

# IN MEMORIAM: LAURA STEWART

## Founder of KSU Relay For Life dies at 20

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Laura Stewart



Co-founders Laura Stewart and Haley Carson speak at the 2011 Relay For Life.



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**"I remember when I first met Laura," said Rebecca Kinsler, Relay For Life event co-chair. "She put the fire underneath everything, to get it done and do it passionately."**

Laura Stewart died Thursday Oct. 25 at the age of 20.

Last April Stewart helped lead the battle against cancer by co-chairing the first Relay For Life event on campus that raised more than \$28,000 for cancer patients and their families.

Her family held a private

funeral last week, and the possibility of a future public memorial on KSU campus is being discussed by Relay For Life College Events Manager for the American Cancer Society Giana Humphrey. Humphrey said Stewart was dedicated, passionate and comforting.

"Laura's passion for Relay was contagious," Humphrey said. "There are few volunteers that understand the mission of the American Cancer Society. Laura's passion was the reason KSU was able to have Relay For

Life on campus."

Stewart was dedicated to finding a cure for cancer and worked hard to raise awareness in the community through the ACS. Her efforts earned attention from the ACS and Stewart was featured on its website.

"Throughout her entire battle, she remained positive. She fought so hard even when others weren't positive," Humphrey said.

In an interview with The Sentinel in April 2011, Stewart showcased her strength and hope while participating

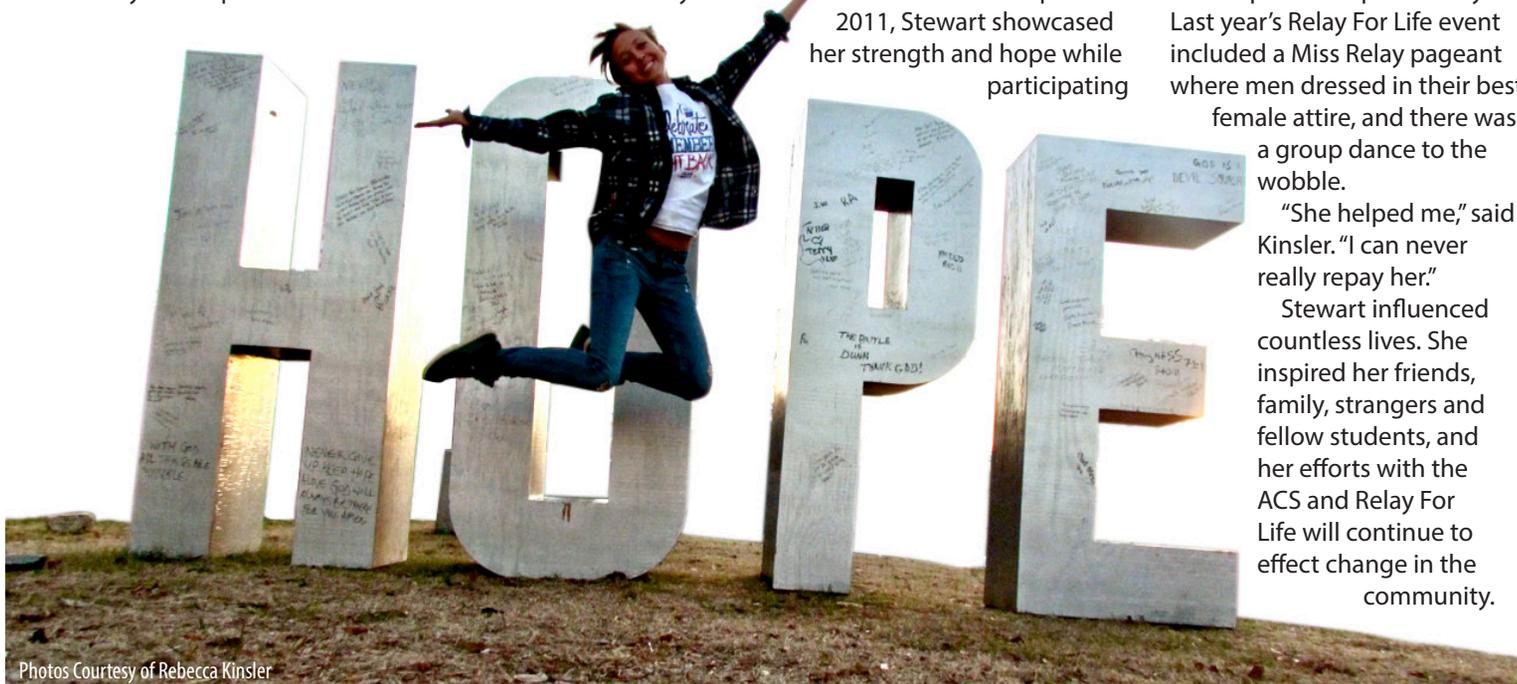
in the event.

"We have a great feeling about the event for the next year, and we are hoping that it will be even bigger and will include even more groups of students," Stewart said. "Through Relay we are confident that KSU will be part of changing the world for the better."

Throughout her fight with cancer, Stewart impacted others' interest in the relay efforts with a positive, colorful and inspirational personality. Last year's Relay For Life event included a Miss Relay pageant where men dressed in their best female attire, and there was a group dance to the wobble.

"She helped me," said Kinsler. "I can never really repay her."

Stewart influenced countless lives. She inspired her friends, family, strangers and fellow students, and her efforts with the ACS and Relay For Life will continue to effect change in the community.



Photos Courtesy of Rebecca Kinsler

# KSU TO OPEN NEW Recreation Center Fall 2014

Lindsay Stapp Staff Writer

**The Board of Regents approved a \$38.7 million Student Recreation and Activities Center, with an expected completion date of fall 2014.**

Construction on the 176,000-square-foot facility begins early next year. Concurrent renovations to the existing recreation center will take place as the new facility expands and encompasses the old.

"Increased enrollment put a strain on the existing facility," said Tara Parker, department director of sports and recreation.

Since 2008, the student body and SGA have been involved with the new recreation center project. Focus groups, surveys and meetings were conducted to discuss the expansion design and cost.

"The survey results were always overwhelmingly supportive of the need for a new recreation center," said Michael Sanseviro, dean of student success. "Also, a formal presentation

and vote was made to the Student Activity Fee committee, which is required before a fee can be submitted to the president and ultimately to the Board of Regents for approval."

In November 2010 the committee approved a \$35 increase in the existing student recreation fee and distributed \$32 of the Student Activities Fee to the student recreation expansion project.

"Students are becoming more health conscious and the current facilities are simply not adequate to meet the demand," said Sanseviro. "As the third largest school in Georgia, we had one of the lowest per square foot availability of recreation space in the country."

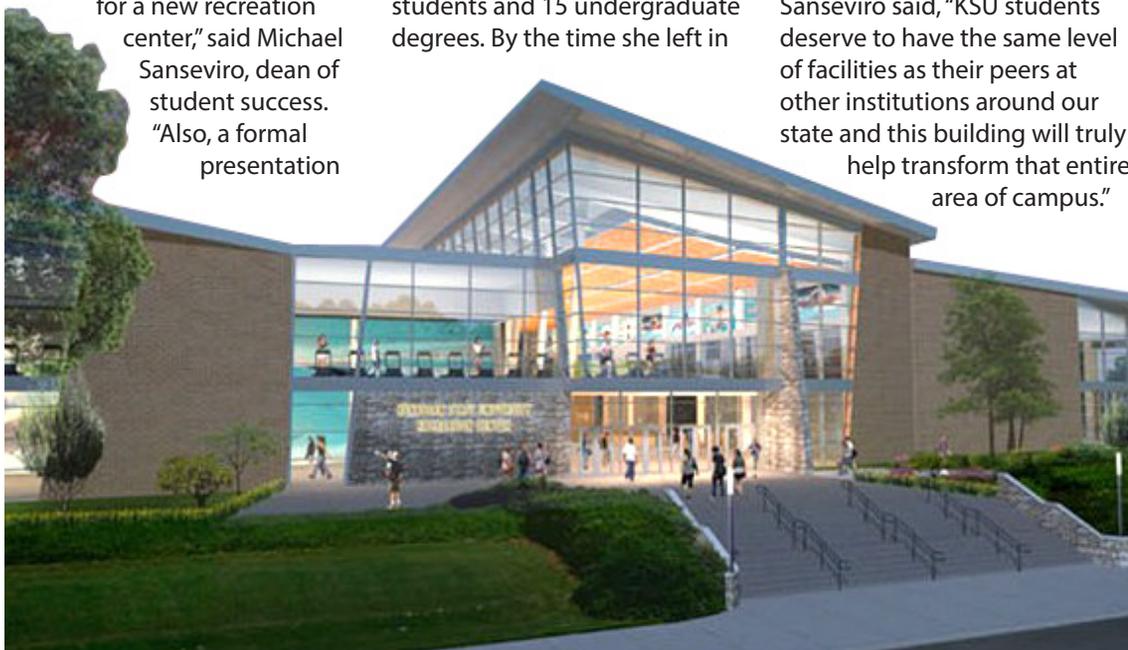
The center is named after Dr. Betty L. Siegel, president emerita of KSU. Siegel was president of KSU for 25 years from 1981 until May 2006. When she began her presidency, KSU had 4,000 students and 15 undergraduate degrees. By the time she left in

2006, KSU had more than 18,000 students and 55 graduate and undergraduate programs.

"I am deeply honored to have this new facility named for me," Siegel said in a KSU press release. "For the 25 years I served as president of KSU, I enjoyed the unwavering support of family, the students, staff and administration at KSU and this extraordinary community. I share this moment with them all."

Hughes Group Architects provide concept design, Gleeds USA is program manager, and Hardin Construction Co. will be the general contractor. Cooper Carry, the architect on record, was the architect for the \$56 million Prillaman Hall Health Science Building that opened Aug. 5, 2010.

With a growing student body and awareness of the importance of health and wellness for college students, Sanseviro said, "KSU students deserve to have the same level of facilities as their peers at other institutions around our state and this building will truly help transform that entire area of campus."



A rendering of what the new recreation center is projected to look like after completion.

Photos courtesy of University Relations

## SOME AMENITIES PLANNED FOR THE CENTER INCLUDE:

- AN INDOOR LAP POOL
- OUTDOOR LEISURE POOL WITH A WHIRLPOOL AND SUNDIAL
- EIGHT MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS
- FIVE BASKETBALL COURTS (ONE OUTDOOR)
- A LARGE INDOOR MULTI-ACTIVITY COURT (CAN BE USED FOR INDOOR SOCCER)
- THREE RACQUETBALL COURTS
- CLIMBING AND BOULDERING WALLS
- EIGHT TENNIS COURTS
- TWO SAND-VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- BIKE SHOP



## 2013 SGA ELECTIONS

April 2-3, 2013

### Requirements

To run for an Executive Board position (President, VP, Secretary, or Treasurer), see the following requirements:

1. You must have attended seven (7) meetings in one semester as documented in the SGA minutes.
2. You must hold a minimum adjusted GPA of 2.75.
3. You must have earned and received credit at KSU for a minimum of 12 semester hours for an undergraduate seat. Graduate students running must have earned 9 KSU hours.
4. You must be enrolled in enough hours so that candidate meets the above earned hour requirements by the end of spring semester 2013.

To run for a Senate seat, see the following requirements:

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2. You must be enrolled in enough hours so that you meet the above earned hour requirements by the end of spring semester 2013.
3. You must hold a minimum adjusted GPA of 2.5.

### Applications available:

Monday, February 4 at [www.ksustudent.com](http://www.ksustudent.com)  
Due Friday, March 1 by 5pm sharp

For more information, please contact Kathy Alday in the Department of Student Life.



# OWL EVENTS

Cydney Long  
Contributor

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## Wednesday

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- Feast of Sharing Dinner  
KSU Center Room 400 (rsvp online) 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- KSU Women of Color Success Initiative  
Prillaman Hall Room 4b (RSVP online) 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday

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- American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Student Center University Rooms 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- ROTC - Veterans' Day Ceremony  
Campus Green 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Live Optimally  
Kennesaw Hall Room 2401 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

## Friday

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- 2012 Public Speaking Showcase  
Social Science Building Room 1019 (online registration required) 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- Pi Kappa Phi War of the Roses Talent Show  
Student Center University Rooms 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## Saturday

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- Play Pro-Media: A&R Southern Talent Expo House 55 (registration online [www.playpromedia.com](http://www.playpromedia.com)) 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Sunday

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- Hillel and AM Yisreal Chai host The Daffodil Project outside KSU center Museum of Holocaust Education. 4:30-5:30 p.m.

# POLICE BEAT

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

Rebecca Smith Staff Writer

## NOT SO MILD

Officers were dispatched to University Place on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 11 p.m. in response to a domestic dispute. The two victims stated that the male suspect got angry at one of the female victims for smoking a Black-n-Mild cigar inside the apartment and became verbally aggressive toward her. The victims said they asked him to leave so he gathered his belongings and put them outside the door of the apartment. The suspect then re-entered the apartment and continued yelling at the female. He was asked to leave again and when he walked outside he demanded that someone had to help him carry his belongings. The door was being closed when the suspect started pushing against it to get back in the

apartment. He kicked the door several times, which caused the door frame to break and damaged the wall and a light switch to the apartment.

The suspect forced his way into the apartment and struck both the female and her friend in the upper torso area while yelling profanities. A neighbor observed the suspect kick the door in and called the police. The suspect fled the scene and was pulled over on Campus Loop Road, where he was given a Standard Field Evaluation. The suspect tested positive for alcohol and was transported to Cobb ADC and is a being charged with drunken driving, simple battery, criminal trespass damage and possession underage consumption.

## THE COUPLE THAT TRESPASS TOGETHER...

Police responded to an assault at University Place Apartments on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 2:19 p.m. The female victim stated that her husband, with whom she is separated from, kicked her in the shin, grabbed her by the shoulder and threw her to the ground after she confronted him about living with another female student. She claims that she walked into the apartment of the female student after finding the door open and found him smoking marijuana with a friend, which is when the fight began. The victim also informed KSU

officers that there was an outstanding warrant issued for her husband's arrest at the Cobb County Sheriff's Office.

At 2:29 p.m., the husband was apprehended in the parking lot of the KSU Police Department, where he went to turn himself in. The husband denied assaulting his wife and was transported to Cobb County Jail for an outstanding warrant. Police found no evidence of drug use in the apartment but issued both husband and wife criminal trespass warnings.

## WHY CELLPHONES AND DRIVING DON'T MIX

A pedestrian was struck by a vehicle while crossing Frey Road at 6:21 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18. When police arrived, the victim was bleeding from the back of his head and was fading in and out of consciousness. The driver of the vehicle stated that he was looking down at his phone while making a left onto Frey Road from the East Parking Deck and did not see the

victim until it was too late. There were seven witnesses to the accident and each gave a statement to the police about what they observed. The victim was transported to Kennestone Hospital and was unable to recall the events of the accident. The driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for failure to yield for pedestrian in crosswalk.

## HOMELESS PETS FOUNDATION looks for volunteers



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KSU students held a fundraiser and volunteer drive Monday Nov. 5 on the campus green to benefit the Homeless Pets Foundation. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. participants were available to accept donations and sign up volunteers for service work. They provided food and beverages in exchange for donations that went to benefit the foundation. People who wish to inquire about volunteer opportunities or donate used collars, leashes, litter pans, newspaper or money to the cause can email [Imalikit@students.kennesaw.edu](mailto:Imalikit@students.kennesaw.edu). For more information about the Homeless Pets Foundation, visit [homelesspets.com](http://homelesspets.com).

# KSU PROFESSORS DEBATE merits of presidential candidates

Shaddi Abusaid Senior Writer

**KSU professors Kenneth White and Melvyn Fein met up Monday night in front of a large crowd of enthusiastic students to debate which candidate would make a better president.**

Kenneth White, professor of political science and criminal justice, endorsed Barack Obama. Sociology professor Melvyn Fein advocated Gov. Mitt Romney for president.

The debate, which was held in a full auditorium of the Social Science building, was moderated by sociology professor Cristina Gheorghiu-Stephens. White and Fein debated issues which included the economy, taxation, health care, foreign policy, women's rights, immigration and education.

"Obama fights for the poor, Romney the wealthy," White said in his opening remarks. "Obama represents the better symbol for a nation of immigrants whose founding theory is opposed to ascribed status and regressive economic policy."

"I'm not looking for a symbol," Fein rebutted. "I'm looking for a president. I'm looking for somebody who can do a job, a job that needs doing. Our country is in deep trouble. We need somebody that can get us out of this."

Fein criticized Obama for not keeping the promises he made in his first presidential campaign, calling them empty and vacuous.

The first topic of debate was the economy. White said electing a president that would resort to the same economic policies that got us into this recession in the first place is unwise.

"George W. Bush inherited a

surplus and when he left, we had a deficit of over a trillion dollars a year and a larger debt," White said.

Fein said that the Bush-era tax policy is not to blame for our current recession but that it has "much more to do with what the Democrats and Republicans did in terms of financing houses." He went on to attribute the financial success of the Clinton administration to their decision to lower the capital gains tax, something Romney intends to do if he is elected.

On the issue of taxation, Fein maintained that the worst thing you can do is raise taxes in a recession.

"You don't raise taxes in a recession. You don't raise taxes on anyone, including the higher incomes,"

Fein said. "Obama is fond of saying 'the millionaires and the billionaires,' but no, he wants to raise taxes on folks making \$250 thousand or more, which includes small business owners, the people who create jobs."

White accused Romney's plan of cutting taxes 20 percent across the board by closing loopholes and deductions to balance the budget and reduce the debt of not adding up.

"If [the tax plan] is revenue-neutral, then why even bother? We're still going to be stuck," White said. "Plus if you add the military spending increase that they're not asking for, it's projected to create a \$7 trillion hole in the deficit."

"If I may use a metaphor," White continued, "[Romney] is trying to sell us a couch, and telling you that it's the most comfortable couch in the world but you can't sit on it until you buy it."

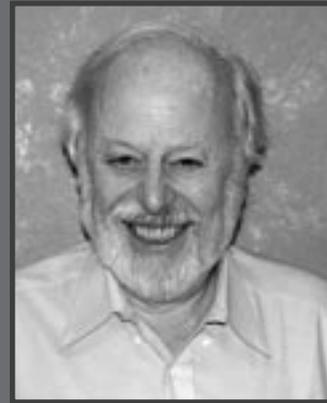
The professors then began



**KENNETH M. WHITE**  
Assistant Professor of Criminal  
Justice and Political Science

Kenneth Michael White, Ph.D., J.D., went to the University of San Diego School of Law and practiced criminal defense and constitutional law in the State of California. He also went to San Diego State University where he earned a Master's in Political Science, as well as Claremont Graduate University where he earned a Ph.D. in Political Science with an emphasis on political philosophy and American Government. His research interests and publications include topics ranging from the media and popular culture, to political participation, civil rights, the presidency, and legal theory and political philosophy.

to explain their respective candidates' positions on health care. Fein began by saying that health care is a problem in this nation but maintained that we do have the best health care in the world and it shouldn't be regulated by the federal government.



**MELVYN FEIN**  
Professor of Sociology

Melvyn L. Fein, Ph.D. is Professor of Sociology at Kennesaw State University. He is a certified clinical sociologist who holds his doctorate in sociology from the City University of New York. After over twenty years of clinical practice specializing in helping individuals overcome their personal problems, he is now concentrating on the study of sociological theory and the sociology of morality. Among his recent books are *The Great Middle Class Revolution* and *Peoplization: An Introduction to Social Life*. Dr. Fein is also editor of *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*.

"A market system in which millions of people contribute through competition will give us a far better health care system," Fein said.

White said that if you read Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, you will see that our founding fathers

contemplated regulation. He said that Obama's not a socialist, but a capitalist who believes that people should be able to play by the same rules.

"It's easy to make money if you have money," White continued. "If you don't, then it's hard. You can't pull yourself up by your own boots if you don't have boots to begin with."

White said that Obamacare is not a government takeover of the health care system but a private insurance plan. He likened it to the one proposed by Republican Bob Dole in the '90s. He then slammed Romney for declaring that he would repeal Obamacare on his first day in office saying that repealing laws passed by Congress isn't something you can do as president.

On the topic of education, White said that an Obama administration would spend more money, which would allow more lower-income students to attend school and come out of it with less debt. He said that Mitt Romney wanted to re-privatize educational loans which would ultimately mean fewer Pell Grants for students.

"If tripling and quadrupling the amount of money we spend on education doesn't constitute throwing money at the problem, I don't know how many additional multiplications you want," Fein said. "Evidently more than our country can spare."

The debate took an interesting turn when the topic of foreign policy was introduced to the debaters. White praised Obama for developing better relationships with our allies abroad while cracking down on terrorism and protecting

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# VETERANS CONCERNS reach administration

Greg Bieger Senior Writer

**The policies and procedures that focus on handling the Post 9/11 GI Bill will change after the fall 2012 semester.**

During the summer 2012 semester the Bursar's office had changed how financial aid to student veterans was disbursed. As a result some student veterans were no longer receiving their financial aid on a reliable timeline. This caused many of the student veterans to struggle financially.

Derek Ridings, the student veteran representative in SGA, worked with Dr. Mattox, Maria Britt, Dr. Sanseviro and a

representative from the Bursar's office to find a positive solution to the issues presented by the policy change.

"We had to find a better solution," said Ridings. "Let's work this in a way that benefits everybody."

The matter has been resolved to meet everyone's needs after collaborating as a team with students and faculty across campus.

The decision to return to the old policy of handling student veteran financial aid has been made. This policy will take effect at the beginning of spring

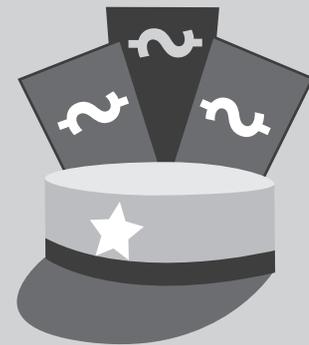
semester.

"We went about it the right way," said Ridings. "We made sure to talk to the right people after we had done all our research."

Talking about student veterans who may be struggling, "If they need help they need to come to us," said Ridings. "We want to help them, that is why the Veteran Resource Center is here."

The Veteran Resource Center will also be holding a memorial tree planting in honor of 1st Lt. Jonathan P. Walsh, an alumnus of KSU who graduated in 2008

Bursar's financial aid distribution reverts to previous system.



and was killed in combat.

Following the tree planting KSU ROTC will hold a ceremony with several officials in attendance.

To find out more about the Veterans Resource Center visit the office on campus, Room 227 in Willingham Hall. Contact them through email at Veterans\_Resource@kennesaw.edu or by phone at (678) 797-2970.

**We had to find A BETTER SOLUTION, LETS WORK THIS in a way that BENEFITS EVERYBODY.**



**Professors Kenneth White and Melvyn Fein debate politics before the 2012 Presidential Election.**

Shaddi Abusaid | The Sentinel

Americans.

Fein criticized Obama for "praising and sucking up to our enemies" while "abandoning our friends, such as Israel." Fein said that Obama was not a successful foreign policy president, calling him a symbol of weakness and referring to him as "one of the most obstinate presidents we've ever had"

"For such a weak president, it's striking that all of Romney's foreign policies are Obama's policies," White rebutted.

Fein referenced Obama's upbringing in Indonesia, saying that he was sympathetic to

Muslims because Islam was the first religion he learned. His remark was met with a barrage of boos and hisses from the students in the audience.

"I am unhappy with someone that's more sympathetic to the Muslim world than to Israel and our president has demonstrated that repeatedly," Fein said.

He went on to say that there is a "medieval spirit in many of the Muslim countries in the Middle East."

"Let me just say that I don't think being a Muslim is negative," White retorted.

"Furthermore, I would just repeat what Colin Powell said in American Heroes which is 'It's totally irrelevant . . . that under

our Constitution we don't look at someone's religion."

On the subject of having a strong military, Fein said that it is vital to protect our borders.

"This is not a peaceful world. Look around you. If we dismantle our army, within a decade we'd be speaking Spanish because the Mexicans would be marching north. If we could not defend our borders, they would be coming over here almost immediately," Fein said.

White reminded Fein that Obama has increased military spending every year, adding that he's focused resources, and in doing so, has made the military stronger.

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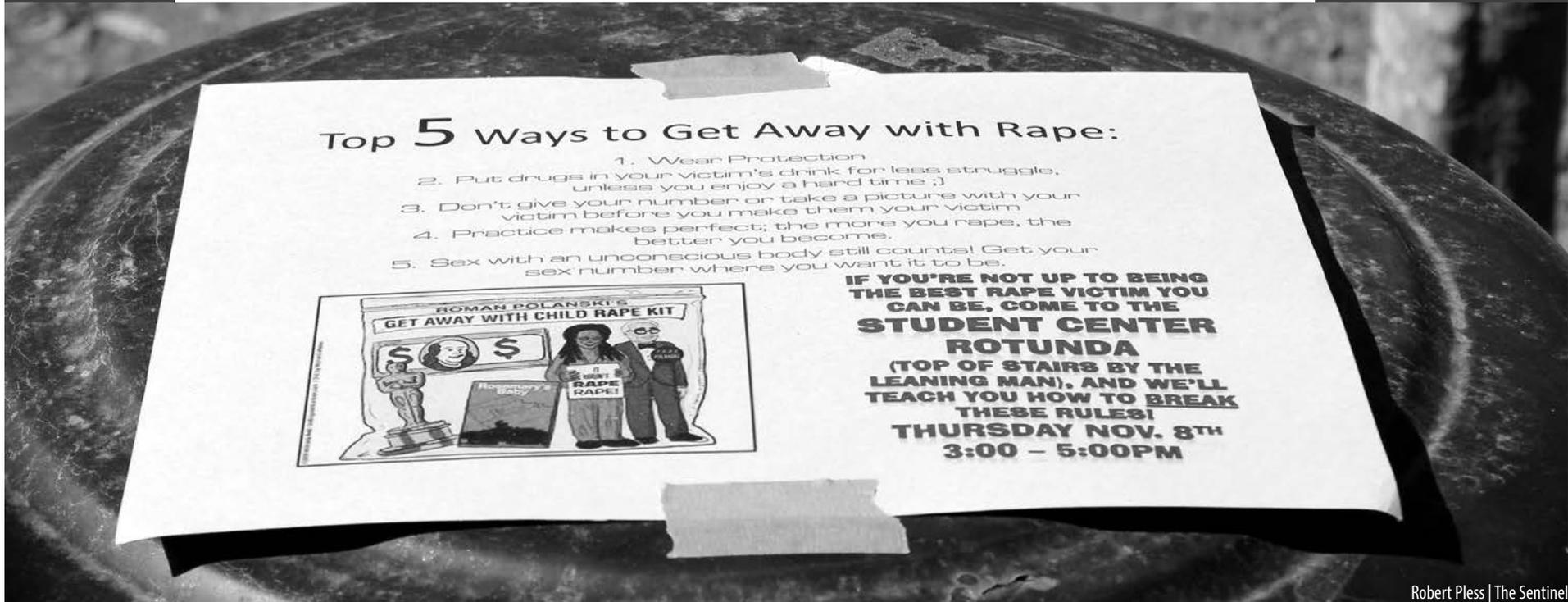
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# STUDENT FLYERS CAUSE MIXED RESPONSE

A group of students in a Peer Health Education class posted flyers around campus Nov. 5, stirring a range of reactions from students and administrators. The flyers, many of which were posted in areas prohibited by KSU posting policy, were advertisement for an anti-rape event planned and implemented by students in the class. The class is taught by Administrative Specialist and Adjunct Instructor of health promotion and physical education Sabrina Petusevsky. Check next week's issue of The Sentinel for the full story, or follow updates online at ksusentinel.com.



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# GOING TO CLASS: BAIL & FAIL

Steven Welch Contributor



**KSU costs several thousand dollars a semester in tuition for full-time students.** Despite these expenses, I chose KSU so that I would be better equipped to handle life as I move forward with my chosen career path. The goal of this university is to help foster a growth in its students by providing them the best possibilities to learn the subjects they choose to study, but there is one thing standing in the way – the mandatory attendance policies some professors have for their classes.

A student can do the same work as everyone else in class, do just as well on exams or papers, but earn a lower grade if they choose not to attend class regularly. This policy is useless, and hinders students who may feel they can get more out of the class by doing things on their own.

What makes this policy worse is the fact that a lot of the classes we need for graduation are sometimes only offered once or twice each semester, and they include professors with mandatory attendance policies. We risk having to put off taking a class until another professor teaches it or having to take something entirely different. It's not very helpful or conducive to learning when we are not taking the classes we want because of a

pointless policy.

Many professors have a set number of absences before any grade deductions are put into effect.

"I have a mandatory attendance policy for my media law class, but I allow two absences before I start docking their attendance grade," Dr. Carolyn Carlson from the communication department said. "I figure those two absences should cover any 'life' emergencies, and they usually are sufficient."

With so many of us working at least one job, if not more, professors need to be more willing to compromise with students when it comes to attendance. With the only "excused" absences usually requiring a note from a doctor or funeral director, students are left without a way to save their grade if something outside of an illness or death in the family happens and they go over the maximum absences allowed by the professor. This isn't high school; we're all adults here. We should be able to handle our own education the best way we see fit and not have to go to class if we get into a fender-bender or on our birthday.

"I think that if you can complete the coursework and do well on the exams, attendance shouldn't be an issue," said Ashley Fontenot, a senior communication major. "Especially since KSU has so many non-traditional students. When life happens, you have to make tough choices about what to do with your time."

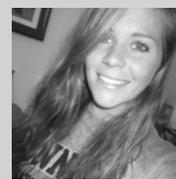
Professors will try to tell us they are preparing us for the real world, but I have never accepted that as a valid point. We're in an entirely different

setting than the so-called real world. There are different social norms and behaviors here than there are in corporate America. This is college, not the boardroom. We should be free to learn the material the best way we can. I know we would be fired for not showing up to our jobs regularly, but we don't pay our bosses lots of money to come in and work for them. We shell out thousands of dollars to be taught. Whether or not we utilize that time and money should be our problem, not the professor's.

"If it's a group project, I think students should definitely be there so the rest of the team doesn't suffer, but lecture classes should definitely be more lenient when it comes to students attending class," Desiree Bamba, a junior majoring in Italian and Spanish said. "If that means you miss a lecture and instead stay up until midnight reading the textbook and reviewing notes from GeorgiaView, I don't see why professors should care."

As it stands this semester, five of my own six classes have strict attendance policies, which require me to be there a certain number of days. For a couple of them, I have a high grade, which could be brought down to a failing grade just because I wasn't there to sign a sheet of paper to confirm I'm attending. Clearly I get the material, why punish me because I found a better way to learn it that fits into my schedule? KSU doesn't want students to fail from lack of attendance, but that's where personal responsibility comes into play. If you're going to skip, be prepared to accept what might happen, but don't fail us if we aren't failing ourselves.

## TESTS: NECESSARY FORMS OF EVIL



Katherine Sellers Senior Writer

**It's probably safe to say that students don't like taking tests.** As a student, I have been exposed to a multitude of tests from multiple choice to short answer, essay and verbal tests - some of which are online tests; some open-book... But what should we take into consideration when discussing the tests we have to take? Are some tests lesser evils when compared to others?

If we base it on how easy a test is, most prefer multiple-choice tests, because that format gives the test taker a better chance at getting the question right. A matching test is even better; four choices help to even out the playing field. However, for the sake of education, short-answer or essay tests are probably better indicators of a student's actual knowledge—not just their deduction skills or just plain guessing ability.

"I like open-book tests, because most of my tests are essays, and it is good to be able to review key terms," said Layla Khaldi, KSU junior history major.

Some have trouble flipping through a book during a test; getting caught up in lengthy definitions can be time-consuming and stressful. Even so, the ability to double-check the facts is definitely a plus of open-book tests and take-home tests.

Cierra Shope, senior psychology major, prefers the take-home tests. "You have the longest time to take your test and you don't have the pressures of other people in the room," Shope said.

Essay tests require thoroughness and the ability to work under pressure. Students' only reference is what they've learned and studied beforehand.

And then there are verbal tests. These high-pressure and ability-to-think-on-your-foot

tests are dreaded more than any other type of test. Whether you stand in front of the class or teacher, delivering an answer to a question on the spot is something most students would consider more stressful than searching a book for an answer.

Less stressful is the online test. It is often timed, but it is available to be taken in solitude, making it much easier to concentrate. These tests can compromise a student's morality, leading some to cheat. However, another problem with online testing can come from a place entirely outside the student's control. What if the Internet goes out or the computer freezes?

"For lower-level classes, I prefer to give Scantron or short answer and in a higher-level class, essay, because there are higher expectations. They are able to write well so it's enjoyable to read," said Dr. Griselda Thomas of the English department, who is also jointly appointed in the Interdisciplinary Studies Department.

Depending on your level of education on the topic, your test-taking style and the amount of studying you've put in prior to the exam will cause certain tests to be easier for you. But the reality of the situation is that test taking is no fun. We all have to take tests, and being prepared is the best strategy for an appealing grade. Multiple-choice tests are the easiest to prepare for and maneuver through. If you are lucky enough for these tests to be in an online format, the odds are in your favor. Teachers can mischievously word questions difficultly, but you can win. In the end, a test is a test, but I think we can all agree that some are harder than others and some benefit us more than others.

# CHRISTMAS IN OCTOBER

Tiffani Rase Senior Staff Writer



**Every year as the hot weather dwindles and Halloween passes without much warning, people are made aware of the quickly approaching holiday season.** As Thanksgiving draws near, people swap their Jack-o-lanterns for big blow-up Santas. Halloween wasn't even over for a full day before people hum Christmas music.

While walking through Target, before Halloween, one would have guessed that it was mid-December with all the Christmas displays. This leaves

mixed emotions. I can't hide the fact that holidays are my, and most peoples', absolute favorite and I'm a huge grinning mess from October through December. But I can't help but wonder why the holiday season gathers this following of people so soon.

Christmas gains attention soon after Halloween and this year is no exception. It seems like every year the Christmas decorations come out sooner and sooner. Walmart, for example, had faux Christmas trees and twinkle lights out before all the Halloween decorations had been displayed. Target, Walmart, Garden Ridge and Macy's employees all unanimously said Christmas marketing begins at the end of September.

September is when most people are still in summer-mode reminiscing about their beach getaways. At the same time, stores are rigorously

preparing for the season that brings them significant revenue. The National Retail Federation runs quantitative data to give people an idea of how retailers will fare during holiday seasons. According to the data this year, NFR said, "Each year, about 40 percent of consumers begin their holiday shopping before Halloween."

While most retailer companies do not begin holiday advertising until at least October or November, retailers recognize that many people like the idea of shopping early to spread out spending over a long period of time. As a result, many retail workers put holiday merchandise on the shelves in September. They want to be prepared for early-bird shoppers who want to be done with shopping by the time the rest of America gets around to scrambling for last-minute gifts. The holidays can be expensive and because families are

struggling, having a solid three months to spread spending can help.

Stores prepare in many ways, most set out miles of fake snow over green and red displays. Customers can walk in and feel cheery, thus nudging them to spend more and start gathering gifts. Major retail stores prepare for the influx of customers they receive from Halloween to Christmas by pushing early sales and having holiday hours for shoppers. After speaking with representatives from Town Center Mall, Target and many other stores, they all stressed the importance of holiday hours. Opening earlier and staying open later starting in November ultimately makes sales go up.

Advertisers are aware of demands for early Christmas preparations as television commercials swing drastically from typical every day ads to cozy fireside visions that focus

on family, holiday cooking and great deals. People aren't aware of the switch in advertisements until they are bombarded with Christmas jingles. Holiday ad flooding ends up getting people ready to spend their money, which is a good sign to retailers who spend a huge amount of time preparing for a strong holiday season to bring profits.

Starting Christmas and end of year holiday promotions earlier ends up bringing more customers and ultimately benefits customers and retailers. There are, of course, those courageous people who brave the storm of people as they finish their shopping on Christmas Eve, and those people are the ones who get aggravated with decorations being on display so soon. Starting early might be awkward, but the cheer and presents can certainly make up for that.

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## CHOICE!

With an important election happening this week, Arts & Living wanted to dive into the powerful act of decision-making and how college students handle choices. Think of all the decisions we've made just to be college students at Kennesaw State. Now think of all the decisions we are making to prepare for life after we graduate.

This week we will look at people who change their mind about their major, where KSU students should turn when they have tough choices to make and even a KSU-themed Choose Your Own Adventure story.

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: KSU EDITION

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STORY BY: DANIEL LUMPKIN, RODERIC GRAHAM  
AND MOLLY SILVERMAN

## START

You are running late to class! As you sprint up the stairs and down the hallway you see a note taped onto the classroom door. It reads: "Class Canceled."

Aren't you lucky? With a sudden abundance of free time, should you head over to the library to study or should you walk to The Commons for a celebratory canceled-class feast?

**If you want to go to the library, turn to page 16-E**

**If you want to go to The Commons, turn to page 15-D**

# TEST TIPS: TRUE OR FALSE?

## test taking methods are finally put to the test

Daniel Lumpkin Arts & Living Editor

**Rubbing lip balm on the edge of a Scantron will get you an "A" because the grading machine will not be able to mark any answers as incorrect**

**A: FALSE.** This rumor has been around since the mid-90s but sadly it doesn't hold up regardless of how many coats a test taker applies. Plus, even if it did work, a teacher would easily be able to spot a cheat just by touching the edge of the Scantron sheet.

**Ingesting caffeine will improve a test taker's score**

**A: TRUE.** According to studies published by John Wiley and Sons in Human Psychopharmacology, test takers that consumed moderate

levels of caffeine had improved scores overall. The catch is that excessive amounts of caffeine consumed actually cause negative effects and lower test scores. Caffeine is a chemical that causes the brain to be more alert and function at a higher level. However, this is only a temporary effect and eventually the test taker will experience a crash.

**Eating peppermint will improve a test taker's score**

**A: TRUE**-(ish). Studies done in several public schools across the country have shown peppermints have a positive effect on test scores. Some researchers argue that it is actually the method of consumption, saying chewing

gum stimulates the brain for higher scores rather than the chemicals in peppermint. Others say it only causes a very brief boost, enough to help on only a few questions. Basically, it won't hurt test takers to eat peppermints just don't expect a bunch of minty candy to save your grade when you forgot to study.

**Staying up all night studying allows a test taker more time to study and gets a higher score on tests**

**A: FALSE.** While this is a common practice by college students everywhere, the fact is that sleep is overwhelmingly beneficial for students. Sure, cramming all night for an exam might get the job done but

studies consistently show that students with healthy sleeping habits do better than students with poor sleeping habits. According to Medical News Today, the brain actually continues to "study" while a person is asleep. If you read over notes a few times right before you go to bed, your brain will continue to work on the information it just received. Students that have done this actually remember the information better the next morning compared to the night before.

**If you don't know the answer, always guess "C" unless the test has already used plenty of "C" answers, then go "D" or maybe "A" if you're gutsy.**

**Guessing "C" works out more times than not.**

**A: FALSE.** Random guessing, statistically speaking, is almost as bad as leaving a question unanswered. If you don't know the answer to a four-answer, multiple choice test, read the questions again and then the answers. You may not know the correct answer and guessing correctly will only happen 25 percent of the time. Instead, find the choices you know are not correct. If you can eliminate one or two of the options you can increase your odds of guessing correctly to 33 percent or even 50 percent.



# CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S 'TOTEM' DAZZLES at Atlantic Station

Matt Boggs | The Sentinel

Robert Pless Senior Staff Writer

**The topic and history of evolution has always been a hot issue in the media, but with Cirque Du Soleil's take on the evolution of man in "TOTEM," naysayers and believers can put their differences aside to enjoy one of the greatest visually appealing performances to ever grace the state of Georgia.**

"TOTEM" is the 10th Cirque Du Soleil show to visit Atlanta since 2006 and will run until Dec. 10 under the Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) at Atlantic Station. "TOTEM" tells the story of man who works through worldly myths with the use of bright visuals, amazing acrobatics and live orchestral music, led by Charles Dennard, originally from Macon, Georgia.

The show consists of 10 acrobatic acts each describing

a different aspect of mankind and the infinite potential of the human being in surprisingly artistic ways. "TOTEM" producers cast 52 different artists from 19 different nationalities and have been touring since 2010. Atlanta is the 16th city in the TOTEM tour.

"It takes about one year from the time an idea is presented until it is fully implemented on stage," says Cirque Du Soleil artistic director, Tim Smith.

Following on the heels of the sleek, insect-themed "OVO" and the Michael Jackson centric "Immortal World Tour," "TOTEM" lives up the high expectations that Cirque Du Soleil continues to set for visual aesthetics and performance.





"There are brand-new acts that have never been seen before in Cirque, and the technology is so advanced, there are effects that we've never seen before either," Smith remarks.

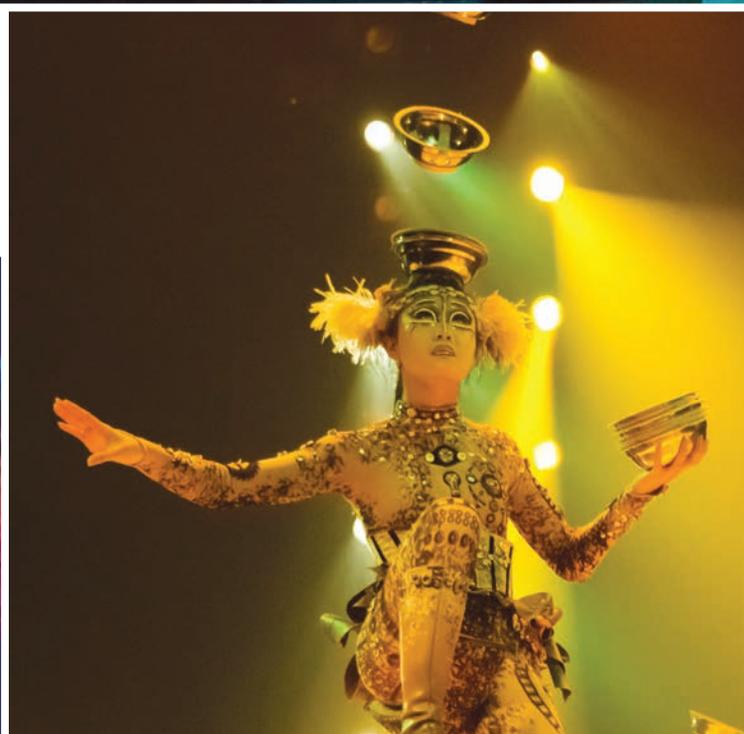
The opening of the show is set on an apparatus in the shape of a giant turtle, called a carapace, which is a symbol of origin in some ancient civilizations. The artists (performers) open the show with high energy, high flying acrobatics that even Gabby

Douglas herself would be jealous of, setting the tone for the rest of the equally amazing performances that would follow for the almost two hour experience.

"We always have a trainer on-site, and even though we travel the world, (the artists) make sure to stay healthy and adhere to our dietary needs to stay in perfect condition," says Umi Miya, a Japanese Olympic caliber gymnast featured as one of the "frogs" in the opening sequence.



"TOTEM" is scheduled to run until Dec. 30, playing Tuesday – Sunday. Tickets and more information can be found at [www.cirquedusoleil.com/totem](http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/totem).



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# 14 - A

## Give Check Back

Your morals get to you. After alerting Mr. Turner of his blank check error, he is moved by your superb character. He pays for your entire education, opens a scholarship in your name and demands a statue of you be placed on campus. Sure, the statue gets defaced every other weekend but you wind up getting your Ph.D. for free. THE END.

# 14 - B

## Go To The Commons

You finally make it to The Commons and you grab a salad to eat. One of the croutons is glowing greener than normal. Should you eat it? Or should you throw it away?

**If you want to eat it, turn to page 14-E**

**If you want to throw it away, turn to page 16-G**

# 14 - C

## World Hunger

That weekend you devote all of your time to an eco-friendly automatic food machine that converts old apple cores into healthy, tasty, and edible cubes. By the end of the semester world hunger is no longer an issue. The world is a better place and the school names its new science building after you. THE END.

# 14 - D

## Sit-Down Meeting

With Rhubarb Jones in your corner, the radio executives offer you a multimillion dollar contract for your "golden voice" but Jones says it is a bad offer, citing some vague details in the contract. Should you sign the contract or refuse the deal?

**If you want to sign it, turn to page 16-D**

**If you want to refuse it, turn to page 15-A**

# 14 - E

## Eat Crouton

The glowing crouton tastes fine and it even has a hint of super-human power! How should you test out your new abilities? Go to the Central Deck to start juggling cars? Or go to the gym and shoot some hoops?

**If you head to Central Deck, turn to page 18-A**

**If you want to shoot hoops, turn to page 15-B**

# CHOICES

Roderic Graham Contributor

**College students across America face choices that affect their academic career. The typical college student uses friends and colleagues to help them make simple choices like going to a party instead of studying for an exam.**

What if the choice you have to make is more serious than studying for an exam? The real challenge is finding a trusted source that will help you make healthier life choices.

"Our counselors are here to help people. We help students make logical and positive choices to ensure success in their academic career," said Josh Gunn, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at KSU. "We know what we can and cannot do for people.

This semester the Counseling and Psychological Services Center has been slammed with students requesting appointment. KSU students have sought professional help

to deal with anything from anxiety to substance abuse.

"We have been pretty full since mid-September, which is unusual this semester," Gunn said.

Peer helping groups are put in place to help sustain the surplus of students. The peer helping groups' aid people, who are seeking help with anxiety, give you advice on choosing your friends, provide relaxation techniques through meditation and even give you tips on the art of breaking up. Another unique group is test taking anxiety and learning styles. With final exams around the corner, this group will help you develop test taking skills, capitalize on your learning style and how to handle test anxiety.

"Anxiety is probably the issue I hear about the most; next would be depression," said Gunn.

CPS counselors also provide treatment for substance abuse. CPS counselors, as well as faculty and staff try to make students aware of the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse. The Alcohol and Other Drug and Prevention

Coalition help educate students on legalities of substance use and abuse. KSU also has the Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery and the Collegiate Recovery Community that helps students who are dealing with substance abuse find a mentor that will positively enable them. The mentors help students abstain from using drugs and other harmful substances. KSU also supports groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and other confidential support groups.

"College is a lot to deal with sometimes. Exams, papers, relationships and other things that weren't so big before now are the biggest causes of stress," said KSU junior Emori Rivers.

The CPS counselors are here to help make students make positive decisions. College can be a stressful experience and can cause students to become depressed due to increased anxiety. Anxiety, which is a common problem among KSU students, has even triggered suicidal thoughts in students.

"We want to help as many people as we can, but we are undersized. There should be a counselor for every 1,500 students," said Gunn.

If you feel you need to speak to someone an appointments must be made in advance. However, groups and workshops do not require an appointment, but you still have to speak to a counselor before attending your first group session.

The next workshop is "Live Optimally." It will be in Kennesaw Hall Room 2401 Thursday, Nov. 8 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Students will learn how to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression by learning healthier ways of thinking and living.

The Counseling and Psychological Department is a safe place for students to receive help with issues that are troubling them. Student's information must remain confidential by law, so there is no need to worry about privacy.

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## 15 - A

## Refuse the Contract

You go with Jones' advice and refuse the deal. Good thing too! The contract had some pretty microscopic print about a sidekick that was questionable. Eventually, Rhubarb Jones sets up another meeting with executives from Pixar. You sign on the dotted line and they cast you as the voice for their next film, "Crime & Punishment with a Side of Fries" based on Dostoevsky's novel but played by talking, fast-food menu items. Somehow the film's serious message is a hit with the kids and the critics! The film breaks the record for most Oscars won and you come away with a Best Actor award for your portrayal of Rodion, the fried onion ring. You soon become a Hollywood A-lister and eventually get your own star! Good thing you filled in for Reggie at KSU Radio! THE END.

## 15 - B

## Shoot Hoops

You join a pick-up basketball game and you do really well. Somebody uploaded a video of your front-flip dunk from half-court and the KSU basketball coach offers you a spot on the team. You join the team and win a few national championships before you enter yourself into the draft! Good luck with your professional basketball career! THE END.

## 15 - C

## Continue Towards Commons

You tell Reggie he has to find someone else. On your way to The Commons you see the new issue of The Sentinel on a bench. You read each issue of The Sentinel as soon as it comes out, just like everybody else on campus. Do you pick it up? Or do you head to The Commons for some food?

**To grab The Sentinel,  
turn to page 16-A**

**To go to The Commons,  
turn to page 14-B**

## 15 - D

## Head Toward Commons

On your way to The Commons, a panic-stricken Reggie Joseph with tears streaming down his face explains that he cannot find a replacement disc jockey to fill in for the KSU Radio show. The show is about to start! Do you want to be the fill-in DJ or do you still want to get some food at The Commons?

**If you want to fill-in DJ,  
turn to page 18-F**

**If you still want food,  
turn to page 15-C**

# CLUB OF THE WEEK: PRIDE ALLIANCE

Samantha Machado Staff Writer

**Club Name:** Pride Alliance

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**Next Event:** Nov.6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Staff Lounge of the Student Center

KSU's Student Life offers anyone with a passion in bringing students together for a common cause the opportunity to start a new Registered Student Organization. KSU prides itself on the large variety of students it has accepted into its academic community.

The KSU community contains people of different races, religions and beliefs. It was the different beliefs that brought KSU's Pride Alliance club together.

KPA aims to promote awareness, understanding and tolerance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning community.

Through advocacy, social activities and community service KPA helps unite KSU students with similar ideas.

KPA has gone to various events this year including Rainbow Days at Six Flags, Atlanta Pride Festival and the AIDS Walk Atlanta. Advertising their alliance is one way for the members to showcase their beliefs.

There has always been a lot of controversy over how a person decides to be of the LGBTIQ community. With election time coming, a candidate's views on the matter can influence a voter's decision.

Much of the controversy with the LGBTIQ community is whether or not it is a mental choice. KPA member Amanda Allison shared what she thought on this matter.

"I believe that the environment has a huge impact on any decision you make in life. But I don't believe that people choose to be gay," Allison said. "I didn't wake up one morning and decide 'Oh, I am going to be a homosexual today because I want to be discriminated against every day.'"

Choices are all around us. KPA helps give LGBTIQQA students the ability to give questioning KSU students support and a place to go and relax.

"I chose to join [KPA] to be able to seek support and meet people who were going through similar situations as me," Allison said. "I also want people to know that we are

humans just like everyone else, regardless of our sexual orientation."

KPA prides itself on a place for a support system. Allison found this out when she joined.

"I enjoy being a member because this group allows me to have a support system in place whenever I need it," Allison said.

Having KPA there for you whenever you need it allows

for a sense of security for KSU students. KPA is in Cube 12 on the third floor of the Student Center.

With a place to call theirs, it is sure to increase the tightness among knit members. For more information please contact: officer@kennesawpridealliance.com or visit their Facebook page: Kennesaw Pride Alliance.



Kennesaw Pride Alliance marches in the 2012 Atlanta Gay Pride parade in October. For more information visit [www.kennesawpridealliance.com](http://www.kennesawpridealliance.com).



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# 16 - A

## Pick Up The Sentinel

The cover story is a very interesting article that explains how the B.O.B. busses are actually powered by the treadmills in the gym. As you flip through the pages to read about any of the KSU sports teams, a slip of paper falls out. You pick it up to discover it is a blank check signed by Ted Turner! Should you fill in the cash amount and go on a wild spending spree? Or should you give the check back to Ted Turner?

**If you spend like crazy, turn to page 18-E**

**If you give it back, turn to page 14-A**

# 16 - B

## Continue Reading

Yeah, it is bad to skip class but within the next few hours your IQ has quadrupled. Your brain even feels larger! You are the smartest person in the universe! You head over to the debating circle near the Social Science Building to start lecturing about your solutions to the world's problems. Your lecture draws a huge crowd. The local news team even shows up. You decide to start taking questions from the crowd. The first person is Dr. Papp and he says he will give you school funding to solve a world problem. Do you want to try to solve world hunger? Or do you want to finally put an end to this energy crisis?

**Try to solve world hunger, turn to page 14-C**

**Try to end energy crisis, turn to page 18-G**

# 16 - D

## Sign the Contract

Despite Jones' warnings, you sign the contract. At first it seems like the right decision. You are rich and your radio show is very popular. Then, out of nowhere, the producers feel like you need a sidekick that'll bring in more advertising revenue. Without running it by you, your new sidekick turns out to be comedian Carrot Top. Unfortunate for you and your show, prop-based comedy doesn't work well on the radio and you are fired for having one of the most confusing radio shows ever. Eventually you are forced to take jobs narrating silent films and reading instruction manuals for IKEA products. What a waste of talent! THE END.

# 16 - C

## Read Mysterious Book

What an incredible book! Logical explanations of the biggest mysteries in the world like the God (maybe do 'the supernatural' instead?), aliens, the designated hitter rule in Major League Baseball, are all explained in this book! Each page you read gives you more knowledge, more power. Your next class is about to start though. Should you put the book back or skip class and continue reading?

**To put the book back, turn to page 18-B**

**To continue reading, turn to page 16-B**

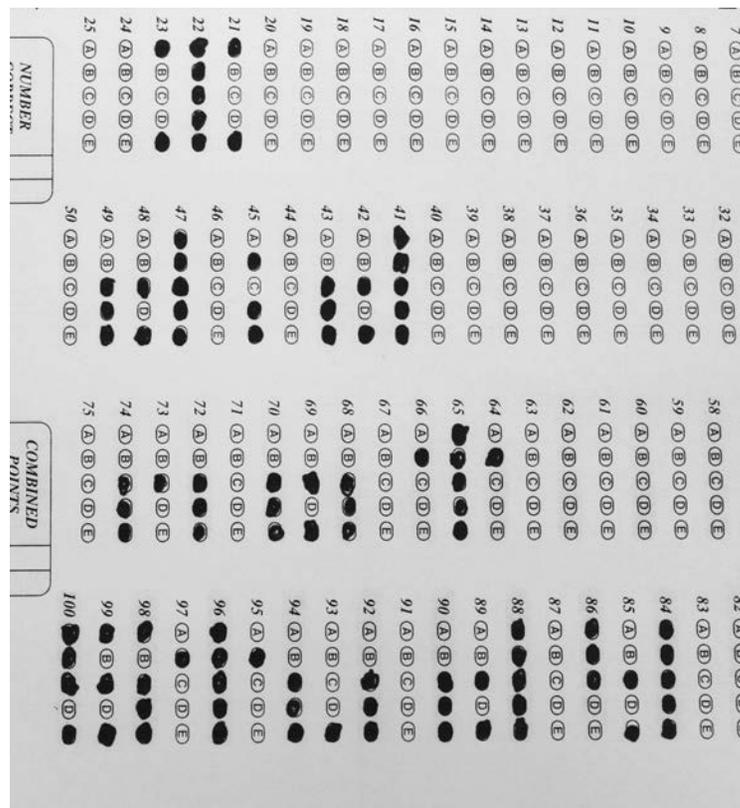
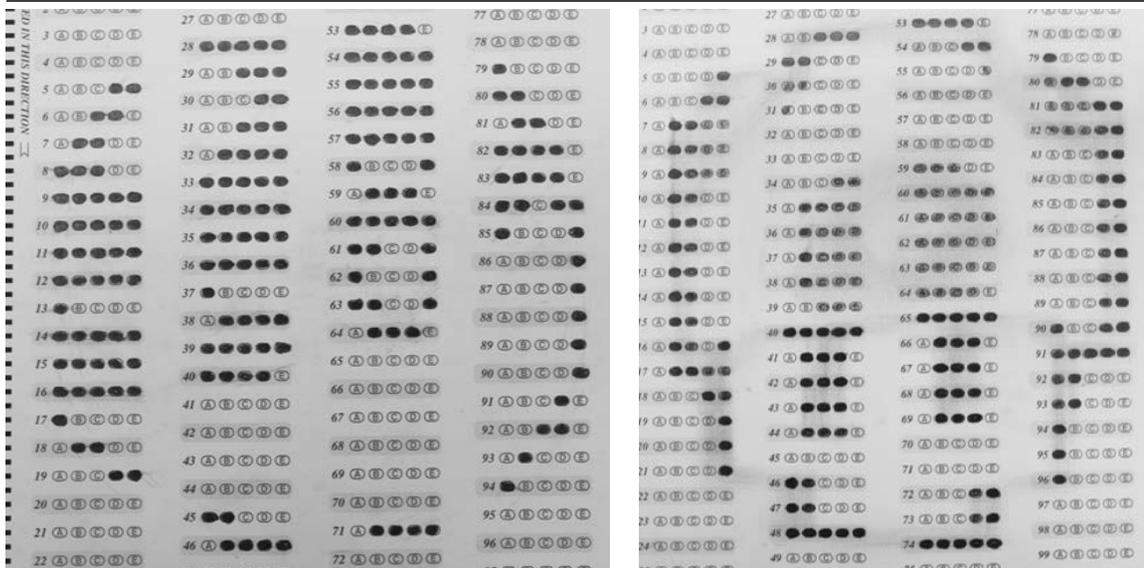
# 16 - G

## Go to Class

You would get some food but your class is about to start. Blame it on your hunger or boredom during the lecture, but you eventually start doodling all over your notes. Your doodle is seen by your teacher (who happens to be a huge art buff) and it is shown in an exhibit at school. Soon enough, your art is declared a masterpiece by critics all over the world. Kennesaw State becomes a popular art school destination because of your new-found fame. Your new artistic style starts a new art movement and revolutionizes the art world. You are praised as a genius! THE END.

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Test Illustrations by Connor Strickland, Laura Zerlin and Daniel Lumpkin



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# MAJOR CHANGES

Lindsay Stapp Contributor

**College students know the question. They prepare for it every time they meet someone new, gather with relatives or go for a job interview. It is the default question that labels you before you've defined yourself – a temporary description for the limbo period that is college.**

## “What Are You Majoring In?”

Students like to have an answer to that question. Having a plan reinforces the idea that the impermanent title “history major” or “pre-med” will change into “10th grade economics teacher” or “pediatric doctor.” For some students, plans will be carried out with as few glitches as possible. Others will tweak their plans, adding a minor or adjusting their major. And some students will decide to go a totally different direction than what their original plan entailed. But no matter what choice they make, whether to stay with their original goal or change to a new one, deciding what you want to do is difficult and it's never just an easy answer.

## “I'm Majoring In Exercise and Health Science.”

Family, professors and peers often assume freshman students don't know yet what they want to do in college, and even more often, they assume that a first year student will change their plan of present numerous times.

One freshman, who prefers to remain anonymous, was an English major going in to KSU this fall. Three weeks ago she decided physical therapy was a better career choice for her. Worried about job opportunities, she changed to exercise and health science.

When asked about her family's reaction she said, “they liked it, they were actually more happy with my decision. There's just not a lot you can do with English with this economy.”

## “I'm Majoring In Public Relations.”

Sometimes students are in the appropriate playing field, just the wrong position. Greg Walker, a senior business major, was in the business management field before switching to public relations a year and a half ago.

“I thought it would be better for me to just do something I like. [And] I like doing media stuff,” said Walker. “I got persuaded by my uncle, he used to go to school here with Justin Farmer, [from] Channel 2 Action News. Career wise, I don't know what I'm doing, but it'll come around.”

Having close friends or family in a successful position can help students picture themselves in that place.

## “I'm Undecided”

The stress of picking out what will seemingly be your life's career can make any student stall in their decision-making. The big picture is daunting. How could someone possibly make a choice that, if wrong, they have to live with for the rest of their life? Advice is futile. Nothing anyone says is pertinent to any students' unique situation.

One sophomore female, who will remain anonymous, is unsure about her undecidedness. Before coming to KSU she was in Entertainment Industry Studies (EIS) at Belmont University in Tennessee, and decided to make the switch to KSU for financial reasons. But deciding on a major at a new school is difficult.

## “I changed to undecided because then I decided I'm not sure I want to do that [EIS].”

When asked what major she would be if she had to pick, she said, “if I had to choose . . . maybe psychology. But I don't know. I'm trying to be open to everything.”

## “I'm Majoring In Early Childhood Education.”

What do you do if you're so far in your education that switching majors would make that graduate-in-4-years-plan go way out the door? Should you stick it out or change to the goal you want?

One KSU senior, an anonymous female, loves working with kids, but working with and teaching them have proved to be two very different things and she wants to change from the education field to social work.

## “I've always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was little, but now that I'm in the coursework, I don't know if I would be dedicated to that. I'd rather work with them [kids]

## to help them out of a situation they need to get out of.”

When asked what others think about her situation she said, “my family wants me to finish the degree. My friends think I should change it now, [but] I have a couple semesters left, I might as well finish it out.”

## “I'm Majoring In Exercise and Health Science.”

Junior Brianna Fouad was majoring in biology before switching to EHS this summer.

“I'm not good at chemistry, and I just didn't want to deal with that. Plus I like exercise and health science. I want to go [into] physical therapy. My friends were like ‘what the hell’ cause I changed - again [and] my mom and dad weren't

that supportive because they wanted me to go to pharmacy school or med school.”

But, even with her family and friends reservations, Fouad is confident in her choice to switch. Fouad is happy about her decision because she likes EHS a lot more than biology.

## “I Am . . .”

With or without support, whether a freshman or senior, and even over all the pressures of society, picking a major exists as one of the most important and personal choices a college student will have to make. Whatever reason for picking one major over the other, there is always a different, and complicated, answer for that unavoidable question.

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## 18 - A

### Central Deck

After a few failed attempts to lift a car over your head on the top floor of the Central Deck, you go into a frustrated fit, flailing your arms and jumping around. It looked pretty dumb but eventually you realized that each flap of your arms sent you soaring into the air. After some practice, you've mastered the ability of flight! Dr. Papp sees you while during his afternoon sun bathing on his balcony and asks you to be the full-time mascot for the school. Soon you are given a full scholarship for your amazing skills as Scrappy. THE END.

## 18 - C

### Study

You do the studious thing. Good for you. Within the hour you are learning all kinds of new theories about the colonization of a candy bar empire... Zzz... Zzz... huh? What happened? You fell asleep in the library and they locked you in! On a holiday weekend?! The following Tuesday, librarians find your body huddled around torn-out pages of Emeril's autobiography (? The chef?). The school holds a candlelit memorial service for you and put a plaque up in your honor. You are forever known as the nerd who haunts the library. THE END.

## 18 - E

### Spending Spree

After some deliberation about what you want to buy with \$1 billion, you decide that you will become the owner of KSU. You rename the school after your favorite superhero plus you make several other changes. Now, playing video games is a minor, extra credit is given when asked, attendance is not mandatory and you open the best clown college in the country! You are remembered as a pioneer of higher education. THE END.

## 18 - B

### Put it Back

You put it back and head to class. After class ends, you race back to the library to continue reading but the book's gone! At the front desk, the librarians persistently tell you that the book isn't in any of their records. After you protest and say something about a conspiracy, the librarians have KSU campus police take you away and Dr. Papp issues a statement that too much cramming "scrambled your eggs" and you are eventually kicked out of school. All for a book? That stinks. THE END.

## 16 - D

### The Library

You walk into the library and find a free cubicle on the second floor. As you pull out your text books to study, a book on the shelf catches your eye. "All the Answers in the Entire Universe" is a pretty strange title. The beat-up, leather-bound book looks interesting though. Should you put off studying and thumb through a couple of the pages or should you study?

**To study,  
turn to page 18-F**

**To read the book,  
turn to page 16-C**

## 18 - F

### Fill-in DJ

You tell Reggie that you will give it a shot. Surprisingly, you do a really great job and by the end of the show you are told that there were more listeners tuning in to your program than any other KSU Radio program ever. KSU professor and Country Music DJ Hall of Fame Inductee Rhubarb Jones is very impressed and offers you a sit-down meeting with radio executives. Do you take it?

**To take sit-down meeting,  
turn to page 14-D**

**To go to class,  
turn to page 16-G**

## 18 - G

### Energy Crisis

You choose the energy crisis. After several weeks of writing equations on giant whiteboards and double-checking your numbers on a graphing calculator, it's solved! At a huge press conference you explain your solution. Dr. Papp gives you a high five! Al Gore and T. Boone Pickens hug each other and skip hand-in-hand singing, "We're all in this together" around campus. The President offers you the Secretary of Energy position and within a year everyone is driving around in emission-free hovercrafts. No more traffic! THE END.



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# OWLS CRUISE PAST PIEDMONT College in exhibition game

Sarah Woodall Staff Writer

**It was a walk in the park for KSU's men's basketball team on Thursday night, as it defeated Piedmont College 82-43 in an exhibition game at the Convocation Center.**

KSU took control of the game from the start and never looked back, scoring 46 of its 82 points in the paint. Senior all-conference guard Markeith Cummings led the Owls with 23 total points and even had three fast-break dunks. To Cummings, it was a solid team effort.

"I think we came out and played well as a team," Cummings said. "Everyone just came in and played hard."

KSU head coach Lewis Preston felt it was a nice start to a new season. Coach Preston was pleased with the intensity in the second half and pleased with his player's ability to rebound the ball.

"I think it was a great way for us to show as I would like to call a new team and new beginning and a new journey for us," Preston said.

Among the Owl's veterans were some new faces as well, including freshman Yonel Brown. This was Brown's first collegiate game as an Owl. He was not far behind Cummings with 16 points. Brown mentioned the pace was very different from high school, but seemed to get a lot out of the experience after getting over the pre-game nerves.

"I just wanted to contribute in a few different ways, try to take a couple of charges, get a couple of steals, and try to do the little things to give us some energy and give us an extra push," Brown said.

As far as meeting expectations, coach Preston does not want to base Brown's performance off of just one game. Preston's goal was to make sure Brown was

incorporated with the offense.

"He is going to have an opportunity in a variety of different ways to help us, in regards to giving us another threat on the perimeter," Preston said. "He made four out of our five three's tonight."

The big factor for the Owls in this game was their performance on the defensive side of the ball, especially in the second half. The Owls had 14 steals, forced 24 turnovers, and had 22 defensive rebounds for the game. The Black and Gold were able to generate 28 points off of turnovers as well.

Coach Preston was pleased with the defensive effort of his players, but is also looking to improve in other areas in the near future.

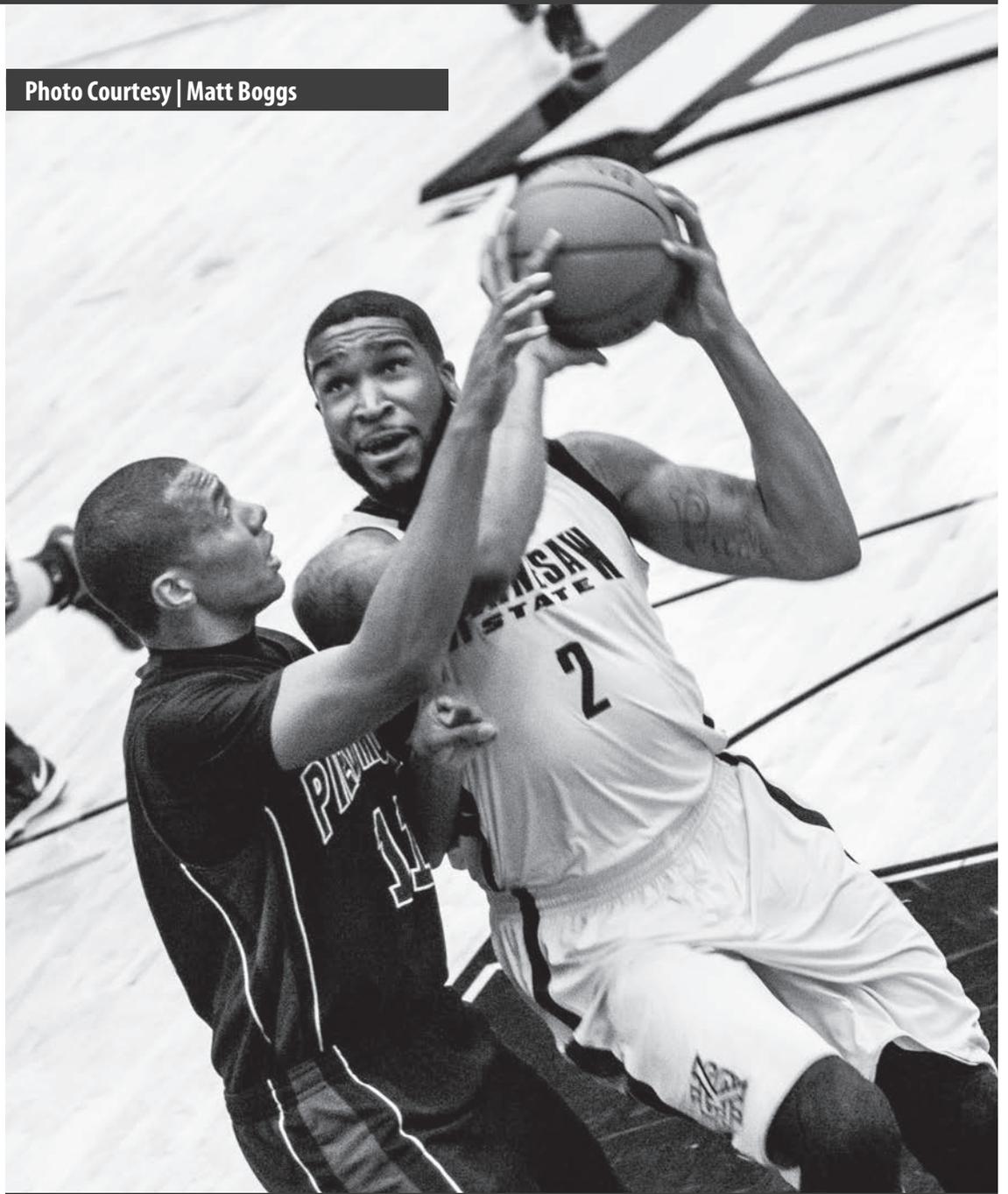
"I think our defensive intensity has got to pick up from the beginning of the game, and we can't start slow and think we can ease our way in," Preston said. "I do like the fact that we had 14 steals and we caused them to have 24 turnovers, but I do not like the fact we shot 5-for-22 from the three-point range."

Piedmont College's status as a Division III school was clearly displayed. Piedmont only shot a field goal percentage of 31.4 and only scored 12 points in the paint. Despite a blow-out victory, Brown believes this win should not determine their entire season.

"We can't base our season on tonight," Brown said. "We know we are going to face better opponents, so we just have to continually get better at practice and push each other every day."

The Owls open up their season against the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on November 9th.

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Markeith Cummings (2) drives to the basket against Piedmont. Cummings finished with 23 points

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TIME & PLACE: TBAKSU HOOPS SHOWCASE BRAND IN  
feel-good exhibition against Lions

Michael Foster Sports Editor



**Exhibition matchups in college hoops are rarely more than an after thought, but for the KSU men's basketball program, Thursday night definitely provided many positives.**

A new mascot, new Adidas uniforms, brand new LED boards, a wonderful new jumbotron and an impressive crowd made for a nice scene at the Convocation Center last night as the Owls hosted the Piedmont College Lions.

The product on the court did not disappoint, either. One would assume not much could be made from an exhibition game, but considering the Owls 0-18 conference record from last year was preceded with a nail-biter of an exhibition against DII West Georgia, seeing the team prove to be the superior was refreshing.

Preseason All-Atlantic Sun Conference guard Markeith Cummings was hands down

the best player on the floor. Cummings' final line provided 23 points on 11-of-15 shooting, nine rebounds, three steals and a block.

His performance, however, isn't very newsworthy. Cummings has been a stellar player for the Owls for three straight years, but the team has regressed each season he's been in a black and gold uniform. What the Owls need is not a superstar, but depth—which is something they mightily lacked last season.

Head coach Lewis Preston, entering his second year having to prove a lot of progression, needs his freshman class to produce if depth is going to be a fix this season.

Preston's job at KSU seems pretty safe. Confidence will be on his side as he continues to build a more competitive foundation, and possibly his two most prized players did not even participate in last night's game.

They won't during the season either. Transfers Willy Kouassi and Bernard Morena, both former Auburn Tigers, and both formerly highly recruited players, will have to sit out this season because of transfer rules. 2013 will be the year KSU can reload with superior talent and become a true competitor in the conference.

But, for this year, a group of young, talented, but undoubtedly raw freshman will have to help anchor the ship that sank last year.

Point guard Yonel Brown, a freshman from Berkmar High School in Lawrenceville, further proved Preston has passed the recruiting test.

Brown was the lone freshman to start for the Owls last night, and he made an immediate impact. Brown hit 6-of-11 from the floor, including 4-of-7 from three-point range on his way to 16 points. The diminutive freshman, standing at just 5'9", impressed with six assists as well.

Brown's instant impact likened a lot to the debut of Delbert Love, last year. Love was Preston's lone recruit when he entered Kennesaw from Penn State, and was the Owls bright spot in 2011 on his way to the A-Sun All-Freshman team.

Brandon Montgomery and Nigel Pruitt had some nice plays off the bench as well, and walk-on Kris Drees got the crowd fired up with three baskets in seven minutes.

Still, however, the Owls appear to have some work to do. For KSU's starting five to function well this year, they are going to need a big season from starting center Andrew Oshemen.

Oshemen, a 6'9" junior, is the Owls tallest player. He did not have as much of a starting role in 2011, but started last night. He wasn't amazing, going for six points on just one basket and five rebounds in limited action.

Going into the game, the expectation for Owls fans should have been to see a big performance from Oshemen against a smaller team. 6'7" forward Brandon Dawson had a nice game as a back up, scoring 10 points. But, Dawson does not have the potential that Oshemen has under the basket. If KSU is going to make noise in the conference this season, Oshemen needs to take on a bigger role and be an aggressor in the Owls offense.

Senior forward Aaron Anderson was his usual self in 28 minutes, going 3-of-5 from the field, while Delbert Love had a great night despite 3-of-11 shooting as he finished with eight points, five rebounds, seven assists and four steals.

KSU had a nice showing last night, and there was a considerably impressive crowd at the Convocation Center. Owls fans will learn how this team competes against competition when it plays on the road against Tennessee in its season opener next Friday in Knoxville.

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(BIG EAST)

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# HORNETS PUSH KSU TO BRINK

William Dupree Contributing Writer

**Forty minutes were not enough to decide the game between the KSU Owls women's basketball team and the Southern Polytechnic State Hornets on Friday night.** The game was sent into overtime by SPSU's Ashlie Billingslea with a fade-away three-pointer as the clock ran down to 0.7 seconds, tying the game at 66. The game was a tight contest the whole way through. There were several times where it looked as if KSU would pull away, at one point leading by 12 midway through the first half, but they just could not shake the Hornets.

The first half was littered with fouls, 16 in total, 11 of which belonged to SPSU. This put two SPSU players in foul trouble. Christa Moore and Alexandria Prince both had three. The second half started with some good defense by the Owls and hard-nosed offense. A block by Sametria Gideon and rebound by Bria Young led to a spin-into-the-lane layup by KSU leading scorer Bria Young. Some good shooting and defense by Sametria Gideon and Shadelly Guzman, allowed KSU to push its lead out to nine before allowing another SPSU bucket. The Hornets didn't get their first points of the half until 14:56, after a jumper by Ashlie Billingslea, to make it 42-35.

The teams then exchanged buckets after a hard drive-in by KSU's Sametria Gideon (10 points, 6 rebounds, one block, two steals). With 12:35 remaining in the game, freshman Shadelly Guzman made a nice move inside to get the lay-in to push the score to 46-37. Shadelly had a great first game on defense and offense, scoring 14 points along with seven assists and two steals. Guzman also had a few ankle-breaking moves to get past the SPSU defense. Guzman admitted, after the game, that the first game jitters were there at the start.

"I was very nervous at the

beginning, but after a while everything just came natural," Guzman said. Even with the jitters, Guzman managed to play a very solid first game as an Owl.

Several fouls and turnovers against kept both teams from scoring between 11:52 and 10:00. Then SPSU's Ashlie Billingslae (24 points, two rebounds, seven assists, two steals) connected on both free throws to make the score 48-40. After an arching three by Hornets guard Sarah Ogoke, the teams traded baskets until sophomore KSU guard Nicole Adams hit a clutch three to make it 53-47 with 6:29 left in the game. After a hard fought layup by SPSU's Quentessa Bullock, preseason A-Sun All-Conference selection, Kristina Wells, hit one of two free throws to up the KSU lead to five. Wells, who had a monster night (16 points, 11 rebounds, five assists, and three steals), looks to pickup where she left off from last year after a stellar freshman season.

After two big rejections by KSU center Christine Wylie and a missed jumper by Adams, SPSU's Erica Turner got the layup and one. She then converted the free throw to tie it up at 56 with just 3:23 left. Kristina Wells had some slick moves to get into the lane and hit the lay-in to make it 58-56 with three minutes left on the clock. The Owls then gave up a jumper to SPSU to tie it back up. KSU fought back with another Wells layup and two more free throws from Gideon, surging the lead to 62-58, but with just over two minutes left Erica Turner got the inbound pass from Billingslea and laid it in for two. Sloppy play almost led to another two points for the Hornets, but excellent two-on-one defense by Shadellay Guzman kept the score at 62-60.

Guzman had a chance to put it to a four-point lead with 1:23 left, but only hit one of her two free throws to make it 63-60. That left the window open for

SPSU to keep in the game and with 1:06 left, and they did just that. SPSU's Christa Moore got her only points of the night off a three-pointer to tie it up. The Owls then slowed down the pace and got a solid layup from Gideon to go up two with just 37 ticks left on the clock. KSU's Chantel Kennedy stepped up the defense with a crucial block to keep SPSU from lighting up the board, but when Guzman went to the line to ice the game, the free throw bug hit the Owls. Guzman went 0 for 2 from the line giving SPSU the ball back with 18 seconds remaining. The Owl defense stood tall and Kristina Wells got the ball and went to the charity stripe to put the game away. But the basketball fate had other plans; Wells hit only one of her two free throws leaving a glimmer of hope for the Hornets. And then it happened. With less than a second left in the game Billingslae hit a fade away trey to tie it up.

After the game, first year head coach Nitra Perry said that she was preaching poise to her players prior to the overtime period.

"I was thinking it was zero-zero, that's what I told the players, that we needed to be poised," Perry said. "That was one of our key things that we wanted to talk, we wanted to block out, and we wanted to stay poised throughout the game. We all knew it was going to be a competitive game. And big time players make big time shots, and I consider that kid a big time player. I think she'll be one of the better kids we play, even in conference."

After the forty minutes of regulation, the two teams amassed 41 total personal fouls, including a foul out by SPSU's Sarah Ogoke. The two teams were within a few percentage points of each other in almost every statistical category.

With the score still tied with 2:30 left in overtime, Guzman made yet another big

defensive play with a steal that led to a 3-0 breakaway that she took to the rim herself for the lay in to put KSU up 72-70. The Owls would maintain the lead for the remainder of the game, thanks to good defense from Wylie and Wells, along with a few clutch shots. The Owls would go on to win 79-75.

After the game Coach Nitra Perry felt that the close overtime game would prove key later in the season.

"I thought it was huge,

just giving them that game experience," Perry said. "I'll have something to draw back from, even when we get to December-January. While today's game doesn't go towards the standings, it will definitely be a building block for the team to go off all year."

The Owls head to Tennessee next weekend to face off in the WNIT against MTSU.

## 2012-2013 Women's Basketball Non-Conference Schedule

**NOV. 21**

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TEXAS STATE  
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GEORGIA SOUTHERN  
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7PM  
KENNESAW, GA

**28**

GARDNER WEBB  
FRIDAY  
7PM  
KENNESAW, GA

# PERRY USHERS IN NEW ERA for women's basketball

Eric Fuller Assistant to the Sports Editor

**KSU's women's basketball team will begin their 2012-2013 season on the road against Middle Tennessee State on Friday, Nov. 9.**

Behind the leadership of first year head coach Nitra Perry, the Owls will hope to improve upon their season after finishing with a 14-17 record a year ago.

Perry served as an associate head coach at the University of Toledo prior to arriving at KSU. She became one of the most sought after assistant coaches in the country after amassing a 96-40 overall record and a 50-14 mark in the Mid-American Conference in four years at Toledo. Last season, Perry helped lead her team to a school-record 29 victories and a WNIT Postseason Tournament Championship.

Perry will look to restore intensity to the team after the retirement of long-time head coach Colby Tilley after last season.

"We definitely want to get out there push the ball," Perry said. "We want to run an up-tempo game while continuing to defend well. We have a great group of kids that can switch and get out there and guard on the post and the perimeter."

Last season, the Owls averaged 62 points a game. One of the many goals set by Perry was to increase that average to 70 points.

"Our team needs to put a lot of pressure on people but we also have to find a way to score more points," Perry said.

The Owls were able to do exactly that, posting a 79-75 victory over Southern Polytechnic State University in the first exhibition game of the season. It took extra minutes, but the continued effort by the Owls allowed Perry to secure her first win as a head coach.

"It feels great to get the first win," said Perry. "We came out and fought really hard like I expected us to do. The

game went back-and-forth in runs but overall I think it was a great game to prepare us. We played a really strong opponent and when it came down to it, we did what we needed to do."

The Owls were fueled by their veteran squad and are returning an experienced roster, which includes four seniors, three juniors and three sophomores, who saw a great deal of playing time last season. Lisa Capellan, Ashley Holliday, Chelcey Farrar, and Sametria Gideon will return for their senior season and have a combined 12 years of basketball experience.

"We'll absolutely be leaning on our veterans this season," said Perry. "Those girls will be our core all year long. We don't know exactly in what roles and at what capacity yet, but they've embrace everything we give them so far and they've embraced myself and my staff 100-percent."

Holliday and Gideon return as two of the Owls top scorers from last season, averaging 11.1 and 9.3 points respectively. Holliday was productive from beyond the arc, finishing with 26 three-pointers, while Gideon led the team in rebounding with 247 rebounds total and an 8.2 rebounds per game average. She was also top in blocks with 37. Capellan dominated the paint last year for the Owls, bringing down 100 defensive boards while averaging six rebounds per game to go along with her 7.3 points per game. Farrar averaged 30.2 minutes per game and was also one of the squad's top shooters with a .500 success rate and averaging 9.2 points per game.

Juniors Christine Wylie, Elaina Gray, and Chantel Kennedy will look to support their senior leaders and provide an improved presence on the court for coach Perry. Colorado State transfer

Kennedy, who had 115 assists while scoring 134 points and earning 222 rebounds in her two years with CSU, will add important experience at the guard position for the Owls.

The Preseason All-Conference selection for the Owls, Kristina Wells, will lead a sophomore class that will play an extended role for the Owls. Wells started in 30 games in 2010-11, averaging 9.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

"Wells is absolutely one of the hardest workers we have," Perry said. "She surprises me every day with what she can do for our team. She's a tremendous defender and a quick lefty that drives hard to the basket. She's going to have a big year, we're just looking to add a few more

things to her game to bring her to that next level we know she's capable of."

Guards Bria Young and Nicole Adams return for KSU, both shooting over .300 from beyond the arc last season. Freshman newcomers Shadeily Guzman and Chelsea Mason will round out the team.

The Owls will play one of the toughest schedules in the A-Sun Conference. Their first road match against MTSU will come during the WNIT Preseason Tournament.

"The WNIT gets us to jump in the skillet pretty early," Perry said. "It's going to be tough but at the same time it's a good measuring stick to see where we are. Right now it's hard to say who's going to

play what role in our lineup, so getting in there and seeing who can do what against those high-caliber teams is going to help us grow up pretty quickly."

The team's home opener will come against Troy on Nov. 21. The Owls open conference play against the defending champions, Florida Gulf Coast, and this year's predicted winner, Stetson, both at the KSU Convocation Center.

"I encourage our players to focus on us and not other's opinions of us," Perry said. "This year our motto is the same as the whole department in 'we can we will.' We're going to go out there and compete and be the best we can be every day."



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# VOLLEYBALL SLUMPING DOWN STRETCH

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**KSU's volleyball team suffered two hard losses on the road this weekend against Lipscomb and Northern Kentucky.** Despite losing 3-1 in both matches, The Owls proved to play hard and maintain competitive determination against both opponents, gaining greater respect from the coaches and onlookers back at home.

"Last week I told them I could not be more proud of them. Well, they one upped me tonight," head coach Karen Weatherington said of Friday night's game. "They continued to respond and perform in a disciplined way. The execution of the game was a great team effort and we had great contribution all around. It's a monumental step forward in KSU volleyball."

KSU battled hard the first two sets against Lipscomb,

but fell 19-25 and 16-25. The Owls came on top in the third set, 25-22, led by the likes of seniors Baylee Strachan with 16 kills and Turea Jones with 11 kills and 19 digs. The set win for the Owls was the first for the KSU volleyball team against the Bisons since 2008, noting great strides in the program.

Ultimately, Lipscomb took the win the fourth-set ending the match, 20-25. "The Bisons are a nationally recognized team because of their consistency and experience and hats off to them," coach Weatherington said, "But I'm proud of my girls for competing at such a high level."

The Owls traveled up to Kentucky on Saturday, facing the Norse for the first time since NKU's appearance at KSU. The match marked only the second time in Owls

volleyball history the teams met on the court. The Norse, celebrating senior night, took the lead immediately in the opening set. The Owls were able to reverse the situation and take the lead for a short time. NKU rallied to deplete the deficient and ended the set on top, 25-17.

The Owls claimed the second set, 25-20. KSU's efforts were led by senior talent, with Turea Jones performing a career best with 20 kills and 19 digs along with a .292 attack percentage. Baylee Strachan added 10 kills, with one closing the second set for the Owls.

The third set proved to be close, with the score going back and forth, until the end, NKU pulled out the win 19-25. The Owls rallied hard for a possible fifth set from the start of the fourth, leading 22-18. NKU lobbied and tied

it up, and the teams battled until the end, each jumping ahead in score once more before the Norse scored two points straight to end the game.

"Every player did their part today to make us successful, it was just a tough match and a tough one to have to get away from us. Our hearts showed and we definitely made NKU earn the win. I'm proud of my team and our belief in each other, especially at this time in the season," Weatherington said.

KSU is now 16-15 and 5-11 in conference. The Owls will travel to Tennessee on Tuesday to face East Tennessee State. The game starts at seven and the outcome of this game will help determine the Owl's chances for postseason play.



Turea Jones (8) had a career high 20 kills and 19 digs at NKU

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