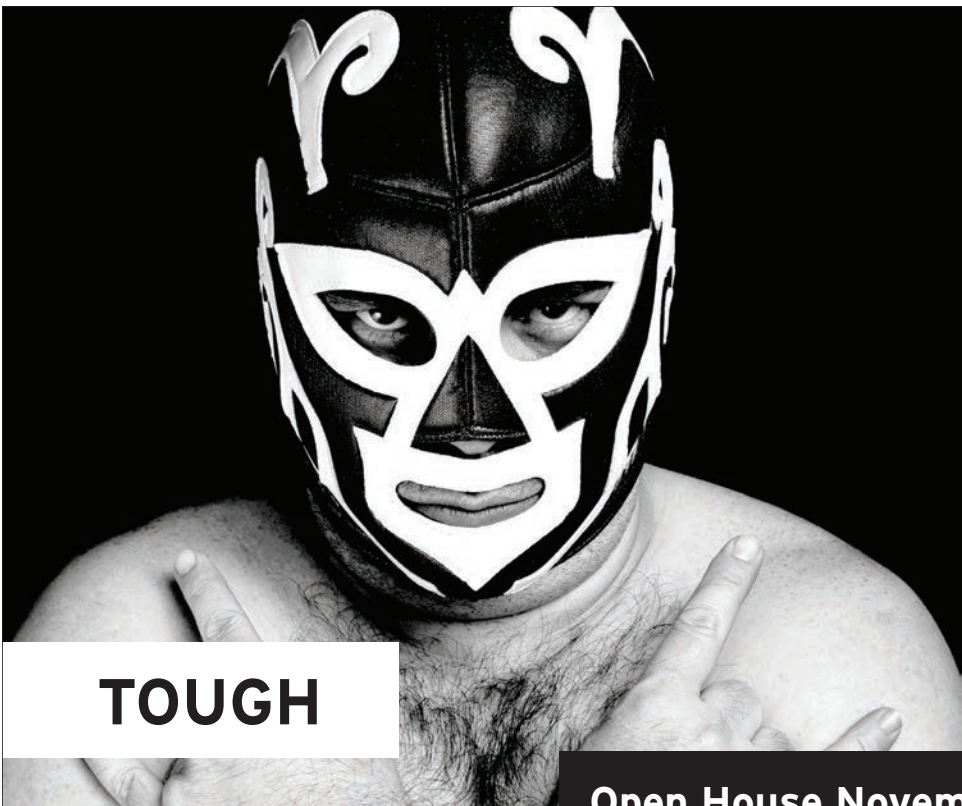
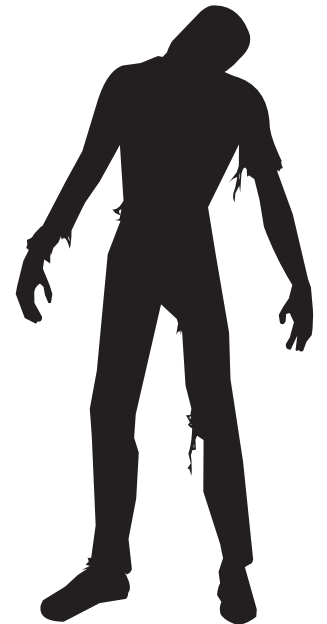
The last one standing wins the test

An officer was dispatched to the third floor of the Health Science building Graduate Lounge Oct. 4 at 8:41p.m. in reference to a verbal dispute and possible fight in progress. Upon arrival, the two female suspects were separated and said that while in a study group, a verbal dispute had

started over a test question answer. The two had exchanged words and one suspect got close to the others face. The complainant placed her arm out horizontally to distance herself and said the other female touched her arm and pushed it aside. There were no injuries on scene and no injuries reported. Both females were informed how to obtain a temporary protective order and how to contact a Cobb County Magistrate if they wished to file charges.

Snakes in the Place

An officer was dispatched to KSU Place on Oct. 11 at 7:45a.m. in response to an animal investigation. A female resident said there was a snake inside of the apartment. The complainant showed the officer where the snake was last seen, and said she had called animal control who were on the way. When animal control arrived, the police informed them that a snake was loose in the apartment. The officer located the snake coming out of the bathroom by the kitchen area and placed a small broom in front of the snake to prevent its escape. The snake climbed onto the broom and was escorted outside. The reptile was photographed and appeared to be a Cottonmouth snake. It was taken by the Cobb County Animal Control.



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Towards a smoke-free campus



Steven Watson
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There is no reason not to ban smoking from our school.

Student Government Association President Ronald Wilson said, in this newspaper, that he has decided to install larger "no smoking" signs around campus. He talked about avoiding a "drastic decision" and stated he "wants to make everybody happy."

Some smokers, perhaps even most, obey the signs. But those who do not will never do so, no matter how big the signs are. This is not a solution; it is just an expenditure. That money would be better spent on smoking cessation programs. There is one such program on campus, but there needs to be more. Smoking is an addiction, and most addicts cannot stop using without support.

I understand Wilson's reluctance to do something reactionary. But smoking is not just an inconvenience, like scarce parking or long lines at the dining hall. Smoking kills. According to the American Cancer Society website, smoking causes nearly 1 in 5 deaths in this country.

If you smoke, you are daily increasing your risk of eleven kinds of cancer. You are gambling with your life. You have a better chance of dying from cigarettes than from illegal drugs. If you are a woman, you are compromising your ability to have healthy babies.

Smokers are also at risk for Peripheral Vascular Disease. This condition decreases blood flow to your arms and legs. The Emory Healthcare website says that PVD can cause strokes and heart disease. You are risking your entire future when you smoke.

You are putting the rest of us at risk, too. A 2006 Surgeon General's Report linked secondhand smoke to lung cancer and heart disease in nonsmokers. According to the report, "there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke."

No safe level? That sounds pretty drastic to me. Smoking is the kind of problem that lends itself to a drastic solution, no matter what Wilson says. It is not practical to make smoking illegal- even though it kills more people than cocaine- because that would create another underground economy marked by violence.

So I would not support an effort to make Congress create an anti-smoking law. I do support KSU becoming a smoke-free campus. Students are always being squeezed for more money. Let smokers who flout the ban pay a fine. If security staff can enforce parking, surely they can enforce the non-smoking rule.

Here is one final thought. I quoted Wilson saying he wants to make everybody happy. That is a nice goal, but it is unattainable. Smokers know the consequences of their addiction. Encouraging them to quit, through a strict no-smoking policy and an array of smoking cessation programs, will not make them happy. But it might save their lives. Which is more important?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: Vegetarians Need to Eat too!

Dear Editor,
As I was reading an article in the most recent issue of The Sentinel, I was really moved by how a new KSU club, VEG for vegetarians, is really trying to make a difference for other students and themselves on campus. I agree with the VEG members that the campus should take the extra steps to provide more vegetarian options available for those who struggle to find food on campus. I used to live on campus myself and tried to eat, sleep and breathe as a vegetarian and failed extremely due to the lack of food options on campus. Being a student with absolutely no money in my pocket, I did not always have the option to leave campus with a full gas tank, as mine was always empty. I found through my personal experiences that it is really hard to live life as a vegetarian if there is no support surrounding you. My parents rubbed it in my face that they were serious carnivores and would not venture off the beaten path to experience something new. With that said, I hope to one day see more diversity in food for the students on campus as VEG accomplishes their goals.
Michelle Reese

RE: Sleep-out delusional, unproductive (Foster, OpEd)
While I am not a big Homeless

Awareness Week supporter, I believe it does not have to be exactly like the homeless live. Why? Because those participating are NOT homeless. They are simply protesting and standing up for what they believe in. Most young adults today do not protest or stand up for their beliefs like our parents and grandparents did at our age. The point of Homeless Awareness Week is just to raise awareness of the homeless, just like those who stand on the side of the street silently holding the anti-abortion signs are raising awareness that adoption is another option. Even if we do not agree with the message, at least they have the nerve to go stand out in the public and voice their opinion. We all can complain about the government, politics, society, etc., but until we are brave enough to go out and support a cause, I say you don't have room to complain.
Melissa

Re: Parking permits handed out like candy (OpEd)
First of all, don't be the first to cast a stone until you have walked in that person's shoes. Second, to have one of these disabilities, it doesn't have to show on the outside, which seems to be the bulk of what you are commenting on. I am a retired major who served 22 years active duty, have served through three wars and do not have one of these handicapped parking permits. I

meet at least five and probably six of the criteria stated in the law. BUT, I plan on seeing my doctor to apply for one ASAP. I have given half my life and ALL of my health to the defense of this country and having this small thing to help me is one of the least things the government and country can do for me. I understand your frustration and I, too, have seen others take advantage of this opportunity. Just don't jump to conclusions about everyone who claims a disability. And remember to thank a soldier or vet when you get a chance to. It really means a lot to us. Take care and have a blessed day.
Respectfully, Rob

Re: 'Sons of Anarchy' shows postmodernism at its best (Watson, OpEd)

What a fantastic article! I, too, love "Sons of Anarchy" for many of the same and different reasons. I was courted by many a biker in my not too distant younger days and even though I am happily in middle-class, middle-aged suburbia these days, I like watching these guys. My older daughter called me from Arizona the first time she watched it and said, "Mom, bikers aren't really like that, are they? Are they?" Well, Kurt Sutter does a wonderful job of writing and the actors are phenomenal. I am a long time fan of Ron Perlman and he is super in this role. Thanks for sharing a guilty pleasure!
Lynda McClain

Collections for Project Perfect Prom start, help young women in time for formal dance season

Caran Rice
STAFF WRITER

Have an old prom dress from a few years back or an old tuxedo that is just floating around in your closet?

Let it go to some good use as the Adult Learning Student Organization hosts its annual Anne Sbarounis Project Perfect Prom to help collect new, or like-new formal wear to be donated to youngsters within state foster care programs.

This formal attire clothing drive provides teens in the foster care system with prom dresses, tuxedos, shoes and accessories ALSO President Flora Lowe-Rockett said.

This service project, which has been named after to KSU student who first started the program on campus, received more than 145 donations last year along with a donation of 40 dresses from a local retailer.

Each girl that accepted a dress donation was also given makeup and hairstyle tips for her big day.

"Last year's drive was very successful," Lowe-Rockett said. "The dresses that were donated were

beautiful and ranged from all styles and sizes."

This year, Lowe-Rockett said that the program hopes to receive more donations of prom gowns, old bridesmaid dresses and other formal attire.

"Even if you feel like it's an old or ugly dress," said Lowe-Rockett, "it might not be to someone else. It's better for someone to get the chance to go to prom then not get the chance at all. It's such a special time in a young one's life."

The donations are given to the Foster Care Support Foundation in Roswell, Ga., and foster children from around the state will be able to pick from the selection in the spring.

Donations for this year's Project are being accepted until Jan. 12 at the Lifelong Learning Center in Room 261 of the Student Center.

Lowe-Rockett said this will allow for the group to get dresses cleaned and steamed before youngsters can try on them on.

For more information about Project Perfect Prom, visit: kennesaw.edu/clubs/also/events.html.

Arts and Living Editor Carolyn Grindrod contributed to this article.

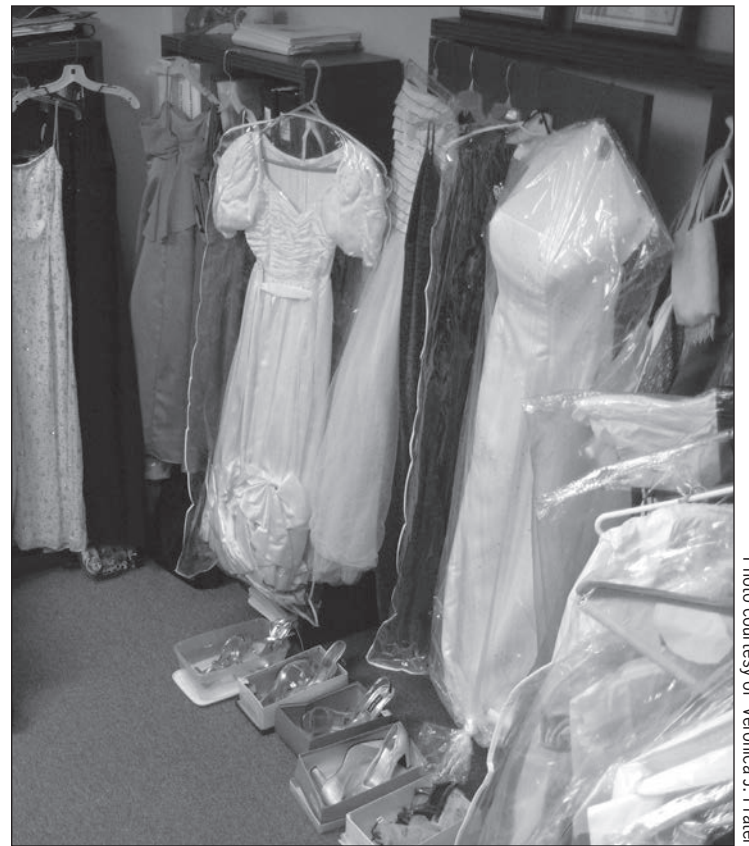


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Last year, ALSO collected more than 145 dresses to be used for the Foster Care Support Foundation. Dresses donations will be used by young women around the state for prom. Donations will be accepted until Jan. 12.

Ask Linda



Linda Spector Boehringer is a non-traditional student at KSU, who is currently juggling the joy of family life while returning to school to pursue an education in Nursing. Spector Boehringer lives in Kennesaw with her husband of 16 years, Werner, and her three children, Austin, 15; Farrah, 14 and Marley Rose, 5. Her inspiration to start an advice column stems from her grandmother, Rosy, who shared a passion for "Dear Abby" columns. With this column, Spector Boehringer hopes to create a closer-knit feel for KSU as well as help advise, listen and educate our campus community based on your concerns.

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT SEEKS OUT HOMEWORK HELP

Dear Linda,

This is my first semester at KSU, been out of school for several years and back to get my Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. I have a husband and three kids. My family coupled with classes limits my time. I need additional help on certain subjects but find that tutors can be very expensive. Does KSU offer any programs that can help with tutoring?

Sincerely,

Erica

Dear Erica,

First, just want to thank you for taking the time to send in your question, and it's a great question!

At the Lifelong Learning Center, second floor in the Student building, you will find math tutors that can help for free. You can get up to one hour as many times per week needed. It's a one-on-one setting with a tutor addressing any questions and issues that you are having trouble with. If time is an issue,

they offer online tutoring as well and it's done via webcam.

I was in your same situation when I came back to school and the services I received through the Lifelong Learning Center REALLY made it easier for me to understand the concepts.

On a side note, KSU has a Math & Chemistry Lab located on the fourth floor of the library also provides tutoring, but in a group setting for math and science help. KSU also has a Writing Center located in the English building that provides free tutoring for help with regard to English class issues.

Thank you again for writing and I hope this information helps. Good luck in the pursuit of your education. It's not easy, but it can be done. The trick is to take advantage of all the amenities the university offers. It's hard when you don't know what they are there, but via this column more people will become aware of the wonderful amenities the school offers in an attempt to help you achieve your goals.

"Cheers!"

Linda

SHUTTLE DRIVER WISHES TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

Hi, Linda,

I am following up on our conversation regarding financing for school. You know I want to go back to school but the money is stopping me. I am ready to get my degree but my budget can't handle it. You mentioned something about financial help and I would like to know more about it. Do tell...

Thanks.

Carol, KSU Shuttle Bus Driver

Hi Carol,

Thank you for emailing this question, another great question. At gafutures.org you will find everything you need to know. There's an application you can complete online or you can call them at 1-800-505-4732 or 770-424-9000 to see what funds you may be entitled to.

The loans and grants are just the beginning. There are SO MANY scholarships. On their home page you will notice a few tabs, career planning, college planning, finan-

cial aid planning as well as others. I encourage you to go into these sections and create and apply for a plan that works for you.

I hope these answers help encourage you to come back! An education is rewarding, not easy to obtain, but very rewarding.

Thank you for driving us around all day and for always being in a pleasant mood. Your smile and demeanor are a true pleasure. The KSU Transportation Department is very lucky to have you. Really appreciate all you do!

See you soon.

Linda

Got a question to Ask Linda? Email her with your questions about life, love or school at lspector@students.kennesaw.edu. Only first names or aliases will be used for anonymity.

Please submit all questions to Linda as an attached .doc file before Tuesdays at 5 p.m. to allow time for responses. The Sentinel reserves the right to publish or edit any received letters.

Adult Learning's Family Fun Day to hold carving, creative costume contest

BY STAFF REPORTS

If you are a student with children, you may feel like there are not many events on campus where you can bring your families, but not anymore!

The KSU Adult Learner Programs are hosting a free Family Fun Day on Oct. 29 in the University Rooms of the Carmichael Student Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages are welcome.

The program will be providing lunch, educational games, prize drawings, face painting and will be showing "Toy Story 3" for family enjoyment.

At 3 p.m., Odyssey Peer Mentoring will be hosting a



Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest that you can also attend.

Please visit the Adult Learner Programs website to register for the event so they can have a proper headcount for the meal:

http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/alp/formfamilyfunday.html

Staff Writer Caran Rice contributed to this staff report.

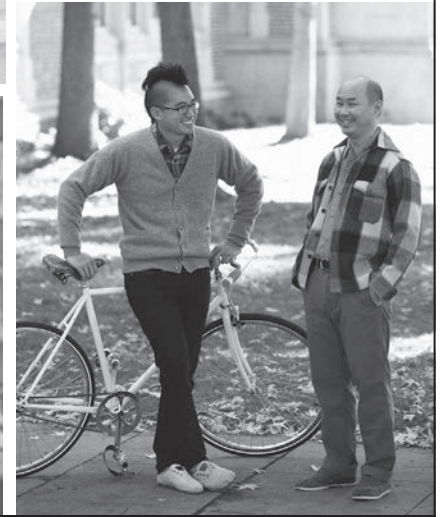
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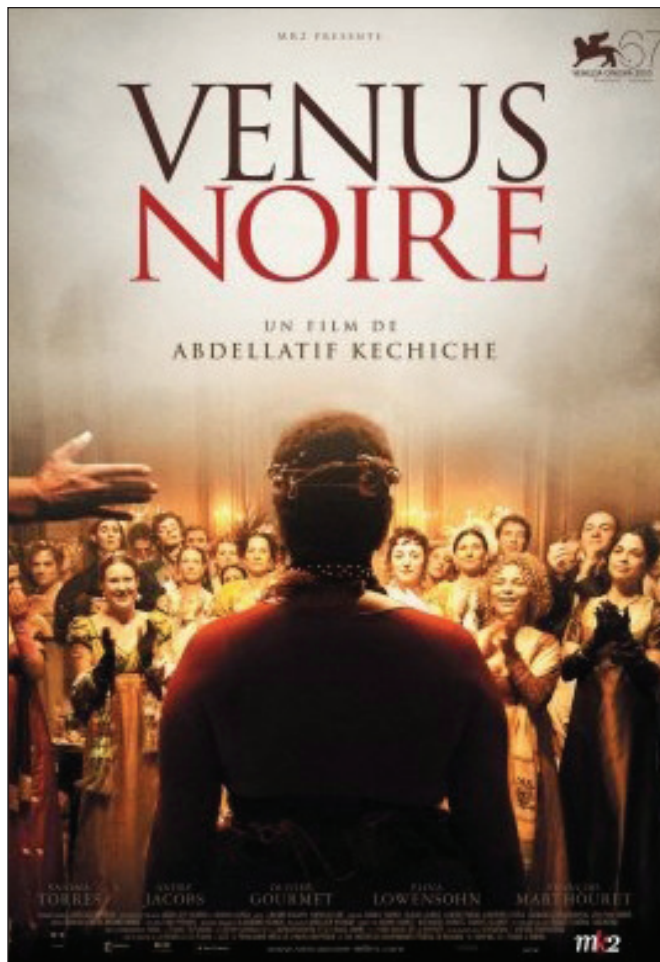
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'Venus Noire' viewing provokes thoughts on sexual trafficking, a tragic look at life of black prostitute



Michael Thomas
STAFF WRITER

If your inner anti-materialist film appetite is strong, the African and African Diaspora Studies Student Organization's free movie viewing night on Oct. 27 is sure to hit the spot with the French film "Venus Noire."

"Venus Noire" which will be shown at 5 p.m. in room 1019 in the Social Science building. It is a 2010 artistic film about the true life events of the Africa-native turned object of European lust, Saartjes "Sarah" Baartman, who left her tribal Southern African home in the early 19th century following promises of success in Europe, said senior and AADSSO President Eboni Holmes.

After being cast in various carnival acts, the public began to notice Baartman's unusually voluptuous body. Outside encouragement led her down a misogynistic-entertainment path which ultimately granted

her an early grave at age 22 by venereal disease.

The piece "Venus Noire," which translates to "Black Venus," portrays Baartman's story in a somewhat feminist light Holmes said. It relates to the present because the media is still presenting women in a predominantly sexual role.

"When I watch this movie, I see how it still relates to the way black women are often viewed: like, just as a body or just to be exploited... I see a Sarah Baartman Syndrome in the way the media portrays us... [it is] never in a soft or beautiful light, it's always vulgar," said Holmes.

The idea to bring this film to an educational setting came after Holmes saw a video online describing Baartman as the original "video vixen."

Although she already recognized the name from one of her African studies courses, Holmes said she had never thought about the issue the way the video suggested.

"What happened to her is still happening to women in the videos today, you know?" Holmes said. "They're lining them up, they're picking the one with the biggest butt, they're putting her in the littlest clothes and they're zooming the camera in and out and in and out."

The event's three stages kick off with



Eboni Holmes

an African storyteller and ends with a group discussion about the film.

Students attending will learn that sexual exploitation in entertainment

is not a new idea, and that it can be dangerous.

"If you do not know your history then you are destined to repeat it, and I feel like it is necessary for women to see this and know how important it is to honor yourself and honor your body," Holmes said, "I hope we grow from her story."

The AADSSO is the Registered Student Organization counterpart of the Center for African and African Diaspora Studies that stands as an academic and cultural group. The group aims to go on field trips and invite speakers to KSU several different times throughout every semester.

Since the majority of them are seniors this year, they more than welcome new members Holmes said.

For more information on the group and their events, visit: aadssso.ksuclubs.com/executive-board-3.



Christy Rogers
STAFF WRITER

Abroadening your horizons

Essay contest provides gateway to travel

I'm going to use this week's column to advertise an exciting opportunity for my fellow travel enthusiasts across campus. The Education Abroad Office is holding an essay contest for students who have participated in a study abroad experience. I am incredibly excited about this opportunity because it is a way for study abroad students to share their experience and connect with the student body in a unique way.

To enter, you must write no more than 750 words that fit into one of four categories: A Day in the Life, Service Learning, A Moment in Time or Before and After. Submissions will be accepted Nov. 1-Dec. 12. You may only enter once.

Your essay will be graded by five to ten staff, faculty and/or community members based on the criteria of adhering to the topic, spelling/grammar/punctuation, content and creativity/originality.

If you win, you will be assisted by an advisor in editing your paper to prepare it for print. This process will take place the week of Jan. 9-13. Your essay will be published alongside other winners in various forms of student media (yet to be determined).

If your study abroad experience impacted your life as profoundly as it has impacted mine, this is so much more than an opportunity to showcase your writing skills and win a prize. As Global Ambassador in the Education Abroad Office Jennifer Porter said, "this is a chance for students to process their journey, share their stories and teach other students about things they have learned abroad."

I know firsthand that the first three things to happen when I returned home were:

- Culture shock.
- A desire to talk incessantly about my trip.

- My friends and family's quickly waning desire to look at my pictures and hear me chatter on about the experience they didn't get to have.

This is why I love writing this article so much and am so excited about this contest. Sharing your stories and reliving the memories helps you feel connected to the experience in a very real way and helps you feel the changes the trip brought about in your life more keenly. There are few topics I love talking about more than my time in Paris, and I hope that other students who have been moved by their excursions to foreign countries will tell the student body about their experience.

For more information and in-depth descriptions of the categories, prizes and judging criteria, visit <http://www.kennesaw.edu/study-abroad/essaycontest.html>



SIT DOWN AND I'LL TELL YOU A TALE

SPOOKY GHOST STORIES TO DELIGHT AND FRIGHT JUST IN TIME FOR ALL HALLOW'S EVE.

CHRISTY ROGERS STAFF WRITER

For those of you confused by the weather Halloween in fact is just around the corner, not Christmas or the Fourth of July. (Crazy ups and downs, eh?)

To get in the Halloween spirit you could decorate your dorm or apartment with ghosts, black cats and pumpkins, stay up late watching slasher movies and thriller flicks, go to the 13 Stories Haunted House or something like it, curl up with a cup of coffee and read or share some local ghost stories! Whether or not you believe in ghosts, it can be fun to investigate some of these occurrences for a Halloween thrill. So, The Sentinel has collected a few local tales from local areas to satisfy your ghostly appetite!

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD

It is rumored if you walk to the edge of the battlefield, you will see fog roll through the field and hear drums beating in the distance. As you near the main trail, red eyes will suddenly start to emerge from the fog and you will hear the sounds of running footsteps and gunfire. As the fog thickens, the smell of blood and gun smoke permeates the air. Visions of shadowy Confederate soldiers with bayonets will appear and will follow you back to your car

CAMPUS GREEN

It is said that the Frey family once had its farm on KSU's land and the campus green is built on top of its pet cemetery. In the late 1800s, the farmer shot his rabid blue-tick hound in the head with a shotgun and then dragged the body in circles around the outskirts of the present day campus green. Some have reported seeing a dog with his head split open chasing cats on the campus green.

SIX FLAGS

In the '70s, a 9-year-old girl was hit and killed by a car where the Amoco gas station is near Six Flags. Visitors of the park have reported a little girl coming up to them crying for them to help her find her mother. They begin to follow her, but barely go 10 yards before realizing she has completely vanished.

Another story out of Six Flags is of a performer at the Crystal Pistol Music Hall who died in a car accident on his way to work one day. He still lurks in the music hall watching performances from the balcony. Employees have reported hearing singing coming from backstage only to discover no one is there, and finding props missing only to have them turn up later near the railroad tracks next to the theater.

THE SHAKESPEARE TAVERN

The story goes that during a production of "Henry IV" in 1993, the actor playing Falstaff came out of the dressing room looking distraught. He had seen a young boy dressed in a velvet suit next to his dressing table. Other actors over the years have reported hearing voices, and some people avoid a certain room on the top level of the building because it gives them a clammy, cold, paranoid feeling.

KENNESAW HOUSE

The Kennesaw House in Marietta has been featured on ghost hunting shows frequently due to its rumored 700 ghosts. The building was used as a hospital during the Civil War. Many people claim to have seen the ghosts of soldiers there, and even reported walking into a room and witnessing a full-on operation in progress.

THE MASQUERADE

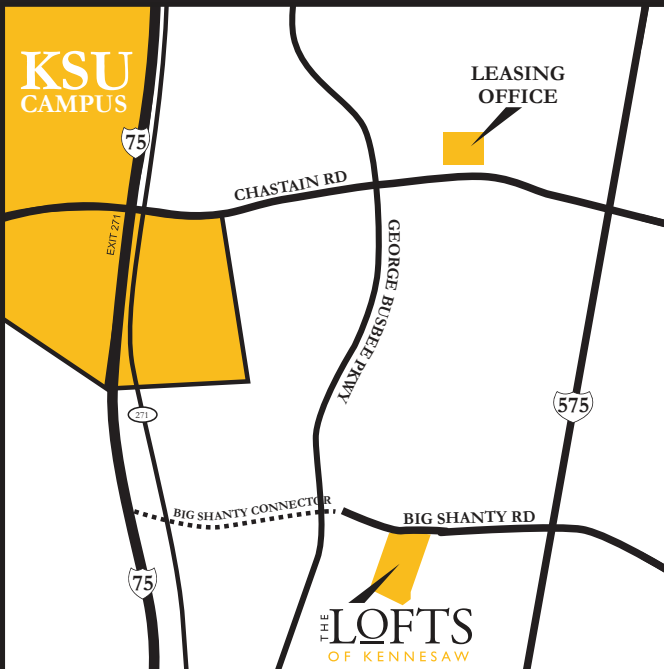
Many college students are probably familiar with this music venue in Atlanta, but you may not know that the building was once a textile mill where several young girls died in accidents or from tuberculosis due to dangerous working conditions. Employees have reported hearing shrieks, footsteps and other noises during non-business hours.

Got a good ghostly story you wanna share with the rest of KSU? Think you can scare the pants off us? Feel free to find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/ksusentinel](https://www.facebook.com/ksusentinel), and give us your best tale! The Sentinel wants to hear from you.



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It was a graveyard smash: Resident Hall Association's Monster Ball to provide Halloween entertainment

Megan Emory
STAFF WRITER

Bobby "Boris" Pickett and the Crypt-Kickers ain't got nothing on this one.

Get ready to dance the ghoulish night away as the KSU Residence Hall Association hosts its annual Monster Ball on Oct. 31 in the University Village Center. In previous years, the ball has been held in other areas on campus such as The Commons and the Student Center.

"This will be our first year using the new venue so we are very excited about that," said Brandi Dyer, event coordinator for the RHA.

The Monster Ball, which will start at 9 p.m. and last until midnight, is essentially a costume contest, but those who attend are not required to come in a costume, said Dyer.

Attendees in costume will be able to win a handful of prizes in different categories, including scariest costume and cutest couple.

Those who are not comfortable dressing up will still be able to have a good time with many different activities during the

night, said Dyer.

In addition to costuming, there will also be a live DJ for entertainment as well as, free candy, prize giveaways and more. The first 100 people to arrive will get a free Monster Ball t-shirt, said Dyer.

"The major difference in this year's Monster Ball is that there will be tons of candy, but no food," says Dyer.

In addition to the Monster Ball, there will be a haunted house in the KP Clubhouse starting at 8 p.m.

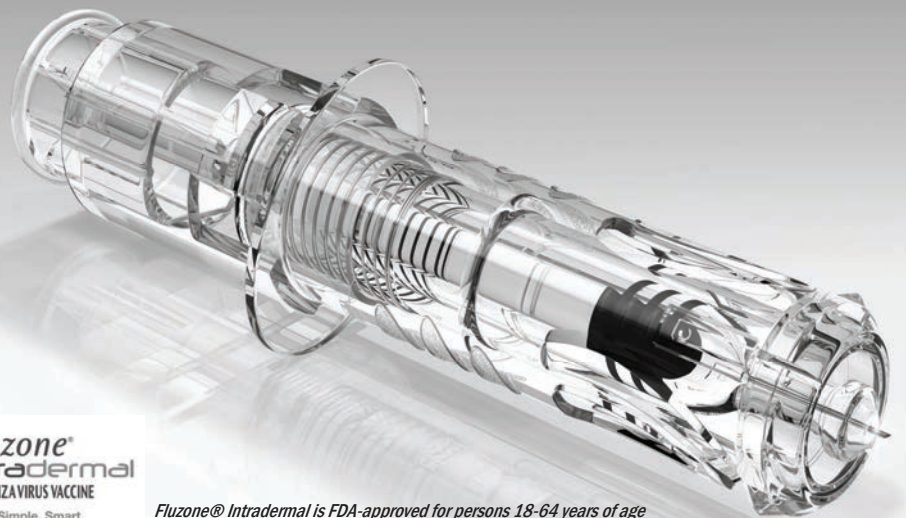
"The haunted house is our biggest and newest change to the event and we are very excited for everyone to enjoy the addition," said Dyer.

The Monster Ball began at KSU in 2002. The first resident life coordinator, Amy Wyre, named the event after the movie "Monster's Ball" starring Halle Berry. This is the second year that the Residence Hall Association has been in charge.

Dyer said that everyone is welcome to attend the event, even non-residents.

"We hope that everyone comes out and enjoys the Monster Ball and haunted house dressed in their best costume," added Dyer.

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Senior and Sociology major Jasmine Stinson works under a massive spiderweb in the freshly decorated Card Services office on the second floor of the student life center. The web is part of the department's extensive decor for this year's Halloween.

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HORROR SCOPE

Oct. 24-30

Libra: Sept. 23- Oct. 23

Saturn continues to remind you about all the spooky things that aren't working in a relationship. You might be feeling like you're caught in a web. You aren't a negative person, but you could be feeling like a scaredy cat. Talk with a therapist, minister, or witch doctor to explore your options.

Scorpio: Oct. 24- Nov. 2

You're ready to seduce someone and suck their blood. Sultry Venus is putting you on the prowl. If there is a shy werewolf who is suddenly single, you could decide to put the moves on him. Or if a nice zombie girl in your apartment building smiles, you might ask her out for a bite.

Pisces: Feb.19- March 20

As Venus leaves your sign, you're in the midst of some romantic upheaval, but not twilight style. You might be worrying that these storms will last forever. They won't. By the end of the week you'll have a much sunnier attitude about everything, so much so you'll sparkle.

Aries: March 21-April 19

The sun has been creating some changes in your personal life, and you might be feeling a bit like the living dead. Just remember, it will take a little more time for the dust (and dusk) to settle so you can start feeling like your creepy self again. Try taking some alone time if you suddenly find yourself craving Wes Craven.

Aquarius: Jan. 20- Feb. 18

You'll receive lots of ghoulish invitations this week as Mercury picks up the pace. Don't sit at home moping and zombing out in front of the TV. You'll have fun if you try hanging around in some different places, like Elm Street, and taking a stab at a new friendship.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22- Dec. 21

Be open to the unusual this week. Uranus is kicking up some wacky and wild energy. You might end up hanging out with some friends in a different back alley in town and meet a ripped doctor named Jack, who is totally into you. Or you could become attracted to a foreign or mysterious stranger with a sexy accent, say from Transylvania.

Gemini: May 21- June 21

As Mercury finally goes direct, things that were once on hold will start to move forward again. You'll be bloody busy in both your personal and your professional life. Manage your time carefully. It could be challenging to skillfully remain in one piece. This one's for you, Dexter.

Cancer: June 22- July 22

Your feelings for someone are getting even more intense. The moon is turning you into a hairy fool for love. Your partner might have troubles handling your constant need for touching and mumbling about brains. Don't strangle your honey. Give him or her room to breathe.

Leo: July 23-Aug. 22

As Venus moves into a ghostly sign you'll be ready to make the passage to the other side. If you've developed a crush on someone, you'll find yourself thinking about them constantly. But don't think about playing out a scene from that Patrick Swayze/Demi Moore film. If you've been in an on-again, off-again relationship, you'll give your partner a final ultimatum...Life or Death.

Capricorn: Dec. 22- Jan.19

Your honey might be being more demanding than usual (zombies usually are), and you could feel like the pressure of the earth is falling six feet on top of you. Don't fall into bad communication habits and just ignore everything. Talk about things over a bottle of wine and be affectionate while you're chatting. Just remember, beware of bathrooms.

Virgo: Aug. 23- Sept. 22

The sun is increasing your sex appeal and enhancing your confidence. Why don't you do some smart shoppin' at S-mart. You'll realize just how sexy you are and stop hiding away like a shy hermit. You know, red *really* does look good on you.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Don't die over that up coming interview with your devil of a boss, the nervousness with pass in time. slow down and take a relaxing coffin rehearsal nap, you deserve those few extra hours of shut eye. Once you wake you will feel new again but that's just because you have died and gone to heaven.

KSU volleyball proving dominant down A-Sun stretch



Jodi Walden | The Sentinel

The Owls celebrate a their win in a huddle.

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

KSU's women's volleyball team has finally hit their stride in the 2011 season, and they aren't showing signs of slowing down.

The Owls are in the midst of a very

impressive six-game conference winning streak, in which they have won matches with 18 set wins and just 3 set defeats.

Their latest victims were USC Upstate and East Tennessee State, which both fell at home to the hands of the Owls' potent attack this past weekend.

On Friday evening, the Owls easily

handled USC Upstate, winning 3-1, thanks to a dominating performance that included 21 kills from senior Justine Young and a career-high 24 digs from senior leader Alyssa Lang.

The match was competitive early on, with the two teams trading set victories, but the Owls used dominating set wins of 25-16

and 25-14 to run away with the match.

KSU continued its success Saturday afternoon, sweeping the sets against East Tennessee State for a 3-0 (25-13, 25-21, 25-18) victory.

The weekend's victories added to what was an already outstanding winning streak for the Black and Gold.

The Owls entered the weekend with a four-game winning streak that included two road victories in Jacksonville. KSU only had two set losses, both by the score of 22-25, during that span.

KSU's recent dominance in conference play has reassured a team that struggled mightily to get going this season.

The Owls started the season with a lackluster 5-12 record, which included a number of sweep-losses and a five-game losing streak with conference play losses to Belmont and Lipscomb.

KSU entered the year with very high expectations, projected to finish second in the Atlantic Sun Conference behind Lipscomb—the only team to defeat KSU last season in conference play.

With the addition of an attacking force like Young, and the return of key seniors Lang, Rachael Albright, and Holly Knight, the Owls appeared to be a force once again this year.

But, a rough start and an 0-2 beginning in conference play raised some temporary red flags.

See VOLLEYBALL Page 14

Soccer finishes season with decisive win

Michael Foster
SPORTS EDITOR

KSU's women's soccer team just missed out on qualifying for the Atlantic Sun Conference championship tournament, but it still managed to finish the season on a positive note with a 4-1 victory over USC Upstate on Sunday afternoon.

Seniors Shelby Cosby and Alyssa Mahan were among goal-scorers in the game, scoring their final goals in an Owls uniform during a second half barrage.

Cosby scored in the 65th minute, while Mahan received a pass from Cosby and put the ball through the net in the 80th minute to help extend a decisive lead.

The Owls opened the scoring, however, in the first half with a goal from redshirt freshman Jewelina Strickland.

Its other goal came from arguably the best offensive weapon in the conference, redshirt freshman Katrina Frost. Frost nearly had two goals in the game, but missed one thanks to an unfriendly crossbar.

Frost, who played her first season as an Owl after transferring into KSU from South

Carolina, finished the year as the team's leading goal and point scorer.

She also finished the season tied with East Tennessee State's Genna Peterson for the A-Sun scoring title.

KSU's victory over USC Upstate finalized its regular season record at 7-8-2 (3-5-1 A-Sun).

Head Coach Rob King enjoyed ending the year on a high note.

"The girls controlled the game, generated a lot of chances and put them away in the second half," said King. "It was a fitting way to close out the season today."

In a heartbreaker, the Owls finished just a game behind its rival, Mercer, in the final conference standings.

Mercer defeated the Owls in their lone matchup on Oct. 14, winning the contest by a slim margin of 1-0.

KSU followed that match with a 1-1 tie against East Tennessee State. Those



Dana Dimulesca | The Sentinel

Senior Katie Scott (17) played her final game for the Black and Gold on Sunday.

two matches turned out to be costly as KSU finished seventh in a conference that qualifies its top six teams for the postseason.

Despite missing the playoffs, the Owls finished the season in style. Not only did it outscore USC Upstate 4-1, but the Owls outshot them by a dramatic margin of 30-3.

Also, junior goalkeeper Melissa Hutto recorded her 100th career save in the victory.

Hutto had a number of saves during the year that King referred to as, "world class."

KSU will say goodbye to a stellar cast and crew in seniors Cosby, Mahan, Kristin Marietta, Lauren Ruffini, Katie Schwartz, Katie Scott and Brittany Vining.

All seven seniors were part of a 2009 conference championship and accounted for five total all-conference selections.

VOLLEYBALL from Page 13

Now, the opposition appears to be raising the white flags.

KSU is now 6-2 in conference and has grabbed a 4-3 road record. Their overall record is also almost back to .500 at 11-12.

Thanks to their recent winning ways, the Owls have climbed to fourth place in the Atlantic Sun Conference standings with four matches to play.

Currently, the conference is headed by Lipscomb (9-0). Belmont and Florida Gulf Coast

are tied for second place at 7-2 in the conference, while the Owls are just a half game behind at 6-2.

KSU's next two home matches are at home against the same two teams they just easily defeated.

East Tennessee State and USC Upstate will play against KSU on Friday and Saturday night respectively.

Following the weekend's slate, the Owls will get a chance to make a significant move in the conference standings with head-to-head matches against Lipscomb and Belmont.

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Athlete of the Week: Delbert Love

*Freshman basketball player
takes on life in the South*

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STAFF WRITER

Being a recent high school graduate makes Delbert Love the youngest player on the men's basketball team at KSU.

As he spoke to The Sentinel, his excitement about this season could be felt without a doubt. "I'm just anxious about the first game," he commented. "I want to see the atmosphere and experience being on the road and travelling with the team."

Love is excited about the Owls' game against the University of Wisconsin on Nov. 12. He is also excited about the Ohio University game, which is close to his home. He hopes to see his family and friends there.

Love grew up in Cleveland, Ohio where he lived his entire life. His mother Danita Love and older brother Jovon Love were his main supporters. Jovon Love is 11 years older than Delbert Love, but he doesn't mind the age difference because Jovon Love has been both a brother and a father figure in his life. Nevertheless, he has also been Delbert Love's biggest critic.

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"At first, I didn't really understand my brother's criticism, but as I grew older, I learned to appreciate it. It made me a better person. Instead of getting mad, I began to correct things. I'm very thankful for that, very thankful," Love said.

Growing up in Ohio, basketball wasn't Love's first choice of sport. He started out liking football, playing running back, receiver and linebacker. "I started playing around with

basketball in middle school, but when I got to high school my coaches pretty much told me I had to pick one," said Love. It was his adoration for basketball that allowed him to make the choice between the two sports.

His preference for basketball eventually led him to KSU. "I was in the last signing period," commented Love when asked what made him choose KSU. "Everyone was on my back about signing and where I was going. When Coach Preston asked me to come down and visit, I fell in love with the place."

Love said he wanted to experience the South because he had been up North all his life. He likes the feel and environment of the campus, but also the basketball program at KSU.

When he first arrived at the school, Love only knew the coaches. He thought he would have a hard time fitting in, but his teammates were quick to make him feel comfortable.

"I love all my teammates; they're all different in a way. From sophomores to seniors, they all have their own traits, which I like. I kind of listen to the sophomores on the team more, who are also my roommates." Brandon Dawson, Andrew Osemhen and Nick Turner have shared their freshman stories with Love to help him make the change from high school to college.

Besides his roommates, Love also looks up to his senior and junior teammates Spencer Dixon and Markeith Cummings. "They know a lot," said Love playfully. He was surprised his older teammates didn't pick on him as much as they did with the freshmen last year. "That's cool with me," he stated.

KSU is beginning to create a place in Love's heart, but he still misses his family. "My mother works a lot. She works the whole week, so it's hard for her to come down here."

Fortunately, Love speaks to his family everyday. He said he understood he wouldn't get



6'0

Guard

Favorite music genre: Rap

Favorite movie: Friday

Favorite Motto: "Never settle for less than your best"

to see them as often when he made the move to KSU but knows that when they get a chance they will visit.

Family has always been an important factor in Love's life. "My mother has been my biggest inspiration," he said. She is a single parent who managed to support two sons. Love noted how she never stopped believing in her sons. Although she couldn't make it to college herself because of having to raise her sons on her own, she knew her sons would fulfill her dreams of obtaining a higher education.

As he continues to progress academically, Love definitely wants to graduate with a 3.0 GPA or above. He hasn't decided on a major, but he has a good idea he will pursue his degree in criminal justice because of the law and forensics aspects.

"In terms of basketball, I want to win the A-Sun tournament every year and win the NCAA tournament, but overall, I just want to develop and continue to grow."

Since he's been here, Love has received many words of wisdom, but the best advice he said he received was from Head Coach Lewis Preston. He said Preston told him to make this year his year, not to let this opportunity slip past him and to take advantage of it.

Love said he has also given his teammates advice, even though he's the youngest player. "I'm a team player, and whatever I have to do for the team I'm going to do it," he said.

See Love and the rest of the Owls at home, as they face University of West Georgia on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in an exhibition matchup.

Owls look good on paper, great in pre-season

Matt Bradshaw
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis program hasn't added five players to its roster since signing seven freshmen in its inaugural recruiting class of 2007.

Of those seven players, only two names remain four years later, team captains Simon Janik and Tyler Mills. As seniors, Mills and Janik will be joined by four talented freshmen recruits and another senior, Michael Browder, a 6'6" transfer student from the 2011 Southern Conference Champions Samford University.

Factor in juniors Gokalp Ozdemir and Gianni Kubin along with sophomore Ryan Spencer and this new roster gives Coach T.J. Greggs a lot of options for conference play in the spring.

"I know other teams are looking at us and saying, oh wow they've got a lot of good freshmen now," said Greggs. "I could be starting four freshmen and that's tough to face four new faces [in the conference], we're in a good spot right now."

The new faces have looked just as good in fall tournaments this pre-season as they do on paper. Senior Tyler Mills has enjoyed much success in C and D flight singles tournament draws. Coach Greggs has found a few promising doubles teams mixing the freshmen in with his veteran players.

"The doubles line up could be anything this spring, I feel like we've got a lot of people who can play good doubles," said Coach Greggs. "Spencer and Pena won at Buffalo, Kubin and Ozdemir took third at Austin Peay, Tyler Mills and Louis Theodor were in the final. I feel anybody (on the new roster) can play doubles for us and when Browder comes in, obviously I'll count on someone who's 6'6" and has good hands at the net."

With the ability to win in doubles against Atlantic Sun Conference teams, the depth the Owls have in singles make them a conference threat for the first time in the program's history. Seniors Mills and Janik have often been forced to play in the top spots of the singles line-up and at times have struggled. The expanded roster and new talent gives Mills and Janik a chance to dominate outside of the No. 1 and 2 positions. Mills is optimistic about his potential new role and opportunity.

"This year we are planning for me to play at the four, five and six spots, I'm winning the draws in

pre-season tournaments against the four, five and six players," said Mills. "When I'm playing in the bottom three I should be winning almost every single match."

Mills, who won singles titles in the pre-season at the Austin Peay Invitational and the Steve Baras Fall Classic, attributes his success to experience and time in his offseason spent teaching tennis at Cartersville Country Club. Mills and Janik have always been solid performers for the Owls; the experience that Mills and Janik can bring to the lower line-up spots could prove quite successful in the Spring.

"Two biggest things for my success, are one, coaching over summer, and two, my confidence level is pretty high," said Mills. "The tough matches are still going to happen and it's just something I have to deal with. I can move on from bad matches now and I really take advantage when I have the good matches."

The attitude in the locker room is different according to Mills; the team is working harder and the seniors want to seize this opportunity. "Me and Simon (Janik) as the two captains, we have the leadership to where we can help these young players stay the course. The work ethic on this team even with freshman is way higher than I could have ever anticipated. I honestly feel like we have a definite shot at winning the conference tournament."

Coach Greggs shares in the excitement of this new team and its possibilities, but he also knows that Kennesaw isn't the only school to add new talent to its tennis roster.

"I expect us to be able to compete with anyone in our conference, to be in the hunt for title," said Coach Greggs. "But there are no bad teams in Atlantic Sun tennis now, one bad week and we could drop three spots in the conference standings; we're going to have to maintain some serious focus."

Serious focus is a big demand for freshmen; Owl tennis fans will have to wait and see if the young talent pans out but for the first time in the program's history, the Owls are a serious Atlantic Sun contender and without doubt a team to watch.

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