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## KSU WELCOMES AN ACTIVIST: Dr. Cornell West

Kacie S. Whaley Contributor

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**On Sunday night Jan. 20, there was a long line of people wrapped around the Bobby Bailey Performing Arts Center, consisting of students, teachers and others who had traveled from various parts of Georgia to hear renowned social activist and public speaker, Dr. Cornel West.**

"I saw West for the first time around 1995, and twice in Philly while I was attending graduate school," Professor of English Griselda Thomas recalls. "[He is] always entertaining." Others in the crowd were excited to experience West perform a memorable oration about civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the eve of his national holiday.

Around 8 p.m., the full house seated inside the performing arts center was treated to two songs sung by the KSU Gospel choir, led by Dr. Oral Moses, who was later congratulated on his nearly 30-year teaching career at KSU. The excellence of Moses' work was clear, as West praised him as "Oral Mosley: Leader in Song."

West quickly began his message of the night with a remembrance of Dr. King: "Brother Martin, we love you so, we miss you so, and we need you so, especially in these confusing times."

Compassionately calling Dr. King "Martin" throughout the evening, West reminded the audience not to view the late civil rights leader as "an isolated icon, [nor] an individual who transcends all of humanity," but

to remember him as more of an everyday man who "was the son of a black community that came from [hundreds of] years of slavery."

West reminded his listeners of what Dr. King stood for by outlining the "three crimes against humanity" on which King focused as a leader. The first was Jim Crow laws, which Dr. West labeled as "American terrorism." The second crime was the bombings in Vietnam that occurred in the 1960's. The third crime was poverty. West compared this concern of Dr. King's to the economic crisis that the United States is facing today: "How come there is a budget crisis in the streets, but all the wealth is going to people at the very top who are living like kings and queens?"

Throughout the lecture, West compared the behaviors and morals of the people in King's day to those in today's society. Dr. West described people in King's community as "decent and dignified" and people who asked themselves, "What kind of human being will I choose to be today?" Regarding today's society, and youth in particular, West said that people are "too focused

on money" and that there are "too many copies and not enough originals."

"Lift every voice, not lift every echo," West urges.

Although the famed orator had been criticized in the past for being outspoken about his opinion on President Barack Obama, he did not hesitate to

“EVERYTHING  
AND EVERYBODY  
IS FOR SALE”

speaking his mind on the man who would be sworn into office a second time on Dr. King's holiday. I hope and pray he really knows what he's doing," he says of Obama. "He has to come to terms with Martin's challenge." West then took a moment to lend the President some advice: "Highlight your priorities in your policies. When you're bailing out banks and not home owners, that's a reflection of priorities."

The evening came to a close with West proclaiming that despite the election of an African-American President of the United States, America is "less racist, but not post-racial," reminding his audience that racism is still alive and that more progress will have to be made to truly reach the visions that Dr. King had for humanity.

Lamine Toure, a visiting student from Georgia Perimeter College, agreed with West's ideas on King, and believes that "[King's] philosophy inspires many young people, and helps us keep in mind that we are here to achieve our goals and progress."

Dr. Cornell West

# NEWS

## OWL EVENTS

Greg Bieger  
News Editor

**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](mailto:newseditor@ksusentinel.com)

### Wednesday

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- Free Salasa Dance Lessons  
ALAS: Association of Latin American Students  
3:30-5:00 p.m.  
University Rooms

### Thursday

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- Lupus Foundation Dance Ladies of Distinction  
7:00-11:30 p.m.  
University Rooms

### Friday

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- Nonviolent Pathways for Peace in the Middle East: A Symposium  
College of Humanities & Social Sciences  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Social Sciences Building room 1021

### Saturday

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- KSU School of Music Collage Concert  
School of Music  
8:00-10:00 p.m.  
Bailey Performance Center

### Monday

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- Swing Dance Lessons  
KSU Swing Dance Association  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
University Room A

### Tuesday

5

- Psychology Club 20th Birthday Party  
Psychology Club  
12:00-2:00 p.m.  
Social Sciences Building room 1001
- Campus Awakening Fellowship  
7:30- 9:30 p.m.  
University Rooms

# SGA BEAT: Relay for Life and KSU turns 50

Kacie S. Whaley Contributor

**During the latest Student Government Association meeting, a re-introduction of KSU's Relay for Life program was given in a Power-Point presentation by SGA's relay team captain, Tiffani Reardon.**

"Cancer never sleeps, so neither will we," said Reardon, the Senator for College of Humanities and Social Sciences. This is the main idea of the fundraising program that raises money for the American Cancer Society.

There are existing teams that students can join, or they can create their own, and these teams create small fundraising events and find other ways

of asking for donations throughout the year. The program's main event starts on April 12 at 7 p.m. and continues to April 13, 7 a.m.. This event will take place on the Campus Green.

A misconception some have about April's gathering is that participants must walk around the Campus Green for the entire 12 hours.

"Members from each team are supposed to take turns the whole night walking around the track," Reardon explained. "While others within the circle host miniature fundraisers of their own." As an example, Reardon mentioned that

at last year's event, many members stopped walking after about two hours to join in on fundraising activities.

Members are encouraged to begin fundraising immediately, and can receive a club t-shirt if \$100 is raised. Anyone who is interested can visit [ksurelay.com](http://ksurelay.com) and email Reardon at [treardo2@students.kennesaw.edu](mailto:treardo2@students.kennesaw.edu) for additional information.

Relay for Life's Spring Kickoff is being held January 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center's leadership room. The occasion will also be a celebration of the life of Laura Stewart, KSU Relay's founding chair and honorary director, who died this past

October of cancer.

In Other News: The 50-year anniversary of Kennesaw State University is taking place this year. KSU, which made its transition from junior college to university 17 years ago, opened on October 9 1963. "Dr. Papp wants it to be a four year-long celebration," announces SGA President Rosalyn Hedgepeth. Many events held this year will be planned with the university's birthday as a major theme.

If anyone has ideas regarding celebrating KSU's 50 year, contact Rosalyn Hedgepeth at [presidenthedgepeth@ksusga.com](mailto:presidenthedgepeth@ksusga.com).

# COMMONS INTRODUCES NEW TO-GO OPTION

Shaddi Abusaid Staff Writer

**KSU's Culinary and Hospitality Services are introducing a new to-go service with The Commons, offering students the option to take their food with them instead of eating in the dining hall.**

"Guests opting into the take-out program will make a one-time \$5 purchase of a reusable take-out container," said Manager of Culinary and Hospitality Services Rob Nolen. "Once in The Commons, guests can choose menu items from any of our nine stations."

Students will be responsible for rinsing and returning their take-out containers to The Commons where they can pick

up a new one. Nolen said the containers will then be cleaned and sanitized before being reissued to other guests.

The new service will replace KSU's On-the-Fly, and will provide guests with a wider variety of dishes to choose from.

"On the Fly was a great option for guests who were in a hurry, but the space was small and as a result the options were limited," Nolen said. "Additionally, costs in this area were very high because each item was packaged in plastic containers."

Nolen said that the cost and space restraints of On-the-Fly held them back from being able to offer a wider variety of food to guests. The new take-out

option, he says, means a huge increase in the variety of menu items available.

"Once the program is fully implemented later in the semester, we will be utilizing a product called 'EcoTakeout' from G.E.T. Enterprises," Nolen said. "These reusable containers will significantly reduce our disposable waste by completely removing much of the plastic previously used in On-the-Fly."

Culinary and Hospitality Services are currently awaiting final approval from the State of Georgia for the reusable containers.

Courtney Adams, a junior studying nursing, thinks the new to-go option is a good

idea. "That is something I would use," said Adams. "Sometimes you don't want to sit in The Commons. Sometimes there's nowhere to sit."

Freshman Matthew McEntyre also says that the new dining option is something he would utilize. "If you're in a rush, you can get out quick and go to class."

"This new program will allow all guests—take-out or dine-in—to enjoy the hundreds of menu items offered in The Commons each day," Nolen said. "We are always seeking ways to improve service to our student body, and we feel this is a huge step forward."

# POLICE BEAT

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

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## HACKER ON THE LOOSE

On the morning of Jan. 16, a representative from the Department of Public Safety was called to the University Village Health Clinic regarding possible email fraud. A clinic employee reported that his computer suddenly asked for his Yahoo account information, so he typed in his username and password. Shortly after, family and friends were contacting the employee, informing the victim that someone was emailing them from the employee's account and asking for money. The Public Safety representative informed Information Technology Services of the incident, and the department is now working to track the location of where the emails were sent. The health clinic employee has since changed his username and password.

## RECKLESS DRIVER REMAINS ANONYMOUS

At approximately 4:42 p.m. on Jan. 16, a hit and run accident was reported from the Central Parking Deck, Level 4. A student told Officer Jackson that he parked his vehicle at the parking deck four hours prior to returning and viewing the damage. The vehicle had slight damage to the driver's side and damage to the rear bumper. There was no paint transfer from the criminal vehicle left on the student's car, nor was there any evidence of the criminal vehicle. There is no known video evidence of the incident.

## STUDENT'S MISJUDGMENT CAUSES PARKING DECK DAMAGE

On the afternoon of Jan. 15, Officer Jackson was called to the 1st level of the East Parking Deck about a vehicle accident. The officer learned that a student had attempted to drive around the parking gate arm of the deck's entrance. The vehicle struck the arm and broke it. The student claimed that the incident occurred due to his misjudging the clearance. No damage was done to the vehicle; however, the student caused \$75 worth of damage to the deck. A verbal warning was issued to the driver.

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KSU student Jessica Medovich stands next to artwork she entered in the exhibit.

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Faculty member Liz Lang studies a piece entered by Graphic Communications major Emily Seed.

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# OPINION

# Obama isn't going to try to TAKE YOUR GUNS AWAY

Michael Foster Staff Writer



**According to gun enthusiasts, President Barack Obama wants to take our guns away. At least, that's what all of the anti-Obama memes that are being shared on my Facebook are indicating.**

It's amazing how the news media and social media can turn us into rhetoric-blasting nincompoops if we let it.

The truth is, Obama doesn't want to take our guns away at all. He's not challenging our 2nd Amendment.

According to whitehouse.gov, On Jan. 16 Obama issued three presidential memorandums titled, "Tracing of Firearms in Connection with Criminal Investigations, Improving Availability of Relevant Executive Branch Records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and Engaging in Public Health Research on the Causes and Prevention of Gun Violence."

None of these memorandums mention the confiscation of weapons. That has not stopped an outcry from those under the misconception that the administration wants

to tackle the foundation of the Second Amendment.

An article on newsmax.com on Jan. 24 quoted former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III claiming that Obama would be impeached if he enacted an executive order on gun control.

"It would not be legal. It would not be constitutional," Meese said. "And, indeed, if he tried to override the Second Amendment in any way I believe it would be an impeachable offense."

Well yeah. Any president that tries to tear down one of the amendments in the Bill of Rights is going to catch some serious heat from this thing we like to call checks and balances. It's what has kept us from having a tyrannical dictator in office for 236 years.

The problem with our society and the media is the fact we let sensationalized conversation become the foundation of our perception, when in reality the media gives us anything but the truth. This fallacy has evolved into a quick-witted, demonizing habit of challenging the public figures we think we hate through bastardized blips of information.

These viral memes, calling Obama a moron and classifying him in the same breath as Hitler, are off-base and moronic themselves. They're all just as bad as the Sandy Hook conspiracy videos. But, I digress.

The same can be argued for those who identify themselves as the left, and how we can perceive it. Just because CNN's Peirs Morgan hosts a

gun debate show and brings on idiotic guests so he can prop his pants doesn't mean the network is subsidizing Obama's administration and is part of some underground plot to tear down America.

News networks exist to sensationalize and entertain. It's why they can't just report the news. That doesn't sell. They must have opinionated programs with seemingly endearing hosts and idiotic counterparts to prove points. Yes, CNN and MSNBC are

In a New York Times article posted Sunday, Obama made it clear he understands gun owners' disdain for the thought of disarming the public, but also makes it clear that is not in the realm of possibility.

He's quoted in the article saying, "If you grew up and your dad gave you a hunting rifle when you were 10, and you went out and spent the day with him and your uncles, and that became a part of your family tradition, you can see why you'd be

this country to the ground.

He has signed memorandums on action in gun control because he knows we need to do something about the negative effects that gun culture can have on our society. You may not feel that way because you live in a rural area and have been a responsible gun owner, and he gets that. But, people who live in urban areas and fear being held at gunpoint on a daily basis don't feel the way you do.

We are a people. The victims of Sandy Hook were part of our people. Victims of every day gun violence are part of our people. Our President is working within the confines of the American system and constitution to help prevent tragedies in the future.

Also, it's the media's fault for misreporting the AR-15 as an assault weapon. But, that doesn't change the fact you still don't need an assault weapon. It still doesn't change the fact most steps will be taken to prevent gun violence with handguns, even though the right-wing media wants you to believe the fact the president is opposed to ownership of such weapons is the driving-force of this debate.

Nowhere in the process will he try to remove your gun from your hands. If you honestly think that you need to get rid of your television.

Signed, a supporter of the Second Amendment.

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“IT WOULD NOT BE LEGAL. IT WOULD NOT BE CONSTITUTIONAL.”

left-wing media. Yes, FOX is right-wing media.

If we keep letting the media be our guide, we are going to continue to become a polarized and dysfunctional culture and our congress will continue to serve as a microcosm of the spoiled state of our society.

The president isn't going to strip the Second Amendment.

pretty protective of that."

"So it's trying to bridge those gaps that I think is going to be part of the biggest task over the next several months," Obama said.

Our president isn't trying to take away our guns to make him and the government an all-encompassing entity that will turn on us and tear

# THE CASUALTIES OF LEAVING CHILDHOOD

Carl DeBeer Opinion Editor



**This past Saturday was my 24th birthday. I've now been an "adult" for a quarter of my life and it seems that birthdays are not the same.** Gone are the extravagant parties filled with Party City decorations and gift bags. Gone are the invitations to cool kid party places. Gone are the days when all I dreamed of for a month was what I would open on the morning of my birthday. This Saturday I received new floor mats for my car and I was ecstatic. My

12-year-old self would have cried himself to sleep, but I am happy that I got something very useful and thoughtful. We change as we grow.

Everyone always jokes about the things that come with being an adult. Your 18th birthday means voting, military service, driving past midnight, clubs and porn. After that you have three years of excitement until you can legally have your first sip of alcohol. Once the magic of bar drinking wears off, the last big birthday is when you turn 26 and your insurance rates go down.

Growing old means we leave behind some of the magic from before. Yes you can still have a good time with friends drinking at a karaoke bar, but turning a year older really just means one more year of responsibilities added to your plate. Where before you were aching to be an adult and earn respect, now you fear what lies

ahead and looking backward fondly, missing what you had.

It isn't just society that changes as you get older. Every birthday of your adolescence meant your mind grew literally and figuratively. You would expand your knowledge in school while your body was busy expanding your brain. A recent study published in the Journal of Neuroscience and posted on psychcentral.com says that evidence shows that our brain growth continues into our early twenties, possibly because of the continued education we received in schools like KSU. Our brains may continue growing, but we leave behind our imaginations.

Remember when we were kids and a stick could be a sword, cane, gun or a hastily needed splint? Now I see a stick as something I have to clear from my yard or remove from my car after a storm. That imagination gets pushed from

our minds as we are forced to cram in 19th century British literature and trigonometry.

I say it's time we fight back this loss of innocence and imagination. The next time you are walking across campus, grab a stick, turn to your classmate and yell "En Garde!" Don't

**"It isn't just society that changes as you get older."**

let the difficulties of higher education make you lose who you were. Instead of inviting your friends to get drunk with you for your next birthday, go

to a playground and declare yourself king of the monkey bars! Take a few hours to reconnect with that ten-year-old you who cried tears of joy over his brand new Super Nintendo and worry about those college loans tomorrow. Numerous studies show that any type of high-energy activity helps improve your stress levels and your grades. A New York Times article said that students who regularly participated in vigorous physical activity had higher G.P.A.'s. What's more vigorous than a few hours of Capture the Flag?

Take a lesson from someone who has been in college six years now, close the books, stop worrying about money and run around like an idiot.

**Carl is a senior and an English major.**

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# ARTS AND LIVING

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

# HOW TO TAKE AN IDEA TO CONCEPT: A profile on Michael J. Coles

Megan Emory Editor-in-Chief



Michael J. Coles

Photo courtesy of University Relations

The course is being offered this semester and hold promise for future classes that he is open to teaching.

"I read that article and thought to myself, 'Now that would be exciting.' To be able to go to talk to MBA students and say, now here's how you take an idea from an idea and here's how you take it to the market place," says Coles.

Coles selected the experts and are individuals he considers experts in different areas of business who can appeal to graduate students.

Coles said he tells his students that, "you have to recognize that to be successful, on the other side of success, looming in the background is failure. The thing you have to try to do is not make the same mistakes. Learn from them."

He says he tries to teach his students that businesses have to constantly evolve because if they don't, someone else out there is prepared to do what you won't. He uses this advice to express the ups and downs of business to his class in the real-world scenarios that he thinks they need to truly be successful.

When asked what advice he would give to all students, Coles said, "Papp talked about life is about chapters and you have to live in each chapter. That doesn't mean you give a chapter up. If you are in the chapter of your family, give your family your full attention. If you are in the chapter of your business, give that business your full attention and I thought that was a great way of describing it."

really took off after a near-fatal motorcycle accident in 1977.

He was told after the accident that he may never walk again unaided and this accident left him in a position of not being able to do much else but built up his company. From that time of sole devotion to the company, the Great American Cookie Company went national. "My ah-ha moment was, I had been a pure entrepreneur and now I was going to have to have a company that was a managing company with an entrepreneurial spirit and I had never done that before," says Coles.

Coles College of Business is endowed by Coles and his wife and led him to want to teach a course here. He had been thinking of teaching for a while, but couldn't figure out how to teach a traditional course.

Coles said an article that was written about his clothing company and one written by himself, was his inspiration to develop a course where he brings business experts to talk about real-life experiences.

**"I said, 'You know, while we're trying to figure out what we're going to do for the rest of our life, why don't we open up a cookie store,'" says Michael J Coles on how the Great American Cookie Company came to be.**

Coles is the co-founder of the Great American Cookie Company, co-founder of Charter Bank & Trust, former CEO of Caribou Coffee and the man for whom the Michael J. Coles College of Business at KSU was named. He has brought his business expertise to the KSU campus this semester, teaching "Concept to Counter" in the Coles College MBA program.

Coles is best known for his co-founding role in the Great American Cookie Company, which started with only an \$8,000 investment, \$4,000 from Coles and \$4,000 from his partner Arthur Karp.

The name Great American Cookie Company was based on the name of Coles' former business, Great American Clothing Company.

Coles says that his business

# ESCAPE THE DORM: Kennesaw

Chardae Sanders Contributor

**With spring semester in full swing, students are immersed in homework, lectures, and various school-related activities and for some, full- or part-time employment.** With such a strenuous workload, many students often just want a break.

The Brunswick Zone XL and Monster Mini Golf are two great choices. Brunswick Zone XL, formerly, US Play, has been a staple in the Kennesaw area since 1997. Located off Barrett Parkway, Brunswick Zone XL offers bowling, laser tag, billiards, arcade games and food.

In addition, Brunswick Zone XL has specific nights that KSU students frequent because of the great deals.

"Our most popular nights for KSU students are Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays due to the cost-friendly activities," said Brunswick Zone XL General Manager Jim Woodard.

On Mondays, students take advantage of "Buck 'N Bowl" from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. with \$1 games and hot dogs. Wednesdays from 9 p.m. to close, customers experience "All You Can Play" and receive

unlimited bowling, shoe rental and live music from a DJ for \$9.99. And finally, Brunswick's most popular night, "Sizzlin' Sundays!"

On Sunday nights starting at 8 p.m., students can take advantage of laser tag, billiards, cosmic bowling and shoe rental and receive a \$5 game card all for \$9.99.

Monster Mini Golf, located off Chastain Meadows Parkway, boasts mini golf with a twist: Offering 18 holes of play amid various monster-like images, Monster Mini Golf also has arcade games and pool tables readily available for customers who do not mind having a "spook-tacular" time.

Opened in October 2007, Monster Mini Golf owners Anna and Amir Samimi are happy to have KSU students in their establishment. "We love the college crowd," stated Anna Samimi, "They are a lot of fun, always full of energy." Though KSU students do not have a specific promotional night at Monster Mini Golf, they are welcome to show their student ID to receive \$2 off a round of golf.

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# THE OSCARS, WHOM WILL WIN?

Robert Pless Contributor

**With Oscar season in full swing, the hot topic on every movie lover's mind is who will take home Hollywood's most coveted award of the night, the Academy Award for Best Picture.** With nine films vying for the top spot, three stood out as serious frontrunners for the award, which will air Feb. 24.

Quentin Tarantino's controversial slavery-based "Django Unchained," Kathryn Bigelow's wartime thriller "Zero Dark Thirty" and Ang Lee's visually stunning epic "Life of Pi." Which film is the best of them all?

Riddled in controversy from the media, "Django Unchained" tells the story of Django, played

by Oscar winning actor Jamie Foxx, a slave who is freed by a man called Schultz. Schultz is played by last year's Best Supporting Actor winner Christoph Waltz, and through a series of arrangements and agreements helps Django become a bounty hunter to help him find his wife, played by Kerry Washington.

With Leonardo DiCaprio playing the charismatic villain, Calvin Candie, the movie's all-star cast brings action, suspense and Tarantino's signature elements of inappropriate and offensive humor and gratuitous violence to audiences in only a way Tarantino can.

Will it win Best Picture?

Probably not. As wonderfully styled and envelope-pushing as this movie is, I don't foresee it taking home the Oscar for Best Picture. I would not be surprised if Christoph Waltz did not repeat his win as Best Supporting Actor, which he is nominated for.

Based on the events that took down one of the most feared terrorists in the world, Kathryn Bigelow's "Zero Dark Thirty" tells the story of the events that led to the assassination of Osama bin Laden in 2011.

No stranger to films centering on American war conflict, Bigelow is best known for her Oscar-winning picture "The Hurt Locker," which told the story of

soldiers in Afghanistan. "Zero Dark Thirty" follows the career of a CIA agent, played by Jessica Chastain, known for eating the "pie" in "The Help," in telling the story of locating and killing bin Laden.

Will it win? Very likely. As mentioned before, Bigelow won two years ago for her epic "The Hurt Locker" and has struck gold again with this wonderfully suspenseful masterpiece.

Ang Lee's "Life of Pi," which is based on the book written by Yann Martel, is a visually stunning experience that is sure to please even the most casual of moviegoers along with aficionados of the silver screen. "Life of Pi" tells the story

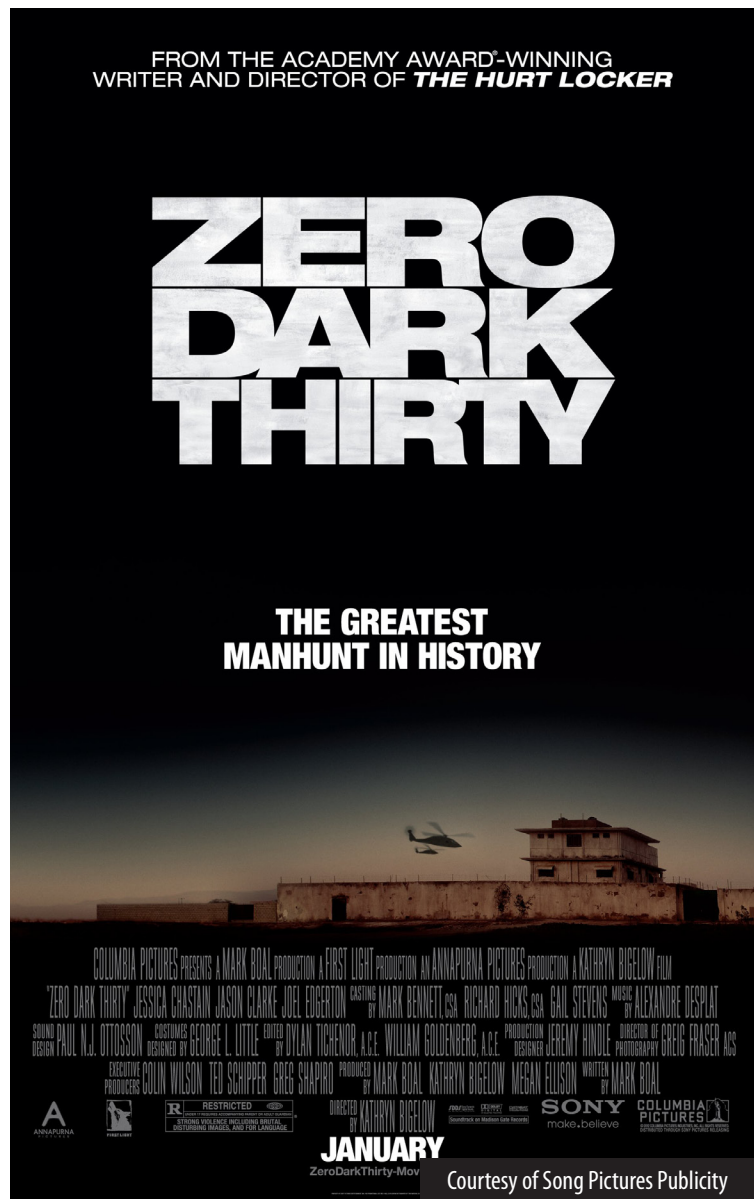
of Pi, a young boy whose life is suddenly changed through a series of natural disasters and who finds an unlikely ally in a tiger called Richard Parker. With its visuals rivaling those of "Avatar," "Life of Pi" brings a rich, colorful experience to the screen that accompanies the just as vivid writing and storytelling.

Best Picture? This would be a surprise win. Although it has not received as much outward praise and accolades as the other two, I would not count this movie out.

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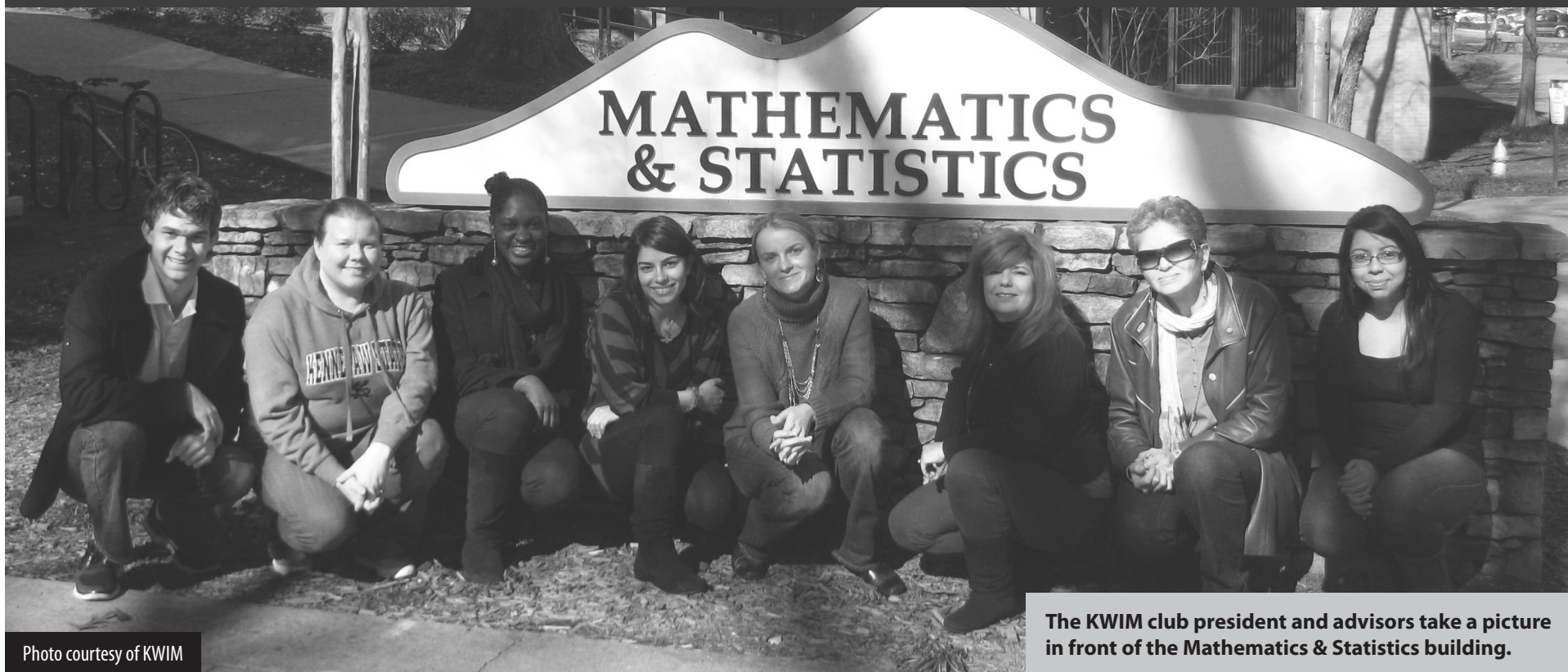
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# CLUB OF THE WEEK: KENNESAW WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS (KWIM)

Nadia Abdulahi Contributor



The KWIM club president and advisors take a picture in front of the Mathematics & Statistics building.

Photo courtesy of KWIM

**Throughout history, women have been stereotyped as weak in subject areas such as math and science.**

KWIM, Kennesaw Women in Mathematics, steps into the picture to change that myth and reveal that women can be strong-minded and knowledgeable in mathematics and science.

KWIM was established during the Spring 2011 semester. The students and faculty of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at KSU created KWIM to promote and support women in science and mathematics.

"I decided to join KWIM due to the abundant activities we provide and participate in during the year. As a Math major, I wanted to find different ways of connecting with other people who enjoy the subject and I found just that in KWIM," said the Vice President of KWIM, sophomore Mathematics major McCade Smith.

The club advisers include Dr. Yuliya Babenko, Dr. Anda Gadidov and Dr. Mari Castle. The club advisers and officers spend countless hours planning interactive events and activities for KWIM.

Last year, for Pi Day (Mar. 14),

KWIM cooked pies and made math-themed jewelry all day. "It was so much fun," said club adviser, Dr. Babenko said.

"I am able to connect with other students and faculty who also believe that math is fun! For instance, at the Infinite Horizon Lectures we are able to meet professionals that use mathematics in their everyday life and discover all the cool things that people can do with mathematics," KWIM President and sophomore Mathematics major, Ana Cienfuegos said.

In addition to Club President and VP, KWIM's other officers include Treasurer and freshman Mathematics major Newsha Tavakoli, Public Relations and junior Mathematics major Chastity Hughes and Secretary Amanda Rollason. Rollason is a post-graduate student who earned a Master of Science in Applied Statistics last spring.

"We have nearly doubled our network on Facebook to 155 members," Rollason said. According to Rollason, the Facebook page members are worldwide and about 60% are female and 40% are male. "Not all of these people are KSU students, but they see what we're doing and want to be involved."

"I attended the first meeting and I felt that I belonged in this group," KWIM club member and senior Mathematics major Maice Muallem said. "It is a group of smart women and men who are willing to learn and teach without any returns. My favorite experience with KWIM is the relationship between students and professors. I always look forward to the next meeting."

KWIM is open to all students, men and women, and faculty; to simply participate in a meeting, lecture, or event and you are in.

"One of the key things about the club is that it's open to all students," KWIM President Cienfuegos said. "Some of the students that participate in our meetings are majoring in Biology, English, Exercise & Health Science etc. I think it's really cool that people from different backgrounds and careers come together to celebrate math! If you like math or think math is fun I would like to invite you to our meetings. Come out and celebrate math with the KSU community!"

For meeting times and more information about events, please visit the KWIM website and Facebook page for exact dates and locations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Mathematics Research Panel on Jan. 24 from 12:30-1:45pm, in MS 109.**
- **Infinite Horizons Lecture "Faster, Safer, Healthier: Adventures in Operations Research" by Dr. Sommer Gentry on Feb. 6, in BB 151.**
- **Pi (3.14) Day activities on March 14, Time & Location: TBA.**

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# DORM ROOM DREAMS

Roderic Graham Contributor



Photo courtesy of Keith Zadig

Keith Zadig poses on set for one of his music videos.

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“No Chick-fil-A on a Sunday, but I serve raps all day” are lyrics to “Kickin It,” a rap song by KSU sophomore Keith Zadig. Zadig, who goes by the stage name, KZ, recorded a rap album called “Dorm Room Dreams.”

“The inspiration for ‘Dorm Room Dreams’ came from just being in my dorm room and looking at things on my daily pursuit to class,” Zadig said.

Zadig wants people to feel relaxed with his music. He refrains from making derogatory statements and using things like sex or drugs to gain an audiences’ attention. People have even compared the aspiring rapper to hip-hop artist Mac Miller. Zadig wants his music to reflect a movement he’s creating called “Chill Mode.”

“My audience should feel no worries when they listen to my music, and that is what chill mode is—no worries,” Zadig said. “I can get a larger fan base by not following the typical trends that are featured in most mainstream rap.”

Zadig decided to pursue

music seven months ago, even though he used to freestyle rap as a child. He already has a growing fan base, with an audience ranging from adolescents to college students. A lot of Zadig’s fan base comes from YouTube videos of him doing scooter tricks.

“I love to make videos and one of my videos of me on my scooter reached over a million views,” Zadig said.

KSU provides Zadig with the adequate materials to make his own videos. He even shot a music video on KSU’s campus for his song “Kickin It.” The video featured his best friends and areas around Kennesaw. But music is not Zadig’s only focus; the aspiring artist is launching a themed clothing line centered on the “Chill Mode” movement.

“Be on the lookout for two new songs, more YouTube videos and more shows,” Zadig said.

Zadig plans to shoot another music video on campus, featuring KSU students. “Dorm Room Dreams” is available for free download on iTunes.

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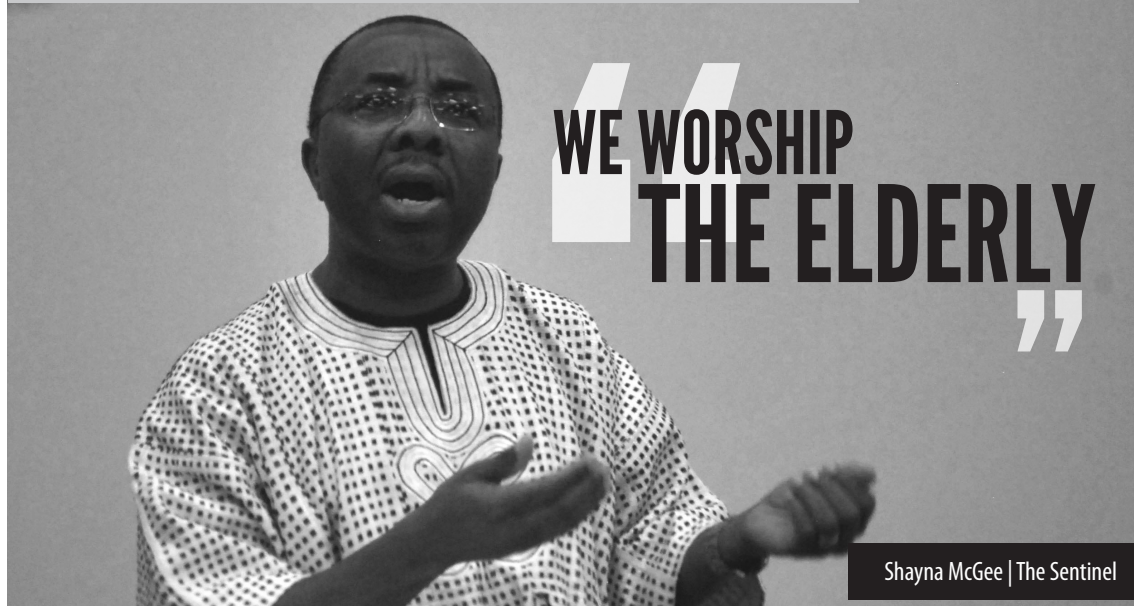
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# FILIAL AND FAMILIAL Obligations in Ghana

Shan Zachery Contributor

KSU professor, Sam Abaidoo, speaks on behalf of the Ghana culture.



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**The second half of KSU's Year of Ghana kicked off Jan. 17 with KSU Sociology Professor Sam Abaidoo discussing "Filial and Familial Obligations in Ghana."**

Dan Paracka, director of the Study Abroad Program refers to Abaidoo as the "Kennesaw Ghana expert." Abaidoo is the first person he calls on campus when he has questions pertaining to Ghana.

The lecture is part of a series of weekly presentations from 12:30-2 p.m. every Thursday in Room 1019 of the Social Sciences Building. A different speaker presents each week.

"Every year we pick a country and study the country all year long," Paracka said. "Ghana was chosen because of the good partnerships the school has with Ghana. Lots of students and two faculty members are from there."

Abaidoo discussed the existence of a hierarchy system where one is expected to fulfill filial and familial obligations. As an example, nursing student Ernestina Ayamba found lodging with a friend of a friend. Ayamba moved from Ghana about five years ago without

knowing anyone on American soil.

She relied on a tradition that reached from Ghana to America. Now she is married and will soon "pay it forward" by helping another Ghanaian who will be moving to America soon. "You can't say no," Ayamba said.

Helping others is a constant theme that appears in the Ghanaian culture. Ayamba currently works in an assisted living facility, a job she speaks about with passion because it allows her to care for and nurture senior citizens. "We worship the elderly," she said with pride.

The Ghanaian people live by various ancient proverbs. One such proverb noted by Professor Abaidoo is, "Aberewa hwe akoko na akoko hwe aberewa," meaning, "The old woman cares for the chicken and the chicken cares for the old woman."

Ghanians depend on the older generation for a representation of who they are as a people. In Ghana, not adhering to one's filial duties can be seen as a sign of neglect to a culture filled with obligatory traditions.

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# CLOSE FRIENDS PROVE TO BE the **GREATEST** show on turf

Chase Brown Contributor

**Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades; the term does not apply to flag football.** For two years the KSU flag football team has left the flag football season empty handed. This year the team left the season as national champions.

It's fourth down, and goal! One more play, and The Greatest Show on Turf earns a win against flag football powerhouse the University of Central Florida. Seeding in the national championship tournament is on the line. The issue is that the team has been in this position before.

Quarterback Zachariah Desmarais remembers the team having encountered struggles in the past. Playing both defense and offense, Desmarais has fought to stay healthy. Two years prior to the tournament, Desmarais pulled his hamstring rushing 70 yards to the house in the semifinals of the national championship tournament in Texas. The injury left the team without its leader. Last year, Desmarais injured his knee on a defensive possession in the national championship. It was all or nothing and once again The Greatest Show On Turf left with nothing. This year was different. This year the team wanted to finally own up to its name.

UCF led the game by two points and KSU needed a touchdown to win. "We knew they were going to bring their best team," said starting outside linebacker Aaron Harrison. "I was kind of nervous to be honest, we were like this is a tough road we got."

In the huddle, The Greatest Show On Turf suffered distraction and confusion as the crowd tried to encourage panic to settle in on the team. Calming the team with a stern



Courtesy of Darrell Beckley

The Greatest Show on Turf hoists the championship trophy after losing in the finals the previous two seasons.

face, Desmarais said, "Shut up; we got this. Let's do this and a guy will be wide open."

Time drained off the clock like sand through an hourglass. Starting center Ryan Oubre hiked the ball. Zoned in, Desmarais found open receiver, Andre Madison, in the end zone. "Our go-to guy is Andre. If there is anyone that is a Julio Jones or Randy Moss on our team it's him," Oubre said. In response to the statement, Madison said, "I just try to get open and do my job. Most of the responsibility is stopping their offense." Excitement and cheers filled the air as the team defeated UCF and helped their chances in the national championship tournament.

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CHAMPIONS.”**

The Flag Football American Collegiate Intramural Sports National Championship tournament was held at the University of West Florida located in Pensacola, Fla., from Dec. 29-31. It was there that the team began to prove its name.

At 9 a.m. the team played North Carolina Agricultural and

Technical State University and quickly advanced with a win. An hour later at 10:30 a.m., The Greatest Show On Turf played Angelo State's B-team in the quarterfinals. KSU's team defeated the team without trouble, but their A-team still stood in the way of a national championship birth. Harrison made an interception that ended the game. "We really hit a hot streak from that Monday on," he said. "We had perfect balance; we were an all around great team." "Angelo State was a powerhouse. We weren't necessarily the underdogs but the semifinals were really where the championship occurred," Oubre said. The starting center and corner for the team looked

straightforward with a smile.

"If you could relate anyone to Ray Lewis on the team it would be Ryan Oubre," Harrison said. "We usually hear hyped up speeches from Oubre before the game and then we put on the Randy Moss song. That's how we get ready."

"We are all best friends; the team is perfectly balanced with different personalities," Oubre said. "I see teams getting in fights but we don't. The great thing about us is our synergy. It is what has led our team to great success."

Harrison commented on Angelo State's A-team. He sat up firm, stretched his arms for a minute and said, "Angelo State had just been stomping folks. They're a good team."

The semifinal against Angelo State was another shoot out. Harrison caught an interception thrown toward the middle of the field. The play caused the game to end in a victory for KSU. Chuckling, Harrison said, "It was really a bad pass. It wasn't even my guy I was supposed to cover. I just figured they were going to throw it to their best receiver and they did. The guy threw a bad pass. The only thing I remember was thinking why did he throw that pass? So I just went up and got it." The final score of the shoot out was 30-24. The Greatest Show On Turf had earned another chance to back up their name.

The team played the University of Nebraska in the finals. Momentum fell in KSU's favor from the beginning of the game. Nebraska's quarterback threw a bomb to the left side of the end zone. Dallas Hall, starting safety for the team, intercepted the pass, ending the quarterback's hopes of adding seven points to



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the board.

"I knew he had a big arm; he threw it deep on the left side and I just kind of dropped back, came over and picked it," Hall said. Oubre commented on the interception, saying, "We were only up 14-7 at halftime but it felt like more. Once Dallas got the interception the game was pretty much over when it started. We all had the mindset that we weren't going home without being champions." The Greatest Show On Turf proceeded to create a blow out. The final score of the national championship was 27-7, declaring KSU victorious.

KSU's flag football team pulled a monkey off their back and lived up to their name. "The Greatest Show On Turf" now truly is the greatest show on turf. The team held an aspiring record of 37-2 this year, a record that will never be forgotten.

Desmarais was named MVP of the tournament. "Zach is literally the backbone of our offense without him I don't

Courtesy of Darrell Beckley



The team will look to rebuild for next season after the departure of three players, including saftey Dallas Hall.

know what we would have done," Oubre said. Desmarais responded differently when asked how he felt about

winning the MVP title. "Yeah, I'm MVP, not a big deal. I mean, honestly its not. I would be nowhere without

my teammates. We proved this year that just relying on each other could win a national championship," he said.

Every year KSU's flag football team is going to have to overcome challenges. The team is losing three important players next year, including Hall. "We are going to have to go back to the drawing board a little bit, the game is all about speed and agility. You can get people that have played football before and they are absolute studs, but then they turn out to be not the best football players," Oubre said calmly. The team will have to overcome obstacles, but it will make them stronger. KSU expects to get better every year.

"The Greatest Show On Turf" proves to be the greatest show on turf. The flag football team forever leaves its mark on KSU. Hall described his last year with the team and said "The best thing that has ever happened to me in college is being on this team. We are all brothers, everybody knows everybody." The team will not be remembered this year for their championship title alone, but because of the synergy and persistence they had amongst each other.

## ICE HOCKEY FALLS FOR FIRST TIME THIS SEASON

Tom Mudrak Staff Writer

### The Owls have been busy over the last two weekends.

The team played 6 games in 7 days and travelled to Virginia, while also hosting two home tilts against the best team in the southeast.

After starting the season 17-0, the Owls split their trip to Virginia after defeating Christopher Newport University and falling to DII Liberty University on the 20th by one goal.

Things didn't get any easier for the Owls at home this past weekend as the top ranked Central Florida Knights visited the Ice Forum for a two-game series. Kennesaw dropped both games to UCF, losing 6-5 in shootout on Thursday and 6-4 on Friday night.

In what was considered the most difficult stretch of the season for the Owls, the team played hard but might have

just run out of gas. "I don't think we were tired but we were definitely affected by the number of games," said forward Cody Durrwacher. "We dominated the 1st period of each UCF game but we didn't lock the game down like we should have."

The Owls will look to fine tune their skills before they make a run at a national title. According to Durrwacher, discipline and penalties are a priority for the team.

Going forward, the team can still lock up a spot in the national tournament by winning out. The Owls finish their home schedule on Friday night with a visit from DIII Liberty University, after that, the team travels to the sunshine state to visit DII Florida Gulf Coast University.

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Jake Garrison and the Owls look ahead to the national tournament.

# GEORGIA TECH SWARMS KSU LACROSSE IN SEASON OPENER

Eric Fuller Sports Editor

**After defeating Georgia State University 13-7 in a scrimmage match, the KSU men's lacrosse team opened their season at home with a loss against Georgia Tech on Saturday by a score of 15-6.** While KSU handled the Panthers with relative ease, their cross-city counterparts clad in gold and white were in no way intimidated.

"Overall as a team we came out a little flat and played timid," said KSU attacker Bradley Jones. "Georgia Tech took advantage of that."

Last season, the Owls defeated the Yellow Jackets handily by a score of 9-2, only to have their victory disqualified for not submitting their team roster by the league deadline. While the Owls remembered the disqualification, Georgia Tech remembered the loss.

"They have a really good team this year," Jones said. "They came back this year and definitely were looking to make up for what happened last year."

At the start of the game, play between the two club teams was close, with KSU tying the Jackets at 3 to end the first quarter. However, the younger Georgia Tech squad pulled away after some undisciplined play from the Owls.

"They went on a run in the third quarter," Jones said. "Once that happened we basically dropped our heads and fell apart as a team. We didn't pick each other up."

Junior attacker Alexander Roe and sophomore midfielder Mick Stapleton led the way for the Yellow Jackets, registering a combined six goals. Behind their play, the Jackets were able to bury the Owls with a prolific offensive attack and strong physicality.

"We weren't as physical with them as they were with us," Jones said. "It was completely different than what we did to them last year. We came out hard, went after everything, went after them, and they were playing timid last year. The roles were reversed."

Jones was the highlight for the Owls, scoring four goals and registering six points in his first contest of the season. His performance was an outstanding return to form after the senior suffered an injury during last season. Jones feels his team is capable of playing well this season, despite their youth and inexperience.

"Our goal as a team is to win our division, to go undefeated in our division, and to win the SELC tournament," he said. "I



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Richard Greenough leads the attack against the Jacket defense.

really do think we can make a run and make a shoot for nationals."

Jones has high expectations for himself as well, both as a player and as a leader. He hopes his play will fuel his teammates and provide inspiration for their

season as they move forward.

"Whatever is going to make the team better is what I am willing to do," he said. "I am going to push myself and shoot for All-American honors as well."

The team will look to refocus

in practice this week, using the loss against Georgia Tech to prepare for their first road game of the season against Auburn University on Saturday, Feb. 2.

## KSU WOMEN'S TENNIS BEGINS SEASON with tough loss to Chattanooga

Sarah Woodall Staff Writer

**Kennesaw State women's tennis traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn. for their first match of 2013, but came out empty handed as they fell short to Chattanooga (1-6) at the Hixson Racquet Club on Jan. 25.**

Just how KSU head coach Jeff Kutac described Chattanooga to be in the previous week, they were indeed a tough matchup. The Owls fell behind almost

immediately in doubles play with only one win to show for it. Junior Alexandra Apostu and Sophomore Virginie Stein were able to defeat UTC's Kelsey Coots and Kayla Jones 8-6 at no. 1.

The Lady Mocs were flawless in singles play, only dropping 11 games in their first four matches on the day. Apostu was the only victorious one for the Owls at no.2, defeating UTC's

Kaylene Chadwell in straight sets 7-5, 6-4. Sophomore Jana Hueckinghaus was able to force a third set, but still fell short to UTC's Alexa Flynn 1-6, 6-3, 4-6.

The Owls will continue their tough season on the road, as they travel to Birmingham, Al and look to capture their first win of 2013 against Samford University on Feb. 02. Samford is 1-0 to start the season.

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# KSU SUFFERS ROAD LOSS TO CONFERENCE FOE, Northern Kentucky

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**The KSU Men's Basketball team suffered their 8th conference loss on Saturday as the Owls fell to Northern Kentucky 64-53.**

"We had an opportunity to take the lead," said head coach Lewis Preston. "I'm proud of my guys."

Forward Aaron Anderson scored a team-high 14 points for the Owls to go along with 10 rebounds. Overall the team had a poor shooting night shooting 36 percent from the field. The Owls were down at halftime and at one point were behind by 15. The team used a 24 to 6 run to get within three but the comeback fell just short as the team ran out of gas as they were playing without leading scorer and star player Markeith Cummings.

Foul trouble came into play as Lewis Preston's squad only dressed 8 players and accumulated 19 fouls including 4 on Anderson and 4 on junior forward Brandon Dawson. A

short bench, foul trouble and tired legs are never a recipe for success on the road against a conference foe.

Playing in front of a Homecoming crowd of over 4,000, Eshaunte Jones led Northern Kentucky with a game high 25 points. He shot 8-19 from the field and hit four three pointers against the Owls' defense. The Norse came into the game with a 5-11 record overall including 3-5 in the Atlantic Sun.

The loss puts the Owls at 2-19 on the season and 1-8 in the Atlantic Sun. The team will get another opportunity to notch their second conference win on Friday as they travel to Macon to face rival Mercer.

"We are going to have to handle the pressure, and come out and play with passion and energy," Preston said.

This will be their second meeting this season. The Owls "Beat Mercer" back in January 83-75.

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Yonel Brown and the Owls were unable to overcome a short bench and a slow start against the Norse.

## “PLAY with PASSION and ENERGY”

- Lewis Preston

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**UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE**

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS @ SAMFORD FRIDAY, 2/1 10 A.M. BIRMINGHAM, AL**

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL @ MERCER FRIDAY, 2/1 7 P.M. MACON, GA**

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**WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD @ NEW BALANCE COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL FRIDAY, 2/1 ALL DAY NEW YORK CITY, NY**

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @ MERCER FRIDAY, 2/1 2 P.M. MACON, GA**

2

**MEN'S LACROSSE @ AUBURN SATURDAY, 2/2 3 P.M. HUTSELL TRACK & FIELD**

# STRONG SECOND HALF EFFORT falls short for Lady Owls

**Jimmy Beck** Contributor

**The KSU women's basketball team took on the Northern Kentucky Norses Saturday, Jan. 21 for the first time ever.** Northern Kentucky came out shooting to open the ball game. They opened the game outscoring the Owls 37-11 in the first half. The Owls came out of the locker room a different team to start the second half, as they scored 8 unanswered points.

"In the first half we didn't have the energy to win," said Kennesaw State head coach Nitra Perry. "In the second half, we came out with a much better effort and I have to credit my seniors and Christine for that. We just have to build on it and keep learning."

Sametria Gideon, Nicole Adams, and Christine Wylie all pitched in for the Owl's strong start. This team effort cut the Northern Kentucky lead to 37-19. With 12:35 left in the second half the Lady Owls were resilient and yet again cut the Northern Kentucky lead from 26 to 14 points. Northern Kentucky used a team effort to stretch the lead back to 24 points.

The Owls were back in sync after Northern Kentucky's run, as they went on a 9-0 run all within four minutes. Sametria Gideon and Chelsea Mason led the effort for the Owls which made it 56-41 with under five minutes to play. This cut the Norses lead to just 15. Freshman Chelsea Mason scored the Owls last four points of the game as the Owls fell 65-49. Sametria Gideon continued to play well as she recorded her 10th double double of the season with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

The Lady Owls will be back in action on Monday, Jan. 28 as they face off against Lipscomb in Nashville, Tenn.

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Guard Kristina Wells and the Owls fell to Northern Kentucky in the first meeting between the programs.



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