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ELECTION ISSUE

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SNEAK PEEK



ROMNEY

OBAMA

ECONOMY

Wants to: lower taxes and regulation, loosen financial-industry regulations, and create a balanced budget.

Proposed: tax breaks for domestic production and penalties for outsourcing jobs.

EDUCATION

Supported No Child Left Behind and said Obama administration's Race to the Top program made sense but still said the federal government should have less control over education.

Approved waivers to free states from No Child Left Behind and got approval for college tax credit and more Pell grants for low-income students.

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT

Wants to accelerate drilling permits, open outer continental shelves to oil drilling, as well as Western land, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and offshore Alaska, and claims the cause of climate change is unknown.

Increased fuel economy standards, achieved first-ever regulations on gases blamed for global warming and toxic mercury pollution, and spent money on green energy. Proposes ending subsidies to oil industry.

HEALTHCARE

Promises to repeal federal healthcare law, though it's similar to the universal healthcare he achieved as governor of Massachusetts. Wants to expand tax-advantaged medical savings for insurance premiums and personal medical costs.

Passed healthcare law banning insurers from denying coverage with pre-existing conditions, gave tax credit for middle and low-income people, and provided access to new markets for people uninsured by their employers and states may opt out.

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POLLS

CNN, Reuters and Gallup polls are three of the most trusted to predict the outcome of the 2012 election. At the time of publication, the poll numbers were:

CNN

OBAMA: 48%
ROMNEY: 47%

REUTERS

OBAMA: 47%
ROMNEY: 48%

GALLUP

REGISTERED VOTERS-
OBAMA: 48%
ROMNEY: 48%

LIKELY VOTERS-
OBAMA: 46%
ROMNEY: 51%

NEWS

DEBATES OVER AS OBAMA, ROMNEY race to reach 270 electoral votes

Shaddi Abusaid Staff Writer

President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney met Monday evening at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., to discuss foreign policy in the third and final debate before the Nov. 6 election.

The 90-minute debate, moderated by veteran journalist Bob Schieffer, focused on the international role of the commander in chief. On the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Schieffer reminded both candidates that every president faces threats to our national security from abroad. The topics covered political turmoil in the Middle East, the recent embassy attack in Libya, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, U.S. defense spending and America's role in the global economy.

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Romney began by discussing the recent turmoil in the Middle East. He mentioned the 30,000 civilians killed in Syria and the recent terrorist attack on the American embassy in Libya before reminding Americans that Iran is “four years closer to a nuclear weapon.” Romney

congratulated Obama for taking out Osama bin Laden, adding that we need a “comprehensive and robust strategy” to reject radical violent extremism.

“My first job as commander in chief is to keep the American people safe,” Obama said. “That’s what we’ve done over the last four years.

“I know you haven’t been in a position to actually execute foreign policy, but every time you’ve offered an opinion, you’ve been wrong,” Obama said. “What we need is strong, steady leadership, not wrong and reckless leadership that is all over the map.”

The two candidates had fewer disagreements over foreign policy than they had over the domestic issues of the first two debates.

“Romney failed to distinguish himself from the president on foreign policy, often agreeing with Obama’s policies,” said Kenneth White, Political Science professor and faculty adviser to the KSU Young Democrats. “It’s still Obama’s race to lose.”

On occasion, the candidates got off topic and began discussing domestic issues. Romney said that if he gets elected, the first thing he’ll do in office is “get rid of Obamacare.”

“There are a number of things that sound good, but frankly, we just can’t afford them,” Romney said. “That one doesn’t sound good, and it’s not affordable.”

Romney accused Obama of wanting to reduce military spending. Obama reminded him that military spending has increased every single year that he’s been in office and “we spend more on our military than the next 10 countries combined.”

International Affairs major Patricia Cox said that Obama knew more about foreign policy but that Romney won the debates overall.

“I don’t know if Obama could fully recover from the first debate,” Cox said. “I think it will pull some independent voters.”

The Nielsen Company, which measures television ratings, estimated that 59.2 million people tuned in to watch the final debate. Those viewership numbers were down slightly from the first two presidential debates, but historically, Americans have been less concerned with foreign policy than with domestic issues. A study conducted by Rasmussen

Reports shows that the economy remains American voters’ top concern this election.

As the Nov. 6 election nears, the presidential candidates are deadlocked in the polls. Some polls show Romney with a slight advantage. Some show Obama with a slender lead, and others show that the candidates are tied.

“The national race is tight in terms of the popular vote,” White said. “But the Electoral College system is how presidents are elected, and Obama has more ways to reach 270 Electoral College votes than Romney does.”

RealClearPolitics, a political news and polling data

aggregator, listed 10 states as “toss-ups,” meaning they could go to either candidate. The states are Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. Look for both candidates to campaign in these states in the days leading up to the election, as they contain 131 of the 538 electoral votes. A candidate needs 270 electoral votes to win the presidency.

“I think that Romney has done enough to pull it off, but it’s going to be incredibly close,” said Weston Slaton of the KSU College Republicans. “These next two weeks are going to be crazy.”



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OWL EVENTS

Cydney Long
Contributor

Don't miss any OWL Events! Check back each week for a new calendar of KSU's upcoming events. Don't see your event? We want to know! Please send event information to newseditor@ksusentinel.com

Wednesday

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- Coffin Decoration Novelty Student Center Rotunda 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- Mid-Day Motivation Campus Green 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- KSU Monster Ball Location TBA 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Thursday

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- Deadline to Petition to Graduate for Spring 2013
- CNN Public Speaking Showcase Entry Deadline 12 p.m. Registration required at <http://communication.hss.kennesaw.edu/>
- Building Democratic Culture in Ghana: A Model for West Africa Social Science Building Room 1019 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- Registrar Workshop: The Degree Works Way Student Center Room 261 4 p.m.

Friday

2

- Phi Beta Sigma Neo Night
- Student Center University Rooms 7:15 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Saturday

3

- KSU German Club: Volunteer Hayes Elementary School Contact Sara Pool at spoole@gmail.com 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday

5

- La Tavaka Italiana Student Center First floor 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Delta Sigma Theta: Stereotyping and Labels
- Student Center Leadership Room 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

POLICE BEAT

Rebecca Smith Staff Writer

Police Beat is compiled weekly from Kennesaw State University's Safe and Sound Police public records. Names are removed for privacy.

MANHUNT

An officer was on foot patrol near Pilcher Library when he noticed a person standing on the roof of Willingham Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 11 p.m. When the officer approached the building and called out to the person to come down, not one but three students emerged. The students claimed to be playing a game of "Manhunt" and said they had climbed the building to hide. Each student received a Judiciary and was advised to find less adventurous hiding spots in the future.

TWO YUENGLINGS

An officer was on George Busbee Parkway on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 1:40 a.m., when a white Ford Taurus drove by going 60 mph. The officer initiated a traffic stop and when the male driver lowered his window, the officer noticed a strong smell of alcohol. When asked if he had consumed any alcohol that night, the driver admitted to having two Yuengling beers. The driver tested positive for alcohol and failed the Standard Field Sobriety Evaluation. He was placed under arrest for drunken driving and speeding and was put in the back of the patrol car to be transported to Cobb ADC.

While en route to the police department, the handcuffed driver managed to get his cellphone out of his back pocket and dialed his friend from the back of the patrol car. The officer overheard him attempting to give his friend their exact location, and when the officer pulled the car over to retrieve the cellphone, the arrested driver tried to sit on it so it could not be confiscated. The officer got the phone, and upon arrival at Cobb ADC, the driver became disrespectful and uncooperative, and made statements such as, "I hate all you cops." He was released to Cobb County Police Department.

KSU RELAY FOR LIFE FOUNDER DIES



Photo courtesy of KSU Relay For Life's Facebook

KSU Relay for Life Founding Event Chair Laura Stewart.

Founding Chair for KSU's Relay for Life Laura Stewart died Thursday Oct. 26, 2012 at the age of 20. Stewart started the first KSU Relay last year. The American Cancer Society said a memorial service is being planned for friends and family.

SGA BEAT: NEWS AROUND CAMPUS

Lindsay Stapp Contributor

The Student Government Association attended the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Marietta 5K walk and run last Saturday at Grover Park on the Square.

The American Cancer Society designed the event to raise awareness about breast cancer and raise money to help fight the disease.

Desire2Learn will replace GeorgiaView Vista beginning spring semester 2013. Students will be required to change their student password to fit new security regulations. The

passwords, which presently gain access to Owl Express, GeorgiaView, student email and other school sites and systems, will have to fit a new 12-character format. Students will start receiving notifications to change their password through their student email starting Nov. 1. Notifications will continue until Jan. 21, when individuals will be locked out of their sites if they have not changed their password.

The Anything Is Possible 5K race will take place on Nov. 4 at 1:30 a.m. at the Town Center

Mall, when daylight saving time official ends and the clocks get turned back one hour. The idea is that people will finish the race before they began it. Runners receive entry into a post-run pajama party and various race-related awards. There is a registration fee, with one of the benefiting charities being the Veterans Resources. Learn more and register at anythingispossible5k.com/locations/atlanta.php.

The university is exploring the feasibility of providing a campus-based childcare facility.

A survey for all students with or without children has been sent distributed via student email to assess the need for such a facility. So far, more than 3,000 surveys have been completed.

"On the Fly," a service that allowed students to take food back to their apartments or outside, was supposed to be expanded and moved to the Student Center but has been cut for this year due to budget restrictions.

WHERE ARE THE THIRD-PARTY CANDIDATES?

Shaddi Abusaid Staff Writer

In American government, third parties often have a difficult time participating in the political forum. People with similar views often come together to gain political power, but the American political tradition has largely consisted of only two parties.

The American political system is a "two-party system" because our elections consistently come down to the majority of people voting for one party or the other.

"Third-party candidates have always existed in the United States," said Michael Zeman, vice president of the College Libertarians of Kennesaw State University. "But their presence has always been severely limited in the public eye."

At the time the Constitution was written, there were no political parties. Delegates certainly had differing opinions about the course our new nation should take, but the groups were not organized into political factions the way they are today. In fact, George Washington warned Americans of the dangers of political divisiveness on the American government in his farewell address:

"They are likely, in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

The nation's first political parties, formed by members of George Washington's cabinet, were the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists. The Federalist Party was created in large part by Alexander Hamilton, while the Democratic-Republican Party, or Anti-Federalist party,

was created by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

The Federalists supported a strong central government that included a standing army and a national bank. The Anti-Federalists, on the other hand, were concerned that such a strong central government could trample the rights of individual states. Thus the American two-party system was born.

"It's hard for third parties to get on the ballot today simply because they are not popular or well known," said Political Science Professor Kenneth White. "They lack the support required to get on the ballot or become part of the debates."

The closest a third-party candidate has come to winning a presidential election was Teddy Roosevelt and the Progressive Party in the election of 1912. The Progressive, or Bull Moose Party, was created after a split in the Republican Party between Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. The two candidates ultimately split the vote, giving the White House to Democrat Woodrow Wilson. Theodore Roosevelt, however, won 27 percent of the popular vote in the best showing of any third-party candidate in a presidential election.

"The two parties have a vested interest in keeping third parties out because third-party candidates pull away votes from their candidate," White said.

Third parties often gain support because people are dissatisfied with the policies of the two major parties. Libertarians, for example, are generally fiscally conservative but socially liberal, advocating smaller government with more freedom for individuals. Because of their unique stance, they typically draw supporters from both sides of the political aisle.

"Third parties provide a

vehicle for those people who feel disenfranchised by the two major parties," said Donna Merrell, instructor of Political Science. "One of the issues is that voters who want to vote for a third-party candidate often feel as if they are 'wasting their vote' because the candidates are not likely to prevail."

One major issue with third-party campaigning is that they lack the financial resources to compete in major elections. According to a recent CBS article, Democrats and Republicans have spent more than \$1.7 billion on 2012 presidential race. Campaign

contributions come from individuals and corporations.

"Democrats and Republicans have a stranglehold on the political process," Zeman said, "especially when one considers corporations supporting the two-party system with massive donations directly to campaigns, Super PACs and lobbyists."

Political Science Professor Ralph Durham said a major third party emerging in today's political climate would require a lot of money. It would also need "a galvanizing central issue that has majority support" and a "charismatic high-profile

candidate." But the main thing it would need, Durham said, is a lot of money.

"They are further weakened by interest groups donating mainly to the two major political parties," Merrell said.

"I don't think a third party can come into being in a major way unless there is a significant monumental event or movement that effectively kills the popularity of an existing party while simultaneously presenting an attractive third-party candidate," White said.

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A LIBERTARIAN SPEAKS

Greg Bieger Senior Staff Writer

Judge Jim Gray, the vice presidential nominee for the Libertarian Party, spoke on the KSU campus on Oct 22.

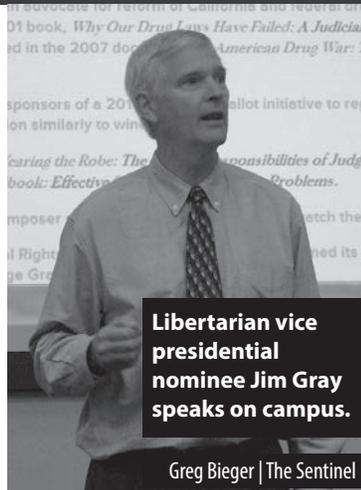
Gray spoke to more than 40 students on a variety of topics, including education, the federal budget and U.S. military presence abroad.

"Please," said Gray after being introduced and welcomed by applause. "You have to make people earn their applause."

"You are all in debt," Gray began his speech, referring to the federal deficit, which is more than \$16 trillion. "This is really serious stuff," he said. "We are like Greece right now, only we don't have the EU to bail us out."

The event was hosted by the College Republicans of Kennesaw State University (CLOKSU) and held in an auditorium in Prillaman Hall.

"It is an honor to have him here," said Michael Zeman, vice president of CLOKSU. "I am excited to hear what he has to



Libertarian vice presidential nominee Jim Gray speaks on campus.

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say and am very pleased with the turnout."

Chuck Donovan, the 2012 Libertarian senate candidate introduced Gray by saying, "There are a lot of choices in our lives. The places where we have the most choices seem to be the places that are working the best," Donovan said. "But when it comes to politics we're told you only have two choices, Democrat and Republican."

"Today the federal government has usurped so

much power from the people," Gray said. "The bureaucracy of federal government, I assure you, is really good and effective at one thing, and that is increasing the size and the power and the expense of big government."

Gary Johnson and Jim Gray are running for office as the Libertarian Party and said they hope to receive 5 percent of the popular vote. If the Libertarian Party receives 5 percent of the popular vote, the Federal Election Commission will have to match their funds in the 2016 race with money from the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

Johnson and Gray said they plan to run in the 2016 presidential election. "We hope this will be the beginning of the end of the two-party system," Gray said.

For more information on the Libertarian Party, visit LP.org. For more information on CLOKSU, visit cloksu.com.

STUDENTS SHARE MISCONCEPTIONS about political jargon

Greg Bieger Senior Staff Writer

A student survey conducted by the KSU Sentinel reported that the single most important issue in this election for students is the economy.

However, many students were unable to accurately define what "the economy" means as a political issue. Students were also unable to accurately define what "human rights," and "foreign affairs" mean as political issues.

The economy is defined as "the structure or conditions of economic life in a country, area or period," according to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary. Earlier this year USA Today wrote, "Americans have different and sometimes conflicting priorities on the economy and clashing expectations about what's ahead. The uneven impact of the Great Recession and the

uncertainty of the recovery have shaped those divergent views and with them the campaign appeals."

Merriam-Webster defines foreign affairs as "matters having to do with international relations and with the interests of the home country in foreign countries."

A blog hosted by The Washington Post illustrates that during the final presidential debate, conversation focused on the Middle East and China instead of on other issues abroad such as the European Union financial crisis. During the debate, Iran, Israel, Libya and Syria were mentioned 124 times. China was mentioned 32 times and Greece was mentioned only twice, with no mention of the EU.

Merriam-Webster defines human rights as "rights regarded belonging

fundamentally to all persons." According to HumanRightsFirst.org, "The next U.S. president will face human rights challenges from day one." The four human rights issues the organization names as most prevalent are national security, the Middle East, blasphemy and freedom of expression, and China.

In the case of national security, human rights watch groups are concerned about the use of torture in the name of national security. The other three issues concern U.S.-supplied aid to democratic nations in the Middle East, laws designed to limit free speech and free expression in an attempt to limit blasphemy against religions, and the Chinese government, which continually oppresses its citizens' rights to free expression.

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NEWS



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Kelley Altieri puts a voter sticker on her jacket after waiting since 6:45 a.m. at the North Springs Methodist Church precinct to cast her ballot on Election Day.

Early voting in Georgia is now open until Nov. 2. To find early voting center location and times visit sos.ga.gov/elections/countycontacts/AdvanceVotingDisplay.aspx

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Marietta, GA 30060-2251

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Powder Springs, GA 30127-4486

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Adamsville Recreation Center

3201 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW
Atlanta, GA 30311

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269 Buckhead Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30305

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Government Center

141 Pryor Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Cherokee:

Cherokee County Elections & Registration

400 East Main Street
Canton, GA 30114

Ball Ground Public Library

435 Old Canton Road
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2740 East Cherokee Drive
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2735 Old Auburn Road
Dacula, GA 30019

HURRICANE SANDY backhands East Coast



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCT CAMPUS

Greg Bieger Senior Staff Writer

The New York Stock Exchange preemptively closed yesterday in preparation for Hurricane Sandy.

At the time The Sentinel went to press, New York City had closed all of the public transit systems, as did Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia. According to CNN, more than 10 million commuters will be without

transportation during the storm.

Eighty-nine hundred flights in and out of the Northeast corridor have been canceled by airlines, halting travel for thousands of travelers, according to Flightaware.com.

Hurricane Sandy is predicted to make landfall Monday night or Tuesday morning near

Atlantic City, N.J. An estimated 10 million people in Sandy's path could lose power in the next few days as the hurricane hits land.

Some affected states have already seen winter storm warnings issued.

Check for updates on the KSU Sentinel website ksusentinel.com.

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Tricia Grindel Lecturer, Department of Communication



On Nov. 6, millions of Americans will flock to the polls to exercise a coveted privilege that is the cornerstone of democracy: the right to vote, to participate in shaping America's future . . . your future. Regardless of who is elected next week, what the new or incumbent president and Congress do over the next four years will have far-reaching effects on your future and the future of your children.

As college students, you should be looking forward to a future full of promise and opportunity, but if America maintains its present course, yours will be a generation saddled with debt and the fallout from a government that has become arrogant, divisive and self-serving.

Bill Clinton, who left office in 2001, was the last president to balance the federal budget. A little more than a decade later, the federal deficit stands at an alarming and unprecedented \$16.19 trillion according to U.S. Department of Treasury, as of Oct. 24, 2012. That's TRILLION, a number too astronomical for most people to comprehend. In other words, the \$16 trillion deficit amounts to a debt of \$51,629.64 for every man, woman and child who is an American citizen based on

U.S. Bureau of Census 2010 population estimates. Who will pay for a large portion of this debt? Look in the mirror.

The country is still struggling to recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s, and while the National Bureau of Economic Research declared that the Great Recession ended in June 2009, unemployment rates are still unacceptably high at 9 percent for Georgia and 7.8 percent for the country as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics stated in September 2012. Some families, which likely include KSU students,

afford it. What does that mean for your paycheck down the road?

The U.S. will face an explosion of senior citizens in the next two decades as the last of the baby boomers reach the age of 65. The number of Americans eligible for Medicare will increase from 47 million in 2010 to 80 million by around 2030. The number of people eligible for Social Security benefits will also jump from 44 million to 80 million during the same time period said PBS Newshour, Jan. 3, 2011. Both federal programs, at their current level of spending, are

just because they can, but most others because they can't afford to retire. More people in the workforce for a longer period of time means fewer lower-paying jobs for high school and college students—you and your future children.

Perhaps at no other time in the past 60 years has the "Great American Dream" been in greater jeopardy. America cannot continue to sustain itself on its current path. The wealthiest and freest country in the world face some critical issues whose solutions will require many years and many tough decisions by people you

“THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS ALSO A RESPONSIBILITY TO VOTE”

- Tricia Grindel

are still losing their homes to foreclosure and trying to dig out from under mounting debt. The housing industry "rebound" has thus far failed to materialize. Who will suffer from the years America spends trying to rebuild what has been lost? Check that mirror again.

Health Care Cost Institute said over the last decade, health care costs have risen more than three times faster than wages forcing employers to pass on to their employees more of the financial burden of health insurance and out-of-pocket medical costs. Gone are the days when employers provided fully-paid medical and dental benefits and pension plans; many employers simply can't

projected, by Associated Press, to become insolvent, Social Security by 2033 and Medicare by 2024. Who will bear the cost of providing these benefits to people who spent decades paying into the system? That mirror should be looking pretty familiar.

According to a May 9, 2012, New York Times article, the number of Americans working declined by 4.4 million since the beginning of the Great Recession, but the number of older people in the workforce grew 25 percent over the same time period. Today, a record 7.2 million people over 65 are employed, double the number 15 years ago. Americans are living and working longer, many

have the power to elect.

What happens on Nov. 6 will help determine what kind of future America will have, what kind of future you will have. The right to vote is also a responsibility to vote. Democracy succeeds only when citizens participate in the process. If you think your vote doesn't matter, think again. Nearly 10 percent of America's population is between the ages of 18 and 24. That's more than 30 million people, more than enough votes to make a difference in an election. So, do your homework and go to the polls next Tuesday to cast a ballot for candidates who have your best interests at heart. Cast a vote for your future.

WHY YOU MUST VOTE, AN OPEN LETTER



McKenzie Lowe Contributor

Dear KSU students, an important and historically significant event is approaching us. Days before Nov. 6, you are probably tired of hearing about the election, the parties, the debates and the candidates, but friends; this is an important decision to make. And our student body needs to be part of it. It is imperative that we play an active role in choosing our government leaders. You need to vote. Our twenty something generation is the least likely to vote in any given election, even though by 2015 we will be a third of America's population. If we actually speak, our voices will be heard. This is important when candidates are arguing decisions that directly affect our futures, like where to make tax or spending cuts. We need to be informed and involved, so that changes can be made such as shrinking the deficit or promoting equality in all aspects.

This election year there are two evenly matched candidates. Both President Obama and Gov. Romney have presented ideas that they think will help our economy and our people. It is our job as voters to be informed about where they stand and then make our decision. If you forgot or are not registered, there are always ways for you to get involved politically. Go volunteer at the polls, encourage your peers to vote or get involved with the coming KSU Student Government election.

It doesn't matter if you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something you made up yourself. Come next Tuesday, you should be at the polls, letting your voice be heard and deciding how you want your future to look.

LET THE NIGHTMARES BEGIN

Traci Hendrix Opinion Editor



Haunted houses have been preparing all year to scare willing victims and now is the time to test one's courage and fortitude. Americans spend incredible amounts of money to be frightened. According to AmericanFrights.com, the haunted attraction industry generates about \$300 million a year, most of which is made during the month of Halloween. Why are people attracted to this sort of thrill? Quite simply, people love to be scared.

Even in today's still-lagging economy, getting spooked in some form or fashion around Halloween is a priority for many.

The Metro Atlanta area offers plenty of haunted attractions to enjoy, from the returning and popular "Netherworld" to the newer "Zombie Apocalypse."

When choosing a haunted attraction, it's important to understand the options and what sets each apart from the others. Before shelling out \$15 to \$40 for the thrill, make sure the venue is worth the money. After all, few college students have money to burn. For example, "13 Stories" haunted house located near Town Center mall is known for its local myths and legends that they use live animals and bugs and give free admission to anyone who can make it all the way through. People go to "13 Stories" because of these false tales and pay a hefty \$22 to see for themselves if they are true, which they are not. Since 2004, people have been scared by an attraction that prides itself on using live actors instead of machines and animatronics.

The "Chambers of Horror"

haunted house, located in downtown Atlanta, is the only haunted house in the city that admits adults only. This venue claims its experience is gory and more violent than the others, think movies "Saw" and "Hostel." Another interesting difference compared to other scare stops is that each room is like being thrown into a horror movie scene, so if scary movies get you giddy, this is the place for you.

"People go to haunted houses for the adrenaline rush and the quick scare," said Cody Roberts, a Halloween Horror Nights employee at Universal Studios Florida. "They like to feel like a part of a movie, but walk through knowing it isn't real."

Halloween Horror Nights features seven haunted houses, street scares and a show called "Bill and Ted's Excellent Halloween Adventure." Universal Studios aims to satisfy all degrees of scare entertainment, which is exactly what attendees pay for: entertainment.

Halloween is the perfect

time for every type of person to experience thrill without the destruction of buildings or limbs. Whether you're the friend who reluctantly gets dragged along, the guy who takes the girl so she will think you're a fearless protector, a horror movie buff or someone who merely enjoys laughing at frightened friends, you'll pay to nearly pee your pants.

"It was more like a 'Wow! That surprised me!' experience rather than a 'That scared me to death!' one," said Netherworld visitor and South Carolina native John Ferrer. Ferrer's experience differed from the screaming females fleeing the site as masked men chased them with chainless chainsaws.

Each individual will have a unique experience and understanding of the haunted houses, depending on his previous disposition to the house's substance. "Netherworld" offers two houses: "Banshee" and "The Hive." If you want to pay a lower

fee, choose one or the other. If you enjoy bugs and screaming banshees, buy tickets to both. For lighter-hearted fright seekers, "Fear the Woods" is a \$15 attraction in Stockbridge, Ga., that offers a haunted hayride, chilling trail and zombie paintball, as well as the usual farm pumpkin patch and an unusual reptile exhibit. It just goes to show, these places cater to their audience and know the levels of scary to appease.

Choosing a haunted experience can be tough, but hauntworld.com can help narrow the choices. This site lists all the houses and scary destinations in the state along with their locations and a link to their websites, which lists the real determining factor: price.

We all love to be scared, even when we know it's fiction. We pay for terrifyingly trained actors and fake bugs to scare us because if these terrors were real, they wouldn't be nearly as fun.

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SUBMITT YOUR VOTE

Carl DeBeer Senior Staff Writer



During this intense political season, students need to know which candidate is the better choice for our nation. President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney differ on almost every issue. Our current economic and global issues mean we need to vote based on those positions and not social problems. We need a president who can put us back on track. Between Obama and Romney, Romney is the man to do it.

With the economy sluggishly attempting to recover from the recession, Obama has failed to deliver on several of his election promises. He promised to take the \$1.3 trillion deficit and cut it in half by the end of his first term.

Cody Skinner, sophomore, said that he wouldn't vote for a candidate who has "racked up a trillion dollar deficit every year he has been in office."

The economy has not made any real progress in recovering and now people want to re-elect the man who failed to pull us out of these problems. Romney helped build Bain Capital into a strong business that has made several intelligent investments in two strong companies such as Staples and Sports Authority. Romney has experience making smart choices when it comes to

large amounts of capital.

"If there's one thing Romney can bring that Obama can't, it's management of crisis situations and 'bad situations' from his time doing restructuring at Bain," alumnus George Spiceland said. "If this country ever needed a financial restructuring, now would be the time."

Romney's opponents attack him for how rich he is, but when it comes to fixing our debt and making us financially stable, I am more inclined to vote for a man who has made a lot of money by being financially inclined himself.

Another key issue that students should consider is the defense of our nation. Obama did successfully take down the number one enemy of the United States, Osama bin Laden, but besides that, he

has failed to act appropriately to the attacks on our embassy in Benghazi. Any attack on the embassy is quite literally an attack on American. Obama's response did not have enough force to show that any further attacks would be dealt with swiftly. According to the New York Times, Romney has stated that he will return a permanent presence of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers to the eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf. Romney shows that he is willing to put American defense at the forefront of priorities.

Finally, President Obama has shown that he is slow to react during crises. During the BP oil spill, Obama took more than a month to finally visit the Gulf of Mexico area, according to Politics Daily. He also failed to show determination and quick response time

to the attacks in Libya.

"We express immediately when we feel that the president and his administration have done something which is inconsistent with the principles of America," said Romney in a public speech after the attack. He shows great concern and interest in handling crisis situations with a strong force.

We need a president who will lead by example and represent America in a resilient way. I don't mean knee-jerk reactions, but be able to confidently stand up and announce that he will do something.

In the upcoming election, vote for the candidate who will help America stabilize and regain its foothold: Mitt Romney.

I'LL BE BARACK FOUR MORE

Tommy Gonter Senior Writer



Next week, we will have the opportunity to again shape history by choosing the next president. Given the social, political and economic challenges of our time, selecting a candidate with the skill and determination to confront these challenges head-on is critical. Only one candidate

has consistently reassured me that he can effectively lead America to a brighter future: Barack Obama.

As we near the end of President Obama's first term, it's important to remember that many of the challenges America faces today were inherited from a Republican administration: crushing debt, two foreign wars, a crippled economy and frozen credit.

After four years under President Obama, unemployment is down. According to Brooks Jackson of factcheck.org, "All of the 4 million jobs lost during his first 13 months in office have now been regained, plus about 300,000 more." Of course, much

work remains to be done. But President Obama has put forth solutions only to be stifled by an unprecedented Republican front that seems more intent on perpetuating divisiveness than solving America's ills.

Obama opponents claim that Romney's experience at Bain Capital makes him the type of business-savvy, problem-solving executive we need in the White House. However, Bain engages in a practice known as private equity, more commonly called "vulture capitalism," which accrues wealth via leveraged buyouts. Romney's "smart choices" include buying companies with good credit, stripping companies

of their executives, paring their workforce and shipping American jobs overseas. I stand with the president when he said that Gov. Romney is "the last person who is going to get tough on China." Mitt did make some smart choices, but for his own pocketbook, not for the American worker.

The president has consistently supported policies that promote equality for all and reinforce individual freedoms: Equal pay for equal work regardless of gender, a woman's right to choose and affordable healthcare for all Americans. Mitt Romney can't decide where he stands. The late Sen. Ted Kennedy said of Gov. Romney during a senatorial campaign:

"I am pro-choice. My opponent is multiple choice."

I don't have enough time to illustrate how poorly constructed Romney's policies are and how often he reverses them. In politics, too much conviction can be encumbering. In Mitt's case, not enough can leave you looking like a human windsock.

Are we going to elect a shiftless puppet of special interests or re-elect a man of the people who knows what it is like to struggle and to face the challenges of average Americans? I am going to vote for the latter, for our future, for President Barack Obama.

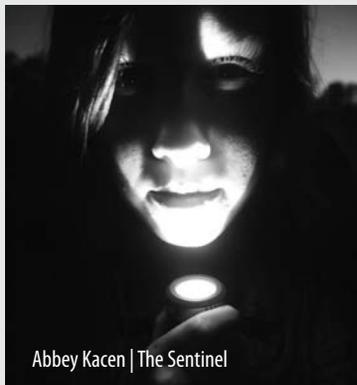
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With the election coming up and Halloween only a few days away, depending on when you pick up this paper, but this is a time of uncertainty, fear and kids in

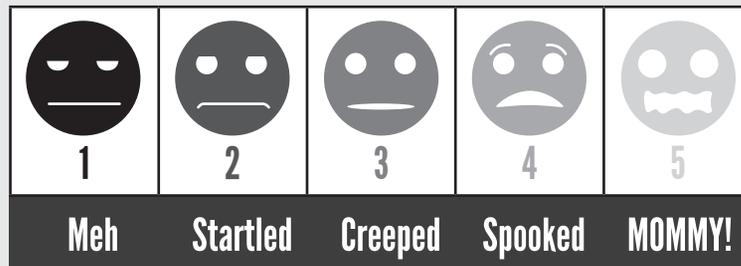
costumes. Instead of ignoring the election or ignoring spooky thrills Oct. 31 brings, Arts & Living decided to combine the two in this week's section!

We have cut-out political masks that will scare your pants off, a list of horror films that changed how we watch horror films, some phobias that we discovered around campus and so much more!

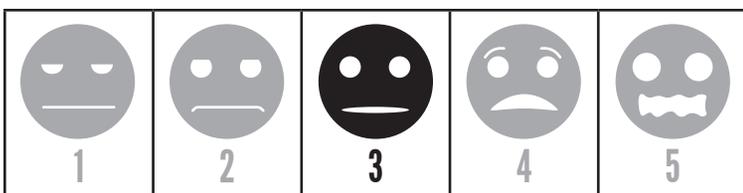


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NO ONE WILL HEAR YOU SCREAM



Roderic Graham Staff Writer

Imagine being trapped inside of a dark building filled with distant screams, the walking dead and severed bodies decorate the wall. Your adrenaline is rushing because your next step could be your last. The only thing you want to do is find a way out, but you do not know where to turn. This is exactly how many people feel when they experience the ghoulish thrills of haunted houses. Here is a review of haunted houses guaranteed to scare your pants off.

Netherworld

Cost: \$22 for Banshee (Main haunted house), \$28 for Banshee and Hive, \$50 for a speed pass to both
Distance from Campus: 35 mins/ 27.97 miles from campus
Day and Time Gates open: Sunday - Thursday from 7:30-11 p.m. and on Halloween from 7 p.m - 12 a.m.
Address: 6624 Dawson Blvd Norcross, GA 30093
Description: Netherworld offers two terrifying haunted houses; Banshee and The Hive. The Hive theme derives from genetic researcher Robert Wellington-Hughes. Hughes

built an underground bunker dedicated to completing his experiment on the Human/ Insect Vaccine Experiment. The mission for the brave undertaker in this haunted house is to discover the purpose behind the research, while fighting off people with insect DNA. Banshee has an apocalyptic theme, where people must escape from Banshee and other creatures that dwell in the shadows of the night.

Overall Grade: 5 out of 5 Banshee screams

"I know I peed my pants a little," said Devin Jackson regarding his first experience at Netherworld.

13 Stories Haunted House

Cost: \$22 for general admissions and \$35 for VIP
Distance from Campus: 4 mins/1.95 miles from campus
Day and Time Gates open: Sunday - Thursday from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. and on Halloween from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Address: 2975 Ring Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144
Description: Over the years people have heard many myths and legends about 13 Stories. One myth that remains is how scary it is. You walk into an elevator that takes you up to

the "13th floor." but something tragic happens. The elevator breaks and you are forced to walk in the building where demented people, mangled bodies, creatures and even animals distract you from making it safely out of the building. Some people survive, but others get lost on the journey.

Overall Grade: 4 out of 5 bloody screams

Chamber of Horrors

Cost: \$22 for general admissions \$32 for speed pass, and \$45 for VIP
Distance from Campus: 30 mins and 23.74 miles
Day and Time Gates open: Sunday - Thursday 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. and Friday -Saturday from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Address: 695 North Ave NE Atlanta, GA 30308

Description: A chamber of mutilated bodies is what makes this attraction so surreal. As you walk through the chamber you will see Dr.Splatter torturing his victims and his future victims. Blood paints the walls and screams fill the atmosphere as people try to avoid getting caught. Be careful you might lose a limb or two.

Overall Grade: 5 out of 5 gut wrenching screams



Photo Courtesy of MCT Campus

Stories persist that the 100-year-old home of Fort Lauderdale, Florida pioneers Frank and Ivy Stranahan on the banks of the New River is haunted.



BARACKULA MASK

THE FACTS

- Three consecutive years of trillion-dollar deficits.
- Wants to use spending cuts and revenue increases to lower debt.
- Signed the National Defense Authorization Act permitting imprisonment of American citizens without trial.
- Supports abortion rights and contraception availability for women.
- Opposes military strike on Iran but said U.S. won't tolerate a Iran having nuclear weapons.



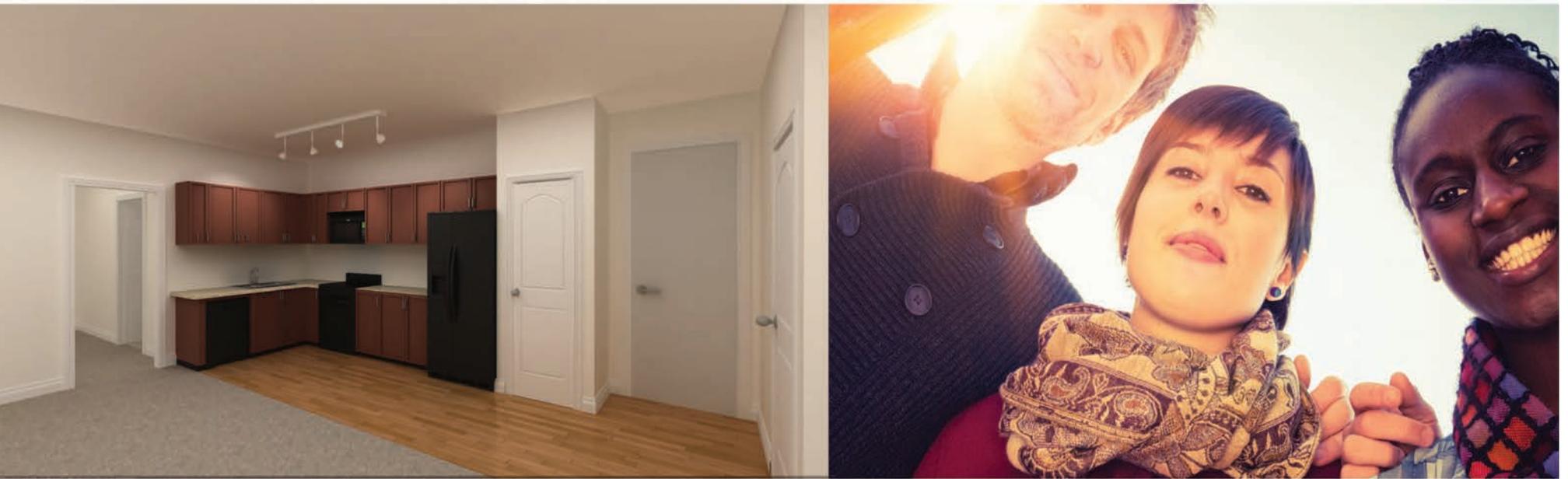
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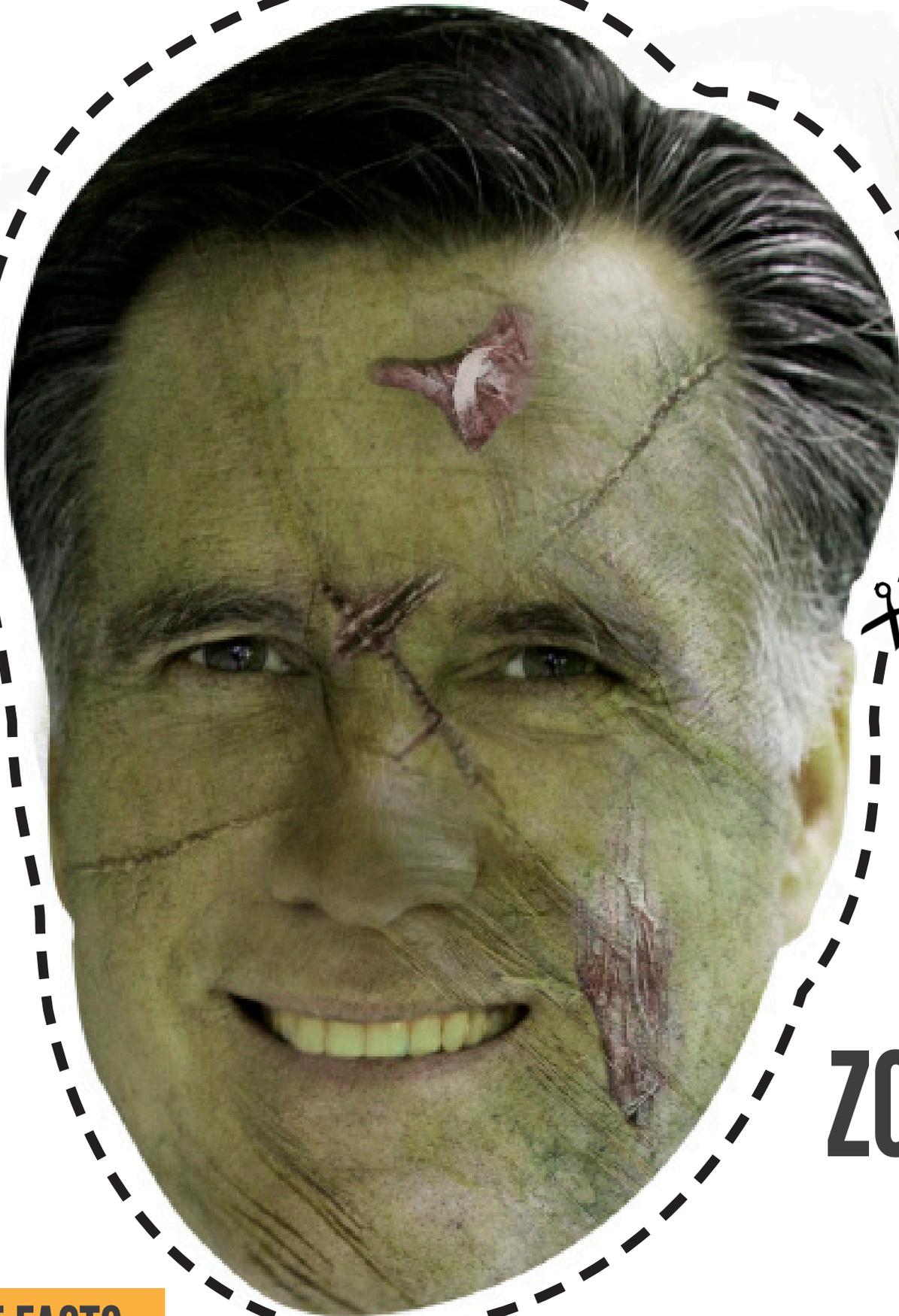
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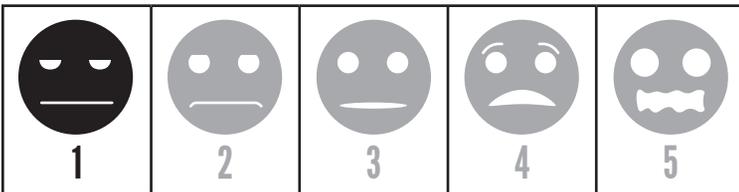
ZOMBNEY MASK

THE FACTS

- Wants to cut \$500 billion a year from the federal budget by 2016.
- Opposes abortion rights, except in the case of rape, incest or when a woman's life is at risk.
- Wants to reverse Roe v. Wade and end funding to Planned Parenthood.
- Supports military action in Iran if diplomacy and sanctions fail.
- Said Russia is the number one geopolitical foe and threatened to label China as a currency manipulator.

CLUB OF THE WEEK: THE LITERARY CLUB

Samantha Machado Staff Writer



with important events because the Literary Club provides a non-academic atmosphere to discuss heated topics such as politics, science and literature.

Club Name: Literary Club
When & Where they meet:

Various locations and times

Contact Info Information:
literaryclubksu@gmail.com

Event Coming Up:
Wednesday, November 14
at 7:00, Trivia at the Mellow
Mushroom off Chastain

Did you miss the Literary Club's Haunted Ghost Tours of Kennesaw? The holiday season was welcomed on campus last Thursday at the Legacy Gazebo by KSU's Literary Club.

The Literary Club hosted a free event for the KSU community that included costumes, pumpkins, music, games and refreshments to all attendees. The Literary Club hosts many additional events. Some of the events are on campus and others are off campus in the Kennesaw area.

"On campus casual events we have held have taken place at the gym and the Legacy Gazebo," said Literary Club president, Natalie Chambers. "Off campus, we have been bowling at U.S. 41 and a picnic

at Kennesaw Mountain Park."

The club hosts two types of meetings in addition to events. The causal meetings happen on the first Friday of every month and involve dodge ball or a picnic. The formal meetings have an agenda complete with book club discussions and various debates.

"Back in September we had a round table discussion between the different humanities departments about whether or not the English language should be standardized," Literary Club member, Amy Freeman said. "It was a great discussion between the different humanities departments."

The book clubs and literary discussions seem to be aimed at students with humanities knowledge, but the Literary Club is open to all students no matter the interest.

"The Literary Club provides an opportunity for students to branch out beyond their one field and explore different areas in a comfortable, no pressure setting," said Chambers.

The members stay current

The Literary Club makes for a great resource to create connections and is an opportunity for networking with more fun events planned.

The Literary Club is growing and the officers are working hard to recruit more students as members.

"The officers for the Literary Club are great!" Freeman said. "They've really worked hard to revamp the club and add some new blood to the membership. It's just a lot of fun!"

As a club that provides a relaxed and informal setting for its members, the meetings are meant to develop friendships and help build well-rounded students who are better prepared for their academic careers and beyond.

There is no GPA requirement as well as no dues or application submission to be approved to become a Literary Club member.

To contact the Literary Club please visit their Facebook page, Kennesaw State University Literary Club, or email: literaryclubksu@gmail.com.

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1. You must have attended seven (7) meetings in one semester as documented in the SGA minutes.
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3. You must hold a minimum adjusted GPA of 2.5.

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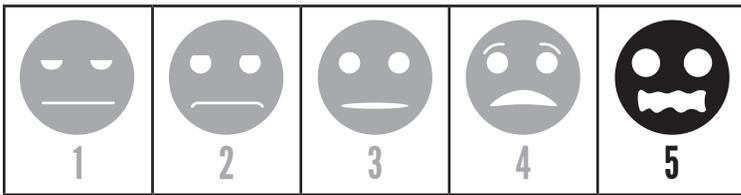
Photo Courtesy of Literary Club



Club members carved pumpkins for Kennesaw Haunted Tour.

TOP 12 HORROR MOVIES

Alex Cook Staff Writer



Horror movies are made to scare or startle their audiences, sometimes even disgust them. The genre allows writers a certain amount of creativity to play with and explore their disturbed, dark side. The evil masterminds behind these movies brought something new to the table that altered the horror/thriller genre and how it is created now. These films are the scariest films ever created that impacted the horror movies that came after them including the films that are not yet created. Those who scare easily when there's bump or noise in the night should be warned that these movies are not for the fearful or meek (In some cases, not for those with a queasy stomach).

Name of the film: "The Exorcist"

Director: William Friedkin

Year: 1973

Scariest scene: Regan is fighting with the demon inside her mind. Her face changes from her own to one of a demonic creature.

What makes this movie so important?: The Exorcist was one of the first films to deal with the topic of possession which has become a staple in the horror genre. It inspired movies such as "The Devil Inside Me" and even "Paranormal Activity." This film is known as one of the scariest films of all time because it is dealing with something that everyone secretly fears.

Name of the film: "Jaws"

Director: Steven Spielberg

Year: 1975

Scariest scene: Brody is shoveling fish chum over the side of the boat into the water when a giant great white shark comes up out of the water behind him.

What makes this movie so important?: Most horror movies deal with serial killers, ghosts and other mainstream topics. "Jaws" takes a new twist to the horror genre. Not only did "Jaws" play on some people's fear of sharks, but it instilled fear in its audiences. "Jaws" kept many people from going back in the water for a long time.

Name of the film: "Night of the Living Dead"

Director: George Romero

Year: 1968

Scariest scene: The mother in this film comes into the basement where she finds her daughter, Karen, eating her own father.

What makes this movie so important?: This is the first true zombie movie. An entire generation of people in college and high school is obsessed with the zombie "apocalypse." There are several video games, movies, television shows and Halloween parties centered around this idea of the undead feeding on the living.

Name of the film: "Psycho"

Director: Alfred Hitchcock

Year: 1960

Scariest scene: Marion is taking a shower when she is killed.

This shower scene has become infamous because of Hitchcock's ability to use tactful camera angles and other effects. This scene created so much fear that it induced a fear of showering for many individuals after seeing it. What makes this movie so important?: This film was one of the first to mess with someone who was in the shower, which is supposed to be a safe place. It also affected people's minds when it came to being in a motel room, giving people fear in an everyday task. It all seems so normal, then the psycho shows up.

Name of the film: "The Shining"

Director: Stanley Kubrick

Year: 1980

Scariest scene: There are a number of scenes that are scary in "The Shining."

One of the creepier scenes that gives the audience the "heebie-jeebies" is the scene where blood pours into the hallway from the elevator and sloshes up the halls. What makes this movie so important?: For one, this movie deals with the topic of a haunting. The hotel is the possessed object in this movie that is trying to take control of its residents. The film inspired the idea that a building could take control and take over human life.

Name of the film: "Texas Chainsaw Massacre"

Director: Tobe Hooper

Year: 1974

Scariest scene: Sally is forced to have dinner with Leatherface's family.

That should be scary enough, but then they have her tied to a chair made of human body parts. The whole family is laughing while Sally is screaming. What makes this movie so important?: This is the first real slasher film. Slice 'em and dice 'em is the best way to describe this movie. "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" inspired the gore that comes with horror movies in present day. It brought the theme of killing to the table.

Name of the film: "Halloween"

Director: John Carpenter

Year: 1978

Scariest scene: Laurie Strode has become the target of Michael Myers.

She runs into the closet to hide and ties the door shut. Then Michael smashes through the door and into the barely-there lighting, showing his masked face. What makes this movie so important?: "Halloween" started a trend in horror movies, but none of the copy-cats were successful with the exception of "Friday the 13th." "Halloween" was a low-budget, independent film that happened to kill at the box offices. The film was one of the first to give audiences that eerie feeling when they are home alone.

Name of the film: "The Blair Witch Project"**Director:** Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sánchez**Year:** 1999**Scariest scene:** The movie is full of intense scenes with moments that make the audience scream.

The entire night is filled with tent-rattling and screaming. The next morning leads to one person finding a gift-wrapped human body part. What makes this movie so important?: This is the era of the handheld camera. Thriller and horror films alike have begun using the hand-held camera look in order to make it more realistic with a faux-documentary style. "The Blair Witch Project" inspired the style for "Paranormal Activity," "Quarantine" and "Cloverfield."

Name of the film: "Nightmare on Elm Street"**Director:** Wes Craven**Year:** 1984**Scariest scene:** The shocking scene where Tina is captured by Freddy Kruger in her dreams.

Audiences can see her sleeping body being ripped up into the air and sustain four fatal slashes. She's dragged along the ceiling, screaming, as her boyfriend watches in horror. What makes this movie so important?: "Nightmare on Elm Street" hit audiences below the belt, in their dreams. The lack of safety during sleep is a horrifying feeling for many audience members and this movie played on that fear. It brought about the "reality" to dreams and made its viewers stay awake for as long as possible.

Name of the film: "Scream"**Director:** Wes Craven**Year:** 1996**Scariest scene:** The opening scene of "Scream" is one of the scariest parts of this movie.

Audiences watch as a young school girl, Casey, receive a series of ominous phone calls. Ultimately these phone calls lead to a ghost-masked villain showing up at her house. What makes this movie so important?: Scream played on the safety of one's home and the fear of being alone. This movie also played on the fact that the killer is not always a stranger but sometimes a regular member of the community.

Name of the film: "Dracula"**Director:** Tod Browning**Year:** 1931**Scariest scene:** Renfield meets a creepy carriage drive.

During a midnight ride, the carriage leads him towards a castle. This castle is covered in fog with the lights burning inside. The scene is full of drama and tension. What makes this movie so important?: "Dracula" inspired the vampire phenomenon. He was the original vampire that brought about "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Twilight" and "True Blood." Another factor that "Dracula" brought into the horror genre is the idea of lust for a killer.

Name of the film: "Friday the 13th"**Director:** Sean S. Cunningham**Year:** 1980**Scariest scene:** The ending of "Friday the 13th" leaves its audience screaming as the credits roll.

Alice has survived a night of horror and terrors, watching her friends die. She takes refuge in a small boat to wait on the police to arrive. Suddenly, the deformed boy, Jason, leaps out of the water behind her. What makes this movie so important?: It is the only copy-cat of "Halloween" that was successful. "Friday the 13th" is considered one of the original slasher films. Most people did not want to go camping after seeing this film.

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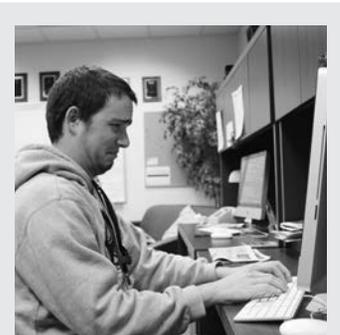
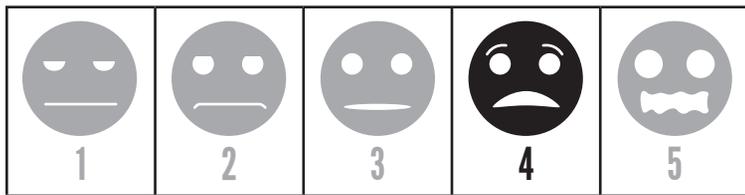
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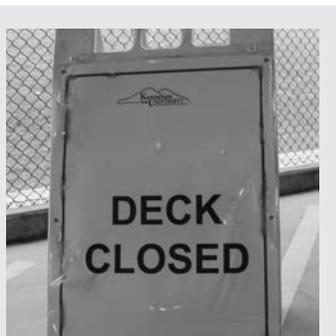
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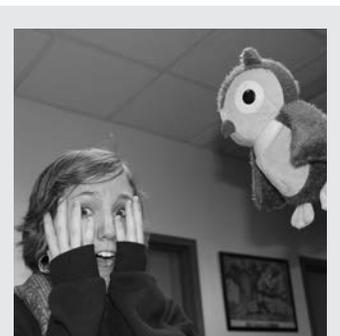
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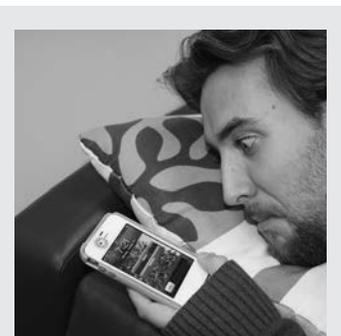
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ICE OWLS STORM WEEKEND COMPETITION, continue undefeated streak

Alex Cook Staff Writer

KSU's club ice hockey team defeated three tough opponents this weekend, including the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets Thursday, 5-1, the Life Running Eagles Friday, 10-3, and the Clemson Tigers Saturday, 5-2, to bring its undefeated record to 9-0.

Georgia Tech is an ongoing rival for the Owls. The game brought 600 people to the Iceforum on Thursday.

"It's always good to beat a big name school like Tech," player Cory Prinzbach said. "It gets the fans excited and it was great to beat Georgia Tech."

The game was heated between these two teams from the beginning. Both teams received seven minor penalties a piece as well as one major penalty.

Alan Dagesse from Georgia Tech and Bruno Courchesre of KSU were ejected from the game and disqualified from their next game after major roughing penalties during the second period.

Dagesse smacked

Courchesre's stick out of his hands then fell to the ice below him. The two then started a serious physical fight on the ice.

"The flying Frenchman will be back," said Owls' Coach Barry Dregar. "He [was] disqualified for Friday's game against Life, but [was] back Saturday for the game against Clemson."

KSU kept most of the play in Georgia Tech's end throughout the game and outshot the Yellow Jackets 50 shots on goal to 16.

"It was very much a team effort," said Dregar. "They play a very defensive trap game."

The Owls held the Yellow Jackets to one goal in the first period, then dominated the second and third periods.

"It took a while for the boys legs to wake up," said Dregar. "We gave them the week off of practice and it took a while for the boys to get in a groove."

Kevin Body scored the first goal for the Owls followed by goals from Mike Pearson, Devan Bousquet, Dylan

Conklin and Graham Leiding. Conklin scoring with his signature shot from the blue line.

"We're trying to just do anything we can [to get the puck in the net]," said Bousquet. "We try to anything it takes, but it just doesn't always go our way."

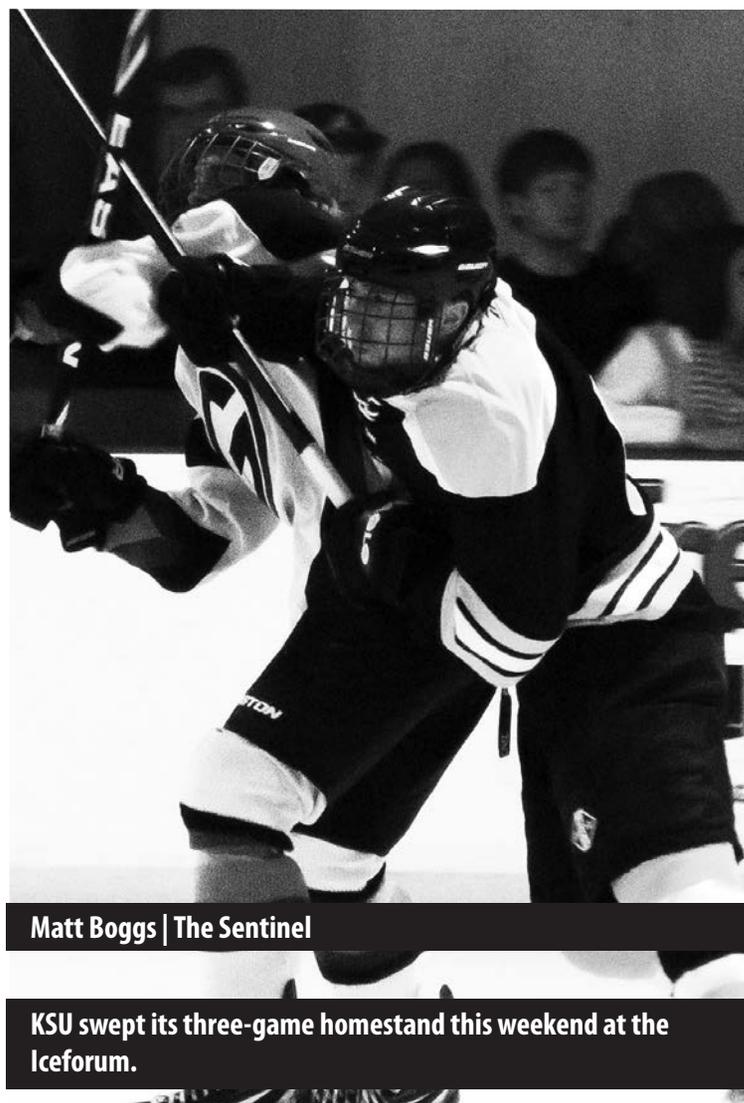
Many of the team's scoring opportunities were set up by Larry Adegoke. He played a strong passing game and set up his teammates for many goal attempts. The Owls played a strong passing game all around.

"Once again we dominated the game," said Dregar. "But we have to work on finishing."

Coach Dregar expects the team to finish the season first or second in the region. The rankings will be given out Nov. 4.

The Owls will have a double-header this weekend against North Florida at the Kennesaw Iceforum Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m.

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO BEAT A BIG NAME SCHOOL LIKE "GA TECH"



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KSU swept its three-game homestand this weekend at the Iceforum.

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KSU CAUGHT OFF GUARD BY OSPREYS, conclude 2012 campaign

Michael Foster Sports Editor

KSU women's soccer team entered the weekend having won six of its last seven games. That trend seemed likely to continue as the Owls hosted North Florida on Saturday at KSU Stadium in the opening round of the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament.

Instead, the Ospreys ended KSU's season, as two early goals helped North Florida (8-9-2, 5-3-1 A-Sun) advance to the semi-finals with a 3-1 victory over the Black and Gold.

"We came out a little bit flat. I think North Florida was beating us to the ball early in the game," said Rob King, head coach. "We didn't possess the ball very well, they scored early in the game, and I think they beat us to the ball most of the first half."

North Florida took the momentum early, scoring a goal in the first five minutes of the contest when junior forward Lauren Hopfensperger recovered a ball that was initially denied by KSU, following a corner kick, and put it past senior goalkeeper Lauren Roberts.

Heartbreak found the Owls just before the half when an improbable goal dropped KSU in a 2-0 hole near the break.

North Florida's sophomore mid-fielder Alexi Zarembia scored 35 yards away when her long-distance attempt deflected off the bar and Roberts' head on its way to the back of the net.

Despite the frustration of what was apparently a save becoming a goal, King insisted the team play wasn't solid enough to make that an excuse.

"It was a good save to get it back to the post, I think. But it came back, hit her head and went in," said King. "But at that point we weren't playing well. We didn't deserve to be in the game at that point. In

the second-half we turned it around, but it was too little too late."

KSU cleaned up play in the second half, but fell into more trouble in the 69th minute when senior forward Michelle Larrinaga sent a shot past Roberts' coverage.

The Owls finally scored late in the contest when redshirt sophomore Jewlia Strickland capitalized on a free kick from 40 yards away.

Strickland's goal would be the last the Owls would score in 2012 as the Ospreys finished the contest strong for a 3-1 win.

Injuries showed for the Owls, as the Ospreys played five more players than KSU. KSU registered more shots, corner kicks, and saves in the match but still could not find the goal in live scrimmage time.

North Florida advanced in the A-Sun tournament and will play number two seed Mercer in Fort Myer's, Fla., on Friday night. The winner of that contest will face Jacksonville or North Florida for the conference tournament title.

KSU finished its season with 10 wins for the ninth time in its young history, which began in 2002. King sees a bright future for the soccer team.

"This is the start of a future for our team. What our players have done from last fall through the spring, until now, has really shaped where we are going as a program," King said.

The loss became the last collegiate appearances for seniors Roberts, Melissa Hutto, Liz Blackburn and Lexi Hastings.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team and more proud of our seniors. They've battled through a lot of adversity," King said. "There are obviously a lot of injuries on the team that we are getting through."

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Goalkeeper Lauren Roberts played her last game as an Owl on Saturday night.



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SENIORS BATTLE TO FINISH, come up short in final home match

Michael Foster Sports Editor

KSU volleyball team fought with valiant effort, but fell in five sets (18-25, 25-20, 21-25, 25-21, 11-15) on Saturday to the Jacksonville Dolphins (7-20, 5-9 A-Sun) at the Convocation Center.

It was the final home match for seniors Turea Jones, Baylee Strachan and team manager Josh Reneau.

Jones and Strachan were honored before the game by receiving framed jerseys. Reneau was also honored before the contest.

"I couldn't be more proud of my team," head coach Karen Weatherington said. "It was a battle down there earlier in the season and it was a battle here today."

KSU (16-13, 5-9 A-Sun) defeated Jacksonville on the road in five sets on Oct. 5.

"If nothing else, we want our girls to learn from every opportunity on the court, and they did that today," Weatherington said.

Jones recorded a double-double, her 10th of the season, with 16 kills and 18 digs. Strachan followed suit with 12 kills and two blocks.

"It's such a bittersweet feeling for my seniors," Weatherington said. "Turea plays with all her heart and Baylee is such a powerful, multifaceted weapon for us."

Keyaira Stevenson helped with 13 kills while Camille Pedraza added 25 digs from

the libero position. Sara Metroka once again handled most of the assists with 48 of the team's 55.

The Owls won the second and fourth sets to keep up with the Dolphins and force a fifth, shortened fifth set.

In the second set, the Dolphins had four consecutive errors that helped the Owls extend to a 17-17 tie. KSU trailed 16-12 before Jones took over. Jones had six kills in the set.

KSU fell behind 4-0 in the fourth set, but returned with four straight points to start a trend of seven ties during the frame. Chade Martin had the final kill to force extra playing time.

The Owls fizzled out in the final frame, as three straight Dolphin points followed a timeout by KSU to give Jacksonville a comfortable 13-7 lead it would not relinquish.

"Josh is such an important part of what we do here every day," Weatherington said. "He is both a student and a coach and has brought such a professional attitude day in and day out to our program."

With the loss, the Owls finished with a 6-7 home record for the season. KSU will play four straight matches on the road, where it is 7-2, to close out the season.

The next match will be against Lipscomb on Nov. 2,

Northern Kentucky on Nov. 3, East Tennessee State on Nov. 6 and rival Mercer in Macon, Ga. on Nov. 8.

KSU is in a tight race for the 6th and final seed for the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship. The Owls are tied for the seventh best record in the conference at 5-9 in play with Mercer and Jacksonville. USC Upstate is a half game ahead at 5-8, and Northern Kentucky (8-5) is ineligible because of reclassification rules.

The A-Sun Championship will begin in Nashville on Nov. 15.

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The Atlanta Falcons are 7-0 for the first time in franchise history.

They are primed for another winning season, which would mark the first time any Falcons team has ever had four consecutive winning seasons. It is no surprise that the secret to the Falcon's recent success has come from outstanding play by the man under center, Matt Ryan.

The fifth-year starter has improved with every season. After being drafted in 2008, Ryan has shattered a number of Falcons records in his short tenure with the team. The offensive system this year was fine tuned from a ground game to an aerial attack, in order to take advantage of Ryan's ability to stand firm in the pocket and throw the ball.

With the team putting all of its faith in Ryan, and seeing the results that have been produced by that faith, the Falcons organization may want to turn its focus to one pivotal question. Is it time to make Matt Ryan the quarterback

of the future, and the highest paid player in the game?

Some might think it is a ludicrous thought, but Ryan has proved himself as a winning quarterback. Through his first four years, not including this season, Ryan has a combined record of 43-21. Drew Brees, who began his career in 2002 with the San Diego Chargers, had a combined record of 33-31 through his first four seasons.

Today, Brees has broken numerous NFL records that were untouched for 20 years, led the New Orleans Saints to a Super Bowl win in 2009, and is arguably the best quarterback in the league. Because of these accomplishments, he signed a deal with Saints during the offseason that made him the highest paid quarterback in the NFL.

Matt Ryan has the talent and the makeup to accomplish great things for the Falcons. Breaking Brees's records may be out of the question, but if Drew Brees was worthy of the greatest contract in NFL history with the start to his career, isn't it safe to assume that Ryan could be worth that much down the road?

It is a gamble, but it is a gamble that the Falcons should take, because the payoff could be exponential. Ryan is still playing under his rookie contract, which pays roughly \$70 million for six years. He will become an unrestricted free agent in 2014, and if the Falcons want to take

advantage of Ryan and his improvement, they should think about offering Ryan a contract worthy of the kind of money that Brees, Peyton Manning, and Tom Brady receive.

The only obstacle facing Ryan is that he has yet to win a playoff game. He is 0-3 in the postseason. However, the Falcons lack of success in the playoffs can be contributed to the opponents they have faced.

In 2008, Ryan's rookie season, the Falcons faced the Arizona Cardinals in the first round and lost on the road. Those Cardinals made it to the Super Bowl that year. In the 2010 season, the Falcons lost to the Green Packers at home in a blowout. The Packers however, were able to rip through the postseason and win the Super Bowl, defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Last season, the Falcons grabbed a wildcard spot and went on the road to face a hot New York Giants squad that were able to beat the 15-1 Packers and win the Super Bowl over Brady and the New England Patriots. Ryan's postseason woes have come against three tough opponents who all won or made it to the finish.

As long as the Falcons hold their confidence in Ryan, those wins will come. The best way to reassure that confidence is to give him the contract he deserves. The Falcons are rewriting their history with Ryan at the helm, and if they lock him up for the long haul, their future is extremely bright indeed.

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